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**GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
CABINET SECRETARIAT
CABINET DIVISION**

Islamabad, the 9th March, 2026

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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Islamabad, the 10th March, 2026

NOTIFICATION

No.7-2/2026-Min.I.– In continuation of Cabinet Division’s notification of even number dated 9th March, 2026, the four-day workweek, mentioned at paras 1B(1)(ii) & 1B(2)(ii) of the notification *ibid*, shall be as follows:

Working Days: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Off Days: Friday, Saturday and Sunday

2. Furthermore, para 1A(v) of the abovementioned notification shall be read as follows:

(v) **Government officials** working in all Federal and Provincial Government establishments in BS-20 and above (or equivalent), or those with a monthly salary of PKR 300,000 or more, irrespective of pay scale, may voluntarily forgo two days’ salary, excluding government officials serving in the health and education sectors;

3. This issues with the approval of the Cabinet Secretary.




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Islamabad, the 14th March, 2026

NOTIFICATION

No.7-2/2026-Min.I.– In continuation of Cabinet Division's notifications of even number dated 9th and 10th March, 2026, the Prime Minister, on consideration of the recommendations of the Committee for Monitoring and Implementation of Fuel Conservation and Additional Austerity Measures, has been pleased to further direct the implementation of the following austerity and fuel conservation measures:

- (1) **Salary Deduction for Statutory Bodies and State-Owned Enterprises etc:** Gross salaries of the higher management of all Statutory and Autonomous Bodies, Regulatory Authorities and State-Owned Enterprises etc, including but not limited to their Chief Executive Officers, Executive Directors, Directors and Senior Managers would be deducted for the next two months at the following rates, the proceeds of which shall be deposited in the Prime Minister's Austerity Fund 2026:

Salary Bracket	Percentage to be Deducted
Rs. 300,000 to Rs. 1,000,000	5% of gross salary for two months
Rs. 1,000,001 to Rs. 2,000,000	15% of gross salary for two months
Rs. 2,000,001 to Rs. 3,000,000	25% of gross salary for two months
More than Rs. 3,000,000	30% of gross salary for two months

- (2) **Deduction of Board Fees of Government Nominees on Boards of State-Owned Enterprises etc:** Hundred percent (100%) of the Board fees paid to Government nominees on the Boards of Directors of State-Owned Enterprises as well as Statutory and Autonomous Bodies, for attending Board meetings etc, would be deposited for the next two months in the 'Prime Minister's Austerity Fund 2026'.

- (3) **Deduction of Board' Fees of Government Nominees on Boards of Private Sector Companies etc:** Hundred percent (100%) of the board fees paid to Government nominees on the Boards of Directors of private sector companies etc would be deposited for the next two months in the 'Prime Minister's Austerity Fund 2026.
- (4) **Ministry of Foreign Affairs:**
- (i) Simple flag hoisting ceremonies would be held in the missions for 23rd March, 2026 rather than receptions; and
 - (ii) The twenty percent (20%) reduction in the Non-ERE budget for the Fourth Quarter and the two-days salary deduction, stipulated at para 1A(v) & (vi) of Cabinet Division's notifications No. 7-2/2026-Min.I. dated 09.03.2026 and 10.03.2026, will also apply in the case of foreign missions and the officers/officials, belonging to any occupational group or service, posted in these missions. However, obligations relating to rents, educational fees and medical care arrangements will be met.
- (5) **Revenue Division**
- (i) To enable the Federal Board of Revenue to meet revenue collection targets, the measures of work-from-home and four-day workweek, relating to Public Sector Operations, as specified at para 1B(1)(i) & (ii) of Cabinet Division's notification No. 7-2/2026-Min.I. dated 09.03.2026 and 10.03.2026, would not be applicable in the case of the Revenue Division, the Federal Board of Revenue and the other organisations lying in the administrative purview of the Revenue Division;
 - (ii) For the same reason, the measure of reduction of fuel provision by fifty percent (50%) and grounding of sixty percent (60%) vehicles, as specified at para 1A(i) & (ii) of Cabinet Division's notification No. 7-2/2026-Min.I. dated 09.03.2026 would not be applicable for the official vehicles of FBR involved in Customs Enforcement Operations and Inland Revenue Enforcement Network (IREN) Operations; however,
 - (iii) The FBR would achieve the specified fuel reduction and vehicle grounding targets on the whole through higher adjustments in other Wings.

(6) Law-Enforcement Agencies and Civil Armed Forces

- (i) Owing to security imperatives, the measures of work-from-home and four-day workweek as specified at Para 1B(1)(i) & (ii) of Cabinet Division's notifications No. 7-2/2026-Min.I. dated 09.03.2026 and 10.03.2026, would not be applicable in respect of Law-Enforcement Agencies and Civil Armed forces;
- (ii) For the same reason, the measure of reduction of fuel provision by fifty percent (50%) and grounding of sixty percent (60%) vehicles, as specified at para 1A(i) & (ii) of Cabinet Division's notification No. 7-2/2026-Min.I. dated 09.03.2026 would also not be applicable in the case of Law-Enforcement Agencies and Civil Armed forces; however,
- (iii) Tiers of Law Enforcement Agencies and Civil Armed Forces that are not actively involved in ground level operations with respect to security and maintenance of law and order, would be subject to the reduction of fuel provision by fifty percent (50%) and grounding of sixty percent (60%) vehicles.

(7) Complete Ban on Foreign Visits:

- (i) There shall be a complete ban on foreign visits and travel, even in the case of obligatory events, for the next two months. In case of events in which the participation of Pakistan is obligatory or important, the respective Ambassador or High Commissioner of Pakistan would represent; however,
- (ii) Short and long term foreign trainings funded entirely by international financial or development agencies, and for which a formal selection process has been followed by the agencies or the Economic Affairs Division would be exempt.

(8) Use of Official Vehicles:

- (i) The use of security vehicles accompanying vulnerable dignitaries would be rationalized keeping in view the security threat; and
- (ii) Principal Accounting Officers of the respective Ministries/Divisions would ensure that official vehicles are being used strictly for official purposes.

- (9) **Teleconferencing:** The ban on physical meetings would not be applicable in the case of intra-city meetings.
- (10) **Monitoring & Compliance:** All Federal Government establishments as well as Provincial Governments would report compliance regarding implementation of the conservation and additional austerity measures on a weekly basis on the prescribed format through a digital portal being developed by the Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication.
- (11) **Audit by the Intelligence Bureau:** The Intelligence Bureau would conduct a comprehensive audit and validation exercise with respect to reduction of fuel allocation by fifty percent (50%) and grounding of sixty percent (60%) official vehicles. The Intelligence Bureau would submit weekly reports to the Prime Minister as well as the Committee for Monitoring and Implementation of Fuel Conservation and Additional Austerity Measures.
- (12) **Provision of APN devices for usage of E-Office** would be ensured by the Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication within four days. These devices would be provided to officers nominated by the Principal Accounting Officers. Ministries/Divisions shall submit their respective demand for the devices to the Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication immediately.
- (13) **Sub-Committee on Transfer of Financial Savings:**
- (i) The following Sub-committee would formulate and devise a mechanism for ensuring seamless transfer of anticipated savings that would accrue as a consequence of implementation of the conservation and additional austerity measures, from the account of the respective Provincial Governments to the 'Prime Minister's Austerity Fund 2026' that has been opened in the Public Account under Section 32 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2019:
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|-------|---|-----------------|
| (i) | Secretary, Finance Division, Government of Pakistan | Convenor |
| (ii) | Secretary Finance Department, Punjab | Member |
| (iii) | Secretary Finance Department, Sindh | Member |
| (iv) | Secretary Finance Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa | Member |
| (v) | Secretary Finance Department, Balochistan | Member |
| (vi) | Secretary Finance Department, AJK | Member |
| (vii) | Secretary Finance Department, Gilgit-Baltistan | Member |

- (ii) The Sub-committee would present its report and recommendations for consideration and approval of the Committee in its next meeting.


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Islamabad, the 15th March, 2026

NOTIFICATION

No.7-2/2026-Min.I.— In supersession of para 1(11) of Cabinet Division's notification of even number dated 14th March, 2026, the Prime Minister has been pleased to direct that the Intelligence Bureau shall conduct a comprehensive audit and validation exercise, including impact assessment, with respect to all fuel conservation and additional austerity measures introduced vide Cabinet Division's notifications of even number dated 9th, 10th and 14th March, 2026. The Intelligence Bureau would submit weekly reports to the Prime Minister as well as to the Committee for Monitoring and Implementation of Fuel Conservation and Additional Austerity Measures.


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Islamabad, the 19th March, 2026

CLARIFICATION

No.7-2/2026-Min.I.– It is hereby clarified that ‘Government nominees on the Boards of Directors’ referred to in paras 1(2) and 1(3) of Cabinet Division’s notification No.7-2/2026-Min.I dated 14th March, 2026 includes Chairpersons, nominee directors, ex-officio directors and independent directors nominated/appointed by the Government of Pakistan on the Boards of Directors.

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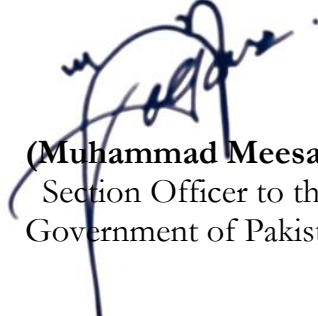
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Islamabad, the 23rd March, 2026

NOTIFICATION

No.7-2/2026-Min.I.— In continuation of this Division's notifications of even number dated 9th and 14th March, 2026, the Prime Minister, with the objective of ensuring responsible utilization of public resources and reducing government expenditures, has been pleased to further direct the adoption and implementation of the following measures throughout the country, with immediate effect: -


- (i) The use of high-octane fuel in all government vehicles is prohibited;
 - (ii) In cases where the use of high-octane fuel is deemed unavoidable for any government vehicle, the concerned user may utilize such fuel at own personal expense; and
 - (iii) All Principal Accounting Officers (PAOs) and heads of organizations shall ensure the implementation of these measures.
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CLARIFICATION

No.7-2/2026-Min.I.– The Cabinet Division has received queries relating to the applicability of the deduction of gross salary in the case of employees of Statutory and Autonomous Bodies, Regulatory Authorities and State-Owned Enterprises etc required under para 1 (1) of Cabinet Division's notification No.7-2/2026-Min.I dated 14th March, 2026.

2. It is hereby clarified that the deduction, at specified rates for two months, applies to all employees of Statutory and Autonomous Bodies, Regulatory Authorities and State-Owned Enterprises etc, irrespective of hierarchy, whose gross monthly salary is Rs.300,000 and above. It may be noted that para 1 (1) of Cabinet Division's aforementioned notification already explicates that the same is applicable "including but not limited to their Chief Executive Officers, Executive Directors, Directors and Senior Managers."


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**GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
CABINET SECRETARIAT
CABINET DIVISION**

Islamabad, the 6th April, 2026

NOTIFICATION

No.7-2/2026-Min.I.— In continuation of Cabinet Division's notifications of even number dated 9th and 14th March, 2026, the Prime Minister, in view of the continuing Gulf oil crisis, has been pleased to direct the enforcement of the following austerity and fuel conservation measures with effect from Tuesday, 7th April, 2026, in addition to the measures already in place:

- (i) All shops, departmental stores, bazaars, markets and shopping malls shall close at 8.00 PM on all days of the week;
- (ii) The closing times for bakeries, tandoors, restaurants and grocery stores shall be 10.00 PM on all days of the week;
- (iii) Pharmacies and medical stores shall, however, be exempt from the notified closing times; and
- (iv) Marriage halls, marquees and all other commercial places where festive events are held shall close at 10.00 PM on all days of the week. This closing time shall also apply in the case of festive events held in private premises.

2. Provincial Governments may notify their agreed additional measures where not already done so.

3. The Prime Minister has been further pleased to approve that public transport, including public transport operated by private owners, shall be free for intra-city commuters in Muzaffarabad (Azad Jammu and Kashmir), and Gilgit (Gilgit-Baltistan) for a month with effect from 8th April, 2026, the costs of which shall be borne by the Federal Government.


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