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Economy

PM convenes NCOC meeting today

Economy | Neutral

Prime Minister Imran Khan has convened a meeting of the National Coordination Committee on Coronavirus Friday (today) after a meeting with Minister for Planning and Development Reforms Asad Umar and Dr Faisal Sultan, his special assistant on health. (BR) | [Click for more info.](#)

PM asks EAC to propose relief measures

Economy | Neutral

With concern from members on high inflation, unemployment and low growth, Prime Minister Imran Khan on Thursday asked the newly created Economic Advisory Council (EAC) to propose measures for relief to the people rather than imposition of more taxes. (Dawn) | [Click for more info.](#)

SBP's reserves down by \$63m

Economy | Neutral

The State Bank of Pakistan's foreign exchange reserves decreased by \$ 63 million during last week due to external debt repayment. According to weekly report issued Thursday, during the week ended April 16, 2021, SBP's foreign exchange reserves declined to \$16.044 billion compared to \$16.107 billion a week earlier. (BR) | [Click for more info.](#)

Government borrows Rs1.8trn from banks in July-April

Economy | Neutral

The government borrowing from the banking sector rose 1.78 percent in more than nine months of this fiscal year mainly due to the financing of the budget deficit. The government borrowed Rs1.821 trillion from commercial banks during July to April 9 of FY2021, compared with Rs1.789 trillion in the corresponding period of last fiscal year, according to latest figures on monetary aggregates from the State Bank of Pakistan. (The News) | [Click for more info.](#)

Oil & Gas

SOEs' contributions to exchequer shared with Hammad

Oil | Neutral

The annual profit earning before tax of State-owned Entities (SOEs) under the administrative control of the Petroleum Division is Rs178 billion and these companies contribute with taxes amounting to Rs864 billion per annum to the exchequer. Total spending on CSR activities by petroleum companies stands around Rs3.2 billion annually. (BR) | [Click for more info.](#)

Power

New national electricity plan 2021 approved

Power | Neutral

The government on Thursday approved a new national electricity plan 2021 and Indicative generation capacity expansion plan (IGCEP) for the next 10 years after abandoning its earlier plan for the next 27 years. (The News) | [Click for more info.](#)

KE, public sector entities; Arbitration agreement sent to ECC

KEL | Neutral

Privatization Commission (PC) has reportedly sent the much-deliberated draft Arbitration Agreement (AA) between Karachi Electric (KE) and public sector entities to the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) for approval, after Power Division raised questions on the principle of "fairness and equity" supported by Petroleum Division. (BR) | [Click for more info.](#)

Pakistan Stock Exchange Overview

	Open	Close	Chg.	%
KSE All	30,720.2	30,468.6	-251.6	-0.8%
KSE100	45,306.5	44,929.6	-376.9	-0.8%
KSE30	18,503.5	18,375.2	-128.3	-0.7%
KMI30	73,911.8	72,979.7	-932.1	-1.3%

Top Five Gainers

	Open	Close	Chg.	%
SAPT	914.8	970.0	55.2	6.0%
AKDCL	451.5	480.8	29.3	6.5%
IDYM	289.5	311.2	21.7	7.5%
AABS	372.0	386.5	14.5	3.9%
AGTL	353.0	363.3	10.3	2.9%

Top Five Volume Leaders

	Open	Close	Chg.	Vol.
GGL	31.1	33.4	2.3	36.38
TRG	173.2	171.6	-1.6	30.21
WTL	1.6	1.5	-0.1	26.90
UNITY	32.4	31.4	-1.1	19.62
TELE	13.9	14.9	1.0	11.77

Portfolio Investments – Net Position

FIPI	Buy	Sell	Net
F-Individuals	0.01	0.00	0.01
F-Corporates	2.74	-1.78	0.96
O/S Pakistanies	5.72	-7.22	-1.51
Net	8.46	-9.00	-0.54
LIPI			
Individuals	113.74	-107.18	6.56
Companies	3.09	-8.23	-5.14
Comm. Banks	2.69	-1.26	1.43
NBFC	0.02	-0.02	0.00
Mutual Funds	3.72	-6.92	-3.20
Other	0.40	-0.50	-0.10
Brokers Proprietary	28.11	-28.11	0.01
Insurance	1.64	-0.65	0.99
Net	153.40	-152.86	0.54

Commodity Outlook

	Unit	Close	% chg.
Crude oil	USD/bbl.	61.43	0.1%
Brent oil	USD/bbl.	65.40	0.1%
Gold	USD/t oz.	1783.94	-0.5%
Silver	USD/t oz.	26.15	-1.5%
Coal	USD/ton	93.10	-0.5%
Steel Scrap (LME)	USD/ton	427.50	-0.7%
Steel Rebar (LME)	USD/ton	638.00	0.1%
USD/PKR	Interbank	153.55	0.1%

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Govt starts process of raising power tariff to generate Rs1tr revenue

Discos | Positive

The government has started the process of increasing electricity tariffs to generate more than Rs1 trillion additional revenue for distribution companies of ex-Wapda to meet their revenue requirements for the fiscal year 2020-21. The increases are being sought on account of annual adjustments, indexations of distribution margins for FY2020-21 and some prior-year adjustments in line with agreements reached with international lending agencies. (Dawn) | [Click for more info.](#)

Banks

PSX takes HBL on board as market maker for debt securities

HBL | Positive

An agreement was signed between Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) and Habib Bank Limited (HBL) on Thursday at the PSX trading hall whereby HBL becomes market maker for debt instruments listed on PSX. (BR) | [Click for more info.](#)

Easy loans to fishermen; Four private banks sign MoU with Maritime Ministry

HBL, BAFL, BOP, NBP | Positive

Under the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), four private banks will provide easy loans to the fishermen to enable them purchase the latest equipment like boats, onshore freezers and others for value addition in their business, besides achieving self-dependence. The representatives of National Bank of Pakistan, Bank of Punjab, Bank Al-Falah and Habib Bank, and the Maritime Affairs Ministry signed the documents. (BR) | [Click for more info.](#)

Miscellaneous

Ashmore Funds to Sell Pakistan Coca-Cola Can Maker Stake Via IPO

Capital Market | Positive

A group of funds managed by Ashmore Investment Management Ltd. are planning to sell part of their stake in drink packaging manufacturer Pakistan Aluminium Beverage Cans Ltd. in an initial public offering in June. The U.K.-based asset manager's funds are looking to sell a 26% stake in the firm through a first-time share sale in Karachi that could raise at least 3.3 billion Pakistani rupees (\$22 million). (Bloomberg) | [Click for more info.](#)

DEG Re-Enters Pakistan Insurance Market through Stake in TPL Insurance

TPL | Positive

Deutsche Investitions-und Entwicklungsgesellschaft mbH (DEG), a wholly-owned subsidiary of KfW Group based in Cologne, Germany, has acquired a 19.9 percent equity stake in TPL Insurance. DEG has invested Rs. 466.5 million on a fully diluted basis to acquire this share in equity. (Propakistani) | [Click for more info.](#)

Waves Singer acquires Samin Textile

WAVES | Positive

Haroon Ahmed Khan, chief executive officer (CEO) of Waves Singer Pakistan, has bought the bankrupt Samin Textiles to turn it around into a large retail company with a strong e-commerce platform through an initial injection of Rs250 million. (Dawn) | [Click for more info.](#)

China agrees to open Khunjerab border for trade

Economy | Positive

Following Pakistan's persistent requests, China has agreed to open Khunjerab border for trade but with stiff conditions in view of the Covid-19 situation. Under the conditions set by the Chinese government, Pakistani exporters and importers would not be allowed to enter China and would instead load and unload goods on Pakistan's side of the border for inspection and sterilisation. (PT) | [Click for more info.](#)

World Indices

	Last	Chg.	Chg. %
INDIA - SENSEX	48,080.7	374.87	0.79%
HK - Hang Seng	28,755.3	133.42	0.47%
KSA - Tadawul	10,134.1	38.72	0.38%
INDONESIA - IDX	5,994.2	0.94	0.02%
CHINA - Shanghai	3,465.1	-7.82	-0.23%
PHILP - PSEi	6,415.5	-23.86	-0.37%
US - S&P 500	4,135.0	-38.44	-0.92%
Taiwan - TWII	17,097.0	-105.14	-0.61%
US - Dow 30	33,815.9	-321.41	-0.94%
PAK (KSE-100)	44,929.6	-376.93	-0.83%

Board Meetings

Scrip	Day	Agenda	Time
PCAL	FRIDAY	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	9:00 AM
ABOT	FRIDAY	1Q A/c 31-Mar-21	9:30 AM
KCL	FRIDAY	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	10:00 AM
PAKD	FRIDAY	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	10:00 AM
PIM	FRIDAY	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	10:00 AM
FIMM	FRIDAY	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	10:30 AM
ICIBL	FRIDAY	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	10:30 AM
JSIL	FRIDAY	1Q A/c 31-Mar-21	10:30 AM
KAPCO	FRIDAY	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	10:30 AM
CSIL	FRIDAY	1Q A/c 31-Mar-21	11:00 AM
FFL	FRIDAY	1Q A/c 31-Mar-21	11:00 AM
MUREB	FRIDAY	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	11:00 AM
PKGS	FRIDAY	1Q A/c 31-Mar-21	11:00 AM
PIL	FRIDAY	1Q A/c 31-Mar-21	11:00 AM
MQTM	FRIDAY	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	11:30 AM
PPVC	FRIDAY	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	11:30 AM
GSKCH	FRIDAY	1Q A/c 31-Mar-21	11:45 AM
NICL	FRIDAY	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	12:00 PM
HTL	FRIDAY	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	1:30 PM
INIL	FRIDAY	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	2:30 PM
JVDC	FRIDAY	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	2:30 PM
BWCL	FRIDAY	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	3:00 PM
MACTER	FRIDAY	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	3:00 PM
IBFL	FRIDAY	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	4:00 PM
ECOP	SATURDAY	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	10:00 AM
BUXL	SATURDAY	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	11:00 AM
DGKC	SATURDAY	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	11:00 AM
TPLI	SATURDAY	1Q A/c 31-Mar-21	11:00 AM
GHGL	SATURDAY	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	11:30 AM
FCIBL	SATURDAY	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	12:00 PM
GVGL	SATURDAY	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	12:30 PM
GAIL	SATURDAY	3Q A/c 31-Mar-21	2:00 PM

Source: PSX



WB projects around 34pc fall in cotton output

Textile | **Neutral**

The World Bank has projected around 34 percent decline in Pakistan's cotton production and estimated at 8.9 million bales for 2020-21 compared to 13.2 million bales in 2019-20. (BR) | [Click for more info.](#)

Political News

COAS tells Afghan envoy; Peace in Afghanistan means peace in Pakistan

Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Qamar Javed Bajwa, on Thursday, said that peace in Afghanistan means peace in Pakistan. (BR) | [Click for more info.](#)

International News

Asian markets shake off U.S. tax worries to push higher

Asian shares rose on Friday after the European Central Bank left policy unchanged, extending a rebound following a sharp selloff earlier in the week, but gains were capped as investors considered the impact of a possible U.S. capital gains tax hike. (Reuters) | [Click for more info.](#)

Oil edges higher on U.S., Europe demand hopes

Oil prices rose on Friday on hopes of a fuel demand recovery in the United States and Europe as economic growth picks up and lockdowns ease, but worries about India's raging second wave of COVID-19 cases kept a lid on gains. (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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