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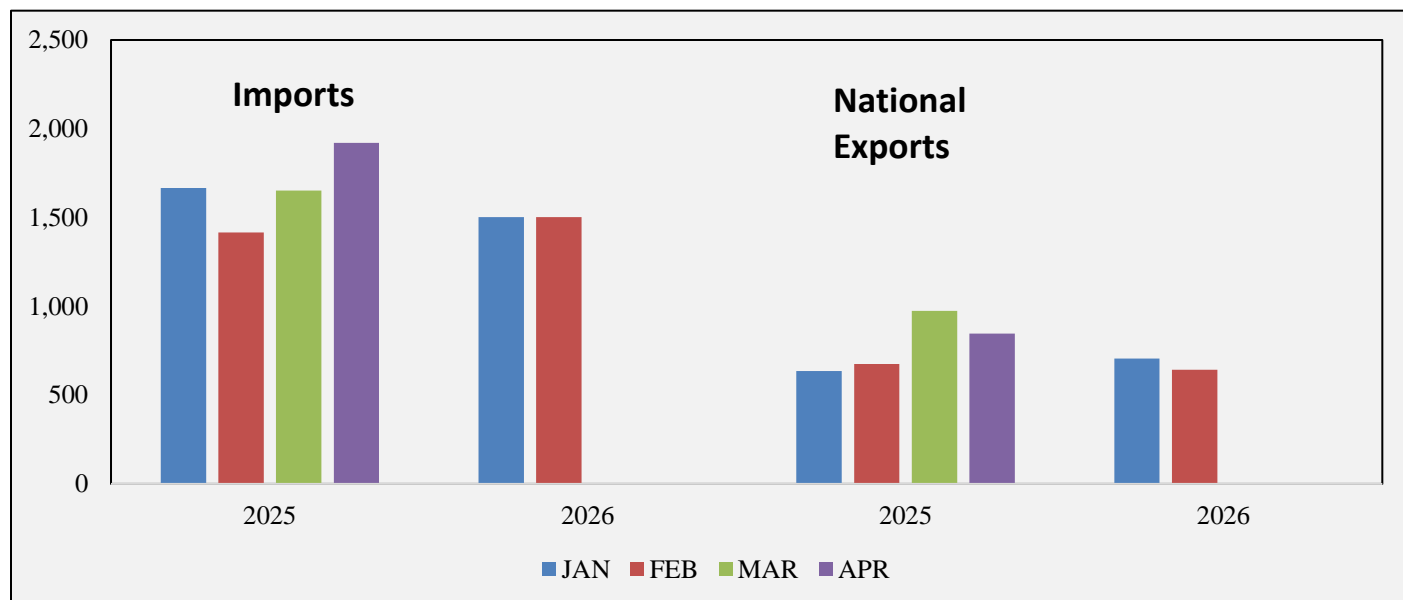
- Department of Statistics (DoS): National exports grew by 3.0% during the first two months of 2026 compared to the same period in 2025.
- National exports were concentrated in the clothing, fertilizer, pharmaceutical products, phosphate, and potash sectors.
- National exports to Syria increased by 41.7%, and to the European Union by 72.3%.
- The trade deficit decreased by 4.8%, and total exports to imports covered 57.0% of imports.

The Department of Statistics (DoS) issued its monthly report on external trade, showing that the value of national exports increased during the first two months of 2026 by 3.0% to reach JOD 1,350 million, while the value of re-exports decreased by (12.6%) to reach JOD 361 million. Accordingly, the value of total exports reached JOD 1,711 million, recording a slight decrease of (0.8%) compared to the same period in 2025. Also, the imports decreased by (2.5%) to reach JOD 3,005 million during the first two months of 2026. Consequently, the trade balance deficit reached JOD 1,294 million, a decrease of (JOD 65 million) (i.e. 4.8%) compared to the same period in 2025.

Exports to Imports Coverage Ratio:

The total exports coverage ratio to imports reached 57.0% during the first two months of 2026 compared to 56.0% for the same period in 2025, indicating an increase of 1 percentage point.

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



Monthly performance of February 2026

In February 2026, the value of total exports reached JOD 811 million, including the national exports of JOD 643 million and the re-exports of JOD 168 million. Meanwhile, the value of imports amounted to JOD 1,502 million. Accordingly, the trade balance deficit has reached JOD 691 million during February 2026.

Compared to the same month in 2025, total exports decreased by (6.8%), national exports by (4.9%), and re-exports by (13.4%). Meanwhile, the imports increased by 6.0%, leading to a 26.3% increase in the trade balance deficit.

Commodity Composition During January 2026

The increase in national exports was concentrated in the **“Crude Potash”** 46.5%, **“Clothes and related Accessories”** 6.4%, **“Nitrogenous or Chemical Fertilizers”** 0.8%, **“Pharmaceutical preparations”** 17.6%, and **“Crude Phosphate”** 16.2% sectors. As for imports, there were increases in the value of **“Precious Ornaments and Jewelry”** by 37.6%, **“Machinery and Electrical Equipment”** by 0.7%, and **“Plastics”** by 9.2%, while there were decreases in the

imports of “*Crude Oil and its Derivatives*” by (8.8%), “*Machinery Tools*” by (7.0%), and “*Carts, Bicycles, and Motorcycles*” by (38.4%).

Table 1: The Most Important Exported and Imported Commodities During First Two Months of 2025 & 2026 - (Million JOD)

National Exports				Imports			
Items	*2025	*2026	Relative Change (%)	Items	*2025	*2026	Relative Change (%)
Clothes and related Accessories	250	266	6.4	Crude Oil and its Products & Mineral Oil	489	446	8.8-
Nitrogenous or Chemical Fertilizers	124	125	0.8	Precious Ornaments and Jewelry	149	205	37.6
Precious Ornaments and Jewelry	154	112	-27.3	Machines, Machinery Tools and their parts	213	198	7.0-
Crude Potash	71	104	46.5	Carts, Bicycles, and Motorcycles and their parts	271	167	38.4-
Pharmaceutical products	68	80	17.6	Electrical Appliances and Parts	150	151	0.7
Crude Phosphate	68	79	16.2	Plastics and their products	98	107	9.2
Other items	576	584	1.4	Other items	1,713	1,731	1.1
National Exports	1,311	1,350	3.0				
Re-exports	413	361	-12.6				
Total Exports (1)	1,724	1,711	-0.8	Total Imports (2)	3,083	3,005	2.5-
Trade deficit (1) – (2)					1,359-	1,294-	4.8-

Source: Department of Statistics / External Trade Division/ External Trade Report of February 2026

**Primary numbers*

Trade Partners During January 2026

The increase in national exports was driven by the increase in exporting to the markets of non-Arab Asian Countries, including China, and to EU countries, including the Netherlands. Meanwhile, the most prominent international markets from which imports increased are the

Greater Arab Free Trade Area (GAFTA) countries and from China among the non-Arab Asian countries.

Table 2: Main Trade Partners and Economic Blocs During First Two Months of 2025 & January 2026 - (Million JOD)

National Exports to:				Imports from:			
Economic Blocs	*2025	*2026	Relative Change (%)e	Economic Blocs	*2025	*2026	Relative Change (%)e
Greater Arab Free Trade (GAFTA) Countries of which	536	533	0.6-	Greater Arab Free Trade (GAFTA) Countries of which	864	875	1.3
Saudi Arabia	145	135	6.9-	Saudi Arabia	522	476	8.8-
Syria	36	51	41.7	Syria	8	4	50.0-
Iraq	141	116	17.7-	Iraq	37	9	75.7-
North American Free Trade Agreement Countries	378	328	13.2-	North American Free Trade Agreement countries	239	172	28.0-
USA	365	314	14.0-	USA	225	157	30.2-
Non-Arab Asian Countries	239	260	8.8	Non-Arab Asian countries	1,184	1,184	0.0
Of which China	42	43	2.4	Of which China	587	614	4.6
European Union Countries	65	112	72.3	European Union Countries	501	388	22.6-
Of which Netherlands	7	29	314.3	Of which Germany	94	78	17.0-
Rest of the Economic Blocs	93	117	25.8	Rest of the Economic Blocs	295	386	30.8
Of which Switzerland	29	73	151.7	Of which Brazil	41	97	136.6

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