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- **WB briefed about challenges facing Pakistan | BR:** Federal Minster for Finance and Revenue Miftah Ismail held a meeting with Hartwig Schafer, Vice President South Asia Region (SAR), World Bank, today, said a press release issued on Tuesday. Minister of State for Finance and Revenue Dr Aisha Ghous Pasha, Country Director WB Najy Benhassine, Acting Governor SBP Dr Murtaza Syed, Secretary Finance, Secretary Power Division, Secretary EAD, Chairman FBR, and other senior officers attended the meeting. The finance minister welcomed Hartwig Schafer and shared that country is currently facing monetary and fiscal challenges due to rising global commodity prices. The present government is cognizant of these issues and is taking pragmatic steps to resolve bottlenecks to growth. The present government is committed to set the economy on sustainable and inclusive growth path.
- **PM's electricity relief package: Govt's nod sought to discontinue PKR5 subsidy | BR:** Power Division has sought Federal Government's nod to do away with PM's relief package on electricity of PKR5 per unit from May 1, 2022 and continue unscheduled load shedding for the next two or three months aimed at passing minimum impact of FCA to consumers and avoid drain of over PKR300bn on expensive fuels. International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Bank and Asian Development Bank (ADB) are strongly opposed to the relief package and in a press release dated 24 April subsequent to a meeting with the incumbent Finance Minister Miftah Ismail in Washington DC, IMF noted that the two sides agreed that "prompt action is needed to reverse the unfunded subsidies which have slowed discussions for the seventh review."
- **Rupee hits all-time low against dollar | Dawn:** The rupee continued its slide against the dollar on Tuesday with the international currency hitting an all-time high of PKR188.66 in the interbank market. According to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), the rupee lost 0.6% or PKR1.13 on a day-on-day basis. The US currency appreciated by PKR1.84 in the preceding two sessions. The rising exchange rate has rattled the economy. The rupee has been losing its value mainly because of an uncontrolled rise in imports and a relatively slower pace of growth in exports. This is reflected in the trade deficit, which reached USD39bn in July-April.
- **FBR tells Miftah: Over PKR300bn revenue measures may be required | BR:** The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) Tuesday conveyed to Finance Minister Miftah Ismail that revenue measures of over PKR300bn may be required in the coming budget (2022-23) to meet the next fiscal year's estimated revenue collection target of PKR7.2 trillion. Sources told Business Recorder here on Tuesday, the finance minister visited the FBR House and held a meeting with the FBR chairman and senior FBR members. FBR Chairman Asim Ahmad and members of the board attended the meeting.
- **USD30bn treasure trove useless | Tribune :** Pakistan received USD35bn worth of information from the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and nearly USD30bn treasure trove turned out to be not actionable amid complaints of misuse of data by the taxmen. Sources told The Express Tribune that in certain cases where the information was not having any tax value due to any reason, some Pakistani accountholders faced unnecessary arm-twisting at the hands of tax officials. After the start of the exchange of information by the OECD in 2018, Pakistani authorities received USD35 billion worth of information, said the sources. The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR)'s function is limited to just recovery of due taxes on the actionable amount at prevailing rates.
- **Discos' tariffs: Nepra approves Re0.57 raise for 1Q | BR:** National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has approved Re 0.57 per unit increase in tariffs of power Distribution Companies (Discos) for the first quarter of FY 2021-22 under Quarterly Tariff Adjustment (QTA) mechanism. The Authority held a public hearing on February 23, 2022 on the petitions of Discos for adjustments in their quarterly tariffs under QTA mechanism. According to the decision sent to Federal Government for final approval and notification, Nepra said that based on discussions, information submitted by CPPA-G, adjustment requests filed by Discos and keeping in view the aforementioned adjustment, the amount of quarterly adjustment for the first Quarter of FY 2021-22 has been worked out as positive PKR14.34bn on account of variation in capacity charges, variable O&M, Use of System Charges (UoSC), Market Operator Fee (MOF) and FCA impact on T&D losses.
- **Pak Suzuki jacks up prices again | Dawn:** Shrugging off the government's warning on the frequent increases in automobile prices, Pak Suzuki Motor Company Ltd (PSMCL) on Tuesday again jacked up its rates by PKR40,000-129,000 with immediate effect. The Engineering Development Board (EDB), a strong arm of the Ministry of Industries and Production, warned the auto assemblers that the government is extremely concerned and has taken a very serious view about the frequent price hikes by the local assemblers. This situation is unacceptable and the government may consider initiating regulatory measures which may include fixing prices under the Price Control Prevention of Profiteering and Hoarding Act 1977, the EDB said.
- **Systems Ltd to acquire NdcTech | Dawn:** Systems Ltd said on Tuesday it has entered into a term sheet, or a non-binding investment agreement, with the sponsor shareholders of National Data Consultant Ltd (NdcTech) for the acquisition of its 100 per cent shareholding. In a stock filing, the IT company said the management of both entities will now start discussions to finalise the terms for the acquisition, the share purchase agreement and other transaction-related documents. Upon finalisation, these terms and conditions will be presented to the board of directors for their final consideration and approval, it added.
- **PM to 'leave for London' tonight as Nawaz summons emergency meeting | Tribune:** Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif along with senior PML-N leaders will leave for London tonight to meet party supremo Nawaz Sharif in the wake of heightened political uncertainty in the country, Express News quoted party sources as saying on Tuesday. According to insiders, Nawaz has summoned an "emergency meeting" of the party leaders to discuss matters related to economy and prevailing political situation of the country among crucial issues facing the country. The insiders further said the ruling party is expected to make some 'big decisions' regarding the fate of coalition government led by PML-N.

Market Indices			
	10-May-22	9-May-22	30-Jun-21
KSE 100	43,504	43,393	47,356
KSE 30	16,514	16,526	18,962
KMI 30	70,081	70,033	76,622
KSE All Shares	29,637	29,590	32,480

Volume (mn Shares)		
	10-May-22	FYTD (Average)
KSE 100	114.4	117.4
KSE 30	70.8	54.6
KMI 30	60.4	50.6
KSE All Shares	233.7	308.9

Commodity Rates			
	10-May-22	Daily Change	FYTD Change
Crude Oil-Brent (USD/BBL)	105.9	0.0%	41.0%
Crude Oil-Arab Light (USD/BBL)	104.0	-3.0%	44.0%
Coal (USD/Tonne)	309.7	0.0%	169.6%
Copper (USD/Lbs)	4.2	-0.9%	-2.5%
Cotton (¢/Lbs)	137.9	0.0%	69.5%
Gold (USD/Ounce)	1,838.1	-0.9%	3.9%

Currency (Interbank)			
	10-May-22	Daily Change	FYTD Change
US Dollar	189.0	0.7%	19.9%
UK Pound	232.8	0.7%	6.9%
Euro	198.9	0.5%	6.5%
UAE Dirham	51.8	0.5%	20.2%
Chinese Yuan	28.1	0.7%	15.0%

Fund Flows (USD mn)		
	10-May-22	FYTD
FOREIGN INDIVIDUAL	0.00	4.22
FOREIGN CORPORATES	-1.23	-348.42
OVERSEAS PAKISTANI	0.07	65.49
FIPI NET	**-1.16**	**-278.71**

Economic Data (USD mn)			
	FY22E	FY21	FY20
GDP Growth	4.6%	5.4%	-0.5%
	Mar-22	Feb-22	
Exports	2,782	2,834	
Imports	6,425	5,853	
Remittances	2,810	2,190	
Foreign Exchange Reserves	17,477	22,638	

Money Market Data			
	10-May-22	9-May-22	30-Jun-21
SBP Policy Rate	12.25	12.25	7.00
CPI Inflation	13.37	13.37	9.70
3 Month T-Bill	14.53	14.50	7.28
6 Month T-Bill	14.80	14.79	7.53
12 Month T-Bill	14.61	14.53	7.81
3 Year Government Bond	13.57	13.16	8.99
5 Year Government Bond	12.91	12.70	9.49
10 Year Government Bond	12.90	12.81	9.94
3 Month KIBOR	14.68	14.68	7.45
6 Month KIBOR	14.90	14.87	7.69

Data Sources : Reuters, PSX, NCCPL, PBS, SBP