# BANCO CENTRAL DE RESERVA DEL PERU WEEKLY REPORT ${ }^{\circ} 30$ <br> July 27, 2001 

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## Net International Reserves increased US\$ 358 million

As of July 24, the net international reserves (NIR) of the Central Reserve Bank of Peru amounted to US\$ 8700 million, up US $\$ 358$ million from end-June. The increase is due to higher deposits of the financial system (US\$ 282 million) and the public sector (US\$ 49 million) at the Central Bank, as well as investment yields (US\$ 29 million), which were partially offset by temporary purchases of foreign currency (US\$ 1 million). The exchange position amounted to US\$ 2596 million, up US\$ 7 million from end-June.

BCRP Net International Reserves
(December 1997 - july 2001)


## Banks' current account balance at S/. 149 million

From July 1 to 24, the banks' current account held at the Central Bank was S/. 149 million on a daily average basis. In July, the range announced by the Bank for this variable is $\mathrm{S} /$. 135-145 million.

Monetary operations: daily average

## (Million of S .)

|  | Banks'current account balance at the end of previous day's operations | Banks' operations with Banco de la Nación | Redemption of CDBCRP | Other banking operations redemption with the Central Bank | Cash transfers that affect the bank's current account balance | Current account of banking system before Central Bank operations | Central bank operations | Current account after Central Bank operations | Interbank interest rate |
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|  |  | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |  | 7 |  |  |
| June 2000 | 149 | -18 | 16 | -21 | 35 | 162 | -16 | 146 | 13,6 |
| July | 117 | -48 | 26 | -152 | 20 | -31 | 155 | 118 | 11,3 |
| December | 120 | -38 | 41 | -107 | 20 | 38 | 83 | 120 | 11,4 |
| January 2001 | 128 | -41 | 10 | -84 | 58 | 77 | 58 | 128 | 10,8 |
| February | 135 | -27 | 27 | -30 | 38 | 157 | -9 | 134 | 11,0 |
| March | 131 | -34 | 16 | -13 | 37 | 137 | -7 | 131 | 10,3 |
| April | 124 | -73 | 16 | -353 | 40 | -243 | 368 | 123 | 12,5 |
| May | 122 | -28 | 14 | -157 | 48 | -2 | 125 | 122 | 12,7 |
| June |  | -34 | 18 | -50 | 37 |  | 29 |  | 16,0 |
| July 24 |  | -36 | 36 | -32 | 28 |  | 6 |  | 8,9 |

Banks' Current Account at the BCRP
(July 2000 - July 2001)
Millons of $S /$


From July 18 to 24, the Bank made operations of temporary purchases of CDBCRP amounting to $\mathrm{S} / .509$ million at an average interest rate of 6,1 percent.

| Temporary purchase of CDBCRP |  |  |  |
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| Date | Amount <br> (Million of S $/)$. | Interest rate <br> (\%) | Term <br> (days) |
| July 18 | 55 | 7,7 | 1 |
| July 19 | 120 | 7,0 | 1 |
| July 20 | 165 | 6,1 | 3 |
| July 23 | 139 | 5,3 | 1 |
| July 24 | 30 | 5,1 | 1 |

## Average monetary base at S/. $\mathbf{5} \mathbf{2 5 2}$ million

From July 1 to 24, the daily average balance of the monetary base was S/. 5252 million, 4,6 percent higher than in June. On July 24, the monetary base amounted to S/. 5478 million, up 9,1 percent (S/. 456 million) from end-June, reflecting lower public sector deposits at the Central Bank (S/. 253 million), net redemption of CDBCRP (S/. 225 million), net interest payments and other outlays ( $\mathrm{S} / .38$ million), and monetary regulation credits ( $\mathrm{S} / .17$ million), which were partially offset by overnight deposits (S/. 60 million), Insurance Deposit Funds deposits (S/. 12 million) and the redemption of swap operations (S/. 5 million).

## Interbank interest rate in domestic currency decreased

As of July 24, the interbank interest rate in domestic currency was 8,9 percent, lower than May and June averages (12,7 and 16,0 percent, respectively).

Interbank Interest rate in domestic currency
(July 2000 - July 2001)


## Average lending rates in domestic and foreign currency decreased

The corporative prime interest rate in domestic currency (on 90-day loans to low-risk clients) declined from 13,2 percent in June to 12,1 percent as of July 24. The rate in foreign currency also decreased from 5,5 percent last month to 5,0 percent.

Corporative prime interest rate in domestic and foreign currency (Octubre 2000 - Julio 2001)


The 90 -day prime interest rate on soles-denominated loans averaged 18,4 percent, lower than the June average ( 18,6 percent). On the other hand, the rate on dollar-denominated loans decreased from 11,1 to 10,7 percent.

> Prime interest rates
> (January 1999 - july 2001)


The average lending interest rate in domestic currency (TAMN) was 26,6 percent, higher than last month's average ( 26,1 percent), while the rate in foreign currency (TAMEX) was 12,4 percent, also higher than the June average ( 12,2 percent).

Active Lending interest rates in domestic and foreign currency


## Peru's EMBI+ spread at 6,4 percent

As of July 24, the EMBI+ Peru indicator (the spread between the yield of Peruvian bonds and the interest rate on US Treasury bills, a proxy for the country risk perceived by investors) was 6,4 percent, lower than in June ( 6,5 percent). Conversely, the average for the Latin-American bonds (EMBI+ LATIN) rose from 7,6 percent in June to 9,3 percent as of July 24.

EMBI+ PERU Spread
(January 1999 - July 2001)


Exchange rate at S/. 3,50
As of July 24, the ask exchange rate in the banking system averaged S/. 3,50 per dollar, 0,34 percent lower than the level recorded on July 16.

From July 1 to 24, the balance of sales of foreign currency in the forward market on a daily average basis exceeded redemptions by US\$ 4 million, whereas new purchases were similar to maturities. In the spot market, average net purchases to the public amounted to US\$ 4 million, lower than in June (US\$ 6 million).

Banks' exchange market operations to the public: Daily average


## General Index decreases 2,4 percent

As of July 24, the Lima Stock Exchange decreased with respect to end-June by 2,4 percent in the General Index and 4,9 percent in the Blue Chip Index. However, in the year these indices have increased 8,8 percent and 4,8 percent, respectively.

Stock Market Indicators
(January 1996 - July 2001)


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