

- Govt mulls PKR15bn new taxes ahead of IMF meeting | Dawn:** The government has decided to introduce new taxation measures worth PKR15bn in the next few days as part of the agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to revive a loan programme. The new measures are expected to be taken ahead of the IMF board meeting scheduled for Aug 24, which among others will approve the release of a USD1.17bn tranche for Pakistan as part of the extended fund facility (EFF).
- Debt servicing: Forex reserves fall by over USD2bn in 5 weeks | BR:** The country's foreign exchange reserves declined by over USD2bn during the first 5 weeks of this fiscal year due to massive external debt servicing. The reserves also reached below the USD14bn mark in the first week of August followed by continued debt payment.
- Hina reviews reforms ahead of FATF team visit | The News:** With chances that Pakistan may be removed from the grey list of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) after their scheduled on-site visit by the end of the month, Thursday saw Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hina Rabbani Khar chairing a meeting of the National FATF Coordination Committee at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Rupee's winning streak continues, closes at 218.88 against US dollar | The News:** Continuing its recovery, the rupee on Thursday appreciated PKR3.03 against the US dollar and closed at 218.88 in the interbank market, according to the State Bank of Pakistan. As per the details, the US dollar depreciated by PKR3.03, or 1.38%, to close at PKR218.88 in the interbank market.
- Import of petroleum products: PSO receives PKR62bn for confirmation of LCs | BR:** Pakistan State Oil (PSO) has received PKR62bn from the Finance Division and the Power Division for confirmation of letters of credit (LCs) to import petroleum products. An official of the PSO informed the Senate Standing Committee that the issue pertaining to confirmation of LCs by local and international banks was resolved a couple of weeks ago after the government released PKR30bn out of PKR100bn request forwarded by the PSO management.
- ECC nods govt guarantee for USD142mn Roosevelt Hotel bailout | The News:** The Economic Coordination Committee of the Cabinet (ECC) on Thursday gave its nod to a government guarantee of USD142mn (PKR31.2bn) in the favour of National Bank of Pakistan (NBP) to bail out the financially challenged Roosevelt Hotel Corporation (RHC). Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Miftah Ismail presided over the ECC meeting at the Finance Division.
- Revised tax regime for traders: Promulgation of Ordinance put off till next month | BR:** The promulgation of the Presidential Ordinance has been postponed till next month. The Ordinance contains a revised tax regime for traders, a slight increase in the Federal Excise Duty (FED) on cigarettes/beverages, and a few new taxation measures for 2022-23 including a lower rate of sales tax on few zero-rated sectors.
- Textile exports to dip by USD3bn due to govt policies, warns Aptma | Dawn:** The All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (Aptma) believes export proceeds of the textile sector will go down by up to USD3bn in the current fiscal year because of the government's policies that have "strangled" the largest dollar-earning sector of the economy.
- ECC jacks up price of imported urea to ensure uniformity | Dawn:** In view of cheaper imports than local production, the government on Thursday increased by almost 25% the Dealer Transfer Price (DTP) of imported urea to PKR2,150 per bag to ensure uniformity with locally manufactured fertiliser. The Ministry of Industry and Production (MoIP) informed the ECC that DTP for imported urea was fixed at PKR1,718 per 50kg bag, exclusive of PKR50 dealer margin, in February this year.
- Fertiliser industry offers support for subsidy scheme | Tribune:** Fertiliser Manufacturers of Pakistan Advisory Council (FMPAC) has offered the federal government support for formulating a workable direct subsidy scheme for farmers. In a letter to Finance Minister Miftah Ismail, the fertiliser body said that a direct-targeted subsidy mechanism has been under consideration for the last two years in a bid to ensure that small farmers benefit.
- Mortgage finance market: USD3.8bn additional loan volume can be created, says WB Group | BR:** An additional loan volume of USD3.8bn can be created in the mortgage finance market by existing and new housing finance players, to serve approximately 0.5mn customers, says the World Bank Group.
- CASA-1000: NTDC seeks USD35mn financing | BR:** National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC) has sought additional financing of USD35mn for additional activities of the "challenging" Central Asia- South Asian Electricity Transmission and Trade Project (CASA-1000), well informed sources told Business Recorder.
- Disputed 330MW Kishenganga and 850MW Ratle projects: World Bank to soon constitute arbitration court | The News:** In a new development, the World Bank that brokered the Indus Waters Treaty in 1960 has indicated that it will soon constitute both the Court of Arbitration (CoA) and Neutral Expert (NE) — the forms available in the treaty to resolve the fate of controversial Indian projects.
- Purchase of coal: CPHGC seeks PKR167bn from govt | BR:** China Power Hub Generation Company (Pvt.) Ltd (CPHGC) has sought PKR167bn from government to procure coal for five months (August-December 2022) from South Africa as coal supply from Afghanistan is considerably less than the agreed quantity. CPHGC is a 2x660-MW coal fired power plant with a dedicated coal import jetty located in Hub Balochistan.
- FCA mechanism: KE's tariff for June hiked by PKR11.10/unit | BR:** The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has increased tariff of the K-Electric (KE) by PKR11.10 per unit for June 2022 under monthly Fuel Charges Adjustment (FCA) mechanism, with the additional amounts to be charged in the billing months of August and September.
- Shehbaz, Modi likely to meet at SCO summit | Pak Observer:** Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif is expected to have official and scheduled meetings with the heads of major countries, including his Indian counterpart Narendra Modi, by the middle of next month, according to diplomatic sources. The meetings will take place during the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit scheduled to be held on September 15 and 16 in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, the historical and cultural centre of Muslims.

Market Indices			
	11-Aug-22	10-Aug-22	30-Jun-22
KSE 100	42,243	42,495	41,541
KSE 30	15,972	16,080	15,805
KMI 30	69,102	69,404	68,766
KSE All Shares	29,107	29,194	28,582
Volume (mn Shares)			
	11-Aug-22	FYTD (Average)	
KSE 100	128.3	89.3	
KSE 30	87.1	55.1	
KMI 30	95.6	58.1	
KSE All Shares	281.6	184.3	
Commodity Rates			
	11-Aug-22	Daily Change	FYTD Change
Crude Oil-Brent (USD/BBL)	99.6	2.3%	-13.2%
Crude Oil-Arab Light (USD/BBL)	101.2	2.9%	-6.3%
Coal (USD/Tonne)	312.0	0.4%	-8.7%
Copper (USD/Lbs)	3.7	1.6%	-0.1%
Cotton (¢/Lbs)	114.8	5.4%	4.1%
Gold (USD/Ounce)	1,789.5	-0.2%	-1.0%
Currency (Interbank)			
	11-Aug-22	Daily Change	FYTD Change
US Dollar	219.3	-2.2%	7.2%
UK Pound	267.8	-2.3%	7.6%
Euro	226.3	-2.0%	5.5%
UAE Dirham	59.9	-2.4%	7.2%
Chinese Yuan	32.5	-2.5%	6.5%
Fund Flows (USD mn)			
	11-Aug-22	FYTD	
FOREIGN INDIVIDUAL	0.00	0.13	
FOREIGN CORPORATES	0.09	2.04	
OVERSEAS PAKISTANI	0.46	3.56	
FIPI NET	0.55	5.73	
Economic Data (USD mn)			
	FY22P	FY21	FY20
GDP Growth	6.0%	5.7%	-0.9%
	Jun-22	May-22	
Exports	2,918	2,626	
Imports	7,880	6,777	
Remittances	2,714	2,333	
Foreign Exchange Reserves	9,816	9,397	
Money Market Data			
	11-Aug-22	10-Aug-22	30-Jun-22
SBP Policy Rate	15.00	15.00	13.75
CPI Inflation	24.93	24.93	21.32
3 Month T-Bill	15.70	15.65	14.98
6 Month T-Bill	15.77	15.74	15.15
12 Month T-Bill	15.87	15.83	15.30
3 Year Government Bond	13.65	13.70	13.45
5 Year Government Bond	12.87	12.97	12.93
10 Year Government Bond	12.85	12.84	12.92
3 Month KIBOR	15.86	15.83	15.16
6 Month KIBOR	15.93	15.92	15.35

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