

Dear Sir,

We shall appreciate if you will kindly publish/release the under-mentioned 'Press Release' in the next issue/bulletin of your esteemed News Papers/TV Channel.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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PRESS RELEASE

(Karachi, February 27, 2009). During the late evening on Thursday 26th March 2009, the main underground KESC cables supplying power to Karachi Stock Exchange experienced a major fault. Karachi Stock Exchange team immediately activated the backup cable in order to ensure smooth trading on Friday morning. However, due to the previous night's damage, the back up cables also developed a fault around 12.30pm (during namaz break) and supply of power (both KESC and backup generator power) to main trading building has been suspended to avoid further damage.

While the KSE trading system as well as Remote KATS continue to be fully functional, more than 50% of total trading terminals are located within the main trading building; consequently, to ensure a level playing field, KSE has decided to suspend trading in the second half of Friday 27th February 2009.

A separate notice will be circulated to all members regarding settlement of today's trading.