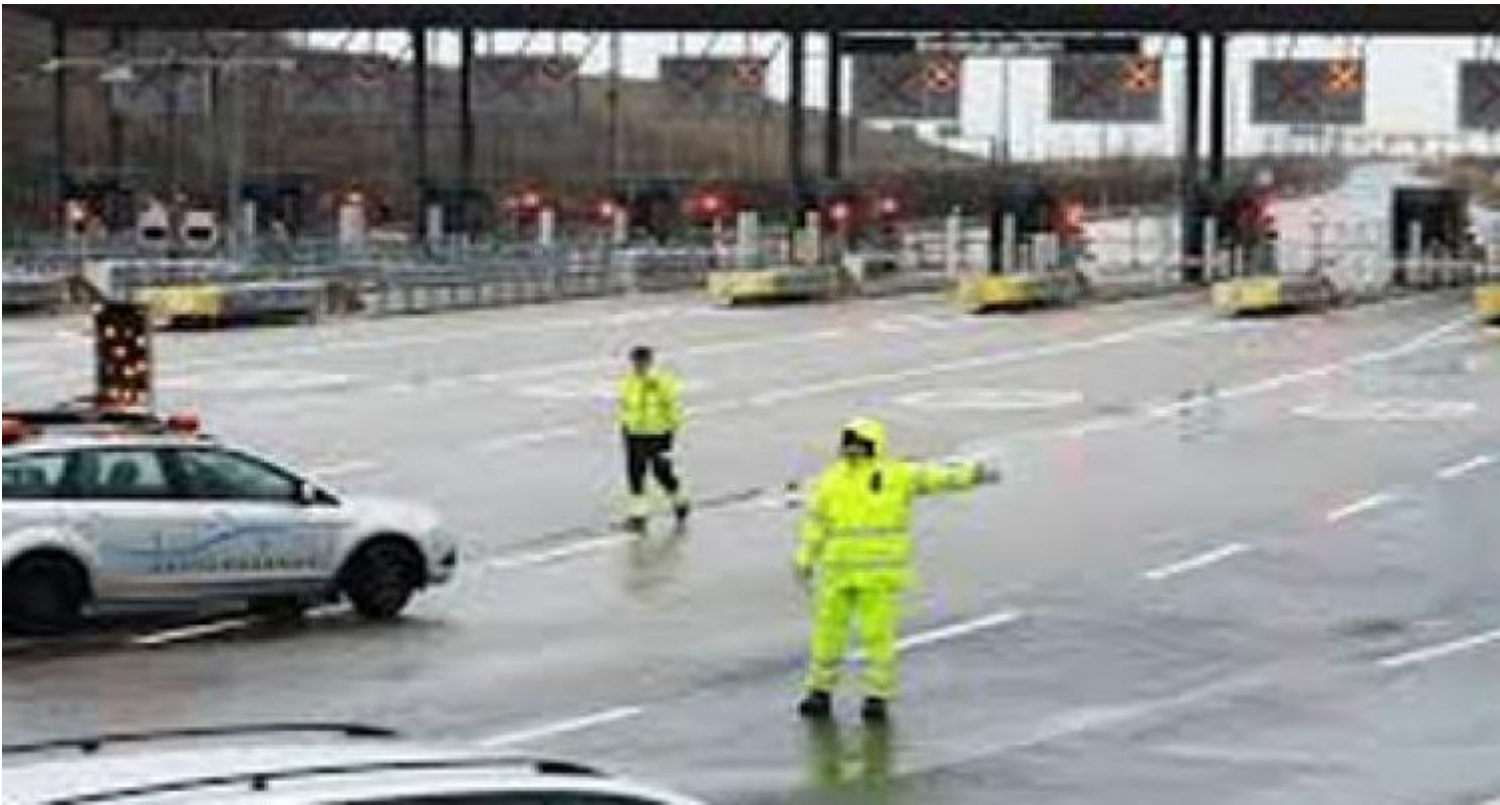


Desperate Argentines Cross Chilean Border to Buy Essential Items



Buenos Aires, October 15 (RHC)-- Thousands of Argentines have had to wait up to 8 hours to cross the Chilean border to buy what they cannot afford in their own country because of inflation.

According to reports, life under President Mauricio Macri continues to get worse for Argentines.

Skyrocketing inflation in Argentina has caused chaos at the border with Chile as thousands of people try to cross every weekend in order to buy all kind of items that sometimes cost three times less than in Argentina.

Last weekend, there was a collapse at the Libertadores Tunnel, which crosses a part of the Andes mountain range that divides the two countries. Authorities say more than 27,000 people in about 7,500 cars caused a line of over 9 miles long from the Argentinean side, forcing people to wait for up to 8 hours to cross the border when they normally do it in 30 minutes.

Recent research published by the Spanish newspaper El Pais ranked Argentina as the most expensive country in Latin America. After nearly one year of neo-liberal reforms under President Macri, Argentina recorded its worst economic performance in seven years with a 5.9 reduction in GDP for the third quarter,

according to official figures from the National Institute of Statistics and Censuses.

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