# **Day Break**

Tuesday, December 2, 2025



Exhibit: Monthly CPI trend

# Nov-24 May-25 Nov-25 Source: IGI Research, PBS

#### Inflation

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- Inflation continued to remain elevated in Nov-25 owing to higher electricity prices despite drop in food prices. Recent floods are likely to temporarily keep food inflation higher during 2HFY26 and is expected to normalize from FY27. Moreover, rise in oil prices and PKR depreciation remain key risk to our inflation outlook. We expect inflation to average between 6-7% for FY26.

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Exhibit: Monthly National Consumer Price Index (CPI) growth estimates						
Estimated For the r	month of: Nov, 202	5				
	Wt.	y/y	m/m	5MFY26	5MFY25	5MFY24
National	100.0%	6.1%	0.4%	5.0%	7.9%	28.6%
Food	35%	5.5%	-0.2%	3.0%	0.8%	33.2%
Transport	6%	6.1%	0.2%	4.4%	-0.2%	24.9%
Utility/Rent	24%	5.3%	1.5%	4.1%	19.1%	20.1%
Essentials	17%	6.9%	0.6%	8.1%	14.9%	17.8%
Disc.	18%	7.6%	0.4%	7.5%	9.6%	40.8%

Source: PBS, IGI Research

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#### Food prices declined while electricity charges increased during Nov-25

Food index dropped by 0.2%m/m during Nov-25 owing to decline in prices of Tomatoes, Fresh Vegetables, Pulses, Condiments and Spices and Rice over the previous month whereas prices of Wheat, Chicken, Milk, Meat, Cooking Oil, Fresh Fruits, Onions, Potatoes, Sugar and Eggs have increased. Housing index inclined by +1.5%m/m mainly due to increase in electricity charges and solid fuel prices.

#### Transport index up by +0.2%m/m

Transport index increased by +0.2%m/m mainly due to slight decline in POL while transport service and mechanical service cost increased.

#### Rural Inflation dropped sharply compared to Urban

Urban inflation increased by +0.54%m/m or up +6.05%y/y during the month of Nov-25, whereas rural inflation inclined by +0.2%m/m or up by +6.29%y/y.

#### SPI inches down in Nov-25

Other indices, Wholesale Price Index (WPI) registered a +1.06%y/y increase and down 0.2%m/m during Nov-25. Sensitive Price Index (SPI) recorded a +4.16%y/y growth and up by +0.40%m/m during the month of Nov-25 compared to +4.79%y/y increase in the preceding month.

#### Outlook

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Exhibit: Natio	nal Core-i	nflation r	neasures									
	Nov-25	Oct-25	Sep-25	Aug-25	Jul-25	Jun-25	May-25	Apr-25	Mar-25	Feb-25	Jan-25	Dec-24
СРІ	6.2	6.2	5.6	3.0	4.1	3.2	3.5	0.3	0.7	1.5	2.4	4.1
SPI	4.2	4.8	4.5	2.6	-0.9	-1.9	-0.6	-3.2	-2.3	-0.2	0.7	4.2
WPI	1.1	1.1	0.6	-1.0	-0.5	0.6	0.4	-2.2	-1.6	-0.7	0.6	1.9
NFNE	7.2	7.9	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.6	7.9	8.0	9.0	8.8	8.8	9.1
Trimmed	5.7	6.3	6.0	4.0	5.0	4.9	4.8	3.6	4.8	4.8	5.4	6.3

Source: PBS, IGI Research



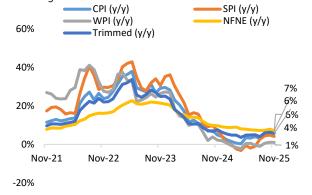
#### **Exhibit: Historical CPI Trend**

Headline inflation increases amid higher food prices



#### **Exhibit: Major Price Indices**

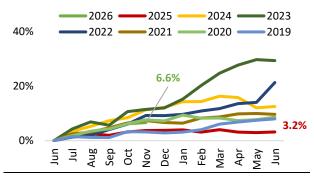
All major indices have depicted a slight pickup in growth including for SPI and WPI



Source: PBS, SBP, IGI Research

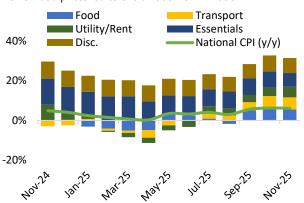
#### **Exhibit: CPI rebased to June**

CPI rebased to June shows rise in inflation



# Exhibit: Percentage point impact of each group on headline figure

Lower food prices led to overall decline in inflation





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