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Inter Bank Rates at 12:00 PM

Currency	U.S. Dollar \$	Euro €	Pound Sterling £	UAE Dirham	China Yuan ¥
Bid	200.15	213.60	251.74	54.48	29.99
Ask	200.60	214.09	252.36	54.63	30.07

• **Support schemes, foreign orders push non-textile exports up 24.81pc**
Pakistan's non-textile exports grew by 24.81 per cent year-on-year to \$10.26 billion in the first 10 months of the current fiscal year (10MFY22) owing to partial revival of international orders and the government's support schemes. The overall growth in this sector is mainly led by the value-added sectors. The non-textile sector has yet to receive full orders to pre-Covid levels, data compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) showed.

• **Export Finance Scheme: SBP announces increase in markup rate**
Following the policy rate hike, the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) on Monday announced an increase in the markup rate for financing under Export Finance Scheme (EFS) as well, taking it from 5.5 pc to 7.5 pc. On Monday, the central bank raised the policy rate by 150 basis points, taking it to 13.75 pc., the highest interest-rate level since 2011 when it stood at 14 pc.

• **FBR introduces new rules: PSW: Cross-border trade linked to 'identity evidence'**
All importers and exporters carrying out cross-border trade transactions through the Pakistan Single Window (PSW) project would be bound to provide evidence of identity by undergoing an electronic verification process. The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) notified a SRO 605(I)/2022 on Monday for issuing draft of the Pakistan Single Window Evidence of Identity (EOI) Rules, 2022.

• **Key policy rate hiked to 13.75pc**
The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) Monday announced increase in the key policy rate by 150 basis points to 13.75 percent aimed at containing the rising inflation and mitigating the risks to external stability. At the same time, the MPC also emphasized the urgency of strong and equitable fiscal consolidation to complement monetary tightening actions. The committee believed that this would help alleviate pressures on inflation, market rates and the external account.

• **Rupee makes another record low**
In the interbank market, the rupee dropped to 200.93 against the dollar, hitting yet another low for the 10th straight session. It weakened by 0.39 percent during the session. The local unit has depreciated by 18 rupees since the coalition government took office in April.

• **Pakistan default risk surges**
An international bond guaranteed by the Government of Pakistan is now yielding 27 percent which means that Pakistan's default risk, as perceived by international investors, has surged. Why has Pakistan default risk surged so rapidly? In August 2021, liquid foreign exchange reserves with SBP stood at \$20 billion. In the following nine months, liquid foreign exchange reserves are down to \$10.1 billion.

• **Pakistan Business Council says rate hike to benefit black economy**
Business community on Monday slammed the hike in policy rate by the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), arguing it would be a bane for the growth of documented economy and a boon for the black economy.

• **China delivers first batch of 120 Higer buses**
Buses will provide transportation services in Sindh's six major cities. Recently, the first batch of 120 12m Higer buses was delivered to Karachi. As one of "Made in China" representatives, the buses will guarantee Pakistan's daily transportation, providing the locals with comfortable and perfect public transportation experience.

"The accident is your training. Life is a choice. You can choose to be a victim or anything else you'd like to be."
– Socrates

List of Indicator	Date	Unit	Value	Change %
KSE- 100 Index	May 24	PTS.	42378.74	-0.15%
Crude Oil (WTI)	May 24	\$/ bbl	108.89	-1.33%
Oil Brent	May 24	\$/ bbl	112.11	-1.17%
Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)	May 24	PKR	8618	-
Polyester Staple Fibre	May 24	PKR	8160	-
Steel Scrap -LME	May 24	PKR	470	-
Steel Rebar -LME	May 24	PKR	757	-
Exports	July - April 2022	\$Bn	26.22	25.46%
Imports	July - April 2022	\$Bn	65.49	46.41%
Trade Balance	July - April 2022	\$Bn	-39.26	-64.79%

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1 Week	12.44	12.94	24-05-2022
6 Months	14.66	14.91	24-05-2022

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