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## **BUSINESS RECORDER**

### **PML(N)-led govt seeks to turn economic wounds into budgetary wisdom**

• Budget 2022-23 essentially aimed at meeting IMF conditionalities in order to revive stalled lending programme as country faces BoP crisis • Fiscal deficit target sharply lowered to 4.9pc of GDP • Govt decides to step up privatisation drive, raise taxes

### **Rs440bn taxation measures taken**

ISLAMABAD: The government has taken taxation measures of Rs440 billion and enforcement measures of Rs200 billion in the budget (2022-23) to meet the annual target of Rs7,004 billion including relief to the salaried class, a raise in the effective tax rate for banks from 39 percent to 42 percent,

### **Subsidies slashed by record 54pc**

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has budgeted a decline in subsidies by 54 percent - from the revised figure for the current year of Rs 1.5149 trillion to Rs 699 billion for 2022-23.

### **Inclusive of Super Tax: Tax on banking sector to go up to 45pc**

KARACHI: The federal government has proposed to increase the tax rate for banking sector, ie, from 39 percent to 45 percent, including Super Tax for the next fiscal year.

### **Lower income salaried class gets tax relief**

ISLAMABAD: A major relief has been provided to the lower income salaried class taxpayers by increasing the basic tax exemption threshold from Rs 600,000 to Rs 1,200,000 in annual salary income.

### **Supplies to unregistered persons: CNIC condition waived**

ISLAMABAD: The government through Finance Bill 2022 has withdrawn the condition to provide information of the Computerized National Identity Card numbers or NTN's on supplies to unregistered persons.

### **Jul-Mar period: Outstanding govt guarantees stand at \$6.06bn**

ISLAMABAD: The government of Pakistan's outstanding guarantees stood at \$ 6.066 billion during the first three quarters (July-March) of FY 2021-22 with total guarantees at \$ 6.876 billion, however the rupee-dollar parity is given at 183 to the dollar.

### **Rs96bn to be generated via sell-off proceeds**

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has budgeted to generate Rs96 billion from the privatisation proceeds in the financial year 2022-23, which is 156 billion lower than a target of Rs252 billion set for the current financial year 2021-22.

### **FPCCI describes budget as 'apparently satisfactory'**

KARACHI: Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) on Thursday said the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2022-23 is apparently satisfactory; however the apex trade body will come up with its final response in days to come after going through the Finance Bill.

### **Businessmen describe budget as balanced, export-oriented**

LAHORE: The business community on Friday termed the federal budget 2022-23 in the prevailing scenario as balanced, growth and export oriented with a basket of attractive package of incentives to accelerate the economic activities across the country.

## **FCCI terms federal budget balanced**

President FCCI, Atif Munir Sheikh has termed Federal Budget 2022-23 as balanced and comprehensive despite the critical economic situation and hoped that it would not only stabilise national economy on solid and sustained basis but also provide much-needed relief to the neglected and deprived segments of the society.

## **Federal budget: Traders, tax experts give mixed response**

KARACHI: Although the federal budget 2022-23 is a balanced budget, but it will neither gain investors' confidence nor help the government to avoid a mini-budget in coming financial year.

## **Small traders term budget 'IMF's financial plan'**

KARACHI: Small traders on Friday called the federal fiscal budget 2022-23 as "IMF's financial plan", saying that it offers "very little" to small businesses.

## **455pc hike in PL proposed**

ISLAMABAD: Reliance on petroleum levy (PL) has been proposed to be raised by 455 percent in federal budget 2022-23 from Rs135 billion in the revised estimates of current financial year to Rs750 billion next year to fetch an additional revenue of Rs 615 billion.

## **Gas companies: Ogra reduces LNG rates**

ISLAMABAD: The OGRA on Friday notified a reduction in new prices for LNG consumers of both gas companies – the Sui Northern Gas Pipeline Limited (SNGPL) and the Sui Southern Gas Company) for June.

## **Russian envoy hopes bilateral trade volume to rebound soon**

KARACHI: The Consul General of Russian Federation in Karachi, Andrey Viktorovich Fedorov, has said that total volume of bilateral trade between Pakistan and Russia was \$697 million, down 12 percent from previous year.

## **'Foreign Security Cell' at CPO: Sindh CM reviews action plan for security of Chinese**

The Sindh government, in order to register data of foreign nationals, particularly the Chinese, and provide them security, has established Foreign Security Cell at CPO in the city with its 31 branches in all district headquarters.

## **Budget an attempt to appease IMF, say analysts**

KARACHI: The Budget FY23 is an attempt to satisfy IMF on key matters relating to revenue collection, subsidy reductions and attainment of fiscal discipline, analysts said.

## **FBR releases Tax Expenditure Report 2022**

The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) on Friday released the Tax Expenditure Report 2022, revealing that the total federal taxes' expenditure based on the data relating to FY 2020-21 is estimated at Rs1,482.3 billion.

## **SALIENT FEATURES**

CUSTOMS ACT 1969: GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- (a) Remove anomalies in cascading structure of tariff.
- (b) Promote and protect domestic industry by introducing targeted interventions.
- (c) Rationalizing tariffs on industrial raw materials / intermediate goods.

## **Inflows of remittances post over 6pc growth**

KARACHI: Inflows of home remittances posted over six percent growth during the first 11 months of this fiscal year (FY22). According to statistics released by SBP on Friday, workers' remittances sent by overseas Pakistanis rose by 6.3 percent or \$1.634 billion during July-May of FY22.

## **THE RUPEE: PKR declines**

KARACHI: The rupee recorded a significant loss against the US dollar in the inter-bank market on Friday and depreciated by 0.78% as decline in the foreign exchange reserves dented market sentiment.

## **Gold prices fall further**

KARACHI: Gold prices on Friday declined further in the local market, traders said. The prices reduced by Rs 500 to Rs 140,400 per tola and Rs 430 to Rs 120,370 per 10 grams.

## **Cotton market: No visible change amid budget announcement**

LAHORE: The local market on Friday remained steady and the trading volume remained low. Cotton Analyst Naseem Usman told that rate of cotton in Punjab and Sindh is in between Rs 22000 to Rs 23,000 per maund.

## **DAWN NEWS PAPER**

### **Textile exports set to dip due to energy crisis**

LAHORE: Pakistan's textile exports are set to dramatically dip as the sector is hobbled by a nationwide energy crisis forcing daily power cuts on factories, with an industry leader warning about "a state of emergency" for the manufacturing hub.

### **CAD a real challenge, say business leaders**

KARACHI: With a hint of incredulity in their tone, business leaders on Friday welcomed the "pragmatic" federal budget for 2022-23. Speaking to Dawn, Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry Chairman Irfan Iqbal Sheikh said the budget is less harsh than the business community's initial expectations.

### **BUDGET 2022-23: Budgeting for 'hard times' ahead**

ISLAMABAD: Amid ongoing negotiations to convince the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to release bailout payments, the PML-N-led coalition government on Friday presented a federal budget with a mix of real stabilisation measures sugar-coated with feel-good sentiment — the revival of petroleum levy with a bang,

### **Petroleum levy to make fuel even costlier**

KARACHI: Consumers are likely to be taken for a costly ride in 2022-23 as the budget proposes raising the target of petroleum levy to Rs750 billion from Rs610bn in 2021-22.

### **Record \$28.4bn remittances**

KARACHI: Pakistan received a record over \$28 billion in remittances during the first 11 months of the outgoing fiscal year, showing an increase of 6.3 per cent over the same period last year.

### **Govt workers get 15pc salary bump**

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has increased the salaries of government employees by 15 per cent and approved the merger of ad hoc allowances with their basic salary, Finance Minister Miftah Ismail announced during his budget speech on Friday.

### **Assemblers unhappy with advance tax raise**

KARACHI: Local vehicle assemblers are not happy with the new budget, and say the government decided to raise advance tax on motor vehicles above 1,600cc on its own as the industry did not propose it. The decision, they claim, is also discriminatory and will result in a drop in auto sales.

## **THE NEWS INTERNATIONAL**

### **Govt will have to further increase POL prices to secure IMF programme**

ISLAMABAD: The government will have to further increase per litre price of petrol and diesel by around Rs23 and Rs55 respectively to revive the IMF programme. Informed sources said after two consecutive raises of Rs30 per litre each for petrol and diesel during the last fortnight,

### **Govt to collect Rs200 billion through GIDC**

ISLAMABAD: In a major development, the sitting government has projected to generate revenue of Rs1.144 trillion in the next budgetary year from oil and gas sector, which includes Rs200 billion from gas consumers in the shape of Gas Infrastructure Development Cess (GIDC) against the revised target of Rs25 billion in the outgoing fiscal.

### **'Unrealistic targets; Budget FY23 presented to satisfy IMF'**

KARACHI: Finance analysts showed displeasure over Budget FY23 on Friday, saying it had nothing much for capital market and was presented with unrealistic targets to satisfy International Monetary Fund (IMF).

### **Rs440bn taxes slapped in FY23 budget**

ISLAMABAD: The government has slapped taxation measures of Rs440 billion in the budget 2022-23 to meet the Rs7.004 trillion revenue collection target.

### **Non-resident Pakistani businessmen will now have to file returns**

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has increased the scope of criteria for becoming tax resident individuals. According to the Finance Bill 2022-23, non-resident Pakistan businessmen would now be required to file their income tax returns irrespective of their period of stay in Pakistan and also pay the due amount of taxes to become tax resident individuals.

### **Tax on deemed income from unused property introduced**

ISLAMABAD/ KARACHI: The FBR has proposed Rs153 billion taxes on immovable property/assets within the country and offshore assets through Finance Bill 2022.

### **Advance tax on credit cards foreign transactions**

ISLAMABAD: The FBR has inserted Section 236Y in the Income Tax Law and imposed an advance tax on persons remitting amounts abroad through credit or debit or prepaid cards.

### **Small retailers to be taxed through electricity bills**

KARACHI: The government has decided to deduct tax through electricity bills from small shopkeepers or retailers across the country to bring the sector under tax net.

### **FBR jacks up FED on air travel**

ISLAMABAD: The FBR has jacked up the rate of Federal Excise Duty (FED) on club, business and first-class air tickets from Rs10,000 to Rs50,000 through Finance Bill-2022.

### **TRIBUNE NEWS PAPER**

#### **Govt eyes Rs740b in additional taxes**

ISLAMABAD: The coalition government on Friday proposed slapping Rs740 billion in additional taxes, targeting commercial banks, real estate, retailers, foreign assets of Pakistanis, commercial importers and consumers of petroleum products.

#### **Govt unveils Rs9.5 trillion federal budget for 2022-23**

ISLAMABAD: With one eye on the International Monetary Fund and the other on voters, Finance Minister Miftah Ismail on Friday proposed a Rs9.5 trillion inflationary budget amid a daunting challenge to meet ambitious targets.

#### **Power sector to get major chunk of subsidies**

#### **Traders to ready to shut shopping malls by 9pm**

### **EXPRESS NEWS PAPER**

#### **Budget of volume Rs.9502 billion and above Rs.3798 billion deficit budget presented**

#### **Rs.85 billion relief and Rs200 billion additional target fixed for taxpayers**

#### **Balanced & good measures taken in budget, economy will come out form pressure soon - Business Community**

#### **Tax on income up-to 6 lac will 0, up-to 12 lac Rs.100**

#### **Dollar value raised again, recession vanished in stock market**

#### **Karachi: Duration of worst load-shedding reached 12-14 hours**