

- Monetary policy: SBP maintains interest rate at 9.75% | Tribune:** In line with market expectations, the State Bank of Pakistan left the benchmark interest rate unchanged at 9.75% for the next one and half month on Monday. The market had expected status quo in the interest rate after high ranking officials from the central bank reiterated that they would hold the rate in the medium-run and wait for responses to come against the measures taken so far. Stability in the rate does not mean the current cycle of the rate hike has come to an end and there is still room available for another hike of 50-100 basis points in second half (Jan-Jun) of fiscal year 2022.
- Pakistan issues USD1bn Sukuk | BR:** Pakistan has issued USD1bn Islamic sukuk in the international market at 7.95% interest rate for a period of seven years. An official of Finance Ministry on condition of anonymity confirmed that the Islamic bond has been issued; however, information with regard to subscription remains unclear. The inflow would boost the country's foreign exchange reserves and help arrest the rupee slide.
- Inflation to decline towards the range of 5-7% in next year: SBP | Augaf:** Headline and core inflation rose in December, both the sequential momentum of inflation and inflation expectations of businesses fell significantly, says SBP report on monetary policy. Together with low base effects, one-off cost-push pressures from energy tariff increases and the removal of tax exemptions in the Finance (Supplementary) Act are likely to keep year-on-year inflation elevated over the next few months, close to the upper end of the average inflation forecast of 9-11% in FY22.
- Govt must get SBP bill passed from Senate in 48-72 hours | The News:** The revival of International Monetary Fund's (IMF) stalled USD6bn Extended Funding Facility (EFF) programme now hinges on the government's ability to get the polemic State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) Amendment Bill 2021 passed from Senate within next 48 to 72 hours, The News has learnt. The government wants the upper house to clear the bill in its existing shape. The ruling elite had somehow managed to railroad the bill through the National Assembly, the lower house, despite massive resistance from the opposition benches.
- CDWP approves three projects worth PKR13bn | BR:** The Central Development Working Party (CDWP) Monday approved three development projects at a cost of PKR13bn and recommended one project valuing PKR108.5bn to the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecneec) for further consideration. The CDWP met with Deputy Chairman Planning Commission Mohammad Jehanzeb Khan in the chair at P-Block Secretariat.
- ECC sets tobacco crop price at PKR240/kg | The News:** Economic Coordination Committee of the Cabinet on Monday gave approval to the Minimum Indicative Price (MIP) of tobacco at PKR240/kg for this year's crop. The ECC set the price after reaching a sweet spot between the recommendations put forward by Ministry of National Food Security and Research (MNFS&R) and Abdul Razak Dawood, Prime Minister's Adviser on Commerce and Investment.
- Understanding with IMF: Govt set to further increase electricity base tariff | BR:** The federal government is all set to increase electricity base tariff for domestic consumers using 201-400 units per month by PKR3.11 per unit through withdrawal of a portion of subsidy as per understanding with IMF. This was revealed at a public hearing on the second phase of subsidy rationalization plan, organized by National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra). Chairman Nepra Tauseef H Farooqi, Member Sindh Rafique Ahmad Shaikh, Member Balochistan, Rehmatullah Baloch and Member KP Engineer Maqsood Anwar Khan officiated the hearing.
- Imported gas: govt encouraging companies to build onshore underground storage facilities | BR:** The federal government is encouraging the state-owned gas companies as well as private companies to build onshore underground imported gas storage in various parts of the country to ensure smooth and affordable supply of gas to industrial, commercial, and domestic consumers, sources in the Petroleum Division said. In this respect, the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) is working on a petition filed by M/s Engo Elengy, a private company for the issuance of a provisional license for construction and operation of underground imported LNG storage at Port Qasim.
- PRL set to start exporting furnace oil next month | The News:** Having been unable to draw local buyers even months after running into an inventory crisis, Pakistan Refinery Limited (PRL) has decided to start exporting its huge furnace oil (FO) stocks in the first week of February, if there is no improvement in demand, The News learnt on Monday. PRL has started to shift the FO stock of 24,000 metric tonnes at the storage the company acquired on rent in Port Qasim area of Karachi.
- Govt seeks 'zero shortage' gas plan for next winter | BR:** The Federal Cabinet has sought next year's zero gas shortage plan from the Petroleum Division within one month, after grilling the latter on the gas crisis in the country, especially for textile industry in Karachi, well informed sources told Business Recorder. The issue of gas came under discussion during consideration of National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) Annual Report, 2020-21 and State of Industry Report, 2021. According to sources, the issue of electricity theft and transmission losses was brought to fore and it was noted that running defaulters had surged to an alarming amount of PKR640bn.
- Secure Logistics Group to raise PKR1.5bn through IPO | Mettis Global:** Secure Logistics Group Limited (SLG), previously named Asia Capital Partners (Pvt.) Ltd has applied for listing on Pakistan Stock Exchange, seeking to raise PKR1.5 billion to expand the logistic business. This will assist SLG to evolve into a Third Party Logistic ("3PL") player with the capacity to provide a full range of factory to wholesaler logistic services, the company said. As per the details disclosed in the prospectus, the company shall be issuing 55,555,556 ordinary shares (27.14% of the total post-IPO paid-up capital), having a face value of PKR10 each.

Market Indices			
	24-Jan-22	21-Jan-22	30-Jun-21
KSE 100	44,924	45,018	47,356
KSE 30	17,727	17,748	18,962
KMI 30	72,981	73,002	76,622
KSE All Shares	30,786	30,879	32,480
Volume (mn Shares)			
	24-Jan-22	FYTD (Average)	
KSE 100	88.5	125.0	
KSE 30	40.3	52.3	
KMI 30	43.4	49.4	
KSE All Shares	160.1	340.4	
Commodity Rates			
	24-Jan-22	Daily Change	FYTD Change
Crude Oil-Brent (USD/BBL)	86.3	-1.8%	14.8%
Crude Oil-Arab Light (USD/BBL)	83.7	-1.1%	15.9%
Coal (USD/Tonne)	173.9	0.8%	68.3%
Copper(USD/Lbs)	4.4	-2.2%	3.3%
Cotton (USD/Lbs)	116.9	-0.3%	43.6%
CRC Steel (USD/Tonne)	897.5	0.0%	-24.3%
Currency (Interbank)			
	24-Jan-22	Daily Change	FYTD Change
US Dollar	175.9	0.0%	11.7%
UK Pound	237.3	-0.5%	8.9%
Euro	199.2	-0.2%	6.7%
UAE Dirham	48.1	0.0%	11.5%
Chinese Yuan	27.8	0.1%	13.9%
Fund Flows (USD mn)			
	24-Jan-22	FYTD	
FOREIGN INDIVIDUAL	0.00	4.44	
FOREIGN CORPORATES	0.63	-280.60	
OVERSEAS PAKISTANI	-0.78	48.29	
FIPI NET	-0.15	-227.87	
Economic Data (USD mn)			
	FY22E	FY21	FY20
GDP Growth	4.8%	3.9%	-0.5%
	Nov-21	Oct-21	
Exports	2,884	2,464	
Imports	7,847	6,372	
Remittances	2,352	2,518	
Foreign Exchange Reserves	22,499	23,829	
Money Market Data			
	24-Jan-22	21-Jan-22	30-Jun-21
SBP Policy Rate	9.75	9.75	7.00
CPI Inflation	12.28	12.28	9.70
3 Month T-Bill	10.20	10.20	7.28
6 Month T-Bill	11.25	11.28	7.53
12 Month T-Bill	11.40	11.42	7.81
3 Year Government Bond	11.45	11.45	8.99
5 Year Government Bond	11.53	11.52	9.49
10 Year Government Bond	11.62	11.61	9.94
3 Month KIBOR	10.41	10.40	7.45
6 Month KIBOR	11.43	11.43	7.69

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