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**Shaukat Tarin hopes for IMF leniency over PM's subsidy package**

Ahead of formal talks with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on a \$6 billion rescue package, Finance Minister Shaukat Tarin said on Wednesday the Fund had been asked to take a lenient view of the recent subsidy package that was announced to prevent people from taking to the streets.

**Exports of 11 sectors jump 35pc in February**

The 11 export-oriented sectors, including value-added textiles, posted double-digit growth in February compared to the same month a year ago. Data compiled by the Ministry of Commerce showed that the growth in the value-added sectors contributed to an increase in overall exports from these sectors.

**Pakistan, Afghanistan agrees to allow free movement of goods trucks**

Pakistan and Afghanistan have agreed to allow free movement of each other's trucks carrying trade cargoes between the two countries from March 21 on Temporary Admission Documents (TAD), an advisor said Tuesday.

**IMF need not worry: Tarin**

Finance Minister Shaukat Tarin has said that ring fenced and targeted amnesty scheme for industrial sector has been provided for the promotion of industries in the country and those who have availed previous amnesties would not be entitled and investment would be only for establishment of industries.

**Two-way trade potential: PAJCCI takes stakeholders on board**

Pakistan Afghanistan Joint Chamber (PAJCCI) Wednesday held several stakeholder meetings across country to identify issues and potential of trade between Pakistan & Afghanistan in last 6 months. The issue of reluctance shown by commercial banks in processing third party payments in context of Afghanistan is critically affecting the conduct of business, despite significant demand from different business segments from Afghanistan. Additionally, difficulty in obtaining E-forms for CIS countries is limiting businesses to reap opportunities available.

**Pakistan, China may renegotiate FTA benefits**

Islamabad wants more concessions exclusive to its products. Pakistan and China are expected to renegotiate the benefits under the current phase of Free Trade Agreement (FTA) as

trade results for 38 export items to China have not been very encouraging.

**Oil slides 12pc as UAE calls for output boost**

Oil slid over 12 per cent on Wednesday after reports that the United Arab Emirates will call on fellow Opec members to boost production, potentially easing some of the supply concerns caused by sanctions on Russia after its invasion of Ukraine.

**PM Kamyab Jawan & FWBL organize 'Kamyab Khatoon Convention'**

Kamyab Jawan's youth entrepreneurship scheme has disbursed 3 billion worth of loans to women entrepreneurs across the country. These loans will empower the women of this country and will also create employment under all these businesses generated. 46 crore rupees have been awarded to women entrepreneurs in the agriculture sector.

**Consistency of IT policies key to attracting FDI**

Tech firm emphasizes need for long-term policy to attract investment, create jobs. The government should ensure consistency of policies for attracting foreign companies and to create a base for software development, a senior official of an IT solution provider emphasized.

**Pakistan and US relaunch TIFA**

Pakistan and the United States (US) have re-launched the Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) process to promote trade and investment for the benefit of both the countries, Assistant US Trade Representative (AUSTR) for South and Central Asia, Christopher Wilson said.

*"It is better to fail in originality than to succeed in imitation."*  
- Herman Melville

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List of Indicators	Date / Period	Unit	Value	Change Daily
USD- Interbank	March-10	PKR	178.59	-0.10%
USD- OPEN MKT	March-10	PKR	178.67	-0.06%
EUR- Interbank	March-10	PKR	197.45	-0.43%
EUR- OPEN MKT	March-10	PKR	197.54	-0.22%
GBP- Interbank	March-10	PKR	235.26	-0.25%
GBP- OPEN MKT	March-10	PKR	235.42	-0.11%
AED- Interbank	March-10	PKR	48.61	-0.04%
AED- OPEN MKT	March-10	PKR	48.66	-0.08%
CNY- Interbank	March-10	PKR	28.25	-0.04%
CNY- OPEN MKT	March-10	PKR	28.27	-0.14%
KSE- 100 Index	March-10	PTS.	43737.15	1.59%
Crude	March-10	\$/ bbl	<b>117.78</b>	-4.37%
Gold	March-10	\$/ oz	1983.58	-8.79%
Silver	March-10	\$/ oz	25.48	-0.23%
Cotton (KHI)-40 kg	March-10	PKR	121.62	-3.35%
Kibor-6 MONTHS	March-10	%	11.28	-
Exports	July - February 2022	\$Bn	20.55	25.88%
Imports	July - February 2022	\$Bn	52.51	55.08%
Trade Balance	July - February 2022	\$Bn	-31.96	-82.26%

Sources: Tres Mark, PBS, PSX