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Inter Bank Rates at 12:00 PM

Currency	U.S. Dollar \$	Euro €	Pound Sterling £	UAE Dirham	China Yuan ¥
Bid	198.79	213.90	251.40	54.10	29.89
Ask	199.29	214.45	252.09	54.27	29.98

Discontinuation of special power tariff: Apparel textile sector warns govt of grave implications

The country's apparel textile sector on Sunday warned the federal government of a 'disastrous' implications for the economy if it discontinued the special power tariff to the five export-oriented sectors, saying that the IMF should be told the concessional facilities is not a 'subsidy'. The IMF should be informed that the special tariffs and DTL are not subsidies rather 'crucial' export-policy decisions to unburden the export sectors from cross-subsidy to compete with competing nations on the global markets.

SECP changes classification of large-size, medium-size firms

The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) has changed the classification of large-size companies and medium-size companies to facilitate the corporate sector. The SECP has issued SRO 602(I)/2022 to amend the Third Schedule (Classification Criteria of Company) to the Companies Act, 2017.

The dollar-led food crisis

The free fall of the rupee against the US Dollar and other major currencies has sent alarm bells ringing among the stakeholders of the agriculture sector, who rely on imported inputs like seeds, fertiliser, pesticides and machinery. They fear that an over 14 per cent drop in the value of the local currency since March 1 this year is set to jeopardising national food security. The American currency was being sold for Rs202.34 this weekend.

IMF has called for a 'tough budget', but govt optimistic of agreement in June: Finance Minister Miftah Ismael

Despite lender's insistence, govt will not increase rate of personal income tax, says finance minister. Stresses that the biggest obstacle in way of programme revival was fuel subsidy. Battling a widening current account deficit amid a hike in the import bill, and depleting foreign exchange reserves, Pakistan has been desperately seeking revival of the stalled \$6 billion Extended Fund Facility (EFF).

Chinese firms' 'woes' invoke 'Shehbaz speed'

Prime Minister Office convenes preparatory meeting with all concerned ministries. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif is reportedly proactively engaged in the resolution of issues facing the Chinese companies including those working in power sector projects under China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)

Avoiding economic meltdown

Ban on 'luxury' goods a populist move that will not significantly cut imports. One of the steps taken by the government to forestall the gathering economic meltdown is to ban the import of about three dozen "luxury" goods (spread over 800 tariff lines), including vehicles, mobile phones, home appliances, and some prepared foods.

Link between budget and current account deficits

Every govt has struggled to bridge the gaps but has failed miserably. The current account deficit basically arises when the inflows of foreign exchange in the country in the form of exports and remittances can't keep pace with the outflows in the form of imports. This creates pressure on the currency which in Pakistan's case leads to depreciation of the rupee.

"Do what you love and success will follow. Passion is the fuel behind a successful career."
~Meg Whitman

List of Indicator	Date	Unit	Value	Change %
KSE- 100 Index	May 30	PTS.	42940.24	0.28%
Crude Oil (WTI)	May 30	\$/ bbl	116.01	-0.26%
Oil Brent	May 30	\$/ bbl	119.98	-0.25%
Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)	May 30	PKR	8427	-
Polyester Staple Fibre	May 30	PKR	8254	-
Steel Scrap -LME	May 30	PKR	465	-
Steel Rebar -LME	May 30	PKR	756.5	-
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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Tenor	Bid	Ask	Applicable Date
1 Week	13.67	14.17	30-05-2022
6 Months	14.46	14.71	30-05-2022

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