

- Feb CPI up 12.2% YoY | BR:** The Consumer Price Index (CPI) witnessed an increase of 12.2% on year-on-year basis in February 2022 as compared to an increase of 13% in the previous month and 8.7% in February 2021, says the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS). On month-on-month basis, the CPI increased by 1.2% in February 2022 as compared to increase of 0.4% in the previous month and increase of 1.8% in February 2021.
- Fitch sees economy expanding at 4.5% | BR:** Highlighting some downside economic and political risks, Fitch Ratings has affirmed Pakistan's long-term rating at 'B-' with a stable outlook and economic growth rate at 4.5% this year, down from 5.6% last fiscal year. The New York-based agency — one of the three major global rating agencies — noted external vulnerabilities, narrow fiscal revenue base and low governance indicators as key challenges.
- IMF will question PM's relief package | BR:** The International Monetary Fund (IMF) will question the government on the merits of relief package and incentives announced by Prime Minister Imran Khan, during the upcoming 7th review of the Extended Fund Facility (EFF) programme. This was confirmed by Esther Perez Ruiz, IMF Resident Representative in Pakistan while responding to Business Recorder query. The IMF official stated, "The authorities and the IMF will discuss during the upcoming 7th review of the EFF the merits of the recently adopted relief package and other measures to promote macroeconomic stability amidst a challenging external environment."
- PM's package financed thru PKR50bn cut in PSDP | BR:** The government working reveals PKR50bn cut in Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP), in addition to the PKR200bn cut from the budgeted PKR900bn already agreed with the International Monetary Fund (IMF), for a cut in petrol, diesel and electricity prices announced by the Prime Minister. An official on condition of anonymity said that prime minister's relief package for slash in petrol and diesel prices by PKR10 per litre and electricity per unit price by PKR5 till next budget is estimated to cost between PKR250-300bn.
- PM Imran announces industrial package with eyes on foreign exchange inflow | BR:** Prime Minister Imran Khan announced the industrial package on Tuesday, adding that without enhancing the manufacturing base, Pakistan cannot progress, a statement that comes a day after he unveiled a number of measures to tame rising [inflation](#), and boost economic productivity in the country. In his address in Lahore, Khan said, "I should have announced an industrial package for the business community at the beginning of my government (in 2018).
- Whiten black money at 5%: PM Imran Khan unveils yet another amnesty scheme | The News:** The federal cabinet on Tuesday gave nod mod promulgation of an ordinance to offer a third tax amnesty scheme. The finance ministry circulated a summary among the federal cabinet members on Monday for their approval of the scheme through the Income Tax Amendment Ordinance 2022. Under the amnesty, the government will allow industrialists to whiten their black money at a 5% rate by investing money in the manufacturing sector. The government has decided to offer a 5% across-the-board tax rate and immunity to investors from the investigation about sources of investment.
- Assemblers increase car, bike prices | Dawn:** Car and bike assemblers on Tuesday announced the increase in prices citing rupee devaluation against the dollar, higher sea freight charges and raw materials. The latest price hike from auto assemblers came a day after Prime Minister Imran Khan announced a cut of PKR10 per litre in petrol and diesel prices. Lucky Motor Corporation Limited (LMCL) increased the prices of various vehicles by PKR212,000-475,000 effective from March 1.
- K-Electric allowed raising power tariff by PKR2.90 per unit:** National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) Tuesday allowed K-Electric to increase power tariff by PKR2.90 per unit on account of fuel cost adjustment for the month of January, local media reported. The Nepra chairman said that the issue of low gas pressure did not seem to be resolved soon, adding that the power consumers would have to pay extra PKR300mn due to gas shortage. The K-Electric officials told the Nepra chairman that the Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) needed more investments to provide gas to the K-Electric.
- K-Electric sale stalled on undisclosed terms | Dawn:** A GOVERNMENT official who has been criticised for stalling the sale of K-Electric (KE) Ltd to Shanghai Electric Power Company in 2018 said he was protecting the "national interest" after his requests to see the terms of the transaction were refused. Irfan Ali, privatisation secretary from 2017 to 2018, said he to the sale of Karachi's electricity utility to the Chinese company. He said he was required to see the share purchase wasn't opposed agreement, which contained the terms of the deal, before he could recommend a national security clearance certificate for it to proceed.
- Package for IT sector: govt envisages USD1bn yearly inflows | BR:** The government envisages forex inflows of USD1bn annually for companies/freelancers, besides bringing internationally parked foreign currency to Pakistan, after the prime minister announced an incentives package for IT sector. Prime Minister Imran Khan, on Monday, announced 100% tax exemption for both companies and freelancers in the IT sector, 100% foreign exchange exemption, and 100% exemption from capital gain tax for investments in IT startups.
- Chaudhrys assure PM of their full support amid no-trust move | Tribune:** PML-Q, a key ally of PTI-led government both at the Centre and in Punjab, has assured the prime minister of their full support to foil the opposition's [no-trust move](#). *The Express Tribune* learnt on Tuesday. The statement comes after PM Imran Khan met with the top leadership of PML-Q including Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain and Punjab Assembly Speaker Pervaiz Elahi at their residence in Lahore today. According to a statement issued by the PML-Q following the meeting, Chaudhry brothers informed the premier about their recent meeting with Opposition Leader in the National Assembly Shehbaz Sharif.

Market Indices			
	1-Mar-22	28-Feb-22	30-Jun-21
KSE 100	44,804	44,461	47,356
KSE 30	17,465	17,313	18,962
KMI 30	72,855	72,149	76,622
KSE All Shares	30,799	30,524	32,480
Volume (mn Shares)			
	1-Mar-22	FYTD (Average)	
KSE 100	129.1	121.0	
KSE 30	70.7	51.2	
KMI 30	65.1	48.5	
KSE All Shares	308.2	324.3	
Commodity Rates			
	1-Mar-22	Daily Change	FYTD Change
Crude Oil-Brent (USD/BBL)	105.0	3.9%	39.7%
Crude Oil-Arab Light (USD/BBL)	106.8	10.5%	47.9%
Coal (USD/Tonne)	300.8	15.2%	161.9%
Copper(USD/Lbs)	4.6	3.2%	7.5%
Cotton (USD/Lbs)	120.6	3.1%	48.2%
CRC Steel (USD/Tonne)	995.0	0.0%	-16.0%
Currency (Interbank)			
	1-Mar-22	Daily Change	FYTD Change
US Dollar	177.3	0.0%	12.5%
UK Pound	236.2	-0.7%	8.4%
Euro	197.2	-0.8%	5.6%
UAE Dirham	48.5	0.0%	12.6%
Chinese Yuan	28.1	0.0%	15.1%
Fund Flows (USD mn)			
	1-Mar-22	FYTD	
FOREIGN INDIVIDUAL	0.01	4.39	
FOREIGN CORPORATES	-0.40	-301.15	
OVERSEAS PAKISTANI	0.56	49.11	
FIPI NET	0.16	-247.65	
Economic Data (USD mn)			
	FY22E	FY21	FY20
GDP Growth	4.6%	5.4%	-0.5%
	Jan-21	Dec-21	
Exports	2,618	2,764	
Imports	6,053	7,580	
Remittances	2,144	2,520	
Foreign Exchange Reserves	22,084	23,882	
Money Market Data			
	1-Mar-22	28-Feb-22	30-Jun-21
SBP Policy Rate	9.75	9.75	7.00
CPI Inflation	12.20	12.96	9.70
3 Month T-Bill	10.52	10.52	7.28
6 Month T-Bill	10.90	10.91	7.53
12 Month T-Bill	10.93	10.95	7.81
3 Year Government Bond	10.92	10.94	8.99
5 Year Government Bond	10.95	10.96	9.49
10 Year Government Bond	11.08	11.07	9.94
3 Month KIBOR	10.62	10.61	7.45
6 Month KIBOR	11.03	11.03	7.69

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