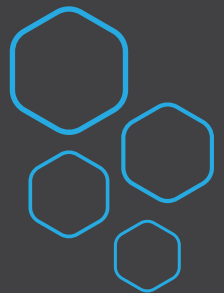




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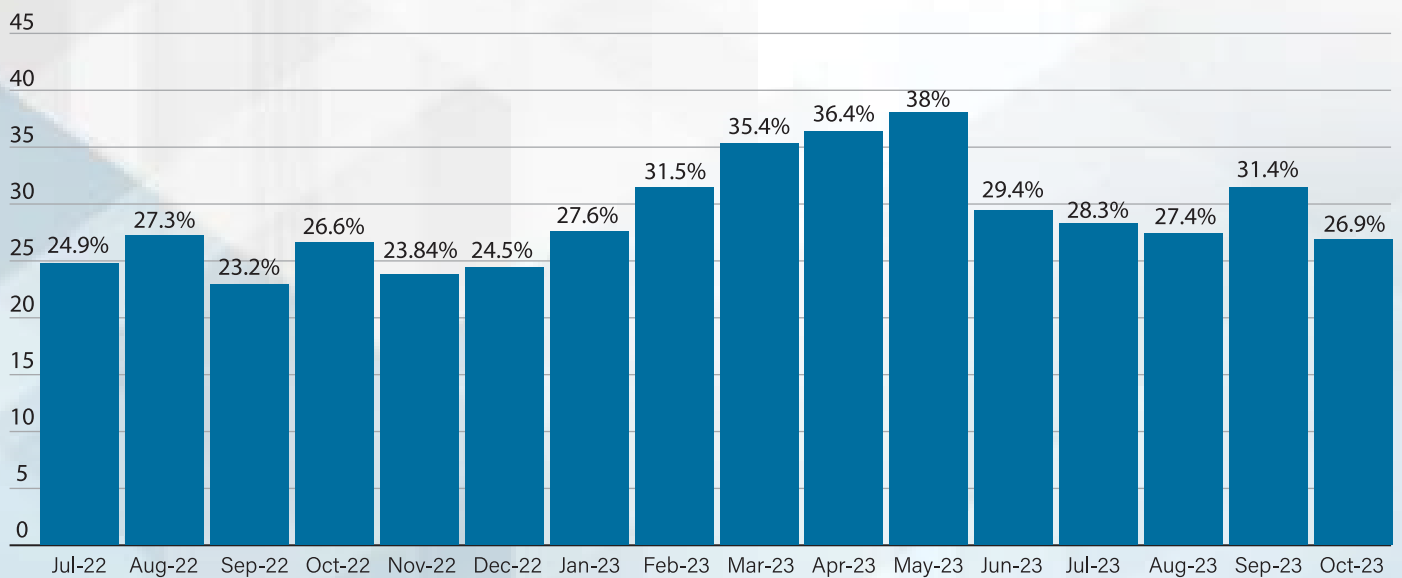
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# INTRODUCTION

This newsletter's efforts are meant to update the reader with a concise summary of the developments that influence the economic landscape of Pakistan.



## ECONOMIC EVENTS

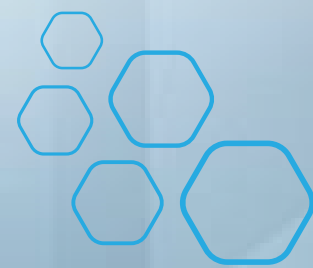


- The inflation rate in Oct-23 yearly clocked at 26.94%, as compared to last month of 31.4%. The average inflation from July–October of FY'24 was observed at 28.48% as compared to 25.48% of the last period.
- The 5.276 trillion would be transferred to Provinces under the NFC award this year. The government has transferred the 20% amounting to Rs 1.088 trillion to provinces in the first quarter of FY24.

- IT industry experts have praised the State Bank of Pakistan's (SBP) recent policy and set a target of \$ 5 billion in exports annually. Recent policy measures by SBP, have increased the permissible retention limit for IT exporters from 35% to 50%, enabling them to keep more foreign earnings in their accounts.
- The Gas prices are increased up to 193% w.e.f. July-23 for the consumer of SSGC & SNGP. The impact of Rs 65 billion is also added in gas tariff for the period of Jul-23 to Oct-23.
- Food export saw 18% growth to \$ 1.28 billion in the first three months of FY24.
- Pakistan's trade deficit was down by 42.25% in the first quarter (July-23 - Sept-23). The current period deficit was recorded at \$5.289 billion, whereas the deficit was \$9.159 billion in July-22-Sept-22.
- The government has projected the output of Cotton Crops to hit 12 million Bales (Punjab: 8 million & Sindh: 4 million) this year. The output of cotton bales was 5 million bales last year.
- For the next 03 months (Nov-23 to Jan-24), the government is targeting to raise the Rs 8.5 trillion through the following categories.

Category	Target Amount (Rs)
MTBs	6.061 trillion
PIB (Fixed Rate)	480 billion
PIB (Floating Rate) Semi-Annual	840 billion
PIB (Floating Rate) Quarterly	1.12 trillion
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.501 trillion</b>

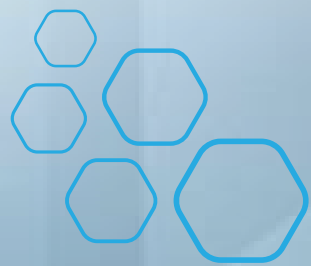
- Shell Petroleum agreed to sell its 77.42% majority interest to Wafi Energy LLC. The sale transaction is expected to be completed by Q4 2024, subject to regulatory approvals.
- The Price for petroleum products decreased in the month of Oct-23. The prices of petrol was reduced to 283.38 down by Rs 48 and the price of diesel was reduced to 303.18 down by Rs 26
- The Prices of petroleum products remain the same for the next 15 days of November 2023.





## POLITICAL FRONT

- During the PM's Visit to China, over 20 agreements were signed between the both countries, specifically infrastructure, mining, industry, green and low-carbon development, health, digital economy, development cooperation and export of agricultural products.
- The MoU of \$ 1.5 billion was signed between PRL & Energy Group of China for investment in the Petroleum sector of Pakistan.
- To control the circular debts in the gas sector, the government decided to increase the prices for domestic, industrial & commercial consumers. Currently, the circular debts reached Rs 2.1 trillion and around 879 billion loss annually in the sector.
- Almost 130,000 illegal Afghanis were residents in Pakistan, who left the country as recorded at the border of Torkham and Chaman. around 1.7 million afghanis are living in the country and now, the government has announced a deadline of November-2023 to leave the country voluntarily or otherwise forcibly departed.
- Federal cabinet approved the Fly Jinnah to operate on global routes on the recommendation of the aviation ministry, Fly Jinnah will now be able to carry out flight operations in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Iraq, Malaysia, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Turkiye, UAE, etc.





# WORLD UPDATES

- Muslims in America and Democratic Party activists demand for Joe Biden to use the influence in Israel for a ceasefire.
- Bolivia has decided to cut diplomatic relations with the State of Israel, due to the Israeli military offensive being carried out in the Gaza Strip
- 2nd time in a week, the internet and phone networks were down across the Gaza Strip.
- Saudi Arabia condemned a deadly Israeli bombing of Gaza's largest refugee camp that killed dozens of people.
- Kuwait's crown prince Sheikh Meshal al-Ahmad al-Sabah condemns Israeli "aggression" on Gaza and calls for a ceasefire.
- Muslims from Worldwide protest against Israel's un-humanitarian and genocide mindset towards Gaza.

## FINANCIAL WORLD FOREX UPDATE

- The Inter Bank rate of PKR appreciated by 6.27 in Oct-23 and it's closed at 281.47.
- On 16th-Oct-2023, the Dollar rate against PKR touched the 276.83 lowest, in care-taker government.



- The closing rate of major currencies on 30th Sept 2023 were;

## INTER **BANK** RATES

Currency	Symbol	Bank Buying TT Clean	Bank Selling TT & OD
Australian Dollar	AUD	178.36	178.86
Canadian Dollar	CAD	202.93	203.43
China Yuan	CNY	38.53	38.6
Danish Krone	DKK	39.94	40.04
Euro	EUR	298.27	298.8
Hong Kong Dollar	HKD	36.05	36.11
Japanese Yen	JPY	1.8737	1.8771
Saudi Riyal	SAR	74.89	75.02
Singapore Dollar	SGD	205.56	205.92
Swedish Korona	SEK	23.27	25.38
Swiss Franc	CHF	311.24	311.8
Thai Bhat	THB	7.79	7.8
UK Pound Sterling	GBP	341.24	341.89
US Dollar	USD	280.97	281.47



## CAPITAL MARKET

- The KSE-100 index crossed the level of 52,000 points after six years (30th May 2017).
- In Last 06 months, KSE-100 index up by 10,000 points.
- The KSE-100 index closed at 51,920 points after the increase of 5688 points. the index was closed at 46,232 points last month.
- The monetary policy committee on Oct 30th, 2023, announced to maintain the Policy rate at 22 percent.



# IMPORTANT ECONOMIC INDICATORS AS OF OCT-23

Currency (PKR To USD) Rs. 281.47

Stock Market (KSE-100 Index) 51,920.27

Unemployment Rate 6.9% (E)

Inflation Rate 26.9 %

Interest Rate 22%

Corporate Tax Rate 29%

Personal Income Tax Rate 35%

GDP annual growth 0.5% (E)

Consumer Confidence 32.8

Brent Crude oil \$ 87.50/Bbl

WTI Crude Oil \$ 81.22/Bbl

Gold Per Tola Rs. 213,000

## PAKISTAN CONSUMER CONFIDENCE



Consumer confidence in Pakistan rebounded to 32.8 in October 2023, from 26.2 in the previous month, as improvements were seen in both the current economic conditions index (30.6 vs 25.4) and the expected economic conditions index (35.0 vs 27.1).



# TAX WORLD

- The FBR achieved its target fourth time in a row in the month of Oct-23 with a collection of Rs 707 billion, whereas the set target was Rs 704 billion.
- The FBR collected Rs 2,748 billion, which exceeded Rs 66 billion more than its assigned target of Rs 2,682 billion in the first 4 months of FY'24.
- The FBR has not announced any further extension for filing the income tax return this year.
- The FBR has received 2.9 million income tax returns up to October 31, 2023, as compared to 2.57 million last year, reflecting an increase of around 330,000 Tax returns.
- FBR also issued refunds of Rs 158 billion in the first 04 months of FY24 where the FBR refunded Rs 113 billion in the corresponding period of the previous year.



- If you look at what you have in life, you'll always have more.  
If you look at what you don't have in life, you'll never have enough.
- The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams

## Subconscious

- Beliefs
- Emotions
- Habit
- Value
- Protective reaction
- Intuition





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