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NOTIFICATION

No.7-2/2026-Min.I.– In view of the current global and regional situation, the Prime Minister has been pleased to direct the implementation of the following austerity and fuel conservation measures, in addition to the measures already in place. These measures shall apply across all Federal Government establishments (including Ministries, Divisions, Departments, Organisations, Autonomous Bodies, Statutory Authorities, State-Owned Enterprises and other entities), the Legislature, Defence Organisations and the Judiciary. The Provincial Governments shall also adopt these measures to ensure a unified national effort.

A. Additional Austerity Measures

- (i) **Reduction of fuel provision by fifty percent (50%) for the next two months for official vehicles** in the use of all government functionaries serving in the Federal and Provincial establishments, excluding operational vehicles such as buses, ambulances, motorbikes, etc.;
- (ii) **Sixty percent (60%) of official vehicles to be grounded** in all Federal and Provincial Government establishments for a period of two months. Car-pooling shall be promoted. Principal Accounting Officers shall ensure implementation of this measure;
- (iii) **Voluntary Salary Waiver:** All Cabinet Ministers, Ministers of State, Advisors, and Special Assistants to the Prime Minister in both the Federal and the Provincial Cabinets to voluntarily forego their salary and allowances for two months;
- (iv) **Legislature Salary Cut:** Twenty-five percent (25%) voluntary cuts in salary and allowances of all Members of the Federal and the Provincial Legislatures will be applied for two months;

- (v) **Government officials** working in all Federal and Provincial Government establishments in BS-20 (or equivalent) and above with a monthly salary of PKR 300,000 or more, may voluntarily forgo two days' salary, excluding government officials serving in the health and education sectors;
- (vi) **Twenty percent (20%) reduction in Non-ERE budget for the Fourth Quarter** for all Federal and Provincial Government establishments for the last quarter of the Current Financial Year 2025-26;
- (vii) **Vehicle Purchase Ban:** Complete ban on purchase of all new vehicles of all types till June 2026, already in place, to be strictly enforced with no exemptions granted;
- (viii) **Durables Purchase Ban:** Complete ban on purchase of all new durables till June 2026. IT procurements shall be allowed only after scrutiny by NITB and approval of the Austerity Committee;
- (ix) **Complete ban on foreign travel** on official visits (except obligatory visits) by the Cabinet Ministers, the Parliamentarians, and the government functionaries, whether funded by the government or any other source. All Ministers, Ministers of State, Advisors and Special Assistants to the Prime Minister, Parliamentarians, and government functionaries in Federal and Provincial Government establishments shall travel only in the economy class;
- (x) **Rightsizing exercise of Federal Government will continue** and real savings targets to be set accordingly for the next budget;
- (xi) **Teleconferencing:** Physical meetings will remain banned. All meetings shall be conducted through virtual or online platforms to reduce travel and lodging expenditure in all Federal and Provincial Government establishments and entities. The Judiciary will be approached to adopt ways and means to reduce the number of persons required to be present for court hearings;
- (xii) **Official Dinners:** No official dinners shall be hosted, except in the case of visiting foreign delegations;
- (xiii) **Seminars, Trainings and Conferences:** All official seminars, trainings, and conferences (expected to be funded by the Government) shall be subject to prior scrutiny by a designated committee to determine the necessity and priority of the event; and

- (xiv) **Use of Government Facilities:** Government venues such as auditoriums, committee rooms, and other official facilities shall be utilised for such events

B. Fuel Conservation Measures

(1) Public Sector Operations:

- (i) Work-from-home arrangements shall be implemented for up to 50% of staff, on alternate day basis, except for essential services. The respective Secretaries / Heads of Departments will determine the staff eligible for this arrangement; and
- (ii) Four-day workweek will be observed. However, this will not apply to banking sector and essential services.

(2) Private sector organisations are advised to also adopt the above measures, including:

- (i) Work from home for 50% of employees, except those involved in essential services;
- (ii) Four-day workweek, adjusting daily working hours as needed; and
- (iii) In case of work on public holidays, Overtime Allowance shall be paid in accordance with applicable rules;

The measures in this section shall not apply to the banking, industrial and agricultural sectors.

(3) Schools, Colleges and Universities:

- (i) All schools shall observe Spring Holidays from 16th March 2026 to 31st March 2026. However, examinations will continue as scheduled and are exempt from this closure; and
- (ii) All higher education institutions, including colleges and universities, shall shift to 100% online classes during this period.

(4) **Other Measures:**

- (i) The speed limits on roads shall be reduced as follows:
- (a) Motorways: 90–100 km/h
 - (b) Highways: 65–80 km/h
- (ii) The number of guests allowed at marriage functions and parties shall be limited to 200 persons. Only a single dish shall be served where convened.

2. All measures shall be adopted and implemented with immediate effect.

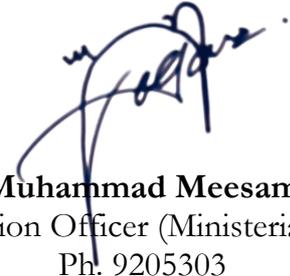

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