MARKET OUTLOOK

Iran Sanctions Stoke Oil and Inflation Risks, While Silk Road Fund Inflows Support Sentiment

Daily Market Overview

Monday, 24 August, 2026

Support	**169,000**
Resistance 1	**184,500**
Resistance 2	**187,500**

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The market is expected to remain volatile, as looming US sanctions on Iran keep oil prices and supply risk in focus, while a sharper-than-expected pickup in August inflation toward 11% could dampen hopes of near-term monetary easing; renewed investor interest from the Silk Road Fund, however, points to a steady improvement in external inflows.

From a technical perspective, the 169,000 level is likely to act as a key support zone. On the upside, 184,500 stands as the immediate resistance level, followed by the next resistance near 187,500.

Investors are advised to maintain a cautious but proactive approach, focusing on fundamentally strong stocks with long-term growth potential.

Major News | KSE-100 | Monday, 24 August, 2026

- **Oil falls ahead of US announcement on new Iran sanctions** https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/oil-falls-1-ahead-us-announcement-impose-further-sanctions-iran-2026-08-23/
- **August inflation seen jumping to 11%** https://tribune.com.pk/story/2625171/august-inflation-seen-jumping-to-11
- **Silk Road Fund expresses interest in expanding investment in Pakistan** https://www.nation.com.pk/22-Aug-2026/silk-road-fund-expresses-interest-expanding-investment-pakistan
- **Shares flat in Asia before Iran sanctions news, Nvidia results** https://www.reuters.com/world/china/global-markets-global-markets-2026-08-24/
- **Pakistan orders up to five container ships to protect Gulf trade from war disruptions** https://www.arabnews.pk/node/2655572/pakistan
- **Afghan border closure inflicts USD4.5bn loss on Pak exporters: report** https://epaper.brecorder.com/2026/08/22/2-page/1116563-news.html
- **Goods and services; July exports surge 13.1pc to USD3.94bn YoY: minister** https://epaper.brecorder.com/2026/08/23/1-page/1116644-news.html
- **'Debt ratio falls, but further cuts need strong fiscal position'** https://www.thenews.pk/print/1433460-debt-ratio-falls-but-further-cuts-need-strong-fiscal-position
- **Petrol price up by Rs3.81, HSD's by Rs3.59** https://epaper.brecorder.com/2026/08/22/1-page/1116519-news.html
- **Sale, purchase of POL products; ECC may okay PSO deal with OQ Oman** https://epaper.brecorder.com/2026/08/24/1-page/1116798-news.html
- **Govt clears Fesco, Gepco, Iesco restructuring for privatization** https://www.thenews.pk/print/1433564-govt-clears-fesco-gepco-iesco-restructuring-for-privatisation
- **Power circular debt at Rs1.675tr by June 2026, NA told** https://www.thenews.pk/print/1433426-power-circular-debt-at-rs1-675tr-by-june-2026-na-told
- **SBP designates HBL, UBL, NBP as systemically important banks for 2026** https://www.brecorder.com/news/40435951/sbp-designates-hbl-ubl-nbp-as-systemically-important-banks-for-2026
- **Retail deposit mobilization; SBP urges banks to reorient their business models** https://epaper.brecorder.com/2026/08/22/1-page/1116533-news.html
- **FrieslandCampina Engro Pakistan revenue rises 12.1pc in H1** https://www.thenews.pk/print/1433235-frieslandcampina-engro-pakistan-revenue-rises-12-1pc-in-h1
- **Cash dividends by PSX-listed firms cross Rs1tr in FY26** https://www.thenews.pk/print/1433221-cash-dividends-by-psx-listed-firms-cross-rs1tr-in-fy26
- **Tasdeeq IPO allocation revised, General Public share raised to 35%** https://mettisglobal.news/Tasdeeq-IPO-allocation-revised-General-Public-share-up-to-35-62864

FIPI / LIPI

(USD' mn)

LIPI Portfolio		Cement	Banks	Fertilizer	Food	E&P	OMC	Power	Tech	Textile	Others	Gross
	Banks / DFI	-0.95	-1.34	-0.32	-0.11	-1.04	-0.58	-0.18	-0.14	-0.65	-2.44	-7.75
	Broker Proprietary Trading	0.07	-1.44	0.01	-0.01	0.21	0.01	0.20	0.02	-0.01	0.14	-0.80
	Companies	0.13	0.30	0.25	0.07	0.21	0.17	0.21	-0.03	0.03	0.05	1.40
	Individuals	0.48	3.10	0.18	0.06	-2.84	-1.06	-1.50	0.19	0.21	0.64	-0.52
	Insurance Companies	0.03	0.05	0.00	0.03	-0.14	0.17	-0.00	-	-0.00	-0.68	-0.54
	Mutual Funds	0.19	0.59	-0.02	-0.15	1.90	1.18	1.38	-0.02	0.39	2.07	7.53
	NBFC	0.00	0.00	-	-	0.00	0.00	-0.00	-0.00	-	0.39	0.39
	Other Organization	-0.00	0.01	-0.01	-	0.04	-0.00	0.00	-0.03	-	-0.17	-0.15
	LIPI Total	**-0.05**	**1.28**	**0.10**	**-0.10**	**-1.66**	**-0.11**	**0.13**	**0.00**	**-0.03**	**0.00**	**-0.44**

(USD' mn)

FIPI Portfolio		Cement	Banks	Fertilizer	Food	E&P	OMC	Power	Tech	Textile	Others	Gross
	Foreign Corporates	-	-1.44	-	0.09	1.82	-0.09	-0.14	-0.04	-	0.10	0.30
	Foreign Individual	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0.00
	Overseas Pakistani	0.05	0.17	-0.10	0.01	-0.16	0.19	0.01	0.03	0.03	-0.10	0.13
	Total	**0.05**	**-1.28**	**-0.10**	**0.10**	**1.66**	**0.11**	**-0.13**	**-0.00**	**0.03**	**-0.00**	**0.44**

Source: NCCPL

INTRA-DAY TRADES

ASL	**BUY**
Current Price	**15.04**
Buy near or at	**13.83 - 14.28**
Target	**16.00 - 16.50**
Stop loss closing below	**13.30**

PPL	**BUY**
Current Price	**243**
Buy near or at	**226.32 - 228.95**
Target	**247.00 - 251.00**
Stop loss closing below	**221.00**

SSGC	**BUY**
Current Price	**27.79**
Buy near or at	**26.73 - 27.29**
Target	**32.32 - 32.86**
Stop loss closing below	**25.63**

PREMA	**BUY**
Current Price	**39**
Buy near or at	**35.73 - 37.13**
Target	**45.80 - 48.00**
Stop loss closing below	**34.5**

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