

Morning Briefing

Pakistan, Afghanistan all set to sign PTA:

Pakistan and Afghanistan are all set to sign the long-awaited Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) to be operational from August 1, 2025 which will include bilateral duty-free export and import of some fruits and dry fruits. [Click here for more](#)

Sugar tender, Pakistan believed to have received no offers:

No trading companies were believed to have submitted price offers in the international tender to buy 50,000 metric tons of sugar from Pakistan which closed on Tuesday, European traders said in initial assessments. Traders said the shipment and arrival periods were regarded as having too short notice for realistic offers. [Click here for more](#)

PD in a quandary over less RLNG off-take by power plants:

Petroleum Division is still in a quandary over less off-take of Regasified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG) by the power plants, which is resulting in rapid saturation of Sui Northern Gas Company Limited (SNGPL) system. [Click here for more](#)

Revised business plan, PIA buyer required to invest PKR 70bn in 5 years:

Privatization Commission Secretary Usman Akhtar Bajwa, Tuesday, informed the Senate Standing Committee on Privatization that the buyer of Pakistan International Airlines Corporation Limited (PIACL) will be required to invest PKR 70bn over five years period under revised business plan of privatisation of PIA. [Click here for more](#)

SCA rejects '45pc agricultural income tax':

The Sindh Chamber of Agriculture (SCA) has completely rejected the 45 percent agricultural income tax, declaring the act unconstitutional and illegal. They announced their decision to challenge it in court and called on farmers across Sindh to boycott wheat cultivation this year. [Click here for more](#)

Pakistan signs UN agreement on 'Law of Sea':

Pakistan on Tuesday signed an agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ Agreement) that establishes a legal framework for all marine and maritime activities. [Click here for more](#)

SECP grants first-ever digital-only non-life insurance licence:

The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) has granted the country's first-ever digital-only non-life insurance license to Digi Insurance Limited, marking a significant milestone in the evolution of Pakistan's insurance sector. [Click here for more](#)

Pakistan-Vietnam trade to hit USD 1b, eyes USD 10bn target:

Vietnam's Ambassador to Pakistan, Pham Anh Tuan, on Monday, said that bilateral trade between Pakistan and Vietnam is expected to soon reach USD 1bn, paving the way for a stronger economic partnership. [Click here for more](#)

Rice exports to China surge 84% in first half:

Pakistan's rice exports to China have exhibited significant growth during the first six months of 2025, marking an encouraging development under the framework of China's economic policies aimed at enhancing trade relationships and diversifying supply chains. [Click here for more](#)

Net LIPI/FIPI Position		
	USD mn	CYTD
Foreign	-1.32	-145.21
Individuals	1.77	76.34
Companies	0.19	73.56
Banks/DFIs	-2.32	403.4
MF	5.99	-405.07
Broker	0.88	-11.08
Insurance	1.23	-9.06

FIPI Sector-wise	
	USD mn
E & P	-1.25
OMC	0
Banks	0.71
Tech	0.41

Major Indices				
Index	Value	Change	FYTD	CYTD
KSE-100	139,420	+0.9%	+77.7%	+21.1%
SENSEX	82,187	-0.0%	+4.0%	+5.2%
Nikkei 225	39,775	-0.1%	-0.2%	-0.3%
Hang Seng	25,130	+0.5%	+42.9%	+25.3%
S & P 500	6,310	+0.1%	+15.3%	+7.3%
FTSE 100	9,009	+0.3%	+10.4%	+10.3%

Commodities			
	Unit	Price	Change
WTI	USD/bbl	66.21	-1.47%
Brent	USD/bbl	68.80	+0.31%
Coal	USD/ton	104.75	+0.58%
Gold	USD/oz	3,439.80	-0.11%
Silver	USD/oz	39.74	+0.47%
Rubber	USD/kg	1.90	+1.40

Inter-Bank Currency Rates			
	Last Close	Change	CYTD %
PKR/USD	284.9710	+0.01%	+1.10%
PKR/JPN	1.9300	+0.32%	-2.99%
PKR/THB	8.8158	+0.22%	+7.34%

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