

Crisis to Correction to Recovery

Crisis: A Traumatic five years globally



Crisis: Economic scarring

Lost economic output in US dollar terms versus pre-Covid expectations

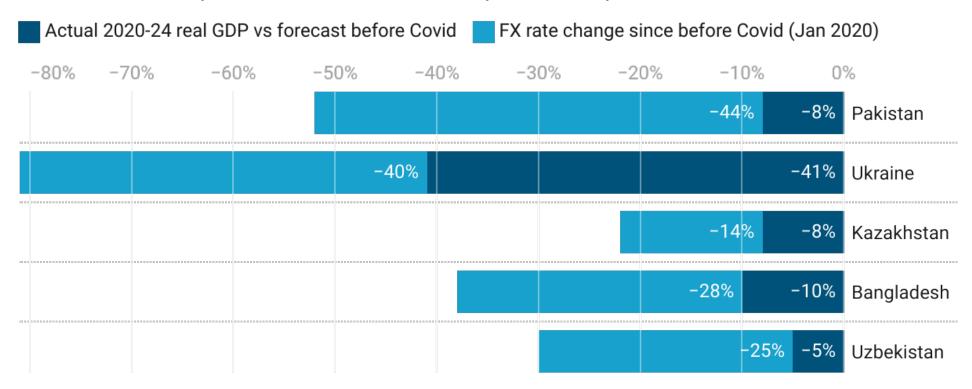


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Reset: Policy pivots and corrective actions

| Country | Before | After | |
|------------|--|--|--|
| Pakistan | Fall of PTI government, mass protests, devaluation, IMF loan de-railed | Military-civilian accord restored, fiscal cuts, IMF loan back on track | |
| Ukraine | Russian invasion and loss of territory | External assistance mobilised, territorial counter- offensive, stalemate | |
| Kazakhstan | Nazarbayev dynasty and protests (quelled with help from Russia) | Tokayev succession, constitutional reform, straddling Russia and US-EU | |
| Bangladesh | Declining foreign reserves to preserve FX peg, garment worker protests | Flexible FX and interest rate policy regimes, IMF loan, new wage bargain | |

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Reset: Economic performance pick-up

2024 forecast compared to worst point since pre-Covid (after Jan 2020)

| | GDP Growth (pp) | Inflation year on year (pp) | Fiscal Balance (pp of GDP) | Current Account Balance (pp of GDP) | Foreign Reserves (pp) |
|------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Pakistan | 2.9 | 18.3 | 0.4 | 3.6 | 135 |
| Ukraine | 32.3 | 18.1 | 13.8 | -0.2 | 107 |
| Kazakhstan | 5.7 | 13.5 | 4.8 | 1.9 | 85 |
| Bangladesh | 9.1 | 2.6 | 0.2 | 3.3 | 4 |
| Uzbekistan | 7.2 | 2.4 | 1.2 | 2.1 | 9 |

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Outlook, short-term: High nominal growth

2024 and 2025 full year average forecasts (%)

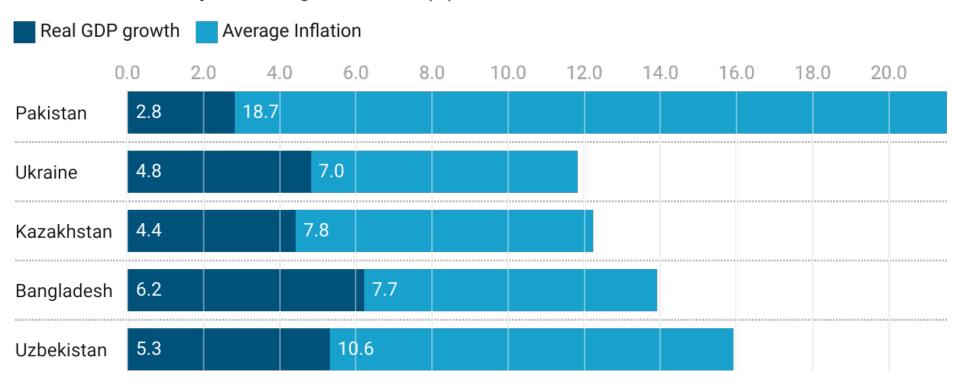


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Outlook, short-term: Pakistan, Bangladesh FX risk

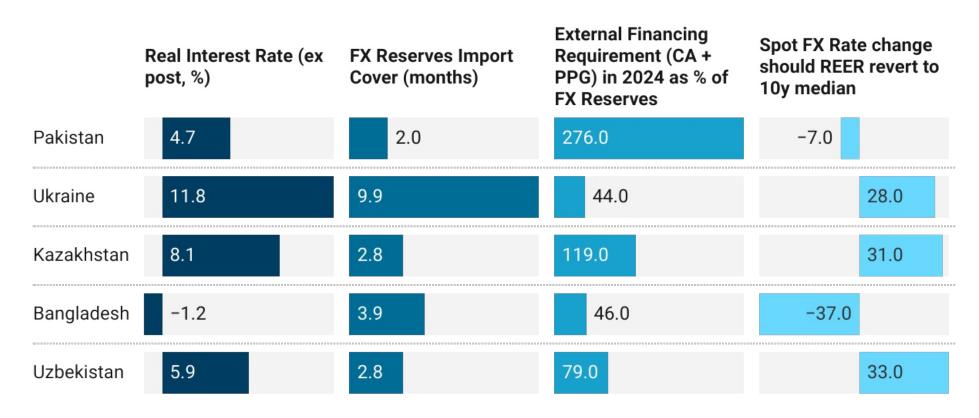


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Outlook, long-term: Opportunities and risks

| Country | Opportunities | Economic risks | Political risks |
|------------|--|---|--|
| Pakistan | Young population, population density and consumption, inward investment via SIFC | Manufacturing exports, commodity import prices, low tax collection | Disenfranchised electorate |
| Ukraine | Cessation of conflict, reconstruction | External funding | Territorial integrity |
| Kazakhstan | Connect EU-China trade | Oil price, reform implementation, Russia sanctions | Russia (oil transit, trade, sanctions) |
| Bangladesh | Further garment export growth, infrastructure inward investment | Beyond garments, commodity import prices, low tax collection | Succession, disenfranchised electorate |
| Uzbekistan | Economic liberalisation and poverty reduction | Gold price, remittances from Russia | Succession, Russia (remittances, trade, sanctions) |

Country-specific opportunities and risk factors

Pakistan: Relief from softer commodity prices

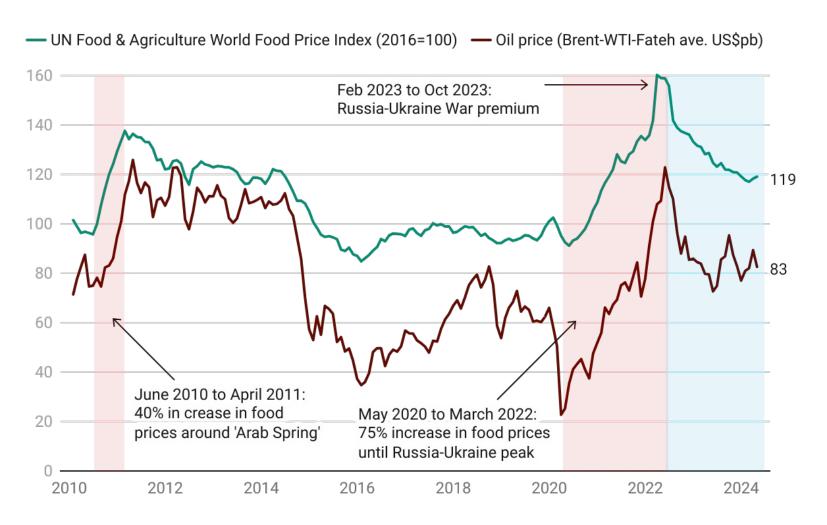


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Pakistan: Military-civilian harmony restored

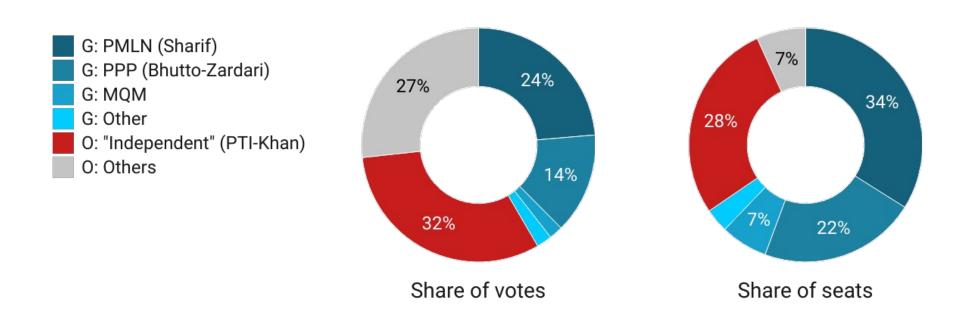
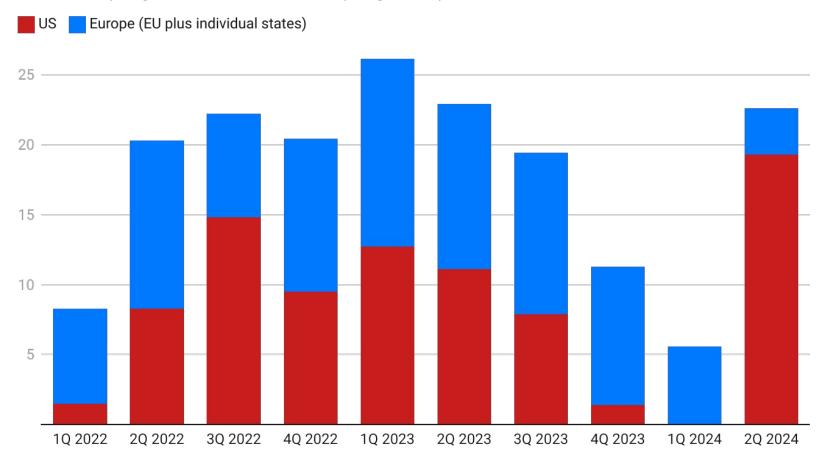


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Ukraine: Financial support flowing again

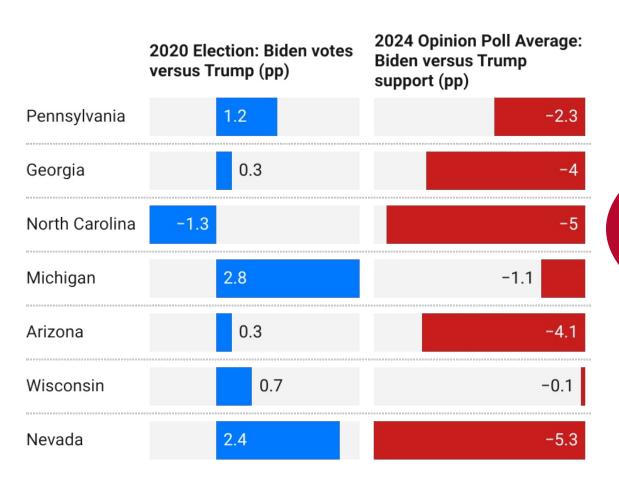
Ukraine aid (budget allocations rather than pledges, €bn)



In April, new US aid package of €57bn for the rest of 2024 (€19bn per quarter) approved, and new EU aid package of €50bn (€3.3bn per quarter until end of 2027)

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Ukraine: Trump's focus is defence spend increase by others in NATO, rather than de-funding Ukraine



"As everyone agrees, Ukrainian Survival and Strength should be much more important to Europe than to us, but it is also important to us! GET MOVING EUROPE!"

@realDonaldTrump, 18 April 2024

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Kazakhstan: Econ reforms to follow political ones?

| 1 | President's relative barred from senior roles in government enterprises and bureaucracy |
|---|---|
| 2 | Re-opening the constitutional court |
| 3 | Parliament election reform, away from full to party-list proportional representation |
| 4 | Fewer founders needed to launch new political parties |
| 5 | Judges, electoral and law enforcement officials not allowed party membership |
| 6 | Cut to number of members of parliament appointed directly by president |
| 7 | Separation of roles of the president and the head of the ruling party |
| 8 | Abolish Nursultan Nazarbayev leader for life status |

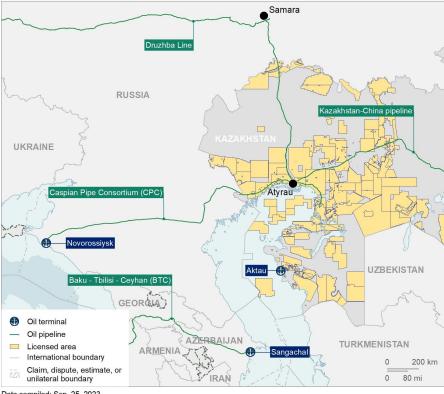
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Kazakhstan: Location, location, location

Geopolitical neutrality between China, Europe, Russia and trade and investment with all three

Eurasia Land Bridge New Eurasian Land Bridge RUSSIA Moscow Trans-Siberian railway BELARUS KAZAKHSTAN Astana TURKEY KMENISTAN China-Central Kashgar Asia-West Asia rat Mazar-i-Shari CHINA AFGHANISTAN: LEGEND IRAN Belt and Road Initiative corridors Other major rail routes Persian Gulf Possible future rail links

Oil exports via Russia

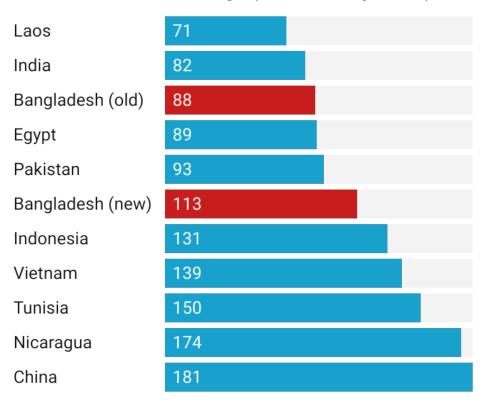


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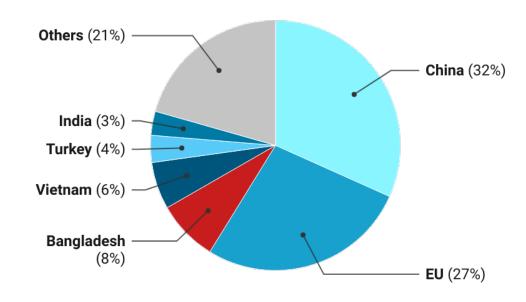
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Bangladesh: More garment export growth ahead

Garments Minimum Wage (US\$ monthly, 2023)



Global apparel export market share (2022)



'Bangladesh (Old)' is based on the 2018 settlement (US\$72) with 4 years of 5% annual increases

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Consumer opportunity to the fore as crisis fades

All countries with very high contribution from final consumption (formal and informal)

Pakistan, Bangladesh: large scale, youthful population, very high urban density

Ukraine: staples consumption in war time, reconstruction if peace

Kazakhstan: small but wealthier population

Uzbekistan: youthful population, market liberalisation unlocking growth

| Consumer macro metric | Pakistan | Ukraine | Kazakhstan | Bangladesh | Uzbekistan |
|---|----------|---------|------------|------------|------------|
| Consumption economy (% GDP, 2016-20) | 93 | 90 | 63 | 76 | 77 |
| Informal economy (% GDP, 2020) | 32 | 46 | 36 | 26 | 27 |
| Population (million, 2024) | 236 | 41 | 20 | 172 | 37 |
| GDP per capita (current US\$ 2024) | 1,295 | 5,663 | 14,778 | 2,646 | 2,666 |
| Youth population (% under 15 years old) | 35 | 16 | 28 | 25 | 29 |
| Urban density (sqkm, cities > 0.5m, 2020) | 12,557 | 3,083 | 3,722 | 28,122 | 3,004 |

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