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Date: 08-DEC-2025

STOCKS IN TREND

1. PTC 2. FNEL 3. PPL 4. TRG 5. SYS

TOP OVERSOLD STOCKS

1. ABOT 2. LPL 3. TSML 4. HINOON 5. JSBL

TOP OVERBOUGHT STOCKS

1. NSRM 2. NCPL 3. SINDM 4. PIAHCLA 5. SRVI

TOP FIVE DIVIDEND YIELD STOCKS

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

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08-DECEMBER 2025

USD Million	FIPI	LOCAL INVESTORS PORTFOLIO INVESTMENT (LIPI)								Total
		BANKS / DFI	BROKER PROPRIETARY TRADING	COMPANIES	Individuals	INSURANCE COMPANIES	Mutual Funds	NBFC	OTHER ORGANIZATION	
All other Sectors	1.42	0.00	0.06	-0.48	-1.48	0.05	0.26	-0.02	0.19	-1.42
Cement	0.31	0.07	0.19	-1.38	-0.60	-0.09	1.41	0.00	0.09	-0.31
Commercial Banks	-1.42	1.14	0.93	0.50	-0.21	-1.49	0.19	0.00	0.36	1.42
Fertilizer	-0.30	0.52	0.81	-0.34	0.47	-16.49	9.91	0.01	5.41	0.30
Food and Personal Care Products	-0.19	-0.04	0.15	-0.08	-0.06	0.06	0.21	0.00	-0.05	0.19
Oil and Gas Exploration Companies	0.42	0.07	-0.31	-0.72	-0.78	-0.01	1.52	-0.01	-0.18	-0.42
Oil and Gas Marketing Companies	0.06	0.46	-0.49	0.01	-0.92	0.01	0.82	0.00	0.06	-0.06
Power Generation and Distribution	0.02	-0.24	-0.09	0.17	-0.58	-0.02	0.63	0.00	0.07	-0.02
Technology and Communication	0.36	-0.54	-0.29	0.21	0.13	0.03	0.16	0.00	0.04	-0.36
Textile Composite	-0.01	0.04	0.04	-0.01	0.10	0.00	-0.16	0.00	-0.01	0.01
Total	0.68	1.48	1.01	-2.12	-3.95	-17.97	14.91	-0.03	5.98	-0.68

Source: NCCPL

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KSE-100			
168,303.24	(1,217.66)	(0.73%)	
HIGH	LOW	VOLUME	
168,755.18	167,386.43	328,070,199	

ALLSHR			
101,798.93	(578.22)	(0.57%)	
HIGH	LOW	VOLUME	
102,022.53	101,417.22	781,315,432	

KSE30			
51,168.55	(396.54)	(0.78%)	
HIGH	LOW	VOLUME	
51,328.47	50,882.84	142,413,841	

# KSE-100 rally: Market gains over 1,200 points as IMF approval beckons

Strong buying momentum prevailed throughout the trading session, propelling the KSE-100 index to an intra-day peak of 168,755.18 points

**PSMU DESK**  
KARACHI: The Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) started the week on a bullish note, with the benchmark KSE-100 Index soaring by more than 1,200 points. The positive momentum was driven by investor optimism surrounding the anticipated approval from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Executive Board for the disbursement of \$1 billion to Pakistan.

During the session, the index reached an intra-day high of 168,755.18 points, buoyed by buying activity across key sectors. By the close of trading, the KSE-100 Index settled at 168,303.24, reflecting a gain of 1,217.66 points or 0.73%.

Senior Market Analyst Iqbal Dhedhi while expressing his views about yesterday's mar-

ket said "the excellent news is that local investors demonstrated immense confidence and liquidity by actively absorbing this high volume." Following this absorption, stocks like Fauji Fertilizer saw renewed activity, signaling robust underlying demand.

The market's upward trajectory was supported by strong performances from the Fertilizer (+355.99 points), Technology & Communication (+338.74 points), Cement (+89.62 points), Commercial Banks (+87.34 points), and Investment Banks / Securities (+66.93 points) sectors. However, the Automobile Assembler (-16.28 points), Textile Composite (-8.21 points), Glass & Ceramics (-5.33 points), and Paper, Board & Packaging (-4.92

points) sectors saw slight declines.

The broader market also witnessed healthy gains, with the All-Share Index closing at 101,798.93, up 578.22 points or 0.57%. The total market volume stood at 783.08 million shares, compared to 686.83 million in the previous session, with a traded value of Rs 49.95 billion, reflecting an increase of Rs 8.33 billion.

Investor sentiment remained positive throughout the session as many anticipated the IMF's imminent approval of the loan disbursement, which could offer much-needed relief to Pakistan's economy.

In the previous week, the PSX closed on a strong note, with equities continuing their upward momentum as all major indices showed

improvement. The KSE-100 Index ended last week at 167,085.58, marking a modest 0.2% rise week-on-week.

Internationally, Asian stock markets saw mixed performance on Monday as investors awaited the Federal Reserve's decision on interest rates. Markets are pricing in an 85% chance of a 0.25% rate cut by the Fed, though the meeting is expected to be contentious, with some policymakers arguing against an easing. In Japan, the Nikkei dipped 0.3%, while South Korea's market eased 0.3% after a strong 4.4% rally the previous week.

Overall, the PSX's strong start to the week reflects investor confidence, with many viewing the IMF loan approval as a potential catalyst for further market growth.

INDIA SHOULD AVOID ANY DELUSION, DON'T DARE TO PROVOKE US AGAIN: FIELD MARSHAL

## Pakistan's response will be 'more severe' next time, CDF warns India

**PSMU DESK**  
RAWALPINDI: Chief of Defence Forces (CDF) and Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Field Marshal Asim Munir has issued a stern warning to India, stating that any future aggression will be met with an even "more severe" response from Pakistan.

Addressing officers at a ceremony held at the General Headquarters (GHQ) to honour his appointment as the country's first CDF, Field Marshal Munir emphasized that India should not be "in any delusion" about Pakistan's readiness to defend its sovereignty. "Pakistan's response will be swifter and more intense if India dares to provoke again," he asserted.

Field Marshal Munir's remarks follow Pakistan's strong military response to India's actions in May, a move that was seen as a clear message to New Delhi regarding Islamabad's resolve to protect its territorial integrity.

Regarding tensions with

Afghanistan, Field Marshal Munir made it clear that the Afghan Taliban regime in Kabul must choose between supporting Pakistan or the Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), a terrorist group that has been targeting Pakistan. "The Taliban have no option but to choose between Fitna al-Khawarij [TTP] or Pakistan," he remarked, underscoring Pakistan's firm stance on maintaining peace and security along its western border.

The CDF reiterated Pakistan's commitment to peace, but he cautioned that any threat to the country's sovereignty or territorial integrity would not be tolerated. "No one will be allowed to threaten Pakistan's sovereignty or test our resolve," he warned.

During the ceremony, Field Marshal Munir also discussed the establishment of the Defence Forces Headquarters

(DHQ), a historic reform aimed at enhancing coordination and operational readiness among Pakistan's three military services: the Army, Air Force, and Navy. He described the DHQ as a necessary step in adapting to the changing nature of modern warfare. "In view of the evolving threats, the Defence Forces Headquarters will integrate the operations of the three services, while allowing each service to maintain its individuality and operational preparedness," he said.

Emphasizing the need for the military to adapt to the latest warfare technologies, the CDF highlighted the expanding scope of modern conflicts, which now extend to cyberspace, the electromagnetic spectrum, space, information operations, artificial intelligence, and quantum computing. "The future of warfare is not confined

to traditional battlefields," he stated, "Our armed forces must evolve to meet the challenges posed by these new domains of conflict."

Field Marshal Munir also paid tribute to the sacrifices made by Pakistan's martyrs, calling them the "pride of the nation." He stressed that the resolve and bravery of the Pakistani people, along with the military's multi-domain operations, had become a "case study" for future warfare, especially given the growing complexity of global military confrontations.

Earlier in the day, the CDF was presented with a guard of honour by contingents from the Pakistan Army, Navy, and Air Force. The ceremony was attended by top military leadership, including Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu, Admiral Naveed Ashraf, and senior officers from all three services.

### AKD - Off the Analyst's Desk

#### Daily Technical

KSE-100 bullish session amid improved volumes

#### Market View — Technical

The index began the day on a strong footing and stayed bullish throughout the previous session, reaching an intraday high of 1,640 points. It eventually closed with a mild gain of 802 points at 167,086. Market participation strengthened, as trading volumes rose by 35% from the prior session. KSE100 is currently trading 21.4% above its 200-period moving average, indicating a continued upward trend. Volatility remains extremely low relative to the average over the last 10 sessions. Volume indicators show moderate inflows into the Index, reflecting a mildly bullish tone. Trend-forecasting oscillators also remain bullish and have maintained this stance for seven consecutive periods.

Technically, the immediate support is seen at 166,500 and a breach below this could extend the decline toward 165,800 and 165,100. Conversely, resistance is expected around 167,800, followed by 168,500 and 169,100. It is recommended to accumulate positions on weakness with risk defined below support zone.

## Indonesian President lands in Islamabad on two-day maiden visit



**PSMU DESK**  
ISLAMABAD: Indonesia President Prabowo Subianto on Monday was given a red-carpet welcome upon his arrival in Islamabad on a two-day official visit from December 8 to 9.

President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif received President Subianto upon his arrival at Nur Khan Airbase. Accompanied by a high-level delegation including key ministers and senior officials, Indonesian president will discuss a wide-ranging agenda aimed at further strengthening bilateral relations with Pakistan.

During his stay, the Foreign Office said, President Subianto will hold delegation-level talks with PM Shehbaz. He will also meet President Zardari, and Chief of Defence Forces Field Marshal Asim Munir. The talks will focus on

exploring new avenues of cooperation across multiple sectors, including trade, investment, defence, health, information technology, climate, education, and culture.

"The two sides will discuss a wide-ranging agenda aimed at further strengthening Pakistan-Indonesia relations and exploring new avenues of cooperation, including trade, investment, defence, health, IT, climate, education, and culture, as well as enhancing collaboration at regional and global levels," the statement read.

"Several Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) are expected to be signed during the visit."

It added, "Pakistan and Indonesia enjoy close, cordial and long-standing relations, underpinned by shared values and mutual interests."

### Market Commentary - Leaders' Lens

#### Pakistan market kicks off week with strong upside



**SYED FAWAD BASIR**  
Head of Research, KTrade

Pakistan Stock Exchange kicked off the week with a solid upside, opening with a gap-up fol-

lowed by a controlled consolidation phase. The KSE-100 index advanced  $\uparrow 1,217$  points  $\uparrow (+0.73\%)$  to close at 168,303, keeping momentum firmly on the front foot. Leadership came from FFC, with additional strength from SYS, NBP, PTC, DGKC, and PPL, helping sustain broader confidence.

Market participation stayed healthy, with All-Share volumes clocking in at 781 million shares. PTC dominated

the tape with 60 million shares, while BNL (51mn) and KEL (46mn) trailed closely behind, signaling active retail interest. Looking ahead, sentiment remains constructive as investors position themselves ahead of today's IMF board meeting and the expected tranche approval. On the domestic front, the operational launch of the CDF office adds another layer of optimism, likely enhancing investor confidence.

#### Market momentum maintains upward trajectory



**ABDUL RAZZAK**  
CEO  
Venus Securities Limited

The week began on a highly positive note, with the market soaring by a significant 1,217 points, successfully extending the bullish momentum from Friday. Market breadth

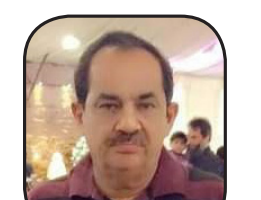
was robust, demonstrating widespread strength as 244 shares advanced against 197 declines. This rally was powered primarily by major gains across key sectors, notably banking and oil. Individual performances were strong: FSC was a standout, gaining approximately Rs 12.5 and closing at its high, while Nizam Bank and National Bank (which gained around Rs 5.5) also performed positively.

Furthermore, EPL played a crucial role in boosting both trading volume and the index, rising by Rs 2. The foundation for this

sustained buying interest is multi-layered, resting on recent positive political developments, including the notification issued to the Chief of Army Staff and the passing of the 6th Assembly, which has fundamentally bolstered investor confidence.

This positive outlook is further cemented by the strong anticipation of good December quarterly results, which are widely expected to drive market performance, despite the potential for minor technical corrections.

#### Day's market review: Resilience and local strength



**IQBAL DHEDHI**  
Senior Market Analyst

The market displayed remarkable strength yesterday, surging around 1,250 to 1,300 points in a highly encouraging session.

This strong performance was particularly notable as it successfully absorbed significant selling pressure from a major institutional player.

Specifically, State Life's substantial offloading in key stocks, including approximately 8 million shares in names like Fauji and Fauji Fertilizer, was fully cleared by the market.

The excellent news is that local investors dem-

onstrated immense confidence and liquidity by actively absorbing this high volume. Following this absorption, stocks like Fauji Fertilizer saw renewed activity, signaling robust underlying demand.

We witnessed a positive rally across the board, benefiting both smaller and larger stocks.

While some selling pressure remains and may continue intermittently, the broader market is believed to have ample room for further growth.

The high liquidity and strong appetite from local investors, who are keen to deploy significant funds, are expected to keep the market momentum firmly positive.

Once the residual selling pressure fully subsides, the market is poised to perform even better.

This makes it an opportune moment to consider investments in fundamentally sound stocks.



BUSINESS PULSE & CIVIC INSIGHT

REGULAR		DELIVERABLE FUTURES		CASH SETTLED FUTURES		ODD LOT		SQUARE UP		STOCK INDEX FUTURES		NEGOTIABLE DEAL		MARGIN TRADING SYSTEM	
STATE	CLOSED	STATE	CLOSED	STATE	CLOSED	STATE	CLOSED	STATE	CLOSED	STATE	CLOSED	STATE	CLOSED	STATE	SUSPENDED
TRADES	383,820	TRADES	63,951	TRADES	25	TRADES	25	TRADES	6	TRADES	0	TRADES	51	TRADES	1,335
VOLUME	783,077,432	VOLUME	194,057,500	VOLUME	212,000	VOLUME	1,377	VOLUME	9,774	VOLUME	0	VOLUME	8,742,548	VOLUME	51,185,854
VALUE	49,951,584,773.71	VALUE	12,204,015,675.00	VALUE	60,731,320.00	VALUE	27,273.22	VALUE	670,928.26	VALUE	0.00	VALUE	528,457,577.00	VALUE	684,413,410.71

ECC to prioritize circular debt management plan in today’s meeting

**PSMU DESK**  
KARACHI: The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) is scheduled to meet today, with the Circular Debt Management Plan for FY 2025–26 taking center stage in an extensive 11-point agenda. The committee is expected to review and approve key proposals that could significantly impact Pakistan’s economic landscape.

Top of the agenda is the Circular Debt Management Plan, a crucial initiative aimed at addressing the ongoing fiscal challenges

in the energy sector. The ECC will assess the progress of this plan and make decisions that could set the course for the country’s energy policy in the coming years.

In addition to the circular debt plan, the committee will also review a summary on the electricity purchase agreement with Iran, an essential step in managing Pakistan’s energy needs. Discussions are also expected around proposals from the Petroleum Division regarding potential increases in margins for

Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) and petroleum dealers, which could affect fuel pricing and supply chain dynamics.

The ECC is likely to approve a technical supplementary grant of Rs 1.28 billion for the Pakistan Digital Authority to support its ongoing initiatives aimed at improving digital governance and infrastructure.

The meeting will also address a summary from the Commerce Division regarding the implementation of the Lahore High Court’s

decision on a significant legal matter.

Further deliberations will include a proposed ban on chloroform imports and changes to the import procedure for vehicles under the Gift Scheme, with multiple summaries from the Commerce Division on the issue.

Other agenda items include discussions on the release or surrender of development funds under the Cabinet Division, a Rs 5 billion technical supplementary grant for housing sector subsidies, and a

summary concerning the dissolution of PASCO and the formation of a special vehicle for the Wheat Stock Management Company.

Finally, the committee will review a summary related to budgetary releases for the PIA Holding Company, addressing critical financial requirements for the state-owned airline.

This session is expected to produce several key economic decisions that will shape Pakistan’s fiscal strategy, energy policy, and development priorities in the near future.

Govt borrows Rs580b in a week, total debt comes to Rs784b for FY 2026

**BY COMMERCE REPORTER**  
KARACHI: The government of Pakistan has acquired an additional debt of Rs580.45 billion during the week ending November 28, 2025, according to the central bank’s weekly estimates. This brings the total net borrowing for the ongoing fiscal year 2026 to Rs784.04 billion.

The government’s borrowing is categorized into three main purposes: budgetary support, commodity operations, and other expenditures. Of the Rs580.45 billion borrowed during the week, Rs580.34 billion was allocated for budgetary support, Rs218 million was

borrowed for commodity operations, and Rs107 million was retired under other categories.

With this, the cumulative borrowing and repayments for the fiscal year 2026 now stand at Rs804.69 billion for budgetary support, Rs21.99 billion for commodity operations, and Rs1.33 billion retired under other categories.

The State Bank of Pakistan and scheduled banks continue to be the primary sources of financing for the government’s budgetary support. In the current fiscal year, the government has repaid a total of Rs847.3 billion to the cen-

tral bank, which includes a net retirement of Rs877.23 billion by the federal government. At the same time, the provincial governments borrowed Rs65.36 billion, while the Azad Jammu & Kashmir (AJK) Government and Gilgit-Baltistan (GB) Government retired Rs20.19 billion and Rs15.25 billion, respectively.

Regarding the borrowing from scheduled banks, the government has borrowed a net sum of Rs42.61 billion. This includes Rs115.42 billion borrowed by the federal government, while the provincial governments have repaid a total of Rs72.81 billion.

MCB Funds participates in Womenza Pakistan Summit 2.0



**BY COMMERCE REPORTER**  
KARACHI: MCB Funds had the honor of participating in Womenza Pakistan: Women Summit 2.0 as the Gold Sponsor, where meaningful dialogue met purposeful action.

MCB Funds team delivered an insightful session titled “Mutual Funds: Your Journey to Financial Freedom”, aimed at equipping women with the knowledge, confidence,

and practical tools needed to take charge of their financial futures.

From inspiring success stories to impactful networking, the summit embodied progress, independence, and opportunity. MCB Funds remains committed to advancing women’s empowerment, supporting innovative ideas, and contributing to a stronger, more financially inclusive Pakistan.

TO ASSIST FAMILIES IN LOCATING UNCLAIMED POLICIES SECP launches ‘Life Insurance Policy Finder Service’

**BY COMMERCE REPORTER**  
KARACHI: The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP), in partnership with the Central Depository Company of Pakistan Limited (CDC) and the Insurance Association of Pakistan (IAP), has unveiled the Life Insurance Policy Finder Service. This new initiative aims to help the general public locate life insurance policies of deceased family members, ensuring rightful heirs can claim benefits that may otherwise go unclaimed.

The service addresses a longstanding issue faced by many families who are unaware of life insurance policies held by their deceased relatives, resulting in legitimate claims remaining unclaimed for years. By introducing this service, the SECP seeks to enhance consumer protection, promote greater transparency within the insurance sector, and ensure the smooth transfer of benefits to the rightful beneficiaries.

In an official statement, the SECP emphasized that the Life Insurance Policy Finder



Service will create a more structured, secure, and accessible process for individuals to search for and claim life insurance policies. The initiative is expected to reduce the common issue of heirs unknowingly missing out on insurance payouts due to lack of information.

To ensure seamless participation, the SECP has issued a circular that mandates the involvement of all life insurance companies and family takaful operators in the service. The circular stipulates that participating insurers must promptly respond to

public queries submitted through the system, adhering to a defined turnaround time (TAT). Additionally, they are required to consistently update and submit relevant policy data to the system.

The Life Insurance Policy Finder Service will be available to the public starting December 15, 2025. To access the service, individuals can simply send the CNIC number of the deceased person via SMS to 99833. If a life insurance policy is identified against the provided CNIC, the relevant insurance company or family takaful

operator will reach out to the beneficiary and guide them through the verification and claims process.

The SECP’s initiative is poised to significantly improve consumer rights and insurance claim efficiency, bringing greater ease to families who are often left navigating the complex process of insurance claims following the loss of a loved one. This move reflects the SECP’s commitment to enhancing transparency, accountability, and consumer protection within Pakistan’s financial and insurance sectors.

Chairman New Karachi Town takes rapid action, initiates manhole covers installations

**BY STAFF REPORTER**  
Karachi: In a swift and proactive response to public safety concerns, Chairman of New Karachi Town, Muhammad Yusuf, initiated the urgent installation of manhole covers across various areas of the town. This decision comes after a tragic incident in Gulshan-e-Iqbal, where a young child, Muhammad Ibrahim, lost his life after falling into an open manhole. Chairman Yusuf emphasized that protecting citizens from everyday hazards is the foremost responsibility of local authorities.

During his surprise visit to several areas within New Karachi Town, Chairman Yusuf, along with the town’s officials and staff, began the process of covering open manholes with immediate effect. He stated, “Human life is invaluable, and it is the duty of the town administration to ensure the safety of its residents from preventable dangers.”

He specifically referred to the tragic death of young Ibrahim, calling it a “national tragedy” and expressed his heartfelt condolences to the family. “This incident, which claimed the life of an innocent child,

is a stark reminder that such accidents are not mere happenstance but the result of institutional negligence. This year alone, nearly two dozen precious lives have been lost due to open manholes, and this is unacceptable in any civilized society,” said Chairman Yusuf.

Acknowledging that the responsibility for covering manholes falls under the Karachi Water and Sewerage Board (KWSB), Chairman Yusuf made it clear that in the face of institutional inaction, the town administration could not remain silent. “When responsible authorities remain dormant, we cannot sit idle. The safety of every citizen, especially our children, is our duty. This is not just a task, but a critical step toward safeguarding lives,” he added.

As part of this initiative, Chairman Yusuf announced that New Karachi Town would use its own funds to cover all open manholes within its jurisdiction. The chairman stressed that this move was not just a gesture but a part of a broader commitment to the safety and well-being of Karachi’s residents.

Sindh Culture Day: Chairman Manghopir Town attends vibrant event



**BY STAFF REPORTER**  
KARACHI: Chairman Manghopir Town, Haji Nawaz Ali Brohi, visited Muhammad Hussain Boys Secondary School yesterday, where a vibrant, colorful, and traditional program was organized in celebration of Sindh Culture Day. Haji Nawaz Ali Brohi attended the ceremony as the chief guest and praised the students for their excellent preparation, enthusiasm, and spirited display of cultural pride.

Present on the occasion were Director Education Suraiya Abid Rehmani,

Deputy Director Admin Sagar Khan, Sub-Engineer Junaid Siddiqui, UC-1 Councilor Javed Brohi, the school principal, teachers, and a large number of students. The program began with traditional Sindh cultural songs, followed by beautifully performed tableaux by the children. The students presented captivating dances and delivered impactful speeches in Sindh and Urdu, highlighting Sindh’s traditions, heritage, and cultural identity. The audience warmly appreciated their performances.

Addressing the ceremony,

Chairman Haji Nawaz Ali Brohi paid heartfelt tribute to the culture, traditions, and hospitality of Sindh. He said: “The land of Sindh is the guardian of an ancient cultural heritage, where love, peace, brotherhood, and humanity are the core values. The people of this land are known worldwide for their grace, kindness, and hospitality.”

Referring to Islamic teachings, he said: “The best among you is the one who has the best character and is beneficial to others.”

Through these words, the Chairman emphasized the

importance of good manners, patience, and service to humanity among the new generation, adding that schools play a vital role in this mission.

He further stated that language, dress, customs, and cultural heritage are our identity, and it is important to promote this awareness among the youth. In this regard, the efforts of educational institutions, teachers, and parents are commendable. The Town administration will continue to fully support initiatives aimed at promoting education, training, and cultural activities.

IT COURSES CERTIFICATES DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY WITH FIXIT COLLABORATION HELD

Chairman Shah Faisal Town says ‘IT center to play vital role in promoting talented youth’

**BY STAFF REPORTER**  
Karachi: A grand ceremony was held at Sehba Akhtar Park to distribute certificates to the students who completed their courses at the Shah Faisal Town IT Center, established in collaboration with TMC Shah Faisal and Fixit. The event commenced with the recitation of the Holy Quran, followed by a special performance by students from Shah Faisal Town schools.

The chief guests of the event were Chairman Shah Faisal Town, Gohar Ali Khattak, and Fixit Founder, Alamgir Khan. During the ceremony, Chairman Gohar Ali Khattak shared his vision behind the establishment of the IT Center in Shah Faisal Town. He said, “It was always my dream to establish an IT center here, and I reached out to Alamgir Khan, the founder of Fixit, to turn this vision into reality. Today, we proudly stand with over 500 students who have successfully completed their courses, and today we are distributing certificates to them.”

Chairman Khattak emphasized that the establishment of this center has provided a significant opportunity for the youth of Shah Faisal Town and its surrounding areas. “This initiative proves that our youth have immense



talent and potential; they just needed the right opportunities,” he stated. “Regardless of whether I remain in this position or not, this IT Center will continue to serve the youth, providing them with the tools they need to succeed.”

In addition to the certificate distribution, the event also saw the payment of dues to the retired and deceased employees of Shah Faisal Town. Chairman Gohar Ali Khattak announced that over Rs. 12 Crore had already been paid in dues for the employees in the past, and today an

additional Rs. 2 Crore in checks would be distributed to employees who retired or passed away between 2018 and 2025.

“These employees dedicated their days and nights to the development and construction of Shah Faisal Town. We owe them a debt of gratitude, and these payments are a small token of appreciation for their unwavering commitment,” he stated. Khattak also emphasized the need to expedite pension payments for retired employees, ensuring that they do not face financial difficulties in their post-service life.



# BUSINESS PULSE - 2

## Rupee registers marginal gain against US dollar

PSMU Desk

KARACHI: The Pakistani rupee saw a modest gain against the US dollar in the inter-bank market yesterday. At the close of trading, the local currency settled at 280.41 per dollar, marking an increase of Re0.01 against the greenback.

This latest improvement comes after the rupee posted a slight appreciation last week, gaining Re0.10 or 0.04% against the dollar. The rupee had closed at 280.42 last week, compared to 280.52 the previous week, according to data from the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP).

In global markets, the US dollar steadied on Monday after two weeks of selling, ahead of a week filled with key central bank meetings. The most anticipated of these is the US Federal Reserve's meeting, where an interest rate cut is largely expected, although a divided committee could lead to more uncertainty.

Analysts are anticipating a "hawkish cut" from the US Federal Reserve, meaning that although a rate reduction is likely, the accompanying language and forecasts may signal a higher threshold for further cuts. This could provide some support for the dollar if it leads investors to scale back expectations for additional rate reductions in 2024.

Oil prices, which often influence currency values, remained firm at two-week highs. Investors are hopeful that a potential Fed interest rate cut could stimulate economic growth and boost energy demand. Additionally, geopolitical risks involving Russia and Venezuela have raised concerns over oil supply disruptions.

In summary, while the Pakistani rupee made a slight recovery against the US dollar, the outlook remains closely tied to global market dynamics, particularly decisions by major central banks and movements in commodity prices like oil.

## Meezan Bank's new pact with Etihad Airways brings added travel savings

By Commerce Reporter

KARACHI: Meezan Bank has signed an agreement with Etihad Airways, the Abu Dhabi-based international carrier, to offer travel-related discounts to Meezan Bank Debit Cardholders. The signing ceremony took place at Meezan Bank's Head Office in Karachi and was attended by Mr. Ahmed Ali Siddiqui, Group Head of Consumer Finance, Meezan Bank, and Mr. Ahmad Zahoor, General Manager, Etihad Airways Pakistan. Senior Meezan Bank officials, including Mr. Rahil Sayani, Head of Acquiring, Loyalty & Alliances, and Mr. Abid Malik, Head of Cards, Unsecured Financing & New Initiatives, were also present.

Through this partnership, Meezan Bank Debit Cardholders will be able to access exclusive discounts on flight bookings made using their debit cards on Etihad Airways. The collaboration is intended to provide customers with added value and facilitate more affordable travel options.

The collaboration enhances the customer travel experience by aligning Meezan Bank's value-driven banking with Etihad Airways' world-class hospitality, providing more accessible and cost-effective options for business and leisure travelers.

Speaking at the occasion, Mr. Ahmed Ali Siddiqui highlighted



Meezan Bank's commitment to providing world-class Islamic banking services along with meaningful benefits and added convenience for its customers. He noted that the collaboration with Etihad Airways will further support customers' travel needs through exclusive discounts

and seamless payment options.

Mr. Ahmad Zahoor welcomed the partnership and expressed Etihad Airways' intent to strengthen its relationship with Meezan Bank, aiming to offer enhanced and rewarding travel experiences for customers in Pakistan.

This partnership represents another milestone in Meezan Bank's journey towards delivering innovative, customer-focused solutions and reflects its commitment to building alliances that align with its mission of providing Shariah-compliant, value-based banking services.

## Gold, prices surge by Rs1,600 per tola

By Commerce Reporter

KARACHI: Gold prices in Pakistan saw a notable increase yesterday, aligning with gains in the international market. The price of gold per tola rose by Rs1,600, reaching Rs443,762, according to the All-Pakistan Gems and Jewellers Sarafa Association (APGJSA). Similarly, the price of 10 grams of gold climbed by Rs1,372, reaching Rs380,454.

This upward movement in gold prices follows a decline of Rs2,300 on Saturday, when the price per tola had dropped to Rs442,162. The fluctuations in the local market reflect the volatility observed in international gold markets, where prices have also seen an uptick.

Internationally, gold prices edged up by \$16, bringing the price per ounce to \$4,214, with a premium of \$20. This increase was primarily driven by a weaker US dollar, as traders grew more optimistic that the US Federal Reserve would announce an interest rate cut during its policy meeting later this week. As of 0319 GMT, spot gold was up 0.3% at \$4,212.70 per ounce, while US gold futures for December delivery held steady at \$4,241.30 per ounce.

The softer dollar further supported gold prices, making the precious metal more affordable for overseas buyers. Additionally, silver prices in Pakistan also saw a rise, climbing by Rs30 to reach Rs6,102 per tola, mirroring the trend in gold.

# PTCL launches takeover, merger process to acquire Telenor Pakistan

By Commerce Reporter

KARACHI: In a significant development for Pakistan's telecom sector, Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited (PTCL) has officially initiated a fast-track takeover and merger process to acquire Telenor Pakistan. This move, following the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority's (PTA) approval, is expected to reshape the telecom landscape, streamline the country's 5G rollout, and create one of the most formidable telecom groups in Pakistan. The acquisition marks a crucial step in the long-anticipated consolidation of the country's telecom industry.

The PTCL's acquisition of Telenor Pakistan is set to be one of the largest telecom deals in recent years. After securing the No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the PTA for

the change in ownership, PTCL is moving into the final phase of the process. The company will now approach the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) to fulfill foreign exchange and legal requirements, a critical step before the multibillion-rupee deal can close. Once the SBP clears the transaction, PTCL is expected to take operational control of Telenor Pakistan by January 2024.

Following the takeover, PTCL will begin the merger approval process, which will undergo another round of scrutiny by the PTA. Industry insiders anticipate that the PTA's decision on the merger could be reached by March 2024, after which the proposal will be sent to the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) for final corporate approval. The entire process is expected to take five to

six months, effectively consolidating PTCL's ownership of two major telecom players — Ufone and Telenor Pakistan — under its umbrella.

The merger is expected to have far-reaching implications for Pakistan's telecom market, particularly in terms of spectrum management and the rollout of next-generation services like 5G. With PTCL already controlling Ufone and set to acquire Telenor Pakistan, the merged entity will have enhanced spectrum resources, better network infrastructure, and a significantly strengthened financial position. This consolidation removes a key barrier to Pakistan's long-delayed 5G rollout, with PTCL now well-positioned to rationalize spectrum allocations and participate in upcoming 5G spectrum auctions.

A PTCL official confirmed that

once the merger framework is finalized, "there will be no more hurdles for 5G." The consolidation of Ufone and Telenor Pakistan into one group will streamline operational efficiencies, help rationalize the allocation of spectrum resources, and accelerate the country's transition to next-generation telecom technologies.

In an official statement, Telenor Asia expressed its gratitude for the PTA's approval, noting that the decision reflects the regulator's ongoing commitment to strengthening Pakistan's telecom sector. The statement emphasized that Telenor Pakistan will continue its operations as usual, serving customers across the country during the transition. Telenor Asia also confirmed that the final closing of the sale would take place as soon as all legal requirements are met.

## Justice (r) Agha Rafiq appointed Chairman of JSCL

By Commerce Reporter

KARACHI: Jahangir Siddiqui & Co. Ltd. (JSCL) has appointed Justice (R) Agha Rafiq Ahmed Khan as the new Chairman of its Board of Directors, according to a company filing with the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) yesterday.

Justice (R) Agha Rafiq, a distinguished jurist and former Chief Justice of the Federal Shariat Court, brings with him over four decades of judicial and administrative experience. His extensive career includes serving as the Federal Law Secretary and Chairman of the Sindh Public Service Commission, where he earned a reputation for his integrity, leadership, and commitment to justice.

In a parallel move to strengthen its executive team, JSCL has also named Mr. Asad Nasir as the company's Chief Executive



Officer (CEO) for a three-year tenure. Mr. Nasir has over 20 years of experience in the financial services sector, spanning private equity, corporate finance, capital markets, transaction advisory, and audit. Prior to joining JSCL, he served as Group Head of Ecosystem Development and Sustainable Finance at JS Bank, where he led strategic initiatives in digital banking and green finance. Additionally, the Board

of Directors has approved the company's budget for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026, setting the stage for continued growth and strategic development under the new leadership.

These leadership changes signal a strong commitment by JSCL to further strengthen its corporate governance and expand its business portfolio under the guidance of experienced and visionary leaders.

## PLANS TO SHOWCASE INVESTMENTS AT DAVOS

# Nestlé Pakistan upgrades operations to global standards

PSMU Desk

ISLAMABAD: Nestlé Pakistan, a subsidiary of the global food and beverage giant Nestlé SA, has successfully upgraded its manufacturing operations in Sheikhpura and Khanewal to meet international standards. Both plants are now fully automated and seamlessly integrated with Nestlé's global systems, positioning Pakistan's operations alongside the company's leading global facilities.

This modernization initiative marks a significant milestone in Nestlé Pakistan's journey, reflect-

ing its ongoing commitment to technological advancement, sustainability, and operational efficiency. During a meeting with Federal Minister for Finance Muhammad Aurangzeb yesterday, a delegation from Nestlé Pakistan, led by CEO Jason Avancena, shared details of the company's progress and future investment plans in the country.

Avancena, accompanied by Chief Financial Officer Maqsood Ahmad Anjum and Head of Corporate Affairs & Sustainability Sheikh Waqar Ahmad, outlined Nestlé Pakistan's



substantial strides in technology-driven manufacturing. He highlighted ongoing and planned investments in key areas

such as sustainability, agricultural services, manufacturing capacity, and the use of advanced technologies throughout

the value chain.

Notably, Nestlé has introduced solar and biomass energy systems, digital dashboards for real-time monitoring, environmentally friendly packaging, and supply-chain automation. These measures are designed to reduce operational costs, lower greenhouse gas emissions, and enhance the company's long-term competitiveness in both local and global markets.

In response, Minister Aurangzeb reiterated the government's commitment to strengthening Pakistan's formal economy

and fostering responsible, long-term investments. He underscored that improving compliance, transparency, and tax collection would be crucial for Pakistan's economic recovery. As part of the government's structural reforms, Aurangzeb pointed to the establishment of the Tax Policy Office within the Finance

Division, aimed at fostering continuous dialogue with the private sector to refine policies and implement effective tax strategies.

During the meeting, Nestlé's delegation also emphasized its significant progress in localization. Over the past three years, Nestlé Pakistan has halved its import

volumes, reducing them from around \$150 million to approximately \$76–80 million. This shift has not only minimized the company's exposure to foreign exchange fluctuations but also strengthened its integration with Pakistan's agricultural and manufacturing base, contributing to the resilience of its operations.



KARACHI: Peoples Labour Bureau Karachi division and Peoples Labour Unity organised a colourful event on the occasion of Sindhi Culture Day. PHOTO: PSMU

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To Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir on being appointed as Pakistan's first Chief of Defence forces. His leadership and bold decisions have strengthened Pakistan globally. This appointment is a welcome development, and Pakistan will become stronger in the defence sector under his guidance. The government and institutions will work together to bring more stability to the country.

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## IMF \$1.2b approval and Pakistan’s economy

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In a significant development that has captured global attention, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) recently approved a \$1.2 billion loan tranche for Pakistan. This decision, announced after months of negotiations, comes at a critical juncture for Pakistan's ailing economy, which has been grappling with a range of structural challenges, including inflation, an unsustainable fiscal deficit, and a crippling balance of payments crisis. While the approval provides much-needed relief in the short term, it also brings into sharp focus the deep-seated issues within Pakistan's economy and the policy choices that will determine its long-term stability and growth trajectory.

For Pakistan, the IMF's loan is not merely a financial lifeline but also a mark of credibility in the eyes of international investors and lenders. The approval signifies that Pakistan has adhered, albeit partially, to the IMF's stringent reform conditions, which are typically centered around fiscal discipline, currency devaluation, and the elimination of energy subsidies. These measures are designed to stabilize the economy and restore investor confidence but come at a considerable political and social cost. In the past, IMF-backed programs in Pakistan have been contentious, with citizens bearing the brunt of austerity measures in the form of rising prices and

shrinking public services.

Pakistan's economy, once a promising emerging market, has been in a downward spiral in recent years. The country has faced an alarming surge in inflation, particularly in food and energy prices, exacerbating poverty levels and widening inequality. The currency has plunged to historic lows against the dollar, and foreign exchange reserves are critically low, creating a precarious situation. This has made the IMF's intervention more urgent than ever, as it offers the Pakistani government an opportunity to stabilize the macro-economic environment and unlock further assistance from international financial institutions. However, it is important to recognize that while the \$1.2 billion will provide temporary relief, it is not a panacea for Pakistan's underlying economic vulnerabilities.

One of the key challenges facing Pakistan is its fiscal deficit, which continues to expand despite efforts to rein in government spending and boost tax collection. The country's tax-to-GDP ratio remains one of the lowest in the world, highlighting a long-standing problem of tax evasion, inefficient public sector enterprises, and a lack of formalization in the economy. While the IMF has urged Pakistan to improve its revenue collection, the government has been unable to implement meaningful reforms, partly due to political re-

sistance and the vested interests of powerful lobbies. For Pakistan's economic recovery to be sustainable, these structural weaknesses must be addressed with a sense of urgency.

Similarly, the country's energy sector is in dire straits. Power outages, high electricity tariffs, and a reliance on imported fuel have contributed to a severe energy crisis that has undermined industrial production and deterred foreign investment. The IMF's demand for the reduction of energy subsidies is seen as a necessary step to improve the fiscal health of the government, but this is a highly sensitive issue, as it directly affects the cost of living for ordinary Pakistanis. Energy reforms will require political will and public support, both of which are in short supply.

Another critical aspect of Pakistan's economic challenges is its foreign debt burden, which has been steadily increasing over the years. While the IMF loan is expected to provide some relief in the short term, it does little to address the long-term debt sustainability issue. The government will need to carefully manage its external liabilities to avoid falling into a debt trap, which could further undermine the country's creditworthiness and make it more difficult to secure future funding. This will require a concerted effort to diversify Pakistan's sources of financing and enhance domestic revenue generation.

In addition to economic policy reforms, Pakistan's political landscape remains a source of uncertainty. The country's political instability, characterized by frequent changes in government, corruption scandals, and power struggles, has long been a significant obstacle to implementing sound economic policies. The current administration's ability to manage the IMF program and make tough policy decisions will depend largely on its political capital and ability to maintain public support. If the government is unable to build consensus around the necessary reforms, Pakistan risks falling back into a cycle of economic instability, which will only exacerbate the challenges it faces.

While the IMF's approval offers a glimmer of hope, it is clear that Pakistan's economic recovery will require more than just foreign loans and short-term fixes. Structural reforms in taxation, energy, and governance are essential for laying the groundwork for a more resilient and sustainable economy. At the same time, Pakistan must focus on fostering domestic growth, particularly in sectors like agriculture and manufacturing, which have the potential to drive job creation and poverty alleviation. Only by addressing the root causes of its economic malaise can Pakistan hope to break free from the cycle of crisis and create a more prosperous future for its citizens.

## Investment with minimum capital: A path to building wealth

BY SAMEER SAGAR

In a world where wealth creation seems increasingly tied to high income or large initial investments, the idea of starting an investment journey with minimal capital might seem daunting, or even impossible, for many. However, the reality is far from discouraging. With the right mindset, a little knowledge, and strategic choices, individuals can start building wealth with as little as a few hundred dollars or even less. While the road to significant financial growth with small capital may be longer, it is undoubtedly a path worth exploring.

The notion that investment is only for the wealthy is a common misconception, especially among those new to personal finance. The good news is that the financial landscape today offers countless opportunities to invest with minimal capital. Thanks to the growth of digital platforms, low-fee investment vehicles, and accessible information, people from all walks of life can now enter the investment world without needing large sums of money upfront. The key lies in leveraging these opportunities and adopting a long-term, disciplined approach to building wealth.

One of the easiest ways to start investing with minimal capital is through fractional shares. Traditionally, buying shares of a company meant purchasing at least one full share, which could be out of reach for investors eyeing expensive stocks like Amazon or Tesla. However, fractional share investing allows individuals to buy a fraction of a share, enabling them to own a portion of high-priced stocks without committing thousands of dollars. Platforms like Robinhood, Schwab, and Fidelity have democratized this space, allowing users to invest as little as \$1 in some cases. This is a game-changer for small investors, as it opens the door to a diverse range of stocks and assets, offering exposure to high-performing companies and industries that would otherwise be out of reach.

Another excellent option for small investors is exchange-traded funds (ETFs). ETFs pool together a basket of stocks, bonds, or other assets and trade like individual stocks on ex-

changes. What makes them ideal for investors with limited capital is that they allow diversification for relatively low initial investments. Rather than buying individual stocks, which can expose investors to the risk of specific companies, ETFs offer a way to spread risk across multiple assets. This helps reduce the volatility that can come with investing in individual stocks, while still providing exposure to broader market trends. ETFs are an efficient way to build a balanced portfolio without needing significant upfront capital, and they come with the added benefit of being liquid, meaning they can be easily bought or sold on the market.

For those who prefer to take a more hands-off approach, robo-advisors present a compelling option. Robo-advisors are automated platforms that create and manage a diversified portfolio for you based on your financial goals and risk tolerance. Many robo-advisors have low minimum investment requirements, with some starting as low as \$1, and they typically charge lower fees than traditional financial advisors. This makes them an attractive choice for beginner investors or those who lack the time or expertise to manage their own investments. They take the guesswork out of investing, providing a simple and affordable way to get started, with the added bonus of expert-backed strategies and ongoing portfolio rebalancing.

Real estate is another sector where individuals can invest with minimal capital, though it requires a bit more creativity. While purchasing property directly may require significant capital, platforms like Fundrise and RealtyMogul have opened up real estate investment to the masses by offering opportunities to invest in commercial real estate projects with as little as \$500. These platforms allow individuals to pool their money with others to fund large-scale real estate deals, earning returns through rental income and property appreciation. Real estate investment through such platforms offers an appealing mix of potential for growth and stability, making it a worthwhile consideration for small investors looking to diversify their portfolios.

For those with an entrepreneurial

mindset, micro-investing in startups via platforms like Kickstarter or SeedInvest offers another path. Investing in early-stage startups or crowdfunding projects can be risky, but it also holds the potential for high returns. Crowdfunding sites have made it easier for individuals to invest in innovative products and ideas with relatively small amounts of money. While many of these investments might not yield immediate returns, successful investments in high-growth companies or innovative products can deliver impressive long-term growth. The key here is to invest in what you believe in and conduct thorough research to mitigate risk.

Finally, investing in yourself—through education, skills development, and personal growth—is perhaps the most valuable form of investment. While it may not offer immediate financial returns, investing time and resources into learning new skills or expanding your knowledge can pay dividends in the long run. Whether it's learning about investing, taking a certification course to advance in your career, or developing a side hustle, investing in your personal development often yields the highest returns. Over time, this can translate into higher income potential, new opportunities, and even a more robust investment strategy.

While the path to building substantial wealth with minimal capital requires patience and consistency, it is certainly achievable. The most important thing is to start. With the proliferation of digital platforms and an abundance of low-cost investment vehicles, there's no longer a need to wait until you have a large sum of money to begin investing. The earlier you begin, the more time your investments have to grow. Small, regular contributions to diversified investment portfolios, even in fractional amounts, can snowball over time, resulting in substantial wealth accumulation. As long as you stay disciplined, remain patient, and continue to educate yourself, investing with minimal capital can be a stepping stone toward financial security and future prosperity.

## The potential of Pakistani products in foreign markets

BY ZAIRA HASAN

In an era where global trade is increasingly defined by competition, technological advancements, and changing consumer preferences, Pakistan stands at a crossroads in its quest to carve out a niche for its products in foreign markets. Despite being one of the largest economies in South Asia, Pakistan's export performance has often fallen short of its potential. While the country produces a diverse range of goods, from textiles to agricultural products and consumer goods, its presence in global markets remains limited, with many countries underestimating the quality and reliability of Pakistani products. Yet, with the right combination of strategic vision, innovation, and policy support, there is immense potential for Pakistan to expand its footprint in foreign markets and position itself as a competitive player on the global stage.

The most significant factor behind Pakistan's underperformance in international trade is the lack of consistent and effective branding of its products. Pakistani goods, particularly in the textile sector, have long been considered high-quality but are often overshadowed by countries with stronger marketing strategies, such as China, India, and Bangladesh. For years, Pakistan's textile industry has been the backbone of its export economy, contributing to a large portion of the country's foreign exchange earnings. However, despite its capacity to produce fine fabrics and garments, the industry has been hampered by a lack of investment in innovation, design, and branding. As a result, Pakistan's textiles are often sold under the brand names of foreign companies, limiting the potential for value addition and creating little recognition for the "Made in Pakistan" label.

This issue of branding extends beyond textiles to other sectors as well. Pakistan is a major producer of agricultural commodities like rice, cotton, fruits, and vegetables, but again, its products often fail to stand out in international markets. In the case of rice, for example, Pakistan produces some of the finest Basmati varieties in the world. Yet, countries like India, which also produces Basmati, have managed to dominate the global market largely due to more effective marketing and geographical branding. Pakistan, in contrast, has not been able to capitalize

on its agricultural advantages, largely due to inefficient supply chains, poor packaging, and inconsistent quality control. These challenges not only restrict the country's ability to attract consumers but also reduce the bargaining power of Pakistani exporters.

portation networks.

Despite these challenges, there are clear opportunities for Pakistani products to succeed in foreign markets. One such opportunity lies in the growing global demand for sustainable and ethically produced goods. As consumers worldwide become more conscious of environmental and social issues, there is a rising preference for products that are sustainably sourced, fair trade certified, and produced with minimal environmental impact

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Another crucial issue is the lack of diversification in Pakistan's export markets. A large proportion of Pakistan's exports are directed to a handful of countries, with the United States, China, and the Middle East being the primary recipients. This over-reliance on specific markets makes Pakistan's exports vulnerable to geopolitical changes, trade wars, and shifting consumer demands. To truly thrive in global markets, Pakistan needs to broaden its horizons by exploring new trade partnerships, particularly in emerging economies where demand for quality products is on the rise. Expanding into markets like Africa, Southeast Asia, and Latin America could offer significant opportunities for Pakistani manufacturers to diversify their customer base and hedge against the risks associated with dependence on a limited number of markets.

Pakistan also suffers from a lack of modern infrastructure that facilitates the efficient movement of goods. Poor logistics, outdated port facilities, and cumbersome customs procedures add to the cost of doing business and reduce the country's competitiveness on the global stage. In today's world, where speed and reliability are paramount, Pakistan's infrastructure deficiencies prevent it from offering the level of service that foreign buyers demand. For Pakistani products to compete effectively in international markets, the government must prioritize infrastructure development, streamline customs processes, and invest in modernizing ports and trans-

As consumers worldwide become more conscious of environmental and social issues, there is a rising preference for products that are sustainably sourced, fair trade certified, and produced with minimal environmental impact. Pakistan, with its rich agricultural heritage and growing focus on organic farming, is well-positioned to tap into this market. By emphasizing the ethical production of goods, particularly in agriculture and textiles, Pakistan can create a strong, positive image for its products in global markets, differentiating them from competitors.

Moreover, technological advancements and the digital transformation of global trade present an unprecedented opportunity for Pakistani exporters. E-commerce platforms like Amazon, eBay, and Alibaba have made it easier than ever for businesses in developing countries to reach customers around the world. Pakistan's burgeoning tech startup ecosystem, combined with a young, tech-savvy population, provides the ideal conditions to leverage digital trade and create a new wave of exportable products in sectors like software, services, and digital products. In particular, Pakistan's information technology industry has demonstrated rapid growth in recent years, with companies offering a range of services from software development to digital marketing. By further promoting these services internationally, Pakistan can tap into a growing demand for IT outsourcing and other digital services.

## The life of a broker at Stock Exchange: A high-stakes, fast-paced reality

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The life of a stock exchange broker is often romanticized as one filled with quick decisions, high rewards, and the thrill of making millions in an instant. Movies and TV shows have painted this world as one of champagne-soaked victory and high-flying deals, making it seem as though brokers live in a constant rush of excitement. In reality, however, the life of a stock broker is far from glamorous. It is a fast-paced, high-pressure environment where success is often measured not by occasional windfalls, but by a relentless cycle of stress, decision-making, and perseverance. The life of a broker is defined by the constant pulse of the market—always unpredictable, always volatile.

At the heart of a broker's life is the stock exchange itself, a dynamic environment where billions of dollars are traded daily. The broker's job is to facilitate these transactions, acting as the intermediary between buyers and sellers. The broker's responsibility is not just to execute trades, but also to offer advice, understand market movements, and stay ahead of the curve. In

today's fast-moving financial world, brokers must have a keen understanding of global markets, economic indicators, corporate earnings, and geopolitical events. A single piece of news—be it a change in government policy or a major company announcement—can send stock prices soaring or crashing, and it's up to the broker to anticipate and act accordingly.

For brokers working on the trading floor, the environment can be intensely chaotic. Gone are the days when stock exchanges were filled with frenetic shouting and hand signals, but the energy remains the same, albeit in a digital format. The cacophony of ringing phones, flashing screens, and the constant flow of data creates a sense of urgency and tension that brokers thrive in. In this world, every second counts. A broker's ability to react swiftly and accurately to market conditions can determine the success or failure of a trade. For every successful deal, there are countless others that end in losses, requiring brokers to maintain emotional discipline and avoid being swayed by the ups and downs of the market.

For those working off the floor, through online platforms and trading systems, the pressure is no less intense. Technology has transformed the role of the broker, with algorithms, real-time data, and automated trading systems playing a more prominent role. While this technological shift has made trading more efficient, it has also made the work of a broker more challenging. Now, brokers must not only understand the markets but also the technology that drives them. They must be quick to identify potential opportunities in the data, sometimes within milliseconds, as automated systems execute trades faster than any human could. In such a highly competitive environment, brokers often work long hours, staying glued to their screens as they monitor shifts in the market.

One of the most significant challenges brokers face is managing the emotional toll that comes with the job. The stock market can be an unforgiving place, and brokers are often at the mercy of external factors. A market downturn or sudden volatility can result in significant losses, and brokers are constantly under the pressure of

meeting client expectations. At the same time, brokers must maintain a level of emotional detachment to avoid making rash decisions driven by panic or greed. The most successful brokers are those who are able to stay calm in the face of market chaos, thinking strategically and sticking to their principles even when the pressure is mounting.

Despite the challenges, the life of a broker can be financially rewarding. Successful brokers earn substantial commissions, bonuses, and performance-based incentives. But this reward comes at a cost. The stress, long hours, and the emotional strain of managing large sums of money often lead to burnout. Many brokers work 60-70 hour weeks, with little room for personal time or leisure. The constant need to stay updated on the market, attend client meetings, and execute trades leaves little room for anything else. Additionally, the market is unpredictable, and brokers must continuously prove their worth in an environment where fortunes can change in an instant.

Perhaps one of the most significant aspects

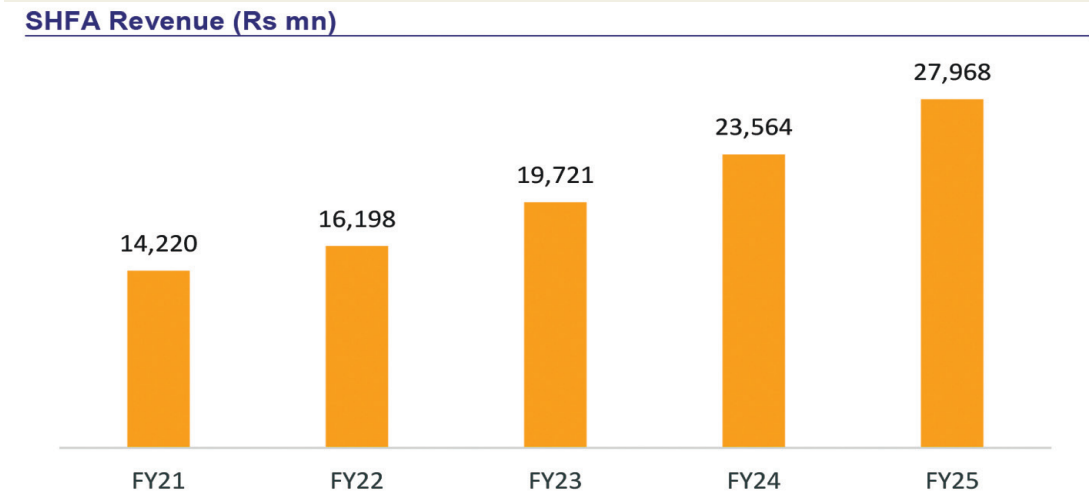
of a broker's life is the inherent uncertainty that defines the job. Even the most experienced brokers can't predict the future of the market with complete accuracy. This makes the job both exhilarating and daunting. Every day brings a new set of challenges, with no guarantee of success. There are days of incredible profit, followed by days of painful losses. For those who thrive in this environment, the unpredictability of the job is what makes it so compelling. For others, it's a constant battle of nerves and resilience.

In conclusion, the life of a broker at the stock exchange is far from the picture of luxury and indulgence that many imagine. It is a demanding, high-pressure job that requires a blend of technical skill, market knowledge, emotional resilience, and unyielding focus. The rewards can be significant, but so can the risks. For brokers, success is not just about making money; it's about mastering the art of navigating an unpredictable and ever-changing financial landscape. It's a job for those who can handle the pressure, embrace the uncertainty, and remain steadfast in the face of both triumph and defeat.



# COMPANY PROFILE & TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

## JS Global SHFA: Expansion phase resumes; earnings strengthen



Source: Company accounts, JS Research

Shifa International Hospitals Ltd (SHFA) held its analyst briefing to review its FY25 performance and outline the growth trajectory ahead. The company posted earnings of Rs2.3bn for the year, a 71% increase YoY, taking EPS to Rs36.84.

Management explained that the group has completed its consolidation phase and has now entered a new cycle of expansion. The ongoing projects include Shifa National Hospital Faisalabad (Pvt.) Ltd (SNHF), Shifa Medical Centre Islamabad (Pvt.)

Ltd (SMCI) and SIHT (Pvt.) Ltd, each intended to strengthen the group's presence across key cities.

The upcoming SNHF facility is expected to begin operations by 4QFY26. Management anticipates the hospital will reach break-even within three years and turn profitable in the fourth year, with net margins projected at 7 to 8%.

**SHFA: Growth momentum builds amid strategic expansion**

Shifa International Hospitals Ltd (SHFA) held

its analyst briefing to discuss FY25 results and outline the operating environment ahead. The company reported earnings of Rs2.3bn, reflecting a 71% YoY increase, with EPS at Rs36.84 largely due to stronger topline growth of 19%. For 1QFY26, the company reported earnings of Rs11.76 an increase of 18% YoY mainly led by the cost efficiencies. Management conveyed that the group has moved past its consolidation period and has re-entered an expansion phase, anchored by the development of Shifa National

Hospital Faisalabad (Pvt.) Ltd (SNHF) and the acquisition of Shifa Medical Centre Islamabad (Pvt.) Ltd (SMCI). Commenting on regional dynamics, the management said the recent closure of the Pakistan-Afghanistan border has not affected operations in any meaningful way. Afghan patient inflows, once contributing nearly 20% of volumes, have tapered off to negligible levels over recent years, a transition the hospital has already absorbed without disruption. For FY26 and onward, the company expects topline growth to track at roughly

twice the prevailing inflation rate. Management noted that SHFA has historically implemented price adjustments of 7-8% annually and intends to follow a similar trajectory in the coming year. The hospital currently operates at an overall occupancy rate of about 65%. Notably, the management also clarified that bed occupancy alone is not a reliable measure of profitability, as certain departments continue to run at close to full capacity, with utilisation near 100%.

**Faisalabad project likely to be completed by 4QFY26**

The ground-breaking for SNHF is targeted for 4QFY26. In its first phase, the hospital will offer all specialised services, supported by an estimated capital outlay of Rs6.7bn. According to the feasibility study, the facility is expected to reach netmargin break-even within three years of commencement, turn profitable in the fourth year, and eventually stabilise at a net margin of about 7-8%. The project carries an estimated payback period of roughly 10 years. Once the initial service capacity is fully absorbed, the company plans to proceed with phase two of the expansion.

**Medical tourism remains a key focus**

Management also outlined a shift in SHFA's medical tourism strategy, particularly for the Middle Eastern market. The company has restructured its UAE presence and no longer maintains a physical office or full-time staff to route patients to its facilities, opting instead for a leaner, strategy-driven model. Patient inflows are increasingly diversified, with a rising number of individuals travelling from the UK and Spain for treatment.

## Pakistan Refinery Limited (PRL) – Engulfing Bull on weekly chart



PRL is picking up momentum as the interim resistance lies within 38-39 range where a break above that will confirm the start of a bullish move. An Engulfing Bull has occurred on weekly chart with

the MACD Buy signal. Also, the PRL is trading above key averages keeping the trend bullish. The short term target is expected at 45.7 which may later rise to 52.5 which is defined as the medium

term target for PRL. The said levels will provide a return of 21% and 39% from the current close. The short term risk is defined below 33.8 (200-DMA), while a fall below 30.1 will invalidate the above view.

## FBR clarifies erroneous tax return SMS sent by telecom providers

By Commerce Reporter

KARACHI: The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) issued a clarification yesterday regarding erroneous tax return reminder SMS messages sent to taxpayers. The messages, which instructed recipients to file their income tax returns for Tax Year 2025 before the September 30, 2025 deadline, were sent after the deadline had already passed.

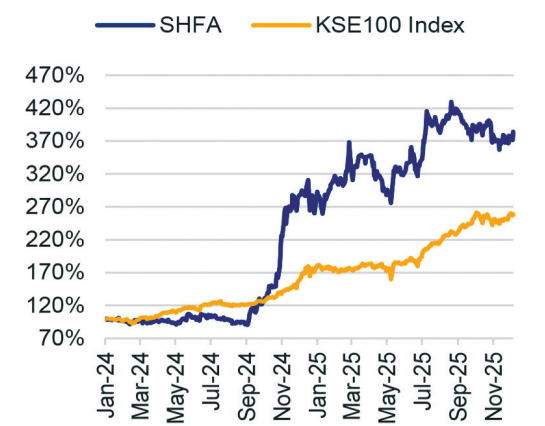
Each year, the FBR coordinates with the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) to send out SMS reminders to taxpayers to file their tax returns ahead of the statutory dead-

line. This year, the FBR requested the PTA on September 15, 2025, to send messages reminding taxpayers of the September 30, 2025, filing deadline. The messages were sent out in compliance with this request before the deadline had passed.

However, several taxpayers recently reported receiving SMS notifications from various telecom service providers urging them to file their returns by the already-expired deadline.

The FBR swiftly investigated the issue and confirmed that it had not authorized the issuance of these messages.

### Price performance relative to KSE100



Source: PSX, JS Research

### SHFA: Key statistics

(Rs mn)	FY24	FY25	1QFY26
Sales	23,564	27,968	7,616
YoY Growth	19%	19%	8%
Gross Margin	11%	15%	16%
PAT	1,362	2,329	744
YoY Growth	15%	71%	18%
EPS (Rs)	21.55	36.84	11.76
DPS (Rs)	4.00	5.00	0.00
P/E (x)	6.16	9.12	11.72*
D/Y (x)	3%	1%	0%

Source: Company accounts, JS Research  
Multiples calculated on avg prices  
\* Annualized

## KSE-100 jumps 1,217pts, eyes resistance at 169,000



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KSE100 opened the week on a strong note, gaining 1,217 points and closing at 168,303. Most of the upside came from strength in technology and power-generation stocks, which carried the momentum throughout the session. A noticeable pickup in volume on a DoD basis added further conviction to the bullish move, showing that buyers are stepping back in after last week's consolidation.

From here, the index is approaching its familiar resistance zone, and a push through 169,000 could set



the stage for a test of 169,000 and potentially fresh all-time highs. On the downside, 167,300 will act as

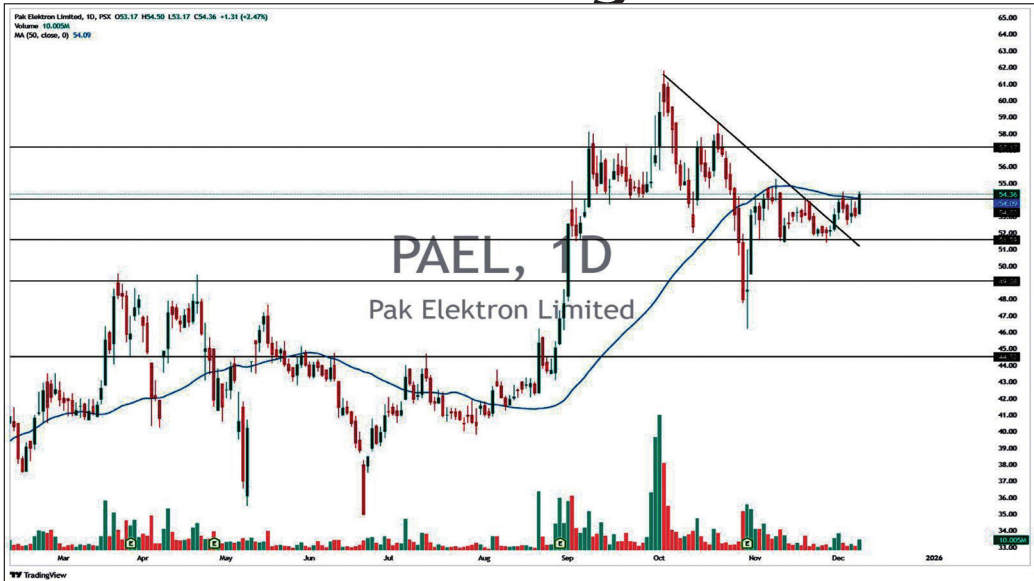
the first line of support, followed by a stronger floor at 165,800. As long as these levels hold, the broader

trend remains tilted to the upside. **Support:** 165800 and 167300 **Resistance:** 169000 and 169900

## PAEL stabilises after breaking downtrend

PAEL has been stabilising after the sharp drop in October, and the recent price action shows the stock gradually clawing its way back. The downward trend-line has already been broken, which is usually the first sign that selling pressure is easing. Price is now hovering around the 54-55 area, where horizontal resistance and the 50-day moving average are both sitting.

If buyers manage to hold the stock above this zone, there's a good chance PAEL will attempt another push toward the 57 level, which has acted as a major supply area in the past. The overall structure looks constructive, and the steady sideways movement suggests quiet accumulation rather than panic selling. **Support:** 52.90 / 51.60 **Resistance:** 54.50 / 57.10



## Forex Market Technical Analysis



The tech index remained in a range before Friday and finally broke it on Friday. From here, it will likely target 26K. The downside is well-protected by the key levels of 25500 and 25300. The Fed rate cut has already been priced in, so we may see profit-taking at upper levels.

**Key Levels: Support:** 25500 / 25300 **Resistance:** 25850 / 26000



The Dollar Index has finally broken its daily BPR range and is trading below it. Until we have a closing above 99, the dollar bulls will remain weak. The upcoming areas for bears are 98.1 and 97.6. Fed policy will bring volatility to DXY this week.

**Key Levels: Support:** 98.1 / 97.6 **Resistance:** 98.8 / 99.5



Gold remained in a range for a week between 4250-4160, with no 4H closing above either side. This week, price is expected to break the range high of 4237 to target 4300 and 4380. However, failure to hold 4167 by bulls will bring the downside to 4140 and 4090. **Key Levels: Support:** 4190 / 4167 **Resistance:** 4237 / 4255

**USDCAD**  
Loonie has met all our downside targets from the previous legacy report. Currently, price is approaching 1.3726, which is a key daily level and has been respected multiple times in the past. Failure to hold this level will drag price further down to the 1.36 zone. To negate the bearish scenario, UC should post a daily closing above 1.3890 to target 1.40. **Key Levels: Support:** 1.3776 / 1.3726 **Resistance:** 1.3889 / 1.3960



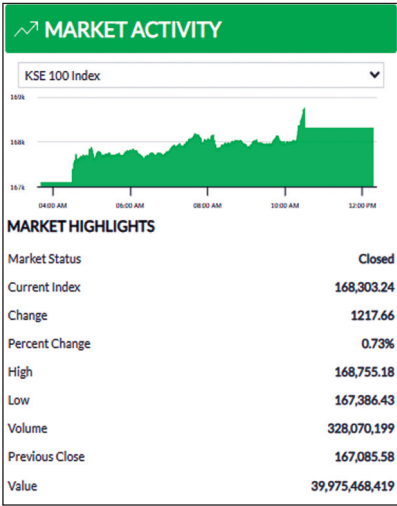
KSE-100			
168,303.24 (1,217.66) (0.73%)			
HIGH	LOW	VOLUME	
168,755.18	167,386.43	328,070,199	

ALLSHR			
101,798.93 (578.22) (0.57%)			
HIGH	LOW	VOLUME	
102,022.53	101,417.22	781,315,432	

KSE30			
51,168.55 (396.54) (0.78%)			
HIGH	LOW	VOLUME	
51,328.47	50,882.84	142,413,841	

KMI30			
242,124.58 (2,201.24) (0.92%)			
HIGH	LOW	VOLUME	
242,862.62	240,549.07	148,477,435	

INDICES					
Index	High	Low	Current	Change	% Change
KSE100	168,755.18	167,386.43	168,303.24	1217.66	0.73%
KSE100PR	53,014.60	52,584.60	52,872.62	382.53	0.73%
ALLSHR	102,022.53	101,417.22	101,798.93	578.22	0.57%
KSE30	51,328.47	50,882.84	51,168.55	396.54	0.78%
KMI30	242,862.62	240,549.07	242,124.58	2201.24	0.92%
BKTI	45,258.57	45,020.65	45,186.23	79.85	0.18%
OGTI	33,977.65	33,629.39	33,669.86	86.82	0.26%
KMIALLSHR	66,569.90	66,172.16	66,390.96	348.17	0.53%
PSXDIV20	73,940.43	73,311.85	73,790.39	497.50	0.68%
UPP9	58,009.56	57,338.96	57,790.54	476.28	0.83%
NITPGI	43,512.24	43,128.65	43,358.17	305.94	0.71%
NBPPGI	47,811.65	47,516.55	47,682.93	269.45	0.57%
MZNPi	29,909.74	29,612.58	29,798.85	230.63	0.78%
JSMFI	45,950.82	45,139.32	45,805.28	904.27	2.01%
ACI	24,123.61	23,927.60	24,080.86	188.85	0.79%
JSGBKTI	66,343.08	65,820.05	66,209.83	329.79	0.50%
HBLTTI	N/A	N/A	17,713.12	15.78	



KSE 100 INDEX Constituents									
SYMBOL	LDCP	CURRENT	CHANGE	CHANGE (%)	IDX WTG (%)	IDX POINT	VOLUME	FREEFLOAT (M)	MARKET CAP (M)
PTC	45.13	49.57	4.44	9.84%	0.60%	89.72	60,897,282	593	29,408
KEL	5.42	5.55	0.13	2.40%	0.31%	12.23	46,954,817	2,762	15,326
SEARL	105.98	109.94	3.96	3.74%	0.57%	34.49	21,655,800	256	28,117
FFC	567.45	579.96	12.51	2.21%	10.02%	363.82	21,031,396	854	495,208
CNERGY	7.86	7.93	0.07	0.89%	0.22%	3.27	13,767,321	1,373	10,891
PPL	217.34	219.43	2.09	0.96%	2.97%	47.64	11,858,492	669	146,862
HUMNL	15.94	15.02	-0.92	-5.77%	0.17%	-17.77	11,743,759	567	8,516
TRG	75.42	77.14	1.72	2.28%	0.55%	20.77	10,665,528	355	27,346
BOP	34.19	34.46	0.27	0.79%	0.96%	12.71	10,310,166	1,382	47,618
NBPXD	214.39	220.15	5.76	2.69%	2.27%	100.01	10,121,873	510	112,224
PAEL	53.05	54.36	1.31	2.47%	0.56%	22.67	10,005,248	508	27,615
SYS	153.39	161.21	7.82	5.10%	2.88%	234.83	8,479,872	882	142,133
FFL	18.45	18.81	0.36	1.95%	0.19%	6.18	6,548,331	504	9,480
SSGC	39.93	40.10	0.17	0.43%	0.25%	1.79	6,452,100	308	12,364

Market Performers TOP ACTIVE STOCKS			
SYMBOL	PRICE	CHANGE	VOLUME
PTC	49.57	4.44 (9.84%)	60,897,282
BNL	14.15	1.29 (10.03%)	51,954,773
KEL	5.55	0.13 (2.40%)	46,954,817
KOSM	7.22	0.41 (6.02%)	37,104,584
WTL	1.84	0.00 (0.00%)	28,918,471
FNEL	21.62	0.67 (3.20%)	28,734,978
TELE	11.93	-0.19 (-1.57%)	28,218,701
TPLPNC	11.12	0.59 (5.60%)	24,787,493
SEARL	109.94	3.96 (3.74%)	21,655,800
FFC	579.96	12.51 (2.21%)	21,031,396

TOP ADVANCERS			
SYMBOL	PRICE	CHANGE	VOLUME
TPLNC	7.79	1.00 (14.73%)	5,475,637
QUICE	10.55	1.00 (10.47%)	6,358,138
BNL	14.15	1.29 (10.03%)	51,954,773
UVIC	27.36	2.49 (10.01%)	715,145
NSRM	204.36	18.58 (10.00%)	240
ICCI	14.63	1.33 (10.00%)	1,242,400
SNAI	33.55	3.05 (10.00%)	59,247
ZUMANC	55.11	5.01 (10.00%)	484,688
SMMLNC	82.40	7.49 (10.00%)	83,900
CWSMNC	47.20	4.29 (10.00%)	755,941

TOP DECLINERS			
SYMBOL	PRICE	CHANGE	VOLUME
SPLNC	99.38	-11.04 (-10.00%)	113,266
ALIFE	33.00	-3.30 (-9.09%)	10,118
SSMLNC	33.71	-3.31 (-8.94%)	125,146
ASIC	18.93	-1.59 (-7.75%)	792
FILNC	157.53	-12.69 (-7.45%)	443
TICL	741.54	-57.20 (-7.16%)	119
CFL	59.86	-4.55 (-7.06%)	2,515
CCM	54.95	-3.69 (-6.29%)	1,882
TATM	162.04	-10.71 (-6.20%)	439,289
PPVCNC	20.62	-1.36 (-6.19%)	7,242

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CLOSING RATE SUMMARY

AUTOMOBILE ASSEMBLER							
SCRIP	LDCP	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CURRENT	CHANGE	VOLUME
AL-Ghazi Tractors	412.87	414.99	414.99	410.0	411.42	-1.45	9,095
Atlas Honda Ltd	1,402.55	1406.0	1425.0	1399.01	1420.4	17.85	12,278
Devan Motors	23.90	23.98	24.93	23.7	24.48	0.58	1,855,853
Ghandhara Automobile	557.17	557.17	558.16	553.03	554.74	-2.43	192,932
Gandhara Ind.	835.01	837.49	845.0	825.0	839.82	4.81	282,241
Hinopak Motor	489.90	489.9	489.9	481.2	482.02	-7.88	9,809
Honda Atlas Cars	279.34	279.34	287.0	279.0	282.32	2.98	299,924
Indus Motor Co.	1,988.98	1985.0	1994.95	1980.01	1982.1	-6.88	31,770
Millat Tractors	507.96	507.96	510.0	505.6	506.47	-1.49	38,553
Sazgar Engineering	1,723.79	1729.0	1729.0	1691.0	1696.81	-26.98	125,384

AUTOMOBILE PARTS & ACCESSORIES							
SCRIP	LDCP	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CURRENT	CHANGE	VOLUME
Agriautos Ind.	140.20	142.0	142.98	139.98	140.0	-0.2	2,441
Atlas Battery	238.90	239.98	239.98	235.03	238.18	-0.72	10,378
Bal.Wheels	183.53	184.9	187.51	184.9	185.37	1.84	26,209
Bela Automotive	104.94	103.0	104.0	100.0	100.7	-4.24	2,551
Devan Auto Engg	22.25	22.72	22.72	21.65	22.17	-0.08	7,590
Exide (PAK)	628.54	629.9	631.0	625.0	626.14	-2.4	2,448
Gandhara Tyre	37.16	37.45	37.49	37.02	37.15	-0.01	57,732
Loads Limited	17.99	18.01	18.14	17.8	17.98	-0.01	961,321
Panther Tyres Ltd.	53.24	54.0	54.0	52.4	53.25	0.01	15,418
Thal Limited	514.02	511.0	545.0	511.0	524.54	10.52	1,391
Treet Battery Ltd.	12.02	12.05	12.21	12.0	12.09	0.07	821,816

CABLE & ELECTRICAL GOODS							
SCRIP	LDCP	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CURRENT	CHANGE	VOLUME
EMCO Industries	66.53	66.9	66.9	62.5	62.89	-3.64	72,172
Fast Cables Ltd.	23.64	23.72	23.99	23.52	23.88	0.24	1,315,651
Pak Elektron	53.05	53.17	54.95	53.17	54.36	1.31	10,005,248
Pakistan Cables-	167.16	169.0	174.0	169.0	169.35	2.19	3,111
Siemens Pak.	1,537.18	1521.0	1550.0	1521.0	1550.0	12.82	40
Waves Corp Ltd.	13.18	13.24	13.84	13.1	13.62	0.44	5,911,367
Waves Home App	9.74	9.75	9.96	9.7	9.9	0.16	1,854,516


CEMENT							
SCRIP	LDCP	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CURRENT	CHANGE	VOLUME
Attock Cement	289.93	289.93	291.89	286.0	286.72	-3.21	44,943
Bestway Cement	551.53	548.25	553.0	547.0	549.13	-2.4	13,317
Cherat Cement	336.52	336.6	343.99	336.0	339.6	3.08	335,322
D.G.K.Cement	234.21	234.4	242.58	234.4	241.89	7.68	5,389,268
Dadabhoy Cement	7.03	7.2	7.2	6.84	7.05	0.02	345,367
Dandot Cement	24.00	24.14	26.16	23.55	25.57	1.57	1,722,764
Devan Cement	12.71	12.71	12.84	12.59	12.69	-0.02	1,571,932
Fauji Cement	54.63	54.99	55.45	54.25	55.23	0.6	5,156,323
Fecto Cement	151.51	151.9	151.9	141.2	147.44	-4.07	419,819
Flying Cement	55.01	55.01	55.01	53.8	54.13	-0.88	102,008
Gharibwal Cement	64.19	64.21	66.0	63.71	64.86	0.67	536,460
Kohat Cement	103.67	104.0	105.0	103.03	103.6	-0.07	491,989
Lucky Cement	475.60	475.0	477.98	471.5	476.06	0.46	755,301
Maple Leaf	105.11	105.11	106.89	104.8	105.98	-0.87	5,457,026
Pioneer Cement	386.85	385.0	389.98	378.0	383.44	-3.41	1,290,235
Power Cem(Pref)	23.60	22.5	25.5	22.5	25.5	1.9	1,250
Power Cement	18.35	18.35	18.6	18.25	18.44	0.09	418,374
Safe Mix Con.Ltd	40.25	41.9	41.9	40.1	41.42	1.17	55,412
Thatta Cement	87.56	88.8	91.31	87.1	90.21	2.65	7,487,152

CHEMICAL							
SCRIP	LDCP	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CURRENT	CHANGE	VOLUME
Archroma Pak	449.00	449.03	450.7	449.03	450.0	1.0	13,066
Bawany Air Prod	42.53	43.46	44.0	41.0	41.66	-0.87	172,469
Berger Paints	99.59	99.59	100.94	98.52	99.61	0.02	10,266
Biafo Industries	164.31	166.0	167.7	164.25	165.15	0.84	10,583
Buxly Paints	151.74	150.0	150.0	148.0	148.07	-3.67	863
Data Agro	93.00	93.0	93.5	85.18	90.62	-2.38	4,201
Descon Oxychem	34.20	34.01	34.5	33.93	34.01	-0.19	211,171
Dyneac Pakistan	286.73	285.0	286.0	280.25	281.77	-4.96	38,424
Engro Poly (Pref)	12.50	12.5	12.5	12.01	12.01	-0.49	21,412
Engro Polymer	31.68	31.64	32.85	31.55	32.42	0.74	4,925,769
Ghani Chemical	34.80	35.01	35.18	34.61	34.82	0.02	923,628
Ghani Chemworld	19.70	19.75	20.12	19.62	19.73	0.03	1,590,248
Ghani Glo Hol	25.99	26.0	26.3	25.85	25.92	-0.07	894,928
Ittehad Chemicals	164.55	165.0	166.5	157.5	158.55	-6.0	259,736
Leiner Pak Gelat	100.72	103.87	103.87	100.5	100.99	0.27	4,818
Lotte Chemical	26.31	26.5	27.88	26.5	27.42	1.11	2,803,716
Lucky Core Ind.	296.22	297.0	299.98	296.0	296.47	0.25	90,512
Nimir Ind.Chem	233.50	232.5	236.99	229.0	232.66	-0.84	7,655
Nimir Resins	32.59	33.0	34.33	33.0	33.39	0.8	768,863
Pak Oxygen Ltd.	317.05	317.01	329.0	309.0	325.2	8.15	17,403
Pak.P.V.C.	21.98	20.02	22.0	20.02	20.62	-1.36	7,242
Sardar Chemical	77.88	78.99	79.95	76.7	76.77	-1.11	10,575
Sitara Chemical	890.01	899.0	899.0	825.01	867.58	-22.43	3,873
Sitara Peroxide	110.42	99.38	104.96	99.38	99.38	-11.04	113,266
Wah-Noble	334.52	337.0	337.0	335.01	336.29	1.77	3,214



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Swiss Franc	346.7	349.45
Thai Bhat	8.62	8.77
U.A.E Dirham	76.6	77.3
UK Pound Sterling	374.5	378
US Dollar	281.35	283.2

DIRECTS EAD TO SUPPORT PAK-ORIGIN DOCTORS IN US

PM Shehbaz pushes for greater investment in Pakistan’s health sector

**PSMU DESK**

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has directed the Economic Affairs Division (EAD) to address all issues related to the investment by Pakistani-origin physicians based in the United States in Pakistan’s burgeoning medical sector. The Prime Minister issued these instructions during a meeting yesterday with a delegation of US-based doctors, emphasizing the need for a strategic roadmap to facilitate their investments in Pakistan’s healthcare infrastructure.

During the meeting, PM Shehbaz acknowledged the vital role that Pakistani-origin doctors could play in the development of Pakistan’s medical sector and expressed his government’s commitment to ensuring their investments are supported. He urged the EAD to consult with the doctors



and develop a practical, workable plan for integrating their investments into the country’s health system.

The delegation, led by Dr. Samir Shafi, included Dr. Jawad Shah, Dr. Tajammul Hussain, Dr. Nauman Haider, and social figure Rana Zahid

Amir. These physicians expressed their gratitude for the Prime Minister’s proactive leadership and voiced a strong interest in contributing to the development of Pakistan’s healthcare sector. They emphasized their readiness to invest

and collaborate in modernizing the country’s medical infrastructure.

In the meeting, Prime Minister Shehbaz reiterated the government’s intention to transform Pakistan’s health sector into a hub of innovation and world-class

services. He pointed to Pakistan’s rapidly evolving healthcare landscape as an attractive opportunity for global partnerships.

The meeting also saw the presence of the Chairman of the Prime Minister’s Youth Programme, Rana

Mashhood Ahmad Khan, and Dr. Saeed Akhtar, who both extended their support to the initiative.

Minister for Health, Syed Mustafa Kamal, had previously called on international stakeholders to explore investment opportunities in Pakistan’s health sector. During his participation at the Boao Forum for Asia’s (BFA) Global Health Forum in Beijing on July 26, Kamal highlighted the country’s potential for collaboration, emphasizing Pakistan’s commitment to providing strong returns, streamlined regulations, and robust government backing for health sector investments.

With this initiative, the government aims to leverage the expertise and resources of the Pakistani diaspora to build a stronger, more sustainable healthcare system that benefits the nation at large.

Mayor Karachi allocates 0.1m monthly to UCs for manhole covers, streetlights

**BY STAFF REPORTER**

KARACHI: In response to growing public concern following the tragic death of a toddler who fell into an open manhole in the Gulshan-e-Iqbal area, Karachi Mayor Barrister Murtaza Wahab has announced a significant move to address safety hazards across the city. Starting from December 2025, every Union Committee (UC) in Karachi will receive Rs100,000 monthly, specifically allocated for the installation of manhole covers and the improvement of streetlights.

The decision comes in the wake of widespread anger and calls from citizens to take action following the tragic incident at Nipa on November 30, where a three-year-old boy lost his life after falling into an uncovered manhole. Rescue teams, including Rescue 1122, Edhi, and other organizations, participated in the operation to recover the child’s body,

which was later taken to Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre (JPMC) for medico-legal formalities.

Mayor Wahab explained that the initiative was part of a broader effort to improve safety and infrastructure in the city. He acknowledged that under the previous system, each UC was allocated Rs500,000 monthly to resolve local issues, but concerns arose about the insufficient allocation in some areas, as well as complaints about funds being used for salaries instead of community improvements.

“The primary aim of the earlier allocation was to solve neighborhood problems, but we received several complaints that the amount was not enough for meaningful improvements, or that funds were diverted to salaries,” said Mayor Wahab. As a result, the Sindh government increased the monthly amount to Rs1.2 million for each UC. However,

Wahab noted that despite the higher budget, the desired outcomes were not achieved.

In light of the recent tragedy, the Mayor confirmed that Rs100,000 per UC would be dedicated solely to covering open manholes and upgrading streetlights, two critical safety concerns that have long been neglected. This new policy aims to prevent further accidents and improve the safety of Karachi’s streets for both pedestrians and vehicles.

“This is a direct response to the tragedy we witnessed at Nipa. We cannot afford to wait for more incidents to happen. The safety of our citizens, especially children, is of paramount importance. From December, every UC will be provided with this funding, and I assure you that we will hold authorities accountable for ensuring that these funds are used for their intended purposes,” the Mayor said.

Chinese delegation visits GGIP to boost collaboration, explore new avenues



**BY COMMERCE REPORTER**

Karachi: A high-level Chinese delegation from the HuaRui GuiXing Cultural Group, led by Mr. Dong Wei Wei and accompanied by Ms. Liu Ying, visited the Gems & Gemological Institute of Pakistan (GGIP) on 3 December 2025 to review ongoing cooperation and explore new opportunities for sectoral development.

Earlier this year, in February 2025, GGIP and HuaRui GuiXing Group signed a MoU aimed at enhancing bilateral collaboration in the gemstone and jade jewelry industry. The


agreement focuses on capacity building, value addition, technology transfer, and joint initiatives to advance Pakistan’s gem and jewelry sector.

During the visit, the delegation toured key units of GGIP, including the lapidary section, gemology labs, and jewelry training facilities. The visitors expressed keen interest in the institute’s advanced testing equipment, training programs, and efforts to develop skilled professionals for the industry.

Mr. Dong Wei Wei commended GGIP’s work in pro-

moting value addition and professional training within the gemstone sector. He reaffirmed the group’s commitment to strengthening the existing partnership and exploring new avenues for cooperation, including future joint projects and technology-driven initiatives.

The visit concluded with both sides expressing a shared commitment to continue working together for the growth, modernization, and global competitiveness of the gemstone and jade jewelry industry.



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AN INSIGHTFUL ADDRESS BY DR. HASSAN DAUD BUTT, RENOWNED CPEC SPECIALIST

ABAD House: Meeting highlights regional development and investment prospects

**BY SYED UZAIR**

Karachi: A significant meeting was held at ABAD House under the leadership of Chairman Southern Region, Ahmad Owais Thanvi, to review key opportunities in regional development and investment across Pakistan.

The session featured an insightful address by Dr. Hassan Daud Butt, a renowned specialist in CPEC and regional connectivity. Dr. Butt shared expert perspectives on enhancing economic co-operation, infrastructure development, and long-term investment potential aligned with the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor.

Dr. Butt has previously served as the Project Director of the CPEC Support Project




at the Ministry of Planning, Development & Reform, and later as CEO of KP-BOIT (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Board of Investment & Trade). His

extensive experience added substantial value to the discussion, offering strategic direction for future initiatives. The meeting underscored

ABAD’s continued commitment to promoting sustainable development and strengthening Pakistan’s investment landscape.

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8-Dec-25	HUMNL	Hum Network Limited	3,266,934.00	41,802,514.86
8-Dec-25	KEL	K-Electric Limited	19,803,892.00	93,826,593.72
8-Dec-25	PTC	Pakistan Telecommunication Company Ltd	5,635,818.00	237,765,205.26
8-Dec-25	SEARL	The Searle Company Limited	3,450,646.00	323,156,139.60

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