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Market Today (June 02, 2017)

Opening	PSX	Gold Per 10 gm	KCA Spot Rate	Crude Oil USD /bbl.
	48,555.30	42,600.00	6,600.00	48.18

(Source: Business Recorder)

Exchange rates issued by the Treasury Management Division of National Bank of Pakistan. June 02, 2017

Country	Currency	Selling TT & OD	Buying TT Clear
USA	USD	104.7	104.5
UK	GBP	134.84	134.59
Euro	EUR	117.43	117.21
Canada	CAD	77.5	77.36
Switzerland	CHF	107.81	107.6
Australia	AUD	77.31	77.16
Sweden	SEK	12.06	12.04
Japan	JPY	0.9379	0.9361
Norway	NOK	12.4	12.37
Singapore	SGD	75.52	75.38
Denmark	DKK	15.79	15.76
Saudi Arabia	SAR	27.92	27.86
Hong Kong	HKD	13.44	13.41
China	CNY	15.63	15.6
Kuwait	KWD	345.03	344.37
Malaysia	MYR	24.46	24.42
New Zealand	NZD	74	73.86
Qatar	QAR	28.75	28.7
UAE	AED	28.51	28.45

(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 welcomes Punjab budget 2017-18

The Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry on Friday welcomed the Punjab budget 2017-18 and said it would promote investment and boost various sectors. Talking to APP, LCCI President Abdul Basit said a number of steps had been announced in the budget which would attract foreign investment. He said the Punjab government had paid special focus on education, health and agriculture sectors in the budget 2017-18. He termed the Punjab budget positive, pro-industry and pro-poor and said Chief Minister Shehbaz Sharif deserved congratulations for presenting a balanced budget. He added the budget would lessen sufferings of the poor. He said after a long time, planners had paid attention to small and medium enterprises (SMEs) that remained neglected in the past. He said this sector was the main provider of employment around the world. He added that the Punjab had a strong SME base. "Levying no extra tax on the business community will pave the way for investment in the province and will also restore confidence of businessmen on the government", he added. (Business Recorder)

Dar urges FBR to meet tax collection target for current fiscal year

Finance Minister, Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Friday urged the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) to take all necessary measures to meet the tax collection target for the current fiscal year, ending on June 30, 2017. The Finance Minister said this while chairing a meeting here at the Ministry of Finance on the matters relating to FBR, according to a Finance Ministry press release issued here. Chairman FBR briefed the Minister on the progress of tax collection during the current fiscal year, and the targets for FY 2017-18. Ishaq Dar said that the tax measures, which have been proposed in the budget for FY 2017-18, are based on extensive consultations with all relevant stakeholders. He expressed the confidence that the measures announced in the budget will enhance the welfare and prosperity of the general public, and enable Pakistan to achieve higher, sustainable and inclusive economic growth. He added that the government will welcome all constructive and positive suggestions regarding the budget from parliamentarians during the ongoing budget session in Parliament. The Finance Minister directed FBR to finalize a tax revenue collection strategy for the next year in a timely manner in order to effectively pursue the tax collection targets for FY 2017-18. Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Revenue, Mr. Haroon Akhtar Khan, Finance Secretary, Secretary EAD, Chairman FBR, and senior officials of the Ministry of Finance and FBR attended the meeting. (Business Recorder)

Rs135bn allocated for ADP 2017-18

The highest priority has been given to the social sector with 32 per cent of the ADP allocations, while 27 per cent has been given for infrastructure development. More than Rs 201 billion has been allocated for the social sector with major focus on education (82.61 billion, 13%), health (Rs 51.80 billion, 8%) and clean drinking water (Rs 52 billion, 8%), according to the budget documents. An amount of Rs 172,164 million has been allocated for infrastructure development including roads (Rs 90700 million), irrigation (Rs 41033 million), energy (Rs 9000 million), public buildings (Rs 15,000 million) and urban development (Rs 16,433 million). Prioritising the agriculture sector, the Punjab government has earmarked Rs 15 billion under the Khadim-e- Punjab Kissan Package this year to revive the sector as more than 40 per cent of Punjab's labour is engaged with this key sector. The Punjab government has earmarked a huge amount of Rs 88,350 million for special initiatives including Safe City Project (Rs 49,850 million), Special Development Package (Rs 21,000 million), Local Government Development (Rs 15,000 million) and package for other provinces (Rs 2500 million). Human development will be paid special attention this year keeping in view the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project. Also special focus would be on the production sector, modern infrastructure, development, SMEs development, devising a comprehensive industrial policy and domestic

Economic Indicators

Annual (2015/16)

Foreign Debt	\$62.649bn
Per Capita Income	\$1,512
GDP Growth	4.24%
Average CPI	8.6%

Monthly (Feb. 2017)

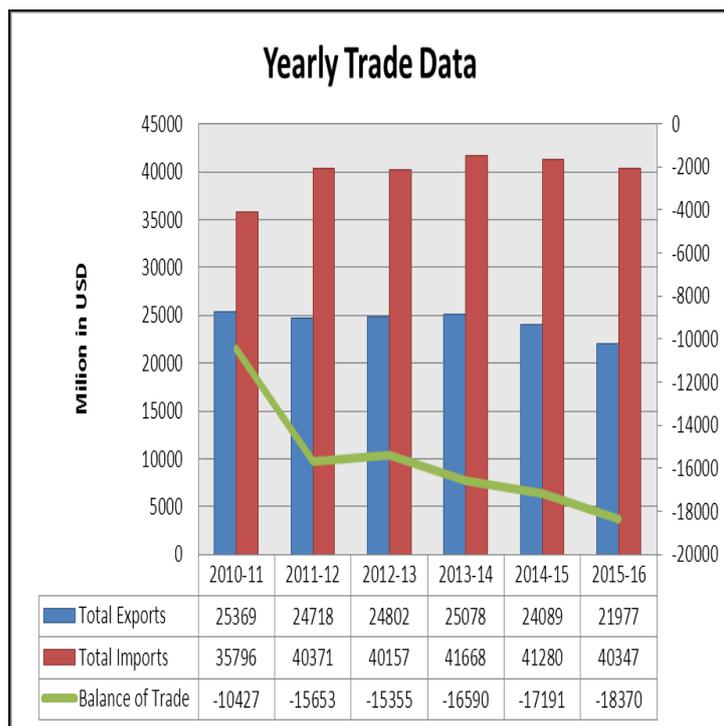
Trade Balance	-\$1,852 mln
Exports	\$1,742mln
Imports	\$3,594mln

Weekly (March 31, 2017)

Reserves	\$21,550.5 mln
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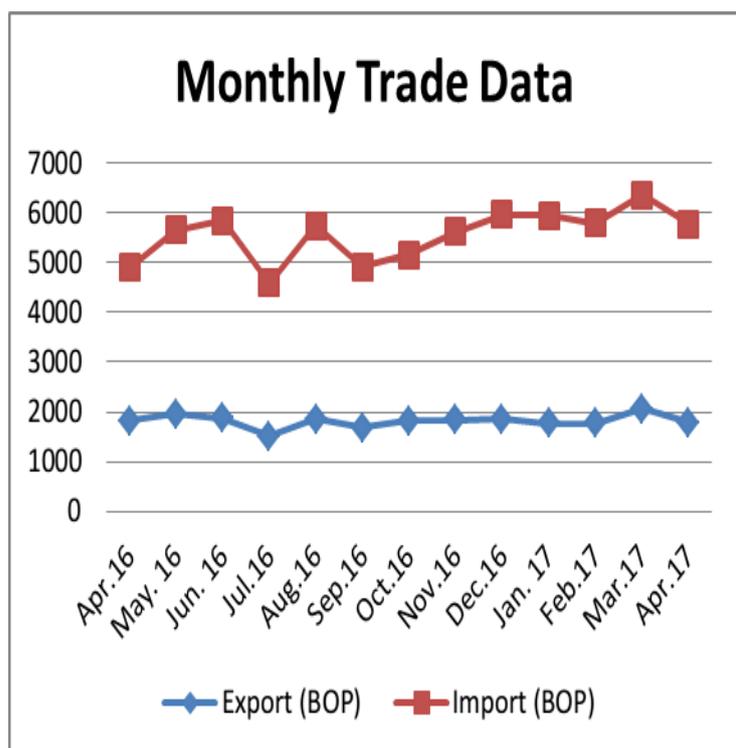
(Source: Business Recorder)

Yearly Trade Data



(Source: SBP)

Monthly Trade Data



(Source: SBP)

commerce strategy for initiating a long-term engagement as joint ventures with Chinese companies. Adequate funding will be provided for flagship programmes of the provincial government including Khadim-e-Punjab Rural Roads Programme, dualisation of Khanewal-Lodhran Road and DG Khan-Muzafargarh Road, Punjab Police Integrated Command, Lahore Knowledge Park, Punjab Kidney Liver Institute and Saaf Paani projects. **(Business Recorder)**

Rs21,005mn allocated for agriculture

The Punjab government has earmarked Rs 21,005 million for agriculture sector in the provincial budget 2017-18. According to the budget documents, the amount has been allocated with the vision to transform agriculture sector into a diversified, sustainable, modern and market-driven sector through knowledge-based empowerment, efficient resource utilisation and revamping of the existing practices. An amount of Rs 7,965 million has been set aside for 34 ongoing schemes of agriculture, Rs 2,940 million for 23 new schemes and Rs 10,100 million for other development programmes. **(Business Recorder)**

Punjab slaps sales tax on internet services

The government of Punjab is aiming to increase provincial revenue receipts to Rs348.31 billion in the next fiscal year 2017-18 by adding another service to the tax net. Now, internet services have come under the tax net, which takes the total to 62 services on which the provincial government will collect general sales tax. However, internet services under student packages, whose cost does not exceed Rs1,500, have been exempted. According to the provincial budget for FY18 announced on Friday, the Punjab government is expected to collect Rs230 billion in tax receipts and Rs117.32 billion in non-tax revenues. It has revised downwards the tax collection target to Rs175 billion, which was earlier set at Rs184.43 billion, for the ongoing fiscal year 2016-17. In a major move, the provincial government will float investment bonds worth Rs25 billion in the next fiscal year and spend the income from its sale on various infrastructure projects. The province is expected to receive Rs1,502 billion under general revenue receipts in FY18. From the divisible pool of taxes, it will get Rs1,154 billion. The provincial government has abolished the Capital Value Tax (CVT) and property registration fee and merged both into the stamp duty in order to streamline the process for taxpayers, according to the Finance Bill tabled in the Punjab Assembly by Finance Minister Dr Ayesha Ghous-Pasha. At present, 2% registration fee is being charged on the value of urban property, Rs500 in case of property value up to Rs0.5 million and Rs1,000 on the value exceeding Rs0.5 million, which will be merged into the stamp duty. The new rate of stamp duty will be 5%. However, the exemptions already envisaged in Section 6 of the Finance Act 2010 from the payment of CVT will remain intact. The definition of urban area has also been proposed to be included in the Stamp Act 1899. This step has been taken to promote ease of doing business in the province. Recently, the Board of Revenue Punjab had introduced an e-stamping project for facilitating the public and eliminating the use of counterfeit stamp papers. Owing to its success, it has been proposed to merge all taxes, duties and fees under the head of stamp duty and its papers will be issued through the e-stamping system. The merger of taxes will ease the process for depositing the taxes and will be helpful in the reconciliation process as well. The government has also reduced the tax on construction sector to 5% from 16% in order to further boost construction activities in the province. Furthermore, it exempted construction services for cantonments projects and the Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP). **(Express Tribune)**

GST slashed to 5pc for construction industry

In order to boost construction industry in Punjab, the provincial government has slashed GST on construction services from 16 per cent to 5pc as well as merged separately charged CVT, stamp duty and registration fee on properties to facilitate customers. The Punjab government has withdrawn exemption given in sales tax on internet services worth Rs1,500 and above packages. However, the exemption on internet packages under Rs1500, primarily being used by students, will continue as such. The Punjab government has also abolished exemption on GST in furnishing supply contracts to bring in the tax net all companies and firms concerned. **(Dawn)**