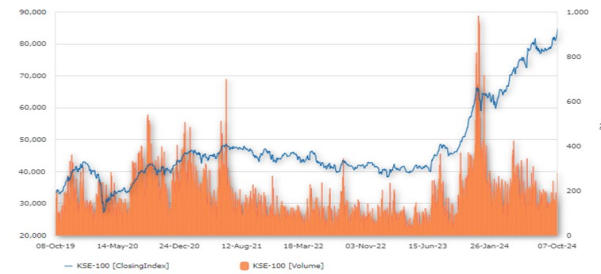


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KSE –100 Volume



KSE –100 Index– Key Statistics

Open	136,939.87
High	137,232.10
Low	135,542.88
Closing	136,379.96
Change	440.09
Volume	272,747,708

Source: PSX

Key Economic Data

Reserves (13-Jun-2025)	\$12.727 bn
Inflation CPI (Jun'25)	3.2%
Exports - (Jun'25)	\$2.543 bn
Imports - (Jun'25)	\$4.866 bn
Trade Balance- (Mar'25)	\$(2.323) bn
Current A/C- (Mar'25)	\$1,195 Mn
Remittance - (Jun'25)	\$3.406 bn

Source: SBP

FIPI/LIPI (USD Million)

FIPI (16-Jul-25)	(2.45)
Individuals (16-Jul-25)	2.54
Companies (16-Jul-25)	0.94
Banks/DFI (16-Jul-25)	(0.52)
NBFC (16-Jul-25)	0.02
Mutual Funds (16-Jul-25)	1.75
Other Organization (16-Jul-25)	(1.50)
Brokers (16-Jul-25)	0.52
Insurance Comp: (16-Jul-25)	(1.30)

Source: NCCPL

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Rupee slips 29 paise amid import pressure

Source: Express Tribune

POSITIVE

The Pakistani rupee resumed its decline against the US dollar on Wednesday, depreciating by 0.10% to close at 284.96 amid rising import payments, profit repatriation by multinational firms, and cautious sentiment ahead of external debt repayments. This followed a brief appreciation the previous day. Analysts attribute the rupee's weakness to persistent dollar demand and speculative activity, despite stronger remittances and IMF funding. The State Bank of Pakistan has also been buying dollars to rebuild reserves, totaling over \$6 billion in FY25 so far. Meanwhile, the US dollar gained globally on rising Treasury yields and inflation data, while gold prices in Pakistan dropped sharply—contrary to a modest global rise—due to tariff concerns and Middle East tensions.

Govt poised to do away with cross-subsidies for gas

Source: Express Tribune

NEGATIVE

The Pakistani government plans to end cross-subsidies for domestic gas consumers by 2026, replacing them with direct, income-based subsidies under the Benazir Income Support Programme, as part of IMF-backed reforms. The Petroleum Division, working with KPMG, revealed that over Rs150 billion in subsidies currently benefit residential users, funded by higher tariffs on industries and captive power plants—whose gas use has since declined. In Balochistan, severe gas shortages and losses were highlighted, with SSGC reporting nearly 60% of supplied gas was stolen or unaccounted for, leading to losses of Rs22 billion. Despite this, the company continues service under legal obligations and government directives. The Balochistan High Court ordered SSGC to adopt a lower tariff recommended by a commission, causing significant revenue losses and clashing with federally approved rates, which are much higher. The matter is now under Supreme Court review, with Ogra tasked to evaluate the commission's recommendations, ultimately ruling that no legal basis existed for a special tariff in Balochistan.

ST cut on sugar imports: PAC grills tax authorities over FBR's decision

Source: Business Recorder

POSITIVE

The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) sharply criticized the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) for reducing sales tax on sugar imports from 18% to 0.25% via a Statutory Regulatory Order (SRO), accusing the move of favoring powerful lobbies. PAC members, including Riaz Fatyana and Sanullah Khan Masti Khel, labeled the decision as favoritism and "broad daylight robbery," alleging it benefited sugar cartels. MNA Moeen Aamir Pirzada claimed the sugar was deliberately exported and re-imported to manipulate profits. The PAC expressed serious concern over the decision, summoned senior officials from the FBR and Commerce Ministry for explanations, and vowed to pursue a full investigation and ensure accountability.

Pakistan, China reaffirm mutual support in security and agriculture on SCO sidelines

Source: Dawn News

NEGATIVE

During a meeting on the sidelines of the SCO Council of Foreign Ministers in Tianjin, Pakistani Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar and his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi reaffirmed their countries' strong strategic partnership, vowing to deepen cooperation in key sectors such as agriculture, mining, industry, and security. Both sides emphasized the importance of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), with Wang committing to advance its high-quality development and plan celebrations for the 75th anniversary of diplomatic ties. China expressed concern over the safety of its nationals in Pakistan, while Dar assured continued efforts to ensure their protection. Dar reiterated Pakistan's support for China's core interests, including the one-China policy, and expressed gratitude for China's hospitality and leadership at the SCO forum.

KSE –100 Index– Key Statistics

PIB (3Y) (09-Apr-25)	11.88%
PIB (5Y) (09-Apr-25)	12.34%
PIB (10Y) (09-Apr-25)	12.79%
T-Bills (3M) (16-Apr-25)	12.32%
T-Bills (6M) (16-Apr-25)	12.01%
T-Bills (1Y) (16-Apr-25)	11.99%
POLICY RATE	11.00% p.a
SUKUK (Cutoff rate/Price)	10.9999/90.1146

Source: PSX & SBP

Go Cashless: cattle markets settle Rs4.66bn via 64,553 online transactions on Eid-ul-Adha 2025

Source: Business Recorder

POSITIVE

The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) reported a significant rise in digital payments during Eid-ul-Adha 2025, with 64,553 online transactions worth Rs4.656 billion made in cattle markets—up sharply from 13,000 transactions worth Rs560 million in 2024. This surge followed the successful implementation of the SBP's "Go Cashless" campaign, which involved 24 partner banks and was rolled out across 54 major cattle markets nationwide. The campaign, aimed at promoting digital financial services and reducing cash dependency, temporarily lifted daily transaction limits and raised the monthly cap to Rs5 million for select account types. SBP lauded the campaign's impact, citing strong user appreciation and improved transparency and security in livestock transactions. High-performing banks were recognized at award ceremonies held by SBP in Karachi and regional offices.

Minister vows to transform Gwadar

Source: Express Tribune

POSITIVE

Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Muhammad Junaid Anwar Chaudhry has reaffirmed his commitment to transforming Gwadar into a modern maritime and logistics hub in line with national and regional development goals. During his visit to Gwadar, he met with Gwadar Port Authority Chairman Noorul Haque, who briefed him on port operations and future plans. The minister emphasized the need for inclusive, ground-driven strategies to boost economic activity, particularly through investment in value-added infrastructure for Balochistan's fishing and date-producing regions, which suffer post-harvest losses due to inadequate processing and storage. He urged public-private partnerships to establish facilities for cleaning, freezing, grading, and packaging. The meeting also reviewed the planned Off-Dock Terminal near New Gwadar International Airport—a Rs497 million project set to be completed in a year, aimed at reducing demurrage costs and facilitating trade, especially for land-locked Central Asian nations. The minister also visited the China Business Center and called for expedited progress on related infrastructure projects.

US investors eye Pakistan's port sector

Source: Express Tribune

POSITIVE

Over 65 U.S. companies participated in a webinar organized by the U.S. Department of Commerce and Department of State, in partnership with Pakistan's Ministry of Maritime Affairs, to explore investment opportunities at Karachi Port and Port Qasim. Part of the "Gateways to Growth: South Asia Port Opportunities" series, the event enabled direct engagement between American businesses and key Pakistani port stakeholders, including the Port Qasim Authority, Abu Dhabi Ports, and Dubai Ports World. Officials highlighted Pakistan's infrastructure goals, trade priorities, and regulatory environment, positioning the port sector as a promising area for U.S. investment. U.S. Consul General Scott Urbom emphasized the potential for deepening commercial ties through collaboration in port development, while U.S. International Development Finance Corporation's Ean Hundley noted that the initiative provides vital market insights and access to decision-makers, empowering U.S. companies to seize infrastructure opportunities in South Asia.

Cabinet nod for 15pc hike in EOBI pensions

Source: Business Recorder

POSITIVE

The federal cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, approved a 15% increase in pensions under the Employees' Old-Age Benefits Institution (EOBI), effective January 1, 2025, and funded through EOBI's own resources. A cabinet committee will also be formed to propose reforms aimed at extending old-age benefits to informal sector workers, including domestic and agricultural laborers. Additionally, the cabinet granted a five-year extension of the import duty exemption on life-saving drugs, including anti-cancer and cardiac medications, restricting their sale to licensed hospitals and institutions only. The cabinet also initiated legal procedures for the Sea Carriage Shipping Documents Bill, 2025, and endorsed earlier legislative decisions from July. Emphasizing accountability and service delivery, Prime Minister Sharif announced that federal ministries' performance would be reviewed every two months, promising recognition for high performers and scrutiny for underperformers.

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- Dividend Discount Model (DDM)
- Relative valuation (P/E, P/B, P/S)
- Equity & Asset return based (EVA, Residual income)

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