

- IMF approves USD1bn loan tranche for Pakistan | Tribune:** The executive board of the International Monetary Fund on Wednesday revived Pakistan's stalled programme and cleared USD1bn tranche after Islamabad gave absolute autonomy to the central bank and took around Rs800bn measures. The executive board that met in Washington also waived off few conditions to pave the way for the release of the fourth loan tranche under the sixth review of the USD6bn Extended Fund Facility. The government has missed the primary budget deficit reduction target.
- Pakistan Seeks to End 50 Years of IMF Debt with ESG Bond | Bloomberg:** Pakistan, which has sought almost 20 bailouts from the International Monetary Fund over half a century, wants to end its reliance on the multilateral lender by shrinking deficits and tapping capital markets on its way to sustainable economic growth. Finance Minister Shaukat Tarin, who negotiated the last leg of its current IMF loan, is targeting a budget shortfall to 5%-5.25% of gross domestic product in the year starting July 1, from 6.1% now, and aims to spur economic growth to 6% from 5%.
- Pakistan needs structural transformation of economy | BR:** Pakistan government will need to update its investment laws, reduce burdensome regulations, align them with global best practices, and structure the investment policy document accordingly, besides, synchronise its monetary, fiscal, and trade policies to promote a business-friendly trade environment, says the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The Bank in its report, Economic Corridor Development in Pakistan Concept, Framework, and Case Studies, stated that Pakistan's high economic growth has been marred by quick and successive faltering episodes.
- Jul-Jan trade deficit widens 91.9% YoY | BR:** Trade deficit widened by 91.9% during the first seven months (July-January) of the current fiscal year 2021-22 and reached USD28.80bn compared to USD15.00bn during the same period of 2020-21, revealed the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) data. According to the PBS monthly summary on foreign trade statistics for January 2022, the country's exports declined by 7.8% on month-on-month basis and remained USD2.55bn in January 2022 compared to USD2.76bn in December 2021.
- Jan cement despatches decline 16.58% to 3.95mn tons YoY | BR:** Cement despatches declined to 3.95mn tons in January 2022 against 4.73mn tons in the corresponding month of the last fiscal showing a decline of 16.58%. According to the data released by All Pakistan Cement Manufacturers Association (APCMA), local cement despatches by the industry during the month of January 2022 were 3.4mn tons compared to 4.04mn tons in January 2021, showing a reduction of 15.87%. Exports despatches suffered massive decline by 20.71% as the volumes reduced from 694,934 tons in January 2021 to 551,006 tons in January 2022.
- Importers: corporate guarantee facility withdrawn | BR:** The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has withdrawn the facility of importers for submitting the corporate guarantee. The FBR has issued Circular No01 of 2022, here on Wednesday on the Finance (Supplementary) Act, 2022 on the explanation of amendments in the Customs Act, 1969. According to the FBR, the corporate guarantee is the instrument in which the guarantor is the entity or the individual submitting the guarantee whereas, in case of bank guarantee or pay order the issuing bank is the guarantor.
- CPEC-IPPs contracts: Pakistan seeks renegotiation with China | BR:** Pakistan is set to float proposals to Chinese government for renegotiation on contracts of power projects established under CPEC on the pattern of other IPPs or to purchase 1200-MW electricity from Pakistan for onward supply to Afghanistan, well-informed sources in CPEC Authority told Business Recorder. These proposals will be presented to Chinese top leadership during the visit of Prime Minister Imran Khan to China commencing from Thursday (today).
- Ministry of information technology & communication, attached depts | BR:** A parliamentary panel Wednesday recommended PKR32.24bn for 62 projects of the Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication and its attached organizations under the Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) for 2022-23. The National Assembly Standing Committee on Information Technology and Telecommunication met with Ali Khan Jadoon in the chair here on Wednesday, where senior officials of the ministry gave briefing on the ongoing and proposed development projects. The committee was informed that the ministry has demanded PKR32.24bn for 62 projects under the PSDP 2022-23.
- PSO's Receivables Surge to PKR436bn | Pro Pakistani:** The receivables of the Pakistan State Oil (PSO) have touched the highest level of PKR436bn from its consumers belonging to various public and private entities, official sources told ProPakistani. The figures show that the biggest energy importer giant is facing a serious financial crunch. The PSO receivables from the Sui Northern Gas Supply Company (SNGPL) have surged to PKR230.1bn, which is a matter of concern for the company. A PSO official, when contacted, said the huge receivables from SNGPL were not a good omen, as they were hurting the company's economic health.
- FCA for Dec 21: KE to refund PKR3.03bn to consumers | BR:** Karachi Electric (KE) is to refund PKR3.03bn at the rate of PKR2.59 per unit to its consumers except lifeline consumers for December 2021 as determined by NEPRA under monthly Fuel Adjustment (FCA) mechanism. This understanding was reached between KE and National Electric Power Regulatory Authority at a public hearing, presided over by Chairman Nepra, Tauseef. H. Farooqi. Member Balochistan, Rehmatullah Baloch and Member KP, Maqsood Anwar Khan were also present.
- Askari to start due diligence of Samba Bank | Dawn:** Askari Bank Ltd has received the central bank's approval to commence due diligence of Samba Bank Pakistan Ltd for the potential acquisition of a majority shareholding, it said in a stock filing on Wednesday. The 12th largest bank in terms of market capitalisation is looking to buy an 84.51% stake in Samba Bank, which has been put on sale by its Saudi Arabia-based parent company as part of its strategic review. Earlier, United Bank Ltd and Fatima Fertiliser Company Ltd separately expressed their intention to acquire 84.51pc shares in Samba Bank.
- SECP okays Beco to issue over 99mn shares | Mettis Global:** The Security Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) has approved the issuance of 99.96mn ordinary shares of Beco Steel Limited, having a par value of PKR10/- each, at a premium of PKR20 per share, in aggregate amounting to the equivalent of PKR2.9bn against consideration of non-cash assets, the company filing on PSX showed on Wednesday. The non-cash assets include land, building, and plant & machinery. This is subject to the fulfilment of the conditions prescribed by the SECP, transfer of the non-cash assets to the company by the subscribers/allottees of such shares, and carrying out other formalities/steps in accordance with applicable laws.

Market Indices			
	2-Feb-22	1-Feb-22	30-Jun-21
KSE 100	46,119	45,675	47,356
KSE 30	18,069	17,914	18,962
KMI 30	74,986	74,109	76,622
KSE All Shares	31,473	31,222	32,480
Volume (mn Shares)			
	2-Feb-22	FYTD (Average)	
KSE 100	123.5	123.8	
KSE 30	54.4	52.3	
KMI 30	64.2	49.2	
KSE All Shares	360.4	336.3	
Commodity Rates			
	2-Feb-22	Daily Change	FYTD Change
Crude Oil-Brent (USD/BBL)	89.5	0.3%	19.1%
Crude Oil-Arab Light (USD/BBL)	87.6	-0.4%	21.2%
Coal (USD/Tonne)	175.5	1.8%	52.8%
Copper(USD/Lbs)	4.5	1.4%	4.9%
Cotton (USD/Lbs)	122.4	-1.0%	50.4%
CRC Steel (USD/Tonne)	898.0	0.0%	-24.2%
Currency (Interbank)			
	2-Feb-22	Daily Change	FYTD Change
US Dollar	176.0	0.0%	11.7%
UK Pound	238.9	0.4%	9.7%
Euro	198.9	0.3%	6.5%
UAE Dirham	48.1	0.0%	11.5%
Chinese Yuan	27.7	0.0%	13.4%
Fund Flows (USD mn)			
	2-Feb-22	FYTD	
FOREIGN INDIVIDUAL	-0.05	4.39	
FOREIGN CORPORATES	-1.22	-285.39	
OVERSEAS PAKISTANI	-0.44	46.08	
FIPI NET	-1.72	-234.91	
Economic Data (USD mn)			
	FY22E	FY21	FY20
GDP Growth	4.6%	5.4%	-0.5%
	Dec-21	Nov-21	
Exports	2,765	2,901	
Imports	7,666	7,899	
Remittances	2,520	2,459	
Foreign Exchange Reserves	24,018	22,329	
Money Market Data			
	2-Feb-22	1-Feb-22	30-Jun-21
SBP Policy Rate	9.75	9.75	7.00
CPI Inflation	13.00	13.00	9.70
3 Month T-Bill	10.21	10.20	7.28
6 Month T-Bill	10.59	10.62	7.53
12 Month T-Bill	10.76	10.78	7.81
3 Year Government Bond	10.77	10.76	8.99
5 Year Government Bond	10.85	10.86	9.49
10 Year Government Bond	11.10	11.10	9.94
3 Month KIBOR	10.37	10.37	7.45
6 Month KIBOR	10.75	10.74	7.69

Data Sources : Reuters, PSX, NCCPL, PBS, SBP