



- IMF board meeting put off till Feb 2 | BR:** Finance Minister Shaukat Tarin Wednesday said the International Monetary Fund (IMF) board of directors meeting has been delayed till February 2 for the approval of 6th review on the request of Pakistan. Addressing a press conference, the finance minister said that as the SBP proposed amendment bill has not yet been approved from the Senate, few more days have been sought from the Fund's board meeting as per previous schedule the law should have been passed from the Senate on Wednesday. He said that the government would get the law passed from the Senate in the next few days.
- No chance of reduction in inflation for another three months | The News:** Federal Minister for Finance Shaukat Tarin said on Wednesday said no decline in the price-hike for the next three months. Shaukat Tarin in a news conference here at the Pak-China Centre said that the prices have swelled all over the globe due to the coronavirus pandemic but Pakistan didn't let its industries stop working. "The prices hiked up to 90% in the international market. Trade deficit increased due to the rise in oil prices while the Afghan crisis weighed down Pakistan's currency," Tarin said.
- Pakistan needs USD2.5bn to pursue green initiatives in next decade | The News:** Pakistan will ultimately need almost USD2.5bn to achieve the target of tree plantation under its ambitious Ten Billion Tree Tsunami Programme in the next ten years. According to the details, the government has been spending money on tree plantation drives but now it needs the support of the international community to carry out its green initiatives. An official said that the government is currently using its own resources, but there is a need for the international community to make investments in the green initiatives launched by Prime Minister Imran Khan.
- SBP raises PKR729bn through T-bills auction | Mettis Global:** The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) conducted an auction on Wednesday in which it sold Market Treasury Bills (MTBs) worth PKR729bn, against its target of PKR650bn. Despite SBP's enough injection of PKR1.07 trillion during the two 63-day Open Market Operations (OMO), The cut-off yields for 3, 6 and 12 months saw a decline of 15, 68 and 57 basis points to stand at 10.30%, 10.69 and 10.93%, respectively. However, the yields spread portray a change of 22, -2 and -3bps in 3, 6 and 12 months compared to today's secondary market yields which reflected the impact of the latest MPC's forward guidance regarding policy rate stability and high liquidity.
- FBR chief tells Customs Day gathering: Govt heavily relying on tax machinery | BR:** Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) Chairman Dr Muhammad Ashfaq Ahmed, Wednesday, shared new evolving role and dimensions of the FBR as the government is now heavily relying on the tax machinery on other key economic areas including price fluctuation of commodities, exchange rate stabilization, trade facilitation, digitization, smuggling, and hoarding. Addressing the Customs Day event with regard to "scaling up customs digital transformation by embracing a data culture and building a data Ecosystem" at Customs House, Peshawar, he stated that the government has enhanced the role of the FBR in economic areas besides revenue collection and broadening the tax base.
- FBR Likely to Postpone Implementation of New Property Rates | Pro Pakistani:** The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) is expected to postpone the implementation of the revised property valuation rates till March 1, 2022. According to details, a delegation of the Real Estate Consultants Association (RECA) met with the Minister for Finance and Revenue Shaukat Tarin to discuss and review the shortcomings faced by real estate brokers in the big industry. The head of the RECA delegation, Ahsan Malik, told ProPakistani that the Finance Minister had vowed to postpone the implementation of the Statutory Regulatory Order (SRO) pertaining to the tax machinery's revised property valuation rates till the first week of March.
- Govt locks industry officials out of refinery policy meeting | The News:** The government on Wednesday locked country's refining sector officials out of a meeting, called to discuss draft Pakistan Oil Refining Policy 2021, a move stakeholders dubbed as a delaying tactic to gain time for probably cutting some incentives down. The meeting, chaired by Federal Minister Energy Hammaz Azhar, deliberated the draft of the refining policy, which has been lying in limbo for quite some time. The top management of five refineries was invited to join the meeting and was supposed to give their valuable inputs for the draft policy.
- Circular debt: SNGPL blames fertilizer sector, domestic consumers | BR:** Sui Northern Gas Pipeline Limited (SNGPL) has termed fertilizer industry and domestic consumers as key contributors in its rising circular debt, which is about to touch PKR575bn by next month. SNGPL has shared this information with Director General (Gas) Ministry of Energy (Petroleum Division), in response to a letter from the Prime Minister Office (PMO) about challenges in gas sector. According to the gas utility, for indigenous gas business, there is a cross subsidy mechanism (non-budgeted subsidy) in place wherein power, CNG, industry and commercial sectors subsidize the fertilizer and domestic sector(s).
- Two urea fertilizer plants on SNGPL system: Moi&P needs PKR5bn subsidy for RLNG supply | BR:** Ministry of Industries and Production (Moi&P) is to seek supplementary grant of PKR5bn to ensure supply of RLNG to two urea fertilizer plants on SNGPL system till March 2022. This decision was taken at a recent meeting of the ECC, which was ratified by the Federal Cabinet on January 25, 2022. Sharing the details, sources said, a Fertilizer Review Committee (FRC) meeting was convened to assess the situation on December 24, 2021, wherein Minister for Moi&P, after detailed deliberations, announced that SNGPL-based plants would run till March 2022, so that demand for Urea fertilizer is met through domestic means.
- SBP allows UBL to conduct due diligence for acquiring 84.5% SBL's shares | Mettis Global:** The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) has granted in-principle approval to United Bank Limited (UBL) to commence the due diligence of Samba Bank Limited (SBL) in respect of the acquisition of 84.51% shareholding of SBL, currently held by Saudi National Bank, UBL has informed through a notice to exchange today. To recall, on September 21, 2021, Saudi National Bank (SNB), as the immediate parent company of SBL, had notified that it is considering all its strategic options in relation to its shareholding in Samba Pakistan Limited, including potential mergers, acquisitions, divestment and/or restructuring.

Market Indices

	26-Jan-22	25-Jan-22	30-Jun-21
KSE 100	44,955	44,888	47,356
KSE 30	17,738	17,696	18,962
KMI 30	73,059	73,037	76,622
KSE All Shares	30,794	30,734	32,480

Volume (mn Shares)

	26-Jan-22	FYTD (Average)
KSE 100	66.9	124.5
KSE 30	38.1	52.2
KMI 30	22.1	49.2
KSE All Shares	137.2	338.3

Commodity Rates

	26-Jan-22	Daily Change	FYTD Change
Crude Oil-Brent (USD/BBL)	90.0	2.0%	19.7%
Crude Oil-Arab Light (USD/BBL)	88.3	2.9%	22.2%
Coal (USD/Tonne)	174.9	0.5%	69.3%
Copper(USD/Lbs)	4.5	1.4%	5.5%
Cotton (USD/Lbs)	118.7	1.1%	45.8%
CRC Steel (USD/Tonne)	897.5	0.0%	-24.3%

Currency (Interbank)

	26-Jan-22	Daily Change	FYTD Change
US Dollar	176.7	0.3%	12.2%
UK Pound	237.9	0.3%	9.2%
Euro	198.6	-0.3%	6.3%
UAE Dirham	48.3	0.5%	12.1%
Chinese Yuan	28.0	0.4%	14.6%

Fund Flows (USD mn)

	26-Jan-22	FYTD
FOREIGN INDIVIDUAL	0.00	4.44
FOREIGN CORPORATES	-0.70	-282.55
OVERSEAS PAKISTANI	-0.56	46.98
FIPI NET	-1.25	-231.13

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

	26-Jan-22	25-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	10.08	10.10	7.28
6 Month T-Bill	10.71	10.83	7.53
12 Month T-Bill	10.95	11.10	7.81
3 Year Government Bond	10.82	11.05	8.99
5 Year Government Bond	10.98	11.15	9.49
10 Year Government Bond	11.23	11.32	9.94
3 Month KIBOR	10.28	10.27	7.45
6 Month KIBOR	11.05	11.08	7.69

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