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**STATE BANK ISSUES ITS MONETARY POLICY STATEMENT
FOR SECOND HALF OF FY07 AND FIRST QUARTERLY REPORT ON
THE STATE OF PAKISTAN'S ECONOMY FOR FY07**

The State Bank of Pakistan issued its **Monetary Policy Statement** for January – June 2007, which was approved by the Central Board of Directors of SBP at its meeting held in Karachi today, with Governor, Dr. Shamshad Akhtar in the Chair. The Monetary Policy Statement is a public announcement of the monetary policy stance to be followed by SBP during the second half of the current fiscal year.

The State Bank Governor, Dr. Shamshad Akhtar briefed the newsmen about the salient features of the Monetary Policy at a press conference held after the Board meeting. The highlights and the overview of the Monetary Policy Statement are attached herewith.

The State Bank also released its First Quarterly Report on the State of Pakistan's Economy for the year 2006-07 today, which is enclosed herewith.

The complete text of the Monetary Policy Statement and the Quarterly Report are also available on SBP website: www.sbp.org.pk
