



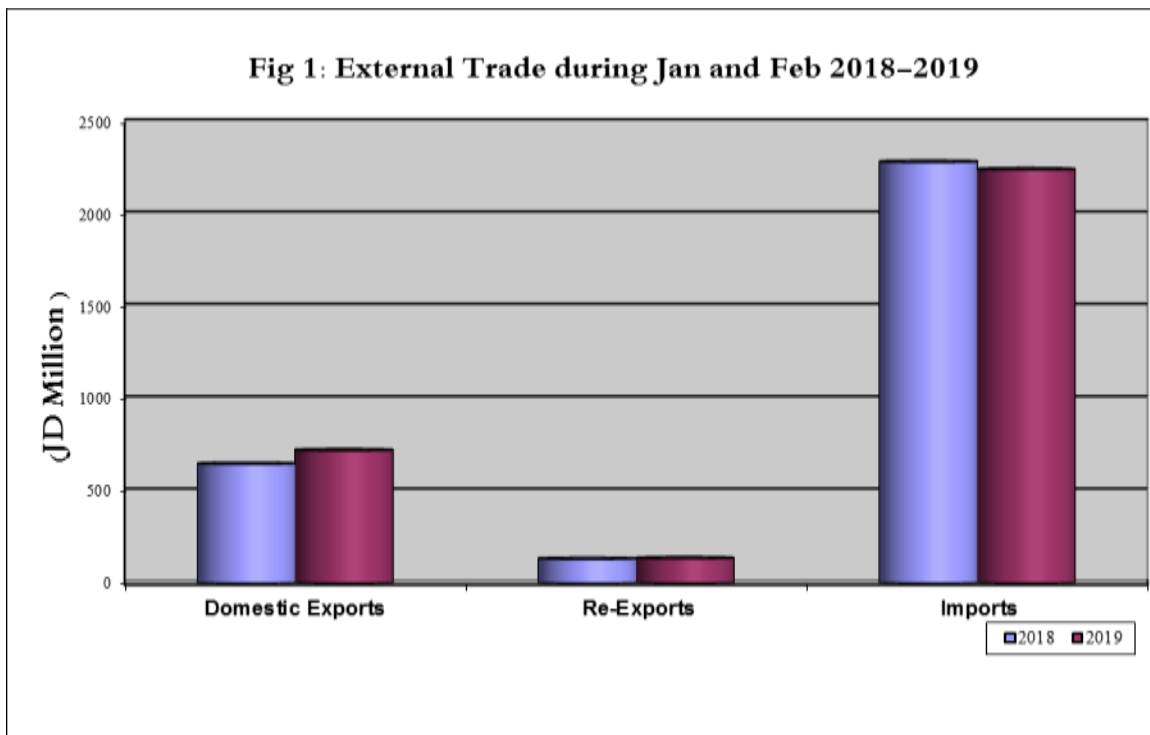
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The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

National exports increase by 11.4% and Imports decrease by (1.8%) during January and February 2019 compared with the same period of 2018

The statistical data issued by the Department of Statistics indicate that the value of total exports reached JD.857.7 million during January and February 2019 [i.e., an increase by 9.8% compared with the same period of 2018]. The national exports value reached JD.721.4 Million during January and February 2019 [i.e. an increase by 11.4% compared with the same period of 2018]. The value of re-exports reached JD 136.3 million during January and February 2019 which indicates an increase by 2.5% as compared with the same period of 2018. The imports value reached JD.2242.9 million during January and February 2019, thus decreasing by (1.8%) compared with the same period of 2018.

The deficit in the trade balance, which is calculated by deducting the value of imports from the value of total exports, has reached JD.1385.2 million therefore; the deficit has decreased during January and February 2019 by (7.8%) compared with the same period of 2018. The imports coverage by total exports has become 38.2% during January and February 2019 while it was 34.2% for the same period of 2018, which means an increase by 4.0 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 15.6%, crude potash by 6.3% , fertilizers by 37.2%, non-organic chemical products by 43.7%, while there was a decrease in the pharmaceutical products by (0.2%) crude phosphate by (1.5%).

As for imports, there was an increase in the imports value of machinery, electrical appliances and their parts by 20.0% .While there was a decrease in the imports value of crude oil and its products by (16.5%), machines, machinery and their part by (0.1%),vehicles and motorcycles and their parts by (0.3%), iron and its products by (24.3%) and plastic and its products by (14.4%).

Regarding trade with the main partners, there was an increase in the national exports to the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by 11.9% part of which KSA by 12.1% , North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by 13.5% part of which USA by 14.0%, Non-Arab Asian countries by 2.5% part of which India by 10.8% and the European Union countries by 16.6% part of which is Italy by 10.8%. As for imports, there was a noticeable increase in the

import value from the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by 15.2% part of which KSA by 1.7% and Non-Arab Asian Countries by 4.6% part of which china by 14.2%, while there was a decrease in the import value from the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by (12.9%) part of which USA by (18.8%) and European Union countries by (16.8%) part of which is Germany by (22.0%).

Regarding the value of imports from the Gulf Cooperation Council countries, it has reached JD.516.7 million representing 23.0% of the total imports during January and February 2019, while the total exports to these countries have reached JD.150.6 million representing 17.6% of the total exports during the same period.

The main reasons behind the increasing value of national exports during February 2019 are attributed to an increase in the value of national exports of the following commodities compared with the same month of 2018:

- 1- Fertilizers from JD 17.2 million to JD 50.2 million – an increase by 192.5%.
- 2- Clothes from JD 77.2 million to JD 90.0 million – an increase by 16.5%
- 3- Chemical products from JD 21.5 million to JD. 27.9 million – an increase by 30.2%.
- 4- livestock from JD.4.5 million to JD. 7.0 million – an increase by 55.5%.

There was also an increase in the meats, vegetables, cement, oil gases, iron and its products and washing products. The exports of the above mentioned items made up 56.0% of the total value of the national exports during February 2019 compared with 42.0% in the same month of 2018.

Clothes have occupied the first rank among the national exported commodities in February 2019; fertilizers came second while chemical products and vegetables the third and the Fourth ranks respectively.

The data indicates a decrease in the national exports value of crude phosphate by (39.7%), pharmaceutical products by (27.1%), paper by (25.1%) and aluminum and its products by (44.3%) in February 2019. And there was a decrease in the national exports value of crude potash and plastic and its products.

The most important exported and imported commodities during

January and February 2018 and 2019

Value in (JD Million)

National Exports				Imports			
Commodities	2018	2019	Growth Average %	Commodities	2018	2019	Growth Average %
Clothes and accessories	173.3	200.3	15.6	Crude Oil and its products	477.8	399.1	-16.5
Crude potash	66.6	70.8	6.3	machines, machinery and their part	192.8	192.7	-0.1
fertilizers	43.0	59.0	37.2	Vehicles, Motorcycle and their parts	189.1	188.6	-0.3
Non-organic chemical products	34.8	50.0	43.7	Machinery, electrical appliances and their parts	139.2	167.0	20.0
Pharmaceutical products	42.9	42.8	-0.2	iron and its products	99.4	75.2	-24.3
Crude phosphate	39.8	39.2	-1.5	Plastic and its products	87.7	75.1	-14.4
Other items	247.4	259.3	4.8	Other items	1097.4	1145.2	4.4
National Exports	647.8	721.4	11.4	Total of Imports (2)	2283.4	2242.9	-1.8
Re-exports	133.0	136.3	2.5				
Sum of total Exports (1)	780.8	857.7	9.8	Trade Deficit (1)-(2)	-1502.6	-1385.2	-7.8

**Main Trade Partners and Economic Blocs during the January and February
2018 and 2019**

Value in (JD Million)

National Exports				Imports			
Economic Cartels	2018	2019	Growth Average %	Economic Cartels	2018	2019	Growth Average %
Greater Arab Trade Zone countries	231.2	258.6	11.9	Greater Arab Trade Zone Countries	591.5	681.2	15.2
Of which Saudi Arabia	62.7	70.3	12.1	Of which Saudi Arabia	412.0	419.0	1.7
North American Free Trade Agreement Countries	186.7	211.9	13.5	North American Free Trade Agreement Countries	253.5	220.9	-12.9
Of which USA	176.9	201.6	14.0	Of which USA	217.1	176.3	-18.8
Non-Arab Asian countries	161.4	165.4	2.5	Non-Arab Asian countries	718.6	752.0	4.6
Of which India	88.5	98.1	10.8	Of which China	315.4	360.2	14.2
European Union Countries	22.9	26.7	16.6	European Union Countries	482.3	401.3	-16.8
Of which Italy	3.7	4.1	10.8	Of which Germany	91.8	112.0	22.0
Other Economic Cartels	45.6	58.8	28.9	Other Economic Cartels	237.5	187.5	-21.1
Of which Free Zone	38.5	50.7	31.7	Of which Argentina	23.6	43.4	83.9

Fig 2: Exports, Imports and Trade Deficit (Sep 2018-Feb 2019)

