

Daily Economic Update – 1st & 2nd May 2023

Market	Current	Change	Volume
KSE- 100	41830.13	249.28	32,433,322
Commodities	Current		
Brent (\$/bbl.)	79.31		
US WTI	75.67		
Cotton	0.81		
New York Cotton	Open	Last	Volume
July 23	81.31	81.37	154
Oct 23	0.00	81.96	1
Dec 23	81.09	81.25	82
Currency Parity	Buying	Selling	
PKR-USD	286.6	289.5	
PKR-GBP	360	363	
PKR-EURO	316.5	319.5	
PKR-YUAN	41.95	42.35	

KSE-100 inches upward as political tensions ease.

INTERESTING FACT!
Linen has been popular for centuries because it's breathable, cool in summer and warm in winter, easy to care for and extremely soft to the touch.

TOP MOST

Weekly Cotton Review: Rate stable amid low trading volume

The rate of cotton in local market remained stable. However, trading volume was very low. A bearish trend was witnessed in international cotton markets after some fluctuation. <https://www.brecorder.com/news/40239636/weekly-cotton-review-rate-stable-amid-low-trading-volume>

Punjab increases cotton cultivation area from four to five million acres

Punjab, the largest cotton-producing province in Pakistan, has agreed to the federal government's request to increase its sowing target for cotton cultivation from four to five million acres. <https://textalks.com/punjab-increases-cotton-cultivation-area-from-four-to-five-million-acres/>

Hugo Boss signs Pakistan Accord on safety in textile industry Hugo Boss's decision to sign the Pakistan Accord demonstrates its commitment to upholding high standards of health and safety for garment workers in its supply chain. <https://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/manufacturing-news/hugo-boss-signs-pakistan-accord-on-safety-in-textile-industry-287259-newsdetails.htm>

Sri Lanka's garment exports ease 14.9% to \$1,157.9 mn in Q1 2023

<https://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/textile-news/sri-lanka-s-garment-exports-ease-14-9-to-1-157-9-mn-in-q1-2023--287272-newsdetails.htm>

US' Columbia Sportswear's net sales rise 8% to \$820.6 mn in Q1 FY23

<https://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/company-reports-news/us-columbia-sportswear-s-net-sales-rise-8-to-820-6-mn-in-q1-fy23-287264-newsdetails.htm>

Germany's Zalando launches size-inclusive footwear collection

<https://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/e-commerce-fashion-industry/germany-s-zalando-launches-size-inclusive-footwear-collection-287261-newsdetails.htm>

Sweden's H&M Move launches curated training outfits

<https://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/fashion-brands-styles-news/sweden-s-h-m-move-launches-curated-training-outfits-287258-newsdetails.htm>

Global jersey market to grow 6.78% by '25; highest in apparel products

<https://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/clothing-news/global-jersey-market-to-grow-6-78-by-25-highest-in-apparel-products-287198-newsdetails.htm>

India's FISME seeks GST compliance parity between offline, e-com biz

<https://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/e-commerce-industry/india-s-fisme-seeks-gst-compliance-parity-between-offline-e-com-biz-287273-newsdetails.htm>

US' Skechers to acquire Scandinavia distributor Sports Connection

<https://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/fashion-announcement-news/us-skechers-to-acquire-scandinavia-distributor-sports-connection-287262-newsdetails.htm>

AATCC signs MoU with Sri Lanka Standards Institution

<https://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/announcement/aatcc-signs-mou-with-sri-lanka-standards-institution-287263-newsdetails.htm>

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GENERAL NEWS

World Bank launches more robust, transparent business climate rankings The World Bank on Monday unveiled a new methodology and improved safeguards for assessing the business climate in up to 180 countries after embarrassing revelations of data irregularities and favouritism toward China forced it to cancel its flagship rankings two years ago.

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1750414/world-bank-launches-more-robust-transparent-business-climate-rankings>

Govt may miss primary deficit goal The federal government issued nearly Rs620 billion in supplementary grants during the first 10 months of current fiscal year, which may lead to violation of a revised primary budget deficit target agreed with the IMF three months ago. <https://tribune.com.pk/story/2414619/govt-may-miss-primary-deficit-goal>

Govt borrowing surges to Rs3.06tr Pakistan's latest bank credit data has depicted a worrisome picture, suggesting that financing for unproductive purposes has soared two times compared to over fivefold drop in funding for economic activities in the first nine and a half months of current fiscal year. <https://tribune.com.pk/story/2414634/govt-borrowing-surges-to-rs306tr>

Banks eye \$2.5bn in remittances for April Bankers and currency dealers have anticipated over \$2.5 billion in remittances in April like the preceding month which helped the country to record a current account (C/A) surplus.

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1750420/banks-eye-25bn-in-remittances-for-april>

Corporate earnings rise despite economic headwinds Notwithstanding the nearly flat economic growth expected for 2022-23 amid record-high inflation, after-tax income reported by the representative firms of the country's corporate sector remained at Rs877.6 billion in the first nine months of the current fiscal year, up 8.8% from a year ago.

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1750421/corporate-earnings-rise-despite-economic-headwinds>

Exports to nine regional states drop 28pc Pakistan's exports to nine regional countries dipped 28.28% in the first nine months of FY23 mainly driven by a drop in shipments to China, data compiled by the State Bank of Pakistan showed.

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1750417/exports-to-nine-regional-states-drop-28pc>

Govt ends subsidized gas tariff for five export-oriented sectors, effective May 1st, 2023 The govt was previously paying the subsidy to the textile, sports, surgical, leather, and jute sectors. <https://profit.pakistantoday.com.pk/2023/04/29/govt-ends-subsidized-gas-tariff-for-five-export-oriented-sectors-effective-may-1st-2023/>

First time in three years: no startup deal for Pakistan in April 2023 Dwindling startup funding in Pakistan took another hit in April 2023 as not a single deal was closed for the first time in three years. <https://www.brecorder.com/news/40239734/first-time-in-three-years-no-startup-deal-for-pakistan-in-april-2023>

UAE signs \$1bn LNG deal with TotalEnergies The United Arab Emirates' ADNOC Gas announced on Monday a \$1 billion deal to provide liquefied natural gas to France's Total Energies as Europe scrambles to find alternatives to Russian energy sources.

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1750416/uae-signs-1bn-lng-deal-with-totalenergies>

Pakistan Steel Mills earns Rs7.45bn in FY22 Though closed since June 2015, Pakistan Steel Mills (PSM) is reported to have earned after-tax-profit of about Rs7.45 billion in 2021-22 even though its accumulated losses of Rs206bn went beyond its current assets worth Rs195.5bn. <https://www.dawn.com/news/1750419/pakistan-steel-mills-earns-rs745bn-in-fy22>

E-commerce service provider gets licence PostEx, an e-commerce service provider offering firms access to capital with embedded logistics has received a non-banking financial company (NBFC) licence by the SECP. <https://www.dawn.com/news/1750418/e-commerce-service-provider-gets-licence>

FED on tobacco products: Govt may get additional revenue of Rs60bn The government has estimated to generate an additional revenue of at least Rs60 billion following raise in the Federal Excise Duty (FED) on tobacco products, according to the FBR projections for the remaining period of 2022-23. <https://www.brecorder.com/news/40239830/fed-on-tobacco-products-govt-may-get-additional-revenue-of-rs60bn>