



- Pakistan, IMF talks on seventh review to start today | The News:** Pakistan and the IMF will kick-start virtual parleys from Friday (today) for completion of the 7th Review under the Extended Fund Facility (EFF) where the PM's relief package and granting another tax amnesty for the industrial sector will be major thorny issues between the two sides. Pakistani authorities have assessed that the PM's Relief Package for reducing petrol and diesel prices by PKR10 per litre and PKR5 per unit in electricity prices would bring down the rising inflationary pressures directly by 0.6% on a monthly basis. There will be some indirect impact as well on the CPI-based inflation in the coming months in the wake of these relief measures.
- Pakistan likely to remain on FATF grey list until June | Dawn:** Pakistan is likely to remain on the so-called grey list of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) for another four months — i.e. until June — for a couple of unmet targets under the additional criteria. The concluding session of the plenary meeting of the FATF, a Paris-based global money laundering and terrorist financing watchdog, is due on Friday (today) and includes Pakistan's review on the agenda. Pakistan is now targeting the full completion of the 2021 action plan on anti-money laundering and combating terror financing (AML/CFT) by the end of January 2023.
- Foreign exchange: SBP reserves fall USD344mn to USD16.46bn | Tribune:** The foreign exchange reserves held by the central bank decreased 2.05% on a weekly basis, according to data released by the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) on Thursday. On February 25, the foreign currency reserves held by the SBP were recorded at USD16,462.3mn, down USD344mn compared with USD16,806.5mn on February 18. The central bank gave no reason for the fall in reserves. Overall liquid foreign currency reserves held by the country, including net reserves held by banks other than the SBP, stood at USD22,875.1mn. Net reserves held by banks amounted to USD6,412.8mn.
- The Income Tax Amendment Ordinance 2022: govt's plan to promote industries | BR:** [These notes have been prepared on the basis of draft of the law as provided by Super Law Updates] General. A draft of the Income Tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 2022 has been issued on March 2, 2022. This Ordinance has been introduced to give effect in the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001, to the incentives and concessions provided by the Government of Pakistan under the Promotion Plan for Industry which has been approved by the Cabinet. In relation to income tax laws three concessions and incentives have been provided in the said Ordinance. These are; Immunity from the probe for the sources of funds for investments in industrial undertakings.
- February cement despatches decline 4.75% to 4.36MMTs YoY | BR:** Cement despatches during the month of February 2022 showed a decline of 4.75% as total despatches was recorded at 4.36mn metric tons (MMTs) against 4.57mn metric tons despatched during the same month of last financial year. According to the data released by All Pakistan Cement Manufacturers Association (APCMA), local cement despatches by the industry during the month of February 2022 were 3.95mn tons compared to 3.96mn metric tons in February 2021, showing a reduction of 0.17%. Exports despatches suffered massive decline by 34.18% as the volumes reduced from 616,030 metric tons in February 2021 to 405,489 tons in February 2022.
- Textile exports jump 37% in February | The News:** The country's textile exports jumped 37% to hit the highest ever level of USD1.69bn in February on the back of orders captured from competing economies during the Covid peak, official data showed on Thursday. Complete lockdown in India and Bangladesh pushed international buyers to seek Pakistani exporters. "Pakistan opted for smart lockdown, instead of going for complete lockdowns, which aided industries in continuing their fight against the pandemic," a leading textile exporter said. According to latest figures of All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA) and Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS).
- PKRS/unit power relief: Details to be unveiled today | BR:** Minister for Energy Hammad Azhar is all set to unveil mechanism about reduction of PKR5 per unit in electricity rates across the country on Friday (today) after seeking approval from Prime Minister Imran Khan. An official told Business Recorder that the relief will be applicable on domestic consumers, who have single-phase meters and who use 700 units monthly. However, the details of applicability of this relief to commercial users, if any, are still awaited. However, the domestic consumers, who have Time of Use (ToU) meters, will not benefit from the announced relief.
- NML to increase PKR1bn equity investment in Nishat Sutas Dairy | Mettis Global:** The shareholders of Nishat Mills Limited (NML) in their extraordinary general meeting, held on March 03, 2022, have passed the resolution to increase the amount of equity investment by PKR1bn in Nishat Sutas Dairy Limited ("NSDL"), an associated company, the company's filing on PSX showed today. This is in addition to the already approved amount of equity investment of up to PKR950mn for subscribing, 95mn ordinary shares approved by the members under Section 199 of the Companies Act, 2017 in their Annual General Meeting held on October 28, 2019.
- Pak-Uzbek cooperation in diverse areas: Pacts, including PTA, MoUs signed | BR:** Pakistan and Uzbekistan on Thursday signed various agreements and Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs), including the bilateral Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) for increased cooperation in the areas of trade, culture, tourism, connectivity, climate change and security. Prime Minister Imran Khan and Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, who also signed the Pakistan-Uzbekistan Joint Declaration: "Next Step in the Strategic Partnership", witnessed the signing ceremony here at the PM House after the two leaders had a one-on-one meeting and wide-ranging delegation-level talks.
- Immovable properties in 40 major cities: FBR revises valuation rates downwards | BR:** The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) on Thursday revised downward valuation rates of immovable properties in 40 major cities as compared to previously notified rates on December 1, 2021. In this connection, the FBR has issued notifications, here on Thursday to downward revise the valuation rates of immovable properties in big and small cities of the country. The coverage of the valuation of the property was increased from 20 to 40 cities. In December 2020, the Board had revised upward the values of residential and commercial immovable properties located in 40 major cities to fix fair market value of immovable properties. At that time, the values of almost all residential and commercial immovable properties of Pakistan were increased in an attempt to bring them at par with the fair market values.

## Market Indices

	3-Mar-22	2-Mar-22	30-Jun-21
KSE 100	44,526	44,514	47,356
KSE 30	17,410	17,361	18,962
KMI 30	72,436	72,235	76,622
KSE All Shares	30,703	30,727	32,480

## Volume (mn Shares)

	3-Mar-22	FYTD (Average)
KSE 100	107.7	120.9
KSE 30	57.4	51.3
KMI 30	55.0	48.5
KSE All Shares	188.6	323.1

## Commodity Rates

	3-Mar-22	Daily Change	FYTD Change
Crude Oil-Brent (USD/BBL)	110.5	-2.2%	47.0%
Crude Oil-Arab Light (USD/BBL)	109.1	-4.0%	51.0%
Coal (USD/Tonne)	353.4	-17.3%	207.7%
Copper(USD/Lbs)	4.8	2.0%	11.3%
Cotton (USD/Lbs)	117.7	1.1%	44.5%
CRC Steel (USD/Tonne)	995.0	0.0%	-16.0%

## Currency (Interbank)

	3-Mar-22	Daily Change	FYTD Change
US Dollar	177.5	0.1%	12.7%
UK Pound	236.9	-0.3%	8.8%
Euro	196.4	-0.4%	5.2%
UAE Dirham	48.8	0.5%	13.2%
Chinese Yuan	28.1	0.1%	15.1%

## Fund Flows (USD mn)

	3-Mar-22	FYTD
FOREIGN INDIVIDUAL	0.00	4.43
FOREIGN CORPORATES	1.07	-300.36
OVERSEAS PAKISTANI	0.18	49.44
FIPI NET	1.24	-246.50

## 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

	3-Mar-22	2-Mar-22	30-Jun-21
SBP Policy Rate	9.75	9.75	7.00
CPI Inflation	12.20	12.20	9.70
3 Month T-Bill	10.60	10.57	7.28
6 Month T-Bill	10.99	10.95	7.53
12 Month T-Bill	11.07	11.01	7.81
3 Year Government Bond	11.11	11.01	8.99
5 Year Government Bond	11.17	11.08	9.49
10 Year Government Bond	11.25	11.17	9.94
3 Month KIBOR	10.70	10.65	7.45
6 Month KIBOR	11.08	11.06	7.69

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