



PRESS RELEASE

Decreased collection of hides & skins by Leather industry on eid-ul-azha

Karachi : **12th November, 2011** : **Mr. S.M. Naseem, Chairman, Pakistan Tanners Association** informed the Print & Electronic Media in a press statement issued today that this year slaughtering of sacrificial animals has been decreased drastically as compared to previous year owing to high prices of sacrificial animals. With the estimated survey the decrease was found this year **by 50% for Sheep & Goat skins** while decrease by **10-15% only for Cow hides**.

Responding to a query, **Mr. S.M. Naseem** said that this year major decline **was found in the collection of Sheep & Goat skins by 50%** as the prices of Goat were at very higher side owing to high inflation, resultantly the masses were compelled for the share in joint sacrifice of Cow as such decline was observed by only **10-15%** of Cow this year. An estimated slaughtering of Sacrificial animals of Cow, Sheep/Goat skins are **5.00 to 5.5 Million (approx)** animals in comparison with last year figure which was **7.00 Million animals**.

The **Chairman, PTA, Mr. S.M. Naseem** also explained the major reasons for the decrease in the sacrifice of animals this year :

01. Smuggling of Live Animals from Pakistan to neighbour countries.
02. 1.5 Animals dead in recent Floods in Pakistan (as per statistics released by Govt., of Pakistan)
03. Export of Live Animals from Pakistan under provision of Special Quota.

Negative impact on Leather Industry

It is apprehended by the **Chairman, PTA, Mr. S.M. Naseem** that owing to heavy decrease of collection of Goat skins i.e. **reduced upto 50% this year and Cow by 10-15% only**, it would definitely affect the Leather Industry, resultantly unnecessary suffering to the production of Leather Industry to a great extent, which may certainly bring negative impact on the pace of receiving precious foreign exchange for the national exchequer as well as to create further unemployment in the **Leather Industry** in the wake of low production.

He also added that the Leather Industry is already facing great turmoil in shape of heavy load shedding, high prices of Gas, Petrol, smuggling /export of live animals, which is already increasing cost of production apart from it the scarcity of Raw Materials specially Sheep & Goat skins would certainly add further cost in the production to make our members unable to compete locally & internationally for fetching export orders.

The **Chairman, Pakistan Tanners' Association, Mr. S.M. Naseem strongly appeals** to the Government of Pakistan to take necessary preventive measures to avoid **Smuggling of Live Animals from Pakistan** and also to impose a "**Complete Ban**" on **export of Live Animals from Pakistan under the provision of Special Quota**, which is not only in the supreme interest of **Leather Industry**, but also cause to reduce the Milk & Meat prices for the general masses in Pakistan.

