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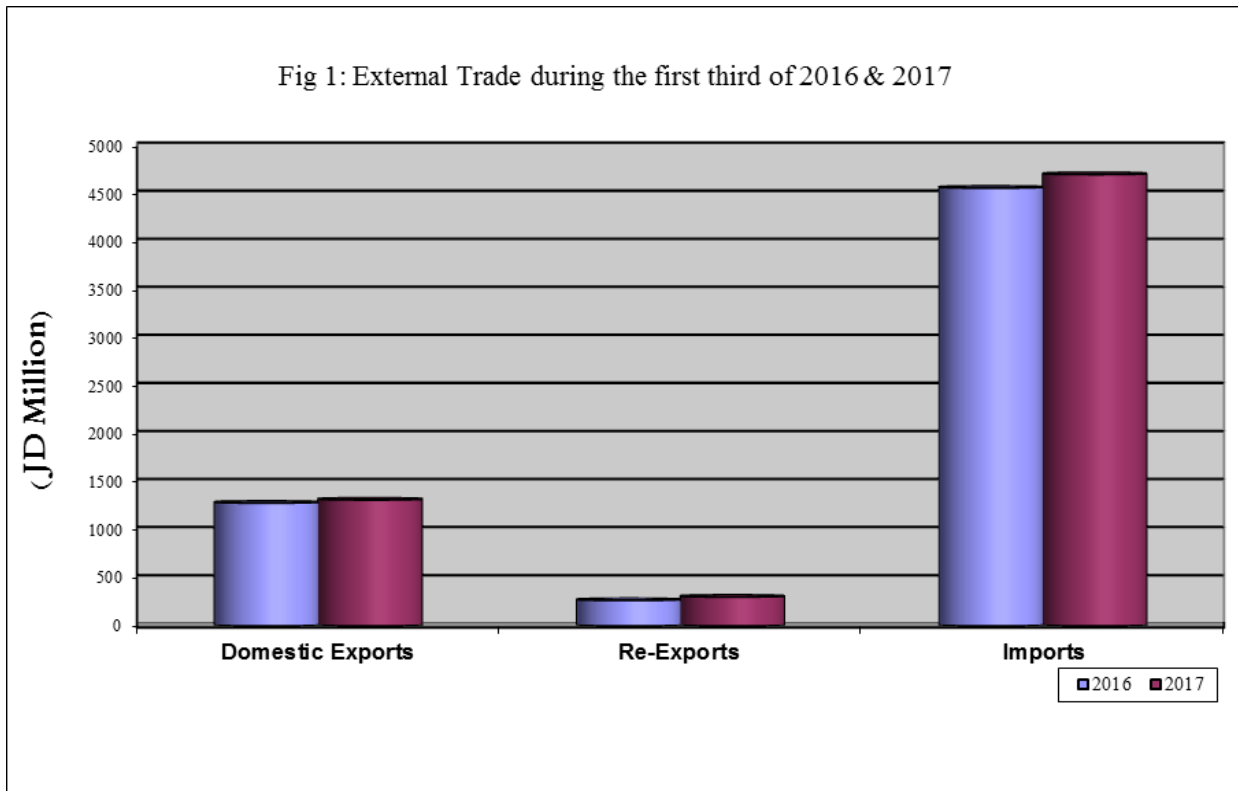
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National exports and imports increase by 2.5% and 3.1% during first third of 2017 compared with the same period of 2016

The statistical data issued by the Department of Statistics indicate that the value of total exports reached JD. 1621.7 million during the first third of 2017 [i.e., an increase by 4.4% compared with the same period of 2016]. Meanwhile, the national exports value reached JD. 1315.9 Million during the first third 2017 [i.e. an increase by 2.5% compared with the same period of 2016]. The value of re-exports reached JD.305.8 million during the first third 2017 which indicates an increase by 13.2% as compared with the same period of 2016. The imports value reached JD.4701.8 million during the first third of 2017, thus increasing by 3.1% compared with 2016.

The deficit in the trade balance, which is calculated by deducting the value of imports from the value of total exports, has reached JD.3080.1 million therefore; the deficit has increased during the first third of 2017 by 2.4% compared with the same period of 2016. The imports coverage by total exports has become 34.5% during the first third of 2017 while it was 34.1% for the same period of 2016, which means an increase by 0.4% percentage points.



As for commodities, the main exported items that witnessed an increase in their export value were export value of clothes and its related accessories by 9.9% ,crude potash by 51.1% and fertilizers by 71.0% , While there was a decrease in the value of imports of pharmaceutical products by 13.6%, crude phosphate by 19.0%, fruits and vegetables by 12.5%. as for commodities, the main imported items that witnessed an increase in their import value were import value of crude oil and its related by 17.2%, machines, machinery and their parts by 63.8%, jewelries and ornament and precious stone by 110.7%, while there was a decrease in the imports value of vehicle, motorcycles and its parts by 4.9% , machines, machinery and their parts by 15.3% and iron and its products by 5.9%.

Regarding trade with the main partners, there was a significant increase in the national exports to North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by 6.9% part of which USA by 7.3%, Non-Arab Asian Countries by 24.1% part of which India by 4.6%, While there was a

decrease in the value of exports to Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by 8.2% part of which KSA by 20.7%, European Union Countries by 9.8% part of which Italy by 45.9%.

As for the imports, there was a significant increase in the imports value from the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by 13.1% part of which UAE by 80.5%, North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by 71.5% part of which USA by 77.4%. While there was a decrease in the value of imports from the Non-Arab Asian Countries by 6.6% part of which south Korea by 17.8% and European Union Countries by 15.3% part of which Germany by 8.3%.

Regarding the value of imports from the Gulf Cooperation Council countries, it has reached JD.877.7 million representing 18.7% of the total imports during the first third 2017, while the total exports to these countries have reached JD.364.6 million representing 22.5% of the total exports during the same period.

The main reasons behind the decreasing value of national exports during the first third 2017 are attributed to a decrease in the value of national exports of the following commodities compared with the same month of 2016:

- 1- Crude phosphate from JD. 30.5 million to JD 21.0 million- a decrease by 31.1%
- 2- Pharmaceutical products from JD. 39.8 million to JD. 33.0 million- a decrease by 17.1%.
- 3- Fertilizers from JD. 12.3 million to JD. 9.9 million – a decrease by 19.5%.
- 4- Machines, appliances and machinery and their parts from JD. 9.9 million to JD. 5.4 million – a decrease by 45.5%.

There was also a decrease in the national exports of meat or fish, fodder and soap, wash products, clothes and its un-knitted related, ornaments and jewelries and precious metals , machines, appliances and their parts and furniture and its parts.

The exports of the above mentioned items made up 29.2% of the total value of the national exports during April 2017 compared with 38.1% in the same month of 2016.

Clothes have occupied the first rank among the national exported commodities in Apr. 2017; pharmaceutical products came the second rank while vegetables and fruits and crude potash held the third and the Fourth ranks respectively.

The data indicates to the increase of the national exports value of crude phosphate by 66.9%, non-organic chemical products by 69.2%, knitted clothes and related by 3.4% in Apr 2017. Also there was an increase in the national exports value of food products of vegetables or fruits and cement.

**The most important exported and imported commodities during the first third of
2016 and 2017**

Value in (JD Million)

National Exports				Imports			
Commodities	2016	2017	Growth Average %	Commodities	2016	2017	Growth Average %
Clothes	271.6	298.6	9.9	Crude Oil	585.7	686.5	17.2
pharmaceutical products	144.4	124.8	-13.6	Vehicles, Motorcycle and their parts	349.5	572.5	63.8
Crude potash	69.1	104.4	51.1	Machinery and its parts	441.4	419.8	-4.9
Crude phosphate	111.2	90.1	-19.0	Machinery, electrical appliances and their parts	305.5	258.9	-15.3
fertilizers	44.8	76.6	71.0	jewelries and precious stones	106.4	224.2	110.7
Vegetables and fruits	74.5	65.2	-12.5	Iron and its products	191.6	180.3	-5.9
Other items	567.9	556.2	-2.1	Other items	2580.9	2359.6	-8.6
National Exports	1283.5	1315.9	2.5	Total of Imports (2)	4561.0	4701.8	3.1
Re-exports	270.2	305.8	13.2				
Sum of total Exports (1)	1553.7	1621.7	4.4	Trade Deficit (1)-(2)	-3007.3	-3080.1	2.4

**Main Trade Partners and Economic cartels during the first third of
2016 and 2017**

Value in (JD Million)

National Exports				Imports			
Economic Cartels	2016	2017	Growth Average %	Economic Cartels	2016	2017	Growth Average %
Greater Arab Trade Zone countries	654.8	601.3	-8.2	Greater Arab Trade Zone Countries	992.0	1122.0	13.1
Of which Saudi Arabia	213.6	169.3	-20.7	Of which Saudi Arabia	574.2	561.3	-2.2
North American Free Trade Agreement Countries	303.4	324.3	6.9	North American Free Trade Agreement Countries	363.7	623.8	71.5
Of which USA	288.9	310.1	7.3	Of which USA	315.3	559.4	77.4
Non-Arab Asian countries	205.4	254.9	24.1	Non-Arab Asian countries	1539.1	1438.0	-6.6
Of which India	105.6	110.5	4.6	Of which China	609.9	611.4	0.2
European Union Countries	40.0	36.1	-9.8	European Union Countries	1177.5	997.1	-15.3
Of which Holland	5.2	7.4	42.3	Of which Germany	213.9	196.1	-8.3
Other Economic Cartels	79.9	99.3	24.3	Other Economic Cartels	488.7	520.9	6.6
Of which Free Zone	61.7	71.9	16.5	Of which Ukraine	35.0	69.1	97.4

Fig 2: Exports, Imports and Trade Defecit (Nov 2016- Apr 2017)

