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## Market Today (July 06, 2017)

Opening	PSX	Gold Per 10 gm	KCA Spot Rate	Crude Oil USD /bbl.
	44,823.11	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 06, 2017

Country	Currency	Selling TT & OD	Buying TT Clear
USA	USD	107.4	107.2
UK	GBP	138.95	138.69
Euro	EUR	121.78	121.55
Canada	CAD	82.78	82.62
Switzerland	CHF	111.29	111.08
Australia	AUD	81.61	81.46
Sweden	SEK	12.76	12.73
Japan	JPY	0.9507	0.949
Norway	NOK	12.78	12.76
Singapore	SGD	77.73	77.58
Denmark	DKK	16.37	16.34
Saudi Arabia	SAR	28.64	28.59
Hong Kong	HKD	13.9	13.87
China	CNY	16	15.97
Kuwait	KWD	354.16	353.5
Malaysia	MYR	24.99	24.94
New Zealand	NZD	78.13	77.99
Qatar	QAR	29.5	29.44
UAE	AED	29.24	29.19

(Source: Business Recorder)

## Sectoral Share in GDP %

Sectors/Sub-Sectors	2014-15	2015-16 (p)
<b>Commodity Producing Sector (Agriculture + Industrial Sector)</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>40.8</b>
<b>Agriculture</b>	<b>20.80</b>	<b>19.82</b>
Crops	8.2	7.4
Livestock	11.7	11.6
Fishing	0.4	0.4
Forestry	0.4	0.4
<b>Industrial Sector</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>21.0</b>
Mining & Quarrying	2.9	2.9
Manufacturing	13.6	13.6
Construction	2.4	2.6
Electricity & Gas Distribution	1.7	1.9
<b>Services Sector</b>	<b>58.6</b>	<b>59.2</b>
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 for display centres at Pak foreign missions

The Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry (LCCI) has urged the Pakistan foreign missions to establish display centres and organise single-country exhibitions for Pakistani products to secure due place in the global market. "Display centers for Pakistani merchandise as well as cultural centers would highlight the industrial strength of the country around the globe while Cultural Centers would attract the foreigners to discover beauty and heritage of this beautiful piece of land." In a statement issued here, Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry President Abdul Basit and Vice President Muhammad Nasir Hameed Khan said that astonishing moves needed to be taken as Pakistan's exports are hazarously low despite the fact that country has all resources to become an "Export Power House". They said that establishment of Display Centers by the Pakistani Missions abroad would help introduce Pakistani products to the international buyers. They said that they days are gone when foreign missions were working for just diplomatic relations. They said that now foreign missions of the developed countries are playing the role of "Economic Ambassadors" for their respective countries. They said that Pakistan's diplomatic relations would world would automatically strengthen with strengthening of trade and economic relations. (The Nation)

## Tariq Bajwa named as new SBP governor

The federal government has decided to appoint Tariq Bajwa as the new governor of the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), bringing in an Islamabad insider in the central bank at a time when the country faces severe challenges on the external economic front. Bajwa, who retired from the civil service last month as finance secretary, will be the third bureaucrat to be appointed as head of the central bank. He has been given the responsibility of ensuring financial soundness of the banking sector as well as supporting the government's economic reforms agenda. The staff of the finance secretary remained in the office even after midnight to notify the appointment of the new governor. A notification is awaited even though the finance ministry had said a new SBP governor would be notified on Thursday. The SBP Act of 1956 empowers the President of Pakistan to appoint a governor for a term of three years. The seat had fallen vacant in April this year when Ashraf Mehmood Wathra completed his three-year term but could not win a second term despite his best efforts. Bajwa did his M.A. in Public Administration from Harvard with a focus on economic subjects. He is the only Pakistani who won prestigious Littauer fellowship. Bajwa had earned the reputation of a competent and upright officer during his civil service career. He was among a handful of officers whose reputation remained clean despite serving as the Federal Board of Revenue chairman for two and a half years. (Express Tribune)

## Market watch: KSE-100 ends below 45,000 again with 590-point decrease

After a brief run of positivity, stocks continued to bleed with the KSE-100 Index finishing below the 45,000-point level amid low volumes. Uncertainty over the rupee, which regained its strength on Thursday, and lack of clarity on the political front meant buyers remained on the sidelines. At close of trading, the benchmark KSE 100-share Index finished 590.31 points or 1.30% lower to end at 44,823.11. Elixir Securities, in its report, stated Pakistan equities slipped again as losses in key index stocks dragged the index to settle below 45,000. "The day kicked off flat with little activity in the wider market. The index hovered near 45,000 close, but a sharp recovery in the rupee forced investors to abandon inverse-dollar plays," the report said. Finance Minister comments that highlighted displeasure over the dip in rupee and commitment to fill the governor central bank vacancy as early as this week helped the currency bounce with PKR-USD interbank rate closing at 105.70, recovering 2% day-on-day (DoD). (Express Tribune)

## 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)

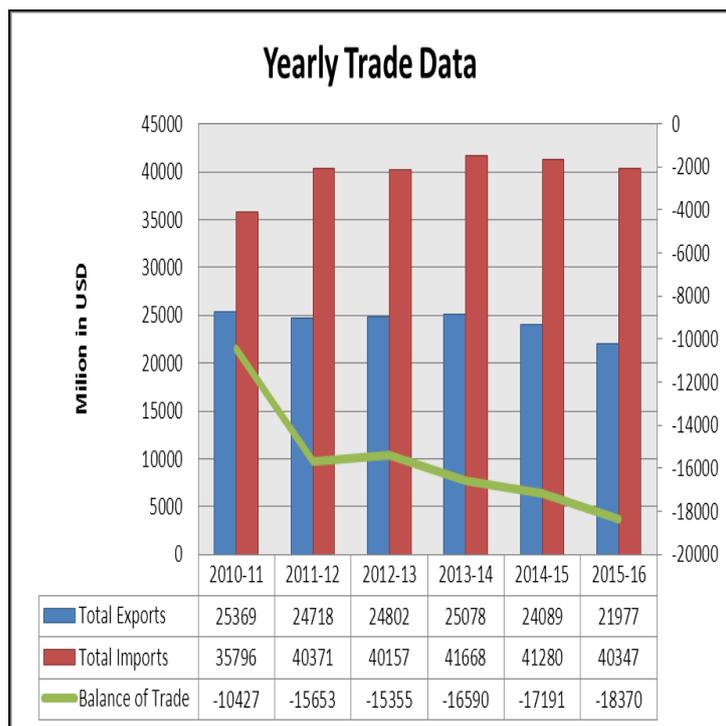
Trade Balance	\$-2,682 mln
Exports	\$1,944mln
Imports	\$4,572mln

### Weekly (June 23, 2017)

Reserves	\$21.36 mln
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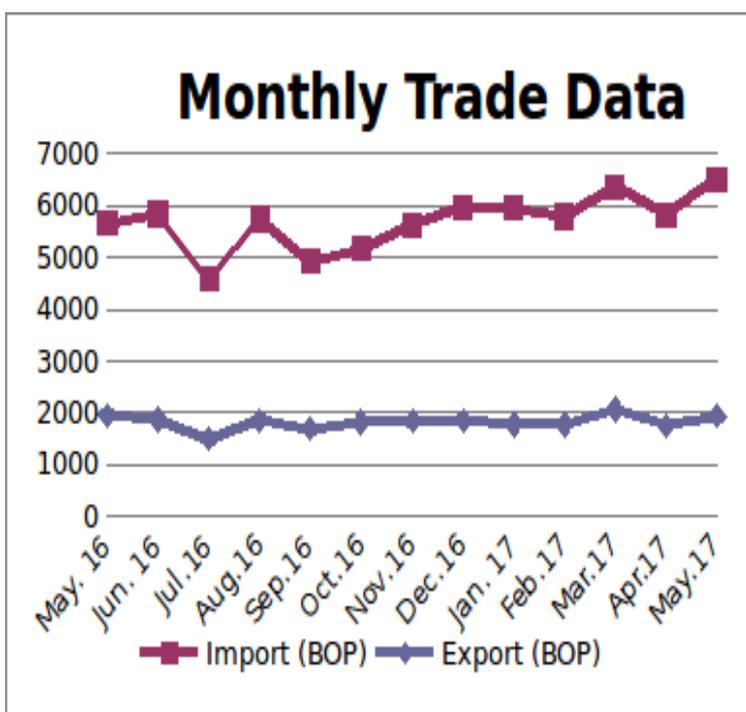
(Source: Business Recorder)

## Yearly Trade Data



(Source: SBP)

## Monthly Trade Data



(Source: SBP)

## Auto industry urges govt to reconsider EDB closure

Auto parts manufacturers have warned the government that the growth of engineering sector will throttle if the government dismantles the Engineering Development Board (EDB). "The dismantling of EDB will dampen the confidence of investors who are coming to Pakistan to invest in the auto sector," Pakistan Association of Automotive Parts & Accessories Manufacturers Chairman Mashood Ali Khan said while talking to reporters on Thursday. Auto industry fears the government may permanently close down the EDB, an independent body created in 1995 under Ministry of Industries to strengthen the engineering sector, on alleged corruption charges and slow approvals for investment plans of new entrants. (Express Tribune)

## ADB agrees to increase annual lending to Pakistan to \$2bn

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has agreed to enhance its annual lending to Pakistan to about \$2 billion over the next three years, from presently less than \$1.5 billion, subject to speedy readiness of project designs and procurement. Speaking to journalists after his meetings with the Finance Minister Ishaq Dar and the chief minister of Punjab, the Bank's Vice President Wencai Zhang said Pakistan had requested an increase in its financing flows to more than \$2.5bn. He said that he is here for finalisation of the three-year Country Partnership, Strategy and Operation Plan for 2018-21 under which the ADB would continue to support infrastructure projects in transport and railways, including interconnection facilities with the neighbours including South Asia, Central Asia and South-East Asia. He said the government wanted the ADB to deliver funds more than \$25bn per annum but depending on finalisation of projects the annual funding to the country would range between \$1.8-2.1bn, depending on the processing time of the projects. (Dawn)

## Oil industry seeks time for compliance

The oil industry has sought 1-2 years for upgradation of oil tankers fleet to ensure all vehicles meet required regulatory standards and shifting oil movement to pipelines instead of roads in 3-4 years to eliminate risk factors. On Thursday, the Oil Companies Advisory Council (OCAC) – an umbrella organisation of almost two dozen oil marketing companies and refineries – said it was deeply saddened by the Ahmedpur East tragedy in which over 200 people lost their lives. The OCAC executive committee has worked out a three-pronged plan to further strengthen the existing system of oil transportation to ensure safe delivery. In the short term (up to six months), the companies would strengthen existing systems and processes in the area of management of vehicles, drivers, journey and mutual emergency engagement with federal and provincial government departments and civic agencies and cartage contractors. They would improve joint coordination and control systems when such incidents occur. (Dawn)

## Finance minister intervenes to arrest slide in rupee's value

A day after financial markets were rocked by a sudden depreciation in the value of the rupee against the dollar, Finance Minister Ishaq Dar announced that a new governor of the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) may be appointed as soon as Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif returns from his two-day visit to Tajikistan. The minister made the announcement after meeting the presidents of domestic banks and financial institutions, who had been summoned to Islamabad on Thursday for an emergency meeting. The rupee had plunged 3.1 per cent in the opening hours of interbank trade on Wednesday, sparking a shortage of foreign currency in the open market as dealers preferred to hold rather than sell. By midday, the dollar had risen to Rs108.50, before settling at Rs108.25 by close. This was the largest single drop in the rupee's value in nine years. "I made the decision to call this meeting yesterday after banking hours closed," Dar said, revealing that the presidents of banks were summoned, along with the State Bank's deputy governor of Banking and head of Treasury. The chairman of the Federal Board of Revenue and the finance secretary also attended the meeting which, Dar said, continued for two hours. "The market adjusted itself before the meeting began," Dar claimed in his presser, adding that a communication gap was the reason behind the fall in the rupee. (Dawn)