

LCCI urges political parties to ensure peaceful elections

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LAHORE: The Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry has urged all the political parties and public circles to ensure peaceful elections in the country.

LCCI Acting President Khawaja Khawar Rasheed and Vice President Zeshan in a joint statement on Monday said the peaceful elections are critical at this crucial time when country is facing huge economic.

The tussle between the political parties has provided anti-Pakistan elements an opportunity to play havoc with the country through terrorism activities, they said.

“It would not be worthless to say that future of Pakistan is linked with the peaceful General Elections 2018”, they said and added that Pakistan is an important country of South Asia and entire world has focused its General Elections 2018.

The violence in elections will broadcast a negative message to the world that would particularly hit the trust of foreign investors hard besides shattering the confidence of the local businessmen. Pakistan has already been included in Grey List by Financial Action Task Force. Violent elections will give enemies another opportunity to propagate against Pakistan, they said.

LCCI office-bearers said that ongoing situation demands maturity by the political parties.

They said that a week of stalled economic activity costs the country US 500 million dollars or \$2 billion per month while a weak economy like Pakistan cannot afford to lose even one million dollar loss to exports, they added.

As a nation, we need to highlight the soft image of the country in the eyes of international community.

They said that leadership of all political parties should join hands for strengthening the economy.