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UBG leadership calls for meaningful reforms to address economic challenges

BY SYED UZAIR

KARACHI: President FPCCI, ECO-CCI Vice President, and KCCI Vice President Atif Ikram Sheikh, accompanied by UBG Patron-in-Chief S.M. Tanveer, Senior Vice President Saqib Fayyaz Maggo, and other leaders, addressed a press conference at the Federation House, Karachi.

Speaking to the media, Atif Ikram Sheikh said that Pakistan is currently standing at a highly critical economic juncture, where progress depends directly on the government's policy direction. He noted that soaring electricity tariffs, an excessive tax burden, high borrowing costs, and declining invest-



ment and production are major obstacles to economic growth. He emphasized that without serious, result-oriented efforts, achieving sustainable economic develop-

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KSE-100			ALLSHR			KSE30		
HIGH	LOW	VOLUME	HIGH	LOW	VOLUME	HIGH	LOW	VOLUME
169,864.52	(1,289.83) (0.77%)	309,699,601	102,725.12	(553.85) (0.54%)	871,919,755	51,670.42	(495.07) (0.97%)	144,056,381

IMF'S NEW BENCHMARKS WEIGH ON MARKET OUTLOOK

Bulls take charge: KSE-100 index jumps over 1200 points

Investor sentiment remained positive throughout the session, driven by buying momentum and strong market participation. Despite global uncertainties and IMF concerns, the market ended the week on a high note

PSMU DESK

KARACHI: The Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) experienced a strong rally on Friday, with the benchmark KSE-100 Index surging by nearly 1,300 points to close at 169,864.52, marking an increase of 1,289.83 points or 0.77%. The market witnessed significant buying momentum throughout the session, peaking at an intra-day high of 170,052.87 points, signaling a robust investor sentiment after recent market volatility.

Out of the 100 companies listed on the KSE-100, 65 closed in the green, while 32 saw declines and 3 remained unchanged. The total trading volume for the day was 309.70 million shares, reflecting healthy participation. Across the broader market, 259 stocks closed higher, while 180

declined, with 43 remaining flat. The total number of trades reported was 378,060.

The IMF's recent report weighed on the broader market sentiment, with the Fund imposing 11 new structural benchmarks on Pakistan, including measures to bolster tax reform, improve public sector governance, and mitigate corruption risks. However, the positive trading activity overshadowed these concerns, as investors remained optimistic about future market performance.

Despite the impressive gains, global markets faced mixed performances, with Asian stocks rising on the back of Wall Street's strength, although Oracle's share price decline sent shockwaves through the tech sector. Meanwhile, the

Federal Reserve's decision to cut interest rates and uncertainties regarding AI investments contributed to global investor caution.

This rally marks a sharp contrast to Thursday's decline, where the KSE-100 Index saw a drop of 877.17 points or 0.52%, as investors engaged in profit-taking amid cautious sentiment. However, the Friday surge shows renewed confidence, as key economic factors, such as the IMF's structural reform initiatives and the central bank's expected decision to keep interest rates at 11%, remain pivotal in shaping the market's outlook.

In addition, the IMF's warning on inflation risks, as well as the continued tight monetary policy, suggests that interest rate cuts may be delayed until late 2026, a factor that could provide

long-term stability for the market despite short-term pressures.

As global markets adjust to the mixed economic signals, Pakistan's stock market continues to display resilience, buoyed by positive domestic sentiment and strategic reforms that aim to address Pakistan's fiscal and governance challenges. The KSE-100 Index's recovery on Friday marks an encouraging signal for investors, who are closely monitoring the evolving economic and policy landscape.

The PSX's performance on Friday is a reflection of the market's ability to absorb external and domestic challenges while maintaining an optimistic outlook, despite the complex global economic conditions and the structural adjustments underway in Pakistan.

AKD - Off the Analyst's Desk

Daily Technical

Pakistan Autos - Passenger cars hit top gear, fuels Nov'25 sales

In Nov'25, the auto sector witnessed a 41% YoY surge in volumes, with total industry sales reaching 19,635 units primarily led by passenger cars.

Growth was largely driven by lower financing rates and targeted promotional financing schemes offered by OEMs on selective models amid an uptick in overall economic activity.

Segment-wise, passenger cars with engine capacities of 1,000cc and above emerged as the top-performing segment, up 85% YoY, primarily attributable to increased sales of Corolla, Cross, Yaris, Civic and City. Moreover, sales of 1000cc and below reported an incline of 29% YoY. INDU stands out as our recommended pick with Jun'26 target price PKR3,681/sh. We anticipate INDU to capture a major chunk of the HEVs market moving forward.

SOE Reforms and Sindh Coastal Resilience: ADB approves \$540m for Pakistan

BY COMMERCE REPORTER

ISLAMABAD: The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved two significant projects worth a total of \$540 million to support Pakistan's state-owned enterprise (SOE) reforms and enhance climate resilience in Sindh's coastal districts.

The financing package includes a \$400 million results-based loan for the Accelerating SOE Transformation Program, aimed at addressing long-standing governance and performance issues within Pakistan's public enterprises. This marks ADB's first results-based loan focused exclusively on public sec-

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AMID METHODOLOGICAL CONCERN: UPGRADES PLANNED FOR 2026

IMF assigns India a 'C' grade for GDP and National Accounts Data

BY IMRAN ZAKIR

KARACHI: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has given India a 'C' grade—the second-lowest possible rating—specifically for its GDP and national accounts data, citing persistent methodological weaknesses that could hamper accurate economic surveillance and policy analysis. The assessment was disclosed in the IMF's 2025 Article IV Data Adequacy Assessment and reflects long-standing statistical challenges in India's official data frameworks.

Under the IMF's four-tier grading system—from A (fully adequate) to D (inadequate)—a 'C' grade indicates that the data are available and timely but contain significant deficiencies that "somewhat hamper surveillance." India received this lower rating only for its national accounts, while its

overall data quality—including price, fiscal, external sector, and financial statistics—earned a "B" grade, suggesting data are broadly adequate in other areas.

Methodological Weaknesses Identified

IMF officials noted several structural issues that contributed to the 'C' assessment.

Outdated base year: India still uses 2011–12 as the base year for computing GDP and Gross Value Added (GVA), which may not capture major shifts in the economy over more than a decade.

Deflation methodology concerns: The country relies heavily on the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) for deflating nominal metrics instead of a more accurate Producer Price Index (PPI).

Single deflation approach: Lack of double deflation (separately adjusting inputs and outputs) can distort real GDP

measurements.

Production vs expenditure gaps: There are notable discrepancies between production-side and expenditure-side GDP estimates, indicating potential under coverage, especially of household consumption and informal economic activity.

Seasonal adjustment and data granularity: The absence of seasonally adjusted quarterly accounts and limited disaggregation reduces the usefulness of the data for short-term trend analysis and high-frequency monitoring.

These methodological weaknesses, the IMF noted, may weaken confidence in GDP numbers' precision and limit their utility for in-depth policy evaluation, especially when detailed comparisons with other economies are required.

Context & Government Response

Despite the 'C' grade for national accounts, the IMF acknowledged that India's economy continues to grow strongly. In its broader economic appraisal, it projected GDP expansion of around 6.5%

for 2025–26 and commended

India's macroeconomic stability and inflation management.

India's Finance Ministry and statistical authorities have responded by underscoring that the IMF's judgement relates to methodological standards rather than the credibility of growth figures themselves.

Officials reiterated that the forthcoming rebased GDP series (2022–23 base year) due in February 2026 is expected to address several of the concerns raised, including more contemporary weight structures and broader sector coverage.

Towards Statistical Reforms

The Indian government has stated that the updated national accounts and price indices will align better with current economic realities and international best practices. This includes more frequent household and enterprise surveys, enhanced producer price data, and improved seasonal adjustment techniques—all aimed at enhancing India's statistical credibility on the global stage once the new series is launched in 2026.

Market Commentary - Leaders' Lens

Monetary Policy meeting and current account balance to shape market momentum



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The main highlight of the upcoming week will be the Monetary Policy Meeting scheduled for December 15, 2025, Monday. We're expecting the policy rate to remain unchanged at 11%.

Additionally, the State Bank of Pakistan will release the current account balance numbers, and any surprising figures could shift market momentum this week. Investors are advised to keep a close eye on these developments, as they could impact market sentiment and trading activity.

Market sees bullish trend

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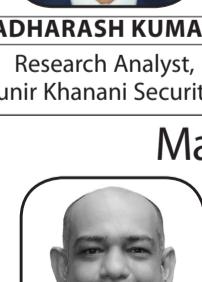
Pakistan signs key pact with Binance, PVARA grants NOCs

PSMU DESK

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Virtual Assets Regulatory Authority (PVARA) has granted No Objection Certificates (NOCs) to global cryptocurrency platforms Binance and HTX, marking a significant step towards the formal regulation of virtual assets in the country. This decision, announced yesterday through a press statement, is part of Pakistan's broader effort to create a compliant and structured framework for virtual asset service providers (VASPs).

"This marks an important milestone in Pakistan's commitment to responsible innovation in the digital assets space," said Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb, Finance Minister of Pakistan. "The introduction of the structured NOC framework demonstrates our focus on financial discipline and market integrity."

PVARA's phased, risk-based approach to regulating the



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BUSINESS PULSE & CIVIC INSIGHT

REGULAR	DELIVERABLE FUTURES		CASH SETTLED FUTUR...		ODD LOT	SQUARE UP		STOCK INDEX FUTURES		NEGOTIABLE DEAL		MARGIN TRADING SYS...	
STATE	CLOSED	STATE	CLOSED	STATE	CLOSED	STATE	CLOSED	STATE	CLOSED	STATE	CLOSED	STATE	OPEN
TRADES	378,060	TRADES	55,068	TRADES	5	TRADES	9	TRADES	6	TRADES	0	TRADES	53
VOLUME	873,030,955	VOLUME	177,125,000	VOLUME	31,000	VOLUME	650	VOLUME	15,257	VOLUME	0	VOLUME	10,977,367
VALUE	40,870,453,414.72	VALUE	9,628,421,840.00	VALUE	14,062,120.00	VALUE	13,345.13	VALUE	1,320,308.29	VALUE	0.00	VALUE	402,126,571.70

TO ENHANCE PUNJAB'S INFRASTRUCTURE

World Bank approves \$400 million project

PSMU DESK

KARACHI: The World Bank has announced a major \$400 million financing initiative aimed at improving urban infrastructure and resilience in Punjab, Pakistan. The project, titled the Punjab Inclusive Cities Program (PICP), is designed to provide safely managed water, sanitation, and hygiene services to millions of residents, while also strengthening local urban governance and financial performance.

The PICP will focus on upgrading and rehabilitating critical infrastructure in 16 secondary cities across Punjab, including the improvement of water supply networks, sewerage systems, wastewater treatment plants, and stormwater drainage systems. The program will also enhance solid waste management services in the region, including the sanitary disposal of waste. Through these initiatives,

the program aims to deliver improved water and sanitation services to approximately 4.5 million people and solid waste management services to an additional 2 million.

The World Bank emphasized the program's broader health benefits, noting that it will help reduce waterborne diseases, lower healthcare costs, and decrease child stunting rates, a critical issue in Pakistan. "Reducing child stunting is essential for Pakistan's future," said Bolorma Amgaabazar, World Bank Country Director for Pakistan.

"Through the Punjab Inclusive Cities Program, we are investing in safe water, sanitation, and hygiene services to break the cycle of malnutrition and disease that hinders so many children from reaching their full potential."

The program will not only focus on infrastructure development but also sup-



port capacity building for local urban governments. This includes strengthening their ability to deliver sustainable services, generate revenues, and improve institutional performance. Amena Raja, Senior Urban Specialist at the World Bank, explained that the program will help Punjab's cities better withstand the impacts of floods and droughts, making urban

development more environmentally responsible and resilient to climate change.

In addition to these crucial improvements, the program prioritizes gender inclusion by encouraging the hiring of women, particularly in decision-making roles. It also aims to establish gender complaint desks and provide targeted capacity-building opportu-

nities to help female workers develop new skills and advance in their careers.

The PICP also aims to mobilize private capital to support the water and sanitation services in Punjab's secondary cities. This aligns with Pakistan's national development priorities and supports ongoing provincial initiatives such as the Punjab Development Program and Suthra Punjab

Program.

This project is the second phase of the World Bank-supported Pakistan Urban Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Services Multiphase Programmatic Approach and marks a significant step toward improving the health and resilience of urban communities in Punjab, while fostering long-term sustainable development.

Founded in 2006, PQFTL

PQFTL IPO soars on day one, oversubscribed amid strong investor demand

BY COMMERCE REPORTER

KARACHI: The Initial Public Offering (IPO) of Pak-Qatar Family Takaful Limited (PQFTL) has gotten off to an impressive start, with the offering being oversubscribed on its very first day of book building. This strong response underscores investor confidence in the company's future growth prospects.

Shahid Ali Habib, CEO of Arif Habib Limited, confirmed that a significant amount of funds have already been deposited, with expectations that more bids will be placed on the final day of the offer, which concludes tomorrow.

The PQFTL IPO consists of 50 million shares, representing 21.67% of the company's post-IPO capital, and is priced at a floor rate of Rs14 per share. The allocation will be divided with 75% going to successful institutional bidders and 25% reserved for retail investors, using the Dutch auction method for pro-rata allocation.

With strong investor interest and promising fundamentals, PQFTL's IPO is set to be a key milestone in Pakistan's growing financial sector.

Meta, Pakistan join forces to combat online fraud

BY STAFF REPORTER

Islamabad: Addressing the critical issues of online fraud and the protection of vulnerable communities, senior representatives from Meta held a significant meeting with Pakistan's Federal Minister for IT & Telecommunication, Shaza Fatima Khawaja, to discuss a collaborative approach to enhancing digital safety and responsible technology governance across the nation.

According to information from PID, the high-level Meta team was led by Dania Mukhtar, Head of Public Policy for Pakistan, and included key personnel such as Shazia Tayyab, Lead Counsel for Pakistan & South/Central Asia, alongside specialists in regulatory compliance, content policy development, and WhatsApp policy, indicating the comprehensive scope of the engagement.

Discussions focused initially on strengthening online safety frameworks, with



a special emphasis placed on safeguarding women, children, and at-risk groups. The agenda also prioritized a review of effective measures to prevent financial scams and fraudulent activities that proliferate on social media platforms.

Both parties explored strategies to improve reporting mechanisms for malicious activity, refine safety protocols, and advance digital literacy initiatives. The aim is to better equip and protect citizens as they navigate an increasingly connected world.

Federal Minister Shaza Fatima Khawaja highlighted the administration's unwavering commitment to establishing a secure, inclusive, and citizen-centric digital ecosystem. She pointed to Pakistan's ongoing reforms in the realm of digital governance.

The Minister reaffirmed the Ministry's resolve to collaborate closely with global technology partners like Meta, underscoring the shared objective of fostering a safe, trusted, and innovation-friendly digital environment for all Pakistanis.

Cabinet nods diversion of 45 LNG cargoes to tackle shrinking domestic demand

PSMU DESK

ISLAMABAD: The federal cabinet has approved the diversion of 45 liquefied natural gas (LNG) cargoes in response to declining domestic demand for gas. This move follows a decision by the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC), which had already endorsed the plan. The proposal was presented to the cabinet during a recent meeting, where it received formal approval.

According to sources, two key summaries were placed before the cabinet for approval: "Update on Negotiation with State of Qatar for Mitigation of Surplus LNG" and "Operation of Two SNGPL-Based Urea Manufacturing Plants (Fatima Fertiliser and Agritech)."

During the discussion, the

Petroleum Division informed the cabinet that due to persistently low demand for gas in Pakistan, Pakistan State Oil (PSO) had accumulated surplus LNG stocks. After negotiations with Qatar, a mutually agreed solution was reached that would allow the sale of up to 24 LNG cargoes in 2026 on a net proceeds differential (NPD) basis. Additionally, an agreement was signed with energy giant Eni to sell 11 cargoes in 2026 and 10

cargoes in 2027, also on the NPD basis.

The cabinet thoroughly discussed the matter and approved the decision taken by the ECC to proceed with the LNG diversion.

Regarding the supply of

gas to urea manufacturing plants connected to the Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Ltd (SNGPL) network, the cabinet addressed the ongoing long-term arrangements for gas provision to the fertiliser sector. It was noted that previous cabinet approval had allowed gas supply to two key fertiliser plants—Fatima Fertiliser and Agritech—until October 30, 2025. The ECC recommended extending this supply until December 31, 2025, as negotiations for long-term gas agreements continue.

After reviewing the details, the cabinet ratified the ECC's decision on both the LNG diversion and gas supply to fertiliser plants, underscoring its commitment to managing the country's energy resources efficiently amid shifting demand dynamics.

ON THE OCCASION OF INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

Youth Forum for Kashmir organises seminar at KPC

BY RIZWAN SHAH

Karachi: On the occasion of Human Rights Day, Youth Forum for Kashmir – Karachi Regional Office (YFK-KRO) organized a meaningful and dignified ceremony at Karachi Press Club, in which a large number of distinguished guests, civil society representatives, media and students participated. Two distinguished personalities were invited as chief guests in this seminar.

Fazil Jamili, President Karachi Press Club (KPC) who could not attend due to his personal engagements and the other guest Qazi Adeel Farooqi, Pakistan Peoples Party Azad Kashmir – Karachi Division He participated enthusiastically and in his speech described the human rights violations taking place in Kashmir that no Security Council resolution is implemented. Mountains of oppression are being broken on Kashmiris.



The Pakistani people have always raised their voices in favour of Kashmiris. In addition, Ms. Mehnaz Akhtar (PPP AJK Women Wing) and Chaudhry Aurangzeb also participated and graced the programme. The program began with the recitation of the Holy Quran and the national anthem, after which

Ayesha Rasheed (Project Manager YFK-KRO) gave a briefing on the role, mission and the dire situation in Kashmir in the context of the organization's role, mission and human rights.

The distinguished guests

said in their speeches that: Human rights violations in Kashmir are an open chal-

lenge before the international community. Pakistani youth must play a full role in raising their voices for Kashmir. The efforts of YFK Karachi Region Office are commendable and this platform has organized the youth for the Kashmir cause. Students were specially invited to participate in this

seminar and strengthen the solidarity of Kashmir. Students of Scholar Public School and Farnaz Excellence School also participated in the event and demonstrated their solidarity with Kashmir. The participation of the children not only added color to the event but also proved that the new genera-

tion is aware of the human rights issue of Kashmir and is ready to raise its voice for it. The following distinguished guests spoke at the event. Their names and positions are listed below. Chaudhry Aurangzeb Senior Member, Pakistan Peoples Party, Khursheed Inqilabi Senior Member, PPP AJK Karachi

Division, Qazi Adeel Farooqi President, PPP AJK Karachi Division, Sheikh Manzoor President, Markazi Muslim League, Mufti Fida Elahi Chairman, Takreem-e-Khalq Foundation. The continuous efforts of YFK Karachi Region Office have significantly increased the awareness and solidarity for Kashmir among the youth. The organization is rapidly emerging as a popular and trusted platform among the masses. The aim of the YFK Karachi Region Office is to continue its struggle for human rights, justice and the right of self-determination of the Kashmiri people in a more organized manner.

In the closing moments, an impressive Tableau was presented at the end of the ceremony, which artistically highlighted the pain, struggle and hope of the oppressed people of Kashmir. The programme formally concluded at 1 pm and shields were also presented to the guests.

Gold prices surge in Pakistan, up by Rs10,700 per tola

BY COMMERCE REPORTER

KARACHI: Gold prices in Pakistan saw a significant increase on Friday, with 24-karat gold rising by Rs10,700 per tola, reaching Rs454,262. The price of 24-karat gold per 10-gram also surged by Rs9,174, settling at Rs389,456, according to data from the All-Pakistan Gems and Jewelers Sarafa Association (APGSA).

In addition, the price of 22-karat gold was quoted higher at Rs357,014 per 10-gram.

Silver prices also saw an upward trend, with 24-karat silver selling at Rs6,684 per tola, reflecting a Rs232 increase. The price of silver per 10-gram rose by Rs199, reaching Rs5,730.

This surge in precious metal prices is likely to impact both local consumers and the jewelry market in Pakistan, where gold remains a popular investment and savings option.

SPORTS

U19: Pakistan win final T20 by six wickets

PSMU SPORTS DESK

Pakistan Women's U19 beat Bangladesh Women's U19 by six wickets in the fifth and final T20 match to clinch the series 3-2 at the Cox's Bazar Academy Ground in Bangladesh on Friday afternoon.

Pakistan chased the 85-run target with three overs to spare registering back-to-back six-wicket wins after going down 2-1 in the first three matches of the series.

Pakistan lost skipper Eman Naseer and Raahima Syed (10, 8b, 2x4s) early with 16 runs on the board at the start of the chase. Eman finished the series as leading run-scorer with 97 runs across the five matches.

Komal Khan and Aqsa Habib then stitched a 37-run third-wicket stand to stabilise the innings before the latter fell for a 23-ball 21 in the 13th over hitting two fours. Komal scored 25 off 46 balls with the help of three fours before departing in the



subsequent over.

Fizza Fiaz, who walked in at 53-3, struck a six and a four to finish with 18 not out off 14 balls, while Areesha Ansari remained unbeaten for seven off 10 balls striking one four.

For Bangladesh, Habiba

Islam Pinky, Otoshi Mojumder and Farjana Easmin picked up one wicket each.

Earlier, Pakistan opted to bowl first and reduced Bangladesh to 31-5 in 8.1 overs with player of the

match Barirah Saif striking

twice in the fifth over.

No.6 batter Sadia Akter's effort of 28-ball 27 comprising three fours took Bangladesh to 84 as they were all out in 19.1 overs.

No batter apart from Sadia entered double figures for Bangladesh. Pacer Barirah

returned figures of three for 16 in her four overs. Rozina Akram picked up 2-16 in her four overs, finishing with eight wickets in the series – joint-third most along with off-spinner Memoona Khalid.

Aqsa, Memoona and Shehr Bano struck once each.

Argentina edge Pakistan 3-2 despite late surge in Pro League thriller

PSMU SPORTS DESK

Pakistan produced a spirited performance in their second outing at the FIH Pro League but fell just short as Argentina held on for a 3-2 victory in a brisk, high-tempo encounter in Santiago on Friday.

The visitors were the sharper side in the opening exchanges, unsettling the hosts with sustained pressure and quick ball movement.

Waheed Ashraf Rana twice came close to handing Pakistan an early lead — first drawing a sharp close-range save from goalkeeper Tomas Santiago, and then flashing another attempt narrowly wide.

Argentina, meanwhile, were wasteful with their early penalty corners. Tomas Domené's fierce backhand only finding the side netting.

Argentina broke the deadlock in the second quarter after a well-constructed move. Thomas Habif drove strongly along the baseline,

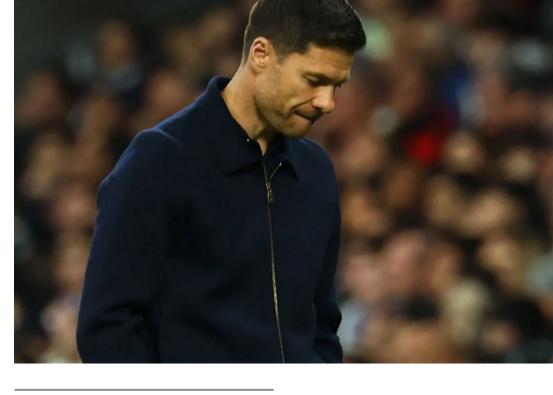


feeding Ignacio Nardolillo, whose square ball was expertly turned in by Domené for the opener. The hosts carried their 1-0 advantage into the break.

The match roared to life in the third quarter. Pakistan levelled when Mohammad Ahmad delicately diverted a Zikriya Hayat pass to make it 1-1.

But Argentina replied almost instantly, restoring their lead through Nicolás della Torre's low penalty-corner strike. Moments later, Maico Casella extended the advantage with

Alonso faces Real Madrid turning point test at Alaves



PSMU SPORTS DESK

Real Madrid ran, and running was enough.

Not to earn three points, or even one, but to keep the wolf from Xabi Alonso's door — for now.

However the groundwork for the Basque coach's dismissal has been laid and the feeling that he is fighting for his position in every match, starting with Sunday's visit to face Alaves in La Liga, pervades.

Alonso, whom Spanish media reported was set for the sack if Real lost against Manchester City in the Champions League on Wednesday, remains at the helm despite a 2-1 defeat at a frustrated, whistling Bernabeu.

The hope is this match, despite the outcome, can be a turning point for a team with just two wins in their last eight games across all competitions.

Real trail La Liga leaders Barcelona by four points, which could become seven if the champions defeat Osasuna on Saturday.

Alonso's players rallied around him, offering public messages of support after the game and even during it, as goalscorer Rodrigo Goles ran over to hug his manager.

"The only thing we can do

is change our attitude... and today we saw a change," said defender Raul Asencio.

After Real's improved display against City, it did not make sense for president Florentino Perez to let the axe fall.

It would be easy to make that call the next time the team stumbles — and if it really is a turning point, and that doesn't happen, that would work for him too. Particularly given the lack of an obvious replacement.

Goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois was another Real player who backed the coach, and believes the situation will be eased when results turn.

"All of us here support the coach with all our heart, and by winning on Sunday we will change this dynamic," said Courtois.

Real will be without several players for the clash in Vitoria, after their meltdown last weekend during the 2-0 defeat by Celta Vigo at home, which put Alonso on the brink.

Alvaro Carreras and Fran Garcia were sent off and are suspended, while Real have many injuries to contend with, including Trent Alexander-Arnold, Eder Militao and doubts over Dean Huijsen and Eduardo Camavinga.

Pakistan U-19 eye strong start in eight-team Asia Cup

PSMU SPORTS DESK

Pakistan will begin their Under-19 Asia Cup campaign on Friday when they face Malaysia in their opening Group A fixture at The Sevens Stadium in Dubai, looking to improve on last year's semi-final finish.

Led by top-order batter Farhan Yousaf, Pakistan are grouped with India, Malaysia and hosts UAE in the eight-team, 50-over event. Their high-profile clash against India is scheduled for Sunday, while the final group match against the UAE will be played on Tuesday.

The top two sides from each group will qualify for the semi-finals on Dec 19, with the final set for Dec 21.

Group 'B' comprises Afghanistan, Bangladesh,

Nepal and Sri Lanka. All matches, including the final at the ICC Academy Ground, will start at 9am local time.

Pakistan enter the event with a core of six players from the previous edition, where they were knocked out by Bangladesh in the semi-final.

Alongside Farhan, Usman Khan, Abdul Subhan, Ahmed Hussain, Ali Raza and Mohammad Huzifa return to the squad, lending experience to an otherwise fresh unit.

Usman, the left-handed vice-captain, impressed last year with 101 runs in three innings, while right-arm pacer Subhan was Pakistan's standout bowler, claiming nine wickets, including figures of six for 57.

Left-arm spinner Huzifa,



who played only one match in the previous Asia Cup, made an impact with five wickets for just eight runs.

Head coach Shahid Anwar said the team had prepared meticulously for conditions

that often test youth players.

"We have worked extensively on players' technical, tactical, mental and physical aspects," he said. "In our Karachi camp, we placed special emphasis on field-

squad's resilience and ability to adapt quickly would be its key strengths. "The tournament is highly competitive, but the players are ready to face different situations."

Former Pakistan captain Sarfraz Ahmed is travelling as manager and mentor.

Squad: Farhan Yousaf (captain), Usman Khan (vice-captain), Abdul Subhan, Ahmed Hussain, Ali Hassan Baloch, Ali Raza, Daniyal Ali Khan, Hamza Zahoor (wicket-keeper), Huzifa Ahsan, Momin Qamar, Mohammad Huzifa, Mohammad Sayam, Mohammad Shayan (wicket-keeper), Niqab Shafiq, Sameer Minhas.

Non-traveling reserves: Abdul Qadir, Hasmain Dar, Mohammad Hassan Khan, Ibtisam Azhar, Umar Zaib.

Wapda topple Army in final to secure National Games basketball sweep

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In a heavyweight clash that lived up to its billing, Wapda dethroned arch-rivals Pakistan Army 56-48 in a pulsating final to claim the men's basketball gold at the National Games on Thursday, completing a spectacular department sweep after their women's team had earlier overpowered Punjab for the title.

The atmosphere inside the North Nazimabad Gymkhana was electric as the two traditional powerhouses, separated by little in physicality and quality, traded blows from the tip-off. Every block and steal was met with a roaring crescendo from a captivated crowd.

Wapda drew first blood through a well-worked play

finished by Zain Hassan Khan, but Army responded instantly, setting the tone for a relentless, end-to-end contest.

Army's hustle was evident

— they dominated rebounds and created steals — but Wapda's superior shooting accuracy proved the decisive factor.

The game's pivotal moment arrived in the first quarter. After Army briefly snatched the lead, Wapda took a strategic timeout. The adjustment was immediate and effective.

"Our main target was to keep our defence tight," Zain told Dawn after the game. Returning to the floor, Wapda shut down the paint, forcing Army into low-percentage outside shots while capitalis-

ing on rebounds to launch swift counter-attacks, ending the quarter 17-13 ahead.

Army's 7-foot-3-inch center, Taghlib Ammar, was contained as a scoring threat.

"There was no complex strategy to defend him," Khan admitted. "We were just trying not to let him inside the D."

Despite Army's precise passing and persistent drives, the deficit grew, thanks largely to Wapda's sensational backcourt.

Zain and fellow guard Junaid Amjad became unplayable, sinking clutch three-pointers to silence every Army rally. A stunning, full-court dribble and finish by Israr further demoralised the opposition.

The second half began with

a statement. Zain nailed a deep three and pointed confidently to the floor. Minutes later, he drained another Steph Curry-esque bomb to force a desperate Army timeout, the lead ballooning to 15 points. Junaid Amjad, who remarkably played the entire 40 minutes, was the engine of control.

"We stepped on the court today with a winning mentality," Junaid told Dawn, who battled through cramps in the final moments. "Our strong bench strength contributed to our win."

Though Army found a late spark through Shiraz's dazzling dribbles and a three-pointer from Ali, Wapda's clinical responses kept them at bay.

South Africa win big to level T20 series against India

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with figures of 4-24. The left-handed de Kock set the tone for the big win after he put on 83 runs for the second wicket with skipper Aiden Markram, who made 29.

Spinner Varun Chakravarthy bowled opener Reeze Hendricks for eight on his first ball and later dismissed Markram after being hit for two sixes by the captain.

De Kock, who turns 33 on Wednesday, looked in control from the start as he hit left-arm quick Arshdeep Singh for two sixes in the bowlers' first two overs.

The wicket-keeper-batter raised his 17th T20 half-century with a four off Hardik Pandya but missed out on his ton after being run out by his opposite number Jitesh Sharma.

Pakistan's senior tennis players excel at ITF Masters MT200

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Pakistan's senior tennis players, sponsored by The Bank of Punjab (BOP), produce remarkable performances at the ITF World Masters Tour MT200 Tournament held on the hard courts of Robinson Hotel Khao Lak, Thailand.

Competing against players from Germany, Switzerland, Great Britain, Iran, Singapore, Norway, Russia, India, Ukraine, Hong Kong, USA, New Zealand, and France, in the ITF World Masters Tour held from December 6 to 12, the Pakistani seniors shone in multiple categories, securing four titles across four events and finishing runners-up in two, marking one of their strongest international outings to date, said a press release.

With outstanding athleticism and mental resilience, another promising Pakistani senior player, Khurram Iftiaz, overcame tough international opponents to clinch the 55+ singles crown, adding another major international win to his name, his second ITF singles title.

Rashid Ahmed Malik once again proved his mastery of the game. Demonstrating powerful baseline strokes and tactical precision, he dominated his category to capture the 60+ singles title. He also continued his unbeaten winning streak at the ITF Masters.

He is now keen to continue this streak and also represent the country in the ITF World Master Championship Finals and win the title at this prestigious event.

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Waqar Nisar displayed exceptional consistency and endurance throughout the tournament. His deep run and strong competitive spirit earned him a well-deserved runner-up position in the 70+ singles category.

The pair of Khurram Iftiaz and Furqan Uddin Khan (Mongol) delivered a commanding performance in doubles. Their aggressive net play, seamless coordination, and strong court coverage secured the 55+ doubles title, reinforcing Pakistan's rising strength in senior doubles tennis.

Rashid Ahmed Malik and Waqar Nisar will remain in Khao Lak to compete in the second leg of the ITF Masters MT200, scheduled from December 13-19. Meanwhile, Khurram Iftiaz and Furqan Uddin Khan will return to Pakistan this weekend after a highly successful campaign.

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Stock market's role in economic development: A double-edged sword

The stock market stands as one of the most visible and influential institutions in the modern global economy, often celebrated as the engine of growth and progress. Its core function is to facilitate the efficient allocation of capital, connecting those with surplus savings (investors) to those in need of long-term funding (corporations). This crucial intermediary role is the source of its immense positive power in economic development, yet it is simultaneously the source of its profound risks, making it a quintessential "double-edged sword."

On the brighter side, the stock market is arguably the single most important mechanism for capital formation and mobilisation. By issuing shares, companies gain access to vast pools of collective savings—capital that is perpetual (does not need to be repaid like a loan) and non-debt, which is essential for funding long-term projects, innovation, expansion, and productivity gains. This influx of equity capital directly translates into increased business activity, job creation, and enhanced corporate profitability, all of which are fundamental drivers of a robust Gross

Domestic Product (GDP). Furthermore, the listing of a company's shares brings an added layer of scrutiny and transparency, often necessitating better corporate governance and financial disclosure, which can improve overall business efficiency and investor confidence across the economy.

A well-developed stock market also fosters liquidity, a critical element for economic dynamism. Liquidity, the ease with which an asset can be converted into cash without significant loss of value, encourages savers to commit their funds to long-term productive investments. Investors are more willing to purchase a company's shares knowing they can sell them quickly and cheaply if they need access to their savings or wish to adjust their portfolios.

This confidence in exit strategies allows companies to enjoy permanent access to the capital they raised, enabling them to undertake projects with a long-term gestation period, which are often the most transformational for an economy. The price discovery mechanism, where the market collectively determines a company's value, also acts as

a continuous, real-time barometer, signaling where capital can be most productively employed, thereby ensuring its efficient allocation. High stock prices for a sector or company, for example, signal to entrepreneurs that this is an area where investors see future value, thereby steering resources in that direction.

Another critical benefit lies in its ability to democratize wealth creation. While ownership remains concentrated, the stock market provides an avenue for the general public, through retirement accounts, mutual funds, and direct ownership, to participate in the profits of successful enterprises. This mechanism allows a broader segment of the population to build wealth, diversify their personal risk, and secure their financial futures. For emerging economies, the presence of a deep and liquid stock market is an important signal of maturity and stability, attracting essential Foreign Direct Investment (FDI). International investors are more likely to commit capital to countries where they can easily enter and exit the market, accelerating the transfer of technology and management expertise, which

are key components of modernization. However, the very nature of the stock market—its volatility, speculative tendencies, and deep connection to public confidence—introduces significant risks and instabilities that can undermine economic development. This is the sharp edge of the sword. The stock market is prone to herd behavior, where investors, often influenced by cognitive biases and fear or euphoria, buy or sell assets in a rush, leading to price bubbles and subsequent crashes.

When a bubble bursts, as witnessed during the dot-com crash of 2000 or the 2008 global financial crisis, the ripple effects are catastrophic. A sharp and sudden decline in stock prices wipes out perceived wealth, triggering a negative wealth effect where individuals and corporations feel poorer and reduce their spending and investment. This loss of confidence and capital can spiral into an economic recession, causing widespread job losses and a contraction of economic activity far beyond the financial sector itself. Moreover, the stock market's focus on short-term gains can lead to a phenomenon known as market myopia.

Climate change in Pakistan: The time for action is now

BY SAMEER SAGAR

Climate change in Pakistan is no longer a distant threat looming on the horizon; it is a clear, present, and devastating reality that has fundamentally reshaped the national development agenda. Despite contributing less than one percent to global greenhouse gas emissions, Pakistan is consistently ranked among the top ten countries globally most vulnerable to the climate crisis, an existential imbalance of liability and responsibility. The time for deliberation is past; the imperative for comprehensive, urgent action is now.

The evidence of this vulnerability is stark and tragically recurrent. In 2022, unprecedented mega-floods, triggered by extreme heatwaves and three to five times the normal amount of monsoon rainfall, submerged a third of the country, affecting over 33 million people and causing damages and economic losses estimated at nearly US\$30 billion, equivalent to 4.8% of the FY22 GDP. The following years have brought renewed flooding, intensified by climate-induced heavy monsoon rains, underscoring the acceleration of disaster frequency and intensity. Pakistan is projected to experience a temperature rise of 5.3, significantly higher than the global average of 3.7, turning heatwaves, flash floods, and glacial lake outburst floods (GLOFs) from occasional hazards into an annual norm.

This rising volatility poses a direct threat to the core pillars of Pakistan's economy and social stability. Agriculture, the backbone of the rural economy, is profoundly vulnerable to erratic rainfall, severe droughts, and increased pests, leading to food insecurity and massive economic setbacks, as witnessed by the significant losses in the crop and livestock sectors during the 2022 floods.

The Indus River System, the country's lifeline, faces a dual threat: accelerated glacial melt initially causes destructive flooding, followed by severe water scarcity as glaciers recede. Per capita

water availability has already plummeted from over 5,000 cubic meters in 1951 to around 1,000 today, pushing Pakistan from a "water-stressed" to a "water-scarce" nation, with projections indicating further decline. Furthermore, coastal cities like Karachi are increasingly at risk of sea level rise, coastal erosion, and frequent severe cyclones, threatening densely populated urban centers and vital economic hubs. The World Bank estimates that the combined risks of climate-related events could reduce the nation's GDP by at least 18% to 20% by 2050.

The required response is two-pronged: ambitious mitigation to reduce emissions, and robust adaptation to build resilience against unavoidable impacts. On the mitigation front, Pakistan has pledged an ambitious, yet conditional, target in its updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to reduce projected emissions by 50% by 2030, with 15% coming from its own resources and 35% contingent upon international climate finance. This strategy includes a strong push to shift to 60% renewable energy and 30% electric vehicles by 2030, alongside the implementation of Nature-based Solutions (NbS) like the extensive Ten Billion Tree Tsunami Programme. These mitigation efforts, while commendable, require significant structural reforms, particularly in the energy sector, to move away from broad subsidies to targeted support and enforce minimum energy performance standards.

The most pressing need, however, lies in adaptation and resilience. The devastating impacts of recent years have highlighted chronic institutional weaknesses. The government has initiated several forward-looking plans, including the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) 2023, which focuses on enhancing community resilience and integrating climate goals into development strategies across sectors.

Recent actions include a short-term, 240-day climate action plan ahead of the upcoming monsoon season, focusing on flood resilience through

upgrades to early-warning systems, emergency logistics, and the construction of "monsoon ponds" to manage excess rainfall. Crucially, the establishment of an AI-enabled early warning system at the National Emergency Center is a vital step toward protecting lives and minimizing economic disruptions, providing timely, month-by-month risk assessments.

However, implementation remains the biggest hurdle. Adaptation financing needs are estimated at a staggering US\$152 billion between 2023 and 2030, the majority of which is currently unfinanced. Pakistan's finance minister has rightly pointed out on global platforms that international climate financing mechanisms remain slow and bureaucratic, disproportionately affecting developing economies that bear the brunt of climate change.

A critical shift is required in global climate justice, moving beyond mere pledges to the actual, timely provision of grant financing for adaptation infrastructure. Domestically, there is a need for provincial capacity building, strengthened institutional coordination—such as through the proposed Pakistan Climate Change Authority—and the integration of climate risk disclosures for banks and listed companies to unlock private sector investment.

In conclusion, Pakistan stands at a critical inflection point. The science is clear, the disasters are relentless, and the economic toll is crippling. The immediate future demands a radical acceleration of adaptation measures—investing in resilient infrastructure, reforming water management practices like the e-Abiana irrigation system, and fully integrating climate-smart policies into all national and provincial planning. This is not merely an environmental policy; it is a fundamental choice about the nation's survival, prosperity, and the well-being of its

240 million citizens. The window for pre-emptive action is rapidly closing; the response must be collective, urgent, and commensurate with the scale of the threat.

Pakistan's digital future: The promise and perils of technology

PSMU SPECIAL

Pakistan's engagement with the digital revolution represents one of the most critical junctures in its economic and social history. The convergence of a youthful population, rapidly increasing mobile connectivity, and global demand for digital services offers a colossal opportunity, but it is one fraught with significant challenges. The nation stands at a crossroads where technology promises unprecedented progress, yet simultaneously exposes vulnerabilities that, if unaddressed, could widen existing inequalities and impede sustained development.

The promise of technology in Pakistan is underpinned by staggering statistics. The digital economy, estimated at US\$12–15 billion in 2023, is projected to surge to anywhere between US\$60–75 billion by 2030, a potential fivefold increase driven by a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 15–20% over the last two decades.

With over 140 million internet users and a mobile connectivity rate of 85%, the foundational infrastructure for mass adoption is in place.

The IT and software sector, a key net exporter, saw remittances rise to US\$3.1 billion in FY23, positioning Pakistan to potentially reach US\$15 billion in IT exports by 2030.

This growth is fueled by a massive, English-speaking young workforce increasingly involved in freelancing, with global rankings often placing Pakistan among the top for freelance development.

This limited access, coupled with high telecommunication taxes, keeps reliable internet costly and out of reach for a substantial portion of the population.

Beyond infrastructure, challenges

are structural and regulatory. A national digital transformation agenda often lacks a cohesive, whole-of-government approach, leading to siloed projects and resistance to cultural change within public sector organizations. Pakistan also suffers from the absence of a comprehensive legal and institutional framework to safeguard personal data. The current legal mechanism, primarily the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act (PECA) 2016, is insufficient as a full-fledged privacy statute. This legal vacuum leaves citizens and businesses exposed to growing cyber threats—including banking malware, ransomware, and identity theft—which are reported to be increasing year-on-year. Several data breaches, including instances where citizens' details were illicitly siphoned from national databases, underscore the urgency of enacting modern data protection laws that align with international standards.

To successfully harness the promise of technology, action is required on three fronts: infrastructure investment, skill development, and legal reform. First, aggressive investment in fiber-optic deployment and the reduction of taxes on telecommunication services are non-negotiable for bridging the access gap. Second, educational reform must be aligned with the digital economy's needs, prioritizing in-demand

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skills like data analytics, cybersecurity, and AI development to ensure the vast youth bulge is an asset, not a burden. Initiatives like the DigiSkills program are positive steps, but they must be scaled up significantly.

Finally, the government must prioritize the swift passage and implementation of a robust Personal Data Protection law to instill public trust and create a secure environment for digital transactions, attracting both local and international investment. Pakistan's digital future is not predetermined; it is a choice that demands immediate, strategic, and unified action to transform its potential into a prosperous reality.

The role of Pakistan to youth in shaping the future

BY ZAIRA HASAN

The future trajectory of Pakistan is intricately linked to the potential and participation of its youth. With one of the world's largest youth bulges, where nearly 64% of the population is under the age of 30, and 26% is specifically within the 15-to-29-year bracket, this demographic reality presents a profound choice: a powerful demographic dividend capable of fueling unprecedented growth, or a looming demographic disaster stemming from neglect. The role of this young generation in shaping the nation's destiny is not merely important; it is existential.

Historically, the youth of Pakistan, defined by organizations as individuals between 15 and 25 years old, have consistently been at the forefront of national movements, including the very struggle for the creation of Pakistan. Today, their contribution is expected to be even more pervasive, spanning social reform, economic revitalisation, and political accountability. As a vast and highly energised cohort, the youth are the principal agents for renewal, refreshing the country's landscape with modern skills, innovative thinking, and a zeal for change. They are the backbone of any developing country, possessing the power to transform

Pakistan from a struggling economy into a developed nation.

At the core of their contribution lies the economic role through the working-age population. A successful transition into the labour market allows Pakistan to reap the demographic dividend—a period where the working-age population significantly outweighs dependents, creating favourable economic conditions. The youth are poised to be the engine of this growth, provided they are equipped with market-relevant skills.

They are currently driving sectors like IT and telecommunications, bringing fresh perspectives to agriculture, and forming a massive entrepreneurial base. Government initiatives, such as the Prime Minister's Youth Skill Development Program (PMYSDP) and collaborations like the Digital Youth Hub (a partnership between the PMYP and UNICEF), focus on strengthening technical and vocational education and training (TVET). These programs offer training in high-tech skills, digital marketing, and conventional trades, aiming to align the youth's capacity with international standards and industry demands.

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hance the quality of governance. The theme

"Uniting with Youth Against Corruption: Shaping Tomorrow's Integrity" underscores their crucial role in fostering a corruption-free society, which is acknowledged as essential for economic stability and public trust.

However, their political participation remains minimal in a fragile democracy, and systemic involvement is desperately needed to build a strong, inclusive state. Youth activism, driven by modern communication tools and social media, has the potential to raise awareness on civic responsibilities, demand transparency, and hold institutions accountable, thereby fostering a culture of good governance.

The challenge, however, is monumental. The massive youth bulge is currently threatened by three critical issues: unemployment, an outdated education system, and mental health crises. Youth unemployment rates are significantly higher than the national average, leading to frustration, a high incidence of 'idle youth' (estimated at over 15 million), and a worrisome brain drain as talented young individuals seek opportunities abroad.

The country's education system is often criticised for being outdated, focusing on rote learning, and failing to provide the

technical and vocational skills required by a competitive global job market. This skills gap is compounded by the lack of adequate mental health support, which, alongside socioeconomic deprivation and academic stress, has led to rising rates of depression and drug addiction among teenagers.

The path forward requires a unified, long-term national strategy that views the youth not as a liability, but as a critical investment. This includes prioritizing massive-scale skill development that targets demand-driven trades and high-tech sectors, as initiatives by bodies like the Pakistan Skill Development Fund (PSDF) are attempting. Furthermore, educational reforms must urgently connect curriculum to industry needs, promoting critical thinking and digital literacy.

Most importantly, creating an inclusive political and social environment that facilitates the systematic involvement of young people in decision-making and ensures transparent access to justice and opportunities is paramount. When Pakistani youth are properly educated, skilled, employed, and empowered with genuine political voice, they will inevitably become the driving force that transforms the nation's potential into its reality, securing a peaceful, prosperous, and developed future.

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MMKS Closing Bell

The market remained volatile today. The index opened higher and climbed to an intraday high of 850 points. Profit-taking later pushed index to an intraday low of -903 points, and it eventually closed at 168,575, down 877.17 points or 0.52%. Selling pressure was noted in major sectors including Cement, Fertilizer and Banks, which together pulled the index down by 862.35 points. On the other hand, Textile, E&Ps and DFIs stayed positive and added a combined 214.04 points. Top negative contributors were FFC (-232.66 points, -1.38%), LUCK (-150.29 points, -2.02%) and HBL (-97.52 points, -1.55%). Leading gainers included ENGROH (+86.63 points, 1.23%), NML (+86.60 points, 10.00%) and OGDC (+57.57 points, 0.97%). Trading activity also improved, with total volumes rising 8 percent day-on-day to 1,289 million shares. HUMNL led the market with 187.98 million shares traded.

	KSE 100	KSE All	KSE 30	KMI 30
Index	168,575	102,171	51,175	242,104
High	170,301	103,166	51,714	244,899
Low	168,548	102,167	51,137	241,583
Point Change	(877.17)	(383.53)	(285.29)	(1,186.31)
% Change	-0.52%	-0.37%	-0.55%	-0.49%
Volume (mn)	656.55	1,288.97	148.55	144.37
Value (bn)	41.54	55.23	19.47	19.03
Mkt Cap (Rsbn)	4,949.42	19,217.62	3,579.61	2,673.08
Mkt Cap (US\$bn)	17.65	68.53	12.77	9.53



IMF directed reform delivery staying on course – JS Report

MUHAMMAD WAQAS GHANI, CFA

A detailed Staff report has been released by IMF, following IMF Executive Board's approval of the second review for the Extended Fund Facility (EFF). Completion of the second EFF review has made available SDR 760mn (about US\$1bn) bringing total disbursements to US\$3.3bn (SDR 2,434mn) macroeconomic projects, including US\$200mn (SDR 154mn) under the RSF. IMF's key priorities include cementing macroeconomic stability through consistent implementation of sound macro policies, including rebuilding international reserve buffers, and broadening the tax base implementation of reforms to boost market competition, light the need to accelerate

enhance productivity & competitiveness, reform state-owned enterprises (SOEs), improve the delivery of public services and ensure the financial viability of the energy sector. Pakistan's policy efforts under the EFF have already delivered significant progress in stabilizing the economy and rebuilding confidence, amidst a challenging global environment. However, baseline macroeconomic projections reflect a moderately lower outlook for the medium term.

IMF program remains vital for Pakistan as it serves as a signal of the government's commitment to sustained reforms and fiscal discipline, thereby reinforcing creditor confidence in the country's ability to meet its obligations.

The recent floods highlight the need to accelerate

IMF's RSF arrangement is helping strengthen disaster-response and financing coordination, enhance water resource management, and integrate climate considerations into project selection and budgeting.

The adoption measures through the FY26 Finance Bill of (i) a carbon levy, and (ii) the introduction of electric vehicle subsidy alongside a tax on internal combustion engine vehicles were met.

Eight Indicative targets (ITs) were met at June end.

Most continuous and other buffers, and broadening Structural benchmarks were also met.

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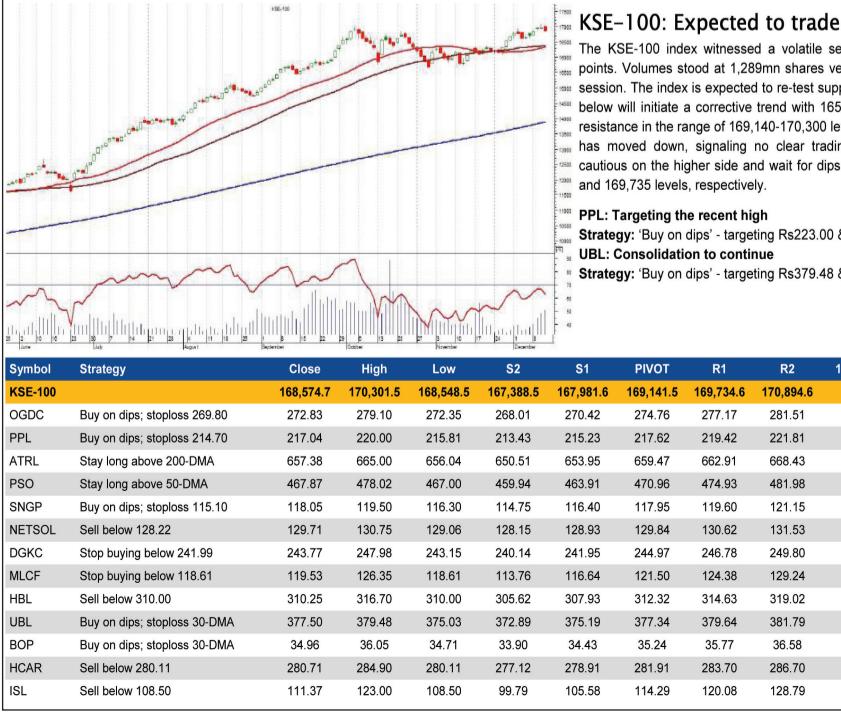
December 11, 2025

PSX Snapshot

Indices	KSE30	KSE100	KSE100: Gainers	Price	Price Δ	% Δ	Futures Mkt. Open Interest		
Index Level	51,175.35	168,574.69	NCPL	45.52	4.14	10.00%	Open Interest details as of Dec 10, 2025		
DoD points change	(285.30)	(877.17)	NML	176.72	16.07	10.00%	Volume mn sh		
DoD % change	-0.55%	-0.52%	KAPCO	35.09	3.19	10.00%	Value Rs mn		
YTD CY25	41.44%	46.43%	NPL	56.22	5.11	10.00%	NBP-DEC	29.36	6,422.72
YTD FY26	34.13%	34.19%	EPCL	37.92	2.87	8.19%	PRU-DEC	8.44	4,010.49
52 week High	52,261.21	169,456.39					PSO-DEC	3.72	2,724.22
52 week Low	31,478.14	103,526.82	KSE100: Losers				OGDC-DEC	13.69	2,893.94
			ISL	111.37	(7.89)	-6.62%	BOP-DEC	80.88	1,543.23
			PKGP	58.92	(4.10)	-6.51%	THCL-DEC	38.00	2,733.76
			PSX Market Capitalization	19,217.62	1,318.05	(81.22)	TRG-DEC	12.37	2,684.23
			PSX Market Cap (Rs bn)	68.54	190.94	(11.66)	PPL-DEC	6.31	2,611.74
			PSX Market Cap (US\$ bn)	15,991.16	104.14	(4.40)	PAEL-DEC	34.50	1,935.89
			YTD CY25	32.57%			HUBC-DECB	8.01	1,810.54
			52 week High (Rs bn)	19,660.88	14.65	187.98	THCL-DEC	15.39	1,380.00
			52 week Low (Rs bn)	13,603.68	181.92	2,794.98	MLCF-DEC	5.14	1,286.83
			12 Month Average (Rs bn)	13,058.66	121.99	1,259.53	DKGC-DEC	2.93	1,233.95
			PSX Ready Turnover	Total Volume (mn shares)	1,288.97	DSL	NRL-DEC	10.88	1,170.42
			Total Value (Rs. bn)	55.23			SEAR-DECB	19.91	1,157.94
			Total Value (Rs. mn)	196.99	808.67		THCL-DEC	3.54	1,127.97
			52 week ADTO (mn shares)	37.21	MLCF-DEC	1,281.52	TRG-DEC	1.60	1,066.92
			52 week ADTO (Rs bn)	2,609.52	2.69	745.89	PRL-DEC	0.61	1,048.16
			52 week ADTO (US\$ mn)	132.38	PIAHLA-DEC	15.32	SAZEW-DECB	0.81	1,006.04
			PSX Futures Details	Curr. mn sh	Rs mn	Curr. Spread	MLCF-DEC	8.19	966.65
			Regional Markets	Curr. mn sh	Rs mn	PIAHLA-DEC	PIAHLA-DEC	1.07	893.19
			China (SSEA)	3,873.32	-0.7%	15.6%	PIAHLA-DEC	4.68	814.89
			India (BSESN)	84,818.13	0.5%	8.5%	PIAHLA-DEC	13.59	808.94
			Indonesia (JKSE)	8,620.48	-0.9%	21.8%	PIAHLA-DEC	567.24	750.17
			Korea (KOSPI)	4,110.62	-0.6%	71.3%	PIAHLA-DEC	2.93	593.44
			Malaysia (KLSE)	1,625.39	0.5%	-1.0%	PIAHLA-DEC	501.11	582.65
			Philippines (PSI)	5,900.00	0.5%	-8.3%	PIAHLA-DEC	456.17	556.12
			Taiwan (TWII)	28,024.75	-1.3%	21.7%	PIAHLA-DEC	456.80	61,696.02
			TOTAL	224.64	10,889.00	15.95%	TOTAL	1,211.45	

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Pakistan Equity | Autos | Sector Research (Dec 11, 2025)

Pakistan Car sales in Nov 2025 up 52% YoY and down -11% MoM to 15,442 units							
Units	Nov-25	Nov-24	YoY	Oct-25	MoM	5MFY26	YoY
PSMC	6,615	5,374	23%	7,403	-11%	33,849	31%
INDU	3,833	2,194	75%	4,529	-15%	18,251	68%
HCAR	2,609	1,112	23%	2,607	0%	10,096	69%
Hyundai	1,109	584	90%	1,379	-20%	6,045	44%
SAZEW	275	175	28%	329	-16%	1,102	65%
Total	15,733	10,163	52%	17,333	-11%	75,042	48%
Motorbikes and Three wheelers							
Units	Nov-25	Nov-24	YoY	Oct-25	MoM	5MFY26	YoY
ATHL	140,382	100,588	40%	140,178	0%	647,887	33%
PSMC	3,150	1,912	65%	3,111	1%	14,286	47%
SAZEW	1,749	1,976	-11%	2,344	-25%	9,439	-4%
Others	2,047	1,608	28%	19,850	3%	91,739	27%
Total	165,733	120,484	38%	165,483	0%	763,351	32%
Pakistan Tractors							
Units	Nov-25	Nov-24	YoY	Oct-25	MoM	5MFY26	YoY
Milat	2,303	1,416	63%	2,005	15%	6,485	20%
AGTL	1,360	2,012	-32%	881	54%	3,045	38%
Total	3,663	3,288	7%	2,886	27%	9,530	-8%
Pakistan Trucks & Buses							
Units	Nov-25	Nov-24	YoY	Oct-25	MoM	5MFY26	YoY

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

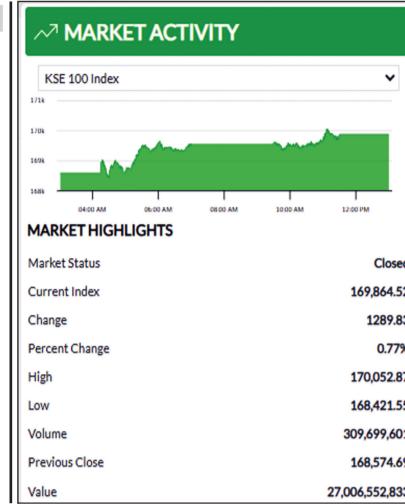
ALLSHR		
102,725.12 (553.85) (0.54%)		
HIGH	LOW	VOLUME
102,838.66	102,135.87	871,919,755

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

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

INDICES					
Index	High	Low	Current	Change	% Change
KSE100	170,052.87	168,421.55	169,864.52	1289.83	0.77%
KSE100PR	53,422.27	52,909.78	53,363.10	405.21	0.77%
ALLSHR	102,838.66	102,135.87	102,725.12	553.85	0.54%
KSE30	51,731.06	51,077.45	51,670.42	495.07	0.97%
KMI30	244,584.08	241,665.86	244,230.81	2126.85	0.88%
BKTI	45,649.92	45,058.50	45,511.24	335.27	0.74%
OGTI	33,959.76	33,430.69	33,787.04	288.90	0.86%
KMIALLSHR	67,214.12	66,629.14	67,141.82	438.06	0.66%
PSXDIV20	74,345.24	73,794.51	74,249.34	310.07	0.42%
UPP9	58,357.08	57,594.99	58,271.22	530.43	0.92%
NITPGI	43,792.57	43,206.93	43,735.35	460.87	1.06%
BNBPGI	48,104.09	47,517.19	48,028.85	435.56	0.92%
MZNPI	30,210.95	29,825.00	30,157.52	227.42	0.76%
JSMFI	45,986.04	45,380.59	45,908.57	428.89	0.94%
ACI	25,065.07	24,710.20	25,012.83	202.48	0.82%
JSGBKTI	67,138.55	66,050.16	66,784.15	485.63	0.73%
MII30	22,379.65	22,084.54	22,342.69	219.35	0.99%

KSE 100 INDEX Constituents									
SYMBOL	LDCP	CURRENT	CHANGE	CHANGE (%)	IDX WTG (%)	IDX POINT	VOLUME	FREEFLOAT (M)	MARKET CAP (M)
HUMNL	14.65	14.88	0.23	1.57%	0.17%	4.44	71,840,487	567	8,437
SSGC	42.45	41.39	-1.06	-2.50%	0.26%	-11.13	31,164,249	308	12,761
BOP	34.96	35.25	0.29	0.83%	0.98%	13.65	23,121,201	1,382	48,710
PIBTI	15.47	15.63	0.16	1.03%	0.22%	3.89	18,673,271	714	11,167
NML	176.72	186.26	9.54	5.40%	0.59%	51.41	16,634,917	158	29,470
FCCL	56.13	57.47	1.34	2.39%	0.99%	39.18	15,238,281	858	49,338
KAPCO	35.09	36.41	1.32	3.76%	0.33%	20.52	11,318,831	457	16,622
MLCF	119.53	123.34	3.81	3.19%	1.17%	61.17	10,495,201	471	58,143
PPL	217.04	220.27	3.23	1.49%	2.96%	73.63	10,127,468	669	147,424
KEL	5.67	5.62	-0.05	-0.88%	0.31%	-4.70	9,859,995	2,762	15,520
PTC	46.16	45.86	-0.30	-0.65%	0.55%	-6.06	7,775,549	593	27,207
FFL	19.93	19.75	-0.18	-0.90%	0.20%	-3.09	6,055,394	504	9,954
SNGP	118.05	120.09	2.04	1.73%	0.69%	19.83	4,871,096	285	34,273
SYN	161.00	164.85	3.85	2.39%	2.91%	115.61	4,718,546	882	145,343



Market Performers			
TOP ACTIVE STOCKS			
SYMBOL	PRICE	CHANGE	VOLUME
HUMNL	14.88	0.23 (1.57%)	71,840,487
DSLNC	8.14	0.22 (2.78%)	46,970,699
WTL	1.83	0.04 (2.24%)	40,811,097
TPLP	12.50	-0.41 (-3.18%)	39,007,399
SSGC	41.39	-1.06 (-2.50%)	31,164,249
PACE	22.04	2.00 (9.8%)	27,245,011
TPL	11.87	1.08 (10.01%)	24,787,314
FNEL	23.43	0.90 (4.00%)	24,730,544
BOP	35.25	0.29 (0.83%)	23,121,201
NCPL	44.94	-0.58 (-1.27%)	20,997,020

TOP ADVANCERS			
TOP DECLINERS			
SYMBOL	PRICE	CHANGE	VOLUME
CSIL	6.05	1.00 (19.80%)	13,766,817
PILNC	5.81	0.76 (15.05%)	882,213
QUICE	14.27	1.30 (10.02%)	5,202,992
FCIBL	20.09	1.83 (10.02%)	83,816
SGPL	36.58	3.33 (10.02%)	2,351,837
TPL	11.87	1.08 (10.01%)	24,787,314
CWSMNC	54.97	5.00 (10.01%)	2,236,821
SAIF	31.67	2.88 (10.00%)	126,327
SMLNC	120.64	10.97 (10.00%)	403,673
HPL	47,11.61	428.27 (10.00%)	36,788

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PIBTL-DEC	15.58	15.55	15.99	15.45	15.74	0.16	5,795,000	F.Treet Manuf	20.00	20.0	20.0	19.11	19.49	-0.51	8,190						
PPL-DEC	218.17	219.01	223.0	217.1	221.74	3.57	4,798,000	Habib Modaraba	34.75	34.0	34.95	34.0	34.51	-0.24	8,504						
PRL-DEC	37.47	37.47	37.55	36.75	37.01	-0.46	2,564,000	I.B.L.Modaraba	11.99	12.0	12.34	11.52	11.64	-0.35	5,538						
PIAHCLA-DEC	44.99	45.2	45.35	44.11	44.45	-0.54	6,456,500	Imrooz Modaraba	256.91	259.01	263.0	259.01	261.97	5.06	161						
PIOC-DEC	412.22	413.0	419.0	410.0	414.3	2.08	560,000	OLP Modaraba	22.31	21.52	22.45	21.01	22.0	-0.31	29,666						
POWER-DEC	19.12	19.06	19.34	19.06	19.2	0.08	24,500	Orient Rental	12.90	12.71	12.85	12.32	12.64	-0.26	245,017						
SAZEW-DEC	1,685.00	1685.0	1685.0	1675.1	1680.02	-4.8	11,500	Paramount Mod	13.85	13.53	13.53	13.53	13.53	-0.32	506						
SNBL-DEC	25.89	26.55	26.55	25.66	25.99	0.1	25,500	Popular Islamic	24.14	22.5	24.0	21.81	22.82	-1.32	3,453						
SNGP-DEC	118.80	118.43	121.45	118.4	120.75	1.95	899,000	Punjab Mod	9.63	9.6	9.7	9.4	9.45	-0.18	167,206						
SSGC-DEC	42.66	43.2	43.2	41.31	41.65	-1.01	13,537,000	Sindh Modaraba	33.13	34.0	34.0	29.82	30.27	-2.86	178,788						
SYM-DEC	14.22	14.25	14.55	13.67	14.26	0.04	876,500	Tri-Star 1st Mod.	12.21	12.58	13.43	12.58	13.43	1.22	39,747						
SYS-DEC	161.24	163.5	166.7	162.1	165.83	4.59	490,000	Trust Modaraba	39.50	39.7	41.29	38.11	40.21	0.71	1,390,276						
TGL-DEC	216.00	217.41	220.04	213.25	213.25	-2.75	10,000	Unicap Modaraba	6.55	6.55	7.19	6.32	6.59	0.04	508,461						
TELE-DEC	11.77	11.79	11.83	11.65	11.68	-0.09	392,000	Wasl Mobility Mod	6.77	6.94	6.95	6.75	6.78	0.01	816,791						
OIL & GAS EXPLORATION COMPANIES																					
SCRIP	LDCP	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CURRENT	CHANGE	VOLUME	SCRIP	LDCP	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CURRENT	CHANGE	VOLUME						
Mari Energies Ltd.	704.89	705.89	717.0	703.7	707.38	2.49	997,837	Oil & Gas Dev	272.83	273.35	275.99	271.25	275.11	2.28	4,322,752						
Pak Oilfields	617.01	618.0	620.97	615.0	619.52	2.51	151,585	Pak Petroleum	217.04	219.45	222.0	215.67	220.27	3.23	10,127,468						
OIL & GAS MARKETING COMPANIES																					
SCRIP	LDCP	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CURRENT	CHANGE	VOLUME	Attoc Petroleum	556.34	559.0	559.0	551.12	556.79	0.45	18,723						
Burshane LPG	32.25	32.49	32.49	31.0	31.39	-0.86	13,977	Hascol Petrol	14.07	14.03	14.24	13.98	14.01	-0.06	4,985,859						
HI-Tech Lub.	54.40	54.4	54.85	53.66	54.32	-0.08	67,130	Hilboi Energy	9.34	9.4	10.01	9.3	9.61	0.27	4,962,224						
P.S.O.	467.87	470.0	473.25	465.1	469.36	1.49	2,257,552	Sui North Gas	118.05	118.74	120.98	117.3	120.09	2.04	4,871,096						
Sui South Gas	42.45	42.75	42.8	41.02	41.39	-1.06	31,164,249	Wafi Energy Pak	211.95	212.03	214.32	209.8	212.91	0.96	19,035						
PAPER, BOARD & PACKAGING																					
SCRIP	LDCP	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CURRENT	CHANGE	VOLUME	Century Paper	31.68	31.68	32.0	30.8	31.16	-0.52	628,278						
Cherat Packaging	100.07	101.99	102.0	99.13	99.81	-0.26	111,592	Int. Packaging	28.13	28.55	29.5	28.25	28.5	0.37	3,441,014						
MACPAC Films	25.39	25.7	26.5	25.15	25.87	0.48	506,253	Merit Packaging	13.05	13.1	13.2	13.0	13.01	-0.04	72,039						
Paketechs Ltd.	728.00	729.99	740.0	719.0	731.35	3.35	8,768	Pak Paper Prod	138.65	137.27	142.0	137.27	138.67	0.02	3,514						
Roshan Packages	17.94	17.95	18.3	17.8	18.0	0.06	252,609	Security Paper	160.00	159.04	160.95	158.0	158.65	-1.35	43,619						
SPEL Limited	55.41	55.02	56.0	55.0	55.71	0.3	259,204	PHARMACEUTICALS													
SCRIP	LDCP	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CURRENT	CHANGE	VOLUME	Abbott Lab.	1,018.18	1020.0	1029.8	1019.0	1023.58	5.4	15,976						
AGP Limited	189.87	189.99	191.97	189.0	190.59	0.72	309,668	BF Biosciences	152.72	153.9	154.0	152.0	152.95	0.23	117,024						
Citi Pharma Ltd	87.20	87.3	88.92	87.0	88.06	0.86	672,527	Citipharm	25.39	25.7	26.5	25.15	25.87	0.48	506,253						
Ferozsons (Lab)	377.46	382.0	382.0	375.0	379.81	2.35	9,463	GlaxoSmithKline	390.47	392.95	394.24	389.5	390.5	0.03	104,159						
Haleon Pakistan	824.14	829.9	835.0	810.0	829.78	5.64	48,160	Hilco HealthCare	63.70	64.0	70.07	63.1	69.57	5.87	7,834,846						
Hilco HealthCare	63.70	64.0	70.07	63.1	69.57	5.87	7,834,846	Hilco HealthCare	63.70	64.0	70.07	63.1	69.57	5.87	7,834,846						
SCRIP	LDCP	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CURRENT	CHANGE	VOLUME	Hilco HealthCare	63.70	64.0	70.07	63.1	69.57	5.87	7,834,846						
Abbott Lab.	1,018.18	1020.0	1029.8	1019.0	1023.58	5.4	15,976	Abbott Lab.	1,018.18	1020.0	1029.8	1019.0	1023.58	5.4	15,976						
Cherat Packaging	100.07	101.99	102.0	99.13	99.81	-0.26	111,592	Cherat Packaging	100.07	101.99	102.0	99.13	99.81	-0.26	111,592						
Int. Packaging	28.13	28.55	29.5	28.25	28.5	0.37	3,441,014	GlaxoSmithKline	390.47	392.95	394.24	389.5	390.5	0.03	104,159						
MACPAC Films	25.39	25.7	26.5	25.15	25.87	0.48	506,253	Hilco HealthCare	63.70	64.0	70.07	63.1	69.57	5.87	7,834,846						
Merit Packaging	13.05	13.1	13.2	13.0	13.01	-0.04	72,039	Hilco HealthCare	63.70	64.0	70.07	63.1	69.57	5.87	7,834,846						
SCRIP	LDCP	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CURRENT	CHANGE	VOLUME	Hilco HealthCare	63.70	64.0	70.07	63.1	69.57	5.87	7,834,846						
Century Paper	31.68	31.68	32.0	30.8	31.16	-0.52															

