



**Chinese ministry Okays SEP-Abraaj deal**

Shanghai Electric Power (SEP) said on Friday it has received approval from the Chinese Ministry of Commerce to acquire stakes in K-Electric. One of Abraaj Group's companies, KES Power, had reached an agreement with SEP in October to divest its stake in K-Electric, the country's largest and only vertically integrated power utility. Abraaj owns 66.4 per cent of K-Electric's total shares, along with management control. The deal, when closed, will be worth \$1.77 billion. SEP is a state-owned enterprise controlled by China's State Power Investment Corporation, a Fortune 500 company.

**Punjab seeking \$50m loan for tourism development**

Development Association (IDA) for the development of tourism sector in the province. The provincial government has designed a project which would help strengthen the governance and institution capacity to promote and leverage private participation in order to realize the economic potential of tourism sites for the benefit of the population. The World Bank has already financed the preparation of a new tourism policy of Punjab and the proposed loan will support the implementation of the policy.

**Home loans grow for 11th quarter in a row**

The volume of outstanding home loans increased for the 11th consecutive quarter in July-Sept 2016, according to data released by the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) on Friday. Housing finance extended by all banks and development finance institutions (DFIs) amounted to Rs65.8 billion on Sept 30, up 13.5 per cent from a year ago. The steady rise in housing finance since the beginning of 2014 bodes well for economic growth. More loans to purchase and build residential units help grow the housing sector, which leads to the expansion in 40 allied industries.

**Trade fair opens in Sri Lanka**

Pakistan's biggest single-country trade exhibition opened on Friday in Sri Lanka where more than 156 companies are showcasing a wide range of products, including engineering, auto parts, agro products, textile and clothing. The three-day fair, which will run till Jan 15, aims to promote bilateral economic relations. The High Commissioner of Pakistan in Sri Lanka Syed Shakeel Hussain and Sri Lankan Minister for Sports Dayasiri Jayasekera, who was the chief guest, formally inaugurated the exhibition at Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall, Colombo.

**Reserves rise to \$23.2bn**

Pakistan's total liquid foreign exchange reserves amounted to \$23.2 billion on Jan 6, up \$36.6 million or 0.16 per cent from a week ago, the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) said on Thursday. According to a statement released by the central bank, the SBP's reserves increased \$41m to \$18.31bn. Net foreign exchange reserves held by commercial banks amounted to \$4.89bn on Jan 6, registering little change over the preceding week.

**Surgical industry for duty-free import of raw material**

Manufacturers and exporters of surgical instruments based in Sialkot have urged the government to abolish the seven per cent import duty levied on raw material required by the industry. The duty was hurting the surgical industry and surgical exports, Chairman of Surgical Instruments Manufacturers Association of Pakistan Muhammad Jahangir Bajwa told a meeting on Saturday. Besides, a well-equipped research laboratory for the surgical industry should also be set up in Sialkot under the supervision of the Pakistan Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, he said.



International News

**India to allow mutual funds to invest in REITs, InvITs**

Indian mutual funds will be allowed to invest in real estate investment trusts (REITs) and infrastructure investment trusts (InvITs), the market regulator said on Saturday, a move aimed at boosting investor interest in such alternative investments. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) had been working on easing regulations on REITs and InvITs to woo more investors to India's capital-starved property sector. A fund would not be able to invest more than 5 percent of its net asset value in units of a single issuer of REIT or InvITs, the regulator said in a statement. The maximum allowed investment in the alternative instruments by a single fund would be capped at 10 percent, it added. REITs or InvITs are listed entities that invest in rent-yielding assets and distribute most of their income to shareholders as dividends.

**Iran car sales keep PSA on growth track**

PSA on Wednesday reported a rise in car unit sales for 2016 thanks to business in Iran which the carmaker is including again after the end to sanctions against Tehran. With the integration of sales from joint ventures and license agreements in Iran, Peugeot booked a rise in deliveries of 5.6pc.

**Cyber-attacks cause \$470m losses to Vietnam**

Computer viruses caused losses of VND10.4 trillion (\$470 million) in 2016, surpassing the VND8.7tr the year before, according to the latest report from the BKAV Technology Group. BRansomware, viruses spreading through USB, spam messages and cyber-attacks were major problems last year, the report said. Last year saw a boom in ransomware, with 16 per cent of emails having ransomware, 20 times the 2015 figure.

**All aboard to fix the globalization 'bullet train'**

The "bullet train" of globalization is broken and the West is obliged to help Chinese President Xi Jinping fix it, China's official Xinhua news agency on Friday said of the World Economic Forum (WEF) meeting in the Swiss Alps next week. Xi will be the first Chinese president to ever attend the WEF's annual forum in Davos, which brings together top-level political and business leaders. This year's meeting, from Jan. 17-20, is expected to be dominated by discussion of public hostility towards globalization and the rise of US President-elect Donald Trump, whose tough talk on trade, including promises of tariffs against China and Mexico, helped win him the White House. Trump will be sworn in on Jan 20.

**Toyota to put \$10b into US over 5 years**

Toyota Motor Corp. will invest \$10bn in the United States over the next five years, its president, Akio Toyoda, announced at a Detroit auto show last Monday. The announcement came days after US President-elect Donald Trump criticized Toyota's plan to build a new factory in Mexico and expressed his intention to impose a de facto heavy tariff on the automaker if production is not carried out in the United States. Toyota apparently aims to fend off such criticism by stressing its contribution to the US economy with a hefty investment.

**Moody's to pay \$864m to settle claims it inflated ratings**

Moody's Corp has agreed to pay nearly \$864 million to settle federal and state claims it gave inflated ratings to risky mortgage investments in the years leading up to the financial crisis. The deal announced on Friday was struck among the New York-based rating agency, the Justice Department and the attorneys general for 21 states and the District of Columbia. It calls for \$437.5m to go to the Justice Department and \$426.3m to be divided among the states and the District of Columbia.

## Up-Coming Events Pakistan

### Wibcon 2017

Date: 25th January, 2017

Venue: Pakistan Society for Training and Development, Karachi

### Social Media Summit 2017

Date: 31st January, 2017

Venue: Arts Auditorium, University of Karachi, Karachi



## PAKISTAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Karachi Stock Exchange as on 12<sup>th</sup> January , 2017

Company Name	Closing Value	Volume
Adamjee Insurance	73.33	1,268,000
EFU GeneralInsurance	153.00	5,500
IGI Insurance	309.00	14,700
Jubilee Gen Insurance	112.00	500
Pak Reinsurance	47.67	458,000



## CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATES

as on 16<sup>th</sup> January , 2017

Currency	Current Week	Last Week
U.S.Dollar	108.60	108.50
Euro	116.50	115.25
UK Pound Sterling	133.50	134.50
UAE Dirham	29.70	29.65

## Up-Coming Events UAE

### Intersec Exhibition 2017

Date: 22nd January, 2017

Venue: Dubai World Trade Centre, Dubai

### Arab Health Exhibition @ Congress 2017

Date: 30th January, 2017

Venue: Dubai World Trade Centre, Dubai



## WEATHER FORECAST

as on 16<sup>th</sup> January , 2017

Karachi	22/12 <sup>o</sup> C	Haze	
Islamabad	14/04 <sup>o</sup> C	Haze	
Lahore	16/06 <sup>o</sup> C	Haze	