



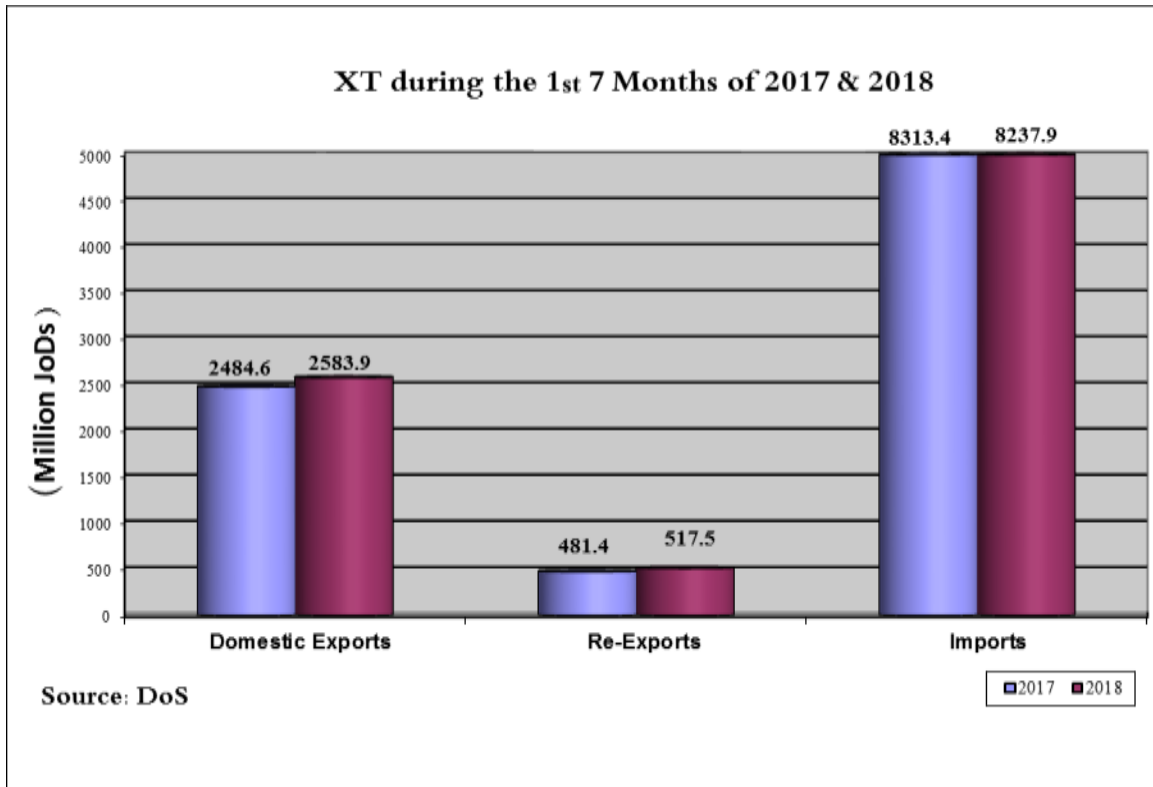
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National exports increase by 4.0% and Imports decrease by (0.9%) during the first 7 months of 2018 compared with the same period of 2017

The statistical data issued by the Department of Statistics indicate that the value of total exports reached JD.3101.4 million during the first 7 months of 2018 [i.e., an increase by 4.6% compared with the same period of 2017]. Meanwhile, the national exports value reached JD.2583.9 Million during the first 7 months of 2018 [i.e. an increase by 4.0% compared with the same period of 2017]. The value of re-exports reached JD 517.5 million during the first 7 months of 2018 which indicates an increase by (7.5%) as compared with the same period of 2017. The imports value reached JD.8237.9 million during the first 7 months of 2018, thus decreasing by (0.9%) 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.5136.5 million therefore; the deficit has decreased during the first 7 months of 2018 by (3.9%) compared with the same period of 2017. The imports coverage by total exports has become 37.0% during the first 7 months of 2018 while it was 35.7% for the same period of 2017, which means an increase by 1.9 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 15.8%, crude potash by 18.1% and fertilizers 27.0%. While there was a decrease in the pharmaceutical products by (1.9%), crude phosphate by (8.6%) and fruits & vegetables by (16.9%).

As for imports, there was an increase in the imports value of crude oil and its products by 41.2%, iron and its products by 26.1%, plastic and its products by 5.7%. While there was a decrease in the imports value of machines, machinery and their part by (26.8%), vehicles and motorcycles and their parts by (29.9%) and machinery, electrical appliances and their parts by (6.4%).

Regarding trade with the main partners, there was an increase in the national exports to North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by 13.2% part of which USA by 12.7%, and Non-Arab Asian Countries by 17.2% part of which India by 26.3% and the European Union countries by 19.2% part of which is Netherland by 6.3%, While there was a decrease in the exports value to the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by (4.5%) part of which KSA by (16.9%).

As for the imports, there was a noticeable increase in the imports value from the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by 15.9% part of which KSA by 40.5%, while there was a decrease in the import value from the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by (16.3%) part of which USA by (14.2%) and the Non-Arab Asian Countries by (5.4%) part of which china by (4.8%) and European Union countries by (1.3%) part of which is Germany by (0.3%).

Regarding the value of imports from the Gulf Cooperation Council countries, it has reached JD.1885.5 million representing 22.9% of the total imports during the first 7 months of 2018, while the total exports to these countries have reached JD.636.8 million representing 20.5% of the total exports during the same period.

The main reasons behind the increasing value of national exports during July 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 113.1 million to JD 137.1 million – an increase by (21.2%).
- 2- Crude phosphate from JD. 11.0 million to JD.23.4 million – an increase by (112.7 %.)
- 3- Fertilizers from JD.19.2 million to JD.29.2 million – an increase by (52.1%).
- 4- Crude potash from JD. 33.3 million to JD.41.3 million – an increase by (24.0%).

There was also an increase in the national exports of meat , guts and edible limbs, dairy and its products, food products of fruits and vegetables, non-organic chemical products, pharmaceutical products and soap products, and machinery, electrical appliances and their parts.

The exports of the above mentioned items made up 69.0% of the total value of the national exports during July 2018 compared with 49.3% in the same month of 2017.

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

The data show a decrease in the national exports value of fruits and vegetables by (27.0%), ornaments, Jewelry and precious metals by (69.4%), aluminum and its products by (21.6%) and livestock by (12.1%), while the national exports value of tobacco and its products, plastic and its products, and iron and its products during July 2018.

**The most important exported and imported commodities during
The first 7 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	605.1	701.0	15.8	Crude Oil	1228.4	1733.9	41.2
Pharmaceutical products	231.7	227.4	-1.9	machines, machinery and their part	909.3	665.8	-26.8
Crude potash	189.8	224.1	18.1	Vehicles, Motorcycle and their parts	774.4	543.2	-29.9
Fruits and vegetables	197.8	164.3	-16.9	Machinery, electrical appliances and their parts	505.2	473.1	-6.4
fertilizers	128.2	162.8	27.0	iron and its products	275.2	346.9	26.1
Crude phosphate	161.0	147.1	-8.6	Plastic and its products	289.8	306.3	5.7
Other items	1037.5	1020.1	-1.7	Other items	4331.1	4168.7	-3.7
National Exports	2484.6	2583.9	4.0	Total of Imports (2)	8313.4	8237.9	-0.9
Re-exports	481.4	517.5	7.5				
Sum of total Exports (1)	2966.0	3101.4	4.6	Trade Deficit (1)-(2)	-5347.4	-5136.5	-3.9

**Main Trade Partners and Economic Blocs during the first 7 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	1134.5	1083.3	-4.5	Greater Arab Trade Zone Countries	1933.1	2239.5	15.9
Of which Saudi Arabia	325.3	270.4	-16.9	Of which Saudi Arabia	988.7	1389.2	40.5
North American Free Trade Agreement Countries	645.0	730.1	13.2	North American Free Trade Agreement Countries	1010.4	846.2	-16.3
Of which USA	616.7	695.2	12.7	Of which USA	881.1	756.3	-14.2
Non-Arab Asian countries	459.2	538.0	17.2	Non-Arab Asian countries	2656.8	2512.5	-5.4
Of which India	220.4	278.4	26.3	Of which China	1171.9	1115.1	-4.8
European Union Countries	68.9	82.1	19.2	European Union Countries	1768.3	1745.9	-1.3
Of which Netherlands	15.9	16.9	6.3	Of which Germany	349.0	348.1	-0.3
Other Economic Cartels	177.0	150.4	-15.0	Other Economic Cartels	944.8	893.8	-5.4
Of which Free Zone	129.0	102.9	-20.2	Of which Nigeria	95.5	126.6	32.6

Exports, Imports & Trade Deficit (Feb-July 2018)

