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SC ruling restore Assembly and Premier to face VoNC

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Premiere to face Vote of No-Confidence on 9th of April

The current ruling by SC unanimously (5-0), declared the act of dismissing the no-confidence motion and dissolution of assembly as "Contrary to Constitution" ["...contrary to the Constitution and the law and of no legal effect"] and restored National Assembly. As result the premiere Imran Khan will now have to face the Vote of No-Confidence motion which as per the ruling of SC will held on Saturday 9th of April, 2022.

Opposition in comfortable position to ouster PM Imran Khan

To recall representatives of opposition is moved the VoNC against the Prime Minister Imran Khan on 8th of March 2022, accusing him of mismanaging the economy and poor governance. The opposition will require 172 votes out of 342, to gain the 50% share for the motion to be successful. In case of successful, opposition parties mainly the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) having 56 seats, Pakistan Muslim League (PML-N) with 84 seats and Muttahida Majlis—e—Amal (MMA) with 14 seats, have put forward name of Mr. Shehbaz Sharif, brother of Mr. Nawaz Sharif — to premiership thrice, as prime minister.

...but will have tough situation on their hand

The opposition would then have to mend it foreign ties along with deal with country's weakening macro-economic, the basis of which the opposition has built upon the no-confidence motion. Even during the court session, the chief justice of SC referred to the weak marco-economic situation in Sri Lanka and said the job of premiere, whoever to be will be tough.

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"Today, the value of rupee against the dollar has reached PKR 190 [in Pakistan]. We need a strong government. This will be a very difficult task for the opposition leader," Justice Bandial said (link).

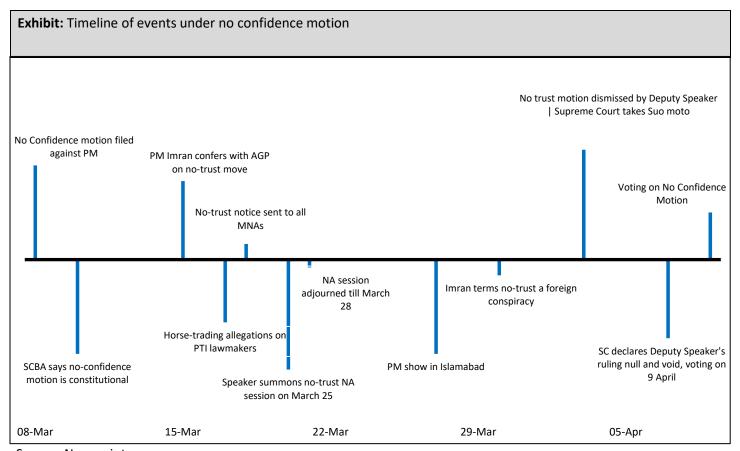
However, a strong delivery from the opposition (in case being successful) in our view will be unlikely, given multiple party coalition are generally weak at decision making due to compromising position. Secondly the nature of inflation is more to do with international commodity prices to which local government has little to options to evert. As per scheduled elections are expected in 2023, but we cannot rule out the possibility of earlier call to elections.

Exhibit: Pakistan National Assembly Party-wise seats break up			
	No. of Seats	%	
Government	142	42%	
Pakistan Therik-e-Insaaf (PTI)	133	39%	
Pakistan Muslim League (PMLQ)	3	1%	
Others	6	2%	
Opposition	172	50%	
Pakistan Muslim League (PMLN)	84	25%	
Pakistan People Party (PPP)	56	16%	
Muttahida Majlis-e-Amal (MMA)	14	4%	
Others	18	5%	
Independents	4	1%	
FATA	12	4%	
Federal Capital	2	1%	
Non-Muslims	10	3%	
Total National Assembly Seats	342	100%	

Market likely to rejoice on end of political noise

From market standpoint, Mr. Shehbaz Sharif candidate of PM from opposition is generally viewed pro-growth / development / business personality. Hence the SC ruling putting peaceful end to the ongoing political noise can be well receive the market participants, seconded by resumption of IMF program.





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