

# **TEA MARKET REPORT**

**SALE NO: 22**

June 9 & 10, 2026



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## COMMENTS

This week's Tea Auction, Sale No.22 was held on June 9(Tue.)/10(Wed.), 2026. A total weight of 6.4MKGS was on offer, which shows an increase when compared to the previous week. The Low Grown Leafy, Semi Leafy, Tippy/Small Leaf & Premium Flowery catalogues totaled 2.6MKGS, while the Main Sale High & Medium segment had 0.8MKGS. The Ex Estate category had 1.0MKGS.

Demand at today's Ex-estate sale once again met with irregular demand with the exception of select best Westerns which were firm to selectively dearer with buyer's following quality very closely. A few select coloury Western BOP's/BOPF's gained upto Rs.50/- whilst the others were mostly irregular. In the below best category, teas in the high priced bracket of last week lost substantially by as much as Rs.100/- and more whilst others too were lower but upto a lesser extent. Lower end teas were barely steady and often easier. Nuwara Eliya teas were again mostly unsold this week. Uva/Uda Pussellawa BOP's/BOPF's were up to Rs.50/- easier and at times more. CTC Teas-High & Medium category PF1's which were thin/light liquoring teas declined Rs.20-40/- and at times were unsellable due to lack of suitable offers. Coloury teas too declined by a lesser margin. The majority of the Low grown PF1's sold around last levels and at times fluctuated. The limited availability of BP1's from all elevations tended irregular. Buyers continued to be very selective in their purchases with the exception of the better liquoring teas which sold well on account of special inquiry.

Low Grown teas once again met with good overall demand with the majority of the grades selling around last levels and at times more. Tippy teas too met with strong demand and appreciated. There continued to be widespread demand from most buyers.

### In Lighter Vein

This week's auction comprised of **12,310** lots with a total quantity of **6,489,528** Kgs.

### RETIREMENT PARTY

The catalogue wise breakdown was as follows:-

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>	
Low Grown Leafy	2,231	917,460	The boss is finally old enough to retire from the company. On his last day of work, he ordered a farewell party for himself. The boss wanted everyone to express their good feeling about him by writing on the farewell card, so later he could remember how his staff would "miss" him. Most people are writing standard phrases like, Without you, the company will never be the same... We will always remember you... etc.
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,638	687,947	
Low Grown Tippy	2,051	955,419	
High & Medium	1,870	837,295	Obviously the boss was not satisfied. "I need something from the bottom of your heart, something really touching, you know. Okay, John, you have been working with me for the last 20 years. You are my best staff. I am retiring now. What do you have to say?"
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,490	1,326,435	
Dust	749	704,304	Slowly but firmly, John wrote, "The best news in 20 years!"
Premium Flowery	306	43,141	
Ex-Estate	<u>975</u>	<u>1,017,527</u>	
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>12,310</u></b>	<b><u>6,489,528</u></b>	

## LOW GROWN TEAS

### LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY

**BOP1** : Select best invoices declined, whilst the balance were maintained.

**OP1** : Teas in the select best category were easier, whilst the balance were firm to irregularly dearer.

**OP** : Best invoices were firm, whilst balance tended irregular.

**OPA** : Select best OPA's were irregularly dearer, whilst the balance were firm on last week levels.

**PEK/PEK1** : Well made PEK's were firm, whilst the balance were appreciated. Select best PEK1's were firm, whilst the balance tended irregular.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP1	OP1	OP	OPA	PEK/PEK1
<b>SELECT BEST</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>1800-3000</b>	<b>1900-3600</b>	<b>1550-1800</b>	<b>1550-2100</b>	<b>1650-2550</b>
	Last Week	1800-3450	1900-3750	1550-1900	1550-1950	1650-2550
<b>BEST</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>1600-1750</b>	<b>1550-1850</b>	<b>1300-1500</b>	<b>1350-1500</b>	<b>1450-1600</b>
	Last Week	1600-1750	1600-1850	1300-1500	1350-1500	1450-1600
<b>BELOW BEST</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>1400-1550</b>	<b>1350-1500</b>	<b>1100-1250</b>	<b>1200-1300</b>	<b>1200-1400</b>
	Last Week	1400-1550	1350-1550	1150-1250	1200-1300	1150-1400
<b>SECONDARIES</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>1200-1350</b>	<b>1200-1300</b>	<b>950-1050</b>	<b>1050-1150</b>	<b>1000-1150</b>
	Last Week	1200-1350	1200-1300	1000-1100	1100-1150	1000-1100
<b>POOR</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>1000-1150</b>	<b>750-1150</b>	<b>700-900</b>	<b>700-1000</b>	<b>800-950</b>
	Last Week	1000-1150	750-1150	700-950	700-1050	800-950

**TIPPY/SMALL LEAF**

**BOP/BOPSP** : In general were firm.

**BOPF/BOPFSP** : A few select invoices were firm on last levels, others were irregularly lower following quality.

**FBOP/FBOP1** : Select best and best FBOP's appreciated whilst the others sold around last levels. FBOP1's in general were firm.

**FBOPF/FBOPF1** : FBOPF1's in general were fully firm to dearer, whilst the lower end varieties were irregular. FBOPF's in general were firm.

**FBOPFSP** : In general appreciated.

**FFEXSP/SP1** : Met with firm market.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP/ BOPSP	BOPF/ BOPFSP	FBOP/ FBOP1	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	FBOPFSP/ FBOPFEXSP
<b>SELECT BEST</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>1650-1900</b>	<b>1460-1900</b>	<b>2350-2850</b>	<b>1650-2450</b>	<b>5200-6950</b>
	Last Week	1600-1900	1480-1900	2300-2750	1550-2000	5000-6200
<b>BEST</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>1440-1550</b>	<b>1280-1360</b>	<b>1850-2200</b>	<b>1460-1500</b>	<b>3950-4750</b>
	Last Week	1420-1500	1320-1420	1850-2150	1440-1480	3800-4600
<b>BELOW BEST</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>1280-1400</b>	<b>1100-1240</b>	<b>1550-1800</b>	<b>1280-1380</b>	<b>2700-3700</b>
	Last Week	1280-1380	1120-1280	1500-1800	1240-1340	2500-3400
<b>SECONDARIES</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>1060-1200</b>	<b>860-940</b>	<b>1360-1460</b>	<b>1160-1240</b>	<b>1850-2200</b>
	Last Week	1080-1200	870-960	1360-1460	1120-1200	1800-2050
<b>POOR</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>830-1020</b>	<b>700-830</b>	<b>960-1220</b>	<b>900-1100</b>	<b>1300-1600</b>
	Last Week	840-1020	710-840	950-1200	880-1080	1280-1500

## MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

**FBOP** : Except for a few select best invoices, the balance sold around last levels to irregularly easier.

**FBOPF/FBOPF1** : In general maintained last levels.

**PEK/PEK1** : Best PEK1's were firm whilst the balance were easier.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	Best		Below Best		Others	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
<b>FBOP</b>	<b>1150 - 2050</b>	1200 - 2450	<b>1000 - 1500</b>	1000 - 1500	<b>820 - 960</b>	800 - 940
<b>FBOPF/FBOPF1</b>	<b>1150 - 1750</b>	1150 - 1700	<b>900 - 1380</b>	900 - 1400	<b>770 - 1080</b>	770 - 1100
<b>PEK/PEK1</b>	<b>1100 - 1900</b>	1000 - 1900	<b>850 - 1100</b>	850 - 1100	<b>750 - 900</b>	750 - 880

## HIGH GROWN TEAS

**MARKET** : Better Western's were firm and selectively dearer, whilst the others were irregular and barely steady

**BOP**: Better Western's - A few select coloury invoices gained by up to Rs.50/- per kg, whilst the others were irregular and mostly easier. In the Below Best category, teas in the higher price bracket declined by up to Rs.100/- per kg, whilst the others were lower to a lesser extent. Prices at the lower end of the market were barely steady. Nuwara Eliya's were mostly unsold. Uda Pussellawa's were up to Rs.50/- per kg easier. Uva's were barely steady.

**BOPF** : Better Western's - A selection of teas gained by Rs.50/- per kg and more, whilst the others were firm and dearer to a lesser extent. In the Below Best category, teas in the higher price bracket were irregular following quality, whilst the others together with teas at the lower end of the market were barely steady. Nuwara Eliya's were mostly unsold. Uda Pussellawa's were sharply lower. Uva's, where quality was maintained, prices were barely steady, whilst the others were irregular and easier following quality

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
<b>Best Westerns</b>	<b>1220 - 1340</b>	1280 - 1420	<b>1280 - 1380</b>	1300 - 1400
<b>Below Best Westerns</b>	<b>1060 - 1180</b>	1100 - 1260	<b>1120 - 1260</b>	1140 - 1280
<b>Plainer Westerns</b>	<b>900 - 1040</b>	900 - 1060	<b>900 - 1100</b>	900 - 1120
<b>Nuwara Eliyas</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Brighter UdaPussellawas</b>	<b>1240</b>	920 - 1060	<b>1100 - 1200</b>	960 - 1160
<b>Other Uda Pussellawas</b>	<b>800 - 1040</b>	800 - 840	<b>790 - 890</b>	800 - 850
<b>Best Uva's</b>	<b>1140 - 1280</b>	900 - 1000	<b>1120 - 1180</b>	1140 - 1180
<b>Other Uva's</b>	<b>980 - 1060</b>	N/A	<b>920 - 1080</b>	900 - 1080

## MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

**BOP** : Large Leaf teas continued to sell well at firm to dearer rates, whilst the others were barely steady.

**BOPF** : Well-made types were mostly firm, whilst the other poorer sorts were Rs. 20-40 per kg dearer on last.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
<b>Best Westerns</b>	<b>80 - 1900</b>	820 - 1750	<b>660-1240</b>	650-1260

## CTC TEAS

### HIGH GROWN:-

**BP1** - Hardly any offerings.

**PF1** - Lighter/thinner liquoring teas declined by Rs.20-40 per kg, whilst the other coloury sorts were lower to a lesser extent.

### MEDIUM GROWN:-

**BP1** - Irregular.

**PF1** - Thinner light liquoring teas were mostly unsellable, whilst the other coloury sorts were barely steady and once again with many withdrawals.

### LOW GROWN:-

**BP1** - Continued to sell around last.

**PF1** - Mostly sold around last though prices tended to fluctuate following quality.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BP1		PF1	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
<b>High</b>	<b>790</b>	-	<b>740 - 1020</b>	800 - 1000
<b>Medium</b>	<b>620 - 780</b>	600 - 1020	<b>680 - 1000</b>	630 - 1020
<b>Low</b>	<b>580 - 1380</b>	800 - 1420	<b>640 - 1440</b>	620 - 1460

## OFF GRADES

**FGS/FGS1** : Select best liquoring FNGS/FNGS1's were firm on last week levels. Low Grown select best FNGS/FNGS1's firm on last, whilst others firm to dearer Rs.20-30/-. Select best BM's firm on last, others firm on last. Lower end teas firm to dearerRs20-30/-.

**BOP1A** : Select best BOP1A's firm on last. Best teas advanced Rs.50-70/- per kg, whilst below best and lower end teas irregularly lower.

QUOTATIONS (Rs./kg)	HIGH		MEDIUM		LOW	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Good Fannings (Orthodox)	<b>750-1240</b>	700-1200	<b>570-750</b>	570-750	<b>750-800</b>	750-810
Good Fannings (CTC)	<b>625-650</b>	625-650	<b>600-650</b>	600-650	<b>600-650</b>	600-650
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	<b>600-680</b>	580-680	<b>600-640</b>	600-640	<b>550-640</b>	550-640
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Good BM's	<b>720-810</b>	720-810	<b>750-810</b>	750-810	<b>730-900</b>	730-900
Other BM's	<b>610-710</b>	570-720	<b>600-750</b>	580-750	<b>650-760</b>	650-760
Best BOP1As	<b>710-760</b>	710-760	<b>710-810</b>	710-810	<b>770-1500</b>	760-1300
Other BOP1As	<b>620-700</b>	630-700	<b>620-720</b>	640-710	<b>620-740</b>	620-740

## DUST

**DUST/DUST1**: High Grown liquoring DUST/DUST1's sold firm on last levels, whilst their secondaries and below best types declined by Rs.50-80/-. Mid grows teas too followed a similar trend, whilst the Low grows met with very poor demand as most of the teas remained unsold.

**PD** : High grows together with Mid Grows were firm on last levels. Low grows showed a decline.

QUOTATIONS (Rs./kg)	HIGH		MEDIUM		LOW	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Good Primary Dust1 (Orthodox)	<b>600 - 1650</b>	600 - 1500	<b>600 - 940</b>	620 - 1100	<b>570 - 920</b>	580 - 1000
Good Primary PD (CTC)	<b>550 - 1240</b>	550 - 1060	<b>560 - 980</b>	560 - 960	<b>550 - 1420</b>	550 - 1360
Secondary Dust	<b>540 - 1160</b>	560 - 1160	<b>520 - 900</b>	540 - 790	<b>520 - 850</b>	560 - 940

**WESTERN MEDIUM**

*Ancoombra	BOP	1900/-
Dartry Valley	BOP	1700/-
*Harangalla	BOP	1600/-
*Hatale	BOPSP	1480/-
*Ancoombra	BOPSP	1460/-
Vellai Oya	BOPF	1240/-
*Vellai Oya	BOPF	1220/-
*Vellai Oya	BOPF	1200/-
Galgewatta	BOPFSP	1400/-
*Ancoombra	BOPFSP	1200/-
Harangalla	BOP1	2450/-
Craighead	FBOP	2050/-
Harangalla	FBOP1	1480/-
*Meezan	FBOP1	1320/-
Craighead	FBOPF	1320/-
Erine Super	FBOPF	1280/-
*Harangalla	FBOPF	1260/-
*Ancoombra	FBOPF1	1750/-
*Hatale	FBOPF1	1650/-
*Harangalla	FBOPF1	1650/-
Harangalla	OP	1340/-
*Galgewatta	OP	1300/-
*Hatale	OPA	1400/-
*Hatale	OPA	1380/-
Craighead	OP1	2000/-
*Hatale	PEKOE	1550/-
Harangalla	PEKOE1	1900/-
Dartry Valley	PEKOE1	1900/-
Craighead	PEKOE1	1900/-
*Hatale	PEKOE1	1850/-
*Harangalla	PEKOE1	1850/-

**WESTERN HIGH**

Ingestre	BOP	1340/-
Ingestre	BOPSP	1440/-
Alton	BOPF	1380/-
Torrington	BOP1	1550/-
Cymru	FBOP	1500/-
Torrington	FBOPF1	1440/-
Cymru	OP	1260/-
Cymru	OPA	1300/-
Kirkoswald	OP1	1500/-
St Adrews	OP1	1500/-
Dessford	PEKOE	1380/-
Frotoft Super	PEKOE1	1600/-
Bogahawatte	PEKOE1	1600/-

**NUWARA ELIYA**

Kenmare	BOP	1040/-
Kenmare	BOPSP	860/-
Kenmare	FBOP	1800/-
Kenmare	FBOPF1	1320/-

**UVA MEDIUM**

Halpewatte Uva	BOP	1500/-
*Halpewatte Uva	BOPSP	1360/-
El Teb	BOPF	1080/-
Dickwella	BOPFSP	1480/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	BOP1	1700/-
*Roseland Uva	FBOP	1750/-
Adawatte	FBOP1	1340/-
Hindagala	FBOPF	1040/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	FBOPF1	1600/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	FBOPF1	1550/-
*Roseland Uva	FBOPF1	1480/-
Pettiagalla	OP	1360/-
High Spring	OPA	1300/-
Aruna Keppetipola	OPA	1300/-
Pettiagalla	OPA	1280/-
*Roseland Uva	OPA	1280/-
Aruna Passara	OP1	1650/-
*Roseland Uva	OP1	1600/-
Aruna Keppetipola	PEKOE	1480/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	PEKOE1	1850/-
Aruna Keppetipola	PEKOE1	1850/-

**UVA HIGH**

Uvakellie	BOP	1280/-
Ranaya	BOPSP	1380/-
Nayabedde	BOPF	1180/-
Bandaraeliya	BOPF	1180/-
Aislaby	BOPFSP	1360/-
Uva Highlands	BOP1	1750/-
Aislaby	FBOP	1900/-
Uvakellie	FBOP1	1200/-
Walawa	FBOPF	1240/-
Gonamotawa	FBOPF1	1550/-
Ellathota Uva	OP	1240/-
Ellathota Uva	OPA	1280/-
Ranaya	OPA	1280/-
*Ellathota Uva	OPA	1260/-
Aislaby	OP1	1750/-
Ranaya	PEKOE	1480/-
Ranaya	PEKOE1	1900/-

**UDAPUSSELLAWA**

Blairlmond	BOP	1320/-
Kirklees	BOPSP	920/-
*Mooloya	BOPF	1200/-
Maha Uva	BOP1	1600/-
Blairlmond	FBOP	1600/-
Maha Uva	FBOP1	1420/-
Maha Uva	FBOPF	1040/-
Maha Uva	FBOPF1	1480/-
Maha Uva	OP	1300/-
Blairlmond	OPA	1260/-
Delmar	OP1	1600/-
Maha Uva	PEKOE	1420/-
Delmar	PEKOE1	1600/-

**LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES**

*Makandura	BOP1	3000/-
Pothotuwa	BOP1	3000/-
Pothotuwa	OP1	3600/-
Miriswatta	OP	1800/-
Green Lanka	OP	1750/-
*Green House	OP	1700/-
Miriswatta	OPA	2100/-
Green Lanka	OPA	1800/-
Dampahala	OPA	1800/-
*Green House	OPA	1750/-
Lumbini	PEKOE	2550/-
Green Lanka	PEKOE	2350/-
*Makandura	PEKOE	2300/-
*Andaradeniya S	PEKOE1	2450/-

**LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES**

*Mahaliyadda	BOP	1900/-
*N Mount Carmel	BOP	1900/-
*Andaradeniya S	BOP	1900/-
New Vithanakande	BOP	1900/-
Aruna	BOP	1900/-
*New Nivithigala	BOP	1850/-
*Rain Forest	BOP	1850/-
*Sithaka	BOP	1850/-
*Wikiliya	BOP	1800/-
*Wattahena	BOP	1800/-
*Elaine Super	BOPSP	2100/-
*Andaradeniya S	BOPSP	1850/-
Stream Line	BOPSP	1850/-
*New Nivithigala	BOPSP	1800/-
Rajjuruwatte Super	BOPF	1850/-
New Rekadahena	BOPF	1850/-
*Makandura	BOPF	1460/-
Kings Bru	BOPFSP	1900/-
*Ganganee	BOPFSP	1750/-
*Sithaka	FBOP	2850/-
Galatara	FBOP	2850/-
Adams View	FBOP	2850/-
*Ganganee	FBOP1	2150/-
Wewelkandura S	FBOPF	2450/-
*Ganganee	FBOPF	2250/-
Makandura	FBOPF1	1850/-
Galatara	FBOPF1	1850/-
*Wattahena	FBOPF1	1800/-

**PREMIUM FLOWERY**

Uplands	FBOPFSP	6950/-
*Green House	FBOPFSP	6000/-
Yalta	FBOPFEXSP	5950/-
Allen Valley	FBOPFEXSP1	5350/-

**CTC TEAS****HIGH GROWN**

Florence CTC	BP1	790/-
*Dunsinane CTC	PF1	1020/-
*Dunsinane CTC	PF1	1000/-

**MEDIUM GROWN**

Delta CTC	BP1	780/-
Strathdon CTC	PF1	1000/-

**LOW GROWN**

Ceciliyan CTC	BP1	1380/-
Hingalgoda CTC	PF1	1440/-

**OFF GRADES**

Rasilta	BP	1340/-
*Laksakanda	BP	1300/-
Galdola CTC	PF	800/-
*Ganganee	BM	1200/-
*Wattehena	FNGS	940/-
N Spring View 'A'	FNGS	940/-
Lellopitiya	FNGS	940/-
Wanarajah	FNGS1	1240/-
Aldora	BOP1A	1550/-
Liyonta	BOP1A	1200/-
Nawagamuwahena	BOP1A	1200/-
Kings Bru	BOP1A	1200/-
*Allen Valley	BOP1A	1180/-
*Karawita	BOP1A	1180/-

**BOPA**

*Makandura	BOPA	2000/-
*Harangalla	BOPA	1900/-
*Hedigalla	BOPA	1900/-
*Green House	BOPA	1900/-
*Wattahena	BOPA	1850/-

**Dust**

Fettresso	DUST	1160/-
Mattakelle	DUST1	1650/-
Ceciliyan CTC	PD	1420/-

**LOW GROWN**

*New Laksakanda	DUST	850/-
Galatara	DUST	850/-

## NATIONAL ELEVATIONAL AVERAGES – MAY, 2026

Elevation	MONTH		TO-DATE	
	QUANTITY -KG-	AVERAGE -RS./KGS-	QUANTITY -KG-	AVERAGE -RS./KGS-
<b>ORTHODOX</b>				
<b>UVA-HIGH</b>	1,505,694	1,055.88	5,867,283	1,051.76
<b>WESTERN-HIGH</b>	2,690,311	1,183.56	12,693,261	1,223.59
<b>UVA-MEDIUM</b>	1,585,074	1,060.14	5,159,839	1,028.13
<b>WESTERN-MEDIUM</b>	1,749,266	1,020.77	7,463,383	1,004.09
<b>LOW</b>	11,332,876	1,314.32	56,099,542	1,253.94
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,863,221</b>	<b>1,226.46</b>	<b>87,283,307</b>	<b>1,201.22</b>
<b>CTC</b>				
<b>UVA -HIGH</b>	78,810	1,164.93	445,803	1,156.46
<b>WESTERN- HIGH</b>	312,809	991.69	1,738,705	1,079.65
<b>WESTERN - MEDIUM</b>	760,919	911.88	4,011,729	956.83
<b>LOW</b>	944,557	931.21	4,613,942	940.51
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,097,095</b>	<b>942.00</b>	<b>10,810,179</b>	<b>977.85</b>
<b>COMBINED (Orthodox/ CTC)</b>				
<b>UVA-HIGH</b>	1,584,504	1,061.31	6,313,086	1,059.15
<b>WESTERN-HIGH</b>	3,003,120	1,163.58	14,431,966	1,205.47
<b>UVA-MEDIUM</b>	1,585,074	1,060.14	5,159,839	1,206.25
<b>WESTERN-MEDIUM</b>	2,510,185	987.76	11,475,112	1,028.13
<b>LOW</b>	12,277,433	1,284.85	60,713,484	1,230.12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,960,316</b>	<b>1,198.00</b>	<b>98,093,486</b>	<b>1,176.61</b>

## COLOMBO AUCTION – WEEKLY GROSS SALE AVERAGES

SALE NO.21 OF 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE, 2026

	2026			2025	
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
Uva High Grown	969.46	1,002.85	1,038.76	992.45	1,046.42
Western High Grown	1,127.73	1,149.19	1,190.71	991.07	1,112.12
High Grown	1,074.46	1,097.94	1,144.89	991.51	1,091.63
Uva Medium	993.11	995.55	1,025.20	1,040.17	1,087.37
Western Medium	924.07	928.26	977.62	979.29	1,026.08
Medium Grown	950.89	953.53	993.15	1,000.01	1,045.54
Low Grown (Orthodox)	1,299.03	1,299.03	1,254.57	1,231.48	1,267.96
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	1,275.98	1,269.99	1,235.72	1,219.05	1,254.45
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,177.46</b>	<b>1,175.43</b>	<b>1,177.13</b>	<b>1,126.46</b>	<b>1,185.15</b>

Private Sale Figures (27.05.2026 – 03.06.2026)

239,203.00

Cumulative

5,272,463.95

### DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALE

#### SALE NO: 23

#### SALE NO: 24

#### Sale of 16<sup>th</sup> /17<sup>th</sup> June, '26

#### Sale of 22<sup>nd</sup> /23<sup>rd</sup> June, '26

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	2,415	1,011,364	1,880	730,512
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,706	715,095	1,193	457,605
Low Grown Tippy	2,059	946,687	1,466	648,225
High & Medium	1,905	887,800	1,649	739,439
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,582	1,385,561	2, 226	1,152,248
Dust	547	517,085	930	876,619
Premium Flowery	355	50,850	302	41,998
Ex-Estate	985	1,020,281	892	923,191
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>12,554</u></b>	<b><u>6,534,724</u></b>	<b><u>10,538</u></b>	<b><u>5,569,837</u></b>

## **FUTURE CATALOGUES CLOSURE**

### **Sale No.25 of 30<sup>th</sup> (Tue.) June/01<sup>st</sup> (Wed.) July, 2026**

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2026 at 04.30 p.m.**

### **Sale No.26 of 07<sup>th</sup> (Tue.) July /08<sup>th</sup> (Wed.) July, 2026**

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2026 at 04.30 p.m.**

### **Sale No.27 of 14<sup>th</sup> (Tue.) July /15<sup>th</sup> (Wed.) July, 2026**

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2026 at 04.30 p.m.**

## **SALE NO.23**

### **AUCTION OF 16<sup>TH</sup> /17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2026**

#### **BROKERS' SELLING ORDER**

<b><u>Leafy/ Semi Leafy/ Tippy/Premium Flowery/ BOP1A/</u></b>	<b><u>High &amp; Medium/ Off Grades/ Dust</u></b>	<b><u>Ex-Estate</u></b>
1. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd	1. John Keells PLC	1. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd
2. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC	2. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC	2. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC
3. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC	3. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd	3. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd
4. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd	4. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC	4. John Keells PLC
5. Eastern Brokers PLC	5. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd	5. Eastern Brokers PLC
6. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	6. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	6. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
7. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	7. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	7. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
8. John Keells PLC	8. Eastern Brokers PLC	8. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC

## Crop & Weather

**For the period 03<sup>rd</sup> to 09<sup>th</sup> June, 2026**

### Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions

Both regions experienced rain throughout the week. According to the Department of Meteorology, showers are expected in the Western and Nuwara Eliya regions in the week ahead.

### Uva/Uda Pussellawa Regions

Bright weather was reported in both regions during the week. Rain is expected in the Uva and Uda Pussellawa regions in the week ahead according to the Department of Meteorology.

### Low Grown

Bright weather and intermittent showers were reported in the Low Grown Region throughout the week. The Department of Meteorology expects showery conditions in the Low Grown Region in the week ahead.

### Crop Intake

The Western and Nuwara Eliya regions reported a decrease in the crop intake, whilst the Uva, Uda Pussellawa and Low Grown regions maintained.

### WORLD CROP STATISTICS (MKGS)

Country	Month	2025	2026	Difference +/-	To-date 2025	To-date 2026	Difference +/-
<b>SRI LANKA</b>	<b>April.</b>	<b>26.46</b>	<b>24.22</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	<b>88.62</b>	<b>83.94</b>	<b>-4.6</b>
<b>BANGLADESH</b>	Feb.	0.03	0.02	0.0	0.34	0.60	0.3
<b>MALAWI</b>	Feb.	6.70	5.60	-1.1	12.00	10.80	-1.2
<b>NORTH INDIA</b>	Mar.	52.08	49.05	-3.0	62.93	55.31	-7.6
<b>SOUTH INDIA</b>	Mar.	15.77	17.81	2.0	47.47	42.70	-4.8

Country	Month	2024	2025	Difference +/-	To-date 2024	To-date 2025	Difference +/-
<b>KENYA</b>	Dec.	55.83	50.69	-5.1	598.47	550.37	-48.1

*“Africa Tea Brokers Bulletin of Statistics”*

## OTHER MARKETS

### LIMBE MARKET REPORT SALE 23 HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2026

There was less and selective enquiry at firm rates where sold for the 4040 packages on offer.

BP1 were firm on last where sold.

PF1 were all taken out with some under bids.

PD on offer were not supported.

D1 – N/A

PF1SC – sold 9USC below valuation where sold.

Secondary fngs met selective interest at firm rates where sold.

### WEATHER/CROP FOR THE WEEK ENDING 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2026.

Cool to warm during the day with some cloud cover but no rainfall reported.

Green leaf intakes were much lower than last.

## BANGLADESH AUCTION

### SALE NO. 06 OF MONDAY, 08<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2026

**CTC LEAF:** 42,619 packages of tea on offer continued to meet with a strong demand.

**BROKENS:** Well made, good liquoring BOPs were a good market at around last levels. Well made good liquoring GBOPs were a strong feature of the sale and prices were often slightly dearer over last. Below best were also a fairly good market at around last levels. Planer varieties were easier with more withdrawals. BLF teas met with a strong demand but at lower levels.

**FANNINGS:** Well made, good liquoring Fannings were again a strong market and prices were often dearer following competition. Below best again met with a good demand at around last levels. The remainder were a fair market at slightly easier rates. BLF teas met with a strong demand but at lower levels.

**DUST:** 10,596 packages of tea on offer met with a fairly good demand. Good liquoring Dusts sold well at a drop of Tk.8/- to Tk.10/- closely following quality. Likewise, Mediums were easier by Tk.5/- to Tk.8/-. Remainders met with fair demand and sold around last levels. Blenders lent strong support with fair interest from the Loose tea buyers.

**COMMENTS:** Market witnessed quite a strong demand especially from the Blenders who lent useful support for all varieties. Loose tea buyers were more active this week. It was evident that with the progress of sale, demand improved from both Blenders and Loose tea buyers.

Once again Dusts were an easier market.

### Quotations – This Week – (In Taka)

Brokens	This Week	Last Week	Fannings	This Week	Last Week	Dust	This Week	Last Week
Best	290-300	285-300	Best	287-300	285-295	PD	258-281	250-324
Good	280-285	278-283	Good	280-285	278-283	RD	245-320	252-313
Medium	265-275	268-273	Medium	270-275	268-273	D	253-324	265-314
Plain	250-255N	250-260	Plain	250-257	250-260	CD	268-309	220-319
BLF	242-288	250-270	BLF	242-289	251-271	BLF	242-270	220-283

## MOMBASA TEA AUCTION MARKET REPORT

### Sale No.22 of 02<sup>ND</sup> & 03<sup>RD</sup> JUNE, 2026

Less demand prevailed for the 185,846 packages (12,495,166.00 kilos) available in the market; 31.51% remained unsold.

#### MARKET:

**Pakistan Packers** and **Egyptian Packers** were active with more enquiry from **Bazaar, Yemen** and **other Middle Eastern countries**. **Afghanistan** maintained interest while **Kazakhstan** and **other CIS states** were less active; **UK** were selective. There was less support from **Russia** with maintained interest from **South Sudan** at lower levels. **Local Packers** reduced participation with **Somalia** active at the lower end of the market.

#### OFFERINGS :

Orthodox Grades - 3,020 packages ( 107,779.00 kilos) – 77.15% unsold.  
 Leaf Grades - 108,320 packages (7,246,244.00 kilos) – 36.82% unsold.  
 Dust Grades - 55,800 packages (4,175,648.00 kilos) – 25.81% unsold.  
 Secondary Grades - 18,706 packages ( 916,812.00 kilos) – 10.40% unsold.

#### LEAF GRADES (M2 & M3)

##### **BP1:**

**Best :** Premiums met less absorption with others steady to USC10 dearer to easier by up to USC2.

**Brighter:** Firm to mostly dearer by up to USC16.

**Mediums:** KTDA mediums met irregular enquiry ranging between firm to USC16 dearer to easier by up to USC17 while plantation mediums were discounted by up to USC48..

**Lower Medium:** Irregularly easier by up to USC11.

**Plainer:** Steady to USC7 above previous levels to easier by up to USC11.

##### **PF1:**

**Best :** Were irregular varying between firm to USC6 above previous levels to easier by USC10.

**Brighter :** Shed by up to USC5.

**Mediums :** KTDA mediums were steady to easier by up to USC6 while plantation mediums held value to USC3 below previous levels.

**Lower Medium :** Irregularly easier by up to USC6.

**Plainer :** Were irregular ranging between USC10 dearer to easier by up to USC9.

CTC QUOTATIONS	BP1 - USC	PF1 - USC
<b>Best</b>	245 - 394	280 - 344
<b>Good</b>	245 - 290	265 - 297
<b>Good Medium</b>	223 - 272	265 - 279
<b>Medium (KTDA)</b>	170 - 216	210 - 255
<b>Medium (Plantations)</b>	176 - 230	175 - 216
<b>Lower Medium</b>	148 - 175	150 - 199
<b>Plainer</b>	106 - 164	105 - 155

**DUST GRADES (M1)****PDUST:**

**Best:** Mostly shed by up to USC9.

**Brighter:** Were firm to USC5 above previous levels to easier by a similar margin.

**Mediums:** KTDA mediums were steady to USC12 dearer for select teas to mostly easier by up to USC13 with plantation mediums firm to USC4 dearer to easier by a similar margin.

**Lower Medium:** Irregularly lost by up to USC6.

**Plainer:** Saw more irregular interest varying between USC15 dearer for some categories to mostly easier by up to USC8.

**DUST1:**

**Best:** Some teas were firm to USC7 above last rates with others mostly easier by up to USC10.

**Brighter:** Were steady to USC5 dearer to USC4 below previous levels.

**Mediums:** Some KTDA mediums were steady to USC7 dearer with others mostly shedding by up to USC4. Plantation mediums were firm to USC4 dearer to easier by a similar margin.

**Lower Medium:** Irregular ranging between steady to USC6 above last levels for select teas to mostly easier by up to USC7.

**Plainer:** Tending firm to USC8 below previous rates.

<b>CTC QUOTATIONS (USC)</b>	<b>PDUST - USC</b>	<b>DUST1 - USC</b>
<b>Best</b>	250 - 308	255 - 357
<b>Good</b>	240 - 274	246 - 281
<b>Good Medium</b>	225 - 254	247 - 280
<b>Medium (KTDA)</b>	165 - 227	170 - 256
<b>Medium (Plantations)</b>	185 - 214	181 - 194
<b>Lower Medium</b>	157 - 185	155 - 174
<b>Plainer</b>	114 - 156	127 - 148

**SECONDARY GRADES(S1)**

In the Secondary Catalogues, best **BPs** held value while others were discounted; **PFs** were steady to dearer. Clean well sorted coloury **Fannings** appreciated with **similar DUSTs** firm. **Other Fannings** were steady to dearer while **DUSTs** tended easier. **BMFs** were well absorbed at dearer levels.

<b>SECONDARY QUOTATIONS (USC)</b>	<b>BP / BP2</b>	<b>PF / PF2</b>	<b>FNGS1/FNGS</b>	<b>DUST / DUST2</b>	<b>BMF</b>
<b>Best / Good</b>	224 - 316	-	150 - 241	140 - 317	-
<b>Good Medium /Medium</b>	-	-	150 - 182	138 - 189	-
<b>Lower Medium</b>	125 - 164	127 - 161	110 - 166	116 - 143	100 - 116
<b>Plainer</b>	106 - 135	090 - 140	085 - 133	103 - 140	093 - 103



## SOUTH INDIAN ROUNDUP

FOR THE WEEKENDING -06<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2026

### KOCHI

#### CTC LEAF

**Demand :** Fair Demand: Brokens sold steady to easier but Fannings were dearer by Rs.3 to 4/-

#### ORTHODOX LEAF

**Demand :** Good Demand.

**Buying Pattern :** Whole leaves tended to be easier with very less demand for OPA and OPAL with some withdrawals. Primary brokens were firm to dearer. Secondary brokens and Finings sold easier levels by Rs.2 to 4 /-with some withdrawals

**Market :** CIS & Middle East Buyers operated.

#### DUST

**Demand :** Fair Demand.

**Buying Pattern :** Popular marks and better mediums fetched around last levels. Medium and plainer sorts sold at an easier note by Rs.2 to 3 with fair amount of withdrawals.

**Market :** Major Packeteers and exporters were active, internal buyers operated cautiously

### COONOOR

#### CTC LEAF

**Demand :** Strong.

**Market :** Market was generally fully firm to dearer across all grades and categories. It had opened with a steady to dearer market by Rs.1/- to Rs.2/- on the Brokens and upto Rs.4/- on the Fannings. However as the sale progressed the major quantity that was traded went on to be sold Rs.3/- to Rs.5/- dearer on the brokens and further higher on the BOPF's. The fair quantity of the brighter liquoring teas have also moved up considerably higher towards the later part of the sale.

**The overall sale percentage was 96% at an average of Rs.105.23.**

**Buying Pattern:** The Major Blenders and Regional Packeteers continued to absorb the major quantity that was on offer. The Exporters were mainly concentrating on the Larger Brokens and on the Fannings, whilst the Internal were operating cautiously on the price levels.

#### ORTH LEAF

**Demand :** Fair.

**Market :** The market witnessed an irregular trend with the cleaner teas being steady to firm and occasionally dearer whilst the Secondaries were tending easier. The Fanning's across all categories were trading substantially at higher level by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-.

**The overall sale percentage was 77% at an average of Rs.128.75.**

**Buying Pattern:** Fairly good Export operations was forthcoming with the major blender lending fair support on the Fannings. Internal was rather selective.

**CTC DUST**

**Demand :** Strong.

**Market :** The dust market also witnessed a buoyant demand across all grades and categories with a fully firm to dearer trend. The prices for the brighter liquoring teas were trading at Rs.5/- to Rs.10/- and more sometimes. The major quantity that was traded on the Mediums witnessed a similar trend.  
**The overall sale percentage was 93% at an average of Rs.115.15.**

**Buying Pattern:** A very strong Export enquiry was forthcoming with the Internal seen lending fair support. M/s. Anjenaya enterprises (Devgiri Tea & produce Co) had absorbed small quantity of the high-priced liquoring teas as usual.

**ORTH DUST**

**Demand :** Strong.

**Market:** Steady to firm and occasionally dearer on the Primary cleaner teas, whilst the Secondaries and the Tertiaries were mostly trading at firm to dearer levels.  
**The overall sale percentage was 94% at an average of Rs. 114.55.**

**Buying Pattern:** Yet again fairly good export operations was forthcoming with the Internal being selective.

**COIMBATORE****CTC LEAF**

**Demand :** Good demand.

**Market :** Better medium brokens and popular teas were barely steady with some withdrawals. Medium teas were irregular and lower by Re.1/- to Rs.2/-. Plainer teas were firm to dearer by Rs.2/- to Rs.3/- sometimes more with few withdrawals.

**Buying Pattern :** Blenders, packeteers and internal were selective. Exporters were active.

**ORTH LEAF**

**Demand :** Fair demand.

**Market :** Whole leaf not quotable. Medium brokens were lower by Rs.2/- with few withdrawals. BOPF lower by Rs.2/-.

**Buying Pattern :** Exporters were active.

**CTC DUST**

**Demand :** Good general demand.

**Market :** Better medium and popular teas were steady to firm. Medium teas were irregular and dearer by Rs.1/- to Rs.2/- with some withdrawals. Plainer teas were irregular and dearer.

**Buying Pattern :** Blenders and packeteers and internal were selective. Exporters were active.

**ORTH DUST**

**Demand :** Fair demand.

**Market :** Lower by Rs.2/-.

**Buying Pattern :** Exporters were selective.

**June 10, 2026**

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# **TEA NEWS – INTERNATIONAL**

## **Sri Lanka showcases lip smacking tea-based culinary innovations at FAO International Tea Day**



The Sri Lanka Embassy in Rome participated in the International Tea Day 2026 at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Rome on May 21, showcasing the country's rich tea culture and culinary creativity. The event was inaugurated by FAO Director-General Dr QU Dongyu.

Sri Lanka's participation featured a series of engaging activities celebrating the heritage and versatility of world-renowned Ceylon tea. In the morning session, Fabiola Ruggiero from Cose di Té conducted a special tea tasting experience, introducing visitors to the distinctive flavours, aromas, and traditions associated with Ceylon tea. Participants experienced a curated tasting session highlighting the quality and diversity of Ceylon tea varieties from seven regions.

The Sri Lanka stand was decorated with handicrafts of Sri Lanka and different tea samples, tea boxes, tea sets and brochures of Sri Lanka Tourism, and tea. Visitors to the stall were treated with Sri Lankan savoury food items to accompany tea and were able to take away tea packs from four regions of Sri Lanka. Innovatively, some tea from Sabaragamuwa was served at room temperature in beautiful decanters to show how black tea could be paired with sweet and savoury food items, in the manner that Italian wine was often paired with certain foods. It highlighted the diverse way in which tea could be used with cuisine and food beyond the traditional tea served in a pot. Dongyu appreciated tasting the unique teas at the stall, along with FAO Council Secretary General Rakesh Muthoo and other officials of the FAO Secretariat and diplomats.

The afternoon programme featured an interactive demonstration at the FAO "FoodS Lab" an interactive "kitchen of the world" inside the FAO Food and Agriculture Museum and Network (FAO MuNe) in Rome, where Ambassador Satya Rodrigo gave a brief overview of the range of Ceylon tea noting its distinct taste and flavours ranging from light, floral, and golden to dark, robust, and full-bodied, to become one of the finest and most celebrated teas in the world. This was followed by a live culinary presentation by Sri Lankan Chef Suresh Kekulthotuwege, who presented an innovative interpretation of the classic Italian dessert tiramisu by using Ceylon black tea in place of coffee and Sri Lankan coconut milk. The interpreted "Tiramisu al Tè di Ceylon" or "Tiramisu al Tè," was a sophisticated Italian fusion dessert that offered a lighter, aromatic flavour profile, that drew significant interest from participants and showcased the versatility of Ceylon tea in modern gastronomy while creating a unique fusion between Sri Lankan tea culture and Italian cuisine.

As part of the live kitchen experience, the audience was invited to taste the "Tiramisu al Tè" together with a chicken fillet marinated in Ceylon black tea, complemented with lime and creamy Sri Lankan coconut, and "Kiribath" – traditional milk rice, further demonstrating the diverse culinary applications of Ceylon tea.

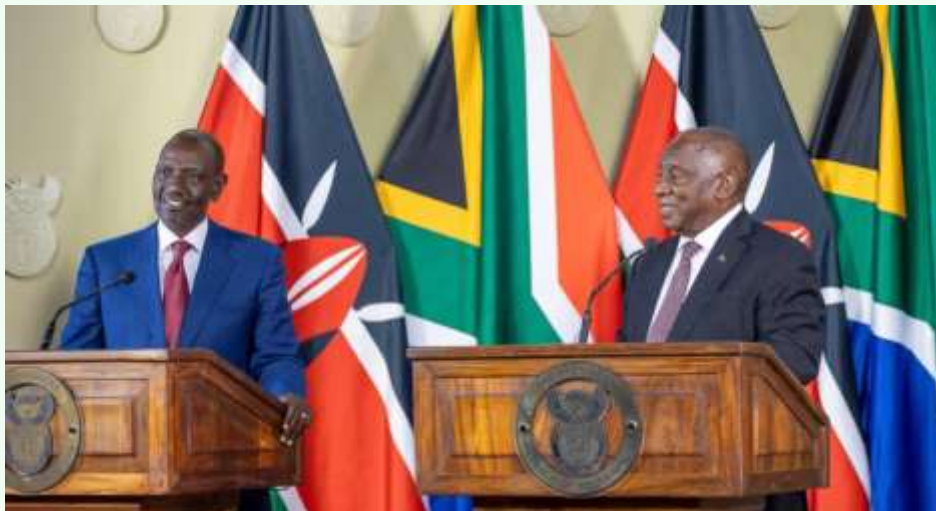
The FAO's Markets and Trade Division Director Boubaker Ben-Belhassen who authors the global International Tea Market's Report tasted the unique dishes with several volunteers from the audience and all eagerly looked forward to trying out more culinary foods made with Ceylon tea and Sri Lankan coconut.

This year's event was held under the theme "Sustaining Tea, Supporting Communities," and it highlighted tea's contribution to livelihoods, cultural heritage, and sustainable agrifood systems, while bringing together tea-producing countries and international stakeholders.

Around 250–300 visitors attended the event. Sri Lanka took part in the International Tea Day celebrations at FAO with the diplomatic missions of Azerbaijan, Canada (Quebec), China, Indonesia, Kenya, Russia and Turkey.

## South Africa reopens market to Kenya's \$1.7 billion tea industry after trade dispute

South Africa has agreed to reopen its market to Kenyan tea, coffee and spices, marking the end of a trade dispute that had strained economic relations between two of Africa's largest economies.



- South Africa has agreed to reopen its market to Kenyan tea, coffee, and spices, ending a significant trade dispute.
- The dispute resulted from reciprocal tariffs: Kenya had imposed duties on South African steel, prompting South Africa's tariffs on Kenyan exports.
- The resolution is expected to benefit Kenya's vital tea sector, which generated \$1.7 billion in export earnings in 2025.
- Both countries emphasized the importance of reducing trade barriers and promoting integration under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

Speaking at a Kenya-South Africa business forum on Thursday, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa said both countries had agreed to move beyond tariff-related disagreements that had led to restrictions on key exports.

*"We said, let's stop this nonsense,"* Ramaphosa said, referring to duties imposed on Kenyan tea and coffee after Nairobi introduced tariffs on South African steel imports.

The move is expected to provide a boost to Kenya's tea sector, one of the country's most important export industries. Kenya's tea industry generated approximately \$1.7 billion in total value in 2025, with exports accounting for the bulk of earnings.

The country remains one of the world's leading exporters of black tea, supplying markets across Africa, Europe, the Middle East and Asia.



### **A push for stronger intra-African trade**

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Ramaphosa argued that trade disputes should not be allowed to undermine broader economic cooperation among African nations, particularly at a time when governments are seeking to expand intra-African trade under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

*“Let's bring down the deficit between us. We should not behave like some big countries in the world that punish other countries because of disparities in tariffs,”* he said, in remarks widely interpreted as a criticism of the growing use of tariffs in global trade disputes.

The breakthrough comes as Kenya and South Africa seek to deepen commercial ties and unlock new opportunities for businesses operating across the continent.

Trade tensions between the two countries have periodically flared in recent years over market access and tariff policies, creating uncertainty for exporters and investors.

By reopening its market to Kenyan tea, coffee and spices, South Africa is signaling a renewed commitment to strengthening economic integration and reducing barriers to trade within Africa, a key objective of the continent's push toward a more unified market.

The development is also expected to strengthen trade flows between East and Southern Africa, while offering Kenyan exporters improved access to one of the continent's most advanced consumer markets.

## Kenyan export levy may raise tea prices



KARACHI: Tea prices in Pakistan may rise if the Kenyan government proceeds with a 0.8 per cent levy on tea exports announced in May, traders warned, adding that importers may be compelled to explore alternative markets.

A meeting was held at the Kenya High Commission in the last week of May, attended by members of the Pakistan Tea Association (PTA), officials of the Tea Board of Kenya and representatives of Kenya's Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry. Participants urged the Kenyan authorities to withdraw the levy.

PTA Chairman Muhammad Altaf said Pakistan was one of the most important markets for Kenyan tea, importing around 36pc of Kenya's annual tea production of an estimated 550 million kilogrammes, in addition to volumes routed indirectly through regional trading hubs.

He said the levy could have significant commercial repercussions at a time when Pakistan was already facing economic challenges stemming from regional geopolitical developments, rising freight charges, higher packaging costs and import-related pressures.

According to Mr Altaf, the additional levy would increase costs for consumers and contribute to food inflation, as tea is a staple commodity in Pakistan. He added that higher prices could reduce overall consumption and adversely affect volumes across the supply chain.

He warned that the continuation of such measures could encourage importers to seek alternative sources, including Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Bangladesh, as well as other African tea-producing countries.

The association had conveyed to the Kenyan High Commission that the levy should not be applied to exports destined for Pakistan.

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