

# Daily Economic Update – 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023

Market	Current	Change	Volume
KSE- 100	42061.39	133.75	34,586,069
Commodities	Current		
Brent (\$/bbl.)	75.32		
US WTI	71.60		
Cotton	0.81		
New York Cotton	Open	Last	Volume
July 23	80.72	80.54	354
Oct 23	0.00	81.15	1
Dec 23	80.83	80.36	66
Currency Parity	Buying	Selling	
PKR-USD	286.35	289.25	
PKR-GBP	359	362	
PKR-EURO	313.5	316.5	
PKR-YUAN	40.99	41.39	

The benchmark index at the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) continued its positive momentum from last week as two index heavyweights - Habib Bank Ltd and Lucky Cement - announced stock buybacks on Tuesday.

**INTERESTING FACT!**  
Linen was once used as currency throughout Europe because it was so highly valued by both rich and poor people alike.

## TOP MOST

**Cotton market steady amid low trading volume** The local cotton market on Tuesday remained steady and the trading volume remained low.

<https://www.brecorder.com/news/40240018/cotton-market-steady-amid-low-trading-volume>

**Global textile-garment unions seek mandatory EU due diligence policy** Trade union leaders from the textile-garment sector in Cambodia, Myanmar, Bangladesh and Tunisia recently met European Parliament members and called for mandatory due diligence legislation and Europe's support to prevent avoidable tragedies. <https://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/textile-news/global-textile-garment-unions-seek-mandatory-eu-due-diligence-policy-287282-newsdetails.htm>

**Turkiye's apparel exports rise slightly in Jan-Mar 2023** Turkiye's apparel exports grew by 0.26 per cent YoY to \$4.916 billion in January-March 2023, with February exports up 3.22 per cent to \$1,895.377 million.

<https://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/apparel-news/turkiye-s-apparel-exports-rise-slightly-in-jan-mar-2023--287305-newsdetails.htm>

**Italy's Color Service's automatic dosing offers consistent dye quality** Color Service's products ensure fast and accurate weighing of dyes and chemicals in the dyeing process. <https://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/textile-machinery-news/italy-s-color-service-s-automatic-dosing-offers-consistent-dye-quality-287296-newsdetails.htm>

**US university researchers create sustainable textiles from old clothes** Researchers have developed a new method to recycle old clothing and create sustainable textiles. <https://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/sustainability-news/us-university-researchers-create-sustainable-textiles-from-old-clothes-287294-newsdetails.htm>

**US lawmakers ask SEC to deny IPO to Chinese retailer Shein over alleged forced labor.** Although a Shein spokesperson has stated that the brand has zero tolerance for forced labor. <https://texttalks.com/us-lawmakers-ask-sec-to-deny-ipo-to-chinese-retailer-shein-over-alleged-forced-labor/>

**Bags Made of Cactus, Apples, or Grapes are leather-alternatives used by brands** Lately, retailers have increasingly been turning to circular fashion, recycling, and reselling their wares to loyal customers but the likes of Mónica Santos Gil of Santos by Mónica have stopped using plastics and traditional leather to use materials Cactus leather. <https://texttalks.com/bags-made-of-cactus-apples-or-grapes-are-leather-alternatives-used-by-brands/>

**Latest THEN Airflow developments at ITMA 2023** <https://texttalks.com/latest-then-airflow-developments-at-itma-2023/>

**Jeanologia exhibits the end of the water era in the textile industry at ITMA 2023** <https://texttalks.com/jeanologia-exhibits-the-end-of-the-water-era-in-the-textile-industry-at-itma-2023/>

## GENERAL NEWS

**Human Capital Index: Pakistan's value lower than South Asia's average: World Bank** Pakistan's Human Capital Index (HCI) value of 0.41 is lower than the South Asia average of 0.48, and human capital outcomes are more comparable to those in Sub-Saharan Africa, which has an average HCI value of 0.40, says the WB. <https://www.brecorder.com/news/40240051/human-capital-index-pakistans-value-lower-than-south-asias-average-world-bank>

**ADB launches IF-CAP to boost climate change fight in Asia-Pacific** <https://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/textile-news/adb-launches-if-cap-to-boost-climate-change-fight-in-asia-pacific-287301-newsdetails.htm>

**APAC to grow by 4.6% in 2023; India, China to lead global growth: IMF** <https://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/textile-news/apac-to-grow-by-4-6-in-2023-india-china-to-lead-global-growth-imf-287297-newsdetails.htm>

**Revenue collection target missed** FBR missed its collection target by almost 17.57%, or Rs103 billion, for April owing to a steep decline in imports as well as poor sales tax performance, showed provisional data on Tuesday. <https://www.dawn.com/news/1750630/revenue-collection-target-missed>

**Thanks to import curbs, trade gap shrinks to \$23.7b** The government has been able to slash its trade deficit by a significant 40% to \$23.7 billion in the first 10 months of current fiscal year, driven down by strict restrictions on imports in a bid to avoid default by choking the economy and stoking inflation. <https://tribune.com.pk/story/2414826/thanks-to-import-curbs-trade-gap-shrinks-to-237b>

**LPG prices raised** Ogra on Tuesday increased the price of indigenous LPG by about Rs5 per kg, pushing up the cost of 11.8-kg domestic cylinder by almost Rs58 for this month. <https://www.dawn.com/news/1750629/lpg-prices-raised>

**OMCs demand 100pc increase in margins** Within months after an over 25% increase, the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have formally demanded 100pc increase in their profit margins on the sale of petroleum products to "ensure the survival" of the industry. <https://www.dawn.com/news/1750624/omcs-demand-100pc-increase-in-margins>

**Nepra wants KE to pay interest on dues** Nepra on Tuesday hinted at charging mark up on over Rs43 billion determined by it for refund to electricity consumers in Karachi under tariff clawback mechanism and to examine the extent of delays in investment for new generation plants over the past seven years before allowing another multi-year tariff (MYT). <https://www.dawn.com/news/1750631/nepra-wants-ke-to-pay-interest-on-dues>

**Exports plunge by 27pc in April** For the eighth month in a row, Pakistan's merchandise exports shrank by 26.68 per cent year-on-year to \$2.12 billion in April, data released by the PBS showed on Tuesday. <https://www.dawn.com/news/1750625/exports-plunge-by-27pc-in-april>

**Gold scales new peak on investors' buying** Despite calm in international gold markets and exchange rate stability, the yellow metal traders on Tuesday pushed up the prices to historic highs of Rs221,000 per tola and Rs189,472 per 10-gram. <https://www.dawn.com/news/1750633/gold-scales-new-peak-on-investors-buying>

**Food prices push April inflation to record high of 36.4pc** PBS said on Tuesday that inflation rose to a record high of 36.4 per cent in the year to April driven mainly by food prices, the highest rate in South Asia and up from March's 35.4pc. <https://www.dawn.com/news/1750510/food-prices-push-april-inflation-to-record-high-of-364pc>

**Flour millers threaten to go on strike** PFMA has given a 24-hour deadline to the Sindh government, asking the provincial administration to lift the ban on purchase of wheat by Karachi millers. <https://tribune.com.pk/story/2414833/flour-millers-threaten-to-go-on-strike>

**Govt to get tough on wheat smugglers** <https://www.dawn.com/news/1750638/govt-to-get-tough-on-wheat-smugglers>

**UBL proposal: BoD asks Silkbank to pursue potential merger** <https://www.brecorder.com/news/40240039/ubl-proposal-bod-asks-silkbank-to-pursue-potential-merger>