

# PAKISTAN TANNERS ASSOCIATION

## PRESS RELEASE

### PTA URGES TO RESOLVE TRANSPORTERS ISSUE PROMPTLY

Karachi:15th May'2017: The Chairman,PTA,Mr. Anjum Zafar informed the press & electronic media today thru a press release that a meeting was held today with the Pakistan Goods Transporters Alliance in the Association Office which was headed by Mr. Nisar Hussain JafriChairman accompanied by Mr. Amanullah Khan NiaziVice Chairman and others and discussed the core issues for the strike observed in Karachi and brought to the notice of the Goods Transporters Alliance the real concern of the Leather Sector of Pakistan which is the 2nd biggest export oriented Industry of the country and contributing significant to the country's GDP the problems confronting by its country wide members in result of indefinite Strike made by the Transporters.

Mr. Jafri, Chairman, Pakistan Goods Transporters Alliance informed the House during the meeting that total 486000 heavy vehicles registered in Pakistan for the goods Transportation are completely parked for strike until & unless the resolution for which discussion is in progress with the Sindh Government & City Government and submitted the new concerted TOR/SOP to the Sindh High Court for the alternate solution on temporarily basis for the restoration of process for the transporters which is not the single issue of Karachi City which is also being affected severely throughout the country's exports & imports. He also informed that thousands of Containers of Chemicals Food items & other perishable items are lying at Karachi Port & Port Qasim for the want of transportation and the mercantile fleet authority in Karachi has also issued immediate letter to the Higher Authority for immediate resolution for upcoming containers which are ready at the port for disembarkation and also which are on the sea/route to Karachi in view of ground space is now available with the Ports Authority for further parking.

The Chairman, Pakistan Tanners Association, Mr. Anjum Zafar also shared the problems/grievances of PTA's members in result of strike that a large number of Containers of finished Leather/Goods/Garments/Footwear and specially Chemicals & Machineries and specially Raw skins/Materials are lying at Karachi Ports and most of them are perishable are now on high risk of losses and leading the cause of sever demurrage at Ports. Besides the Foreign Buyers/Customers are threatening to cancel the LC's already opened for the non delivery of the Cargo/Shipments to them within the frame time agreed with them in writing.

Mr. Anjum Zafar,vChairman, PTA also informed that the Leather Sector of Pakistan is already facing declining by 35% for the couple of years and now in severe crises and facing heavy losses which is certainly detrimental not only to the Industry and ultimately

would negative impact/effect to the country's economy/exports by losing precious foreign exchange. Millions of Dollars in import and export trade has already been lost and further heavy losses are being incurred . More than 300 containers of leather industry export and import shipments are held up and activities have become STANDSTILL in leather sector. Even if the matter is sorted out urgently it will many weeks to clear the back log and economy will suffer losses in millions of USD .

It has been generated view with consensus among the Members of the Association during the meeting endorsed by the Chairman, PTA Mr. Anjum Zafar, Mr.Aziz Ahmed, Sr. Vice Chairman,PTA and Mr.Gulzar Firoz, Ex-Chairman, PTA with the support of the house to appeal to the Sindh Chief Minister, Mr. Murad Ali Shah and Provincial Transport Minister, Mr. Nasir Hussain Shah to resolve the issue IMMEDIATELY without further delay to avoid further loss & demurrage for the Cargo for the Import/Exports of the precious shipments lying at Port & Leather Factories other the whole responsibility for the heavy demurrage/losses of PTA's exporters would be on Sindh Government.

The House anticipated to get early resolution by today or tomorrow maximum so that the transportation process would be restored to start the transport activities of the containers/shipment smoothly with convenience.

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