

Fears over inflation and business slump haunt economic report

LAHORE: Nearly three quarters of business are wrestling with increased costs, the highest proportion of respondents reporting increased cost pressures for the last decade and over one in three are worried about decreased income, according to the latest edition of the Global Economic Conditions Survey (GECS) from ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) and IMA® (Institute of Management Accountants) with a similar proportion highlighting foreign exchange volatility as uncertainty and glimpses of recession dominate the latest economic outlook. South Asia recorded an improvement in confidence, new orders, and capital expenditure. Although the region has faced similar macro headwinds as the rest of the world, including higher inflation and a tightening of monetary policy, it has proved relatively resilient. Confidence levels remain in line with the median of the past decade. Moreover, the rise in the new orders component in the latest survey takes it to the highest level seen in more than seven years. Two developments further underlined the precarious nature of the commercial environment. First, an increase in the number of respondents reporting "problems securing prompt payment," which has risen to the highest level in four years. This could be the first sign of an increase in the number of organisations that may be experiencing cash-flow difficulties. At the same time, there has been a noticeable rise in the numbers reporting "problems accessing finance," with the most aggressive tightening of monetary policy in 40 years likely to hit corporate liquidity. —PR

PESD saves 130, 213 victims in October

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Emergency Service Department (PESD) Secretary Dr Rizwan Naseer said the PESD rescued 130,213 victims while responding to 135,321 emergencies across Punjab during the last month. He was presiding over a monthly meeting held at Emergency Services Headquarters here on Wednesday which was attended by heads of various wings. He said that out of 135,321 emergencies, the Rescue-1122 responded 33,610 calls of accidents, 82,758 of medical emergencies, 1,477 fire incidents, 3,217 crime incidents, 77 drowning, 55 building collapses, seven explosions and 14,120 miscellaneous operations were conducted in Punjab. On this occasion, the head of Provincial Monitoring Cell (PMC) briefed the secretary and said that 350 people died in 3,3610 accidents in the province during the last month.

Imran Khan does politics of personal gains: Javed Latif

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Federal Minister Mian Javed Latif on Wednesday said the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leadership indulged in threatening institutions and uttering derogatory remarks against them to gain personal interests.

Addressing a press conference here, he said PTI Chief Imran Khan had always done politics of threatening to institutions for achieving the decisions of his own wish, however, he would not get face-saving as the institutions were determined to work within the constitutional domain.

The PTI was using its workers to attack the federal capital and create chaos in the country, he said and adding that all political parties in the country were mature

Says PTI Chief always done politics of threatening institutions

enough and doing politics in a democratic manner except the PTI.

The federal minister said the PTI was habitual to do politics of personal agenda, adding that when the PTI lost its government then Imran Khan started uttering remarks against the institutions and tried to destabilize the country. He said the incumbent government led by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif had to take some tough decisions to save the country from economic crisis. The Pakistan Muslim League (PML-N) also paid heavy price of these decisions taken in the larger national interest, he added.

The minister pointed out that friendly countries, including China and Arab countries, were keen to make investment in the country but the PTI by taking the 2014 position had again started so called march to create unrest.

The minister said that the federal government would handle the march of the PTI as per law and the constitution, and would not allow them to create chaos. To a question, he said that PTI Chief Imran Khan, who claimed himself to be neat and clean, had been found in doing corruption of millions of rupees and his more cor-

ruption would come to light.

Annual Auqaf budget approved: The Auqaf Board Punjab, in its meeting, held with Provincial Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Environmental Protection and Cooperatives Muhammad Basharat Raja in the chair, approved annual budget for the Auqaf Department.

Annual income of Auqaf was estimated at Rs 2,907 million in the budget book. "Rs 454 million will be collected through leasing of property while Rs 555 million will be received in lieu of the rental assets," said the budget book. The board approved 15 per cent special allowance for Auqaf employees, while it was decided that summary for 25 per cent special allowance would be sent to the Punjab chief minister for

approval. Up-gradation of posts of khatibs of the Auqaf Department was also considered in the meeting. It was proposed to sanction basic pay scale (BS) 19 from the current BS 18 for the provincial khatib, grade 18 for zonal khatib from BS 17, and grade 17 for the district khatib instead of BS 16. Also, grade 16 should be given to senior khatib instead of BS 12, and grade 7 should be sanctioned for muezzin, the proposal said.

A 10 per cent increase in the pension of the retired employees of Auqaf Department was also approved. Raja Basharat directed that the Auqaf Department should speed up the recovery of arrears. Maximum cash box money should be spent on welfare of pilgrims, he added.

Best treatment facilities being provided to citizens in DHQ Hospital

By Mansab Ali Bhatti Rajpoot

KASUR: In the DHQ hospital, the best treatment facilities are being provided to the citizens.

Due to the management and supervision of Medical Superintendent Laeeq Ahmed Chaudhry, every patient who comes to the hospital looks satisfied. These views are expressed by Saeed Ahmed Baloch leader Pakistan Tehreek-E-Insaf (PTI) Kasur during a special seat with journalists.

He said that according to the vision of the Punjab government, MS DHQ hospital Kasur, is always trying to provide the best treatment facilities to the citizens.

Regarding the provision of treatment facilities at DHQ hospital, some mischievous elements who want to get cheap and false reputation on social media are propagating when they do not fulfill their bad deeds, which have nothing to do with reality.

We are public people and in this regard I have personally visited DHQ hospital several times, but I have seen doctors, paramedical staff and nurses serving patients with new machinery in every ward including emergency



ward. Saeed Ahmed Baloch added that MS checks all the doctors' attendance and wards on a daily basis. Anyone can confirm this by visiting the hospital. If the citizens in the DHQ hospital are treated for treatment if there is any problem, I should raise the most criticism and voice.

I personally pay tribute to Dr. Laeeq Ahmed Chaudhry, who is working hard to provide the best treatment facilities to the public through Shabana daily. Saeed Ahmed Baloch added that journalism is the fourth pillar of the country, which is considered to be worshiping, while blackmailing journalists through Zirdjahism causes defamation of journalism.

We need to raise the voice against such elements and journalists who work positive and positive journalists should get out of their ranks with exposing elements that lead to the disgrace of the holy profession like journalism.



BANGKOK: Pakistan Ambassador to Thailand with an official.

Modulating growth of broiler chicken through varying balanced protein

Babar Rashid

Continued genetic improvements in growth, feed efficiency and body composition of broiler make continuous review of bird's nutrients requirements inevitable. Dietary protein content has critical impact on growth rate, feed efficiency, body composition of broiler chickens and cost of the diet. Thereby, protein content of the diet affects costs and revenues in a broiler meat production system. Protein is being provided in the form of amino acids (AA). Desired quality of end product decides what level of protein will be optimal and it is also an economic concern. Calculation of the economic optimal protein content is not an easy phenomenon because an accurate quantitative description is required that how dietary protein content relates to broiler performance; growth rate, feed efficiency and body composition.

The studies comprise of two experiments in broiler chicken. In first experiment, three diets; a high Balanced Protein (HBP) with 1.2 percent standardized ileal digestible lysine (SIDLys), a medium BP (MBP) with 1.1 percent SIDLys and a low BP (LBP) with 1.0 percent SIDLys, were fed in starter (1-10 days), grower (11-25 days) and finisher (26-35 days) phases as HHH, MMM, LLL, HHH, HHL, MML, HHM, MML, HLL and HML. All diets are offered in conventional step down regime. Keeping in view that Babar Rashid, a Ph.D scholar in Department Animal Nutrition, Faculty of Animal Production and Technology, University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Ravi campus, Patoki, under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Talat Naseer Pasha, executed a study.

The HBP diets improved the body weight gain, feed intake and FCR in the broilers, however, nutrient den-

sity and phase feeding had no effect on carcass composition (Moisture, CP, fat contents). Dressing percentage and carcass yield were increased in the broilers fed HBP diets in all phases. There was no difference in total protein concentration among all treatments, whereas blood glucose, total cholesterol and urea concentration were higher in groups fed HBP diets in single phase. The antibody titer against NDV and IBDV were higher in the broilers fed HBP diets in single and two phases. In the second experiment, three types of diets; high BP as 1.20 percent SID lysine (H), medium BP as 1.10 percent SID lysine (M) and low BP 1.00 percent SID lysine (L), were offered in three growing phases; 1-10 days, 11-25 days, 26-35 days, in the following pattern. i.e., HML, MHH, LHH, LMM, MMH, LLH, LLM, LMH. All diets except one were offered in conventional step up regime to study the compensatory growth in broiler. Blood glucose concentration, blood cholesterol concentration and blood urea concentration was higher when low and medium density diets fed in early growth phases followed by high density diets.

Titer against NDV and IBDV was higher when high and medium density diets fed in early growth phases. Weight gain showed that broiler could not compensate weight gain completely when fed low density diet in early growth phase and medium and high density in late growth phases. It is recommended, therefore, high density diet should be step down to low density diet gradually for efficient, economical and sustainable production.

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Tourism industry of Pakistan

Khudadad Usman Virk

Pakistan, a haven on earth, has beauty that is unparalleled and unmatched to any other. Ranging from the sky high mountains, picturesque valleys, gigantic rivers and a calm sea, this country has everything that one can think of.

The Paradise on Earth 'Neelum Valley', Mini Switzerland 'Swat' and the Mountain Kingdom of Hunza are the gems of the Tourism Industry of this country but alas due to political instability and indifference, the arena of Tourism in Pakistan remains unexploited.

According to Research, the total contribution of Travel and Tourism to GDP in Pakistan has dropped to 4.4%. This as a result of many factors: lack of security, poor advertisement and inadequate facilities to accommodate tourists. The potential to expand is huge with Gwadar at the forefront of all development related to tourism but realization of the importance of this sector is something that the authorities and the civilians of Pakistan are devoid of.

"The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) is to be held accountable for the 23 deaths in Murree incident"

Many valuable and popular

tourist destinations like Murree are an unfortunate victim of overcrowding that negatively impacts the Tourism Sector. Overcrowding leads to the blockage of roads especially in mountain resorts where snow acts as a major obstacle for not only the tourists but the local community residing there. This issue leads to the prices of grocery and other necessities being doubled by the local vendors and room rents increase substantially by hotel owners leaving behind a large number of helpless tourists. Due to the unreliability of the situation within the country, protection and security of tourists is also at stake. For example the province of Balochistan, boasts not only mountains and dessert but also has many beautiful beaches like Gadani, Kund Malir, Gwadar, Sonmiani, Ormara, Astola Island beaches, yet it is the least frequently visited land just due to the influx of Taliban threats in the recent years. This not only hampers development in that region but makes it hold no value for the tourism sector. One of the major factors that has undermined the progress of this sector is pollution. Tourists and civilians litter mindlessly, adversely affecting the environment around them. This contaminates the soil and negatively affects the beauty of the land.

Human activities such as the spillage of oil and human waste in waterways that lead to rivers and sea affects the aquatic circle of life and contaminates the drinking water which ultimately leads to the rise of many new water-borne diseases. The common practice of cutting trees and clearing lush green lands for infrastructure results in not only soil erosion but also costs us the attraction of tourists.

More than 75 years have gone by since Pakistan became independent, but still we have failed miserably to develop and utilize the Tourism Sector of this country. The Governmental authorities and every citizen of this country is to blame for it. Proper policies and strategies are to be devised for the well being of this sector that bears immense fruit, if managed correctly.

It is now or never. Therefore it is the responsibility of every person living within this country to take a step forward in building its Tourism Sector, a sector which is a gift from the God. Encouraging tourists to explore places while maintaining a certain level of respect for the communities they will be visiting and the environment around them, being mindful of the fact that they contribute towards the destruction of somebody else's land and home.

Pakistan to take real freedom under leadership of Imran Khan: Chaudhary Ilyas

-Says real liberation long march is actually a march against corrupt mafia

Rizwan Asghar

KASUR: Chaudhary Ilyas Advocate in Kasur told reporters that Pakistan will be taking real freedom under the leadership of Imran Khan.

The real liberation long march is actually a march against this corrupt mafia. They have no sense of the suffering of the people, how the people are passing through such inflation.

This government is terrified of PTI Imran Khan. This real freedom march is now turning into a sea of people. And a true leader, Imran Khan, is leading this real freedom march. Now, the days of these corrupt governments are counted. Now this government will soon return to its home and the people will soon get rid of these thieves. Chaudhary Ilyas Advocate says Imran Khan has come out to bring real freedom to this nation and this sea of people stands side by side with his leader. Chaudhary Ilyas said that Imran Khan will not return until this corrupt government sends home. The whole team of me and I are standing with Imran Khan. The real freedom march under the leadership of Imran Khan is underway. Chaudhary Ilyas Advocate said the long march is



against the federal government and it will succeed. Chaudhary Ilyas Advocate has said that the Pakistani nation, led by Imran Khan, is taking part in the real freedom march. Corrupt politicians who have been illegally occupied by the Long March will send them to their home in their original place. Now the days of these corrupt mafia are numbered. The main purpose of the Long March is to bring freedom to the masses from these mafia until we send these mafia home, we continue this real freedom march. We and our entire team of Kasur district and the honorable people of Pakistan stand with them along with the great leader of Pakistan, PTI Imran

Khan. We will continue to overthrow these corrupt rulers. And this dear Pakistan was freed from these thieves and mafia. Imran Khan is a true true leader for the sake of Imran Khan. And appreciate it. Now is the chance to stand against this mafia ...

Mystery of blind murder of 12-year-old boy solved: The mystery of the blind killing of a 12-year-old innocent boy in Khadian area was solved, the brutal suspect was arrested in a very short time, 12-year-old Asif was killed for refusing to act, the accused confessed his crime, DPO Kasur Syed Imran. Karamat Bukhari went to the grave of the deceased and recited Fateha. According to the details, Ahmed Ali, a resident of the nearby village of Dholan, told the police station Khadian three days ago that the body of his 12-year-old son Asif was found in the fields. He has been killed by murder, 12-year-old Asif went to fetch fodder for livestock from the fields after the Aser prayer, but did not return. After receiving the information about the incident, DPO Syed Imran Karamat Bukhari, SP Investigation Khalid Mehmood, DSP City Yaqub Awan and local police immediately reached the spot. It was done, three special teams were formed under the head of SP Investigation



to arrest the unknown accused, DPO Syed Imran Karamat Bukhari himself visited the plaintiff case daily and reviewed all aspects of the investigation. The brutal accused Shehzad has been arrested in a very short time of three days with the tireless work and professional skills of the police.

Rescue 1122 monthly review meeting held: According to details, District Emer Jansi Officer Rescue 1122 held a monthly review meeting chaired by Kasur Engineer Sultan Mahmood. Rescue 1122 Kasur conducted 2666 rescue operations in the month of October. In these operations, 2641 emergency victims were rescued. Of these, 439 were given medical assistance on the spot. 12138 were shifted to the hospital. Emergency number 1436 fighting disputes and firing 79 incidents of floods 06 incidents were reported. During this period, the service maintained an average response time of less than seven minutes while the daily average emergency number was 86 in the month of October. Emergency Officer Engineer Sultan Mahmood says helmet must be worn while traveling on a motorcycle and follow traffic rules to prevent accidents.