23.0% Increase in Exports in December 2017

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The deficit value of trade Balance reached to 3.30 billion dollars during December 2017, versus 2.90 billion dollars for the same month of previous year, with a decrease of 13.8 %.



The most important indicator is as follows.

## • Exports:

Exports value increased with 23.0% as it reached to 2.47 billion dollars during December 2017, versus 2.01 billion dollars for the same month of previous year, due to the increased value of some commodities such as



(Crude oil by 92.3%, fertilizers by 68.1%, ready made garments by 14.2%, plastics in primary forms "plastics" by 98.2%).

Exports of some commodities decreased during December 2017, versus its similar for the same month of previous year such as (Fresh orange by 11.6%, furniture by 12.1%, other prepared articles of textile materials by 8.8%, soap and detergents by 16.4%).

## <u>Imports:</u>

The value of imports Increased by 17.6 % as it reached to 5.77 billion dollars during December 2017, versus 4.91 billion dollars for the same month of previous year, due to the decreased value of some commodities such as:



(Raw materials of iron or steel by 48.2%, crude oil by 2.7%, wheat by 11.3%, plastics in primary forms "plastics" by 39.3%).

Imports of some commodities Decreased in December 2017, versus its similar for the same month of previous year such as (Petroleum products by 7.3%, car ride by 5.1%, corn by 39.7%, car parts by 33.3%).

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