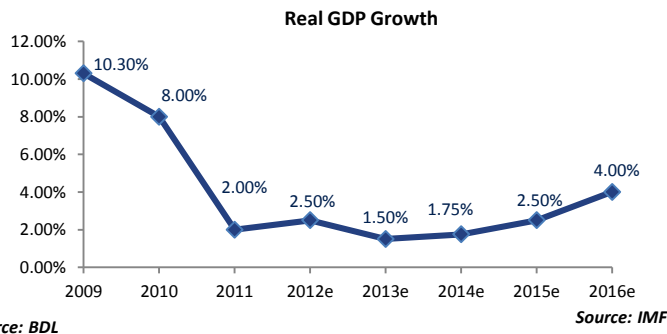
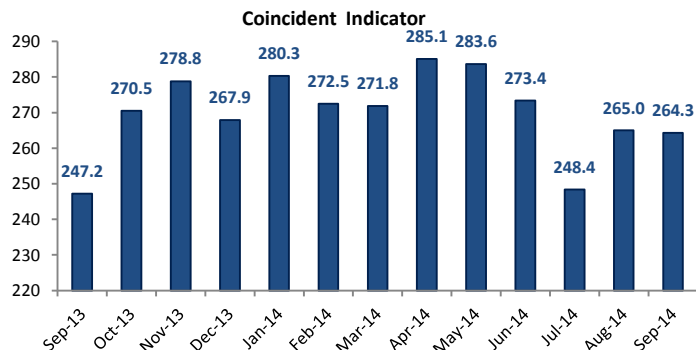


# LEBANON ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS: September 2014

## Coincident Indicator (INDIC) up 6.9% YOY in September 2014:

The coincident indicator witnessed an increase of 6.9% YOY to 264.3 in September 2014 from 247.2 in September 2013. The indicator decreased -0.3% MOM from 265.0 in August 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:

Electricity production decreased -7.4% YOY and -8.4% MOM to 1,003 millions of Kwh.

## Cement Deliveries:

Cement deliveries, an indicator of construction activity, increased 10.9% MOM to 527,236 tons although decreased -6.7% YOY. Construction permits in surface area, an indicator of future supply in the real estate sector, increased 2.2% MOM to 1,041,942 sqm although decreased -8.6% YOY.

## Cleared Checks:

The total value of cleared checks in both LBP and FC increased by 6.9% YOY to USD 6,406 million. The cleared checks in LBP increased by 5.5% YOY to LBP 2,342 billion yet decreasing by -0.4% MOM. Those in FC increased by 7.6% YOY to USD 4,853 million yet decreasing by -2.4% MOM.

## Money Supply M3:

M3 increased by 7.0% YOY and by 0.4% MOM to LBP 174,969 billion (USD 116.1 billion), of which 58.7% is denominated in foreign currencies.

## Passengers Flows:

The number of passengers arriving to Lebanon increased 23.3% YOY while it decreased -20.8% MOM to 281,414.

## Imports Of Petroleum Derivatives:

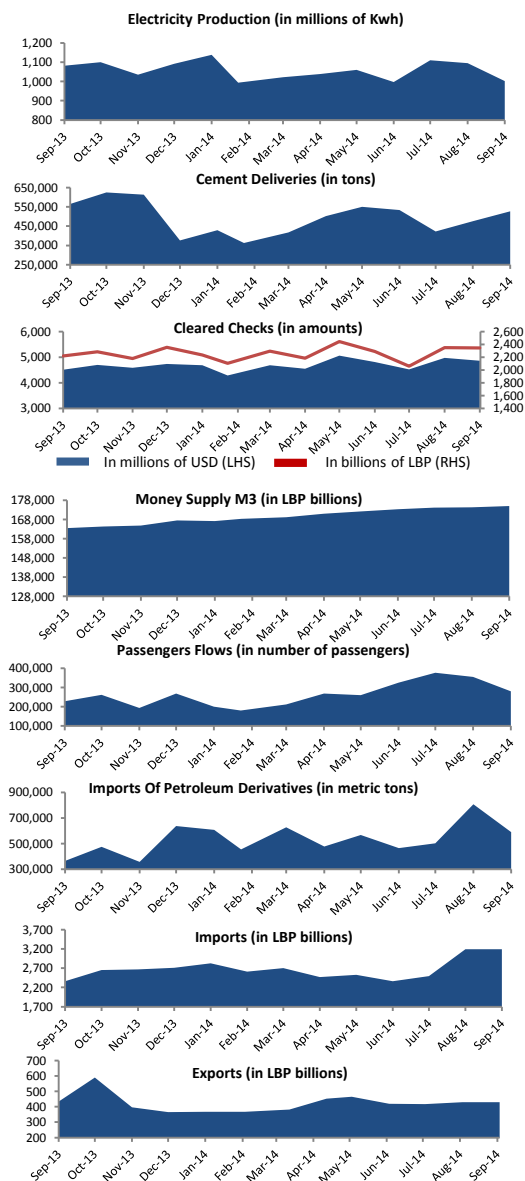
Imports of petroleum derivatives increased by 61.0% YOY although decreased by -27.0% MOM to 588,688 metric tons of petroleum derivatives.

## Imports:

Imports increased 35.5% YOY to LBP 3,197 billion while maintaining stable MOM. In the first 9 months of 2014, China was the main source of imports, followed by Italy and France.

## Exports:

Exports totaled LBP 430 billion reflecting a decrease of -1.2% YOY while remaining flat MOM. In the first 9 months of 2014, Saudi Arabia was the main export destination followed by South Africa and UAE.



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