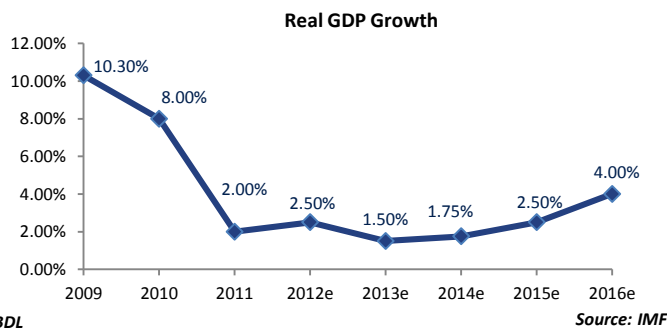
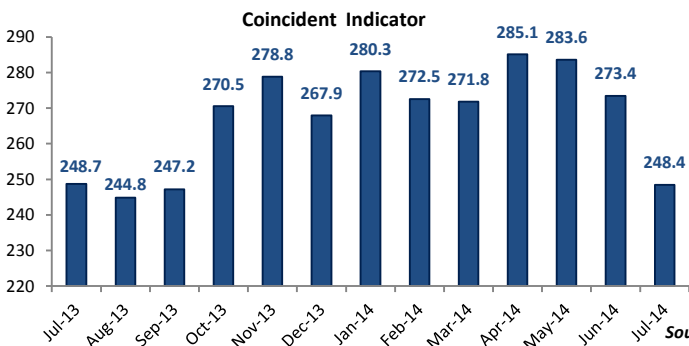


LEBANON ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS: July 2014

■ Coincident Indicator (INDIC) down -0.1% YOY in July 2014:

The coincident indicator witnessed a decrease of -0.1% YOY to 248.4 in July 2014 from 248.7 in July 2013. The indicator decreased -9.1% MOM from 273.4 in June 2014. Coincident indicator was created in 1994 by the BDL as a monthly estimate of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). It includes eight economic indicators that seek to reflect the current state of the economy in Lebanon. The economic variables that compose the coincident indicator are: electricity production, cement deliveries, cleared checks, money supply M3, passengers flows, imports of petroleum derivatives, imports and exports.



According to the IMF, the Lebanese economy is expected to have grown by 2.5% in 2012. The estimated growth rates for 2013 and 2014 are 1.5% and 1.75% respectively, and is forecasted to reach 2.5% for 2015 and 4.0% for 2016.

■ Electricity Production:

Figures for the month of July 2014 were unavailable.

■ Cement Deliveries:

Cement deliveries, an indicator of construction activity, decreased -21.9% YOY to 422,226 tons and -21.0% MOM. Construction permits in surface area, an indicator of future supply in the real estate sector, decreased -12.3% YOY to 1,126,660 sqm and -9.8% MOM.

■ Cleared Checks:

The total value of cleared checks in both LBP and FC decreased by -4.7% YOY to USD 6,148 million. The cleared checks in LBP decreased by -9.7% YOY to LBP 2,059 billion and by -10.1% MOM. Those in FC decreased by -8.5% YOY to USD 4,515 million and by -6.1% MOM.

■ Money Supply M3:

M3 increased by 6.7% YOY and 0.5% MOM at LBP 174,240 billion (USD 115.6 billion), of which 59.1% is denominated in foreign currencies.

■ Passengers Flows:

The number of passengers arriving to Lebanon increased 23.4% YOY and 15.8% MOM to 376,325.

■ Imports Of Petroleum Derivatives:

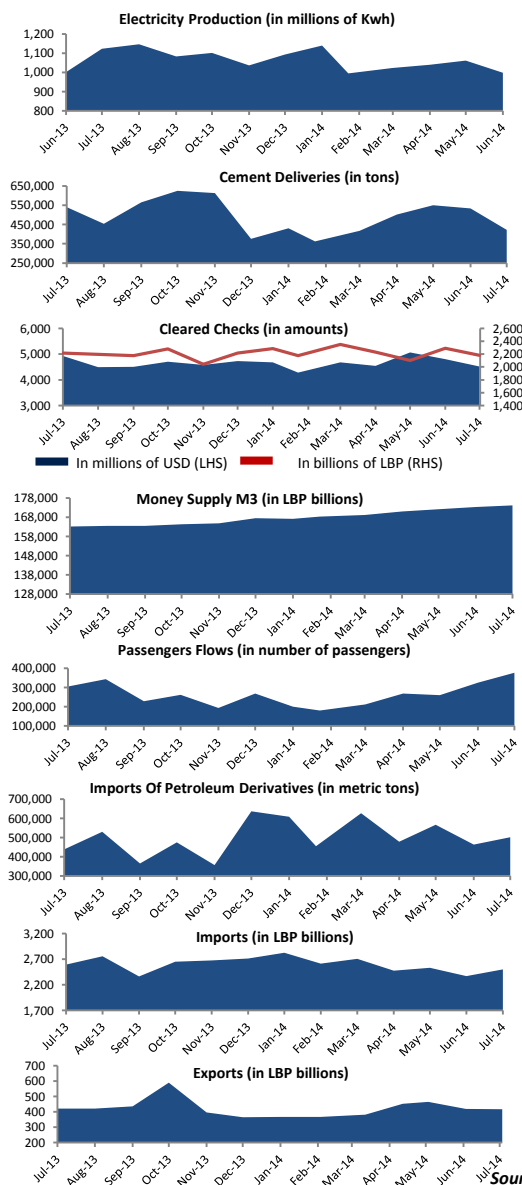
Imports of petroleum derivatives increased by 14.6% YOY and by 8.2% MOM to 501,512 metric tons of petroleum derivatives.

■ Imports:

Imports decreased -3.5% YOY to LBP 2,499 billion but increased 5.7% MOM. In the first seven months of 2014, China was the main source of imports, followed by Italy and France.

■ Exports:

Exports totaled LBP 417 billion reflecting a decrease of -1.3% YOY and of -0.6% MOM. In the first seven months 2014, Saudi Arabia was the main export destination followed by South Africa and UAE.



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