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Key events/news to watch out includes: -

Oil rises as Middle East supply concerns persist amid shipping attacks

Oil prices rose on Thursday on persistent worries about supply from the key Middle East producing region amid an increase in attacks on shipping in the Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz. Brent crude futures rose \$1.33, or 1.33%, at \$101.53 a barrel by 0116 GMT. US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures gained \$1.11, or 1.26%, to \$89.39. Prices settled lower on Wednesday after the International Energy Agency agreed to accelerate the release of oil stocks and to prioritize diesel supplies under a plan launched in March, as governments seek to tackle record fuel prices and supply disruptions caused by the Iran war. However, threats to oil shipping in the Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz, which carried shipments equal to about 20% of global oil and fuel before the war, have increased in October as the US-Israeli conflict with Iran enters its eighth month.....[for more](#)

Govt hikes petrol price by Rs1.82, cuts diesel by Re0.91 per litre

The government has increased the price of petrol by Rs1.82 per litre to Rs396.65, while reducing the price of high-speed diesel (HSD) by 91 paisa to Rs394.94 per litre, effective October 8, 2026. The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) revised the ex-depot prices of petroleum products under the government’s petroleum pricing mechanism, according to the Petroleum Division. It added that petroleum product prices were revised in line with changes in international market prices, Platts rates, premiums and other related costs. The revised prices will remain effective from October 8, 2026, under the government’s petroleum pricing mechanism.....[for more](#)

Rs2trn target set for SME financing

The government has set an ambitious target to nearly double SME financing to Rs2 trillion and increase the number of potential borrowers to 775,000 by June 2028, as the Finance Ministry pushed banks and other financial institutions to accelerate lending to businesses, farmers, homebuyers, and other underserved segments. Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Muhammad Aurangzeb, chaired the fifth meeting of the Access to Finance Steering Committee here on Wednesday to review progress on expanding access to finance across priority areas. The Finance Minister emphasized that the Committee’s focus should increasingly remain on implementation, measurable outcomes and follow-up actions, with progress on decisions and recommendations of the sub-committees to be systematically tracked.....[for more](#)

Financing ML-1 project: PM orders unlocking commercial potential of railway land

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday directed authorities to accelerate work on the Main Line-1 (ML-1) railway upgrade and introduce corporate-style reforms to make Pakistan Railways financially sustainable. Chairing a review meeting on reforms in Pakistan Railways, the prime minister also approved a plan to use commercial projects on railway land to secure bank financing for the ML-1 upgrade. Sharif directed the authorities to prepare a comprehensive plan within two weeks to unlock the commercial potential of railway land and use the proceeds and bank financing towards the ML-1 project. He stressed that the modernisation of ML-1 was critical to the development of Pakistan Railways, improving passenger services and increasing freight transportation.....[for more](#)

Financial inclusion index rises to 59.5: SBP

Pakistan’s financial inclusion index rose to 59.5 in 2025 from preceding year’s 58.1, reflecting a further expansion in access to and use of formal financial services across the country. The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) released the results of the Pakistan Financial Inclusion Index (P-FII) for the year 2025. The index, which serves as a comprehensive metric for capturing the extent of financial inclusion in the country, is recorded at 59.5, growing from 58.1 in 2024. The positive trajectory y of the index was largely supported by substantial growth in the usage sub-index, followed by access and quality sub-indices, reflecting successful implementation of the digital initiatives under National Financial Inclusion Strategy (NFIS) 2024-28.....[for more](#)

PSX Statistics					
7-Oct-26	Index	DoD	MTD	CY26TD	FY26TD
KSE100 Index	168,580	0.1%	-4.7%	-3.1%	-6.5%
KMI30 Index	241,862	-0.1%	-3.9%	-2.7%	-6.0%
KSE 30	50,389	0.1%	-4.4%	-5.5%	-6.2%
KSE ALL	101,946	0.2%	-5.1%	-2.6%	-6.4%
International Index (returns are USD based)					7-Oct-26
Index	Index Level	CY26TD	Index	Index Level	CY26TD
KSE100	168,580	-2.06%	BSE 30	72,639	-14.76%
SHASHR	4,028	-3.20%	NKY	70,036	39.13%
HSI	24,131	-5.9%	FSSTI	5,608	20.70%
SASEIDX	10,542	0.5%	VNINDEX	1,753	-1.76%
CCMP	27,539	18.5%	UKX	10,459	5.31%
Dow Jones	51,180	6.5%	SPX	7,802	13.97%
Forex					
7-Oct-26		Current		WTD	CY26TD
USD/PKR - Inter Bank		277.02		0.2%	1.1%
USD/PKR - Open Mkt		278.15		0.2%	1.8%
GBP/PKR		372.21		1.7%	2.8%
AED/PKR		76.30		0.3%	1.4%
JPY/PKR		1.83		0.0%	3.0%
EUR/PKR		316.48		2.9%	5.4%
Fixed Income (Secondary and Primary Market Yields)					
Tenor	PKRV	Cut Off	Tenor	PKRV	Cut Off
03-M.T.Bill	11.76%	11.99%	03-Y PIB	12.77%	12.75%
06-M.T.Bill	12.23%	12.45%	05-Y PIB	12.81%	12.90%
12-M.T.Bill	12.45%	12.49%	10-Y PIB	12.79%	12.85%
Fixed Income Global Market					
Tenor	Yield	CY26TD Tenor		Yield	CY26TD
10-Y PAK PIB	12.79%	1.32% 10-Y GER PIB		3.47%	0.62%
10-Y US PIB	5.31%	1.14% 10-Y JPY PIB		3.07%	1.02%
10-Y AUS PIB	5.39%	0.66% 10-Y UK PIB		5.44%	0.97%
Commodities					
International	Last Price	CY26TD Local		Last Price	CY26TD
WTI (bbl)	89.94	57.7% Coal (ton)		127.10	47.4%
Brent (bbl)	102.43	70.2% Gold (oz)		4,111.23	-4.8%
Arablight (bbl)	101.02	63.6% Cotton (lb)		91.45	23.1%
Cotton (maund)	18,400	18.7% Urea (bag)		4,758	10.8%
Cement (North)	1,586	14.0% DAP (bag)		17,125	18.0%
Cement (South)	1,547	7.0% Gold (10grms)		380,713	-4.2%
Board Meetings					
GUTM	9-Oct	11:30 AM FCCL		27-Oct	10:30 AM
SPL	9-Oct	4:00 PM			
BWHL	12-Oct	11:00 AM			
EFERT	19-Oct	9:30 AM			
MCBIM	19-Oct	3:00 PM			
UPFL	23-Oct	2:30 PM			
Source (s): PSX, Bloomberg & AHCML Research					



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