وافق صندوق النقد الدولي على خطة مساعدة مليار دولار تمتدّ على أربع سنوات وأصبحت اليوم أكثر إلحاحًا بسبب جائحة كوفيد-19.

وكان الطرفان اتفقا على برنامج المساعدات هذا في كانون الثاني/يناير، أي قبل أن يتحول فيروس كورونا المستجد إلى جائحة تتهدّد الاقتصاد العالمي بتداعيات كارثية.

وبحسب الصندوق فقد تم إدخال تغييرات على البرنامج لتغطية النفقات غير المدرجة فى الميزانية مثل الطوارئ الصحيّة والمعدّات الطبية، مبينا أنه اذا تبيّن أنّ تداعيات الوباء شديدة لدرجة أنها ستعرّض أهداف البرنامج للخطر، فسيجري تكييفه أكثر مع الظروف المتغيّرة، وذلك بعد الاتفاق مع السلطات.

وبحسب الصندوق فإنّ عمّان ستحصل على الفور مليون دولار، وعلى شريحة أولية قدرها حوالي 140 مليون دولار، بينما ستحصل على المبلغ المتبقّي على دفعات تمتدّ على مدى أربع سنوات هي عمر البرنامج الذي يتضمن ثماني مراجعات لدراسة مدى فعاليته.

وتصدر النشرة اليومية للاتحاد

A Huge Deal of "$2 Trillion" to Revive the US Economy

The White House and the Senate reached a huge deal to revive the US economy of approximately $2 trillion, according to the agreement reached after days of intense negotiations between the two parties, an amount of two trillion dollars will be pumped into various economic sectors to try to avoid an economic recession due to the Corona crisis.

The agreement includes tax exemptions and extending the benefits of the unemployed and other financial incentives to aid individuals and small and large companies.

The agreement excludes companies owned by the US President and Vice President, members of Congress and officials in the American administration and their families. It is an amendment that the Democrats insisted on targeting directly the White House and the companies of the American President and his children who own companies that have been affected by partial isolation measures in the country. The agreement also provides $1,200 for each individual who earns less than $75,000 annually, in the form of bank checks that reach directly to the homes of Americans.

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The Qatari Planning and Statistics Authority revealed that the merchandise trade balance in the State of Qatar achieved a surplus of 13.6 billion Qatari riyals in February, up by 1.1 billion Qatari riyals, which was 9.0% compared to January 2020, but in contrast it recorded a decrease of 3.0% compared to the corresponding month of last year. According to the data of foreign trade issued by the Planning Authority, the value of total Qatari exports (which includes exports of local origin and re-exports) amounted to approximately 21.3 billion Qatari riyals, a decrease of 5.2% compared to February 2019, and a decrease of 4.6% compared to January 2020. On the other hand, the value of merchandise imports decreased during February 2020, to reach about 7.7 billion Qatari riyals, a decrease of 8.9% compared to February 2019, and a decrease of 21.7% compared to January 2020. While the total value of Qatari exports that include Exports of local origin and re-exports, last February, amounted to approximately 21.3 billion riyals, with an annual decrease (compared to February 2019) of 5.2%, and decreased by 4.6% on a monthly basis (compared to January 2020), in parallel with the decrease in the value of merchandise imports by about 8.9% on an annual basis and 21.7% on a monthly basis to reach about 7.7 billion riyals.

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