Press Release Central Agency for Public Mobilization And Statistics 43.8% decrease in the deficit of trade balance on May 2017 Central agency for public mobilization and statistics issued Today / / 2017 the monthly bulletin of foreign Billion Dollars trade statistics 8 6.23 6 4.60 The value of deficit of trade 4 Balance reached 2.32 billion 2.28 2.09 2 **Dollars during May 2017 versus** 0 **4.14** billion Dollars for the same May 2016 2017 -2 month of the previous year, a -2.32 -4 decrease of 43.8 %. -4.14 -6

Exports

The most important indicator are as follows.

• Exports:

The value of exports increased by 8.8% as it reached 2.28 billion Dollars during May 2017 versus 2.09 billion Dollars for the same month of the previous year due to the increase of value of some commodities such as



■ Imports

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(crude oil by 53.7 %, ready-made clothes by 20.4%, Fertilizers by 82.6%).

While Exports of some commodities decreased on May 2017 versus its similarity for the same month of the previous year such as (Orange, fresh by 4.9 %, Miscellaneous Edible preparations by 10.7 %, Fruits, fresh by 53.3%, Furniture by 7.3 %).

• <u>Imports:</u>

The value of imports decreased by 26.1 % as it reached 4.60 billion Dollars during May 2017, versus 6.23 billion Dollars for the same month of the previous year due to the decrease of value of some commodities such as



(Petroleum Products by 12.1 %, Primary Forms of Iron or Steel by 39.8 %, plastics in primary forms "plastics in primary forms" by 25.7 %, Medicaments and Goods Pharmaceutical by 15.2 %, ,)

While Imports of some commodities increased on May 2017 versus its similarity for the same month of the previous year such as (Wheat by 19 %, Tubing of Iron, Steel with Fittings by 51.2 %, Soya Beans by 40.9 %).