



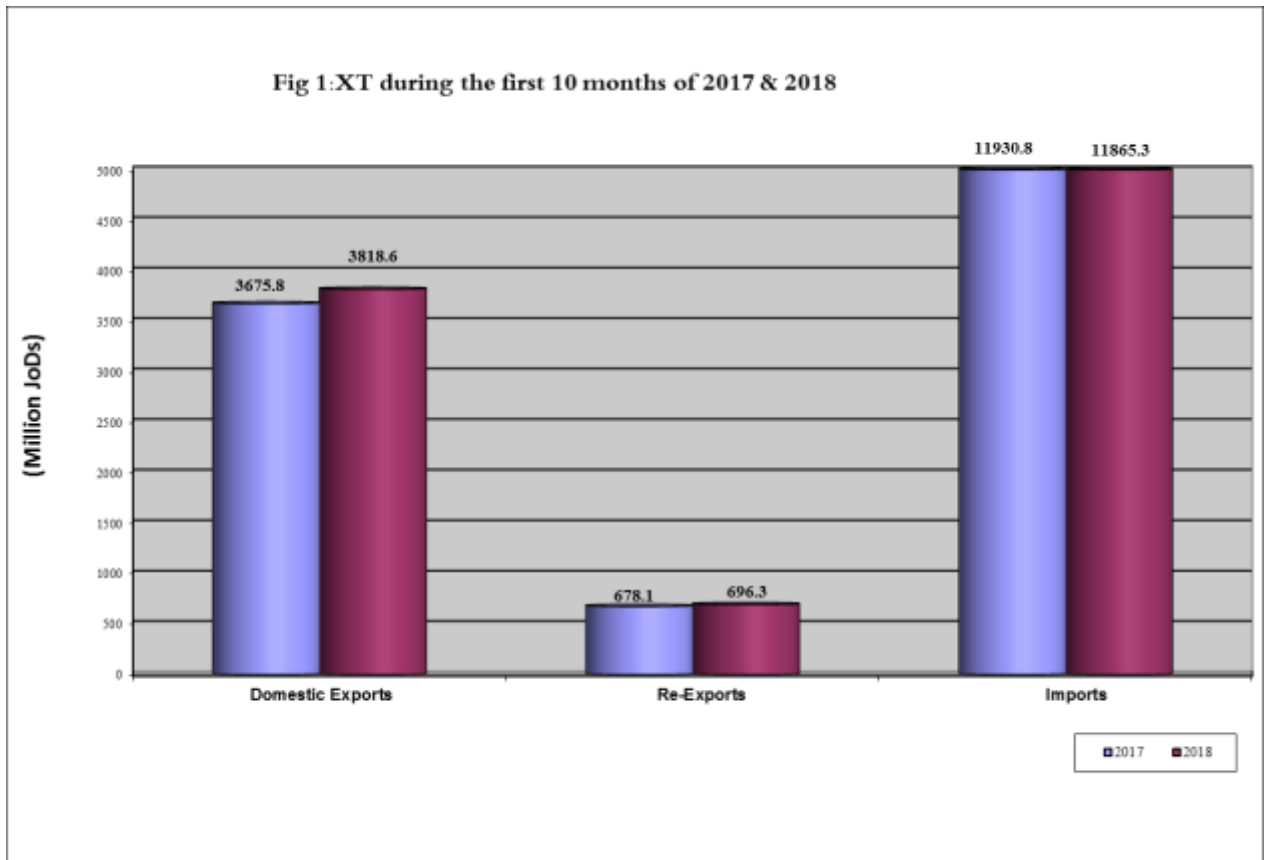
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National exports increase by 3.9% and Imports decrease by (0.5%) during the first 10 months of 2018 compared with the same period of 2017

The statistical data issued by the Department of Statistics indicate that the value of total exports reached JD.4514.9 million during the first 10 months of 2018 [i.e., an increase by 3.7% compared with the same period of 2017]. Meanwhile, the national exports value reached JD.3818.6 Million during the first 10 months of 2018 [i.e. an increase by 3.9% compared with the same period of 2017]. The value of re-exports reached JD 696.3 million during the first 10 months of 2018 which indicates an increase by 2.7% as compared with the same period of 2017. The imports value reached JD.11865.3 million during the first 10 months of 2018, thus decreasing by (0.5%) 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.7350.4 million therefore; the deficit has decreased during the first 10 months of 2018 by (3.0%) compared with the same period of 2017. The imports coverage by total exports has become 38.1% during the first 10 months of 2018 while it was 36.5% for the same period of 2017, which means an increase by 1.6 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 11.6%, crude potash by 11.3% and fertilizers 29.3%. While there was a decrease in the pharmaceutical products by (5.0%), vegetables & fruits by (14.7%) and crude phosphate by (7.8%).

As for imports, there was an increase in the imports value of crude oil and its products by 34.6%, iron and its products by 17.6% and plastic and its products by 4.9%. While there was a decrease in the imports value of machines, machinery and their part by (25.9%), vehicles and motorcycles and their parts by (23.9%) and machinery, electrical appliances and their parts by (3.1%).

Regarding trade with the main partners, there was an increase in the national exports to North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by 9.6% part of which USA by 9.2%, Non-Arab Asian Countries by 9.7% part of which India by 23.9% and the European Union countries by 17.2% part of which is Netherland by 5.3%, While there was a decrease in the

exports value to the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by (0.3%) part of which KSA by (11.4%).

As for the imports, there was a noticeable increase in the imports value from the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by 15.0% part of which KSA by 33.1%, European Union countries by 0.1% part of which is Germany by 4.7%, while there was a decrease in the import value from the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by (19.1%) part of which USA by (19.3%) and the Non-Arab Asian Countries by (4.9%) part of which china by (2.4%)

Regarding the value of imports from the Gulf Cooperation Council countries, it has reached JD.2710.6 million representing 22.8% of the total imports during the first 10 months of 2018, while the total exports to these countries have reached JD.981.5 million representing 21.7% of the total exports during the same period.

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

- 1- Fertilizers from JD 15.4 million to JD 28.1 million – an increase by 82.5%.
- 2- Non organic chemical products from JD.18.0 million to JD. 25.5 million – an increase by 41.7 %.
- 3- Machinery, electrical appliances and their parts from JD.4.8 million to JD.10.1 million – an increase by 110.4%.
- 4- Plastics and its products from JD. 10.8 million to JD.12.0 million – an increase by 11.1%.

There was also an increase in the national exports of meat and edible guts, food products from vegetables, fruits and flour, cement, fuel oil, essential oils and its products, cosmetics products and iron products.

The exports of the above mentioned items made up 31.3% of the total value of the national exports during October 2018 compared with 15.9 % in the same month of 2017.

Clothes have occupied the first rank among the national exported commodities in October 2018; pharmaceutical products came second while vegetables & fruits and fuel oil held the third and the Fourth ranks respectively.

The data show a decrease in the national exports value of livestock by (71.4%), Jewelry and precious metals by (51.7%), vegetables and fruits by (10.9%) and crude phosphate by (18.2%) ,while the national exports value has decreased from meat and fish products, cereal based food products, fodder, tobacco and its products, pharmaceutical products, crude potash, clothes and knitted accessories ,aluminum and its products and machines, machinery and their part during October 2018.

The most important exported and imported commodities during

The first 10 months of 2017 and 2018

Value in (JD Million)

National Exports				Imports			
Commodities	2017	2018	Growth Average %	Commodities	2017	2018	Growth Average %
Clothes and accessories	904.5	1009.2	11.6	Crude Oil	1827.2	2458.9	34.6
Pharmaceutical products	346.6	329.4	-5.0	machines, machinery and their part	1213.4	899.7	-25.9
Crude potash	274.9	306.0	11.3	Vehicles, Motorcycle and their parts	1158.9	881.5	-23.9
vegetables and fruits	321.6	274.4	-14.7	Machinery, electrical appliances and their parts	738.8	716.0	-3.1
fertilizers	190.1	245.8	29.3	iron and its products	435.4	511.9	17.6
Crude phosphate	224.6	207.0	-7.8	Plastic and its products	417.8	438.4	4.9
Other items	1413.5	1446.8	2.4	Other items	6139.3	5958.9	-2.9
National Exports	3675.8	3818.6	3.9	Total of Imports (2)	11930.8	11865.3	-0.5
Re-exports	678.1	696.3	2.7				

Sum of total Exports (1)	4353.9	4514.9	3.7	Trade Deficit (1)-(2)	-7576.9	-7350.4	-3.0
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**Main Trade Partners and Economic Blocs during the first 10 months
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	1684.1	1679.1	-0.3	Greater Arab Trade Zone Countries	2782.2	3198.2	15.0
Of which Saudi Arabia	472.7	418.7	-11.4	Of which Saudi Arabia	1490.9	1984.4	33.1
North American Free Trade Agreement Countries	965.8	1058.8	9.6	North American Free Trade Agreement Countries	1443.6	1167.2	-19.1
Of which USA	926.6	1012.2	9.2	Of which USA	1241.4	1002.3	-19.3
Non-Arab Asian countries	674.1	739.2	9.7	Non-Arab Asian countries	3812.6	3626.2	-4.9
Of which India	314.1	389.1	23.9	Of which China	1681.0	1640.5	-2.4
European Union Countries	96.4	113.0	17.2	European Union Countries	2558.0	2559.5	0.1
Of which Netherlands	20.8	21.9	5.3	Of which Germany	513.0	537.1	4.7
Other Economic Cartels	255.4	228.5	-10.5	Other Economic Cartels	1334.4	1314.2	-1.5
Of which Free Zone	191.0	161.7	-15.3	Of which Brazil	143.1	192.2	34.3

Fig 2:Exports,Imports & Trade deficit (May-Oct 2018)

