MARKET OUTLOOK

Hormuz Tensions Overshadow SBP's Rs11.6trn Liquidity Injection, Keeping Market Volatile

Daily Market Overview

Tuesday, 18 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 renewed geopolitical risk overshadows local liquidity support: the US and Iran ceasefire has lapsed and Tehran's renewed threat to disrupt shipping through the Hormuz Strait has pushed international crude prices higher, keeping the import bill and inflation outlook under pressure, while the State Bank's sizeable Rs11.6trn liquidity injection into the banking system should help cushion sentiment.

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 | Tuesday, 18 August, 2026

- **Oil prices climb, bond yields rise as US-Iran ceasefire expires** https://www.reuters.com/world/china/global-markets-wrapup-1-2026-08-18/
- **Iran threatens to go on offensive in Hormuz if diplomacy with US fails: Shehbaz hails Trump's 'words of support' for Makkah defence pact** https://www.thenews.pk/print/1432615-iran-threatens-to-go-on-offensive-in-hormuz-if-diplomacy-with-us-fails-shehbaz-hails-trump-s-words-of-support-for-makkah-defence-pact
- **SBP injects Rs11.6tr into banking system** https://tribune.com.pk/story/2624447/sbp-injects-rs116tr-into-banking-system
- **Centre can save Rs6trn by 'fully' implementing 18th Amendment: panel** https://epaper.brecorder.com/2026/08/18/3-page/1115906-news.html
- **Constitutional court allows tax credit adjustment against super tax** https://www.thenews.pk/print/1432479-constitutional-court-allows-tax-credit-adjustment-against-super-tax
- **All govt-to-person payments to go digital** https://epaper.brecorder.com/2026/08/18/20-page/1116012-news.html
- **Petrol price up by Rs5.77, HSD's by Rs6.47** https://epaper.brecorder.com/2026/08/18/1-page/1115881-news.html
- **PPL discovers gas, condensate in Sindh's Sirani Block** https://epaper.brecorder.com/2026/08/18/7-page/1115946-news.html
- **OCAC asks Ogra to review petrol price calculations over import cargoes** https://www.thenews.pk/print/1432478-ocac-asks-ogra-to-review-petrol-price-calculations-over-import-cargoes
- **Rs400bn dues; NA likely to take up GIDC (Amendment) Bill, 2026** https://epaper.brecorder.com/2026/08/18/20-page/1116015-news.html
- **Refineries break $1bn export barrier** https://www.thenews.pk/print/1432473-refineries-break-1bn-export-barrier
- **Pakistan's refiner expands US crude imports** https://epaper.brecorder.com/2026/08/18/1-page/1115882-news.html
- **July 2026 FCA; Power tariff may rise by Rs2.50/unit for Rs34bn recovery** https://epaper.brecorder.com/2026/08/18/1-page/1115883-news.html
- **Agritech restarts urea production after gas supply restoration** https://mettisglobal.news/Agritech-restarts-urea-production-after-gas-supply-restoration-62693
- **Govt seeks to boost ICT exports to USD25.1bn by 2030** https://epaper.brecorder.com/2026/08/18/5-page/1115933-news.html
- **SRVI sets August 22 book closure for 10-for-1 stock split** https://mettisglobal.news/SRVI-sets-August-22-book-closure-for-10for1-stock-split-62703
- **ECC allows wheat import through TCP** https://www.thenews.pk/print/1432620-ecc-allows-wheat-import-through-tcp

FIPI / LIPI

(USD' mn)

		Cement	Banks	Fertilizer	Food	E&P	OMC	Power	Tech	Textile	Others	Gross
LIPI Portfolio	Banks / DFI	-0.25	-0.04	-0.02	0.01	-1.27	0.43	0.03	-0.04	-0.02	-1.59	-2.76
	Broker Proprietary Trading	-0.34	-0.27	-0.01	-0.01	0.70	-0.10	0.16	-0.05	-0.00	0.42	0.48
	Companies	0.02	0.12	0.07	0.01	-0.29	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.09	1.44	1.48
	Individuals	1.09	1.96	0.76	0.27	1.55	-2.23	0.37	0.17	0.14	-0.32	3.76
	Insurance Companies	0.19	0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.12	-0.08	-0.02	-0.00	0.00	-0.21	-0.23
	Mutual Funds	-0.78	-1.51	-0.73	-0.05	-0.50	2.28	-0.51	-0.08	-0.25	1.50	-0.63
	NBFC	0.00	-0.01	-	-	-	-0.02	-0.00	-	-	-0.02	-0.06
	Other Organization	-0.02	-0.15	-0.02	0.00	-0.10	0.01	-0.01	0.01	-0.00	0.11	-0.17
	LIPI Total	**-0.09**	**0.11**	**0.04**	**0.22**	**-0.04**	**0.30**	**0.02**	**0.02**	**-0.04**	**1.33**	**1.88**

(USD' mn)

		Cement	Banks	Fertilizer	Food	E&P	OMC	Power	Tech	Textile	Others	Gross
FIPI Portfolio	Foreign Corporates	-0.02	-0.18	-	-	-	-0.03	-0.01	-0.23	-	-1.63	-2.10
	Foreign Individual	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.00	-0.00
	Overseas Pakistani	0.11	0.07	-0.04	-0.22	0.04	-0.27	-0.01	0.21	0.04	0.30	0.22
	Total	**0.09**	**-0.11**	**-0.04**	**-0.22**	**0.04**	**-0.30**	**-0.02**	**-0.02**	**0.04**	**-1.33**	**-1.88**

Source: NCCPL

SLM	BUY
Current Price	24.30
Buy near or at	24.52 - 24.70
Target	25.46 - 25.61
Stop loss closing below	24.18

UNITY	BUY
Current Price	11.45
Buy near or at	11.00 - 11.38
Target	12.88 - 13.33
Stop loss closing below	10.55

THCCL	BUY
Current Price	77.26
Buy near or at	71.85 - 73.12
Target	84.92 - 87.78
Stop loss closing below	70.70

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