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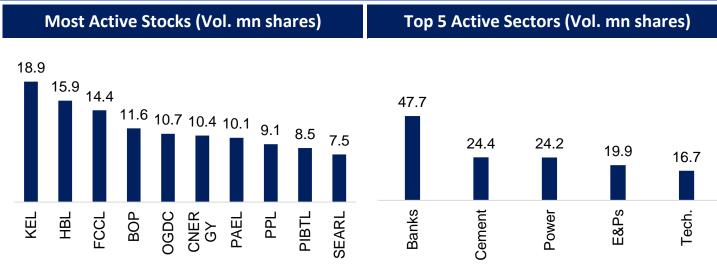


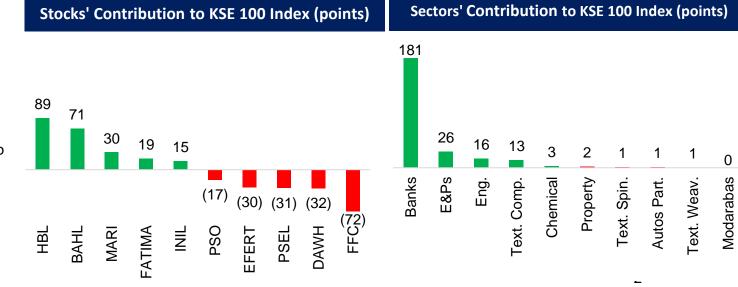
KSE-100 closes at 70,484 down 61 points

KSE-100 Index	KSE-All	KSE-30 Index	KMI-30 Index
70,484 - <mark>0.09%</mark>	46,297 <mark>-0.11%</mark>	23,203 0.05%	118,235 - <mark>0.28%</mark>

- The trading session kicked off on a positive note but maintained a volatile nature and concluded on a lower note. The KSE-100 index exhibited fluctuations, wavering between 70,405 and 71,093 points before settling at 70,484 points, indicating a decline of 61 points. Total turnover amounted to 218.8 million shares, with a value of PKR 13.4 billion.
- Stocks that contributed to the index's decline included FFC (-2.3%, -72 points), DAWH (-2%, -32 points), PSEL (-5.3%, -31 points), EFERT (-1.1%, -30 points), and PSO (-1.4%, -17 points). On the other hand, KEL and HBL saw significant trading activity, with 18.1 million and 15.9 million shares traded, respectively.
- Profit-taking was predominantly observed in the Fertilizer and Refinery sectors, while the Cement and Banking sectors showed a mixed trend.
- The stock market witnessed considerable volatility, briefly surpassing the 71k mark for the first time before closing flat. With the onset of the financial results season, it is anticipated that most stocks will report improved results, thus bolstering market stability. The index is expected to maintain its upward trajectory in subsequent sessions. Consequently, investors are encouraged to consider long-term investments in sectors such as exploration and production, fertilizers, oil marketing companies, cement, and banking.

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