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## Economy

### Talks with IMF for programme revival from 18<sup>th</sup>

#### Economy | Positive

Informed sources said Mr Miftah and Secretary Shaikh are now scheduled to open formal dialogue with IMF mission chief Porter in Washington on Monday (April 18) on how to revive the programme and agree on further steps that could be made part of the upcoming federal budget 2022-23 in June. (Dawn) | [Click for more info.](#)

### IMF's 7th review of EFF on hold: ADB's aide-memoire

#### Economy | Neutral

Concerned over former Prime Minister Imran Khan's 'Relief Package', the International Monetary Fund (IMF) indicated prior to the smooth transition to the new government earlier this month that it has no plans to extend Extended Fund Facility (EFF) completion scheduled on September 30, 2022. The ADB Mission, in its Aide Memoir, stated that IMF's 7th review of EFF is currently on hold amidst ongoing political events. (BR) | [Click for more info.](#)

### SBP unveils MPC meetings' schedule for CY22

#### Economy | Neutral

According to the SBP, in the light of the emergency Monetary Policy (MPC) meeting held on April 7, 2022, the next regular meeting of the MPC is now scheduled for May 23, 2022. (BR) | [Click for more info.](#)

### Govt likely to present next fiscal year's budget in May

#### Economy | Neutral

Sources said that the economic team of Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif will present the fiscal year budget 2022-23 in the last week of May. (PT) | [Click for more info.](#)

### Exchange rate still in grip of uncertainty

#### Economy | Neutral

Currency experts and dealers say the exchange rate is still under a strong grip of political and economic uncertainty, even after one of the quickest recoveries in the past week. (Dawn) | [Click for more info.](#)

### Big industries output rise 8.6%

#### Economy | Positive

The growth momentum in big industries remained robust in February 2022 – the second last month of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) government – as industries recorded 8.6% growth despite headwinds that could slow the pace in the remaining period of current fiscal year. (ET) | [Click for more info.](#)

### Govt to raise Rs5.30tn in Q4 via treasury auctions

#### Economy | Negative

The government aims to raise Rs5.30 trillion through auction of Market Treasury Bills (MTBs), Pakistan Investment Bonds (PIBs), and Sukuk in April-June 2022 to meet its financing needs, State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) said on Friday. (The News) | [Click for more info.](#)

### Jul-Mar imports soar 49.10pc to \$58.877bn YoY

#### Economy | Negative

The country's imports during July-March 2021-22 totalled \$58.877 billion (provisional) as against \$39.489 billion during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 49.10 percent. The imports in March 2022 were \$6.425 billion (provisional) as compared to \$5.853 billion in February 2022 showing an increase of 9.77 percent and increased by 14.10 percent as compared to \$5.631 billion in March 2021. (BR) | [Click for more info.](#)

### Pakistan Stock Exchange Overview

	Open	Close	Chg.	%
KSE All	31,473.6	31,575.8	102.2	0.3%
KSE100	46,484.4	46,601.5	117.1	0.3%
KSE30	17,899.6	17,906.2	6.6	0.0%
KMI30	75,939.4	76,038.8	99.5	0.1%

### Top Five Gainers

	Open	Close	Chg.	%
SAPT	1,002.5	1,073.7	71.2	7.1%
SFL	894.0	959.8	65.8	7.4%
GATI	464.9	495.0	30.1	6.5%
NESTLE	5,550.0	5,580.0	30.0	0.5%
MARI	1,731.7	1,747.2	15.5	0.9%

### Top Five Volume Leaders

	Open	Close	Chg.	Vol.
CENERGY	6.8	6.7	0.0	71.32
WTL	1.9	1.9	0.0	31.66
GGL	21.4	21.8	0.4	24.97
PRL	16.5	16.0	-0.5	17.71
MLCF	38.4	37.6	-0.8	10.81

### Portfolio Investments – Net Position

FIPI	Buy	Sell	Net
F-Individuals	5.99	-9.94	-3.95
F-Corporates	101.04	-97.09	3.95
O/S Pakistanies	3.89	-3.60	0.29
<b>Net</b>	<b>4.42</b>	<b>-3.99</b>	<b>0.42</b>
<b>LIPI</b>			
Individuals	48.48	-49.23	-0.75
Companies	2.90	-2.07	0.83
Comm. Banks	1.17	-0.63	0.54
NBFC	0.06	-0.03	0.03
Mutual Funds	2.59	-2.90	-0.31
Other	0.13	-0.15	-0.02
Brokers Proprietary	9.51	-9.90	-0.40
Insurance	0.37	-0.71	-0.35
<b>Net</b>	<b>65.20</b>	<b>-65.62</b>	<b>-0.42</b>

### Commodity Outlook

	Unit	Close	% chg.
Crude oil	USD/bbl.	106.95	0.4%
Brent oil	USD/bbl.	111.70	2.7%
Gold	USD/t oz.	1978.24	0.2%
Silver	USD/t oz.	25.55	-0.4%
Coal	USD/ton	307.35	-0.6%
Steel Scrap (LME)	USD/ton	635.00	-0.2%
Steel Rebar (LME)	USD/ton	942.50	0.5%
USD/PKR	Interbank	181.55	0.0%

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## CAD Likely To Hit \$20b Mark In FY22

### Economy | **Negative**

The country's current account deficit is expected to cross \$20 billion mark by end of current fiscal year as against the daims of only \$1 billion made by the PTI leaders. According to sources from the cabinet in waiting, the actual figure of the CAD in 2018 was \$19 billion. (The Nation) | [Click for more info.](#)

## Oil & Gas

### Rs11.73 billion for oil subsidy payment approved

#### OMCs | **Positive**

An amount of Rs11.73 billion has been authorized for dearing oil marketing companies (OMCs) and refineries' price differential daims (PDCs) for March 2022 against selling fuels at rates capped the ousted PTI-led regime had capped for until budget. (The News) | [Click for more info.](#)

### Refineries throughput increases 6.34% in February: OCAC

#### Refineries | **Positive**

Refineries throughout witnessed an increase of 6.34 percent during the month of February 2022 as compared to the corresponding month of last year (February 2021), OCAC reported. The petroleum products that contributed in positive growth in production included jet fuel, the output of which increased by 27.29 percent. (Augaf) | [Click for more info.](#)

### Govt. likely to reverse decision on POL prices

#### Oil | **Neutral**

The government is likely to reverse its decision of keeping the petroleum products' prices unchanged. It thinks subsidising the masses with this huge multi-billion rupee package for cheap products is not a viable option, and also the International Monetary Fund (IMF), which is continuing its programme with Islamabad, is unhappy with this decision, well-placed official sources told. (The News) | [Click for more info.](#)

### Oil imports hit record high at \$14.81bn in 9MFY22

#### Oil | **Negative**

The import bill of oil was recorded at \$1.86 billion during March 2022, depicting an upsurge of 68.19% YoY and 48.83% MoM, touching a historic high of \$14.81bn, up by 96% YoY during the July-March FY22 amid 73% YoY jump in Arab light prices along with 14% YoY volumetric growth, data released by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) showed. (Mettis) | [Click for more info.](#)

### Banks shy of expending trade credit for oil imports

#### Oil | **Negative**

Despite a recent assurance by the central bank, most commercial banks reluctant to expend trade credit for oil sector entities, facing the worst cash squeeze amid high global petroleum prices. (The News) | [Click for more info.](#)

### People suffer as gas crisis persists

#### Gas | **Negative**

Industries and households have continued to face gas outages for more than five months, though the peak crisis time (winter season) has passed. (ET) | [Click for more info.](#)

## Power

### February: Discos' tariffs hiked by Rs4.85 per unit

#### KEL | **Positive, Power** | **Negative**

The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has increased power Distribution Companies (Discos) tariff by Rs 4.85 per unit for February 2022 under monthly Fuel Charges Adjustment (FCA) mechanism. (BR) | [Click for more info.](#)

### World Indices

	Last	Chg.	Chg. %
HK - Hang Seng	21,518.1	143.71	0.67%
PAK (KSE-100)	46,601.5	117.11	0.25%
PHILP - PSEi	6,984.9	89.54	1.30%
KSA - Tadawul	13,621.1	80.81	0.60%
CHINA - Shanghai	3,211.3	-14.39	-0.45%
INDONESIA - IDX	7,235.5	-27.25	-0.38%
US - S&P 500	4,392.6	-54.00	-1.21%
US - Dow 30	34,451.2	-113.36	-0.33%
INDIA - SENSEX	58,338.9	-237.44	-0.41%
Taiwan - TWII	17,004.2	-241.47	-1.40%

### Board Meetings

Scrip	Day	Agenda	Time
EPQL	Monday	1QA/c - 31Dec21	10:00 AM
HINOON	Monday	1QA/c - 31Dec21	10:00 AM
BWHL	Monday	3QA/c - 31Dec21	11:00 AM
HRPL	Monday	3QA/c - 31Dec21	11:00 AM
EPCL	Monday	1QA/c - 31Dec21	2:00 PM
BNWM	Tuesday	3QA/c - 31Dec21	10:00 AM
EFERT	Tuesday	1QA/c - 31Dec21	10:30 AM
FANM	Tuesday	3QA/c - 31Dec21	11:00 AM
BAHL	Tuesday	1QA/c - 31Dec21	12:00 PM
PICT	Tuesday	1QA/c - 31Dec21	1:00 PM
CPHL	Tuesday	3QA/c - 31Dec21	2:30 PM
IBLHL	Tuesday	3QA/c - 31Dec21	2:30 PM
MLCF	Tuesday	3QA/c - 31Dec21	3:30 PM
RMPL	Tuesday	1QA/c - 31Dec21	8:00 PM
AKBL	Wednesday	1QA/c - 31Dec21	10:00 AM
HBL	Wednesday	1QA/c - 31Dec21	10:00 AM
UBL	Wednesday	1QA/c - 31Dec21	10:00 AM
DINT	Wednesday	3QA/c - 31Dec21	10:30 AM
ABL	Wednesday	1QA/c - 31Dec21	11:00 AM
FCEPL	Wednesday	1QA/c - 31Dec21	11:00 AM
HMB	Wednesday	1QA/c - 31Dec21	11:00 AM
MCBAH	Wednesday	3QA/c - 31Dec21	11:00 AM
NRSL	Wednesday	3QA/c - 31Dec21	11:30 AM
AATM	Wednesday	3QA/c - 31Dec21	12:00 PM
SHEL	Wednesday	1QA/c - 31Dec21	12:00 PM
DOL	Wednesday	3QA/c - 31Dec21	2:30 PM
KTML	Wednesday	3QA/c - 31Dec21	3:30 PM

Source: PSX

## Power plants hold CPPA responsible for closure

Power | **Negative**

National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) summoned heads of 27 closed power plants on Friday, where the power firms said Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA) hadn't issued funds on time, causing fuel shortage and no money for repairing the plants. (The News) | [Click for more info.](#)

## CPEC IPPs: MoF refuses to support Rs50bn supplementary grant

IPPs | **Negative**

Ministry of Finance (MoF) has refused to support supplementary grant of another Rs50 billion for the power projects established under China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), well informed sources told. (BR) | [Click for more info.](#)

## Sugar

Govt bans sugar export

Sugar | **Negative**

According to details, the decision was made in the session chaired by Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif. The government claims that the export ban would lessen the prices and provide relief to the people. (BR) | [Click for more info.](#)

## Miscellaneous

Textile exports jump over 25pc to \$14.3bn

Textile | **Positive**

Textile and clothing exports grew 25.43 per cent year-on-year to \$14.24 billion in the first nine months of this fiscal year, mainly on the back of a massive depreciation in the rupee's value and a steady rise in global demand. (Dawn) | [Click for more info.](#)

Finnish fund to buy 15pc shares in TPL Insurance for \$3m

TPL | **Positive**

A Finnish fund is going to buy a 14.97 per cent stake in TPL Insurance Ltd, a subsidiary of TPL Corporation Ltd, for \$3 million. TPL Insurance Ltd CEO Muhammad Aminuddin said Finnish Fund for Industrial Cooperation Ltd (Finnfund), a private firm incorporated in Finland, will invest roughly Rs540m in the Pakistani insurer in a special rights transaction. (Dawn) | [Click for more info.](#)

Growth in digital payments continues in 2Q of FY22

Banks | **Positive**

Pakistan's payment ecosystem continued to show growth in all the major areas particularly in adoption of digital banking during the second quarter of this fiscal year (FY22) supported by concerted efforts by the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP). (BR) | [Click for more info.](#)

## Political News

Imran seeks early polls at Karachi power show

Defying the military establishment's attempt to clear the air about his allegation of a foreign-sponsored conspiracy that led to his ouster, former prime minister Imran Khan on Saturday reiterated his stance about the involvement of the United States, demanded immediate elections in the country and vowed to continue his "street struggle". (Dawn) | [Click for more info.](#)

Around 69% want early elections: Gallup Pakistan

A recent Gallup Pakistan Survey has found that about 69% of Pakistanis feel that the elections in the country should be held as soon as possible. (APP) | [Click for more info.](#)

## PPP may not accept ministries in new cabinet

PPP Chairperson Asif Ali Zardari on Saturday said he did not think his party would accept any ministries in Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's cabinet, which is yet to be formed since the new premier was sworn in on April 11. (ET) | [Click for more info.](#)

## Taliban govt issues 'warning'

The Afghan Taliban interim government on Saturday warned Pakistan of "bad consequences" in case of any future airstrike inside Afghanistan. Zabihullah Mujahid issued this 'warning' in a statement over the Twitter following Kabul summoned Pakistan's Ambassador Mansoor Ahmad Khan on Saturday to lodge its protest with Pakistan over the alleged airstrikes in Khost and Kunar provinces of Afghanistan. (BR) | [Click for more info.](#)

## International News

### Stocks, Futures Fall on Inflation Fears; Oil Rises: Markets Wrap

Stocks and U.S. equity futures fell Monday, while Treasury yields rose, as a jump in energy costs again highlighted the inflation concerns that are weighing on the global economy. (Bloomberg) | [Click for more info.](#)

### Oil Jumps as Week Opens on Libyan Disruption, Russian Warning

Oil dimbed as supplies from Libya were interrupted and Russia warned of the potential for record prices if more nations ban its energy. (Bloomberg) | [Click for more info.](#)

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**Hold** - Neither Buy nor Sell

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

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