



# Press Release

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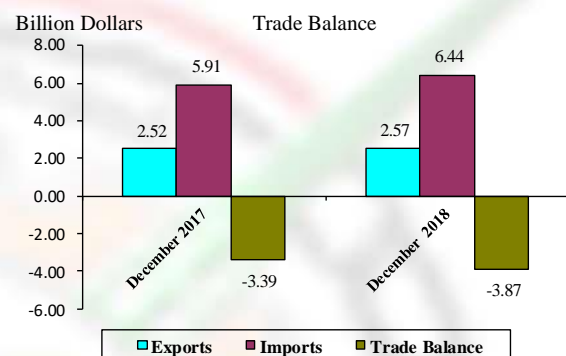
### 2.1% increase in Exports value in December 2018

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#### Monthly bulletin of “Foreign Trade Data”

December 2018

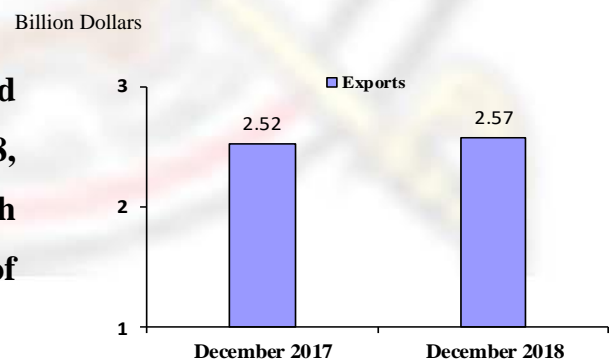
The deficit value of trade Balance reached 3.87 billion dollars during December 2018, versus 3.39 billion dollars for the same month of previous year, an increase of 14.1 %.



The most important indicator is as follows.

- **Exports:**

Exports value increase by 2.1 % as it reached to 2.57 billion dollars during December 2018, versus 2.52 billion dollars for the same month of previous year, due to an increase value of some commodities such as

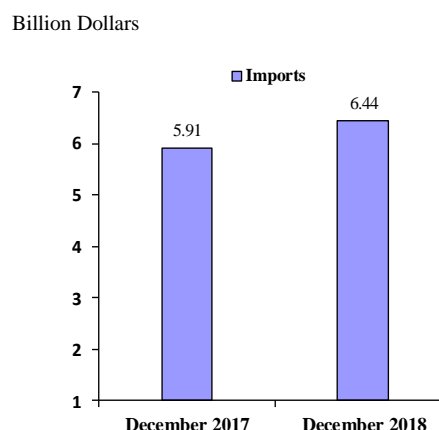


(ready-made clothes by 10.4 %, Plastics in their primary forms by 10.2 %, Fresh Orange by 40.2 %).

While exports value of some commodities decreased during December 2018, versus the same month of previous year such as (crude oil by 15.7 %, Fertilizers by 14.8 %, Fresh fruits by 2.2 %, Pastes and preparations by 12.2 %).

- **Imports:**

Imports value increased by 9.0 % as it reached to 6.44 billion dollars during December 2018, versus 5.91 billion dollars for the same month of previous year, due to an increased value of some commodities such as:



(Cars riding by 28.7 %, Plastics in their primary forms by 7.4%, Pharmaceutical products and preparations by 24.3 %, Organic and inorganic chemicals by 4.4 %).

Imports of some commodities decreased in December 2018, versus the same month of previous year such as (Raw materials of iron or steel by 28.2 %, Wheat by 1.1 %, Meat by 14.4 %, Crude oil by 46.8 %).

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