

**Quote of the Day** 

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#### Current account turns negative in July

The current account deficit (CAD) reduced by 36 per cent to \$809 million in July FY24 compared to \$1.261 billion in the same month of the previous fiscal year, State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) reported on Friday.

#### Foreign direct investment falls 23pc in July

 Foreign direct investment (FDI) shrank 23.27 per cent month-onmonth to \$87.7 million in July amid prevailing unfavourable political and economic conditions.

#### Court backs KE holding firm's majority owner over board tussle

Minority shareholders in an offshore holding company that owns most
of K-Electric have been ordered to withdraw their petition in the Sindh
High Court (SHC) that blocked main shareholder IGCF from joining the
board, IGCF said on Friday.

## • Shamshad briefed on tax collection

 Caretaker Finance Minister Shamshad Akhtar held her first meeting with top tax officials on Friday to discuss revenue performance and ways to improve tax collection in the coming months.

## • Short-term inflation rises 27.5pc

The short-term inflation rose 27.57 per cent on a year-on-year basis for the week ending on Aug 17 largely due to a surge in petroleum prices, showed the official data released on Friday.

### • Pak Suzuki shuts bike plant for two weeks

 Pak Suzuki Motor Company (PSMCL) on Friday announced that its motorcycle plant would remain shut from Aug 18-31 due to a shortage of parts and accessories.

### · Amendments proposed to takeover regulations

 The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) has proposed amendments to the Listed Companies (Substantial Acquisition of Voting Shares and Takeovers) Regulations 2017.

# • Gohar assumes charge with \$80bn export goal on mind

 Renowned industrialist Gohar Ejaz on Friday assumed the charge as caretaker Federal Minister for Commerce and Industries with the ambitious goal of boosting the country's export to \$80 billion.

| 31      | 33      | 34      | 32      | 31      | 29      | 29      | 32      |
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| 1 pm    | 4 pm    | 7 pm    | 10 pm   | 1 am    | 4 am    | 7 am    | 10 am   |
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| 37° 28° | 36° 28° | 37° 28° | 37° 28° | 36° 27° | 36° 26° | 34° 25° | 33° 24° |

| Fore | ign Currency | Exchange Rate<br>PKR |
|------|--------------|----------------------|
| #    | USD          | 295.56               |
|      | EURO         | 321.59               |
|      | GBP          | 376.07               |
|      | Chinese Yuan | 40.58                |

Source: Tresmark

# **Stock Market Activity KSE 100 Index**



#### MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

| Market Status  | Closed      |
|----------------|-------------|
| Current Index  | 48,218.49   |
| Change         | -107.35     |
| Percent Change | -0.22%      |
| High           | 48,615.14   |
| Low            | 48,196.18   |
| Volume         | 132,257,744 |
| Previous Close | 48,325.84   |

Source: psx.com.pk









