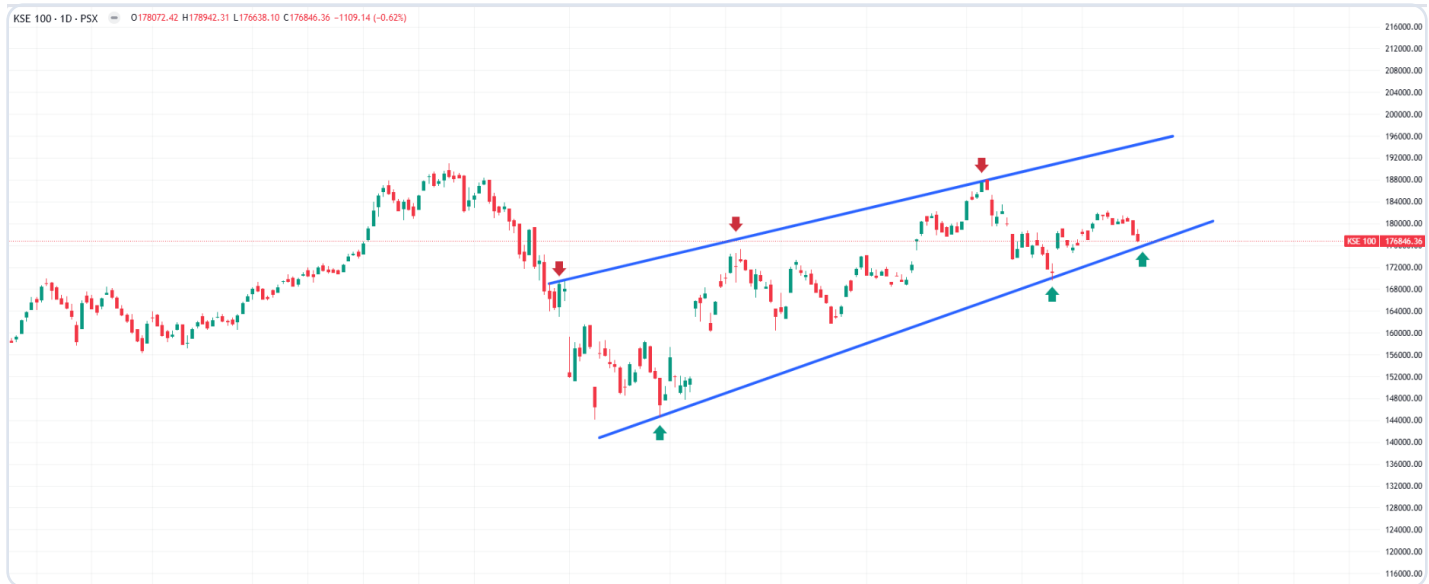


KSE 100 KSE 100 Index

PSX · DAILY

Close · Wed 19 Aug 2026: **176846.36** · **-0.62%** vs prior session (2026-08-18) · the index is testing the support level the analyst calls key to the next directional move.



THE SETUP

The analyst frames the KSE-100 as testing a crucial support level around **175,700**, which the analyst says will play a key role in determining the market's next direction. If this support holds and the index sustains above this level, the analyst sees potential for a recovery towards **180,000**, followed by **185,000**. However, the analyst notes a decisive break below **175,700** could trigger further selling pressure, potentially dragging the index towards the **170,000** level. The chart poses the question the analyst frames directly: does the index hold the support it is testing, or does it give way below it. The analyst calls **175,700** the key level to watch in the upcoming sessions.

LEVELS IN FOCUS

Second recovery level	185,000
The further level the analyst sees if the recovery extends	
First recovery level	180,000
The nearest level the analyst sees on a sustained hold of support	
Support being tested	at the close
The crucial support level the analyst says the index is currently testing	
Downside level on a break	170,000
The level the analyst says could be reached if support breaks decisively	

WHAT TECHNICIANS WATCH FROM HERE

- ▶ **175,700 is the crucial support the analyst is watching:** whether the index sustains above it, rather than just touching it, is what the analyst frames as key to the next direction.
- ▶ **180,000 is the first recovery level the analyst identifies:** it becomes relevant if the support at 175,700 holds and the index sustains above it.
- ▶ **185,000 is the further level the analyst sees:** it follows 180,000 in the analyst's recovery sequence if momentum carries that far.
- ▶ **170,000 is the downside level the analyst notes:** a decisive break below 175,700 is what the analyst says could trigger the move toward it.

GENERAL CONCEPT · EDUCATION, NOT A VIEW ON THIS STOCK**KSE-100 at Crucial Support: Bounce or Breakdown?**

Support is a price area where buying interest has historically been strong enough to slow or reverse a decline. When a market approaches such a level again, technicians watch closely because the outcome tends to set the tone for the next phase: if buyers step in and the price holds above the level, it can signal renewed confidence and open the door to a move higher. If instead the price breaks decisively below the level, on a closing basis rather than a brief dip, it often suggests sellers have gained control, and the market may seek a lower area where new buying interest emerges. This is why a test of a well-known support level is treated as a pivotal moment: it is a chart's way of asking whether the existing trend continues or reverses, and the answer is read from what actually happens at and after the test, not from the approach itself.