Slovakia's exports surge 11% in Sep, fastest growth in 18 months

BRATISLAVA: Slovakia's exports reached €10.7bn in September 2026, up 11 percent year-on-year, marking the fastest growth in 18 months, according to preliminary data released by Slovakia's Statistical Office on yesterday.

Imports increased by 9.9 percent year-on-year to €10.1bn, allowing the country to return to a trade surplus after a one-month gap. The surplus stood at €542.1m up €141m from a year earlier.

Machinery and transport equipment, including automobiles, made the largest positive contribution to export growth. Exports in this category rose by more than 12 percent year-on-year, the fastest increase since March 2025.

Other European Union (EU) member states remained Slovakia's main trading partners in September, accounting for nearly 80 percent of the country's total exports and around 65 percent of its imports.

Exports to other EU countries increased by 7 percent year-on-year, while imports from these countries rose by more than 11 percent. Meanwhile, exports to non-EU countries surged by nearly 30 percent, while imports from these countries grew by more than 7 percent.

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Slovakia recorded a trade surplus of nearly €1.9bn with other EU member states in September, while its trade deficit with non-EU countries stood at around €1.4bn.

In the first nine months of 2026, Slovakia's exports increased by 4.4 percent year-on-year to €85.5bn, while imports rose by 4.2 percent to €83.4bn. — ***XINHUA***

Gold prices rally more than 1%

SINGAPORE: Gold prices rallied more than 1% yesterday, extending their recent advance as investors awaited US inflation data for fresh clues on the outlook for interest rates and the Federal Reserve's monetary policy.

Spot gold climbed 1.6% to $4,129.69 an ounce, while US gold futures for December delivery advanced 1.6% to $4,139. The gains build on a strong run for the precious metal, which jumped about 5% last week as market sentiment remained supportive.

Elsewhere in the precious-metals complex, spot silver advanced 2.8% to $53.31 an ounce. Platinum added 1.6% to $1,556.14, while palladium gained 2.1% to $1,044.28. — ***QNA***

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'Building integrated AI systems requires moving beyond reliance on standalone solutions'

DOHA: International experts in telecommunications technology and artificial intelligence have emphasized that building integrated AI ecosystems requires moving beyond a reliance on isolated solutions developed independently by individual entities, and instead shifting toward the development of shared capabilities that can be utilised and leveraged across government institutions.

This took place during a panel discussion at the MWC26 Doha conference, which focused on the future of interactive AI.

The session was attended by international AI experts, leaders from the telecommunications and technology sectors, representatives from major global corporations, as well as investors and innovators from the region and beyond, including Head of 'Quotient' (Oliver Wyman's global AI division) Jad Haddad and Regional General Manager of Google Cloud in Qatar Ghassan Kosta.



MCIT Assistant Undersecretary for Infrastructure and Operations Affairs Sami Mohammed Al Shammari with other industry leaders during the panel session at MWC26 Doha.

During the session, Assistant Undersecretary for Infrastructure and Operations Affairs at the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT) Sami Mohammed Al Shammari emphasised that the use of AI in national planning marks a new phase in the development of government operations, shifting from traditional analytical models to intelligent tools that facilitate faster and higher-quality decision-making.

He indicated that the success of this digital transformation depends on the presence of an appropriate regulatory and technical environment, effective partnerships between institutions, and investment in infrastructure and human capabilities, all of which ensure that innovation in AI is translated into sustainable economic and institutional value.

For her part, Director of Digital Innovation at MCIT Eman Ahmed Al Kuwari affirmed that the State of Qatar is moving toward an advanced stage in the deployment of AI technologies.

This transition involves shifting from the use of smart applications, which currently serve as tools for assistance and information provision, to the development of systems capable of executing tasks, interacting with users, and delivering services, thereby enhancing the efficiency of government operations and elevating the experience of citizens and residents alike. — *QNA*

Financial Sustainability Conference for Economic Sectors to convene tomorrow

DOHA: The Financial Sustainability Conference for Economic Sectors will kick off in Doha Wednesday, bringing together a host of decision-makers, experts and representatives of government, private-sector, financial and academic enterprises to delve into the primary challenges and immense opportunities surrounding financial sustainability and explore ways to turn knowledge and expertise into actionable recommendations and initiatives.

The gathering will address a raft of key themes, foremost among them the role of financial sustainability in economic diversification; sustainable finance and the banking sector's role in supporting the economy; and the contribution of accounting, auditing and governance to achieving financial sustainability. Other pivotal topics include the role of digital transformation and artificial intelligence in substantially augmenting financial sustainability, as well as financial risk management and strengthening economic resilience amid far-reaching global changes.

Organised by the Qatar Association of Certified Public Accountants (QCPA), in strategic partnership with the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI), and sponsored by the Ministry of Finance, Qatar Development Bank and QNB Group, the conference aims to provide a platform for sharing expertise and ideas, fostering collaboration and bolstering integration across economic sectors.

Chairman of QCPA Dr. Sultan bin Hassan Al Dhabet Al Dosari said financial sustainability is the bedrock of ensuring the viability and continuity of economic sectors, building a more diversified and efficient economy, and striking a delicate balance between economic growth, the preservation of natural resources and the rights of generations to come.

The event is part of the Qatar's broader efforts to build a diversified and sustainable economy, while augmenting the role of innovation and technology in line with QNV 2030. — *QNA*

Global demand for GCC crude oil records average annual growth of 3.1%

MUSCAT: The 2025 energy sector indicators for the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries, released by the Statistical Centre for the Cooperation Council for the Arab Countries of the Gulf (GCC-STAT), show that global demand for GCC crude oil grew at an average annual rate of 3.1% over the period 2021-2025.

Crude oil production in GCC countries increased by 5% in 2025 compared with 2024, reaching 16.9 million barrels per day and accounting for 22.5% of global crude oil production. These figures underscore the GCC's continued significance in the global energy supply system.

In the natural gas sector, production in GCC countries stood at approximately 460.9 billion cubic metres, accounting for 10.6% of global natural gas production.

On the exports front, the statistics indicate that GCC crude oil exports reached 12.2 million barrels per day in 2025, representing 27.3% of global crude oil exports. This reinforces the region's role in meeting international market needs and highlights the importance of stable GCC supplies amid ongoing changes in global energy markets.



In the natural gas sector, production in GCC countries stood at approximately 460.9 billion cubic metres, accounting for 10.6% of global natural gas production. This reflects the importance of the region's natural gas resources in meeting global energy demand, alongside the role of natural gas in supporting manufacturing and related economic activities.

The data show fluctuations in GCC crude oil production over the period 2021-2025. According to the bulletin, production stood at 16.0 million barrels per day in 2021, rose to 18.2 million barrels per day in 2022, then declined to 17.0 million barrels per day in 2023 and 16.1 million barrels per day in 2024, before increasing to 16.9 million barrels per day in 2025.

Alongside the pivotal role of oil and gas, GCC countries are working to reshape their energy systems by expanding renewable energy sources, improving energy efficiency and advancing clean energy projects.

These efforts contribute to reducing emissions and balancing economic growth requirements with environmental protection. — *QNA*

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