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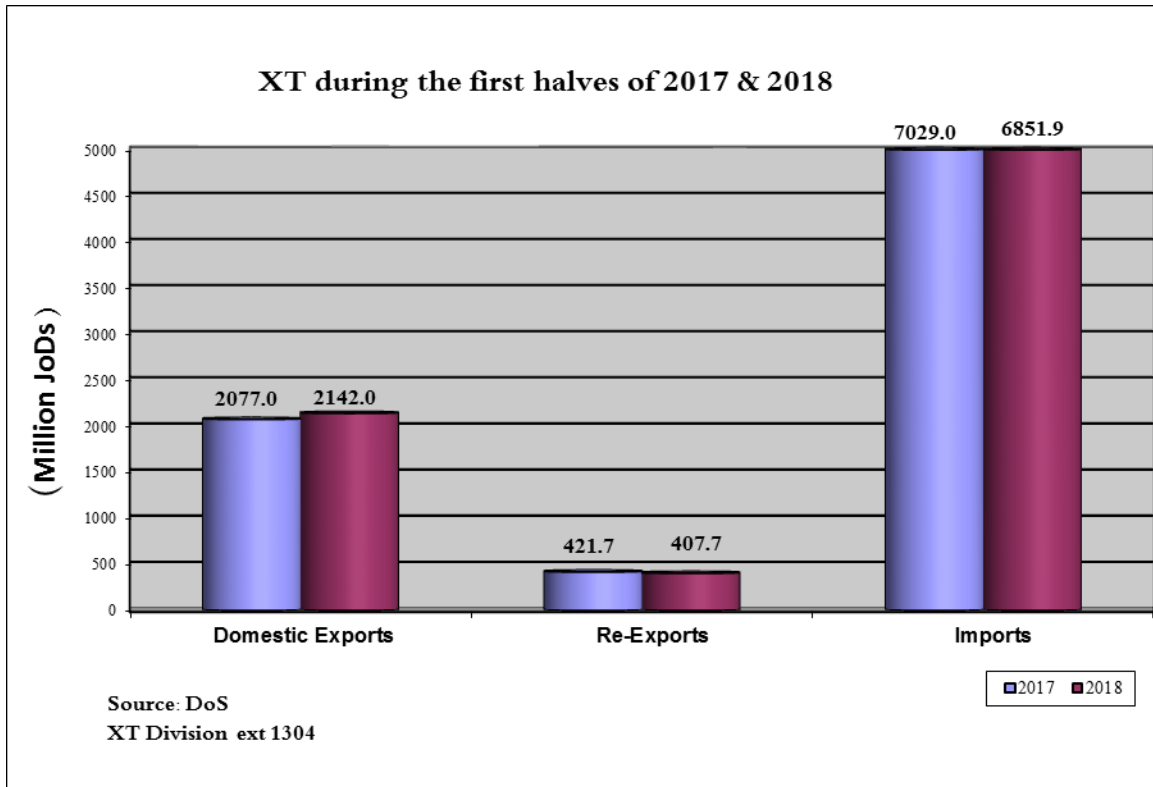
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## **National exports increase by 3.1% and Imports decrease by (2.5%) during the first half of 2018 compared with the same period of 2017**

The statistical data issued by the Department of Statistics indicate that the value of total exports reached JD.2549.7 million during the first half 2018 [i.e., an increase by 2.0% compared with the same period of 2017]. Meanwhile, the national exports value reached JD.2142.0 Million during the first half of 2018 [i.e. an increase by 3.1% compared with the same period of 2017]. The value of re-exports reached JD 407.7 million during the first half of 2018 which indicates a decrease by (3.3%) as compared with the same period of 2017. The imports value reached JD.6851.9 million during the first half of 2018, thus decreasing by (2.5%) 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.4302.2 million therefore; the deficit has decreased during the first half of 2018 by (5.0%) compared with the same period of 2017. The imports coverage by total exports has become 37.2% during the first half of 2018 while it was 35.5% for the same period of 2017, which means an increase by 1.7 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 14.6%, crude potash by 16.8%, Fertilizers 22.6% and non-organic chemical products 0.5%. While there was a decrease in the pharmaceutical products by (3.9%), crude phosphate by (17.5%).

As for imports, there was an increase in the imports value of crude oil and its products by 33.1%, iron and its products by 19.3%, plastic and its products by 9.3%. While there was a decrease in the imports value of machines, machinery and their part by (27.8%), vehicles and motorcycles and their parts by (31.4%) and Machinery, electrical appliances and their parts by (5.4%).

Regarding trade with the main partners, there was an increase in the national exports to North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by 13.0% part of which USA by 12.6%, and Non-Arab Asian Countries by 11.5% part of which India by 17.3% and the European Union countries by 30.1% part of which is Netherland by 11.4%, While there was a decrease in the

exports value to the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by (4.2%) part of which KSA by (16.5%).

As for the imports, there was a noticeable increase in the imports value from the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by 14.1% part of which KSA by 32.6%, while there was a decrease in the import value from the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by (19.4%) part of which USA by ( 17.4%) and the Non-Arab Asian Countries by (4.6%) part of which china by (3.1%) and European Union countries by (6.3%) part of which is Germany by (0.5%).

Regarding the value of imports from the Gulf Cooperation Council countries, it has reached JD.1562.1 million representing 22.8% of the total imports during the first half of 2018, while the total exports to these countries have reached JD.506.1 million representing 19.8% of the total exports during the same period.

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

- 1- Clothes and their knitted accessories from JD 99.6 million to JD 108.6 million an increase of 9.0%.
- 2- Crude Potash from JD 25.4 million to JD 33.1 million- an increase by 30.3%
- 3- Laundry & Soap products from JD 4.0 million to JD 7.0 million- an increase by 75.0%
- 4- Pharmaceutical Products from JD.41.7 million to JD.43.2 million – an increase by 3.6%.

There was also an increase in the national exports of food products of vegetables and fruits, tobacco and its products, non-organic chemical products, machines, Machinery, electrical appliances and their parts. The exports of the above mentioned items made up 62.0% of the total value of the national exports during June 2018 compared with 56.9% in the same month of 2017.

Clothes have occupied the first rank among the national exported commodities in June 2018; Pharmaceutical products came second while vegetables and crude potash held the third and the Fourth ranks respectively.

The data show a decrease in the national exports value of vegetables by (23.6%), ornaments, Jewelry & precious metals by (25.6%), livestock by (21.1%), aluminum & its products by (19.6%). While there was a decrease during June 2018 in the national exports of products of stone or gypsum or cement.

**The most important exported and imported commodities during  
the first halves of 2017 and 2018**

Value in (JD Million)

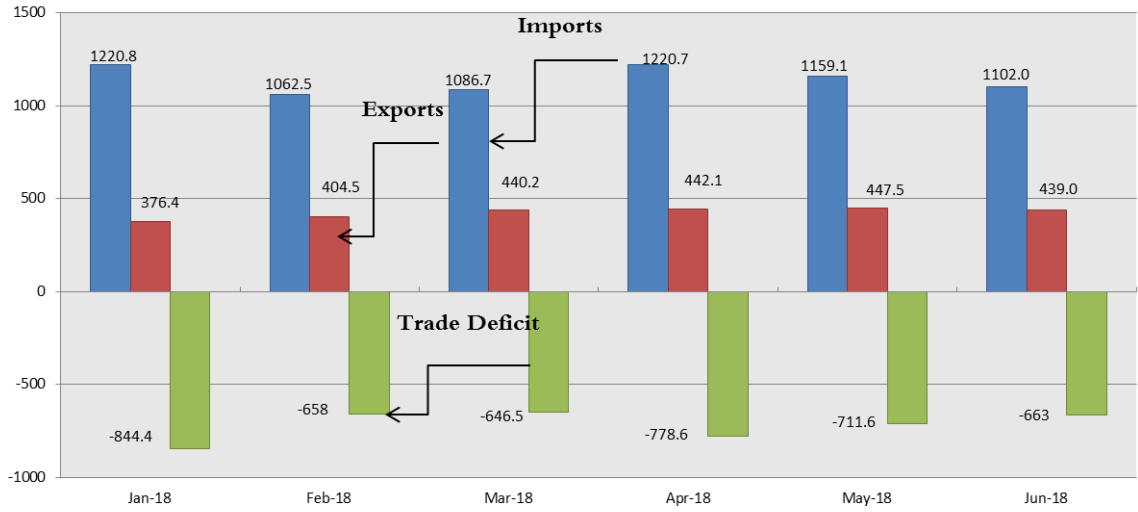
National Exports				Imports			
Commodities	2017	2018	Growth Average %	Commodities	2017	2018	Growth Average %
Clothes and accessories	492.1	564.0	14.6	Crude Oil	1073.1	1428.7	33.1
Pharmaceutical products	201.7	193.8	-3.9	machines, machinery and their part	791.0	571.1	-27.8
Crude potash	156.5	182.8	16.8	Vehicles, Motorcycle and their parts	638.1	437.8	-31.4
fertilizers	109.0	133.6	22.6	Machinery, electrical appliances and their parts	427.5	404.4	-5.4
Crude Phosphates	150.0	123.7	-17.5	iron and its products	241.8	288.5	19.3
Non-organic chemical products	83.8	84.2	0.5	Plastic and its products	240.2	262.6	9.3
Other items	883.9	859.9	-2.7	Other items	3617.3	3458.8	-4.4
<b>National Exports</b>	<b>2077.0</b>	<b>2142.0</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>Total of Imports (2)</b>	<b>7029.0</b>	<b>6851.9</b>	<b>-2.5</b>
<b>Re-exports</b>	<b>421.7</b>	<b>407.7</b>	<b>-3.3</b>				
<b>Sum of total Exports (1)</b>	<b>2498.7</b>	<b>2549.7</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>Trade Deficit (1)-(2)</b>	<b>-4530.3</b>	<b>-4302.2</b>	<b>-5.0</b>

**Main Trade Partners and Economic Blocs during the first halves of  
2017 and 2018**

Value in (JD Million)

National Exports				Imports			
Economic Cartels	2017	2018	Growth Average %	Economic Cartels	2017	2018	Growth Average %
<b>Greater Arab Trade Zone countries</b>	<b>938.0</b>	<b>898.7</b>	<b>-4.2</b>	<b>Greater Arab Trade Zone Countries</b>	<b>1644.4</b>	<b>1875.7</b>	<b>14.1</b>
Of which Saudi Arabia	271.5	226.6	-16.5	Of which Saudi Arabia	850.5	1127.6	32.6
<b>North American Free Trade Agreement Countries</b>	<b>525.6</b>	<b>593.7</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>North American Free Trade Agreement Countries</b>	<b>886.6</b>	<b>714.9</b>	<b>-19.4</b>
Of which USA	501.8	565.0	12.6	Of which USA	786.6	649.4	-17.4
<b>Non-Arab Asian countries</b>	<b>401.2</b>	<b>447.2</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>Non-Arab Asian countries</b>	<b>2219.5</b>	<b>2118.1</b>	<b>-4.6</b>
Of which India	200.9	235.6	17.3	Of which China	970.7	940.2	-3.1
<b>European Union Countries</b>	<b>57.1</b>	<b>74.3</b>	<b>30.1</b>	<b>European Union Countries</b>	<b>1489.5</b>	<b>1396.4</b>	<b>-6.3</b>
Of which Netherlands	13.2	14.7	11.4	Of which Germany	290.3	288.9	-0.5
<b>Other Economic Cartels</b>	<b>155.1</b>	<b>128.1</b>	<b>-17.4</b>	<b>Other Economic Cartels</b>	<b>789.0</b>	<b>746.8</b>	<b>-5.3</b>
Of which Free Zone	112.5	90.1	-19.9	Of which Nigeria	113.6	114.0	0.4

### Exports, Imports & Trade Deficit (Jan-June 2018)



Source: DoS