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HIGH 111,660.48	LOW 109,843.49	VOLUME 956,245,699

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Bullish momentum drives KSE-100 beyond 185,000 amid heavy buying

PSMU DESK

KARACHI: The Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) witnessed strong buying interest yesterday, with the benchmark KSE-100 Index crossing the historic 185,000 level, supported by positive global cues, improved liquidity, and sustained investor confidence.

Market sentiment remained upbeat amid encouraging developments on the international front. The United States and Taiwan clinched a trade agreement on Thursday, cutting tariffs on several Taiwanese exports particularly in the semiconductor sector while channeling fresh investments into the US technology industry. The deal, however, carries

geopolitical implications, potentially heightening tensions with China.

Global equity markets largely reflected cautious optimism. Overnight gains in technology and financial stocks pushed Wall Street higher, with Nasdaq futures up 0.22% during the Asian session, while S&P 500 futures added 0.15%. In Asia, Japan's Nikkei slipped 0.42%, weighed down by a rebound in the yen, which retreated from an 18-month low. European markets showed mild consolidation, with EUSTOXX 50 futures down 0.38% and FTSE futures easing 0.18%, following record highs achieved by European shares a day earlier.

Back home, the Pakistani

rupee registered a marginal gain against the US dollar in the interbank market. The local currency settled at 279.95, improving by Re0.01, offering slight support to market sentiment amid

broader macroeconomic stabilization efforts.

Trading activity at the PSX remained robust. Volume on the all-share index surged to 959.53 million shares, up from 820.04 million in the

previous session. The total value of shares traded also rose sharply to Rs69.46 billion, compared to Rs45.98 billion a day earlier, reflecting heightened investor participation.

Arif Habib Corporation emerged as the volume leader, with 72.95 million shares traded, followed by K-Electric Limited with 39.19 million shares and Pakistan International Bulk Terminal with 36.20 million shares.

Overall market breadth remained decisively positive. Shares of 482 companies were traded during the session, of which 334 closed higher, 117 ended lower, and 31 remained unchanged, underscoring broad-based buying interest across sectors.

The strong close reinforces the bullish momentum at the PSX, as investors continue to factor in improving macroeconomic indicators, stable currency movements, and supportive global market trends.

Putin hails Pakistan–Russia ties as 'genuinely mutually beneficial'

PSMU MONITORING DESK

MOSCOW: Russian President Vladimir Putin has described relations between Russia and Pakistan as "genuinely mutually beneficial," underscoring Moscow's close and expanding cooperation with Islamabad.

The remarks were made as Faisal Niaz Tirmizi, Pakistan's ambassador to the Russian Federation, formally presented his credentials to President Putin during a ceremony at the Grand Kremlin Palace in Moscow. Ambassador Tirmizi conveyed greetings and best wishes from President Asif Ali Zardari, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, and the people of Pakistan.

"We maintain close cooperation with Pakistan, a full member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) the largest regional organisation in terms of economic, technological, and human potential," the Russian Embassy in Pakistan quoted President Putin as saying.

Referring to Pakistan as a close partner, President Putin noted with appreciation that bilateral cooperation is expanding across a wide range of sectors, including trade, diplomacy, commerce, education, agriculture, pharma-



Pakistan's Ambassador to Russia, Faisal Niaz Tirmizi (left) shaking hands with Russia's President Vladimir Putin in Moscow on January 16, 2026.

ceuticals, railways, industry, healthcare, and information technology, according to a local daily. Pakistan has intensified engagement with Russia in recent years, particularly as Moscow sought alternative energy markets following Western sanctions over the Ukraine conflict, while Islamabad aimed to reduce import costs. Pakistan began purchasing Russian crude oil in 2023 under a government-led arrangement.

In December last year, Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb said Pakistan and Russia were in talks over a potential oil-sector agreement.

Weak DISCO performance adds Rs397bn to circular debt in FY25: NEPRA

PSMU DESK

KARACHI: Pakistan's power distribution companies (DISCOs) added Rs397 billion to the country's circular debt in FY25 due to poor operational and financial performance, according to NEPRA's State of the Industry Report 2025.

While NEPRA acknowledged progress in reducing high-cost, underutilised generation capacity and renegotiating tariffs with Independent Power Producers (IPPs), it warned that deep-rooted inefficiencies, weak governance, poor planning, and

lack of digitised data continue to plague the energy sector. The regulator said high AT&C losses and unlawful load-shedding unfairly penalise paying consumers, underutilise "take-or-pay" power plants, and worsen sector inefficiencies.

DISCO recoveries declined by Rs132.5 billion, with K-Electric (KE) alone missing Rs74.6 billion in recoveries. However, NEPRA noted KE absorbs its own losses due to private ownership, strengthening the case for privatising IESCO, GEPCO, and FESCO.

NEPRA identified KE, PESCO, HESCO, SEPCO, and QESCO as the worst performers. PESCO caused the highest fiscal burden at Rs87.5 billion. QESCO and SEPCO added Rs52.4 billion and Rs36.0 billion, respectively. LESCO incurred a Rs35.2 billion impact despite improvement.

On a positive note, MEPCO led recovery performance with 101.7%, followed by GEPCO and LESCO.

NEPRA warned the sector is entering a complex new phase marked by surplus capacity and rising structural costs, making urgent reforms unavoidable.

SSGC suspends gas supply to industries, CNG stations for 48 hours

BY COMMERCE REPORTER

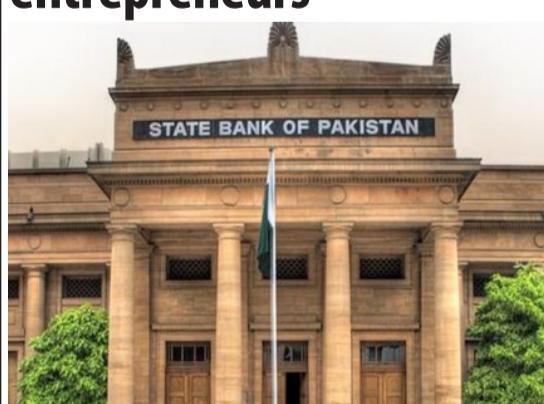
KARACHI: The Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) has announced a 48-hour suspension of gas supply to industrial consumers, captive power plants, and CNG stations, effective from 8:00am on January 17.

An SSGC spokesperson said the temporary shutdown is part of routine gas load management to ensure adequate pressure for domestic and commercial consumers.

In addition, gas supply to industries and CNG stations will continue to remain closed nightly from 10:00pm to 5:00am to maintain uninterrupted household supply.

Consumers have been advised to plan accordingly, while SSGC assured that normal gas supply will be restored after the short-term measures conclude.

SBP launches WE-Finance code to empower women entrepreneurs



PSMU DESK

KARACHI: The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) has officially kicked off the implementation of the Women Entrepreneurs (WE) Finance Code, marking a significant step toward expanding financial inclusion for women-led businesses across the country.

As part of this initiative, SBP, in collaboration with the Asian Development Bank (ADB), organized a two-day workshop in Islamabad. The event brought together signatory banks, regulators, and development partners to de-

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FPCCI urges industrial emergency to prevent economic collapse

BY SYED UZAIR MASOOD

KARACHI: The Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI) has called on the federal government to immediately declare an industrial emergency, warning that Pakistan's manufacturing sector is on the verge of a systemic collapse.

Atif Ikrar Sheikh, President FPCCI, stressed that incremental relief packages have failed to reach industries effectively, noting that electricity bills continue to be charged at PKR 34-35 per unit instead of the proposed PKR 22 per unit, leaving businesses under immense financial strain.

Mr. Sheikh, along with S. M. Tanveer, Patron-in-Chief of the United Business Group (UBG), highlighted a triple threat facing Pakistani industries: regionally uncompetitive energy tariffs, prohibitive interest rates, and restrictive taxation policies. They warned that this combination has rendered local industries incapable of competing in global markets, while allied sectors such as real estate



and 40 related industries are also suffering.

Addressing taxation, Mr. Sheikh demanded a reduction in industrial income tax from 39% to 20% and proposed a maximum 15% tax rate for salaried individuals. He also urged the government to lower the industrial gas tariff from PKR 3,900 to PKR 2,400 per MMBTU to enhance export competitiveness.

Mr. Sheikh further pointed out the disparity in electricity tariffs, noting Pakistani exporters currently pay 12.5 cents per unit, compared with 6-9 cents in India,

Bangladesh, and Vietnam Pakistan's key export competitors. He warned that this imbalance is fueling rapid de-industrialization, leading to factory closures and capital flight.

Highlighting the textile sector, Mr. Tanveer described it as "the backbone of Pakistan's exports" and said over 100 mills have already shut down due to financial pressures. He criticized the government's reliance on high interest rates to curb inflation, which has restricted private-sector credit and halted industrial expansion.

To revive the economy, Mr.

Tanveer demanded a reduction in the policy rate from 10.5% to 9% at the upcoming Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting on January 26, with a gradual further reduction to 6% over the next three MPC sessions. He emphasized that without these measures—along with special tariffs for export-oriented industries and tax rationalization—Pakistan risks failing to meet its export targets.

FPCCI's proposed recovery framework includes:

- Immediate shift to a take-and-pay model for Independent Power Producers (IPPs)
- Clearance of pending sales tax refunds under the Export Facilitation Scheme (EFS)
- Provision of a flat 9-cent power tariff for the export sector, with further reduction to 7 cents per unit for export-oriented industries within the next year

Mr. Tanveer warned that failure to act promptly could trigger mass unemployment, loss of foreign exchange, and an irreversible economic downturn.

KATI's newly elected leadership honored at prestigious reception in Karachi

BY STAFF REPORTER

KARACHI: A distinguished welcome reception was hosted in honor of the newly elected leadership of the Korangi Association of Trade & Industry (KATI), underscoring unity, collaboration, and renewed commitment towards strengthening Pakistan's industrial and business landscape.

The elegant evening was jointly hosted by Mr. Muhammad Umar Shah, Chairman of the Diplomatic Business Club, and Mr. Faheem Khan, Director of Orient Plastcare Pakistan, at the Defence Authority Creek Club, DHA Karachi.

The event celebrated the successful election of Mr. Muhammad Ikram Rajput as President, Mr. Zahid Hameed as Senior Vice President, and Mr. Syed Mohammad Talha Ali as Vice President of KATI.

Speaking on the occasion, the hosts lauded the newly elected office-bearers and expressed confidence in their leadership to drive industrial growth, enhance investor confidence, and promote sustainable business practices. The



reception highlighted KATI's pivotal role in advancing Pakistan's industrial ecosystem and fostering constructive dialogue between stakeholders.

The gathering was graced by prominent business figures and industry leaders. Mr. Mohammad Zubair Chhaya, Deputy Patron-in-Chief of KATI, attended the event as Chief Guest, while Mr. Khalid Tawab, Mr. Saleem Khan (Exide Pakistan Limited), Mr. Umer Rehan, the importance of Mr. Hani Gohar, Mr. Zulfiqar Halepoto, Mr. Junaid Naqvi strategic collaboration and Allahwala, and Dr. Aftab Imam were present as Guests of Honor.

The evening provided a valuable platform for meaningful networking and exchange of views reaffirming the commitment between stakeholders. The event concluded on an optimistic note, reflecting a strong KATI's leadership for The event concluded industrial challenges, to work closely with Chief Guest, while Mr. spirit of cooperation the promotion of trade, Khan (Exide Pakistan Participants emphasized economic progress.

Ilyas Memon praises Karachi Commissioner's drive against encroachments, raises concerns over persistent footpath mafia

BY STAFF REPORTER, KARACHI

KARACHI: Ilyas Memon, President of the Tariq Road Traders Alliance, has appreciated the decisive steps taken by Commissioner

Karachi, Syed Hasan Naqvi, to eliminate illegal encroachments and unauthorized stalls from the city. However, he expressed serious concern over the continued dominance of extortion-backed footpath vendors across Karachi's major commercial areas.

Mr. Memon stated that despite ongoing operations under the Commissioner's directives during which 430 shops

were sealed the so-called "pathara mafia" continues to operate openly on footpaths, undermining official orders and disrupting lawful businesses.

He disclosed that following the sealing of five shops at the Gulmiron Shopping Center on Tariq Road, he met Assistant Commissioner Bilal at his office. During the meeting, traders tendered an apology and assured full compliance with the law in the future. Mr. Memon also thanked Mukhtarran Agha Shah of the DC Office for accepting the traders'



Assistant Commissioner Bilal clarified that the shops could only be de-sealed upon formal approval from Commissioner Karachi Syed Hasan Naqvi. Subsequently, Mr. Memon approached Majid Memon, Chairman

of the Small Traders Committee of the Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KCCI), seeking leadership intervention.

Following discussions involving KCCI President Rehan Hanif and Chairman Majid Memon, the Commissioner approved the reopening of the affected shops, subject to a strict undertaking that no trader would place merchandise beyond their designated shop limits in the future.

Despite these developments, Mr. Memon emphasized that illegal occupation of footpaths remains widespread due to the influence of extortions and systemic weaknesses. He suggested that SHOs of every police station should be made directly responsible for preventing encroachments in their respective jurisdictions, stating that such accountability would make illegal occupations virtually impossible.

He concluded that while the Commissioner's initiative reflects strong intent, effective enforcement at the grassroots level is essential to permanently rid Karachi's markets of encroachments and restore order to public spaces.

Chairman Nusratullah inspected the ongoing development work and directed the concerned officials to ensure the project is completed at the earliest and in accordance with high-quality standards to provide permanent relief to residents.

Accompanying him during the inspection was UC Chairman Zubair Wali Muhammad, noted social worker Rauf Essa, Amanullah, and other local notables.

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Maripur Town Chairman Humayun Muhammad Khan earns public praise for inclusive service



BY STAFF REPORTER

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SPORTS

England off-spinner Bashir signs for Derbyshire after Ashes exile

BY PSMU WEB DESK

LONDON: England off-spinner Shoaib Bashir has joined Derbyshire on a two-year deal, the County Championship club announced on Thursday.

Bashir has moved to the Second Division side following the end of his contract with domestic rivals Somerset.

Despite being England's only frontline spinner in their Ashes squad, Bashir did not feature in a recent

4-1 series defeat despite team management repeatedly emphasising his suitability for Australian conditions in the build-up to the tour.

Bashir stayed on the sidelines in Australia, with England preferring all-rounder Will Jacks in a bid to bolster their batting.

It was an all-too familiar situation for Bashir, who

had struggled for game time at southwest side Somerset behind left-arm spinner Jack Leach.

The emergence of off-spinning all-rounder Archie Vaughan, the son of former

England captain Michael Vaughan, at Somerset further restricted Bashir's chances at Taunton and led to him having brief loan spells with Worcestershire and Glamorgan in a bid to get more overs under his belt.

But the 22-year-old is now looking to revive his career at Midlands county Derbyshire, where a team under the guidance of former South Africa, Australia and Pakistan coach Mickey Arthur narrowly missed out on promotion to the First Division last season.

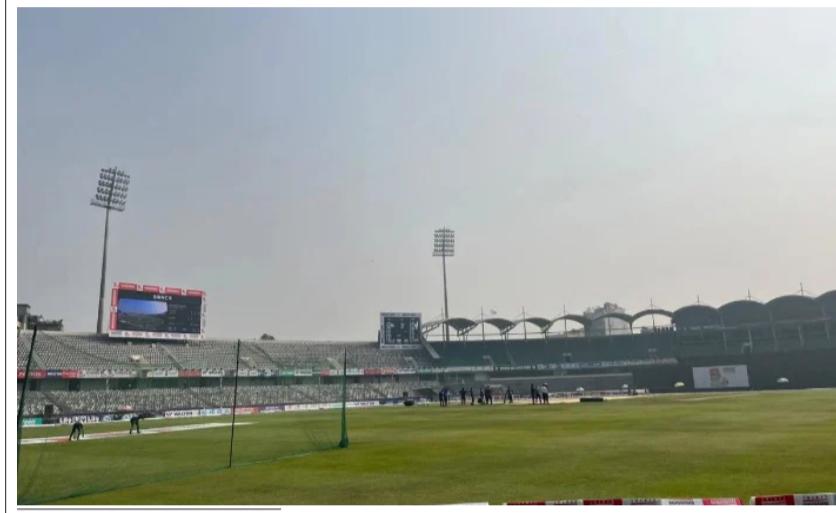
"Derbyshire have a really exciting project going on and working with Mickey



Arthur, one of the best coaches in the world, is a great opportunity for any young player," said Bashir. "I'm keen to play more red-ball cricket, continue my development in the white-ball formats and challenge for promotion with Derbyshire."

Bashir has taken 68 wickets in 19 Tests since his

Bangladesh players withdraw boycott after talks with BCB



BY PSMU WEB DESK

Quences, adding that they would not be entitled to compensation. He further criticised the players' performances, questioning the

Bangladesh's cricket bers have called off their boycott after the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) reached an agreement with the Cricketers' Welfare Association of Bangladesh (CWAB) following a late-night meeting on Thursday.

BCB officials confirmed that Najmul has issued a show-cause notice and given 48 hours to respond, with the deadline set for noon on Saturday.

The matter will then be referred to the board's disciplinary committee in line with the constitution.

Addressing the issue on Thursday night, Iftekhar Rahman described the comments as "unfortunate" and confirmed that the board had been unable to contact Najmul throughout the day.

"Some unfortunate incidents over the past two days prevented us from holding today's BPL matches. The director who made the comments has been removed from his committee," Iftekhar said.

"We are following the constitution. A show-cause notice has been issued, and the disciplinary process will continue accordingly."

While the BCB has removed Najmul as chairman of the finance committee, he remains a board director and that only the players would bear the conse-

PCB likely to adjust match timings for PakistanAustralia T20I series



BY PSMU WEB DESK

LAHORE: The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has decided to change the start times for the upcoming three-match T20 International series against Australia, sources told Geo News on Friday.

An official announcement regarding the revised timings is expected soon.

The decision comes in response to extreme weather conditions, with all T20 matches now scheduled to start at 4:00 PM local time.

The toss for each match will take place at 3:30 PM. Previously, the matches were set to begin at 6:00 PM, with

the toss at 5:30 PM. Pakistan and Australia will clash in three T20 Internationals at Gaddafi Stadium, Lahore, on 29 January, 31 January and 1 February.

The series will serve as vital preparation for both sides ahead of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026, scheduled in India and Sri Lanka from 7 February to 8 March.

In the World Cup, Pakistan has been drawn in Group A alongside India, the USA, the Netherlands and Namibia, while Australia will compete in Group B with Sri Lanka, Ireland,

Zimbabwe and Oman. This tour will mark Australia's third visit to Pakistan since March-April 2022, when they toured for a historic Test series, followed by an ODI series and a one-off T20.

Australia also played three matches of the ICC Champions Trophy 2025 in Pakistan.

Historically, Pakistan and Australia have met 28 times in T20 Internationals.

Australia have won 14 matches, Pakistan 12, with one match ending in a tie and another producing no result.

Pakistan's women's futsal team first-ever victory at the international level



BY PSMU WEB DESK

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's women's futsal team registered their first-ever victory at the international level on Tuesday, defeating Sri Lanka 3-2 at the SAFF Women's Futsal Championship in Thailand.

The landmark win marked a historic breakthrough for Pakistan in international women's futsal and provided a major boost to the team's growing confidence on the regional stage.

Forward Aizwa Chaudhry was the standout performer of the match, scoring an impressive hat-trick and leading Pakistan's attack with composure and determination.

The contest remained closely fought throughout, with both sides creating chances and applying pressure, but Pakistan showed resilience in the decisive moments.

Despite a late push from Sri Lanka, the Pakistani side held their nerve in the final stages to secure the hard-earned

Forward Aizwa Chaudhry victory.

Pakistan win toss, elect to bowl first against England in U19 World Cup 2026



BY PSMU WEB DESK

HARARE: Pakistan won the toss and elected to bowl first against England in the fourth match of the ICC Men's U19 World Cup at the Takashina Sports Club, Highfield, on Friday.

Playing XIs:

Pakistan: Usman Khan, Sameer Minhas, Farhan Yousuf (c), Ahmed Hussain, Hamza Zahoor (wk), Huzaifa Ahsan, Mohammad Shayan, Ali Raza, Momin Qamar, Abdul Subhan and Umar Zaib.

England: Ben Dawkins, Joe Moores, Ben Mayes, Thomas Rew (c/wk), Caleb Falconer, Ralphie Albert, Farhan Ahmed, Sebastian Morgan, James Minto, Manny Lumsden, and Alex Green.

Head-to-head: Historically, Pakistan and England have faced each other 32 times in Youth ODIs, with the Boys in Green holding a clear advantage.

Pakistan have won 21 matches, while England have secured nine victories, with two games ending in no result.

Matches played: 32
Pakistan U19 wins: 21
England U19 wins: 9
No result: 2

The two sides last met in an ODI during the 2016 U19 World Cup. England, led by Brad Taylor, batted first and posted 264 for 7 in 50 overs.

Pakistan, under the captaincy of Gauhar Hafeez, chased down the target comfortably, losing just three wickets in 43.1 overs.

Form Guide:

Pakistan U19 enter the tournament in dominant form, having ruled the youth cricketing circuit in 2025 by winning back-to-back ACC Men's Asia Cup Rising Stars and U19 Asia Cup titles, in addition to lifting the tri-series trophy featuring Afghanistan and Zimbabwe.

England U19, meanwhile, will be looking to bounce back after a disappointing away tour of New Zealand, where they suffered a 5-2 defeat in the seven-match Youth ODI series.

Pakistan U19: W, NR, W, NR, W (most recent first)

England U19: L, L, W, L, W.

Andy Robertson opens up on his future with Liverpool



Andy Robertson has admitted he would like to remain at Liverpool but stressed that regular playing time will be a key factor in deciding his future, with the Scotland international approaching the final months of his contract.

The 31-year-old left-back, who joined Liverpool from Hull City for just £8 million in 2017, is set to become a free agent this summer.

Having been a central figure in Liverpool's most successful modern era, Robertson now finds himself on the fringes of the starting XI in the Premier League.

When asked about the possibility of staying at Anfield, Robertson acknowledged the uncertainty surrounding his situation. "Yes, but it's a difficult question," he said.

"I've got five months left

and we need to see what the option is to stay or if there's options to go and things like that. I need to sit down with my family and decide."

The defender added that after what he described as a stressful summer, he is trying to enjoy his time at the club. "I'm just trying to enjoy being a part of it and being a Liverpool player,"

Robertson said. "I wanted to qualify for the World Cup and thankfully we've managed to do that. Now I need to see what myself and my family want going forward."

Emphasising his commitment, Robertson added: "I've played through injuries. I've played when I'm not 100% fit. I've played when I've only been 50, 40, or even 30% fit for this club and my country. I always want to be on the grass and playing, and obviously now that's not happening."

His reduced role follows

the arrival of Hungary international Milos Kerkez, 22, who joined Liverpool from Bournemouth for £40 million last summer and has since become the club's first-choice left-back.

Asked whether remaining a second-choice option until the end of the season would influence his decision, Robertson was clear about his mindset. "I'm a player who wants to play," he said. "I can focus on the last eight and a half years. I think Jurgen Klopp left me out for one game and I was raging."

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Family-owned businesses: Strength or Weakness of Pakistan's corporate sector?

Family-owned businesses form the backbone of Pakistan's corporate and commercial landscape. From large conglomerates and listed companies to small manufacturing units and trading firms, family control dominates the economy. This structure has shaped Pakistan's business culture for decades, driving entrepreneurship and wealth creation in an otherwise challenging environment. Yet it has also raised persistent concerns about governance, transparency, and long-term competitiveness. The debate, therefore, is not whether family-owned businesses matter but whether they are ultimately a strength or a structural weakness of Pakistan's corporate sector.

On the positive side, family ownership has enabled business continuity in an economy marked by political instability, weak institutions, and policy uncertainty. Families often take a long-term view, prioritizing survival and legacy over short-term profits. This patient capital has allowed many businesses to weather economic shocks, currency crises, and regulatory changes that might have deterred more risk-averse investors. In a country where access to formal financing is limited, family networks have also provided internal capital and trust-based decision-making, enabling rapid responses to market oppor-

tunities. Entrepreneurial drive is another major strength of family-owned enterprises. Many of Pakistan's leading business groups began as small family ventures that expanded through hard work, risk-taking, and reinvestment of profits. This model has generated employment, built local supply chains, and contributed significantly to exports and tax revenues. In sectors such as textiles, food, cement, and pharmaceuticals, family businesses have played a decisive role in sustaining industrial capacity when public-sector enterprises faltered.

However, the same characteristics that offer stability can also limit growth. Concentration of ownership often leads to concentration of control, with key decisions confined to a small group of family members. This can discourage professional management, stifle innovation, and slow adaptation to changing global business practices. In many cases, leadership positions are filled based on lineage rather than merit, reducing efficiency and weakening competitiveness, particularly as businesses scale up and face international competition.

Corporate governance remains one of the most serious concerns. Minority shareholders in family-controlled listed companies often have limited influence, while related-party

transactions, opaque disclosures, and weak board independence undermine investor confidence. These issues have contributed to Pakistan's chronic undervaluation in capital markets and deterred both foreign and domestic institutional investors. When trust in governance is low, even fundamentally strong companies struggle to attract long-term capital.

Succession planning presents another challenge. While founders may possess vision and entrepreneurial skill, the transition to the next generation is often fraught with conflict and uncertainty. Disputes among heirs have repeatedly led to business fragmentation, operational paralysis, and value destruction. In the absence of clear succession frameworks and professional oversight, family disputes can spill into corporate decision-making, harming employees, creditors, and shareholders alike.

Yet it would be unfair to portray family ownership as inherently incompatible with modern corporate practices. Across the world, many successful global companies remain family-controlled while adhering to high standards of governance and professionalism. The difference lies in willingness to evolve. Pakistani family businesses that have embraced independent boards, transparent reporting, and professional management

have demonstrated greater resilience and access to capital. These examples show that family control and good governance are not mutually exclusive. The regulatory environment also plays a role in shaping outcomes. Weak enforcement of corporate laws allows poor practices to persist, while inconsistent accountability reduces incentives for reform. Strengthening minority shareholder protection, enforcing disclosure requirements, and empowering regulators can encourage family-owned firms to adopt better standards without undermining their entrepreneurial character. Capital markets, too, can act as a disciplining force provided investors demand accountability rather than short-term gains.

Family-owned businesses are both a strength and a weakness of Pakistan's corporate sector. They have driven growth, preserved capital, and sustained industries in difficult times. At the same time, governance failures, resistance to professionalization, and succession risks have limited their potential. The future of Pakistan's corporate sector depends not on replacing family ownership, but on transforming it—retaining its long-term vision while embracing transparency, meritocracy, and institutional discipline. Only then can family businesses fully support a modern, competitive economy.

Can Pakistan attract long-term investment without political stability?

BY SAMEER SAGAR

Long-term investment thrives on predictability. Investors committing capital for years sometimes decades seek assurance that policies will remain consistent, contracts will be honored, and institutions will function independently of political turbulence. In Pakistan, where political instability has become a recurring feature rather than an exception, attracting long-term investment remains a persistent challenge. The critical question is not whether Pakistan offers opportunities it does but whether those opportunities can outweigh the risks created by political uncertainty.

Pakistan has cycled through frequent changes in government, policy reversals, and periods of institutional confrontation. Each transition brings new economic priorities, revised tax policies, and altered regulatory frameworks. For long-term investors, such unpredictability is deeply unsettling. Infrastructure projects, manufacturing plants, and energy investments require years to break even. When investors fear abrupt changes in tariffs, taxation, or ownership rules, they either demand higher returns or avoid the market altogether.

Foreign direct investment (FDI) trends reflect this reality. Despite its strategic location, large domestic market, and abundant labor force, Pakistan consistently attracts less long-term FDI than regional peers. Short-term portfolio flows may enter during periods of market optimism, but these funds are quick to exit at the first sign of political stress. Long-term investors, on the other hand, are far less forgiving. They value stability over short-term incentives, and no amount of tax breaks can fully compensate for political risk.

Domestic investors are equally affected. When local businesses lack confidence in the political and policy environment, they prefer to hold wealth in real estate, foreign currency, or overseas assets rather than reinvesting in produc-

tive capacity. This capital flight—both physical and psychological—reduces industrial expansion, weakens job creation, and limits technological progress. In effect, political instability imposes a hidden tax on the economy by discouraging reinvestment at home.

However, political stability does not necessarily mean the absence of political competition or dissent. Many successful investment destinations experience vibrant politics and regular changes in leadership. What differentiates them is institutional continuity. Investors care less about who is in power and more about whether rules are en-

forced consistently. In Pakistan, institutions are often perceived as politicized, with regulatory decisions, accountability processes, and economic policies influenced by shifting power dynamics. This perception undermines trust and raises the cost of doing business.

The energy sector offers a clear example. Long-term investments in power generation and infrastructure have been repeatedly affected by changes in policy, delayed payments, and renegotiated contracts. Such experiences send a strong negative signal to future investors, even when new opportunities are announced. Trust, once damaged, is difficult to restore, particularly in capital-intensive sectors. Yet it would be overly simplistic to conclude that Pakistan cannot attract long-term investment without achieving ideal political stability. Countries with complex political landscapes have succeeded by insulating economic policy from political shocks. Independent

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central banks, autonomous regulators, and enforceable legal frameworks can provide investors with confidence even when politics remain noisy. Pakistan has made some progress in this direction, but implementation remains uneven.

The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) illustrates both the potential and the limitations of this approach.

While CPEC has attracted significant long-term investment, it has also highlighted the importance of policy continuity, security guarantees, and institutional coordination. Where these elements have been present, projects have advanced; where they have been lacking, delays and dis-

putes have emerged.

For Pakistan to attract sustainable long-term investment, the focus must shift from personalities to systems.

Clear investment policies, transparent taxation, respect for contracts, and swift dispute resolution matter more than short-term political calm. Investors understand risk, but they need confidence that risks are manageable and rules will not change arbitrarily.

In conclusion, Pakistan can attract long-term investment even amid political competition, but not amid chronic uncertainty and institutional inconsistency. Political stability, in its most meaningful form, is not about silencing disagreement—it is about ensuring continuity, credibility, and the rule of law. Until these foundations are firmly in place, long-term investors will continue to watch Pakistan's potential from a cautious distance rather than commit fully to its future.

Banks vs Businesses: Is Pakistan's financial sector lending enough to the real economy?

BY ZAIRA HASAN

A healthy economy depends on a functional relationship between banks and businesses. Banks mobilize savings and channel them toward productive investment, while businesses use credit to expand operations, create jobs, and drive growth. In Pakistan, however, this relationship appears increasingly imbalanced. Despite a large and profitable banking sector, lending to the real economy remains limited, raising a fundamental question: are Pakistan's banks truly supporting business growth, or are they merely financing the government?

Over the past decade, Pakistan's banking sector has become heavily reliant on government borrowing.

High fiscal deficits and frequent reliance on domestic debt have turned banks into major buyers of government securities.

These instruments offer attractive, risk-free returns, especially in high interest rate environments.

For banks, lending to the government is far safer and more predictable than extending credit to businesses that face political instability, policy uncertainty, and weak contract enforcement.

As a result, private sector credit has been crowded out, leaving businesses particularly small and medium enterprises (SMEs) starved of financing.

This imbalance is evident in the high ratio of private sector credit to GDP in Pakistan compared to regional peers.

While countries like India, Bangladesh, and Vietnam have steadily expanded credit to businesses, Pakistan lags behind.

The consequences are visible across industries: limited capacity expansion, outdated technology, weak export competitiveness, and an inability to scale promising enterprises.

When businesses cannot access affordable credit, economic growth becomes

consumption-driven rather than investment-led, making it fragile and unsustainable.

High interest rates further exacerbate the problem. While tight monetary policy is often justified as a tool to control inflation and stabilize the currency, prolonged periods of elevated rates have made borrowing prohibitively expensive for businesses.

Many firms simply cannot justify expansion when financing costs exceed expected returns.

Banks, meanwhile, continue to report strong profits, largely derived from government securities rather than private sector lending.

This raises uncomfortable questions about the social role of banks in an economy struggling with unemployment and stagnation.

Risk aversion within the banking sector is another major constraint.

Weak credit information systems,

slow judicial processes, and poor

recovery mechanisms make business lending costly and uncertain.

Rather than investing in better risk

assessment and sectoral expertise,

banks often choose the easier path

of sovereign lending. SMEs suffer the most, as they lack collateral, formal

financial records, and political connections.

Ironically, this is the segment that generates the majority of employment and holds the greatest potential for inclusive growth.

The structure of Pakistan's financial system also plays a role.

Banks dominate the landscape, while capital markets and alternative financing channels remain underdeveloped.

In economies with diversified financial systems, businesses can tap equity markets, corporate bonds, and private equity to reduce dependence on banks.

In Pakistan, these options are limited, forcing businesses to rely heavily on bank credit that is neither

affordable nor easily accessible.

This structural weakness leaves the real

economy vulnerable to credit cycles and policy shifts.

Defenders of the banking sector argue that banks cannot be forced to lend in a high-risk environment.

This argument has merit, but it also reflects a policy failure.

A financial system designed solely around risk avoidance cannot serve a developing economy.

The role of the state is not to compel reckless lending, but to create conditions where productive lending becomes viable.

Credit guarantee schemes, improved insolvency laws, faster dispute resolution, and better documentation standards can significantly reduce lending risks without undermining financial stability.

There is also a strong case for rethinking incentives.

As long as government borrowing offers high, risk-free returns, banks will have little motivation to shift toward business lending.

Fiscal discipline, reduced reliance on domestic debt, and gradual normalization of interest rates are essential to rebalance priorities.

At the same time, regulators can encourage banks to allocate a portion of their portfolios to productive sectors,

particularly exports, agriculture, and SMEs, through well-designed prudential guidelines rather than blunt mandates.

In conclusion, Pakistan's financial sector is lending enough to the government but not enough to the real economy.

This disconnect is undermining business growth, job creation, and long-term competitiveness.

Bridging the gap between banks and businesses requires more than criticism of bankers; it demands coordinated reforms in fiscal policy, regulation, and legal infrastructure.

Until banks find it both profitable and practical to finance enterprise rather than deficits, Pakistan's economy will continue to underperform its potential.

The role of institutional investors in stabilizing Pakistan's stock market

PSMU SPECIAL

Pakistan's stock market has long been characterized by sharp swings, sudden rallies, and abrupt corrections. While political uncertainty, macroeconomic instability, and external shocks play their part, one structural weakness continues to amplify volatility: the limited and inconsistent role of institutional investors. In a market where retail investors dominate daily trading activity, institutional participation is not just desirable; it is essential for long-term stability and credibility.

Institutional investors such as mutual funds, pension funds, insurance companies, and development finance institutions are traditionally viewed as the backbone of mature capital markets. Their investment decisions are guided by research, risk management frameworks, and long-term horizons rather than rumors or short-term price movements. In Pakistan, however, institutional investors remain underutilized as stabilizing agents, despite having the potential to anchor the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) during periods of uncertainty.

One of the core problems of the PSX is excessive dependence on retail investors, many of whom lack adequate financial literacy and risk awareness. This often leads to herd behavior, where prices rise or fall sharply based on sen-

timent rather than fundamentals. Institutional investors, by contrast, can counterbalance such behavior. By deploying capital during market downturns and rebalancing portfolios systematically, they can reduce panic selling and smooth out volatility. Their presence signals confidence, reassuring smaller investors that the market is not driven solely by speculation.

Pension and provident funds, in particular, could play a transformative role. Pakistan has a growing working population whose retirement savings are largely parked in low-yield government securities and bank deposits. While capital preservation is important, an overreliance on fixed-income instruments limits returns and deprives the stock market of stable, long-term capital. A carefully regulated increase in equity exposure, especially in fundamentally strong, dividend-paying companies, would benefit both retirees and the broader market. Countries across Asia have successfully used pension funds as anchors of market stability; Pakistan can do the same with prudent safeguards.

Mutual funds are another critical piece of the puzzle. Over the past decade, Pakistan's mutual fund industry has grown, but equity funds still represent a modest share compared to money market and income funds. High interest rates

and ad-hoc interventions discourage long-term participation. Authorities must create a predictable policy environment where institutions feel confident allocating capital to equities without fear of abrupt rule changes. Strengthening the independence and capacity of regulators is equally important to ensure play and protect all market participants.

Critics argue that institutional investors may also contribute to market concentration or follow similar strategies, potentially creating systemic risks. This concern is valid, but it underscores the need for diversification within the institutional ecosystem rather than exclusion. A balanced mix of domestic and foreign institutions, public and private funds, and active and passive strategies can mitigate concentration risks while enhancing stability.

Institutional investors are not a cure-all for Pakistan's stock market challenges, but they are an indispensable part of the solution. By providing long-term capital, countering speculative excesses, improving corporate governance, and boosting investor confidence, they can help transform the PSX from a sentiment-driven market into a resilient platform for sustainable growth. The question is no longer whether Pakistan needs stronger institutional participation, but whether policymakers are willing to create the conditions that allow it to flourish.



managers toward safer assets, leaving equities vulnerable to sudden withdrawals. Encouraging long-term equity funds through tax incentives and consistent regulation could help deepen the market and reduce reliance on short-term trading flows.

Insurance companies also remain conservative in their investment approach, often citing regulatory constraints and risk concerns. While caution is understandable, a complete aversion to equities is counterproductive. With improved corporate governance, better disclosure standards, and stricter enforcement, equities can become a viable long-term asset class for insurers as well. Their predictable cash flows and long-term liabilities

align naturally with long-term equity investing. Beyond capital deployment, institutional investors contribute to stability through improved governance. As large shareholders, they have both the incentive and the influence to demand transparency, accountability, and better management practices from listed companies.

In Pakistan, weak corporate governance has repeatedly eroded investor trust. Active institutional engagement through voting rights, board representation, and shareholder advocacy can help raise standards and restore confidence in the market. However, for institutional investors to play this stabilizing role effectively, policy consistency is crucial. Sudden tax changes, unclear regulations, and ad-hoc interventions discourage long-term participation. Authorities must create a predictable policy environment where institutions feel confident allocating capital to equities without fear of abrupt rule changes. Strengthening the independence and capacity of regulators is equally important to ensure play and protect all market participants.

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Commodities and Indices Market View

Thursday, January 16, 2026



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US Stock Market

DJIA	S&P 500	NASDAQ
49,442.44	6,944.47	23,530.02
+0.60%	+0.26%	+0.25%

U.S. stocks rose on Thursday after two days of declines as Morgan Stanley and Goldman Sachs shares shot up following upbeat quarterly results, while Taiwan-based chipmaker TSMC's blockbuster results boosted shares of U.S. chipmakers.

Earlier this week, other banks reported mixed results that weighed on the sector.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJI), rose 92.81 points, or 0.60%, to 49,442.44, the S&P 500 (SPX), gained 17.87 points, or 0.26%, to 6,944.47 and the Nasdaq Composite (IXIC), gained 58.27 points, or 0.25%, to 23,530.02.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a 1.92-to-1 ratio on the NYSE. There were 759 new highs and 55 new lows on the NYSE.

On the Nasdaq, 2,683 stocks rose and 2,137 fell as advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a 1.26-to-1 ratio.

Volume on U.S. exchanges was 19.12 billion shares, compared with 16.81 billion average for the full session over the last 20 trading days.

Dow Jones Industrial Average

At the close in NYSE, the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 0.60%. The best performers of the session on the Dow Jones Industrial Average were Goldman Sachs Group Inc (NYSE:GS), which rose 4.63% or 43.19 points to trade at 975.86 at the close. Meanwhile, NVIDIA Corporation (NASDAQ:NVDA) added 2.18% or 4.00 points to end at 187.14 and Boeing Co (NYSE:BA) was up 2.11% or 5.13 points to 247.74 in late trade. The worst performers of the session were International Business Machines (NYSE:IBM), which fell 3.55% or 10.97 points to trade at 298.06 at the close. Salesforce Inc (NYSE:CRM) declined 2.52% or 6.04 points to end at 233.53 and Nike Inc (NYSE:NKE) was down 1.49% or 0.98 points to 64.59.

NASDAQ 100

At the close in NYSE, the NASDAQ Composite index climbed 0.25%. The top performers on the NASDAQ Composite were Springview Holdings Ltd (NASDAQ:SPHL) which rose 649.57% to 17.39, Callan JMB Inc (NASDAQ:JMB) which was up 273.56% to settle at 4.18 and Molee Science SA (NASDAQ:MLEC) which gained 118.13% to close at 7.70. The worst performers were TryHard Holdings Ltd (NASDAQ:THH) which was down 76.16% to 7.63 in late trade, Bit Origin Ltd (NASDAQ:BTOG) which lost 41.24% to settle at 0.12 and MetaVia Inc (NASDAQ:MTVA) which was down 39.23% to 3.30 at the close.

OIL

Oil prices were flat on Friday with both Brent and U.S. West Texas Intermediate moving only a few cents from their closing prices after the likelihood of a U.S. strike on Iran receded. Brent was down 3 cents, or 0.05%, to \$63.73 per barrel, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate was up 4 cents, or 0.07%, to \$59.22 per barrel as of 0223 GMT. Both Brent and WTI rose to multi-month highs this week.

Precious and Base Metals

Gold extended its losses on Friday after stronger-than-expected U.S. economic data dampened expectations of the U.S. Federal Reserve cutting interest rates sooner and softening geopolitical frictions shrunk safe-haven demand for the metal.

Spot gold eased 0.4% to \$4,598.52 per ounce by 0426 GMT. However, the metal is poised for a weekly gain of about 2% after scaling a record peak of \$4,642.72 on Wednesday. U.S. gold futures for February delivery fell 0.5% to \$4,601.80. Spot silver shed 1.8% to \$90.70 per ounce, although it was headed for a weekly gain of over 13% after hitting an all-time high of \$93.57 in the previous session.

Spot platinum dropped 2.8% to \$2,342.14 per ounce, while palladium lost 2.3% to \$1,759.07 per ounce, after hitting a one-week low earlier.

Traditional Agricultures

Soybeans posted 8 to 10 cent gains across most contracts on Thursday. The CmdtyView national average Cash Bean price was 10 3/4 cents higher at \$9.82.

Corn futures closed the Thursday session with contracts down 1 to 2 cents in the front months. The CmdtyView national average Cash Corn price was down 1 1/2 cents at \$3.82 1/2.

The wheat complex was under pressure across the three exchanges at the close. Chicago SRW futures saw weakness on Thursday, with contracts down 2 to 3 cents. KC HRW futures were 5 to 5 cents in the red on Thursday. MPLS spring wheat was down 4 to 5 cents across the front months at the close.

Technicals



S&P 500	RSI (20:80)	Sto Fast
57.29	82.32%	74.45%



Dow Jones	RSI (20:80)	Sto Fast
61.59	83.31%	79.10%

Pakistan Market: Technical Outlook

January 16, 2026



KSE-100; Testing the support range

The KSE-100 index extended the decline to close at 181,456, down 1,113 points DoD. Volumes stood at 820mn shares versus 1,034mn shares traded previously. The index is likely to test support between 180,590 and 180,790 levels as a drop below that will target 179,043 level. However, any upside will face resistance in the range of 181,985-183,720 levels. The RSI and the MACD have continued to move down, supporting a negative view. Investors are recommended to stay cautious on the higher side and wait for dips. The support and resistance are at 180,254 and 183,188 levels, respectively.

OGDC: A steady uptrend to continue

Strategy: 'Buy on dips' - targeting Rs311.00 & Rs315.90; stoploss at Rs302.32.

ATRL: Resuming the uptrend

Strategy: 'Buy on dips' - targeting Rs756.94 & Rs764.50; stoploss at Rs737.01.

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Symbol	Strategy	Close	High	Low	S2	S1	PIVOT	R1	R2	14-DRSI	30-DMA	50-DMA	200-DMA
KSE-100		181,456.3	183,717.5	180,783.6	179,051.9	180,254.1	181,985.8	183,188.0	184,919.7	62.85	175,050.5	170,020.9	146,168.0
OGDC	Buy on dips; stoploss 302.32	308.20	311.00	302.32	298.49	303.35	307.17	312.03	315.85	75.72	281.00	269.81	246.42
PPL	Buy on dips; stoploss 244.00	249.88	253.90	244.00	239.36	244.62	249.26	254.52	259.16	70.31	229.42	216.61	186.65
ATRL	Buy on dips; stoploss 737.01	746.44	760.00	737.01	724.83	735.63	747.82	758.62	770.81	67.04	685.95	678.65	655.64
PSO	Buy on dips; stoploss 50-DMA	464.70	469.70	459.95	455.03	459.87	464.78	469.62	474.53	46.94	468.30	458.51	417.54
SNGP	Sell below 115.75	117.44	119.44	115.75	113.85	115.65	117.54	119.34	121.23	43.35	119.29	118.76	120.91
NETSOL	Sell on Strength; stoploss 133.50	127.41	133.50	127.00	122.80	125.11	129.30	131.61	135.80	39.19	132.05	131.12	138.43
DGKC	Buy on dips; stoploss 225.00	227.86	229.75	225.00	222.79	225.32	227.54	230.07	232.29	44.12	236.69	230.38	195.30
MLCF	Sell below 114.20	115.07	118.00	114.20	111.96	113.51	115.76	117.31	119.56	46.71	118.32	111.28	92.63
HBL	Buy on dips; stoploss 351.50	354.08	357.00	352.00	349.36	351.72	354.36	356.72	359.36	68.07	330.02	315.44	243.42
UBL	Buy on dips; stoploss 470.01	474.19	487.00	470.50	460.73	467.46	477.23	483.96	493.73	65.98	427.85	406.34	410.72
BOP	Stop buying below 40.35	40.69	42.05	40.40	39.40	40.04	41.05	41.69	42.70	56.83	38.67	36.90	22.10
HCAR	Sell on Strength; stoploss 265.00	265.17	269.50	265.00	262.06	263.61	266.56	268.11	271.06	27.34	278.15	280.39	287.92
ISL	Stop buying below 105.60	106.96	108.88	105.60	103.87	105.41	107.15	108.69	110.43	48.90	108.41	101.55	98.09

KSE-100		
185,098.83 (3,642.50 (2.01%))		
HIGH	LOW	VOLUME
185,208.98	182,559.69	381,916,860

ALLSHR		
111,509.34 (2,327.02 (2.13%))		
HIGH	LOW	VOLUME
111,660.48	109,843.49	956,245,699

KSE30		
56,737.74 (1,112.07 (2.00%))		
HIGH	LOW	VOLUME
56,785.77	55,982.76	167,909,030

KMI30		
260,872.71 (6,529.72 (2.57%))		
HIGH	LOW	VOLUME
260,996.54	255,872.20	165,834,629

KSE 100



KSE 30



ALLSHR



CLOSING RATE SUMMARY

AUTOMOBILE ASSEMBLER							
SCRIP	LDPC	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CURRENT	CHANGE	VOLUME
AL-Ghazi Tractors	411.96	414.0	426.25	412.0	421.89	9.93	53,153
Atlas Honda Ltd	1,791.17	1,875.01	1,931.0	1,810.0	1,866.06	74.89	25,340
Dewan Motors	24.23	24.49	24.98	24.31	24.49	0.26	899,156
Ghondha Automobile	530.72	535.0	548.2	531.25	547.52	16.8	503,352
Ghondha Ind.	870.51	875.0	912.0	873.0	900.4	29.89	735,246
Hinopak Motor	464.05	471.0	474.6	464.02	474.41	10.36	10,019
Honda Atlas Cars	265.17	265.17	267.78	265.17	266.25	1.08	176,181
Indus Motor Co.	2,097.73	2,112.95	2,122.0	2,102.2	2,108.23	10.5	7,295
Millat Tractors	525.01	525.99	532.96	524.0	529.87	4.86	62,090
Sazgar Engineering	1,701.24	1720.0	1774.8	1701.3	1744.63	43.39	221,946

AUTOMOBILE PARTS & ACCESSORIES							
SCRIP	LDPC	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CURRENT	CHANGE	VOLUME
Agraiatos Ind.	174.58	174.7	182.0	174.1	181.47	6.89	13,734
Atlas Battery	237.95	237.95	245.0	237.95	240.15	2.2	22,340
Bal.Wheels	224.78	226.01	230.0	221.0	223.67	-1.11	224,517
Bela Automotive	95.31	98.0	99.99	86.02	89.98	-5.33	2,172
Dewan Auto Engg	34.32	35.5	35.95	34.0	34.83	0.51	29,828
Exide (PAK)	617.34	619.0	624.95	614.2	618.0	0.66	3,916
Ghondha Tyre	37.54	37.49	40.98	37.35	40.04	2.5	1,614,179
Loads Limited	18.15	18.14	18.57	17.92	18.05	-0.1	4,114,713
Panther Tyres Ltd.	62.37	63.9	64.55	62.01	64.24	1.87	231,960
Thal Limited	580.00	580.0	638.0	578.0	638.0	58.0	358,449
Treet Battery Ltd.	12.87	12.87	13.08	12.72	12.83	-0.04	2,666,584

CABLE & ELECTRICAL GOODS							
SCRIP	LDPC	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CURRENT	CHANGE	VOLUME
EMCO Industries	58.11	57.0	59.69	57.0	58.16	0.05	3,268
Fast Cables Ltd.	25.14	25.14	25.5	25.14	25.36	0.22	1,018,669
Pak Elektron	61.56	62.1	63.0	61.9	62.69	1.13	9,509,421
Pakistan Cables-	198.54	209.0	214.0	201.0	210.61	12.07	179,131
Siemens Pak.	1,522.00	1,451.0	1,520.0	1,451.0	1,510.77	-11.23	126
Waves Corp Ltd.	13.24	13.42	13.57	13.4	13.49	0.25	1,892,522
Waves Home App	9.36	9.35	9.55	9.35	9.38	0.02	1,704,129

CEMENT							
SCRIP	LDPC	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CURRENT	CHANGE	VOLUME
Attack Cement	274.97	278.0	275.0	275.14	0.17		27,580
Bestway Cement	523.18	525.0	528.99	524.02	526.83	3.65	21,738
Cherat Cement	324.12	329.0	335.0	326.66	330.36	6.24	96,351
D.G.K.Cement	227.86	228.89	232.0	228.15	229.04	1.18	2,894,634
Dadaboy Cement	7.75	7.99	8.0	7.56	7.65	-0.1	311,399
Dandot Cement	22.05	22.5	22.7	21.9	22.12	0.07	257,535
Dewan Cement	12.80	13.05	13.15	12.82	13.05	0.25	1,101,384
Fauji Cement	56.01	56.7	57.18	56.45	56.78	0.77	7,053,267
Fecto Cement	142.02	142.02	146.98	142.01	143.86	1.84	545,565
Flying Cement	55.69	55.1	57.0	54.21	56.58	0.89	316,579
Gharibwal Cement	65.03	65.5	66.38	64.01	64.25	-0.78	722,851
Kohat Cement	106.14	106.5	111.5	106.5	110.39	4.25	1,700,536
Lucky Cement	487.58	488.1	500.12	488.1	493.86	6.28	1,495,746
Maple Leaf	115.07	115.61	117.9	115.5	115.93	0.86	5,383,244
Pioneer Cement	410.10	414.0	416.0	404.25	406.31	-3.79	

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TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNICATION															
SCRIPT	LDCP	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CURRENT	CHANGE	VOLUME	Air Link Commun	181.80	183.84	187.0	183.65	184.06	2.26	2,412,375
Avanceon Ltd	42.97	43.15	43.43	42.75	42.92	-0.05	785,956								
Hum Network	13.11	13.03	13.34	12.95	13.06	-0.05	6,661,123								
Media Times Ltd	8.15	8.25	8.82	8.15	8.32	0.17	34,721,632								
NetSol Tech.	127.41	128.0	129.74	128.0	128.49	1.08	472,892								
Octopus Digital	41.68	42.01	42.39	41.53	41.93	0.25	238,882								
P.T.C.L.	65.09	67.0	67.99	65.09	65.87	0.78	15,632,558								
Pak Datacom	158.84	159.0	160.84	157.0	158.54	-0.3	23,923								
Supernet Technologies	1,402.35	1449.99	1449.99	1400.0	1403.86	1.51	178								
Symmetry Group Ltd	13.62	13.75	14.63	13.65	14.46	0.84	5,880,150								
Systems Limited	157.43	158.0	161.69	158.0	160.47	3.04	2,254,860								
Telecard Limited	11.74	12.05	12.14	11.86	11.92	0.18	5,829,106								
TPL Corp Ltd	9.14	9.21	9.74	9.21	9.38	0.24	5,670,730								
TPL Trakker Ltd	13.04	13.1	13.48	13.06	13.19	0.15	36,683								
TRG Pak Ltd	75.26	76.99	79.7	75.35	76.31	1.05	15,961,022								
WorldCall Telecom	1.72	1.72	1.76	1.72	1.74	0.02	24,021,962								
Zarea Limited	63.31	64.5	66.0	59.55	62.02	-1.29	4,684,487								
TEXTILE COMPOSITE															
SCRIPT	LDCP	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CURRENT	CHANGE	VOLUME	Ahmed Hassan	80.20	80.5	87.98	80.0	80.02	-0.18	1,026
AN Textile Mill	34.28	32.01	34.0	32.01	34.28	1.97									
Artistic Denim	58.00	59.45	62.0	58.05	60.39	2.39	106,633								
Arju Industries	12.33	12.15	12.97	12.15	12.7	0.37	11,615								
Azgard Nine	11.90	12.15	12.36	11.91	12.21	0.31	1,292,242								
Bhamero Tex.	909.14	909.14	909.14	909.14	909.14	0.14	3								
Blessed Tex.	303.02	275.01	323.0	275.01	303.02	28									
Chenab Limited	11.60	11.79	11.99	11.57	11.79	0.19	348,637								
Chenab Ltd.(Pre)	3.80	3.72	3.85	3.7	3.7	-0.1	110,615								
Crescent Tex.	25.78	26.39	26.9	26.0	26.3	0.52	286,767								
Faisal Spinning	301.80	301.0	301.0	300.0	301.8	2									
Fateh Sports	93.18	102.0	102.0	101.57	93.18	108									
Fazal Cloth	225.00	231.9	232.5	225.0	225.73	0.73	1,312								
Feroze 1888	60.21	62.5	62.5	61.9	60.21	1,549									
Ghazi Fabrics	22.77	24.5	25.05	23.25	24.98	2.21	414,152								
Gul Ahmed	29.07	29.11	30.0	28.9	29.38	0.31	1,640,157								
Hafiz Limited	505.79	514.44	530.0	471.0	515.69	9.9	144								
Hala Enterprise	21.52	21.21	21.99	20.52	21.1	-0.42	1,591								
Int.Knitwear	100.01	100.0	102.95	92.0	92.04	-7.97	524								
Interloop Ltd.	82.03	83.0	83.9	82.5	83.31	1.28	189,277								
Jubilee Spinning	23.21	22.06	25.53	22.06	25.53	2.32	105,143								
Khyber Textile	1,784.75	1910.0	1910.0	1700.0	1784.75	13									
Kohinoor Ind.	61.83	63.0	68.01	63.0	68.01	6.18	2,482,720								
Kohinoor Mills	13.88	14.0	14.23	13.88	14.02	0.14	47,850								
Kohinoor Textile	66.06	66.75	68.98	66.02	68.01	1.95	638,032								
Masood Textile	63.46	64.0	67.8	62.0	62.65	-0.81	30,965								
Mehmood Tex.	310.00	319.95	319.95	300.0	300.02	-9.98	863								
Nishat (Chun.)	51.50	52.89	56.65	52.02	55.83	4.33	12,894,226								
Nishat Mills Ltd	194.73	195.99	199.5	194.93	195.76	1.03	3,256,565								
Paramount Sp	6.60	6.23	6.6	6.2	6.6	5,750									
Quetta Textile	17.73	17.2	18.99	17.2	18.79	1.06	7,166								
Redeo Textile	26.64	29.3	29.3	27.56	28.0	1.36	60,675								
Reliance Weaving	153.40	154.0	160.0	154.0	158.45	5,05	2,524								
Sapphire Fiber	1,148.68	1142.0	1165.0	1142.0	1151.91	3.23	52								
Sapphire Tex.	1,355.49	1339.01	1355.95	1339.01	1355.49	6									
Shams Textile	31.46	30.06	34.6	30.0	34.4	2.94	10,167								
Stylers Int.Ltd.	46.04	47.1	49.99	45.55	45.59	-0.45	1,500								
Suraj Cotton Mills	120.72	120.01	122.0	118.0	120.63	-0.09	3,884								
Towellers Limited	165.00	166.99	171.0	166.0	169.14	4.14	9,586								
ZahidJee Tex.	61.83	62.85	63.0	62.0	62.24	0.41	8,495								
TEXTILE SPINNING															
SCRIPT	LDCP	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CURRENT	CHANGE	VOLUME	Ali Asghar Textile	38.12	39.25	41.0	37.08	39.16	1.04	7,483
Amtex Limited	4.49	4.6	4.7	4.51	4.53	0.04	462,179								

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OPEN MARKET FOREX RATES

CURRENCY	BUYING	SELLING
Australian Dollar	186.5	190.5
Bahrain Dinar	744	754
Canadian Dollar	201	206
China Yuan	39.73	40.13
Danish Krone	43.27	43.67
Euro	325.5	329
Hong Kong Dollar	35.55	35.90
Indian Rupee	3.01	3.10
Japanese Yen	1,7575	1,8575
Kuwaiti Dinar	908	918
Malaysian Ringgit	68.55	69.15
New Zealand \$	158.95	160.95
Norwegian Krone	27.56	27.86
Omani Riyal	728.6	738.6
Qatari Riyal	76.26	76.96
Saudi Riyal	74.9	75.3
Singapore Dollar	216.5	221.5
Swedish Korona	30.16	30.46
Swiss Franc	347.74	350.49
Thai Bhat	8.74	8.89
U.A.E Dirham	76.6	77.2
UK Pound Sterling	375.5	379
US Dollar	280.65	282.75

INTER BANK RATES

Currency	Bank Buying	Bank Selling
	TT Clean	TT & OD
Australian Dollar	187.61	187.95
Canadian Dollar	201.53	201.89
China Yuan	40.18	40.25
Danish Krone	43.49	43.57
Euro	325.02	325.60
Hong Kong Dollar	35.89	35.95
Japanese Yen	1,7688	1,7720
Saudi Riyal	74.63	74.76
Singapore Dollar	217.39	217.78
Swedish Korona	30.38	30.43
Swiss Franc	348.80	349.42
Thai Bhat	8.92	8.94
UK Pound Sterling	374.71	375.38
US Dollar	279.85	280.55

GOLD RATE (BULLION PRICE)

Metal	PKR for 10 Gm	PKR for 1 Tola	PKR for 1 Ounce
Gold	414,354	482,790	1,288,807
Palladium	163,088	190,024	507,269
Platinum	214,402	249,813	666,875
Silver	8,191	9,544	25,478

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Auto financing in Pakistan inches up to Rs319bn in Dec 2026

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ISLAMABAD: Automobile financing in Pakistan rose marginally to Rs319.08 billion in December 2026, marking a 0.33% month-on-month (MoM) increase from Rs318.03bn in November, according to the latest data released by the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP).

On a year-on-year (YoY) basis, car financing recorded a strong 35.52% increase, compared to Rs235.45bn in December last year, reflecting a gradual recovery in consumer credit despite challenging macroeconomic conditions.

However, growth in auto financing remains restrained



due to elevated interest rates, rising vehicle prices, tighter regulatory requirements for loans, and higher taxes on the import of automobiles and spare parts, which continue to weigh on consumer demand.

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