بلغ معدل التضخم لأسعار المستهلكين في سلطنة عمان خلال شهر ديسمبر (كانون الأول) الماضي نحو 1.98 في المئة، وفق ما أظهرته بيانات المسوح الشهري لأسعار المواد الاستهلاكية الصادرة عن المركز الوطني للإحصاء والمعلومات.

وأظهرت البيانات، ارتفاع أسعار المجموعات الرئيسية السلعية كمجموعة المواد الغذائية والمشروبات غير الكحولية بنسبة 5.4 في المئة، ومجموعة الصحة بنسبة 4.05 في المئة، ومجموعة السكن والمياه والكهرباء والغاز وأنواع الوقود الأخرى بنسبة 0.63 في المئة.

المصدر (صحيفة الشرق الأوسط، بتحرير)
High Record for Algeria's Non-Oil Exports, 36 percent

Algeria's non-oil exports increased by the end of 2022, reaching $4 billion, an increase of 36 percent, compared to the previous year 2021.

Exports were distributed to 147 countries, and they witnessed a record rise in the first 11 months of 2022, by 36 percent, as Algeria's trade balance witnessed a historic precedent by achieving record numbers last year.

Algeria achieved revenues of $6.6 billion in commercial exports last year, while it amounted to $4.5 billion in the first 11 months of 2021. Most of Algeria's non-hydrocarbon products went to European countries, especially France, Italy, and Germany. It also included the United States of America, Côte d'Ivoire, Niger, Ghana, Senegal, Tunisia, Jordan, Syria, and Iraq.

Non-fuel products exported abroad include fertilizers with a value of $1.7 billion (an increase of 28 percent), cement with a value of $400 million (an increase of 93 percent), iron and steel with a value of $500 million (an increase of 30%), and cleaning materials with a value of one million dollars. It is expected that the value of exports this year will reach between 6.5 to 7 billion dollars.

Source (Al-Sharq Al-Awsat Newspaper, Edited)

Annual Inflation in Saudi Arabia Rises to 3.3 percent

Last December, the annual consumer price (inflation) rate in Saudi Arabia rose by 3.3 percent, the highest level since July 2021, which is 6.2 percent.

Data from the Saudi General Authority for Statistics (governmental) showed inflation growing by 0.3 percent on a monthly basis. Inflation rose in Saudi Arabia, last December, for the 36th consecutive month, as it contracted during the whole of 2019, and then began to rise since then.

The rise in inflation last month was driven by the rise in the housing, water, and gas section, the highest weighting section in the index, by 5.9 percent, and food and beverage prices, the second most influential section in the index, by 4.2 percent, on an annual basis.

Food and beverage prices rose around the world due to the repercussions of Corona, and then the Russian-Ukrainian war. The Consumer Price Index reflects changes in the prices that consumers pay for a fixed basket of goods and services consisting of 490 items.

Source (Al-Araby Al-Jadeed Newspaper, Edited)
Jordan's New Investment Environment Law comes into effect

The Investment Environment Law in Jordan No. 21 of 2022, which was issued in the Official Gazette in mid-October, entered into effect. The law includes granting incentives, exemptions, and benefits to investors within specific principles and requirements.

As for the basic incentives granted outside the development and free zones, the law grants basic incentives that include exempting fixed assets, production requirements, and spare parts for economic activity from customs duties. It also includes basic incentives outside the development and free zones; Exemption from income tax due or reducing it by at least 30 percent on economic activities in the least developed regions in the Kingdom or projects that employ at least 250 Jordanians for a maximum period of 5 years from the date of actual operation.

The law also included granting additional non-basic incentives, which is the authority of the Ministerial Incentives Committee, which includes the Ministers of Investment, Planning and International Cooperation, Industry, Trade and Supply, and Finance, within specific conditions and criteria. These additional incentives include the price of rent or sale of lands owned by the state treasury, subsidies for energy and water costs, renewable energy projects, or infrastructure. This type of incentive is for vital projects needed by the state, or has a clear positive impact on the national economy and employment, and is decided upon by the Ministerial Incentives Committee.

Source (Al-Dustour Jordanian Newspaper, Edited)