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Economy

Additional SDRs to give 'meaningful' support: Moody's

Economy | Positive

The International Monetary Fund's additional Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) allocation would provide some meaningful support to Pakistan, says Moody's Investors Services. Moody's in its latest report stated that the IMF's SDR would provide some limited support to sovereigns facing liquidity and external risks. (BR) | [Click for more info.](#)

Report on SBP bill to be presented in NA today

Economy | Neutral

The report on 'SBP Banking Services Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2020' will be presented in National Assembly (NA) Friday (April 16), as the President has summoned NA session. Faizullah, the chairman NA standing committee on finance and revenue, will present the committee's report on the bill to further amend the SBP Banking Services Corporation Ordinance, 2001 [The SBP Banking Services Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2020]. (BR) | [Click for more info.](#)

More Than 50% Foreign Funded Projects May Lapse Funds

Economy | Negative

The National Coordination Committee on Foreign-Funded Projects (NCC-FFP) was informed on Thursday that out of 27 foreign-funded projects amounting to \$3.1 billion 14 are problematic, unsatisfactory and may lapse foreign funds. (Propakistani) | [Click for more info.](#)

Eurobond inflows push up forex reserves to \$23bn

Economy | Positive

Pakistan's total liquid foreign exchange reserves crossed \$23 billion mark with the arrival of inflows of Eurobond, the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) reported Thursday. Recently, after a gap of over three years, Pakistan entered the international capital market and sold Eurobonds amounting to \$2.5 billion to build up the foreign exchange reserves. (BR) | [Click for more info.](#)

Oil & Gas

Petroleum prices cut by up to 2.5pc

OMCs | Negative

While increasing the tax rates on certain products, the government on Thursday reduced the prices of all the petroleum products by 1.6 to 2.5pc for the next 15 days to pass on the partial impact of decline in the international prices. (Dawn) | [Click for more info.](#)

Local POL production increases 7.94% in 8 months of FY21

POL, OGDC, PPL | Positive

The overall production of petroleum commodities has witnessed an increase of 7.94 percent during the eight months of the financial year 2020-21 as compared to the corresponding period of last year. The Petroleum, Oil and Lubricants (POL) products that showed growth including kerosene oil production, which increased by 1.15 percent during the period under review, the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported. (Mettis) [Click for more info.](#)

Pakistan wants to revive E&P activities in unexplored areas

E&P | Neutral

Revival of exploration and production activities in the country is key objective of the incumbent government to tap resources in vastly unexplored areas, energy minister said on Thursday. "Onset of E&P activities would also help to expand oil and gas business, create job opportunities in the country as well as possible decrease in import bill," Minister for Energy Omar Ayub said during a meeting with heads of E&P companies. (The News) | [Click for more info.](#)

Pakistan Stock Exchange Overview

	Open	Close	Chg.	%
KSE All	30,707.8	30,683.1	-24.7	-0.1%
KSE100	45,311.2	45,230.2	-81.0	-0.2%
KSE30	18,544.4	18,509.6	-34.8	-0.2%
KMI30	74,342.9	74,230.9	-112.0	-0.2%

Top Five Gainers

	Open	Close	Chg.	%
SAPT	814.0	875.1	61.1	7.5%
NESTLE	5,810.0	5,851.5	41.5	0.7%
MEHT	410.3	440.0	29.7	7.2%
PAKT	1,513.0	1,538.0	25.0	1.7%
WYETH	975.0	999.0	24.0	2.5%

Top Five Volume Leaders

	Open	Close	Chg.	Vol.
TELE	11.5	12.4	0.9	73.58
WTL	1.5	1.6	0.1	64.88
HUMNL	6.7	6.5	-0.3	17.37
GGL	33.6	31.4	-2.3	13.08
TRG	165.4	163.8	-1.6	11.13

Portfolio Investments – Net Position

FIPI	Buy	Sell	Net
F-Individuals	0.01	-0.03	-0.02
F-Corporates	2.83	-2.27	0.57
O/S Pakistanies	5.49	-4.81	0.68
Net	8.33	-7.10	1.23
LIPI			
Individuals	85.59	-83.50	2.09
Companies	2.25	-3.08	-0.83
Comm. Banks	1.79	-0.65	1.14
NBFC	0.01	0.00	0.00
Mutual Funds	4.39	-4.22	0.17
Other	0.09	-0.07	0.02
Brokers Proprietary	13.78	-17.17	-3.39
Insurance	0.46	-0.89	-0.43
Net	108.35	-109.58	-1.23

Commodity Outlook

	Unit	Close	% chg.
Crude oil	USD/bbl.	63.46	0.5%
Brent oil	USD/bbl.	66.58	0.0%
Gold	USD/t oz.	1763.95	1.6%
Silver	USD/t oz.	25.85	1.7%
Coal	USD/ton	92.45	-1.8%
Steel Scrap (LME)	USD/ton	430.00	-1.6%
Steel Rebar (LME)	USD/ton	636.50	-0.4%
USD/PKR	Interbank	152.97	0.0%

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Power

Private sector: Govt plan for handing over Discos finalized

Power | Positive

The federal government has finalised its plan to hand over 10 power Distribution Companies (Discos) to the private sector with a view to reducing financial burden on the national exchequer, well-informed sources told. (BR) | [Click for more info.](#)

CCoE extends flat tariff for industrial consumers till June 2022

Power, Economy | Positive

The Cabinet Committee on Energy (CCoE) on Thursday extended the flat electricity tariff to industrial consumers without the application of expensive peak-charges despite concerns of the Power Division. Also it could not resolve a dispute between the power regulator and the Power Division over the future of about 100 Alternative and Renewable Energy (ARE) projects. (Dawn) | [Click for more info.](#)

Karrot Hydropower Project to be completed by April 2022

Power | Neutral

Pakistani Ambassador to China Moin ul Haque has expressed the confidence that Karrot Hydropower Project would be completed by China Three Gorges Corporation (CTGC) by April 2022, Gwadar Pro reported on Thursday. During his visit to the Three Gorges Dam, the world's largest hydroelectric dam in Yichang, the ambassador had a meeting with Zhang Dingming, Executive Vice President of China Three Gorges Corporation (CTGC). (Pakobserver) | [Click for more info.](#)

Autos

LHC Sends Notice to Govt on Exorbitant Car Prices

Autos | Neutral

The Lahore High Court (LHC) has reportedly sprung into action after receiving a written petition against exorbitant car prices and has issued notices to the federal government and other relevant departments seeking a response on the matter. (Propakistani) | [Click for more info.](#)

Miscellaneous

PM Imran to announce mega development package of Rs446b for Sindh

Cement, Steel | Positive

Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Fawad Chaudhry has said that Prime Minister Imran Khan will announce a mega development package of Rs446 billion for Sindh in Sukkur tomorrow (Friday). In a tweet on Thursday, Fawad said that the amount would be in addition to Rs1,100 billion of the Karachi package. (ET) | [Click for more info.](#)

FBR assures documented steel sector of maximum relief

ASL, MUGHAL, INIL | Positive

The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has assured the documented steel sector of fixation of minimum value of steel products, strict enforcement measures in tribal areas, and software link with the distribution companies for updation of electricity consumption in sales tax returns. (BR) | [Click for more info.](#)

Personal income tax; FBR trying to reduce number of slabs to 5

Economy | Neutral

The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) is working on different options to bring down the number of personal income tax slabs from 11 to five in line with the best international practices during the upcoming budget 2021-22. (BR) | [Click for more info.](#)

World Indices

	Last	Chg.	Chg. %
US - Dow 30	34,036.0	305.10	0.90%
INDIA - SENSEX	48,803.7	259.62	0.53%
Taiwan - TWII	17,076.7	210.76	1.25%
KSA - Tadawul	9,987.9	140.30	1.42%
US - S&P 500	4,170.4	45.76	1.11%
INDONESIA - IDX	6,079.5	29.22	0.48%
PHILIP - PSEi	6,540.0	16.75	0.26%
CHINA - Shanghai	3,399.0	-17.73	-0.52%
PAK (KSE-100)	45,230.2	-81.04	-0.18%
HK - Hang Seng	28,793.1	-107.69	-0.37%

Board Meetings

Script	Day	Agenda	Time
MCBAH	Friday	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	11:00 AM
NEXT	Friday	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	11:30 AM
EPCL	Friday	1Q A/c 31-Mar-21	2:30 PM
PSX	Friday	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	2:30 PM
MARI	Monday	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	10:00 AM
DINT	Monday	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	12:00 PM
EFERT	Monday	1Q A/c 31-Mar-21	12:30 PM
AHL	Monday	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	2:30 PM
ORIXM	Monday	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	3:00 PM
CYAN	Monday	1Q A/c 31-Mar-21	3:30 PM
RMPL	Monday	1Q A/c 31-Mar-21	8:00 PM
ASTL	Tuesday	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	10:00 AM
BNWM	Tuesday	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	10:00 AM
FCEPL	Tuesday	1Q A/c 31-Mar-21	10:30 AM
ISL	Tuesday	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	10:30 AM
ASL	Tuesday	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	11:00 AM
MCB	Tuesday	1Q A/c 31-Mar-21	11:00 AM
SCL	Tuesday	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	11:00 AM
TRIPF	Tuesday	1Q A/c 31-Mar-21	11:00 AM
HBL	Tuesday	1Q A/c 31-Mar-21	12:00 PM
MEBL	Tuesday	1Q A/c 31-Mar-21	12:30 PM
OLPL	Tuesday	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	1:30 PM
GATI	Tuesday	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	2:30 PM
MLCF	Tuesday	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	3:30 PM
POWER	Tuesday	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	4:00 PM
AVN	Tuesday	ANN A/c 31-Mar-21	7:30 PM
BIPLS	Wednesday	1Q A/c 31-Mar-21	11:00 AM
ENGRO	Wednesday	1Q A/c 31-Mar-21	11:00 AM
NPL	Wednesday	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	11:00 AM
TRSM	Wednesday	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	11:30 AM
UBDL	Wednesday	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	11:30 AM
SHEL	Wednesday	1Q A/c 31-Mar-21	12:00 PM
DOL	Wednesday	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	2:30 PM
UBL	Wednesday	1Q A/c 31-Mar-21	3:00 PM

Source: PSX



CNIC/NTN requirement; Distributors, wholesalers face problem

Economy | **Negative**

Distributors and whole-sellers are facing problems in implementation of CNIC/NTN requirement by the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) as the size of transactions of 75% to 80% of unregistered distributors and whole-sellers are less than Rs 100,000. (BR) | [Click for more info.](#)

Political News

UAE is mediating between India and Pakistan, says senior diplomat

The United Arab Emirates' envoy to Washington confirmed the Gulf state is mediating between India and Pakistan to help the nuclear-armed rivals reach a "healthy and functional" relationship. Top intelligence officers from India and Pakistan held secret talks in Dubai in January in a new effort to calm military tension over the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir, people with knowledge of the matter had told. (Reuters) | [Click for more info.](#)

Gen Qamar welcomes US troops withdrawal from Afghanistan

Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Qamar Javed Bajwa has welcomed US President Joe Biden's announcement of troop withdrawal from Afghanistan by September this year. The statement comes after Angela Ageler, US Charge d' Affairs to Pakistan, called on General Qamar, a statement issued by the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said on Thursday. (ET) | [Click for more info.](#)

International News

Asia shares look to China data as global economic recovery hopes underpin world shares

Asian shares were little changed on Friday ahead of a raft of Chinese economic data, while world stocks on the whole flew at a record level, fuelled by strong U.S. economic data that may herald a solid recovery ahead. (Reuters) | [Click for more info.](#)

Oil edges up to fresh 4-week highs as demand outlook improves

Oil prices edged up to fresh four-week highs on Thursday on positive U.S. economic data and higher demand forecasts from the International Energy Agency (IEA) and OPEC as countries start to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. (Reuters) | [Click for more info.](#)



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Sell - Less than and equal to -10%

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