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Tunisian Tourism Sector Revenues Decreased by 66%

Tunisian Tourism Minister Habib Ammar, expected a decline in tourism revenues by 66 percent, and in the number of arrivals by 79 percent by the end of this year, Ammar’s words came during his speech at a hearing in Parliament.

The tourism sector in Tunisia represents 14 percent of the GDP, and the health crisis related to the "Corona" epidemic has cast a strong shadow over the activity of the sector, which had set a record in the number of arrivals in 2019, exceeding nine million tourists.

Minister Ammar explained that “tourism institutions were not at their best even before the Corona pandemic and the measures of closure, considering that “the return of these institutions to their normal activities is still far-reaching,” adding that “tourism establishments are unable to bear financial burdens for a longer period. He explained that “some measures have been revised to protect these institutions, with the aim of pushing them to preserve job opportunities.”

The effects of the crisis were more severe in the peak period between July and September, as the number of expatriates decreased by 88 percent compared to the same period last year. The current situation has caused the loss of about 50 thousand job opportunities, which represents 13% of the percentage of workers in this sector, which employs about 400 thousand workers.

Source (Al-Sharq Al-Awsat Newspaper, Edited)
An excess of the Qatar trade balance in the first half of the year

According to the report, the value of re-exports amounted to 8.398 million dinars at the end of August of this year, a decrease of 32.3 percent, compared to the same period last year, which amounted to 589 million dinars. As for imports, they decreased by the end of August of this year by 15.3 percent, amounting to 7.707 billion dinars, compared to the same period last year, which amounted to 9.098 billion dinars. On the monthly level, the value of national exports to Jordan increased in August of this year by 9.2 percent, reaching 492.7 million dinars, compared to 451.3 million dinars during the same month last year.

Source (Ad-Dustour Newspaper-Jordan, Edited)

A decrease of Qatar’s trade balance surplus of about 50%

The data released by the Qatar Planning and Statistics Authority showed that the surplus in the merchandise trade balance of Qatar decreased by 49.7 percent on an annual basis to 6.4 billion riyals during the month of September, and by 7 percent compared to the previous month of August.

The surplus of Qatar’s commodity balance was affected year-on-year by a drop in exports by 33.7 percent to 13.4 billion riyals, as well as a decline in the value of commodity imports by 7 billion riyals, or 6.4 percent, compared to September of 2019.

India ranked first in the list of “destination countries” for Qatar’s exports last September, with a value of 2.4 billion riyals, or 18.0 percent of the total value of Qatar’s exports, while China came to the top of the list of main countries of origin for Qatar’s imports with a value of 1.6 billion riyals, or 22.3 percent of the total value of commodity imports.

The value of the surplus of the trade balance of the State of Qatar decreased by 42.9 percent on an annual basis during the month of August 2020, while the value of the surplus of the trade balance of Qatar reached 6.92 billion riyals (1.92 billion dollars) in the month of July, compared to 12.11 billion riyals ($3.36 billion) in August 2019.

Source (CNBC Arabic Website, Edited)

Jordan’s Trade Deficit is Down by 22.7%

The Jordanian trade deficit decreased by the end of August of this year by 22.7 percent, to reach 4.076 billion dinars, compared to the corresponding period of last year, which amounted to 5.272 billion dinars.

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The Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics revealed that the trade balance deficit reached 3.02 billion dollars during the month of August 2020, compared to 3.80 billion dollars during the same month of the previous year, representing a decrease of 20.5 percent.

The value of exports decreased by 9.4 percent, as it reached 1.91 billion dollars during the month of August 2020 compared to 2.11 billion dollars during the same month of the previous year. This is due to the decrease in the value of exports of some commodities, the most important of which are: Petroleum products decreased by 32 percent, crude oil accounted for 46.5 percent, ready-made garments increased by 31 percent, and soaps & cleaning products accounted for 25 percent. On the other hand, the value of exports of some commodities increased, the most important of which were: fertilizers by 13.9 percent, plastics in their primary forms, "plastic" by 4 percent, and various pastes and food preparations by 32.6 percent.

As for imports, they decreased by 16.6 percent, reaching 4.93 billion dollars during the month of August 2020, compared to 5.91 billion dollars during the same month of the previous year. This is due to the decrease in the value of imports of some commodities, the most important of which are: petroleum products by 49.4 percent, wheat by 3.6 percent, meat by 8.0 percent, and iron and steel raw materials by 44.7 percent.

Source (Youm7 Website-Egypt, Edited)
Algerian Energy Minister Abdelmadjid Attar expects that Algeria’s revenues from crude oil and gas exports will drop to $23.5 billion this year, after it was $34 billion in the past 2019, due to falling global prices and growing domestic consumption. "Algeria produced 90 billion cubic meters of gas in 2019, while consumption reached 43 billion cubic meters," Attar said in a press statement to Algerian state radio.

Attar added that Algeria, a member of OPEC, relies heavily on oil and gas exports to finance the state budget and pay for goods imports estimated at more than $40 billion annually.

The global Coronavirus pandemic has exacerbated financial pressures on the Algerian economy, as the Algerian government forced the state-owned energy company, Sonatrach, to cut its planned investments for the current year by half to $7 billion. This coincided with an increase in domestic demand for gas and oil products, which reached seven percent annually, according to official figures.

Source (Algeria News Agency, Edited)