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## Press Release

### Department of Statistics:

- National exports continue their positive performance and rise by 11.2% in January 2026.
- A noticeable decrease in imports by 9.8% led to a 25.7% decrease in the trade deficit.
- Total exports cover 60% of imports compared to 51% in January 2025.
- National exports are concentrated in the Clothes, Fertilizers, Jewelry, Phosphate, and Potash sectors.

The Department of Statistics (DoS) released its monthly report on Jordan's external trade, which indicates an increase in the value of national exports during January 2026 by 11.2% compared to January 2025, and a decrease in the re-exports by 11.9%. Thus, the value of total exports, which include the national exports and the re-exports, increased by 5.3%, while the imports increased by 9.8% compared to January 2025. These developments led to a significant decrease by 25.7% in the trade balance deficit.

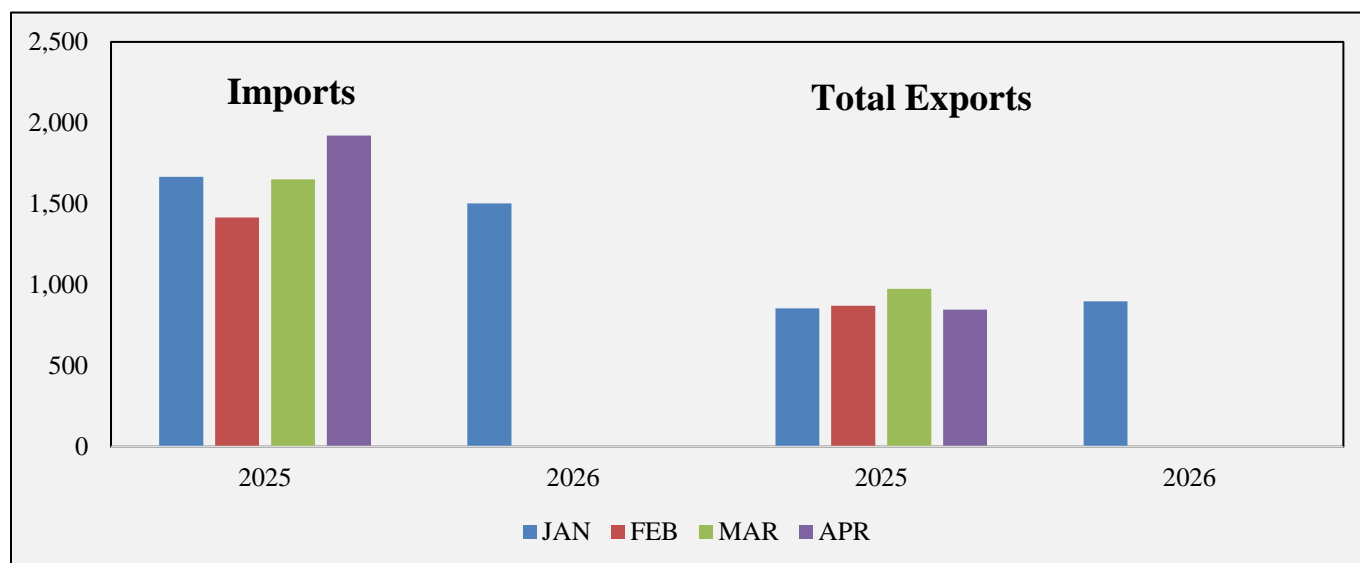
### *Exports-to-Imports Coverage Ratio:*

The total exports coverage ratio to imports reached 60% during January 2026 compared to 51% in January 2025, indicating an increase of 9 percentage points.

### *Volume of External Trade During January 2026:*

In January 2026, the value of total exports reached JOD 899 million, including the national exports of JOD 706 million and the re-exports of JOD 193 million. Meanwhile, the value of imports amounted to JOD 1,503 million. Accordingly, the trade balance deficit (which represents the difference between the value of total exports and the value of imports) has reached JOD 604 million, i.e. a decrease in the trade balance deficit by JOD 209 million compared to January 2025.

*Figure 1: Monthly Values of External Trade During the Years 2025 and 2026 (Million JOD)*



### *Commodity Composition During January 2026*

The increase in the national exports concentrated in the *“Clothes and related Accessories”*, *“Nitrogenous or Chemical Fertilizers”*, *“Precious Ornaments and Jewelry”*, *“Crude Phosphate”*, and *“Crude Potash”*.

The recorded decrease in imports was due to the decline in imports of the *“Crude Oil and its Products”* group, *“Machines and Machinery Tools”*, and the *“Vehicles, Motorcycles”* compared to January 2025 (Table 1).

*Table 1: The Most Important Exported and Imported Commodities During January 2025 & January 2026 - (Million JOD)*

National Exports				Imports			
Items	*2025	*2026	Relative Change (%) <sup>e</sup>	Items	*2025	*2026	Relative Change (%)
Clothes and related Accessories	125	146	16.8	Crude Oil and its Products & Mineral Oil	310	218	29.7-
Nitrogenous or Chemical Fertilizers	48	86	79.2	Machines, Machinery and their parts	118	104	11.9-
Precious Ornaments and Jewelry	76	83	9.2	Precious Ornaments and Jewelry	78	90	15.4
Crude Potash	37	51	37.8	Vehicles, Motorcycles, and their part	165	87	47.3-
Crude Phosphate	33	49	48.5	Electrical Appliances and Parts	78	83	6.4
Pharmaceutical products	36	29	19.4-	Plastics and their products	53	57	7.5
Other items	280	262	6.4-	Other items	865	864	0.1-
<b>National Exports</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>11.2</b>				
<b>Re-exports</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>11.9-</b>				
<b>Total Exports (1)</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>899</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>Total Imports (2)</b>	<b>1,667</b>	<b>1,503</b>	<b>-9.8</b>
<b>Trade Deficit (1) – (2)</b>					<b>-813</b>	<b>-604</b>	<b>-25.7</b>

*Source: Department of Statistics / External Trade Division/ External Trade Report of January 2026*

*\*Primary numbers*

### **Trade Partners During January 2026**

The increase in the national exports was driven by the increase in exporting to countries of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) countries, including the USA, non-Arab Asian Countries, such as India, and EU countries, including the Netherlands.

The recorded decrease in imports was due to the decline in importing to Greater Arab Free Trade Area (GAFTA), including Saudi Arabia, the North American Free Trade Agreement

(NAFTA) countries, including the USA, Non-Arab Asian countries, including China, and EU countries, such as Germany.

**Table 2: Main Trade Partners and Economic Blocs During January 2025 & January 2026 - (Million JOD)**

National Exports to:				Imports from:			
Economic Blocs	*2025	*2026	Relative Change (%)e	Economic Blocs	*2025	*2026	Relative Change (%)e
<b>Greater Arab Free Trade (GAFTA) Countries of which</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>13.6-</b>	<b>Greater Arab Free Trade (GAFTA) Countries of which</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>15.4-</b>
Saudi Arabia	72	62	13.9-	Saudi Arabia	326	217	33.4-
Syria	19	28	47.4	Syria	5	2	60.0-
Iraq	68	36	47.1-	Iraq	17	4	76.5-
<b>North American Free Trade Agreement Countries</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>North American Free Trade Agreement countries</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>24.2-</b>
USA	173	176	1.7	USA	117	85	27.4-
<b>Non-Arab Asian Countries</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>28.3</b>	<b>Non-Arab Asian countries</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>4.9-</b>
Of which India	69	89	29.0	Of which China	335	310	7.5-
<b>European Union Countries</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>54.3</b>	<b>European Union Countries</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>21.1-</b>
Of which Netherlands	3	19	533.3	Of which Germany	45	44	2.2-
<b>Rest of the Economic Blocs</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>132.4</b>	<b>Rest of the Economic Blocs</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>19.7</b>
Of which Switzerland	21	63	200.0	Of which Brazil	36	49	36.1

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Figure2 : National Exports by Main Trade Partners during January of (2023, 2024, and 2025)

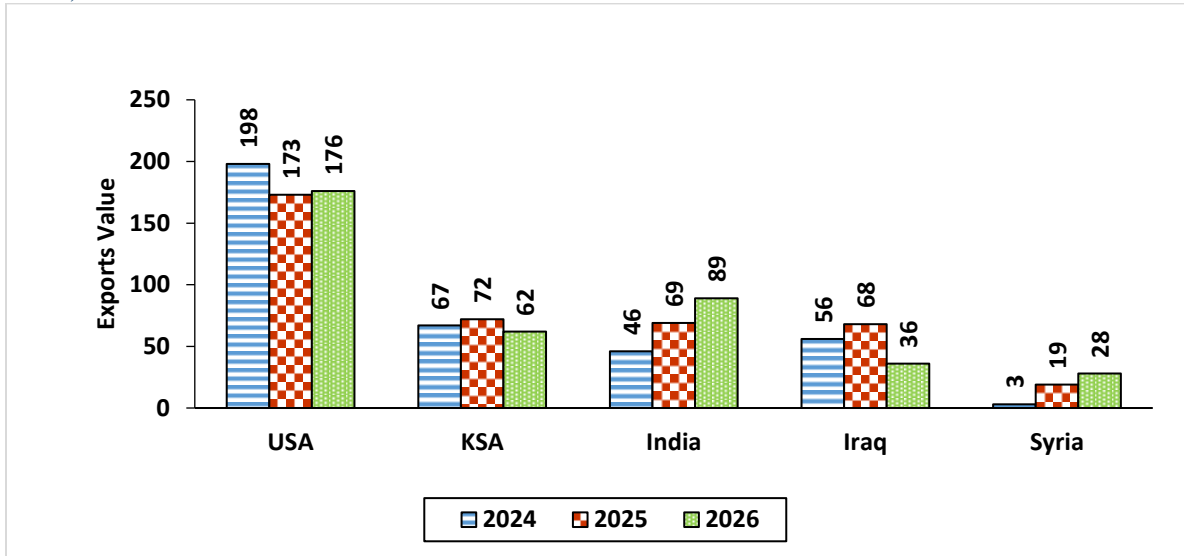
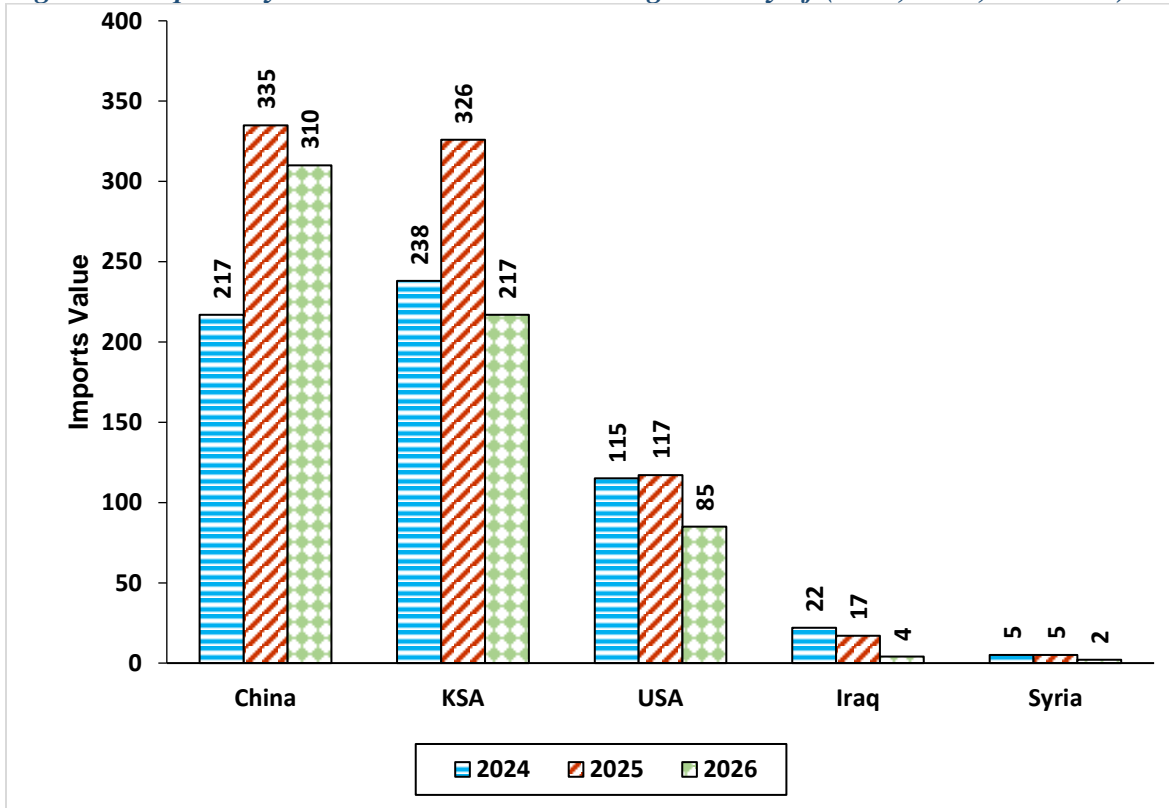


Figure3 : Imports by Main Trade Partners during January of (2023, 2024, and 2025)



It is important to note that DoS now uses the general system instead of the special system to calculate exports and imports. This new system includes the free zones and customs warehouses when counting national exports and imports, while the old system left them out because they were considered outside Jordan.

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