

Market Today (July 20, 2017)

Opening	PSX	Gold Per 10 gm	KCA Spot Rate	Crude Oil USD /bbl.
	45,059.93	43,028.00	6,835.00	46.14

(Source: Express Tribune)

Exchange rates issued by the Treasury Management Division of National Bank of Pakistan. July 20, 2017

Country	Currency	Selling TT & OD	Buying TT Clear
USA	USD	105.45	105.25
UK	GBP	137.32	137.06
Euro	EUR	121.34	121.11
Canada	CAD	83.56	83.4
Switzerland	CHF	110.27	110.07
Australia	AUD	83.7	83.54
Sweden	SEK	12.81	12.79
Japan	JPY	0.9407	0.9389
Norway	NOK	13.07	13.05
Singapore	SGD	77	76.86
Denmark	DKK	16.32	16.29
Saudi Arabia	SAR	28.12	28.07
Hong Kong	HKD	13.65	13.62
China	CNY	15.94	15.91
Kuwait	KWD	348.48	347.82
Malaysia	MYR	24.58	24.54
New Zealand	NZD	77.46	77.32
Qatar	QAR	28.38	28.33
UAE	AED	28.71	28.66

(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)

Pakistan needs latest farm-tech to achieve food security

The government should encourage and facilitate the farming community to adopt modern technologies to avoid post-harvest losses and increase agriculture production, Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Abdul Basit said on Thursday. In a statement, the LCCI president said the agriculture sector was suffering due to multiple reasons. He stressed the need for increasing the cropped area because the country is already running well short of per capita food availability. The country's almost 43 per cent labour force is dependent on agriculture, the yield gap in the four major crops is three times from the best producers in the world such as China and Egypt, he said, adding that low yield has contributed to the poverty in rural areas besides forcing the country to import agriculture produces to feed its population. He said the fact should be an eye-opener that China produces two times more cotton and wheat per hectare and Egypt produces around three times more rice and sugarcane per hectare as compared to Pakistan. Factors that are recommended to improve the yield are through large-scale introduction of hybrid seeds and mechanised farming, high efficiently irrigation systems such as drip irrigation and reduction in wastage of crop through introduction of privately owned storage facilities and cold storage facilities. "The 21st century belongs to biotechnology and Pakistan has tremendous potential to emerge as biotechnology leader but to achieve the goal private sector, scientists, researchers and government will have to work hand-in-hand," he added. (Dawn)

Value-added textile exports grow

Textile and clothing exports posted a paltry growth of 0.04 per cent to \$12.45 billion in 2016-17, the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported on Thursday. These exports stood at \$1.21bn in June, showing an increase of 24pc over the corresponding month a year ago. Foreign sales by the textile group, which constitutes a 60pc share in the country's overall exports, have remained stagnant at \$12bn over the last few years. Data showed the readymade garments sector was the only bright spot. Its exports grew 6pc year-on-year to \$2.31bn in 2016-17. Garment exports witnessed a growth of 6.13pc in terms of quantity. These exports also posted a growth of over 20pc in June. (Dawn)

PBIF for expanding tax net

Pakistan Businessmen and Intellectuals Forum (PBIF) has urged the government for expanding tax net for the bright and prosperous future of the country and coming generations. In a statement President PBIF Mian Zahid Hussain said that currently, tax to GDP ratio was very low in the country which forces the government to borrow. He said that masses hope that government will invest in health, education, infrastructure, social safety and poverty eradication but the culture of tax evasion was barring their dreams to come true. One of the major reason for non-compliance was the trust deficit between the taxpayers and tax collectors which must be tackled, he observed. Government, he said alone cannot ensure massive investment needed for national development, therefore, the private sector should also come forward to discharge national obligations, he said. The business leader noted that despite political turmoil the Federal Board of Revenue has collected Rs100 billion in the first two weeks after many years, which was positive sign for national economy.—APP (Pakistan Observer)

American SMEs looking to invest in Pakistan

And small and medium enterprises (SMEs) are trying to invest in Pakistan, giving entrepreneurs here an opportunity to launch joint ventures with them, reveals Stephen P Knode, Commercial Counsellor of the United States. "I will not only provide Pakistan entrepreneurs new technology and capital, but will also open new avenues for export of their products," he said. Trade between Pakistan and America was

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)

increasing at a steady pace and exports from the latter stood at \$2.1 billion in 2016 while its shipments in the first five months of current calendar year were worth \$1.3 billion, Knode said during a meeting with business community at the Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FCCI). *(Express Tribune)*

Switching To EU REX: TDAP issues directives to exporters

The Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) has said that all current as well as potential exporters to European Union are informed that as per EU regulations for GSP plus beneficiary countries, Pakistan is required to completely switch to the EU REX (Registration of Exporters) System for origin certification by December 30, 2017. Accordingly, issuance of certificate of origin by TDAP for the EU-GSP+; which is being actively progressed by the Authority, will cease after this date (30th December, 2017) and only REX registered exporters would subsequently be able to issue Statements On Origin (SOO) in respect of their EU shipments. In the light of above, you are advised to get yourself registered in the REX system as soon as possible. TDAP is organizing seminars in major export cities to explain the details of the registration process. *(Express Tribune)*

GDP growth beats ADB's projection for 2016-17

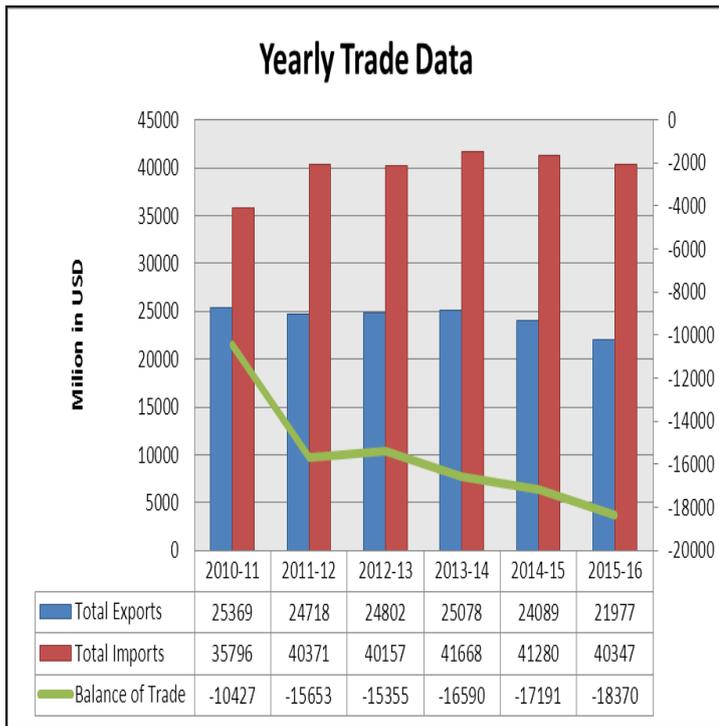
The Asian Development Bank (ADB) said on Thursday Pakistan's economic growth rate for 2016-17 surpassed the bank's estimate that the international lender had projected three months ago. Published in April, the Asian Development Outlook (ADO) projected GDP growth to edge up to 5.2 per cent in 2016-17. In contrast, the economic survey released by the Ministry of Finance a month later stated that the growth rate reached the nine-year high of 5.28pc. The supplement to ADO released by the ADB on Thursday said the country's economic growth was supported by a revival in agriculture as well as by continued expansion in construction and steady growth in services. Strong private consumption remained the largest contributor to growth. The report says the economic outlook for South Asia remains robust, with growth on track to meet ADO 2017 projections of 7pc for 2017 and 7.2pc for 2018. The ADB has projected growth rate of 5.5pc for Pakistan in 2017-18. *(Dawn)*

PPL drills 1.3 km-long horizontal well for tight gas

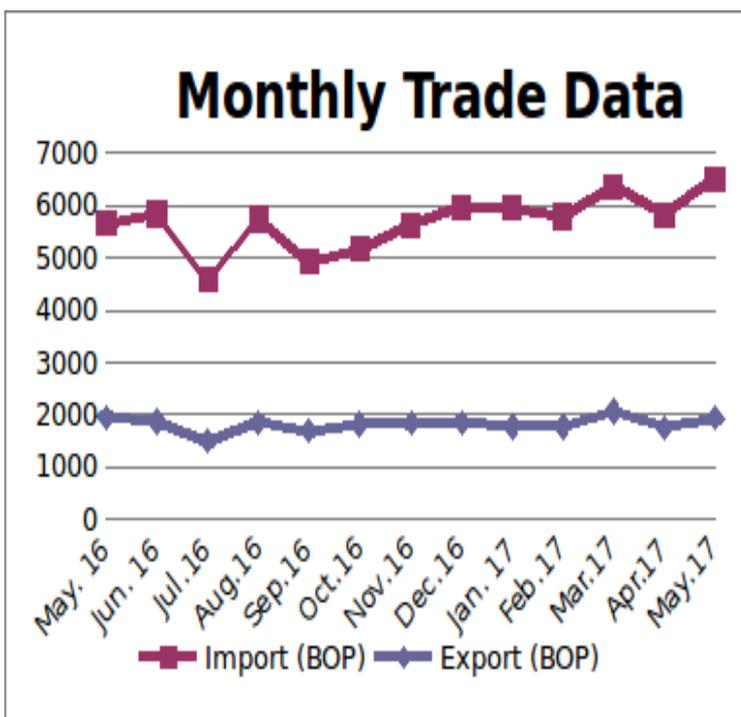
Pakistan Petroleum Limited (PPL) has drilled and completed tight gas horizontal well Naushahro Feroz (NF) Hor-1, an official said here on Thursday. At total depth of 4,940 metres and 1.3 km horizontal section in Chiltan Formation, NF Hor -1 is one of the deepest and longest horizontal wells in tight gas reservoir drilled in Pakistan. It is also the country's first well to be completed with ten-stage multi-frack, the PPL official added. PPL made a tight gas discovery at NF X-1 in 2014. This was followed by extensive in-house geological and geophysical studies to design the optimum horizontal well to appraise the discovery. "Logging while Drilling" technology with real-time evaluation was used to successfully drill the horizontal section. Based on preliminary results, the well flowed 1.3 MMscfd gas and 9 bbl/d of condensate at 32/64 choke size from one stage only. PPL plans to carry out ten-stage multi-frack job on the well, which is expected to significantly increase flow potential. NF Hor-1 is in Naushahro Feroz Block, Sindh, with PPL as operator holding 90 percent working interest and the remaining 10 percent held by Asia Resources Oil Limited. *(Business Recorder)*

Fund managers weigh in on PSX performance, economic indicators

Concerns over Pakistan's economic performance existed before as well, but the current political pressure has created doubts over the government's ability and power to be able to handle the situation. However, changing macroeconomic variables need to be understood in context, said Mustafa Pasha, head of investments at Lakson Investments Limited during a panel discussion recently. Pasha was part of a panel organised by the CFA Society Pakistan to discuss the current economic situation and its impact on the country's stock market that has seen all its gains of 2017 erode during the last one-and-a-half month. On Thursday too, the KSE-100 Index shed 358.78 points or 0.79% to end at 45,059.93, a significant retreat from the level seen at the end of May when it ended at a record high of 52,876.46 points. *(Express Tribune)*



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