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## Economy

**Dar blames 'trust deficit' with IMF for delayed deal**

**Economy | Neutral**

Finance Minister Ishaq Dar on Thursday blamed a delay in the International Monetary Fund (IMF) programme on the previous government, whose "failure to meet commitments" created a trust deficit that has continued to bite. (Dawn) | [Click for more info.](#)

**US says Pakistan will have to make its own decisions to unlock IMF funding**

**Economy | Neutral**

US State Department spokesperson Ned Price says that ultimately Pakistan will have to make its own decisions to unlock funding from the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Price was responding to a question during a press briefing about accusations against the United States on not using its "friendly influence" with the IMF to help Pakistan because of tensions between the US and China. (The News) | [Click for more info.](#)

**Economic support by Gulf countries; Pakistan hopes for positive outcome: FO**

**Economy | Neutral**

Pakistan, on Thursday, commended the economic support extended by friendly countries, including China and Middle Eastern countries and expressed the hope for a positive outcome of the ongoing engagements with many Gulf countries, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and Qatar with regard to the financial assistance and massive investments. (BR) | [Click for more info.](#)

**Foreign assistance; \$20.073bn undisbursed balance as of end Sept 2022: EAD**

**Economy | Neutral**

The foreign economic assistance of \$20.073 billion was undisbursed balance as of end September 2022, says the Economic Affairs Division (EAD). (BR) | [Click for more info.](#)

**Foreign public documents with origin country Apostille no longer need Pakistan Missions, MoFA attestation: FO**

**Economy | Neutral**

The Government of Pakistan has formally acceded to the Hague Convention abolishing the requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Documents (Apostille Convention) of 1961, a statement issued by the Pakistan Foreign Office said. (Dawn) | [Click for more info.](#)

**SBP-held reserves increase after loan from Chinese bank**

**Economy | Positive**

The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP)-held forex reserves moved above \$4 billion after the liquidity-challenged country received \$500 million in loan from a Chinese bank. In a statement, the central bank said that its foreign exchange reserves have increased by \$487 million to \$4,301 million as of the week ended March 3, which will provide an import cover of around a month. (The News) | [Click for more info.](#)

**Rupee slips to 282.30/dollar amid IMF delay**

**Economy | Negative**

The local unit fell 1.13% or 3.18 rupees to 282.30 against the dollar in the interbank market. In the open market, the domestic currency depreciated 3.50 rupees to close at 284.50 per dollar. (The News) | [Click for more info.](#)

### Pakistan Stock Exchange Overview

	Open	Close	Chg.	%
KSE All	27,071.6	27,195.8	124.2	0.5%
KSE100	41,358.9	41,585.5	226.6	0.5%
KSE30	15,590.0	15,662.8	72.8	0.5%
KMI30	70,843.8	71,468.5	624.8	0.9%

### Top Five Gainers

	Open	Close	Chg.	%
ATLH	261.2	280.8	19.6	7.5%
TICL	269.6	288.9	19.3	7.2%
MARI	1,475.9	1,493.9	17.9	1.2%
TOWL	163.8	176.1	12.3	7.5%
SITC	225.6	237.1	11.5	5.1%

### Top Five Volume Leaders

	Open	Close	Chg.	Vol.
WTL	1.3	1.3	0.0	26.62
TELE	6.8	7.6	0.8	17.05
MLCF	25.1	25.9	0.9	12.41
SILK	1.0	1.1	0.1	11.21
HASCOL	5.6	5.5	0.0	10.87

### Portfolio Investments – Net Position

FIPI	Buy	Sell	Net
F-Individuals	0.00	0.00	0.00
F-Corporates	0.66	-1.70	-1.04
O/S Pakistanies	2.07	-2.30	-0.23
<b>Net</b>	<b>2.73</b>	<b>-4.00</b>	<b>-1.26</b>
LIPI			
Individuals	22.22	-22.63	-0.41
Companies	6.63	-1.62	5.01
Comm. Banks	1.34	-1.54	-0.20
NBFC	0.03	-0.03	0.00
Mutual Funds	1.91	-2.27	-0.36
Other	0.40	-0.44	-0.04
Brokers Proprietary	5.68	-7.12	-1.43
Insurance	0.59	-1.89	-1.30
<b>Net</b>	<b>38.81</b>	<b>-37.54</b>	<b>1.26</b>

### Commodity Outlook

	Unit	Close	% chg.
Crude oil	USD/bbl.	75.72	-1.1%
Brent oil	USD/bbl.	81.54	-1.1%
Gold	USD/t oz.	1831.13	0.9%
Silver	USD/t oz.	20.07	0.1%
Coal	USD/ton	129.90	1.5%
Steel Scrap (LME)	USD/ton	463.00	0.7%
Steel Rebar (LME)	USD/ton	749.00	0.7%
USD/PKR	Interbank	8.05	1.8%

News Source: Local / Int'l Newspapers and websites

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# Morning Briefing

## Oil & Gas

**Mari completes commissioning, testing of gas processing facilities in Sindh**

**MARI | Positive**

Mari Petroleum Company Limited (MPCL) on Thursday announced successful commissioning and performance testing of gas processing facilities in Daharki, Sindh. (The News) | [Click for more info.](#)

**PSO's inter-corporate debt soars to Rs1.024 trillion**

**PSO | Negative**

Pakistan State Oil's inter-corporate debt has increased to Rs1,024 billion with receivables at Rs762.653 billion and payables at Rs261.155 billion as of March 8. (The News) | [Click for more info.](#)

## Power

**Turkish investor to buy power firm**

**TSPL | Positive**

A Turkish investor announced on Thursday its intention to buy more than 51 per cent shares and control of Tri-Star Power Ltd, a publicly listed electricity producer. (Dawn) | [Click for more info.](#)

**Power tariff for Karachi to be raised**

**KEL | Positive**

The Ministry of Energy (Power Division) decided to jack up the power tariff by Rs 4.76 per unit for K-Electric consumers in the context of two different quarterly adjustments. The stakeholders were likely to approve the latest tariff rate from the federal cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. (Pakobserver) | [Click for more info.](#)

**Despite completion of Neelum-Jhelum project: PAC miffed at collection of Rs9bn from power consumers**

**Power | Positive**

The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) on Thursday expressed its strong annoyance over collection of Neelum Jhelum Project surcharge of Rs9 billion from the consumers despite the completion of the project. (The News) | [Click for more info.](#)

**PPIB urges SBP to resolve CPHGC's forex issues**

**HUBC | Negative**

The Private Power & Infrastructure Board (PPIB) has urged the State Bank of Pakistan (SPB) to resolve foreign exchange issues of China Power Hub Generation Company (CPHGC) to avoid embarrassing situation. (BR) | [Click for more info.](#)

**Pakistan, Iran to discuss additional 100MW electricity tariff for Gwadar**

**Power | Neutral**

Pakistan and Iran will hold parleys in next two weeks' time in Tehran to negotiate a tariff for additional 100 megawatts (MW) of electricity to be imported for Gwadar and Makran, an official said on Thursday. (The News) | [Click for more info.](#)

## Autos

**Car sales projected to drop to 4,400 units in February**

**Autos | Negative**

The automobile sales in Pakistan during February 2023 are expected to hit a 14-year low at 4,400 units - baring two months of lockdown in April and May 2020. (BR) | [Click for more info.](#)

### World Indices

	Last	Chg.	Chg. %
PAK (KSE-100)	41,585.5	226.61	0.55%
KSA - Tadawul	10,463.2	52.97	0.51%
INDONESIA - IDX	6,799.8	23.43	0.35%
CHINA - Shanghai	3,276.1	-7.16	-0.22%
Taiwan - TWII	15,770.7	-47.54	-0.30%
US - S&P 500	3,918.3	-73.69	-1.85%
PHILP - PSEi	6,609.3	-102.22	-1.52%
HK - Hang Seng	19,925.7	-125.51	-0.63%
INDIA - SENSEX	59,806.3	-541.81	-0.90%
US - Dow 30	32,254.9	-543.54	-1.66%

### Board Meetings

Scrip	Day	Agenda	Time
SILK	Friday	Multiple Period	10:00 AM
KSBP	Friday	Ann. A/c as of 31-Dec-22	12:00 PM
JSLC	Monday	Ann. A/c as of 31-Dec-22	12:00 PM
HALEON	Tuesday	Ann. A/c as of 31-Dec-22	12:30 PM
SHEL	Wednesday	Ann. A/c as of 31-Dec-22	10:00 AM
AGIC	Wednesday	Ann. A/c as of 31-Dec-22	11:30 AM

Source: PSX

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## Pakistani bikes rev up their way to Afghan market

**ATLH | Positive**

Afghan businessmen are importing Pakistan-assembled motorcycles in large numbers daily through the Chaman border amid booming demand for the two-wheelers in Afghanistan. Meanwhile, Honda CG-125 bikes are unavailable at showrooms in Karachi as the market is facing price hikes and a shortage of motorcycles across the country, including Quetta and other cities of Balochistan. (Dawn) | [Click for more info.](#)

## Miscellaneous

### Medicine supply in market to halve 'in a matter of weeks': pharma sector

**Pharma | Negative**

Pakistan Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association (PPMA) Chairman Syed Farooq Bukhari said on Thursday that the industry has stopped importing molecules – raw material for medicines that will lead to 50% drop in the supply of medicines in market “in a matter of weeks”. (BR) | [Click for more info.](#)

## Political News

### Election prep plagued by funding, personnel shortage

Informed sources told that officials of the Finance Division, in a meeting with Chief Election Commissioner (CEC), continued their mantra of paucity of funds and a financial crunch, while officials from the interior ministry also informed the ECP about a shortage of police and civil armed forces. (Dawn) | [Click for more info.](#)

## International News

### Asia Stocks Drop as US Bank Rout Damps Risk Taking: Markets Wrap

Asian shares slumped Friday following a sharp decline on Wall Street amid concern that pockets of trouble in the US banking sector could portend broader dangers. (Bloomberg) | [Click for more info.](#)

### Oil prices slip 1% to two-week low on recession worries

Oil prices slid about 1% to a two-week low on Thursday on increased worries the U.S. Federal Reserve may go too far with its interest rate hikes to control inflation, which could cause a recession and reduce future oil demand. (Reuters) | [Click for more info.](#)

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**Rating** - Expected Total Return

**Buy** - Greater than 10%

**Hold** - Neither Buy nor Sell

**Sell** - Less than and equal to -10%

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To arrive at our 12-months Price Target, ABA Ali Habib Research uses different valuation methods which include: 1). DCF methodology, 2). Relative valuation methodology, and 3). Asset-based valuation methodology. In this report, our PT is founded on FCF based DCF methodology.

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