

April 1,
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Economy

Foreign investors return to PIBs with \$240m

Economy | Positive

Pakistan Investment Bonds (PIBs) attracted highest foreign investment of over \$100 million in March alone, reflecting rising attraction for foreign investors keen to profit from returns up to 10 per cent. The latest data issued by the State Bank of Pakistan on Wednesday showed that the foreign investors invested \$240.69m in the PIBs during July-March FY21. (Dawn) | [Click for more info.](#)

Rupee upsurge against dollar continues

Economy | Positive

The upsurge of the rupee against the US dollar continued on Wednesday with the local currency gaining 49 paise compared to the previous close on the back of \$499 million inflows from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and a Eurobond issue of \$2.5 billion. (Dawn) | [Click for more info.](#)

July-March (2020-21): Over Rs100bn increase in collection target

Economy | Positive

The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has provisionally collected net revenue of Rs3,394 billion during July-March (2020-21) against the assigned target of Rs3,287 billion, reflecting an increase of over Rs100 billion. (BR) | [Click for more info.](#)

Moody's says B3 rating underpinned by country's robust growth potential

Economy | Natural

Moody's Investors Service (Moody's) has assigned a foreign currency senior unsecured programme rating of (P)B3 to the government of Pakistan's global medium-term note programme, as well as B3 ratings to the senior unsecured, US dollar denominated notes issued under the programme with maturities of 5-, 10- and 30-year. (BR) | [Click for more info.](#)

WB report highlights risks posed by Covid to Pakistan's economy

Economy | Natural

A new World Bank report released on Wednesday termed new waves of infection, emergence of vaccine-resistant strains coupled with setbacks in mass vaccinations as major risks to the economic outlook of Pakistan. Output growth is expected to recover gradually over the medium-term, averaging 2.2 per cent over fiscal years 2021-2023, mostly due to contributions from private consumption, the report said. (Dawn) | [Click for more info.](#)

Govt to conduct forensic audit of loss making SOEs

Economy | Natural

The government has decided to conduct a forensic audit of loss-making State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) for the last ten years, setting a deadline of June 30 for the task. According to sources, enterprises that will undergo a forensic audit include the Pakistan Railways (PR), Pakistan International Airlines (PIA), Sui Southern, Peshawar Electric Supply Company (PESCO) and Northern Power Generation Company, Pakistan Post, and electricity supply companies (DISCOs) of Quetta, Hyderabad, Lahore and Sukkur as 33 out of a total of 85 SOEs were contributing to major losses. (PT) | [Click for more info.](#)

PM rules out general lockdown

Economy | Natural

Prime Minister Imran Khan on Wednesday ruled out a general lockdown while acknowledging the country was going through a third wave of the pandemic. Prime Minister Imran Khan on Wednesday ruled out a general lockdown while acknowledging the country was going through a third wave of the pandemic. (BR) | [Click for more info.](#)

Pakistan Stock Exchange Overview

	Open	Close	Chg.	%
KSE All	30,392.4	30,498.2	105.8	0.3%
KSE100	44,491.0	44,587.9	96.8	0.2%
KSE30	18,258.2	18,268.6	10.4	0.1%
KMI30	72,633.6	73,040.0	406.4	0.6%

Top Five Gainers

	Open	Close	Chg.	%
SRVI	1,042.5	1,120.7	78.2	7.5%
PMPK	967.5	1,038.0	70.5	7.3%
BATA	1,960.0	1,984.0	24.0	1.2%
MUREB	567.4	587.8	20.5	3.6%
SITC	375.0	395.0	20.0	5.3%

Top Five Volume Leaders

	Open	Close	Chg.	Vol.
BYCO	10.6	10.5	-0.2	74.03
TRG	155.0	150.2	-4.8	39.17
PRL	26.4	26.1	-0.4	31.20
UNITY	29.8	29.7	-0.1	24.80
GGL	22.0	23.6	1.6	16.14

Portfolio Investments – Net Position

FIPI	Buy	Sell	Net
F-Individuals	0.04	-0.14	-0.10
F-Corporates	2.25	-6.47	-4.22
O/S Pakistanies	14.46	-12.94	1.52
Net	16.75	-19.55	-2.80
LIPI			
Individuals	189.63	-182.22	7.41
Companies	3.97	-4.92	-0.95
Comm. Banks	5.06	-5.29	-0.23
NBFC	0.11	-0.06	0.05
Mutual Funds	5.18	-8.91	-3.73
Other	0.61	-0.63	-0.03
Brokers Proprietary	38.53	-40.32	-1.80
Insurance	4.31	-2.23	2.08
Net	247.39	-244.58	2.80

Commodity Outlook

	Unit	Close	% chg.
Crude oil	USD/bbl.	59.16	-2.3%
Brent oil	USD/bbl.	64.14	0.0%
Gold	USD/t oz.	1707.71	1.3%
Silver	USD/t oz.	24.42	1.6%
Coal	USD/ton	97.00	2.4%
Steel Scrap (LME)	USD/ton	436.33	0.9%
Steel Rebar (LME)	USD/ton	628.22	-0.6%
USD/PKR	Interbank	152.79	-0.3%

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Oil & Gas

Govt cuts petrol price by Rs1.55 per litre

Oil | Positive

The government on Wednesday slashed prices of petroleum products by up to Rs3 per litre effective from April 1, 2021. It reduced the price of high-speed diesel (HSD) by Rs3 per litre, petrol by Rs1.55 per litre, kerosene oil by Rs1.55 per litre and light diesel oil (LDO) by Rs1.56 per litre. The government had increased prices of petroleum products over the past several months. Now, the prices have been reduced for the fortnight from April 1 to 15, 2021. (ET) | [Click for more info.](#)

Ogra slashes price of LPG cylinders

Gas | Positive

In a monthly price review, the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) has slashed the prices of domestic and commercial LPG cylinders with effect from Thursday (April 1). The regulatory body announced to reduce the price of domestic cylinder by Rs166 and rates of commercial LPG cylinder also came down by Rs640. The prices were reduced following reduction in the production cost also reduced by Rs12,048 metric ton. (BR) | [Click for more info.](#)

Eight LNG cargoes: Pakistan gets bids from \$6.70 to \$6.925 per MMBTU

Gas | Natural

Pakistan LNG Limited (PLL) attracted tremendous participation of LNG suppliers and trading companies for the latest spot tender floated on March 22, 2021, seeking 8 cargoes for April-May-June period. Pakistan got the bids from 12 LNG trading companies out of which ENI, Qatar Petroleum Trading, PetroChina and Vitol came up with the lowest prices in the range of \$6.70-\$6.925 per MMBTU. (The News) | [Click for more info.](#)

Power

Fresh PAI submitted on behalf of Shanghai Electric

KEL | Natural

Arif Habib Limited, on behalf of Shanghai Electric Power Company Limited, has submitted a fresh Public Announcement of Intention (PAI) to directly or indirectly acquire up to 66.40 percent ordinary shares of K-Electric Limited by Shanghai Electric Power Company Limited, subject to receipt of requisite regulatory and other approvals. (BR) | [Click for more info.](#)

Miscellaneous

Resumption of trade: Sugar, cotton, yarn to be imported from India

Sugar, Textile | Positive

Federal Minister for Finance Hammad Azhar announced the resumption of trade through the Wagah border with India on Wednesday, saying that the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet allowed import of cotton, yarn, and 500,000 metric tons sugar from India, keeping in view the best interest of the country. The minister said that the prices of sugar would come down by 15 to 20 percent as the sweetener was 20 percent cheaper in neighbouring India. (The News) | [Click for more info.](#)

Germany offers €7,500,000 for textiles industry

Textile | Positive

The Federal Republic of Germany has provided up-to € 7,500,000 as contribution for the improvement of labor, social and environmental standards in textiles industry of Pakistan for the period of three years. (BR) | [Click for more info.](#)

World Indices

	Last	Chg.	Chg. %
KSA - Tadawul	9,907.8	272.48	2.83%
PAK (KSE-100)	44,587.9	96.82	0.22%
US - S&P 500	3,972.9	14.34	0.36%
CHINA - Shanghai	3,441.9	-14.77	-0.43%
US - Dow 30	32,981.6	-85.41	-0.26%
INDONESIA - IDX	5,985.5	-85.92	-1.42%
PHILP - PSEi	6,443.1	-102.46	-1.57%
Taiwan - TWII	16,431.1	-123.77	-0.75%
HK - Hang Seng	28,378.4	-199.15	-0.70%
INDIA - SENSEX	49,509.2	-627.43	-1.25%

Board Meetings

Scrip	Day	Agenda	Time
UVIC	Friday	ANN A/c 31-Dec-20	11:30 AM
PAEL	Monday	ANN A/c 31-Dec-20	11:30 AM
EWIC	Monday	ANN A/c 31-Dec-20	2:00 PM
SHNI	Tuesday	ANN A/c 31-Dec-20	10:00 AM
PIAA	Tuesday	ANN A/c 31-Dec-20	11:30 AM
PAKRI	Tuesday	ANN A/c 31-Dec-20	2:00 PM

Source: PSX



Avanceon secures high-value contract to optimize Critical Systems to boost productivity

AVN | **Positive**

Avanceon Limited has secured a high-value contract to deploy a state-of-the-art up-gradation solution for one of the largest FMCG companies in the world. The up-gradation solution will include the deployment of a new SCADA & HMI system integrated with existing systems to increase productivity, reduce downtime, and achieve better process optimization on the plant floor. (Mettis) | [Click for more info.](#)

FBR awaits order for Rs1.6bln recovery from tobacco company

PMPK | **Negative**

The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) is waiting for a judgment of the appellate tribunal for the tax recovery of around Rs1.6 billion from a tobacco company, sources in the Large Taxpayers Office Karachi said on Wednesday. For the last two years, a case of alleged evasion of sales tax and federal excise duty amounting Rs2 billion has been lying pending at the tribunal against Philip Morris (Pakistan) Limited. (The News) | [Click for more info.](#)

SRO issued to amend rules; SRO issued to amend rules

Economy | **Natural**

The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) will not initiate proceedings against legally valid declarations under the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1947, Protection of Economic Reforms Act, 1992 and the Anti-Money Laundering Act, 2010 (section XII-A of the Schedule) with respect to assets, income or expenditure declared under the Voluntary Declaration of Domestic Assets, 2018, and Foreign Assets (Declaration and Repatriation) Act, 2018. (BR) | [Click for more info.](#)

Political News

Ex-PPP minister to head economic advisory board

The government has decided to seek services of former finance minister Shaukat Tarin following recent removal of Finance Minister Dr Hafeez Shaikh in an unexpected shakeup in the federal cabinet. (Dawn) | [Click for more info.](#)

UK court permits Broadsheet to serve freezing orders on NAB inside Pakistan

The UK High Court of Justice has permitted Broadsheet LLC to serve freezing orders inside Pakistan on National Accountability Bureau (NAB) headquarters and Attorney General of Pakistan's office in the Islamabad after bureau's London lawyers failed to respond to court orders over several weeks. (The News) | [Click for more info.](#)

International News

Asian shares set to edge up, after Wall Street tech rally

Asian stocks were set to edge higher early on Thursday after big tech rallied on Wall Street and as President Joe Biden announced a multi-trillion-dollar infrastructure investment plan. (Reuters) | [Click for more info.](#)

Oil gains ahead of OPEC+ meeting on output policy

Crude prices rose on Thursday, recouping some of the previous session's losses on expectations that a meeting of OPEC and its allies later on Thursday would yield output constraint in the face of resurgent COVID-19 infections in some regions. (Reuters) | [Click for more info.](#)



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Hold - Neither Buy nor Sell

Sell - Less than and equal to -10%

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