

# Morning Brief

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## Italy approves €20m agri loan

Italy on Monday signed a loan agreement to provide €20 million (about Rs6.3 billion) to Pakistan to support the professional capacity building and extension in agriculture project under Pakistan's Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) National Reform Programme. (Dawn)

<https://www.dawn.com/news/2011762/italy-approves-eur20m-agri-loan>

## SBP exceeds \$18bn reserves target

The foreign exchange reserves of the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) fell by \$1.3 billion to \$15.916bn during the week ended June 19, the central bank announced on Thursday. However, despite this massive outflow due to debt repayment, the SBP managed to achieve the \$18bn target projected for the outgoing FY26, which closes on June 30. (Dawn)

**IMF-driven tariff reforms set to end protection for auto industry by FY30**

The automotive sector is approaching a critical juncture as the industry's decades-long reliance on tariff protections comes to an end, forcing a shift towards an export-oriented and electric vehicle (EV)-driven ecosystem. Under an IMF-mandated Tariff Rationalisation Plan extending to fiscal year 2029-30, the historical protections afforded to local Completely Knocked Down (CKD) assembly operations are set to be gradually phased out. (The News)

[https://www.thenews.pk/print/1423042-imf-driven-tariff-reforms-set-to-end-protection-for-auto-industry-by](https://www.thenews.pk/print/1423042-imf-driven-tariff-reforms-set-to-end-protection-for-auto-industry-by-fy30)