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— Quaid-e-Azam

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**TOP OVERSOLD STOCKS**

1. HINOON 2. ABOT 3. MWMP 4. JSBL 5. LCI

**TOP OVERBOUGHT STOCKS**

1. NPL 2. NCPL 3. SML 4. SGPL 5. KAPCO

**TOP FIVE DIVIDEND YIELD STOCKS**

1. KAPCO 2. SCBPL 3. LCI 4. POL 5. MTL

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Soneri Bank Limited	15-Dec-25	11:00	To consider the matter other than financial results
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Cyan Limited	15-Dec-25	16:00	To consider the matter other than financial results
Dawood Lawrencepur Limited	15-Dec-25	17:00	To consider the matter other than financial results
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**FIPI LIPI GRAPH  
LOCAL INVESTORS PORTFOLIO  
INVESTMENT (LIPI)**

12-DECEMBER 2025

USD Million	LOCAL INVESTORS PORTFOLIO INVESTMENT (LIPI)							Total		
	BANKS / DFI	PROPRIETARY TRADING	COMPANIES	Individuals	INSURANCE COMPANIES	Mutual Funds	NBFC			
All other Sectors	0.08	0.26	-0.13	0.38	-0.84	0.07	0.19	-0.01	0.01	-0.08
Cement	-0.57	0.53	0.07	0.43	-1.41	-0.02	1.01	0.00	-0.04	0.57
Commercial Banks	-3.08	0.15	0.36	-0.31	2.48	-0.91	1.40	0.00	-0.07	3.08
Fertilizer	0.05	0.53	0.20	-0.09	-0.55	0.00	-0.03	0.00	-0.11	-0.05
Food and Personal Care Products	0.09	0.11	0.23	0.02	-0.90	0.41	0.03	0.00	0.01	-0.09
Oil and Gas Exploration Companies	0.15	-0.09	0.53	-1.41	-0.12	-0.64	1.59	0.00	0.00	-0.15
Oil and Gas Marketing Companies	0.20	0.01	-1.03	-0.04	0.33	-0.11	0.67	-0.03	0.01	-0.20
Power Generation and Distribution	0.71	0.10	0.04	0.11	-0.94	-0.17	0.15	0.01	-0.01	-0.71
Technology and Communication	0.34	0.02	0.22	-0.06	0.10	-0.17	0.50	0.00	-0.96	-0.34
Textile Composite	0.07	0.00	-0.04	-0.42	0.14	-0.14	0.46	0.00	-0.07	-0.07
Total	-1.96	1.61	0.44	-1.40	-1.71	-1.69	5.96	-0.03	-1.22	1.96

Source: NCCPL

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KSE-100

**169,864.52**

(1,289.83) (0.77%)

HIGH

170,052.87

LOW

168,421.55

VOLUME

309,699,601

ALLSHR

**102,725.12**

(553.85) (0.54%)

HIGH

102,838.66

LOW

102,135.87

VOLUME

871,919,755

KSE30

**51,670.42**

(495.07) (0.97%)

HIGH

51,731.06

LOW

51,077.45

VOLUME

144,056,381

A NEW DAWN FOR PAKISTAN'S ECONOMY

## Pakistan's economic outlook brightens with new 'National Regulatory Reforms'

PSMU DESK

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif announced a major economic milestone, unveiling the 'National Regulatory Reforms' initiative aimed at steering Pakistan toward sustainable growth and attracting investment in key sectors such as agriculture, IT, and minerals.

Addressing a ceremony, Prime Minister Sharif stated that Pakistan's economy is now "out of the woods" and focused on accelerating growth. He highlighted the government's efforts to harness the potential of the country's young population, offering opportunities for vocational training and international certification to equip youth with skills for the global job market.

The Premier also reflected on the country's transformation from a dire economic situation in March 2024 to a more stable and promising outlook. "Our economic indicators are now strong, and the IMF has approved a tranche of \$1.2 billion," Sharif said, underscoring the government's economic progress.

Sharif introduced the regulatory reforms as a "quantum leap" designed to streamline business processes and



improve Pakistan's global competitiveness. The new framework is expected to benefit the business community, industrialists, and agriculture while fostering foreign direct investment (FDI) from Europe, the Far East, and the Middle East. The reforms aim to reduce inefficiencies that breed corruption and nepotism.

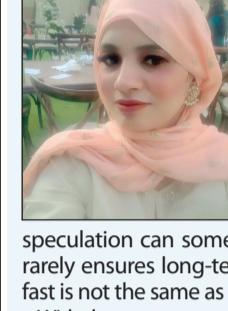
The Prime Minister announced that the Board of Investment would lead the 'Asaan Karobar' technical unit, a dedicated body responsible for driving continuous regulatory modernization.

He emphasized the urgency of implementing these reforms swiftly to ensure that Pakistan's citizens see tangible benefits.

UK Minister of State for

'Traders & Investors Alert'

**'A message for new investors and traders'**



BY SUMAIRA IBRAHIM

Editorial Strategist, PSMU

The stock market is not a place for luck, it's a place for learning, patience, and discipline. Many beginners get attracted to quick profits and start trading purely on speculation. While speculation can sometimes bring short-term gains, it rarely ensures long-term survival. Remember: earning fast is not the same as earning wisely.

With the recent announcement allowing account openings for investors under 18, this is a great opportunity for young minds to start their financial journey early. But before jumping in, education is key.

Learn to read and understand company financials, the balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow report. These numbers tell the real story behind a company's performance and growth potential. When you invest based on value and fundamentals, not hype, you are protecting your future.

**'BE A VALUE BUYER, NOT A TREND FOLLOWER'** because in the stock market, trends come and go — but value investors stay and grow.

**CDS Field Marshal Munir stresses key aspects of modern warfare**

PSMU DESK

RAWALPINDI: Chief of Army Staff (COAS) and Chief of Defence Force (CDF) Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, visited the Gujranwala and Sialkot Garrisons to review the operational readiness and training standards of the Pakistan Army formations.

According to a statement released by the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), Field Marshal was briefed on the formations' preparedness, key operational strategies, and

## BUSINESS PULSE

REGULAR	DELIVERABLE FUTURES	CASH SETTLED FUTUR...	ODD LOT	SQUARE UP	STOCK INDEX FUTURES	NEGOTIABLE DEAL	MARGIN TRADING SYS...
STATE	CLOSED TRADES	CLOSED VOLUME	STATE	CLOSED TRADES	CLOSED VOLUME	STATE	CLOSED TRADES
TRADES	378,060 TRADES	55,068 VOLUME	STATE	5 TRADES	9 VOLUME	STATE	6 TRADES
VOLUME	873,030,955 VOLUME	177,125,000 VOLUME	CLOSED	31,000 VALUE	650 VALUE	CLOSED	0 TRADES
VALUE	40,870,453,414.72 VALUE	9,628,421,840.00 VALUE	TRADES	14,062,120.00 VALUE	13,345.13 VALUE	VOLUME	15,257 VOLUME
			STATE	13,345.13 VALUE	1,320,308.29 VALUE	STATE	0.00 VALUE
			CLOSED	1,320,308.29 VALUE	0.00 VALUE	CLOSED	402,126,571.70 VALUE
			TRADES	0.00 VALUE	402,126,571.70 VALUE	TRADES	205,157,532.95 OPEN

### Textile sector faces layoffs, shutdowns as export growth slows: PTC chairman

By Commerce Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's textile and apparel sector is approaching a critical point, with widespread layoffs and factory closures looming due to rising costs and weakening export momentum, the Pakistan Textile Council (PTC) Chairman Fawad Anwar has warned.

According to a press release, textile and apparel exports reached \$7.84 billion during July-November FY26, up 2.8% from the same period last year.

However, Anwar said headline growth masks underlying stress across key segments of the industry. Exports in November 2025 declined to \$1.43 billion, down 2.7% year-on-year and 11.7% compared to October, reflecting rising costs that exporters are unable to pass on to buyers.

Traditional textile exports, including raw materials and semi-processed goods, fell 7.7% during July-November FY26 to \$1.28 billion, with November alone down 18.5% year-on-year.

Apparel and made-up textile exports rose to \$6.56 billion during July-November, up 5% over last year, but monthly trends show momentum weakening. Apparel shipments fell 0.5% year-on-year in November and 13% month-on-month, signaling



erosion of competitiveness even in Pakistan's strongest export segments.

Anwar highlighted declines in key product lines, including cotton bed linen, bed covers, knitted T-shirts, gloves, and cotton men's suits, jackets, and trousers. He attributed the downturn not to inefficiency but to policy-driven costs, citing high

energy tariffs, unreliable supply, expensive financing, and a complex tax structure as major constraints.

He also warned that tight monetary conditions, high interest rates, limited access to working capital, and delayed refunds have stalled investment in modernization and expansion.

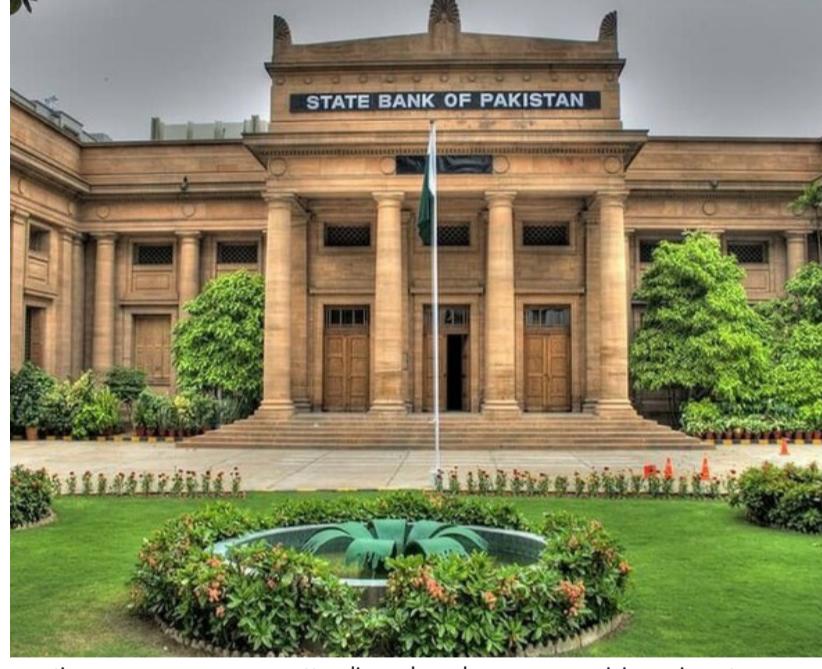
### SBP revises Directors' fee caps under new Corporate Governance Framework

By Commerce Reporter

KARACHI: The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) has updated its Corporate Governance Regulatory Framework (CGRF), introducing changes to the categorization of banks and development finance institutions (DFIs) and setting new limits on directors' remuneration.

In a circular issued by the Banking Policy & Regulations Department, the SBP outlined that banks and DFIs will now be classified into two categories based on their asset size or profitability, according to their most recent audited annual accounts.

Category 1: Institutions with assets exceeding Rs1 trillion or after-tax profits above Rs5 billion will be placed in the first category. For these entities, the maximum remuneration payable to a director for attending a board or committee meeting has been capped at Rs1.2 million per



meeting.

Category 2: All other banks and DFIs that do not meet the criteria for the first category will fall into the second category. For these institutions, the maximum director fee for

attending a board or committee meeting has been set at Rs750,000.

The SBP clarified that all other provisions under the Corporate Governance Regulatory Framework will remain unchanged. This

revision aims to ensure greater transparency and accountability in the financial sector, aligning directors' compensation with the financial health and size of the institutions they oversee.

### Pakistan, Yemen move to revitalize economic pacts, unlock trade potential

PSMU Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and Yemen have signaled a renewed push to unlock significant trade and investment opportunities, with officials agreeing that enhancing logistics and reviving formal cooperation frameworks are critical to realizing untapped economic potential.

According to official information, the consensus was reached during a high-level meeting in the capital between Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal and the Ambassador of Yemen to Pakistan, Mohammed Motahar Alashabi.

During the discussion, the Yemeni envoy conveyed his nation's strong desire to expand commercial engagement with Pakistan. Ambassador Alashabi emphasized the necessity of operationalizing existing bilateral agreements and strengthening institutional mechanisms to better facilitate commercial exchanges between the two countries.

In response, Jam Kamal affirmed Pakistan's steadfast commitment to deepening its economic cooperation with



Yemen.

The Commerce Minister observed that Pakistan's growing entrepreneurial and small and medium-sized enterprise (SME)

sectors could greatly benefit from improved access to close-proximity markets, specifically identifying Yemen, Somalia, Ethiopia, and Oman as key opportunities.

### RB Pak Workers Union holds annual ceremony to honor employees

By Staff Reporter

KARACHI: The RB Pak Workers Union (CBA) held its annual event in a prestigious ceremony at a Karachi hall, attended by a large number of workers and their families. The occasion celebrated the dedication and hard work of RB Pak's employees, recognizing their contributions to the organization.

Key dignitaries in attendance included Khalid Khan, President of the National Labour Federation Karachi, Hussain Badshah, General Secretary of the Peoples Labour Bureau Sindh, Saeed Baloch, Council Member of the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, Waseem Jamal, Director of Public Relations, Training, and Research at the Sindh Employees Social Security Institution, Asif Khattak, a central leader of the Pakistan United Workers Federation, and several RB Pak administrative officers. Former IR Manager also attended the event.

During the ceremony, 11 young individuals were presented with their job appointment letters, marking an important milestone in RB Pak's commitment to providing employment



opportunities.

In his address, Mukhtar Hussain Awan, General Secretary of RB Pak Workers Union and President of the Pakistan United Workers Federation, expressed his long-held vision of providing employment opportunities to youth. "Today, my long-time dream has been fulfilled. Providing employment to young people has always been my goal, and today,

through these appointment letters, this dream has become a reality," he said.

Faizal Saeed, Joint Secretary of RB Pak Workers Union, Abdul Baqi, Vice President, and Faizal Nizam, Information Secretary, paid glowing tribute to Mukhtar Hussain Awan. They commended his tireless efforts, dedication, and integrity, stating, "Mukhtar Bhai's relentless work and commitment

have led to this significant day."

Other prominent guests, including Khaleed Khan, Asif Khattak, Waseem Jamal, Saeed Baloch, and Hussain Badshah, expressed their appreciation for the RB Pak Workers Union and its leadership. They congratulated the union's members and leadership, particularly Mukhtar Hussain Awan, for organizing such an exceptional event.

### MG Pakistan, JW SEZ introduce SGMW Binguo EV

PSMU Desk

LAHORE: MG Pakistan, in collaboration with JW SEZ, has announced the introduction of the SGMW Binguo EV, a B segment hatchback developed by SAIC GM Wuling (SGMW). The MG Binguo would be available at an attractive retail price Rs. 5,999,000. MG has started the booking at Rs. 1.2 million advance amount while the delivery may start by Q1 2026.

The vehicle was on public display at PAPS and in select dealerships to gauge market response and consumer acceptability. The launch aligns with Pakistan's New Energy Vehicles Policy 2025-2030, which sets adoption targets of 30% new EV sales by 2030 and 90% by 2040, supported by fiscal incentives, infrastructure development, and local manufacturing initiatives.

An MG Pakistan spokesperson commented: "The Binguo EV, which we call 'The Electric Icon,' reflects our commitment to



making electric mobility accessible to Pakistani consumers. By

introducing this proven international model, we aim to evaluate

customer expectations and en-

sure our future EV offerings align

with the needs of urban drivers

and the country's evolving mobility landscape."

A JW SEZ representative added: "This collaboration demonstrates how international partnerships can support Pakistan's EV policy goals. By bringing the Binguo EV to local dealerships, we are contributing to the government's vision of reducing reliance on fossil fuels, curbing emissions, and accelerating the transition to sustainable transport."

The Binguo EV is one of SGMW's best selling hatchbacks internationally. Its arrival in Pakistan is intended to expand choices in the hatchback segment and provide an electric alternative for urban buyers. The vehicle features LED headlamps with X shaped daytime running lights, "flowing water" body lines, a corrugated grille, and a duck tail rear design. Dual tone paint finishes are available.

Standard features include SRS airbags, Electronic Stability Control, Tire Pressure Monitoring System, cruise control, rear parking sensors, and a rear view camera. The introduction of the Binguo EV marks a step toward expanding electric mobility in Pakistan. The vehicle combines established international development with specifications tailored for urban use, offering a potential new option for value-conscious buyers.

## SPORTS

# Hamza Asif resurges as Pakistan's hope for Olympic glory in swimming

BY OUR CORRESPONDENT

KARACHI: Pakistan's rising swimming sensation, Hamza Asif, has solidified his status as the nation's fastest swimmer following a record-breaking performance at the 35th National Games in Karachi. With this extraordinary achievement, Hamza has reigned the country's hopes of qualifying for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics, reviving Pakistan's long-quiet dreams of Olympic success in swimming.

The 19-year-old, who began his career as a young trainee at Faisalabad's Chenab Club, secured three gold medals, one silver, and set a new national record in the 50m breaststroke. His achievements have intensified comparisons with Pakistan's former Olympic swimmer Iftikhar Ahmed Shah, who represented the country at the 1948 London Olympics, exactly 80 years before the LA Games where Hamza now aims to compete.

Hamza's journey started far from Pakistan's competitive swimming hubs. With no 50-metre training pool available

in Faisalabad, his grandparents routinely drove him for early-morning practice sessions, while his mother supervised his initial training alongside the pool. His foundational coaching came from Imran Nazir at Chenab Club, where his early potential was first identified.

At the National Games this year, Hamza delivered one of the most dominant swimming performances in recent memory. He won gold in the 100m freestyle, gold in the 50m freestyle (23.65 seconds), gold in the 50m breaststroke, and silver in the 50m butterfly. His 29.99-second finish in the 50m breaststroke made him the first Pakistani swimmer to complete the event under 30 seconds.

Behind his rapid rise lies structured institutional support led by ACTIVIT, a Lahore-based sports science and performance organisation headed by Rd. Rizwan Aftab Ahmed, CEO of ACTIVIT and Director of National Hospital Lahore. Rd. Rizwan, the maternal grandson of Olympic swimmer Iftikhar



Ahmed Shah, has personally taken a keen interest in the progress of Hamza Asif, with all

three proudly carrying forward the legacy of Aitchison College Lahore, which has the honour

of producing some of the great athletes the nation has seen. Under ACTIVIT's programme,

Hamza receives advanced diagnostics, sports-specific medical supervision, nutritional planning, supplementation, strength and conditioning protocols, and frequent performance tracking. Rd. Rizwan has personally overseen the athlete's metabolic assessment and diet management, positioning ACTIVIT not merely as a sponsor but as a long-term performance partner.

Support has also come from the BARD Foundation, which identified Hamza at an early stage and funded his international training. Their assistance enabled him to undergo high-performance swimming camps in Thailand, which Hamza credits for refining his technique and improving his competitive maturity.

This international exposure paved the way for his recruitment to the University of Tennessee Southern in the United States, where he now trains as part of the UTS FireHawks programme. Competing in the US collegiate circuit has provided regular ac-

cess to Olympic-standard pools, professional coaching, and exposure to international-level swimmers.

Hamza's career trajectory has drawn attention because of its similarities to that of Olympian Iftikhar Ahmed Shah, who represented Pakistan in 1948 after training at Aitchison College. The parallel has become more pronounced with ACTIVIT's involvement, linking Pakistan's past Olympic participation with its next credible hope.

Speaking after his National Games performance, Hamza said his focus is firmly on the Olympic cycle. "My target is LA 2028," he stated. "Every competition from here is part of that preparation." His family has played a crucial role throughout his journey. His father, acknowledging the growing expectations, said, "We work hard and leave the rest to Allah."

It is hoped that Hamza Asif will work harder and succeed in achieving his biggest dream of representing Pakistan in LA Olympics in 2028.

## Army, WAPDA dominate weightlifting at 35th National Games

BY OUR CORRESPONDENT

KARACHI: The weightlifting competitions of the 35th National Games 2025 concluded at the Sindh Boy Scouts Auditorium Karachi last night with WAPDA and Pakistan Army emerging as the dominant forces in men's and women's events respectively. Ten teams from across the country – including Punjab, Sindh, Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Islamabad, Army, HEC, Police, Railways, and WAPDA – competed in the championship.

According to Focal Person Sohail Javed Butt Pakistan Army topped the women's standings with 5 gold, 1 silver, and 7 bronze medals, showcasing depth and consistency across categories. WAPDA followed with 3 gold, 4 silver, and 8 bronze, while HEC managed two silver and two bronze medals. Army's commanding performance reaffirmed its strength in women's weightlifting.

In the men's competition, WAPDA led the table with 4 gold, 1 silver, and 6 bronze medals, outpacing rivals HEC secured 2 gold, 2 silver, and 5 bronze, while Army finished with 1 gold, 5 silver, and 6 bronze. Punjab also made its mark with 1 gold and 5 bronze medals, thanks to the emergence of a young star.

### Key individual achievements

Furqan Ahmed Butt (Punjab): The 16-year-old from Gujranwala stunned the field in the 88kg category, lifting a



total of 315kg (Snatch 144kg + Clean & Jerk 171kg) to win gold. He defeated seasoned lifters from WAPDA, Army, Railways, and HEC, earning praise as one of the brightest prospects in Pakistani weightlifting.

Talha Talib (Olympian): Returning after a three-year ban, Talha clinched gold in the 79kg category with a total of 330kg (150kg + 180kg). His performance was notable for being the highest proportional lift of the championship, marking a strong comeback.

Other gold medalists included Haider Sultan, Sameer Butt, Suba Khan, Furqan

Anwar (88kg – 315kg), Hanzala Dastgir Butt (110kg – 350kg), and Abdullah Idrees Butt (110kg – 302kg).

Punjab's bronze medalists included Farhan Jamil, Musab Sethi, Hamza, and Muhammad Ahmed Butt.

The prize distribution ceremony was attended by dignitaries including Jibran Bin Salman (President, Pakistan Weightlifting Federation), Madam Nuzhat Jabeen, Nafees Ahmed, and Sheikh Muhammad Anwar. Khizar Afzal Chaudhry, DG Sports Board Punjab, congratulated the medalists and announced special prizes for their achievements.

## Fans vandalise India stadium after Messi's abrupt exit

KOLKATA: Fans-throw-objects-onto-field-after-Messi-visits-Kolkata-Salt-Lake-stadiumAngry spectators broke down barricades and stormed the pitch at a stadium in India after football star Lionel Messi, who is on a three-day tour of the country, abruptly left the arena.

As a part of a so-called GOAT Tour, the 38-year-old Argentina and Inter Miami superstar touched down in the eastern state of West Bengal early Saturday, greeted by a chorus of exuberant fans chanting his name.

Hours later, thousands of fans wearing Messi jerseys and waving the Argentine flag packed into Salt Lake stadium in the state capital Kolkata, but heavy security around the footballer left fans struggling to catch a glimpse of him. Messi walked around the pitch waving to fans and left the stadium earlier than expected. Frustrated fans, many having paid more than \$100 for tickets, ripped out stadium seats and hurled



water bottles onto the track. Many others stormed the pitch and vandalised banners and tents. "For me, to watch Messi is a pleasure, a dream. But I have missed the chance to have a glimpse because of the mismanagement in the stadium," businessman Nabin Chatterjee, 37, told AFP. Before the chaos erupted, Messi unveiled a 21-metre (70-foot) statue which shows him holding aloft the World Cup.

He was also expected to play a short exhibition game at the stadium. Another angry fan told the Press Trust of India (PTI) that people had spent "a month's salary" to see Messi.

"I paid Rs 5,000 (\$55) for the ticket and came with my son to watch Messi, not politicians. The police and military personnel were taking selfies, and the management is to blame," Ajay Shah, told PTI.

Javed Shamim, a senior police official in the state, told reporters that event's "chief organiser" had been arrested, without giving any further details. "There is total normalcy," he said, adding

that authorities would look into how organisers could refund money to those who bought tickets.

State chief minister Mamata Banerjee said she was "disturbed" and "shocked" at the mismanagement.

"I sincerely apologise to Lionel Messi, as well as to all sports lovers and his fans, for the unfortunate incident," she said in a post on X, adding that she had ordered a probe into the incident. Messi will now head to Hyderabad, Mumbai and New Delhi as part of the four-city tour. His time in India also includes a possible meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Messi won his second consecutive Major League Soccer Most Valuable Player award this week after propelling Inter Miami to the MLS title and leading the league in goals. The former Barcelona and Paris Saint-Germain attacker will spearhead Argentina's defence of the World Cup in June-July in North America. AGENCIES

## PCB extends bid deadline for new PSL franchises amid international interest

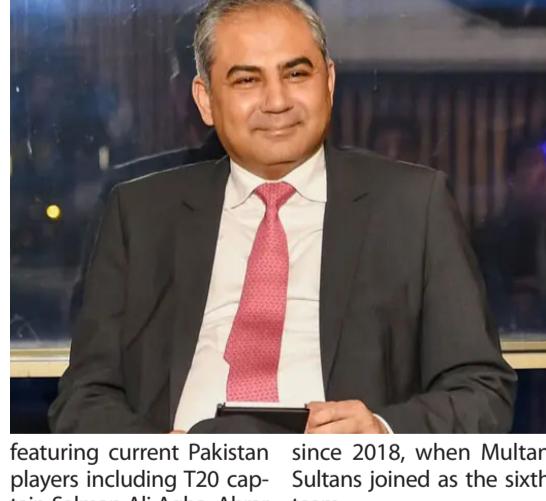
KARACHI: Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Chairman Mohsin Naqvi announced on Friday an extension of the deadline for submitting bids for the two new franchises in the Pakistan Super League (PSL), citing growing interest from investors in Europe, the United States, the Middle East and beyond.

In a post on X, Mohsin said the original deadline of December 15 had been pushed back by one week to December 22, to accommodate the surge in inquiries.

"Witnessing growing interest from Europe, USA, the Middle East and beyond in acquiring new HBL PSL teams, we have decided to extend the bid submission deadline by one week to 22 December 2025," he wrote, while quoting an earlier PSL announcement about a promotional roadshow in New York.

"Good luck to everyone excited to welcome our new franchise owners to the HBL PSL family," Mohsin added.

The announcement came on the very day the PCB hosted a high-profile PSL



featuring current Pakistan players including T20 captain Salman Ali Agha, Abrar Ahmed, Faheem Ashraf, Saim Ayub, Shan Masood and Saud Shakeel, along with legends Wasim Akram and Ramiz Raja, and singer Ali Zafar.

The event followed a similar roadshow at Lord's Cricket Ground in London last week, as part of efforts to attract global investment ahead of the league's expansion to eight teams for its 11th edition in 2026.

The addition of two new franchises marks the PSL's first major structural growth

since 2018, when Multan Sultans joined as the sixth team.

The auction for the new teams is expected to follow shortly after the bidding process concludes.

Mohsin, who also serves as Pakistan's Interior Minister, has been vocal about elevating the PSL's global standing, including recent pledges for transparent bidding and infrastructure development.

The league's expansion is seen as a step towards enhancing its commercial appeal and competitiveness on the international T20 circuit. AGENCIES

## McCullum admits England have been 'nowhere near' their best

ADELAIDE: Defiant England coach Brendon McCullum brushed off concerns Sunday that his job was on the line heading into the third Test against Australia, while admitting the team have been "nowhere near" their best.

The tourists were crushed in the first two Ashes Tests in Perth and Brisbane by eight wickets and only a win at Adelaide Oval this week will be enough to keep the five-match series alive.

McCullum confirmed they would stick with the same top seven, keeping under-fire Ollie Pope at number three rather than bring in Jacob Bell.

"Knee-jerk reactions and chopping and changing settled batting line-ups is not really our way," he said.

"We know we haven't got enough runs so far in the series. But for us to go on and win the series it's not about throwing out what's been successful for us over the past few years."

England's lack of fight and questionable preparations have drawn scrutiny, while McCullum's claim that they "trained too much" prior to Brisbane was met with disbelief by former greats.

A decision for the team to

lounge on the beach in tourist playground Noosa this week before heading to Adelaide would not change their gun-ho approach.

"We knew when we came here that we had to win three Tests to win the series, and the fact we're 2-0 down has made it harder on ourselves, but it doesn't stop the belief that you have within the dressing room," he said.

"I mean professional sport, it's not easy, right? You do the job to the best of your ability. You have conviction in what you're doing, and whatever happens, happens."

McCullum admitted England must improve to keep the series alive, but suggested they

## India thrash Pakistan in U-19 Asia Cup clash

DUBAI: India recorded a dominant 90-run victory over Pakistan in their Group 'A' match of the Under-19 Asia Cup at the ICC Academy Ground in Dubai on Sunday.

After rain delayed the start and reduced the match to 49 overs per side, Pakistan captain Farhan Yousaf won the toss and elected to field.

India, recovering from early setbacks, were bowled out for 240 in 46.1 overs, with Aaron George anchoring the innings with a resolute 85.

Captain Ayush Mhatre provided early impetus with a brisk 38 off 25 balls before Mohammad Sayyam removed him and Vaibhav Suryavanshi (five) to leave India at 78-2.

George then steadied the innings, sharing a 60-run fifth-wicket stand with Abhigyan Kundu (22). Kanishk Chouhan added late momentum with 46 off 46 balls, including three sixes.

Abdul Subhan (3-42) and Sayyam (3-67) led Pakistan's bowling effort, while Niqab Shafiq claimed two wickets.

Pakistan's chase faltered early as Deepesh Devendran struck three times in the opening spell, reducing them to 30-4. Chouhan dismissed opener Usman Khan (16) before skipper Farhan's 23 ended with Pakistan struggling at 77-5. AGENCIES



"And I think now the freshness which we come into this Test match will hopefully pay off."

"There's no guarantees, but that's the plan, and I think the boys are excited to get back to training and look forward to the next few days."

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# The tightrope walk: SBP's likely policy hold

The consensus across Pakistan's financial landscape is firm: the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) is poised to keep its benchmark interest rate unchanged at 11% in its upcoming Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting. This expected pause marks a fifth consecutive hold, solidifying the central bank's current strategy of 'appropriately tight' monetary policy. Far from being an act of indecision, this steady hand reflects a precarious, yet calculated, tightrope walk between sustaining economic stabilization efforts—especially those guided by the International Monetary Fund (IMF)—and addressing the persistent, structural headwinds facing the persistent economy.

The SBP's policy rate has seen a dramatic trajectory over the past couple of years, plunging from a peak of 22% in 2024 to the current 11% through a series of cautious, measured cuts. This sustained period of rate reduction was a calculated response to the sharp decline in inflation, which had momentarily bottomed out. The central bank has consistently argued that the full effects of these past cuts are still filtering through the economy, making further, immediate reductions unnecessary, and potentially counterproductive, at this juncture.

The primary rationale underpinning the decision to hold the rate steady is the continued necessity of anchoring inflation expectations. While the country has experienced a significant decline from hyper-inflationary peaks, the threat of price pressures remains tangible. Recent data shows headline inflation, driven largely by volatile food and transport costs—and exacerbated by the lingering impact of recent floods—hovering just above the SBP's medium-term target range of 5-7%.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF), a key arbiter of Pakistan's macroeconomic stability, has explicitly cautioned that inflation risks persist and that the policy stance must remain "appropriately tight" to ensure price stability. This external pressure from the IMF, whose program remains vital for external financing and market confidence, acts as a significant constraint on the SBP's ability to ease its stance.

Beyond inflation, the decision is heavily influenced by Pakistan's external account vulnerability. While the current account deficit has been contained and foreign exchange reserves have shown a gradual improvement—projected to reach approximately \$15.5 billion by December 2025 with planned official inflows—the structural fragility of the external sector

dictates caution. Lowering the interest rate would narrow the positive real interest rate differential, potentially triggering capital outflows from hot money segments (like T-bills) and putting renewed pressure on the Pakistani Rupee (PKR). A weaker PKR, in turn, fuels imported inflation, undermining the very goal of price stability. The tight policy is therefore a crucial line of defense for the exchange rate and reserves.

The policy pause, however, is not without its critics and costs. The manufacturing and export-oriented sectors are vocal in their demands for a rate cut. For businesses facing elevated costs of production, the high policy rate directly translates into prohibitive borrowing costs.

A sustained high interest rate environment stifles private sector credit growth, discourages investment in new capacity, and ultimately acts as a drag on Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth and employment generation. Economic analysts have pointed out that a real interest rate (policy rate minus inflation) above 6% is a significant burden on the real economy, risking a slowdown in the already fragile pace of economic recovery. The current situation places the SBP in a difficult position: prioritizing price and external stabil-

ity—a necessity for long-term sustainable growth—over the immediate desire for a consumption- and investment-led economic boost.

In essence, the SBP's anticipated policy hold is a testament to its commitment to institutional credibility and its determination to shepherd the economy through a final phase of stabilization before a broad-based recovery can be safely initiated. The central bank is signaling that the current policy is sufficient to maintain an adequate real interest rate, keeping inflation expectations in check and safeguarding external buffers, while simultaneously allowing the lagged effects of previous rate cuts to stimulate economic activity. The path forward remains challenging, however. Sustainable relief in the form of interest rate cuts will not materialize until headline and core inflation convincingly settle within the target range, and—critically—until the government undertakes the deep-rooted, structural reforms necessary to permanently resolve the external sector and fiscal deficit issues that perpetually expose the economy to shocks. The SBP has bought the economy time and stability; it is now up to the fiscal policy makers to deliver on the required reforms.

## The ethical dilemma of AI: Balancing innovation and responsibility

BY SAMEER SAGAR

The relentless advance of Artificial Intelligence represents one of the most transformative innovations in human history, offering the potential to cure diseases, optimize global resources, and unlock unparalleled levels of productivity. Yet, this very progress is shadowed by a profound ethical dilemma: how does society balance the imperative of rapid innovation—the 'move fast and break things' ethos that fuels technological progress—with the foundational responsibility to ensure these powerful systems are fair, safe, and aligned with human values? This is the tightrope walk defining the current era of AI development.

At the core of this tension are issues that directly challenge social justice and democratic principles, the most prominent being algorithmic bias. AI systems are inherently trained on historical data, and if that data reflects societal inequities—racial, gender, or socioeconomic biases present in past hiring decisions, loan approvals, or judicial sentencing—the resulting AI will not only inherit but often amplify those prejudices. For example, facial recognition software has repeatedly shown higher error rates for non-white faces, and hiring algorithms have filtered out female candidates based on patterns from historically male-dominated workplaces. The dilemma here is acute: prioritizing the speed of development means deploying tools quickly, potentially cementing inequality, whereas taking the time for meticulous data auditing and bias mitigation slows time-to-market. The responsibility to ensure fairness demands that ethical AI principles are not an afterthought but a core design requirement, necessitating diverse development teams and continuous post-deployment auditing.

Another critical ethical challenge is privacy and data governance. AI's efficacy is directly proportional to the volume and sensitivity of the data

it consumes. The pursuit of greater predictive accuracy drives companies to collect ever-more detailed personal information, creating vast new surfaces for privacy breaches, surveillance, and manipulative micro-targeting. The innovation model champions the free flow of data as the 'new oil', while the responsibility model demands robust data anonymization, explicit and informed user consent, and a 'privacy-by-design' approach.

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The risk is that the convenience and efficacy offered by data-hungry AI tools erode the fundamental right to privacy, transforming user autonomy AI (RAI) frameworks—a global into a transactional commodity. The 'black box' problem, or the lack of transparency, further deepens the dilemma. Many cutting-edge AI models, particularly deep learning systems, are so complex that even their creators struggle to fully explain why a particular decision was made. This opacity is a byproduct of prioritizing performance—complex models often deliver the best results—but it cripplers accountability. When an autonomous vehicle causes an accident, or an AI-powered system wrongly denies a person a mortgage or parole, who is liable? Is it the data scientist, the corporate executive, or the AI itself? The push for innovation favors this functional opacity, whereas the responsibility to the public requires explainability (XAI) and auditable accountability mechanisms to assign responsibility for adverse outcomes.

Furthermore, the scale of AI's impact on employment and economic inequality presents a massive soci-

etal challenge. While AI promises to automate dull, dirty, and dangerous jobs, boosting overall productivity, the rapid displacement of workers whose skills are suddenly obsolete.

The ethical responsibility here extends beyond simple innovation; it requires preemptive policies on re-training, universal basic income (UBI), or wealth redistribution to manage the inevitable social disruption.

Ultimately, the resolution of this

## Binance's future in Pakistan: Will regulatory hurdles impact its growth?

BY ZAIRA HASAN

The future of Binance in Pakistan, once shrouded in an opaque environment of regulatory ambiguity and official warnings, is now emerging with a clarity that marks a pivotal moment for the country's digital asset ecosystem. Historically, Pakistan has presented a paradox: it ranks among the world's top countries for grassroots crypto adoption, yet the legal status of cryptocurrencies has remained uncertain, with the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) previously issuing circulars cautioning against and, at times, effectively prohibiting, dealing in virtual currencies due to concerns over money laundering, terrorism financing, and consumer protection. This regulatory gap forced millions of Pakistani crypto users, a population estimated by some at between 30 to 40 million, to rely heavily on informal peer-to-peer (P2P) platforms, a process that inherently amplified risks and compliance challenges.

However, a dramatic shift in policy has recently put Binance on a concrete, albeit phased, path toward formal recognition and operation. Recognizing that the immense popularity of crypto could not simply be wished away, and that unregulated use posed a greater risk than regulated use, the Pakistani government, led by the newly established Pakistan Virtual Assets Regulatory Authority (PVARA), has taken decisive steps. This strategic move is not merely an acknowledgment of market realities but an ambitious attempt to harness blockchain technology for national economic goals, particularly foreign direct investment and asset tokenization.

The crucial recent development involves the issuance of No Objection Certificates (NOCs) to global exchanges like Binance and HTX. These NOCs are not a blanket operational license but represent the essential first step in a supervised, risk-mitigated entry framework. The clearances allow Binance to register under the Anti-Money Laundering (AML) system, specifically the Financial Monitoring Unit's goAML

platform, begin the process of establishing a locally incorporated subsidiary with the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP), and prepare a comprehensive Virtual Asset Service Provider (VASP) license application. This phased approach signals a commitment to global compliance standards, particularly those mandated by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), and moves the ecosystem from the shadow economy into the light. The regulatory hurdle has thus transformed from an impenetrable wall into a clearly defined, multi-step compliance ladder.

Beyond merely regulating exchanges, the partnership between Binance and Pakistan is poised to enter a more transformative phase. A recent Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed to explore the "tokenization" of up to \$2 billion in sovereign assets, including treasury bills, government bonds, and commodity reserves.

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This potential collaboration positions Binance not just as a trading platform, but as a strategic technology partner advising the government on building compliant blockchain infrastructure to boost liquidity and attract international investment. This tokenization effort is an explicit recognition of blockchain's potential as a modern financial tool for capital market development, showcasing a future where Binance's technological expertise could play a direct role in national economic strategy.

Nevertheless, significant challenges remain. The regulatory journey is far from over; the NOCs are conditional and do not guarantee the final VASP license, which will require Binance

to meet stringent compliance and governance standards under a framework that is still being finalized by the PVARA. Furthermore, while the federal government has shown a pro-innovation stance, historical jurisdictional confusion among key institutions—the SBP, SECP, and the Finance Ministry—will need to be permanently resolved to ensure regulatory certainty. The ultimate success of Binance's growth will depend on the final regulatory architecture: whether it is progressive enough to foster innovation and attract capital, yet robust enough to prevent illicit financial flows and protect consumers.

In conclusion, the future of Binance in Pakistan appears robust, underpinned by strong market demand and a new, collaborative regulatory approach. The focus has shifted from outright prohibition to structured regulation, with a clear roadmap for full licensing and a

high-level partnership on asset tokenization. While the remaining regulatory hurdles are substantial—requiring strict AML compliance, local incorporation, and the finalization of the VASP framework—the political will to embrace digital assets is now undeniable. The collaboration between a global giant like Binance and Pakistan's new regulatory body offers a blueprint for how a developing economy can transition a massive, informal crypto market into a regulated, value-generating component of its national digital finance

strategy, ensuring that the platform's growth, while governed by compliance, can flourish in one of the world's most dynamic crypto markets.

## The role of digital governance in combating corruption

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The scourge of corruption remains one of the most debilitating obstacles to sustainable development, public trust, and social equity across the globe. It erodes institutional integrity, distorts economic incentives, and disproportionately harms the most vulnerable segments of society. In the 21st century, the most potent systemic tool available for mitigating this pervasive problem is digital governance, or e-governance. By leveraging Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs), governments can fundamentally redesign their operations, shifting the balance of power away from discretionary human gatekeepers and towards automated, transparent, and accountable systems.

The primary mechanism through which digital governance combats corruption is by drastically reducing the opportunities for its occurrence. Corruption thrives in environments characterized by information asymmetry, high transaction costs, and bureaucratic discretion—all weaknesses that digitalization directly addresses. By automating public service delivery, digital platforms eliminate the need for citizens to interact face-to-face with mid-level officials for routine tasks, thereby reducing the opportunities for bribery and undue influence. For instance, online portals

for tax filing, licensing, and utility payments standardize processes and remove the subjective power of an individual official, minimizing the scope for rent-seeking behavior. This principle, which transforms government-to-citizen (G2C) and government-to-business (G2B) interactions from a "solicit-handout" relationship to a standardized "service provider-user" relationship, is fundamental to reducing petty corruption.

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Beyond basic automation, the power of digital governance lies in its capacity to enforce transparency and accountability. Digital systems create indelible, auditable trails for every transaction, decision, and application. Public procurement is a classic example: electronic procurement platforms (e-Procurement) automatically publish tender documents, bidding results, and contract awards online. This open data approach allows not only government auditors but also civil soci-

ety organizations and investigative journalists to scrutinize the process, identify collusive bidding, and flag anomalies in real-time. Similarly, the implementation of Integrated Financial Management Information Systems (IFMIS) centralizes government financial flows, mitigating the risk of fund diversion, revenue leakages, and the proliferation of 'ghost workers'—a significant form of corruption often tackled via biometric verification

and map hidden networks of influence that would be invisible to human auditors. For example, by combining data from multiple sources, authorities can automatically flag companies that win multiple contracts despite having no verifiable operational history, or public officials whose declared assets show unexplained spikes. This proactive, risk-based monitoring transforms the fight against grand corruption, making it increasingly difficult to hide sophisticated bribery and money laundering schemes.

However, digitalization is not a panacea; its effectiveness is heavily reliant on political will and robust institutional capacity. The implementation of digital governance for anti-corruption faces several critical challenges.

Firstly, the digital divide can exacerbate inequality, as vulnerable populations who lack access to technology or digital literacy are cut off from essential services, potentially creating new forms of corruption around digital intermediaries. Secondly, the fight against corruption is inherently political, and incumbent officials who benefit from the old opaque systems may sabotage or resist digital reforms through lack of budgetary support, low motivation to innovate, or intentional poor design of the new systems. The success of digital tools, therefore, requires strong top-down leadership and organizational buy-in. Finally, while digital systems reduce the risk of petty corruption, they can also introduce the potential for new forms of cyber corruption, such as the hacking of critical databases, the manipulation of algorithms, or the use of sophisticated digital tools to conceal illicit activities. This underscores the need for robust cybersecurity, strict data protection regulations, and a human-centered approach to technology, ensuring that data privacy and ethical principles govern the application of AI and big data in high-stakes areas like enforcement and investigation.

In conclusion, digital governance acts as an essential force multiplier in the fight against corruption. By substituting human discretion with automated transparency, providing open data for public scrutiny, and leveraging intelligent analytics for detection, it fundamentally alters the cost-benefit analysis for corrupt actors. Yet, its true role is not merely technological; it is socio-political. Digital systems provide the necessary institutional and infrastructural framework, but long-term success requires a simultaneous commitment to democratic accountability, digital literacy, and the unwavering political will to maintain and enforce these transparent systems against those who benefit from opacity.

## COMPANY PROFILE & TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

### UDL International Limited (UDLI) — Research Report



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**UDL International Limited** is the surviving entity after the successful merger between First UDL Modaraba with and into UDL International Limited. The company's principal line of business is to provide services legally permissible and also trading in products as permissible under law. The company is focused in Islamic Financial Services through its subsidiary, UDL Financial Services Limited.

UDL International has historically positioned itself to explore trading, distribution, and outsourcing-based business opportunities, while prudently managing shareholder capital through investments in listed securities and other financial instruments.

#### Latest Business Updates and Future Outlook:

UDL subsidiary engaged in Investment Finance Services (Islamic Modes of Financing only) recorded a loss due to lower KIBOR rates. Management is actively working to secure a bank line

facility that will strengthen revenue generation going forward. Importantly, despite the subsidiary's setback, UDLI achieved profitability on both a stand-alone and consolidated basis during the year.

Variants of skin care products, outsourced to a reputable contract manufacturer, have entered commercial production and are expected to reach retail shelves by December 2025. This milestone marks an exciting step in diversifying revenue streams and expanding market presence.

Commercial production of six variants of skin care products has been initiated through outsourcing arrangements with a reputable third-party manufacturer specializing in this field. Initial deliveries are expected shortly, with commercial sales anticipated to commence in December 2025.

Subject to favorable market response, the company plans to broaden its product portfolio by introducing further variants, thereby enhancing returns for shareholders. In addition, management intends to evaluate and pursue opportunities in other sectors as part of a diversification strategy aimed at creating strong, differentiated brands that reflect our focus on quality and long-term value creation.

In respect of the subsidiary's lending business, available funds have already been fully deployed. Negotiations are currently underway with banks to secure additional credit lines in order to support expansion of the financing portfolio and improve profitability.

#### FY25 and 1QFY26 Result Update:

On a standalone basis, the company achieved revenue of Rs. 53.54 million,

supported by an unrealized gain on investments of Rs. 23.16 million, attributable to timely and strategic investments in financial instruments. Total expenses stood at Rs. 52.50 million, resulting in a profit after taxation of Rs. 16.90 million, equivalent to earnings per share (EPS) of Rs. 0.48.

On a consolidated basis, UDL International posted total revenue of Rs. 109.01 million, against operating expenses of Rs. 91.83 million. However, due to a substantial reduction in the KIBOR rate and corresponding decline in bank profit income, the subsidiary reported a net loss. This diluted the overall consolidated profit to Rs. 9.41 million, translating into an EPS of Rs. 0.27.

UDL International's 1st quarter ended September 30, 2025 reflects the company's transition phase as it prepares for commercial operations while still deriving income primarily from investments rather than core business turnover:

#### Standalone Position:

The company remained essentially in a pre-operational stage, with no revenue generated from commercial business activities during the quarter, consistent with its business plan to ramp up operations. Income was primarily from investment income and gains.

Investment income included dividend income, gains on sale of listed securities, and profit on deposits/debt instruments — a significant contributor to interim results.

#### Consolidated Position:

Consolidated results also reflect the same operational reality: the company's group still lacks commercial revenue and draws mainly on financial returns

and investment portfolio performance.

#### 2. Profit & Loss Dynamics

While detailed profit/loss figures are not explicitly summarized in the open sections of the report, the key takeaway from the listed quarterly narrative is:

- Income was mostly investment-driven: Dividend income and capital gains from marketable securities provided the bulk of earnings in the period.
- No operational turnover: As indicated, commercial operations have not yet started, limiting topline growth metric. This profile is typical for an investment-oriented entity in the early phase of business scaling or before full operational deployment.

**According to the quarterly report, UDL International is still predominantly pre-operational:**

- The business is engaged in permitted trading activities and holds equity investments; however, no commercial sales revenue was recognized in the quarter, implying that core operating segments (e.g., trading, product sales) are yet to meaningfully contribute.

Most of the earnings come from investment and other income items (like dividends and investment gains). This underscores that UDL's financial performance remains leveraged to market returns on investments rather than operating profitability at this stage.

Although limited operational data for 1Q FY26 constrains direct comparisons with peers, the company's reporting indicates a strategic positioning:

- Investments as interim income: UDL International is leveraging its investment portfolio to generate returns while com-

mercial initiatives are developed

- No revenue from operations: This suggests that full commercial launch or significant revenue activities are forthcoming, not reflected yet in the headline numbers.

The future outlook section (found in related filings) often highlights intentions to move into diversified product trading (e.g., skin care outsourcing and other categories), but such operational effects will likely materialize in later quarters once outsourced production and sales commence.

#### Management has indicated interest in:

- Trading and distribution of consumer and industrial products
- Outsourcing-based manufacturing or brand partnerships
- Gradual transition from an investment-driven model to an operational revenue model

However, material contribution from these activities has not yet been reflected in the financial statements.

#### Compared to fully operational trading or manufacturing companies:

- UDL International currently functions more like an investment holding company
- Lacks revenue scale, operating leverage, and market share presence

#### However, relative to shell or dormant companies:

- UDL maintains active financial management
- Generates income and returns rather than remaining idle

#### Key Strengths:

- Strong liquidity position due to finan-

cial investments

- Low operating cost base
- Ability to generate income without operational risk
- Flexibility to pivot into new business lines

#### Short-Term Outlook:

- Financial performance will continue to depend on:
- Stock market conditions
- Dividend income from investments

#### Medium to Long-Term Outlook:

- The company's valuation and growth potential hinge on:
- Successful launch of commercial operations
- Transition to recurring operating revenue
- Strategic partnerships or acquisitions

If management executes its business expansion plans effectively, UDL International could evolve from a capital-preserving investment entity into an operating company with sustainable earnings.

UDL International Limited is currently in a transitional phase, balancing capital management with strategic business exploration. While the absence of operating revenue limits growth visibility, the company's disciplined investment approach, low cost structure, and past shareholder returns provide a degree of stability.

#### For investors, UDL International represents:

- A low-activity, investment-led company in the short term
- A potential turnaround or growth story in the long term, contingent upon execution

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### Pakistan Equity Market

Outlook 2026

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#### Market Outlook Snapshot

Eyeing Index Target of 215,000 Backed by Higher Liquidity and Strong Fundamentals

KSE 100 Index target	Policy Rate	Earnings Growth	Market P/E	Dividend Yield	Total Return
215,000	11%	7%	8.75x	6%	~33%
<b>Sector</b>					
Commercial Banks	Over-weight	UBL, MCB, NBP		BML, BOP	
Oil & Gas Exploration Companies	Over-weight	OGDC, PPL			
Oil & Gas Marketing Companies	Over-weight	PSO		SSGC, SNGP	
Pharmaceutical	Over-weight	HALEON, AGP		SEARL	
Power Generation & Distribution	Market-weight				
Cements	Over-weight	MLCF, LUCK, CHCC			
Automobile Parts & Assemblers	Market-weight	GAL, INDU			
Fertilizers	Over-weight	FFC		SRVI	IMAGE
Textile	Market-weight	ILP			
Engineering	Over-weight	ISL			
Technology & Communication	Market-weight	AIRLINK		TRG	
Refineries	Market-weight			NRL, PRL	
Food & Personal Care Products	Over-weight	BFAGRO		NATF	BNL, UNITY, TOMCL
Chemical	Under-weight			GCIL	
Tobacco	Market-Weight				
Others					PIBTL, PAEL, PACE

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#### Recommendation Summary

Symbol	Target Price	Current Price	Upside - Downside (%)	Recom.	EPS	DPS	P/E	DY					
					'25	'26	'27	'25	'26	'27	'25	'26	'27
<b>Automobile Assembler</b>													
INDU	2,750	1,984	39%	Buy	292.7	337.5	355.4	176.0	205.0	215.0	6.8	5.9	5.8
HICAR	312	284	10%	Neutral	19.0	32.5	36.4	4.0	8.0	0.0	15.0	8.8	2.8
GAL	795	553	44%	Buy	65.7	97.6	109.4	10.0	7.5	0.0	8.4	5.7	1.4
<b>Cement</b>													
LUCK	590	497	19%	Buy	22.6	34.8	40.9	20.0	33.0	40.0	12.0	14.3	4.0
KOHI	145	109	34%	Buy	12.6	13.8	15.5	0.0	1.0	1.5	8.6	7.9	0.0
FCCL	85	58	47%	Buy	5.4	7.1	7.6	1.3	2.8	3.5	10.6	8.2	2.2
MCLC	165	122	35%	Buy	16.3	12.9	13.7	0.0	1.3	1.3	7.5	9.5	0.0
DKLC	311	248	25%	Buy	19.8	26.1	34.8	2.0	4.0	5.3	12.5	9.5	1.6
CHC	512	353	45%	Buy	44.7	42.9	46.5	5.5	6.5	9.0	7.9	7.8	1.6
PDC	420	410	2%	Neutral	21.5	36.9	47.1	15.0	20.3	28.0	19.1	11.1	8.7
<b>Chemical</b>													
FABL	112	90	25%	Buy	13.4	14.2	15.1	6.0	7.0	7.0	6.7	6.3	7.8
<b>Engineering</b>													
ISL	160	119	34%	Buy	3.6	8.6	10.6	2.5	5.0	6.0	33.3	13.8	2.1
MUGHAL	138	93	49%	Buy	2.9	11.6	15.7	0.0	2.0	10.0	32.2	8.0	0.0
FETC	678	580	17%	Buy	57.3	62.6	66.3	40.5	50.0	53.0	10.3	9.3	9.1
EFERT	255	237	18%	Buy	16.2	19.5	21.1	16.5	20.3	22.0	13.4	11.1	7.6

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KSE-100		
169,864.52 (1,289.83) (0.77%)		
HIGH	LOW	VOLUME
170,052.87	168,421.55	309,699,601

ALLSHR		
102,725.12 (553.85) (0.54%)		
HIGH	LOW	VOLUME
102,838.66	102,135.87	871,919,755

KSE30		
51,670.42 (495.07) (0.97%)		
HIGH	LOW	VOLUME
51,731.06	51,077.45	144,056,381

KMI30		
244,230.81 (2,126.85) (0.88%)		
HIGH	LOW	VOLUME
244,584.08	241,665.86	127,193,991

Market Activity									
KSE 100 Index									
Market Status									
Current Index									
Change									
Percent Change									
High									
170,052.87									
Low									
168,421.55									
Volume									
309,699,601									
Market Performers									
TOP ACTIVE STOCKS									
SYMBOL	PRICE	CHANGE	VOLUME						
HUMNL	14.88	0.23 (1.57%)	71,840,487						
DSLNC	8.14	0.22 (2.78%)	46,970,699						
WTL	1.83	0.04 (2.24%)	40,811,097						
TPLP	12.50	-0.41 (-3.18%)	39,007,399						
SSGC	41.39	-1.06 (-2.50%)	31,164,249						
PACE	22.04	2.00 (9.8%)	27,245,011						
TPL	11.87	1.08 (10.01%)	24,787,314						
FNEL	23.43	0.90 (4.00%)	24,730,544						
BOP	35.25	0.29 (0.83%)	23,121,201						
NCPL	44.94	-0.58 (-1.27%)	20,997,020						
TOP ADVANCERS									
SYMBOL	PRICE	CHANGE	VOLUME						
CSIL	6.05	1.00 (19.80%)	13,766,817						
PILNC	5.81	0.76 (15.05%)	882,213						
QUICE	14.27	1.30 (10.02%)	5,202,992						
FCIBL	20.09	1.83 (10.02%)	83,816						
SGPL	36.58	3.33 (10.02%)	2,351,837						
TPL	11.87	1.08 (10.01%)	24,787,314						
CWSMNC	54.97	5.00 (10.01%)	2,236,821						
SAIF	31.67	2.88 (10.00%)	126,327						
SMLNC	120.64	10.97 (10.00%)	403,673						
HPL	4,711.61	428.27 (10.00%)	36,788						
TOP DECLINERS									
SYMBOL	PRICE	CHANGE	VOLUME						
TATM	194.10	-21.57 (-10.00%)	804,381						
ELSM	112.30	-11.30 (-9.14%)	912						
SINDM	30.27	-2.86 (-8.63%)	178,788						
DMC	272.48	-22.45 (-7.61%)	1,638						
JSGCL	181.34	-12.99 (-6.68%)	7,121						
PIM	22.82	-1.32 (-5.47%)	3,453						
KML	15.66	-0.86 (-5.21%)	3,412,068						
RCML	510.09	-25.95 (-4.84%)	164						
GSPMNC	5.80	-0.28 (-4.60%)	4,256						
JSIL	41.00	-1.94 (-4.52%)	8,000						



## CLOSING RATE SUMMARY

AUTOMOBILE ASSEMBLER									
SCRIPT	LDCP	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CURRENT	CHANGE	VOLUME		
AL-Ghazi Tractors	406.45	410.1	417.0	406.0	408.49	2.04	82,731		
Atlas Honda Ltd	1,432,891,425.01	1455.0	1421.11	1430.04	-2.85	5,005			
Dewan Motors	24.92	24.7	25.0	24.0	24.6	-0.32	1,046,449		
Ghandhara Automobile	550.89	550.0	554.3	549.0	551.06	0.17	131,371		
Ghandhara Ind.	831.57	831.0	836.0	819.0	822.97	-8.6	78,802		
Hinopak Motor	485.69	482.0	485.5	480.0	482.16	-3.53	3,615		
Honda Cars	280.71	281.0	282.0	280.5	281.02	0.31	108,061		
Indus Motor Co.	1,967,271,964.99	1980.0	1964.99	1977.02	9.75	12,658			
Millat Tractors	507.76	510.0	512.0	505.55	509.19	1.43	53,897		
Sazgar Engineering	1,673,431,676.06	1679.85	1666.01	1668.97	-4.46	66,640			
AUTOMOBILE PARTS & ACCESSORIES									

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PIBTL-DEC	15.58	15.55	15.99	15.45	15.74	0.16	5,795,000	F.Treet Manuf	20.00	20.0	20.0	19.11	19.49	-0.51	8,190
PPL-DEC	218.17	219.01	223.0	217.1	221.74	3.57	4,798,000	Habib Modaraba	34.75	34.0	34.95	34.0	34.51	-0.24	8,504
PRL-DEC	37.47	37.47	37.55	36.75	37.01	-0.46	2,564,000	I.B.L.Modaraba	11.99	12.0	12.34	11.52	11.64	-0.35	5,538
PIAHCLA-DEC	44.99	45.2	45.35	44.11	44.45	-0.54	6,456,500	Imrooz Modaraba	256.91	259.01	263.0	259.01	261.97	5.06	161
PIOC-DEC	412.22	413.0	419.0	410.0	414.3	2.08	560,000	OLP Modaraba	22.31	21.52	22.45	21.01	22.0	-0.31	29,666
POWER-DEC	19.12	19.06	19.34	19.06	19.2	0.08	24,500	Orient Rental	12.90	12.71	12.85	12.32	12.64	-0.26	245,017
SAZEW-DEC	1,685.00	1685.0	1685.0	1675.1	1680.02	-4.8	11,500	Paramount Mod	13.85	13.53	13.53	13.53	13.53	-0.32	506
SNBL-DEC	25.89	26.55	26.55	25.66	25.99	0.1	25,500	Popular Islamic	24.14	22.5	24.0	21.81	22.82	-1.32	3,453
SNGP-DEC	118.80	118.43	121.45	118.4	120.75	1.95	899,000	Punjab Mod	9.63	9.6	9.7	9.4	9.45	-0.18	167,206
SSGC-DEC	42.66	43.2	43.2	41.31	41.65	-1.01	13,537,000	Sindh Modaraba	33.13	34.0	34.0	29.82	30.27	-2.86	178,788
SYM-DEC	14.22	14.25	14.55	13.67	14.26	0.04	876,500	Tri-Star 1st Mod.	12.21	12.58	13.43	12.58	13.43	1.22	39,747
SYS-DEC	161.24	163.5	166.7	162.1	165.83	4.59	490,000	Trust Modaraba	39.50	39.7	41.29	38.11	40.21	0.71	1,390,276
TGL-DEC	216.00	217.41	220.04	213.25	213.25	-2.75	10,000	Unicap Modaraba	6.55	6.55	7.19	6.32	6.59	0.04	508,461
TELE-DEC	11.77	11.79	11.83	11.65	11.68	-0.09	392,000	Wasl Mobility Mod	6.77	6.94	6.95	6.75	6.78	0.01	816,791
OIL & GAS EXPLORATION COMPANIES															
SCRIP	LDCP	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CURRENT	CHANGE	VOLUME	SCRIP	LDCP	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CURRENT	CHANGE	VOLUME
Mari Energies Ltd.	53.37	53.2	55.6	53.1	54.05	0.68	5,219,500	Mari Energies Ltd.	704.89	705.89	717.0	703.7	707.38	2.49	997,837
SEARL-DEC	106.43	106.7	108.4	106.43	107.0	0.57	1,087,000	Oil & Gas Dev	272.83	273.35	275.99	271.25	275.11	2.28	4,322,752
TPLP-DEC	13.00	13.12	13.4	12.4	12.61	-0.39	12,073,000	Pak Oilfields	617.01	618.0	620.97	615.0	619.52	2.51	151,585
TREET-DEC	31.96	32.0	32.37	31.9	31.97	0.01	864,500	Pak Petroleum	217.04	219.45	222.0	215.67	220.27	3.23	10,127,468
OIL & GAS MARKETING COMPANIES															
SCRIP	LDCP	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CURRENT	CHANGE	VOLUME	SCRIP	LDCP	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CURRENT	CHANGE	VOLUME
Attock Petroleum	556.34	559.0	559.0	551.12	556.79	0.45	18,723	Burshane LPG	32.25	32.49	32.49	31.0	31.39	-0.86	13,977
Hascol Petrol	14.07	14.03	14.24	13.98	14.01	-0.06	4,985,859	HI-Tech Lub.	54.40	54.4	54.85	53.66	54.32	-0.08	67,130
Hilboi Energy	9.34	9.4	10.01	9.3	9.61	0.27	4,926,224	P.S.O.	467.87	470.0	473.25	465.1	469.36	1.49	2,257,552
Sui North Gas	118.05	118.74	120.98	117.3	120.09	2.04	4,871,096	Sui South Gas	42.45	42.75	42.8	41.02	41.39	-1.06	31,164,249
Wafi Energy Pak	211.95	212.03	214.32	209.8	212.91	0.96	19,035								
PAPER, BOARD & PACKAGING															
SCRIP	LDCP	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CURRENT	CHANGE	VOLUME	SCRIP	LDCP	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CURRENT	CHANGE	VOLUME
Century Paper	31.68	31.68	32.0	30.8	31.16	-0.52	628,278	Cherat Packaging	100.07	101.99	102.0	99.13	99.81	-0.26	111,592
Int. Packaging	28.13	28.55	29.5	28.25	28.5	0.37	3,441,014	MACPAC Films	25.39	25.7	26.5	25.15	25.87	0.48	506,253
Merit Packaging	13.05	13.1	13.2	13.0	13.01	-0.04	72,039	Paketech Ltd.	728.00	729.99	740.0	719.0	731.35	3.35	8,768
Pak Paper Prod	138.65	137.27	142.0	137.27	138.67	0.02	3,514	Roshan Packages	17.94	17.95	18.3	17.8	18.0	0.06	252,609
Security Paper	160.00	159.04	160.95	158.0	158.65	-1.35	43,619	SPEL Limited	55.41	55.02	56.0	55.0	55.71	0.3	259,204
PHARMACEUTICALS															
SCRIP	LDCP	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CURRENT	CHANGE	VOLUME	SCRIP	LDCP	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CURRENT	CHANGE	VOLUME
Abbott Lab.	1,018.18	1020.0	1029.8	1019.0	1023.58	5.4	15,976	AFG Limited	189.87	189.99	191.97	189.0	190.59	0.72	309,668
Bayer	34.01	34.49	35.95	34.25	35.38	-0.37	1,000,000	BF Biosciences	152.72	153.9	154.0	152.0	152.95	0.23	117,024
Citi Pharma Ltd	87.20	87.3	88.92	87.0	88.06	0.86	672,527	Citipharm	377.46	382.0	382.0	375.0	379.81	2.35	9,463
Ferozsons (Lab)	390.47	392.95	394.24	389.5	390.5	0.03	104,159	GlaxoSmithKline	162.70	162.7	163.0	162.7	163.0	0.03	1,718
Haleon Pakistan	824.14	829.9	835.0	810.0	829.78	5.64	48,160	Hilma Biocare	63.70	64.0	70.07	63.1	69.57	5.87	7,834,846
Highnoon (Lab)	1,037,351,039.98	1044.43	1020.0	1025.38	1020.0	-11.97	28,848	IBL HealthCare	63.70	64.0	70.07	63.1	69.57	5.87	7,834,846
Hoechst Pak Ltd	4,283.34	4,370.0	4,711.67	4,620.0	4,711.61	2.27	428,272	ILB HealthCare	63.70	64.0	70.07	63.1	69.57	5.87	7,834,846
IBL HealthCare	63.70	64.0	70.07	63.1	69.57	5.87	7,834,846	ILB HealthCare	63.70	64.0	70.07	63.1	69.57	5.87	7,834,846
ILB HealthCare	63.70	64.0	70.07	63.1	69.57	5.87	7,834,846	ILB HealthCare	63.70	64.0	70.07	63.1	69.57	5.87	7



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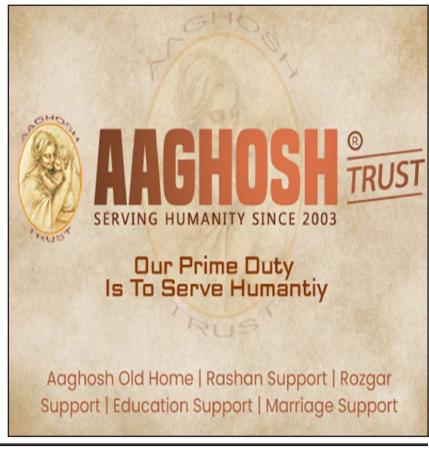
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## DAILY MTS POSITION

Open MTS Volume Before Release	481,244,425.00
Open MTS Amount Before Release	26,020,209,178.90
Current Day Release Volume	28,916,998.00
Current Day Release Amount	1,973,682,972.85
Current Day MTS Volume	27,261,961.00
Current Day MTS Amount	2,120,804,531.87
Net Open MTS Volume	479,589,388.00
Net Open MTS Amount	26,154,977,743.45

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## DAILY MFS POSITION

Open Position Before Release	730,145,249.00
Current Day Release	18,820,636,705.06
Current Day Take-up	58,332,556.00
Volume	722,569,542.00
Value	18,842,967,877.89

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## Circular debt blocks \$1b investment in key gas field development

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's mounting circular debt crisis has significantly impacted the financial stability of oil and gas exploration companies, putting crucial investments in the sector at risk. The ongoing cash flow issues and restrictions on gas supplies, exacerbated by LNG imports flooding the market, have left companies unable to move forward with key exploration projects, including the development of offshore fields.

Mari Energies Limited, one of the key players in Pakistan's energy sector, has warned that it will be unable to proceed with the full-scale development of the Ghazi Ghaisakhor gas field—an investment worth over \$1 billion unless the government addresses the persistent circular debt and ensures reliable gas off-take and timely payments. Currently, the country's gas sector is burdened by a staggering Rs2.6 trillion in circular debt, which continues to undermine the financial health of oil and gas exploration companies. These companies have raised concerns that the spiraling debt has hindered their ability to execute exploration and development plans, which are crucial for meeting Pakistan's growing energy

demands.

In its letter to the government, Mari Energies highlighted that despite the recent award of 23 offshore licenses to oil and gas exploration companies, including state-owned giants like OGDCL and PPL, the prevailing debt crisis is making it difficult to secure the necessary financing for major projects. The company also pointed to a recent Wood Mackenzie study, which indicated a significant drop in gas demand from utility companies, particularly in the power sector.

The company specifically cited Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL), which has faced persistent challenges in balancing supply and demand, leading to frequent curtailments of indigenous gas. These operational issues have further compounded the situation, making it increasingly difficult for Mari Energies to secure the necessary gas supply for its development projects.

Mari Energies has also pushed for a solution that ensures sustainable gas off-take to support its planned \$1 billion investment in the Ghazi Ghaisakhor field.

Finance Division emphasizing that these measures build on reforms already initiated by the government. The implementation of the benchmarks follows a sequenced, step-by-step approach aimed at achieving the broader policy objectives of the IMF program.

The Ministry further explained that the Memorandum of Economic and Financial Policies (MEFP), finalized after the IMF's Second Review, supplements the earlier MEFP and reflects

this phased approach. This ensures both continuity and the deepening of Pakistan's ongoing reform agenda, rather than introducing sudden or unplanned measures. The structural benchmarks span multiple sectors, including fiscal management, government, financial markets, state-owned enterprises, energy, trade, and corporate regulation. Among the key reforms are efforts to enhance the transparency of civil servants' asset declarations, amendments to the Civil Servants Act, strengthening the National Accountability Bureau (NAB), and improving coordination with provincial anti-corruption bodies.

The government is also focusing on streamlining remittance flows by removing bottlenecks in cross-border payments, which have already led to a 26% increase in remittances in FY25, with further growth anticipated in FY26. Structural reforms in financial markets are also under way, with a study of the local currency bond market aimed at broadening the investor base.

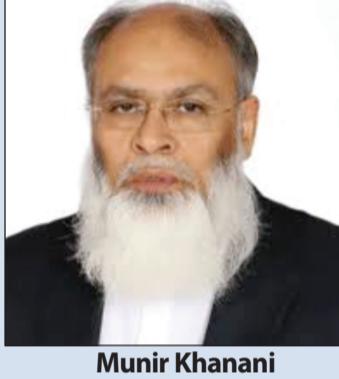
Regarding the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR), the government is progressing with a comprehensive reform roadmap that includes operationalizing the Tax Policy Office and strengthening compliance risk management. A medium-term tax reform strategy is also in the works to enhance revenue predictability and improve tax administration. In the energy sector, reforms are being implemented in state-owned enterprises, with plans to privatize selected power distribution companies (DISCOs) and finalize conditions for private sector involvement in HESCO and SEPCO. The government is also working on deregulating the sugar sector and liberalizing trade and commodity markets.

Some benchmarks, including governance action plans and contingency revenue measures, were delayed due to ongoing reform implementation and the recent floods.

## INTERVIEW: PSMU in exclusive talks with Munir Khanani



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circular date payments now. I'd like you to tell me a bit about the impact that is going to have on which specific scrips in the oil and gas sector... and what's the payment process like?

**MK reply:** Regarding gas and electricity, the meaning of circular debt is the company's money is safe with the government of Pakistan, right? They're getting a return on that money, right? They're not giving it for free, the government of Pakistan is returning it. Their money will come, their cash liquidity will improve, and it's good even today, there's nothing bad about it for them. I mean, if I ask, if they get full return, the money invested in the bank will reduce profit margin... so one purpose of circular debt is what I understand that there should be a circular debt for gas or electricity, everything should be passed at real rates, to save it, to cut down on those who steal gas, steal electricity... they should be punished so that the theft burden which comes on the common consumer, which they pay, is protected. If electricity rates come down, our industry will run, absolutely right!

**PSMU:** What do you think as the index has crossed the 170,000 level is it possible to hit 200,000 in the coming year?

**MK reply:** I am not talking about today but I think it will cross 200,000 in the coming year. The market as long as these three things are stuck inflation, interest rates and the dollar rates, nothing can stop the market from filling up.

**PSMU:** Finally, your most favorite sector we all know it's banking. You've always said that, and we've actually seen momentum in it... because I remember when you told me that HBL was under hundred, you said it will go to three hundred, and I thought... really... and we've experienced this. Which sectors are you seeing, sir, in the coming time, that have great potential?

**MK reply:** In my opinion, I think banks are still cheaper. I suggest you buy HBL, MCB, UBL, Meezan Bank today too. MCB is giving 36 rupees dividend, it's a good deal. Buy shares of all banks like HBL, MCB, UBL, Meezan, Askari Bank, Bank Alfalah. Even small banks will do good ahead like Soneri, Bank of Khyber, BoP. Buy bank stocks, you'll be in a satisfactory position with adequate level of profit.

**PSMU:** My first question is related to the announcement of Monetary policy rate today, if the rate remains unchanged then what impact you foresee on the market?

**MK reply:** I think the chances of the monetary policy rate remaining unchanged are higher, around 90%. The possibility of a 50 basis points (0.5%) cut is very low, about 10% chance, but it's a remote chance.

and the reasons behind unchanged rate are that the dollar has stabilized, foreign exchange reserves are improving and post-IMF deal, there's some stability in the economy.

Also, inflation is still a challenge, so chances of a cut are low as SBP doesn't seem to have much scope for an aggressive cut right now.

Market will have a mild positive reaction because it's in line with expectations. No big volatility expected, range-bound trading will continue.

50 bps cut (goes to 10.5%): Market will have a slightly bigger positive reaction. Banking sector and growth stocks might see buying interest. Equities could get a boost as borrowing costs reduce, but won't be a major move. I suggest to watch the announcement closely. If unchanged, no panic, market will trade as per current ranges. If there's a cut, might see some aggressive buying in specific sectors.

My take is that there's a 90% chance it remains unchanged. If it does stay the same, the market will react normally - nothing too dramatic, it'll just keep trading in range.

**PSMU:** My next question is about the recent 11 structural conditions by IMF and the likely chances of mini-budget, how do you see its impact on the market in the long-run?

**MK reply:** You've raised some very

valid points. Look, first of all let me tell you that there were already fifty-three (conditions), eleven more came, so now it's sixty-four. But these are for our betterment, things we should do ourselves. IMF recommends we do these for improvement.

The IMF conditions are aimed at improving Pakistan's economy, pushing for reforms so the country can strengthen financially, increase tax collection, and achieve fiscal discipline. The IMF recommends certain steps for betterment, emphasizing that these measures, though tough, are necessary for long-term stability.

The issue with zero filers is significant - forty percent of tax payers being zero filers means there's a huge gap in tracking social income and broadening the tax base. Being a filer isn't enough; the real challenge is increasing income disclosure and tax compliance. The government needs to take steps to encourage genuine tax paying, improve the filing process, and capture the undocumented economy. The advice from IMF is crucial for the country - focusing on reducing corruption, bringing transparency, and making sectors like power more efficient through dealing with circular debt.

The challenge, however, lies in implementation. There needs to be political will to push these reforms through. In the short term, these conditions might put pressure on a common man through increased taxes or cost of services, but if done right with reforms (like improving public services, cutting wasteful spending), it could lead to better economic health long-term.

**PSMU:** Besides this, there's talk of

## KSE-100 Index – Weekly Outlook

## KSE-100 outlook: Bullish trend remains, key levels to watch near 168,500



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**O**n the weekly timeframe, KSE-100 remains firmly in a primary uptrend, with price holding well above its rising long-term averages. The index has respected the broader structure despite intermittent pullbacks, which continue to be corrective in nature rather than trend changing. The recent consolidation below the 170,300 zone appears healthy, following a strong impulse move from the October lows. Momentum remains constructive as long as the index sustains above the 167,300

area as a key demand area. The overall structure suggests the market is digesting gains before attempting another leg higher, keeping the broader bullish bias intact going into year-end. KSE-100 Index – Daily View: On the daily chart, the index closed higher at 169,864, recovering well from recent profit-taking pressure and holding near the upper end of the recent range. Price continues to trade above the 20-DMA and 50-DMA, confirming short-term trend strength. The zone around 168,500 has repeatedly acted as a strong support and once again proved its relevance. Volume activity picked up during the recent sessions, indicating active participation as investors position ahead of year-end. A decisive breakout above 170,300 would likely open the path toward fresh all-time highs, while any dip continues to trade above the 168,500–167,300 area should be viewed as a buying opportunity within the prevailing trend rather than a sign of weakness.

### Key Levels to Watch

**Support:** 168,500 / 167,300

**Resistance:** 170,300 / 171,700

Overall, trend, structure, and volume continue to favor the bulls, with near-term volatility expected but no signs of distribution at this stage.

## TODAY TOP 5 MTS STOCKS

Report Date	Symbol Code	Symbol Name	Current Day MTS Volume	Current Day MTS Amount
12-Dec-25	BOP	THE BANK OF PUNJAB	4,569,340.00	136,939,317.62
12-Dec-25	FCCL	FAUJI CEMENT COMPANY LIMITED	1,286,927.00	62,893,074.38
12-Dec-25	HUMNL	HUM NETWORK LIMITED	6,693,202.00	84,739,549.61
12-Dec-25	MLCF	MAPLE LEAF CEMENT FACTORY LIMITED	1,424,118.00	149,865,040.06
12-Dec-25	PPL	PAKISTAN PETROLEUM LIMITED	1,649,123.00	308,442,916.49

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## TODAY TOP 5 MFS STOCKS

Symbol	Name	Open Position Before Release	Current Day Release	Current Day Take-up
FNEL	FIRST NATIONAL EQUITIES LIMITED	38,695,393.00	742,249,631.89	2,954,289.00
NBP	NATIONAL BANK OF PAKISTAN	3,184,902.00	560,835,209.15	65,710.00
NRL	NATIONAL REFINERY LIMITED	1,905,610.00	735,538,759.42	142,739.00
THCCL	THATTA CEMENT COMPANY LIMITED	7,860,878.00	636,636,451.96	320,931.00
TRG	TRG P			