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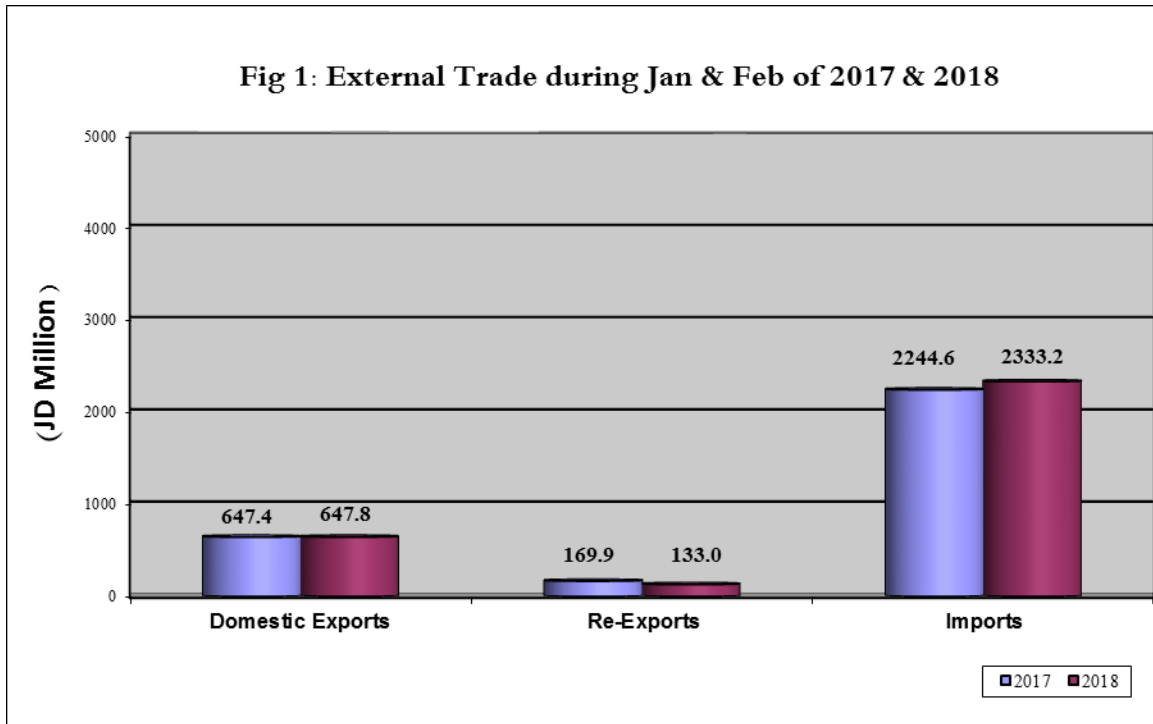
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National exports increase by 0.1% and Imports by 3.9% during the first two months of 2018 compared with the same period of 2017

The statistical data issued by the Department of Statistics indicate that the value of total exports reached JD.780.8 million During January and February 2018 [i.e., a decrease by (4.5%) compared with the same period of 2017]. Meanwhile, the national exports value reached JD.647.8 Million during January and February 2018 [i.e. an increase by 0.1% compared with the same period of 2017]. The value of re-exports reached JD 133.0 million during January and February 2018 which indicates a decrease by (21.7%) as compared with the same period of 2017. The imports value reached JD.2333.2 million during January and February 2018, thus increasing by 3.9% compared with the same period of 2017.

The deficit in the trade balance, which is calculated by deducting the value of imports from the value of total exports, has reached JD.1552.4 million therefore; the deficit has increased during January and February 2018 by 8.8% compared with the same period of 2017. The imports coverage by total exports has become 33.5% during January and February 2018 while it was 36.4% for the same period of 2017, which means a decrease by (2.9) 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 10.8% and Non- organic Chemical products by 30.3% and crude potash by 31.6%, while there was a decrease in the fertilizers by (15.7%) crude phosphate by (9.5%) and pharmaceutical products by (16.9%) .As for imports, there was an increase in the imports value of crude oil and its products by 32.9%, cereals by 184.2%, machines and electrical appliances by 11.0%, while there was a decrease in the imports value of vehicles and motorcycles and their parts (11.3%), machines and machinery tools (1.1%) and iron and its products (1.5%).

Regarding trade with the main partners, there was an increase in the national exports to North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by 9.4% part of which USA by 7.9%, and Non-Arab Asian Countries by 27.7% part of which India by 91.6% and the European Union countries by 13.9% part of which is Netherland by 30.6%, While there was a decrease in the exports value to the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by (16.5%) part of which KSA by (7.8%).

As for the imports, there was a noticeable increase in the imports value from the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by 9.8% part of which KSA by 54.5%, the North America Free Trade

Agreement (NAFTA) by 28.4% part of which USA by 32.7% and the European Union countries by 6.9% part of which is Italy by 16.4% ,while there was a decrease in the value of imports from the Non-Arab Asian Countries by (3.0%) part of which is china by (1.6%).

Regarding the value of imports from the Gulf Cooperation Council countries, it has reached JD.500.8 million representing 21.5% of the total imports during January and February 2018, while the total exports to these countries have reached JD.181.1 million representing 23.2% of the total exports during the same period.

The main reasons behind the increasing value of national exports during February 2018 are attributed to an increase in the value of national exports of the following commodities compared with the same month of 2017:

- 1- Crude potash from JD.19.0 million to JD.39.2 million – an increase by 106.3%.
- 2- Non organic chemical products from JD. 15.0 million to JD.21.0 million – an increase by 40.0%.
- 3- Machines, appliance and machinery tools and their parts from JD.3.6 million to JD.7.1 million – an increase by 97.2%.
- 4- Clothes and its knitted accessories from JD.71.7 million to JD.73.7 million - an increase by 2.8%.

There was also an increase in the national exports of fruits, various food products, soap, wash products, paper and its products, jewelry and precious metals and iron.

The exports of the above mentioned items made up 53.6% of the total value of the national exports during February 2018 compared with 44.8% in the same month of 2017.

Clothes have occupied the first rank among the national exported commodities in February 2018; Crude potash came second while pharmaceutical products and non- organic chemical products held the Third and the Fourth ranks respectively.

The data show a decrease in the national exports value of pharmaceutical products by (15.8%), machines and appliances and electrical tools by (39.2%), vegetables by (27.6%) and

crude phosphate by (8.5%) There was also a decrease in the national exports of products of live animals and furniture and its parts.

The most important exported and imported commodities during

January and February 2017 and 2018

Value in (JD Million)

National Exports				Imports			
Commodities	2017	2018	Growth Average %	Commodities	2017	2018	Growth Average %
Clothes and accessories	156.4	173.3	10.8	Crude Oil	359.6	477.8	32.9
Crude potash	50.6	66.6	31.6	machines, machinery and their part	195.0	192.8	-1.1
fertilizers	51.0	43.0	-15.7	Vehicles, Motorcycle and their parts	213.3	189.1	-11.3
Pharmaceutical products	51.6	42.9	-16.9	Machinery, electrical appliances and their parts	125.4	139.2	11.0
Crude phosphate	44.0	39.8	-9.5	Cereals	38.6	109.7	184.2
Non-organic chemical products	26.7	34.8	30.3	iron and its products	100.9	99.4	-1.5
Other items	267.1	247.4	-7.4	Other items	1211.8	1125.2	-7.1
National Exports	647.4	647.8	0.1	Total of Imports (2)	2244.6	2333.2	3.9
Re-exports	169.9	133.0	-21.7				
Sum of total Exports (1)	817.3	780.8	-4.5	Trade Deficit (1)-(2)	-1427.3	-1552.4	8.8

**Main Trade Partners and Economic cartels during January & February
2017 and 2018**

Value in (JD Million)

National Exports				Imports			
Economic Cartels	2017	2018	Growth Average %	Economic Cartels	2017	2018	Growth Average %
Greater Arab Trade Zone countries	277.0	231.2	-16.5	Greater Arab Trade Zone Countries	538.7	591.5	9.8
Of which Saudi Arabia	68.0	62.7	-7.8	Of which Saudi Arabia	266.6	412.0	54.5
North American Free Trade Agreement Countries	170.6	186.7	9.4	North American Free Trade Agreement Countries	197.5	253.5	28.4
Of which USA	163.9	176.9	7.9	Of which USA	163.6	217.1	32.7
Non-Arab Asian countries	126.4	161.4	27.7	Non-Arab Asian countries	740.9	718.6	-3.0
Of which India	46.2	88.5	91.6	Of which China	320.6	315.4	-1.6
European Union Countries	20.1	22.9	13.9	European Union Countries	491.0	524.9	6.9
Of which Netherlands	3.6	4.7	30.6	Of which Germany	96.4	91.8	-4.8
Other Economic Cartels	53.3	45.6	-14.4	Other Economic Cartels	276.5	244.7	-11.5
Of which Free Zone	37.5	38.5	2.7	Of which Russia	9.9	42.3	327.3

Fig 2: Exports, Imports and Trade Deficit (Sep 2017- Feb 2018)

