



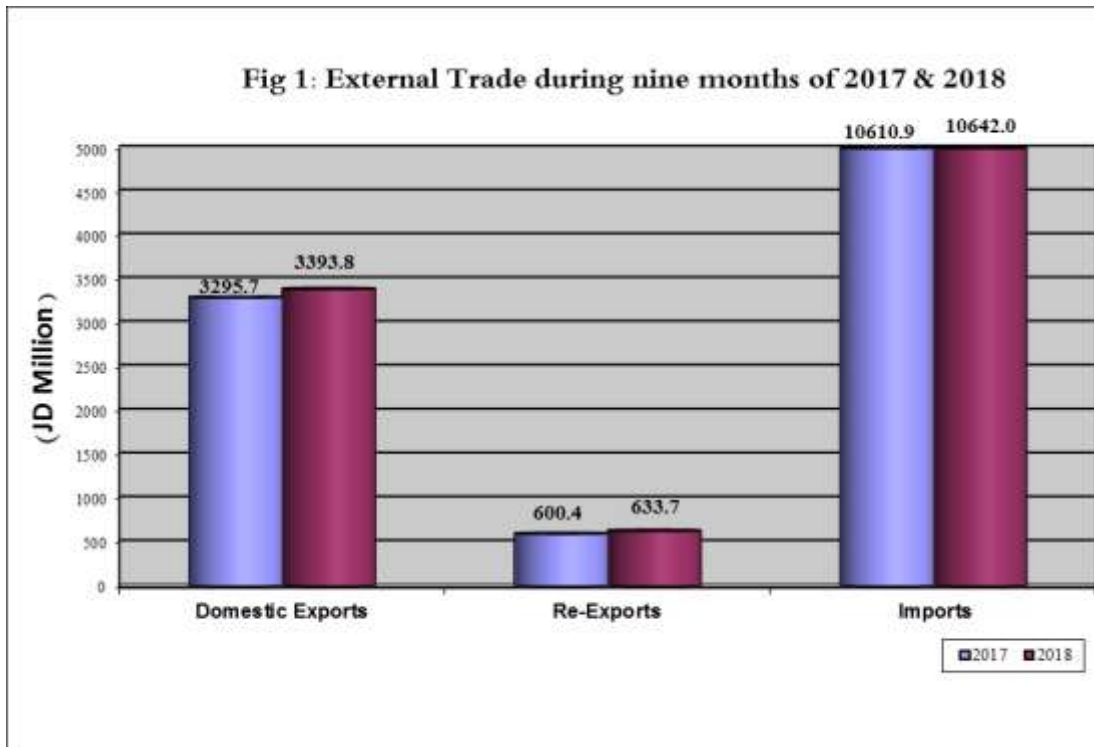
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National exports increase by 3.0% and Imports increase by 0.3% during the first nine months of 2018 compared with the same period of 2017

The statistical data issued by the Department of Statistics indicate that the value of total exports reached JD.4027.5 million during the first nine months of 2018 [i.e., an increase by 3.4% compared with the same period of 2017]. Meanwhile, the national exports value reached JD.3393.8 Million during the first nine months of 2018 [i.e. an increase by 3.0% compared with the same period of 2017]. The value of re-exports reached JD 633.7 million during the first nine months of 2018 which indicates an increase by 5.5% as compared with the same period of 2017. The imports value reached JD.10642.0 million during the first nine months of 2018, thus increasing by 0.3% 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.6614.5 million therefore; the deficit has decreased during the first nine months of 2018 by (1.5%) compared with the same period of 2017. The imports coverage by total exports has become 37.8% during the first nine months of 2018 while it was 36.7% for the same period of 2017, which means an increase by 1.1 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 13.2%, crude potash by 13.8% and fertilizers 24.6%. While there was a decrease in the pharmaceutical products by (4.9%), fruits & vegetables by (15.1%), crude phosphate by (6.9%) .

As for imports, there was an increase in the imports value of crude oil and its products by 41.4%, iron and its products by 21.1%, plastic and its products by 4.4%. While there was a decrease in the imports value of machines, machinery and their part by (27.2%), vehicles and motorcycles and their parts by (26.6%) and machinery, electrical appliances and their parts by (4.0%).

Regarding trade with the main partners, there was an increase in the national exports to North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by 11.0% part of which USA by 10.7%, and Non-Arab Asian Countries by 13.6% part of which India by 25.7% and the European Union countries by 18.4% part of which is Netherland by 5.4%, While there was a decrease in the exports value to the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by (4.4%) part of which KSA by (16.2%).

As for the imports, there was a noticeable increase in the imports value from the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by 17.8% part of which KSA by 39.2%, while there was a decrease in the import value from the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by (19.3%) part of which USA by (18.6%) and the Non-Arab Asian Countries by (5.5%) part of which china by (3.8%) and European Union countries by (0.02%) part of which is Italy by (25.1%).

Regarding the value of imports from the Gulf Cooperation Council countries, it has reached JD.2448.4 million representing 23.0% of the total imports during the first nine months of 2018, while the total exports to these countries have reached JD.841.1 million representing 20.9% of the total exports during the same period.

The main reasons behind the increasing value of national exports during September 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 from JD 92.3 million to JD 108.8 million – an increase by 17.9%.
- 2- Crude potash from JD. 27.5 million to JD.34.3 million – an increase by 24.7 %.
- 3- Machines, apparatus and electrical appliances from JD.5.0 million to JD.9.0 million – an increase by 80.0%.
- 4- Soap and wash products from JD. 4.7 million to JD.8.4 million – an increase by 78.7%.

There was also an increase in the national exports of meat , guts and edible limbs, fodder, non-organic chemical products, fertilizers, extract for tanning and dyeing and plastic and its products and products of iron.

The exports of the above mentioned items made up 57.8% of the total value of the national exports during September 2018 compared with 48.8% in the same month of 2017.

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

The data show a decrease in the national exports value of vegetables by (31.5%), live stocks by (79.8%), crude phosphate (11.4%), pharmaceutical products (6.7%). while the national exports value of meat or fish and their products, ornaments and jewelry and precious metals during September 2018.

**The most important exported and imported commodities during
The first nine 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	820.7	929.4	13.2	Crude Oil	1603.5	2266.6	41.4
Pharmaceutical products	307.1	292.2	-4.9	machines, machinery and their part	1115.6	812.4	-27.2
Crude potash	246.0	279.9	13.8	Vehicles, Motorcycle and their parts	1025.5	753.0	-26.6
Fruits and vegetables	286.6	243.2	-15.1	Machinery, electrical appliances and their parts	666.8	640.3	-4.0
fertilizers	174.7	217.6	24.6	iron and its products	378.4	458.3	21.1
Crude phosphate	206.5	192.3	-6.9	Plastic and its products	372.0	388.5	4.4
Other items	1254.1	1239.2	-1.2	Other items	5449.1	5322.9	-2.3
National Exports	3295.7	3393.8	3.0	Total of Imports (2)	10610.9	10642.0	0.3
Re-exports	600.4	633.7	5.5				
Sum of total Exports (1)	3896.1	4027.5	3.4	Trade Deficit (1)-(2)	-6714.8	-6614.5	-1.5

**Main Trade Partners and Economic Blocs during the first nine 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	1501.9	1436.2	-4.4	Greater Arab Trade Zone Countries	2447.5	2882.2	17.8
Of which Saudi Arabia	425.9	356.7	-16.2	Of which Saudi Arabia	1301.7	1812.1	39.2
North American Free Trade Agreement Countries	874.8	971.4	11.0	North American Free Trade Agreement Countries	1306.4	1054.6	-19.3
Of which USA	839.0	928.7	10.7	Of which USA	1130.7	920.3	-18.6
Non-Arab Asian countries	608.7	691.3	13.6	Non-Arab Asian countries	3413.1	3224.3	-5.5
Of which India	290.2	364.9	25.7	Of which China	1508.5	1451.8	-3.8
European Union Countries	86.8	102.8	18.4	European Union Countries	2265.0	2264.5	-0.02
Of which Netherlands	18.5	19.5	5.4	Of which Germany	462.5	477.0	3.1
Other Economic Cartels	223.5	192.1	-14.0	Other Economic Cartels	1178.9	1216.4	3.2
Of which Free Zone	167.2	134.8	-19.4	Of which Nigeria	131.9	174.6	32.4

Fig 2: Exports, Imports and Trade Deficit (April 2018 - September 2018)

