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Market Today (July 04, 2017)				
Opening	PSX	Gold Per 10 gm	KCA Spot Rate	Crude Oil USD /bbl.
	45,349.06	43,028.00	6,835.00	46.99

(Source: Business Recorder)

Exchange rates issued by the Treasury Management Division of National Bank of Pakistan. July 04, 2017			
Country	Currency	Selling TT & OD	Buying TT Clear
USA	USD	104.9	104.7
UK	GBP	135.81	135.55
Euro	EUR	119.3	119.07
Canada	CAD	80.73	80.58
Switzerland	CHF	108.96	108.75
Australia	AUD	80.53	80.38
Sweden	SEK	12.48	12.46
Japan	JPY	0.9266	0.9249
Norway	NOK	12.54	12.52
Singapore	SGD	75.93	75.79
Denmark	DKK	16.04	16.01
Saudi Arabia	SAR	27.97	27.92
Hong Kong	HKD	13.57	13.55
China	CNY	15.64	15.61
Kuwait	KWD	345.92	345.26
Malaysia	MYR	24.41	24.36
New Zealand	NZD	76.4	76.25
Qatar	QAR	28.81	28.76
UAE	AED	28.56	28.51

(Source: Business Recorder)

Sectoral Share in GDP %		
Sectors/Sub-Sectors	**2014-15**	**2015-16 (p)**
Commodity Producing Sector (Agriculture + Industrial Sector)	**41.4**	**40.8**
Agriculture	**20.80**	**19.82**
Crops	8.2	7.4
Livestock	11.7	11.6
Fishing	0.4	0.4
Forestry	0.4	0.4
Industrial Sector	**20.6**	**21.0**
Mining & Quarrying	2.9	2.9
Manufacturing	13.6	13.6
Construction	2.4	2.6
Electricity & Gas Distribution	1.7	1.9
Services Sector	**58.6**	**59.2**
Transport, Storage & communication	13.4	13.3
Wholesale & Retail Trade	18.3	18.3
Finance & Insurance	3.2	3.3
Ownership of Dwellings	6.7	6.7
General Government Services	7.1	7.6
Other Services	9.9	10.1

(Source: Economic Survey of Pakistan 2015-16)

LCCI pins hopes on new FBR chief

Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry (LCCI) on Tuesday hoped that being a seasoned technocrat, the newly appointed chairman of the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) would help resolve the problems facing the taxpayers in the broader interest of the economy. "Expecting to see a visible improvement in tax governance, we congratulate Tariq Mahmood Pasha on his appointment as the chairman of Federal Board of Revenue (FBR)," the LCCI top brass said in a joint statement issued here. "The trust deficit between the business community and the FBR has widened during the last couple of years, which has been hurting the business environment in the country. We hope the new chairman will try his best to narrow the gap." They said that Pasha has assumed office at a critical time when businessmen are worried because of the abuse of discretionary powers by the FBR staff and raids at business premises, despite the clear instructions from the Senate Standing Committee on Finance and the outgoing chairman of the revenue board. Abdul Basit, President LCCI, Amjad Ali Jawa, Senior Vice President, and Muhammad Nasir Hameed Khan, Vice President, unanimously called on the new FBR chief to resolve the businessmen's issues at the earliest. ***(The News)***

Collection by excise dept increases 21pc

Revenue collection by the Sindh Excise and Taxation Department increased 20.8 per cent in 2016-17, according to official data. The department collected Rs52.54 billion in the last fiscal year, with most growth coming from the infrastructure cess. The cess is charged on all imports landing in the province by sea and the airport. Its purpose is to meet the cost incurred on the maintenance of roads as well as law and order arrangements for the safe passage of imported consignments. The department collected the infrastructure cess amounting to Rs40.6bn, up 25pc from the preceding fiscal year. According to department's director general Shoaib Siddiqui, the collection of infrastructure cess will soon go up by 50pc. Under a court order, he said, half of the cess has to be paid in cash while the rest is against bank guarantees. This will increase the total revenue collection to Rs56.92bn, he added. Despite overall growth, collection under the head of excise enactment declined 11.4pc to Rs3.46bn. Mr Siddiqui said the reason for its decline was the closure of wine shops on the order of the Sindh High Court during the last fiscal year. Major growth was witnessed in motor vehicle tax collection. It amounted to Rs6bn in 2016-17, up 16pc year-on-year. Revenue collection on account of property tax remained almost flat at Rs1.89bn in the last fiscal year. Entertainment duty recorded the growth of 22.8pc in 2016-17. It amounted to Rs57.26m, up Rs10.6m from a year ago. However, the collection of fee on cotton crop declined 2.8pc to Rs151.73m. This was because of a short cotton crop in the last season. ***(Dawn)***

Refund payments to start on 10th July 2017

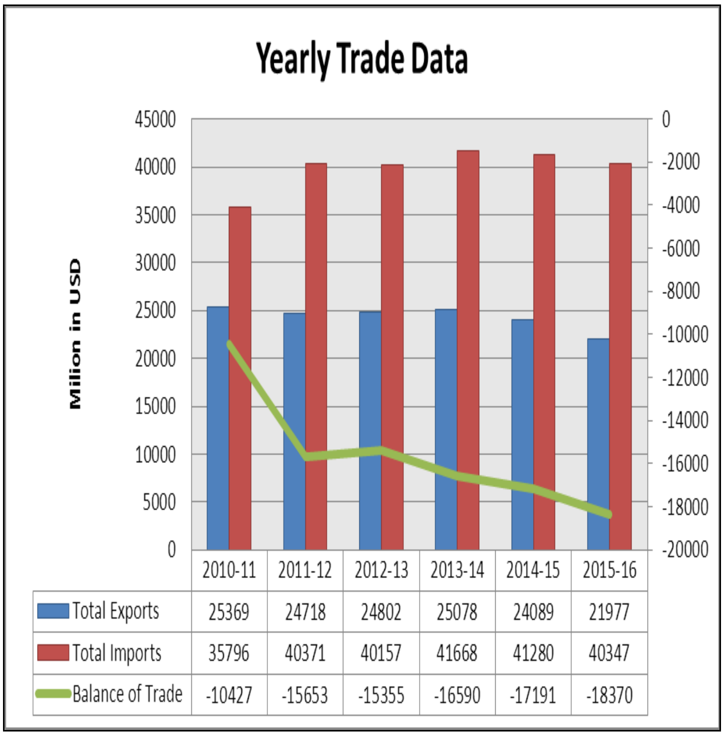
The government is going to start disbursing money against customs rebate and sales tax refunds on July 10, official sources said on Tuesday. It will make payments of outstanding refunds of up to Rs1 million initially. Higher amounts will be disbursed after July 15. The objective is to clear all outstanding refunds by August 14 against Release Payment Orders (RPOs) issued so far. The outstanding payment against issued RPOs is estimated to be around Rs50 billion. Although exporters claim that outstanding rebate and sales tax refunds are around Rs300bn, the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) insists the amount is less than Rs150bn. ***(Dawn)***

FTA with Turkey at an impasse

The negotiations over a Free Trade Agreement with Turkey have hit an impasse after the seventh round was concluded early last month, and the secretary level talks have ended without a breakthrough. Hopes are now riding on the ministerial level talks, for which no date has yet been announced. Talking to Dawn on Tuesday, sources said despite Pakistan's generous favours including opening up the auto sector, Turkey has shown reluctance to reduce duties on textile products, an important demand from Pakistan. Spokesperson and Director Ministry of Textile Kanwar Usman said the Turk side offered 20 per cent margin of preference on tariff lines of Pakistan's interest, with majority of these for the textile sector at the 7th round of Pakistan Turkey Free Trade Agreement held in Ankara in June. He

Economic Indicators	
Annual (2015/16)	
Foreign Debt	$62.649bn
Per Capita Income	$1,512
GDP Growth	4.24%
Average CPI	8.6%
Monthly (May, 2017)	
Trade Balance	$-2,682 mln
Exports	$1,944mln
Imports	$4,572mln
Weekly (June 23, 2017)	
Reserves	$21.36 mln

(Source: Business Recorder)



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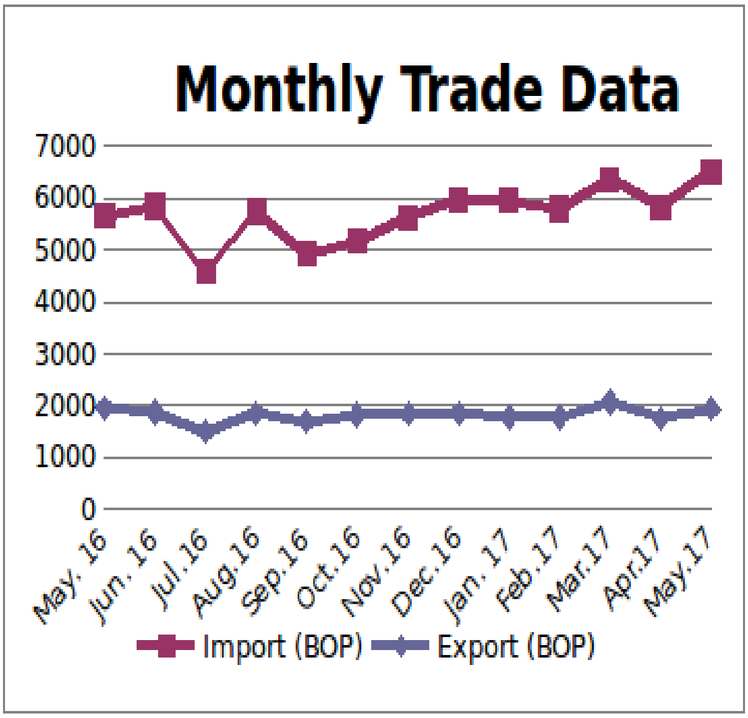

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said the rules of origin offered by the Turkish side for Pakistani products were more restrictive than those applied by the EU. ***(Dawn)***

SEZs 'to turn Pakistan into engine of growth'

Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Reform Ahsan Iqbal assured that China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) will not harm domestic industries and interests of the local business community. Addressing a meeting, held to review the development status of Special Economic Zones (SEZ) under CPEC, Iqbal instructed federal and provincial authorities to keep the business community in the loop about latest developments and policies. He also assured of their inclusion in the consultative process for policy formulation to protect indigenous industries. The meeting was attended by the Board of Investment (BoI) Chairman Dr Miftah Ismail along with other BoI members and senior officials of the provincial governments. "Chinese investment will augment our industrial capacity through state-of-the-art technology and expertise transfers, which will increase our productivity," he remarked while putting emphasis on formation of joint ventures between local and Chinese manufacturers through increased business collaboration. The minister updated participants on the status of several energy and infrastructure-related projects, promising increased trade and industrialisation in Pakistan once they are completed. Highlighting the importance of SEZs, Iqbal said that the next stage of CPEC encompasses massive production in these zones leading to higher output and exports. ***(Express Tribune)***

Foreign firms sent home $1.9bn in July-May

Foreign companies working in Pakistan repatriated $1.88 billion in profits and dividends to their home countries in the 11 months through May, a year-on-year increase of nearly 7 per cent, the State Bank of Pakistan said on Monday. The amount was almost equal to the foreign direct investment (FDI) of $2bn Pakistan attracted during the same period. Moreover, remittances sent by Pakistanis working abroad and the country's exports are also in decline. The highest FDI was received by the power sector during the period. However, the highest amount was repatriated from the food sector thanks to the landing of international food chains in Pakistan during the last five years. Inflows to the food sector were also higher this year, due mainly to the sale of a majority stake in Engro Foods to FrieslandCampina, one of Europe's biggest dairy companies. The sector saw no inflow a year ago. Instead, there was an outflow of $53m. ***(Dawn)***

Chinese experts to visit CPEC Special Economic Zone sites

A team of Chinese experts is due here in a few days to crystallise their country's investment plans for Special Economic Zones (SEZs) of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). A preparatory meeting for the visit on Tuesday reviewed the availability of land and infrastructure and the investment plans. The meeting, presided over by Minister for Planning and Development and Pakistan's focal person for the CPEC, Ahsan Iqbal, was attended by representatives from the provinces, Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Gilgit-Baltistan and the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (Fata). ***(Dawn)***

Outage at Engro LNG terminal disrupts gas supply to Punjab

Gas supply to Punjab's industrial units, compressed natural gas (CNG) stations and four power plants was temporarily suspended on Tuesday after a liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal owned by Engro Corporation encountered a technical fault. The outage resulted in gas supply suspension to 412-megawatt Rousch and 157MW Fauji Kabirwala power plants in Khanewal, and two state-owned plants in Faisalabad having a combined production capacity of 241MW. As a result, the country's power shortfall soared by nearly 800MW, to 4,500MW. The terminal, operated by Engro's Elengy Terminal Pakistan Ltd (ETPL) at Port Qasim, has the capacity to re-gasify 600 million cubic feet per day (mmcfd) of LNG. The situation worsened after the shortfall in the country's biggest distribution company, the Lahore Electric Supply Company (Lesco), crossed 1,400MW after its demand surged to 4,632MW. This forced officials to observe load-shedding for four to six hours in urban and eight to 10 hours in rural areas in addition to the shutdowns caused by system constraints. ***(Dawn)***

Benchmark index gains 730 points

The Pakistan Stock Exchange has ended Tuesday's session on a positive note, with the benchmark KSE-100 index gaining 728.65 points, or 1.63 per cent, by the close of the trading session to reach 45,394.06. Volumes were led by commercial banking stocks as the benchmark index staged a recovery after yesterday's 1,900 point bloodbath. Close to 99.8 million shares of KSE-100 stocks changed hands by the end of the session, with a total worth of nearly Rs7.63 billion. ***(Dawn)***