

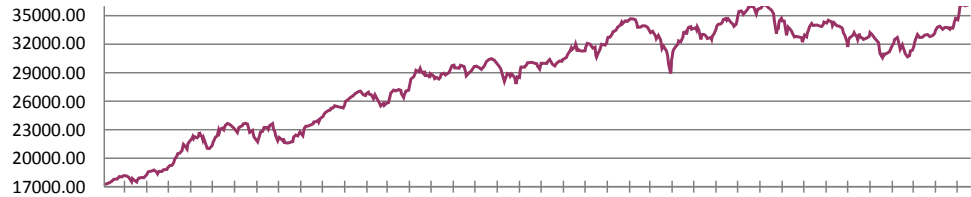


### MARKET STATISTICS

Friday, May 20, 2016

OPEN	36685.05
HIGH	36848.02
LOW	36646.97
CLOSE	36693.50
CHANGE	8.45
ADVANCERS	153
DECLINERS	174
UNCHANGED	20
TOTAL VOLUME	173,670,300
TOTAL VALUE	8,365,865,674

### KSE 100 INDEX



### NEWS HEADLINE

#### SBP CUTS POLICY RATE TO 40-YEAR LOW AS GROWTH TARGET MISSED

KARACHI: The State Bank of Pakistan on Saturday slashed the policy interest rate by 25 basis points to a 40-year low — from six per cent to 5.75pc — in view of its assessment that inflation would remain below the target set for the 2016 financial year.

The policy rate was previously cut by 50 basis points to 6pc in September 2015 and since then the central bank has been maintaining it.

Trade and industry representatives, however, believe that the cut in policy rate alone could not improve the country's economic growth as the government should take subsequent measures to facilitate the manufacturing sector.

#### SINDH EARNS RS112M FROM LUXURY TAX ON CARS

KARACHI: The Sindh government earned Rs111.85 million from luxury tax on high-powered vehicles during July-April 2016 as compared to Rs99.12 million in the same period last year. The luxury tax is charged at the time of registration on imported cars with engine capacity from 3000cc and above at the rate of Rs100,000. The rate of luxury tax on imported cars is 50,000 from 2000-2999cc. A minimal of Rs 5,000 tax is charged on imported cars of 1500cc to 1999cc.

Owners of locally manufactured or assembled cars from 1500cc and above have to pay Rs 5,000 luxury tax at the time of registration.

#### TAX PROPOSALS FOR AGRI-BUSINESS

THE farmers' pursuit of cheaper inputs, for which they threw potatoes and splashed milk on the streets, is unlikely to be fully realised as the budget proposals by the Ministry of National Food Security and Research are more focussed on seeking benefits for the agro-based industry rather than addressing the agriculture problems.

The only serious proposal which may benefit the farmers is the reduction in the urea prices, if approved by Finance Minister Ishaq Dar.

The urea price is high due to a number of taxes including 17pc sales tax and gas infrastructure development cess. According to one estimate if these taxes are removed, the 50kg urea bag will become cheaper by Rs700.

#### JUICY DOMESTIC APPAREL MARKET

FACING tough competition in the overseas markets, Punjab's textiles and clothing exporters are increasing their exposure to the buoyant domestic apparel market with a promising future — particularly for women clothing — by investing heavily in retail outlets.

Many of them expect not only to make significant profits, but also anchor the textile industry in the domestic market owing to increasing affluence of the middle-income segment of the country's population.

Pakistan's textile and clothing exports have dropped by 8.16pc to \$9.63bn in the first three quarters of the ongoing financial year from \$10.194bn a year ago.

#### Markets Update @ 10:05 am Pst

#### WORLD'S MAJOR MARKETS

DOW JONES	17,500.00	65.00
NASDAQ	4,769.56	57.03
S&P 500	2,052.32	12.28
FTSE 100	6,156.32	102.97
NIKKEI 225	16,628.54	107.81
HANG SENG	19,876.02	9.54
SENSEX	25,336.53	31.45

#### INTER-BANK RATES

INTEREST RATE	6.00%
1 MONTH KIBOR	6.01 - 6.51
3 MONTH KIBOR	6.14 - 6.39

#### EXCHANGE RATES

US \$	105.80
UK £	153.70
EURO €	118.50
JP-YEN ¥	0.97
S-RIYAL	28.05

#### COMMODITIES

GOLD	\$1,250.15
SILVER	\$16.32
CRUDE-OIL	\$47.97

#### INTERNATIONAL FOREX RATE

EUR/USD	1.1226
GBP/USD	1.4509
USD/JPY	109.83

