

Benchmark index gains 474 points in anticipation of federal budget FY22

Domestic equities witnessed bullish sentiments in today's trading, pushed the benchmark index by 473.87 points to close the day at 48,251.49 points, breaching major resistance at psychological 48K level. Major reason behind bullish activity was positive news flows on upcoming federal budget which is expected to give major relief to public and private sector to recover from pandemic hit economy. Technology and commercial banking sector added major contribution to benchmark rally owing to possible tax cut for communication sector in upcoming finance bill and stellar growth in banks' deposits in advances in May.

Sector-wise, Technology & Communications remained in the spotlight with a total volume traded of 457mn shares. Food & Personal sector was the second most traded which witnessed 79mn shares being traded today. Chemical sector was the third most traded sector with 64mn shares.

The total volume and value traded today were 1,039mn shares and PKR 26.3bn respectively, continuing to depict an upward trend from the previous day. The advance to decline ratio favored the bulls as 254 scrips closed green, 107 closed red and 24 remained unchanged.

News & Corporate Announcements:

Minister of Finance and Revenue, Shaukat Tarin, launched the Pakistan Economic Survey (PES) FY21 on 10th June 2021, following are some key highlights of the survey

Patron-in-Chief APTMA, Mr Gohar Ejaz requests the government for continuation of Regionally Competitive Tariffs of \$ 6.5 / MMBtu of Gas/RLNG and 7.5 cents / kWh of Electricity.

The Board of the Directors of Askari Bank Limited, during its 166th meeting has decided not to renew the contract of its President and Chief Executive Officer, Mr Abid Sattar, upon its expiry on the 8th of August 2021.

PKR depreciated by 23 paisa against US Dollar (USD) in today's interbank session as the currency closed the day's trade at PKR 155.92 per USD, against vesterday's closing of PKR 155.69 per USD.

Remittances from overseas workers increased 34% year-on-year, amounting to \$2.49 billion in May 2021, said the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP).

SBP issues commemorative coin to mark 70th anniversary of Pak-China relations.

Market Summary	
Current Index	48,251.49
Change	473.87
Percent change	0.99
High	48,287.52
Low	47,777.62
Volume traded (mn shares)	296.57
Value traded (PKR mn)	16.01
Source: PSX and AAH Research	









Data Source: PSX

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