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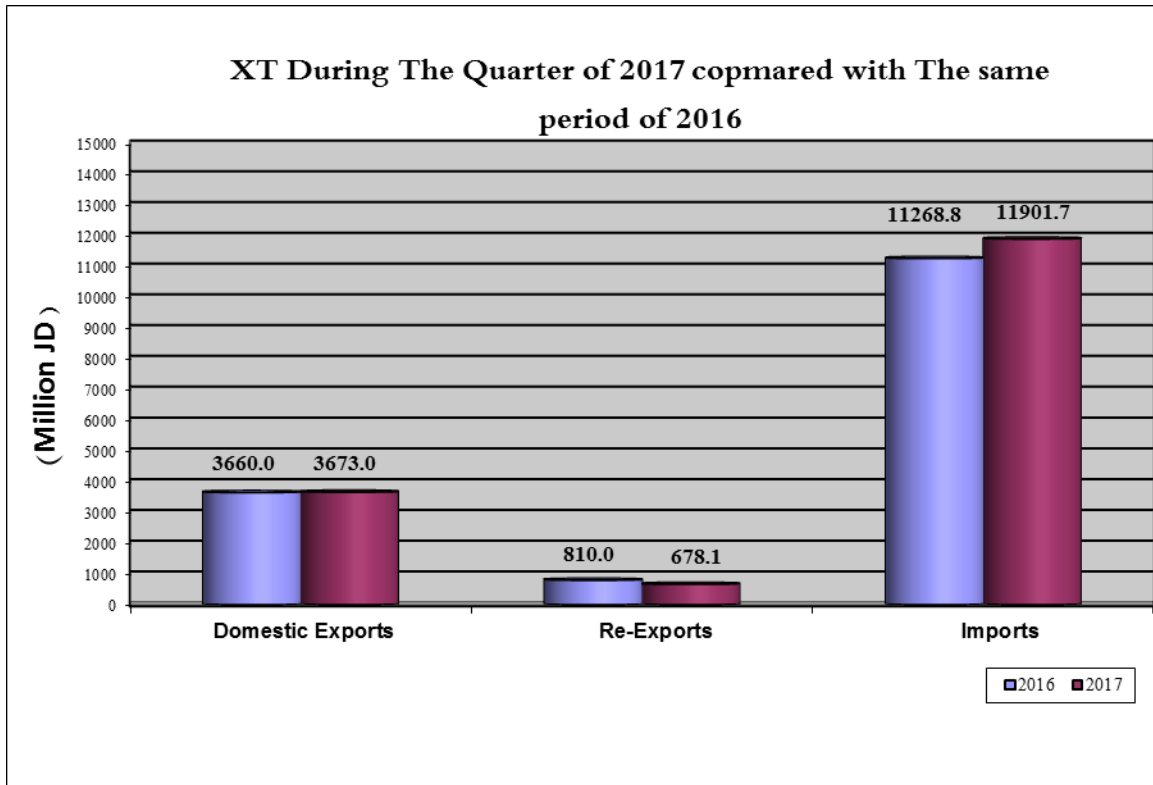
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## **National exports rise by 0.4% and imports rise by 5.6% during 1<sup>st</sup> 10 months of 2017 compared with the same period of 2016**

The statistical data issued by the Department of Statistics indicate that the value of total exports reached JD. 4351.1 million during the 1<sup>st</sup> 10 months 2017 [i.e., a decrease by 2.7% compared with the same period of 2016]. Meanwhile, the national exports value reached JD.3673.0 million during 1<sup>st</sup> 10 months 2017 [i.e. an increase by 0.4% compared with the same period of 2016]. The value of re-exports reached JD.678.1 million during 1<sup>st</sup> 10 months 2017 which indicates a decrease by 16.3% as compared with the same period of 2016. The imports value reached JD.11901.7 million during 1<sup>st</sup> 10 months 2017, thus rising by 5.6% compared with the same period of 2016.

The deficit in the trade balance, which is calculated by deducting the value of imports from the value of total exports, has reached JD.7550.6 million therefore; the deficit has increased during 1<sup>st</sup> 10 months 2017 by 11.1% compared with the same period of 2016. The imports coverage by total exports has become 36.6 % during 1<sup>st</sup> 10 2017 while it was 39.7% for the same period of 2016, which means a decrease by 3.1percentage points.



As for commodities, the main exported items that witnessed an increase in their export value were clothes and its related accessories witnessed by 8.1 % ,crude potash by 17.6% and fertilizers by 6.3%, while the export value of pharmaceutical products a decrease by 8.5%, vegetables and fruits by 9.2% and crude phosphate by 17.8%. As for imports, there was an increase in the imports value of crude oil and its products by 21.4%, electrical appliances and machines and their related parts by 44.8%, vehicles and motorcycles and their parts 4.5%, machines, machinery and their parts 5.6% and plastic and its products by 2.2% .

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Regarding trade with the main partners, there was an increase in the national exports to North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by 6.1% part of which USA by 6.0% , the Non-Arab Asian Countries by 7.0% part of which India by 6.1% and the European Union countries by 1.6% part of which is Netherland by 30.0 % while there was a decrease in the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by 6.7% part of which is KSA by 15.3%. The value of imports has increased from Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by 12.3% part of which is KSA by 13.6%, North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by 54.5% part of which USA by 55.3% and the Non-Arab Asian Countries by 0.6% part of which is China by 5.9%,while there

was a decrease in the value of imports from the European Union countries by 7.9% part of which is Italy by 6.5%.

The value of imports from the Gulf Cooperation Council countries has reached JD.2204.1 million representing 18.5% of the total imports during 1<sup>st</sup> 10 months 2017, while the total exports to these countries reached JD.1087.9 million representing 25.0% of the total exports during the same period.

The main reasons behind the decreasing value of national exports during the 1<sup>st</sup> 10 months of 2017 are attributed to an increase in the value of national exports of the following commodities compared with the same month of 2016:

- 1- clothes and its related accessories witnessed from JD. 71.2 million to JD. 83.8 million - an increase by 17.7%.
- 2- Non- Organic Chemical Products from JD. 18.0 million to JD. 6.9 million - an increase by 160.9%.
- 3- livestock from JD.3.0 million to JD.10.5 million – an increase by 250.0%.
- 4- Ornaments and Jewelries from JD. 10.1 million to JD. 14.7 million – an increase by 45.5%.

There was also an increase in the national exports of products of meat and fish, cereal or flour based food product, cements, Fertilizers, crude potash , soap and washing products, iron and copper and its products.

The exports of the above mentioned items made up 51.3% of the total value of the national exports during Oct. 2017 compared with 38.8% in the same month of 2016.

Clothes have occupied the first rank among the national exported commodities in Oct. 2017; pharmaceutical products came second while Vegetables and Fruits and crude potash held the Third and the Fourth ranks respectively.

The data show a decrease in the national exports value of pharmaceutical products by 24.5% electrical appliances and machines and their related parts by 60.0% , machines, machinery and their parts 47.0%.

**The most important exported and imported commodities during**

**1<sup>st</sup> 9 months 2016 and 2017**

Value in (JD Million)

National Exports				Imports			
Commodities	2016	2017	Growth Average %	Commodities	2016	2017	Growth Average %
Clothes	836.7	904.5	8.1	Crude Oil	1499.6	1821.1	21.4
Pharmaceutical products	378.6	346.6	-8.5	Machinery and its parts	838.0	1213.4	44.8
Vegetables & fruits	354.1	321.6	-9.2	Vehicles, Motorcycle and their parts	1108.4	1158.8	4.5
Crude potash	235.2	276.7	17.6	Machinery, electrical appliances and their parts	699.3	738.8	5.6
Crude Phosphates	266.0	218.6	-17.8	plastic and products	409.0	417.8	2.2
Fertilizers	180.1	191.5	6.3	Cereal	560.8	405.3	-27.7
Other items	1409.3	1413.5	0.3	Other items	6153.7	6146.5	-0.1
<b>National Exports</b>	<b>3660.0</b>	<b>3673.0</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>Total of Imports (2)</b>	<b>11268.8</b>	<b>11901.7</b>	<b>5.6</b>
<b>Re-exports</b>	<b>810.0</b>	<b>678.1</b>	<b>-16.3</b>				
<b>Sum of total Exports (1)</b>	<b>4470.0</b>	<b>4351.1</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>Trade Deficit (1)-(2)</b>	<b>-6798.8</b>	<b>-7550.6</b>	<b>11.1</b>

**Main Trade Partners and Economic Cartels during 1<sup>st</sup> 9 months  
2016 and 2017**

Value in (JD Million)

National Exports				Imports			
Economic Cartels	2016	2017	Growth Average %	Economic Cartels	2016	2017	Growth Average %
<b>Greater Arab Trade Zone countries</b>	<b>1809.0</b>	<b>1687.5</b>	<b>-6.7</b>	<b>Greater Arab Trade Zone Countries</b>	<b>2476.4</b>	<b>2780.4</b>	<b>12.3</b>
Of which Saudi Arabia	558.4	472.8	-15.3	Of which Saudi Arabia	1311.0	1492.8	13.9
<b>North American Free Trade Agreement Countries</b>	<b>910.7</b>	<b>965.8</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>North American Free Trade Agreement Countries</b>	<b>934.3</b>	<b>1443.7</b>	<b>54.5</b>
Of which USA	874.4	926.6	6.0	Of which USA	799.2	1241.4	55.3
<b>Non-Arab Asian countries</b>	<b>622.2</b>	<b>665.9</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>Non-Arab Asian countries</b>	<b>3788.1</b>	<b>3812.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>
Of which India	291.2	308.9	6.1	Of which China	1587.2	1680.3	5.9
<b>European Union Countries</b>	<b>95.0</b>	<b>96.5</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>European Union Countries</b>	<b>2756.2</b>	<b>2538.2</b>	<b>-7.9</b>
Of which Netherland	16.0	20.8	30.0	Of which Germany	490.1	512.9	4.7
<b>Other Economic Cartels</b>	<b>223.1</b>	<b>257.3</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>Other Economic Cartels</b>	<b>1313.8</b>	<b>1327.4</b>	<b>1.0</b>
Of which Free Zone	164.0	191.0	16.5	Of which Argentina	180.9	178.5	-1.3

**Exports, Imports and Trade Deficit (May 2017- October 2017)**

