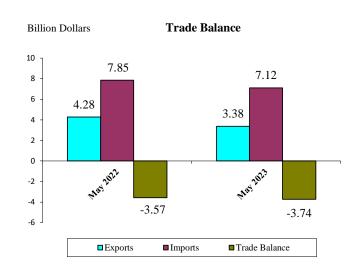


## **PRESS RELEASE**

## 4.3% an Increase in trade Balance May 2023

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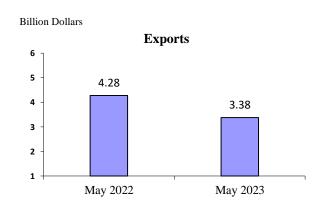
The deficit value of trade Balance reached 3.74 billion dollars during May 2023, versus 3.57 billion dollars for the same month of previous year, an Increase of 4.3%.



The most important indicator is as follows.

## • Exports:

Exports value decreased by 20.9% as it reached 3.38 billion dollars during May 2023, versus 4.28 billion dollars for the same month of previous year, due to a decreased value of some commodities such as:

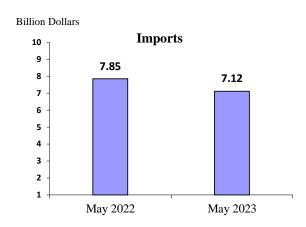


(Natural and liquefied gas by 69.7%, Crude oil by 54.5%, Petroleum products by 41.7%, Fertilisers by 72.4%).

While exports value of some commodities increased during May 2023, versus the same month of previous year such as (Fruits, fresh by 59.1%, Ready-made clothes by 6.2%, Miscellaneous Edible Preparations by 70.8%, Rods, Bars, Angles, Wires of Iron by 56.1%).

## **Imports:**

Imports value decreased by 9.4% as it reached 7.12 billion dollars during May 2023, versus 7.85 billion dollars for the same month of previous year, due to a decreased value of some commodities such as:



(Petroleum products by 19.8%, Raw materials of iron or steel by 29.2%, Chemicals, Organic & Non organic by 24.3%, plastics in their primary forms by 24.8%,).

Imports of some commodities increased in May 2023, versus the same month of previous year such as :

(Medicaments and Pharmctcl. Goods by 14.2%, Corn by 46.4%, Wheat by 92.5%, Natural gas by 21.3%).