



## Mirror of the economic events in 22 countries around the world

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## Saudia: Development loans to the industries sector and exports jumps to 31%

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Riyadh:

Saudi Arabia decided to support industrial zones and cities that are the least developed with loans through the Industrial Development Fund not exceeding 50% of the finance required for the project or its development. In non related level, the Saudi exports jumped during the

year 2010 at the rate of 31% to SR 941,785 Million compared to 2009 where it amounted to SR 721,109 Millions.

The Kingdom's interest in qualifying the human cadre plays a crucial and effective role in the increase of

the experts value where the General Technical and Professional Training Establishment launched a program to employ the graduates of technical colleges and secondary industrial institutes where the signed contracts included 1,029 graduates during the first phase of the project.



In a separate level, the Arab Saudi Monetary Establishment regarded that it is unlikely that the banking system in the country shall face risks confirming that the endurance tests conducted by the Establishment periodically on commercial banks showed that no material risks are expected to threaten the local banking system noting the increase in total banking deposits at the end of last August to exceed SR One Trillion.



## Fear of new crisis due to the debts of USA and the Old Continent



### Oman: Progress in and oil contracts for One US\$ Billion

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Muscat:



The Sultanate of Oman held advanced positions in the world competitive report 2011 – 2012 where it held the fourth position among the Arab and Gulf countries and the 32 position worldwide making it ahead of many economies such as Brazil, India and Russia in addition to European economies such as Spain, Italy and Poland.

In addition, the Sultanate issued deposit certificates in the amount of OR 173 Million for a period that reaches 28 days to be due on the 14th of this September where the interest rate on the repurchase transactions during 17<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> of the



### Greece: Bankruptcy at the doorstep and the merger of largest banks in the country

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Athens:



current August is estimated at 2%. In its monthly bulletin, the Central Bank announced the increase in the total value of personal deposits with commercial banks in the Sultanate at the rate of 6.2% to reach OR 7 Billion by the end of last June.

On another course in investments, an officer in the Omani Oil Company revealed that the company, managed by the government, intends to grant contracts in the amount of OR 1.04 Billion for working in its oil fields before the end of 2011.

The Greek Minister of Finance, Evangelos Vinizilos, acknowledged that shrink in the economy in his country exceeded all the previous expectations made by the European Union, International Monetary Fund and Central European Bank where in the current year it shall exceed 5% while last May it was expected that it shall reach 3.8%.

In addition, the crisis in Greece made the largest banks in the country to merge where the Boards of Directors of both “EFG Euro-Bank” and “Alpha” Bank, the second and third largest banks in Greece approved the transaction of merger to establish the largest bank in Eastern Europe with Qatari participation, which makes the assets of the new entity jump to Euro 150 Billion and where the new mergers would make the number of customers increase to 8 million and the deposits to jump to Euro 80 Billions.

In the same context, conflicting reports indicate that the probability of bankruptcy of Greece amounts to 98% if it does not settle its debts among leaks talking about the proximity of cancellation of the second rescue plan by the European Union to face its unknown destiny.





### UAE:

## Expected growth at the rate of 3.5% and endeavors to expand trade vessels

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Several sources expected that the Economy of the Emirate of Dubai shall grow at rates ranging from 3 to 5% in the current year supported by the strength of the trading sector, the backbone of the economy of the Emirate. At the same time these sources confirms that there is continuous optimism about the economic performance of "Dubai" during the year 2012 and that the growth percentage shall exceed 6%.

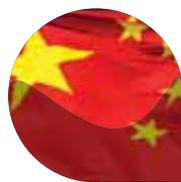


UAE, after raising the motto of adopting alternative economy which replaces the exhaustible



resources such as oil is conducting negotiations with 9 countries and economical groupings to sign free trade agreements such as Turkey, Merksure Countries Forum, Japan, China, Pakistan, Australia, India and Korea.

On the other hand, the reports of "Pete.Com" Electronic Employment Company showed that the average salary obtained by the employee in the UAE is about AED 14,600 equivalent to US\$ 4,000.



### China:

## Debt crisis hovers in the horizon and lending grows to US\$ 86 Billion

Business & Finance Club, Beijing:



Robert Zulek, Chairman of World Bank, said that China needs to restore balance in its economy through enhancing consumption and warned that exports and investments alone could not be relied on to improve growth on the long run. The Chinese reply was not late when Beijing confirmed that it is actively contributing to the stable development of the world economy and it had not and will never seek domination.

Last August, China witnessed acceleration in the pace of banking lending to reach Yuan 548.5 Billion "US\$ 86 Billion" and as such exceed the market's expectations amounting to Yuan 500 Billion and at the same time represented the least boost within 7 months period in July.

However, there are analysts who think that inflation is still a source of major concern for Beijing and think that it is not probable that the Central Bank of China shall change his current monetary policy. China tries hard to confirm the adequacy of its monetary policy. However, Chinese economic sources expect that the annual trade surplus of the country shall drop to less than US\$ 100 Billion during 2011 compared to US\$ 183 during the last year.



## Libya: Release of Libyan balances and the Russian wheat invades Benghazi

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Tripoli:



The new Chairman of Libyan National Oil Company, Nori Barwin, anticipated that the oil production in his country is not likely to resume its levels before the revolution at least until next year as a result of the damages to the oil facilities.

Libya entered a severe economical crisis that put things on hold particularly with presence of economical challenges facing the rebels during the rebuilding phase. This made several countries release the frozen Libyan balances in such countries.

The crisis in Libya created another crisis in food which the new government sought to find solutions for it. Sources revealed that Libya had purchased 100 Thousand Tons of the Russian flour wheat during the last weeks while it needs additional 500 Thousand Tons of wheat in the coming months.



## Jordan: Gulf plans for development and Royal insistence on the creation of investment environment

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Amman:



The foreign ministers of the GCCC discussed an economic development plan with five years period that will bring benefits to Jordan, but no details were revealed. This was within the course of commencement of negotiations held between the GCCC and the Jordanian Kingdom to join the GCCC. Economy was also the main file in the confirmations made by the King of Jordan, Abdullah the Second, during his meeting with Arab and foreign investors in the Kingdom, that there is a sincere care for the investors' requirements to provide the appropriate environment to expand in their projects and create job opportunities and achieve the desired growth.

At a related level, the Jordanian



Minister of Energy and Mineral wealth, Dr. Khaled Touqan, confirmed that about one month ago, Egypt resumed supplying the Kingdom with natural gas amounting to around 80 Million cubic foot daily out of the total contracted amounts being about 250 million cubic foot. On the other hand, official statements revealed that Jordan depends totally on the wheat imports where it imported 96% of its needs for wheat in 2010. According to statements, the percentage of sufficiency in red meat dropped from 35% in 2009 to 20.2% in 2010.



## Britain: Determination on economic reform and decrease in demand for building

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London:



The British Minister of Finance, George Osborn, confirmed that his ministry is determined to proceed with the reforms necessary to enhance the economy.

At a different level, the new cars sales in Britain increased for the first time during August with an increase of 7.3% compared to August 2010 according to the Cars Manufacturers and Dealers Association in Britain.

On the other hand, the British building companies are going through a difficult situation as a result of government austerity measures, where the second quarter of the current year witnessed big drop in the demand of the public projects for construction companies' services. In addition, official statements revealed sudden decrease in the British industrial production last June despite of the modest increase in the production of factories due to the reduction in extraction of oil and gas.

The economic concerns were not limited to the building and industry sector. The Central Bank of England expected that the increase in prices of utilities shall result in inflation in consumers' prices by an increase at the rate of 5% this year which represent more than double of the targeted level being at the rate of 2%.



## Iraq: US\$ 58 Billion of reserves and Dinar 450 Billion to combat unemployment

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Baghdad:



The Iraq reserves of foreign currency increased to US\$ 58 Billion with expectations of continuous increase

due to the increase in oil revenues and which shall result in surplus in the budget as the Governor of the Central Bank expects.

In addition, Iraq declared that it attracted investments in the amount of US\$ 6 Billion since the beginning of 2011 through licensed project. Majority of the project were focused in the sectors of residence, infrastructures, services, communications and cement.

The Iraqi government allocated Iraqi Dinar 450 Billion for the Unemployment Combating Fund and supporting the small projects for the unemployed and it stated that it shall soon begin granting loans to the unemployed.

Iraq also confirmed, according to the government spokesman, Ali Al Dabbagh, that final touches had been completed in the natural gas deal with the Holland "Shell" Company despite of the attempts of the objectors to hinder the large contract of which value amounts to US\$ 17.5 Billion.





## Bahrain: Expectations of a shift in the course of economy and companies' profits growth by 4%

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In the near future, the Kingdom of Bahrain shall witness a parcel of positive developments at more than one economic level which is expected to represent an important quality shift in the march of reformation, modernization and development that implements and conveys with the outputs of the national agreement dialogue concerning the economic axis.

In the field of oil, the CEO of Bahrain Petroleum Company "BAPCO", Faisal Al Mahrous, confirmed that the company had appointed 3 international companies to contribute to the largest project for the development of the oil refinery after replacing the old units with another developed ones.

The stability of economy in the Kingdom of Bahrain yielded benefits also for businessmen and investors where the Bahraini businessman Mr. Sharikh Bin Saif Al Dosari, announced that his company intends to invest US\$ 1 Billion, as a first stage, for the establishment of projects in the properties and tourism sectors in Turkey.

At another level, the total net profits of the listed companies that announced their profits amounted to BD 354.22 Millions in the first half of 2011 which is considered higher than the registered profitability in the first half of 2010 amounting to BD 341.18 with growth at the rate of 3.8% on annual basis.



## Kuwait: US\$ 21 Billion as compensations of war and 35 Billion for the oil sector

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The annual report of the General Authority of Compensations confirmed the approval to more than US\$ 41 Billion out of US\$ 177.5 that had been donated to the UN Compensations Committee, that is, 24% of the donated amount while the War Compensations Authority obtained US\$ 19.4 Billion so far and the balance is 21.7 Billion.

At another level, the oil production of Kuwait amounted to 2.8 Million barrels per day during the last month which is the highest average since the beginning of global economical slow down late in 2008. At the same level, Kuwait intends to execute new projects with costs estimated at US\$ 35 Billion to develop the oil sector during the next five years.





## Tunisia: 90% of drawback in tourism and major decrease in foreign investments

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Tunisia: 

The global report of Dafus Forum about the economic competitiveness 2011 - 2012 classified Tunisia, after the revolution, at position 40 as it achieved a total of 4.47 points out of 7 points.

On the other hand, the exports of Tunisia had increased from the beginning of the year to about Dinar 17 Billion while the value of imports increased by 4% to about Dinar 22 Billion for the imports of 2010. Tunisia shall host the First Professional Forum of Digital Economy after the revolution from 30th of this September to the beginning of next October.

The drawbacks that affected the Tunisian economy after the Jasmine



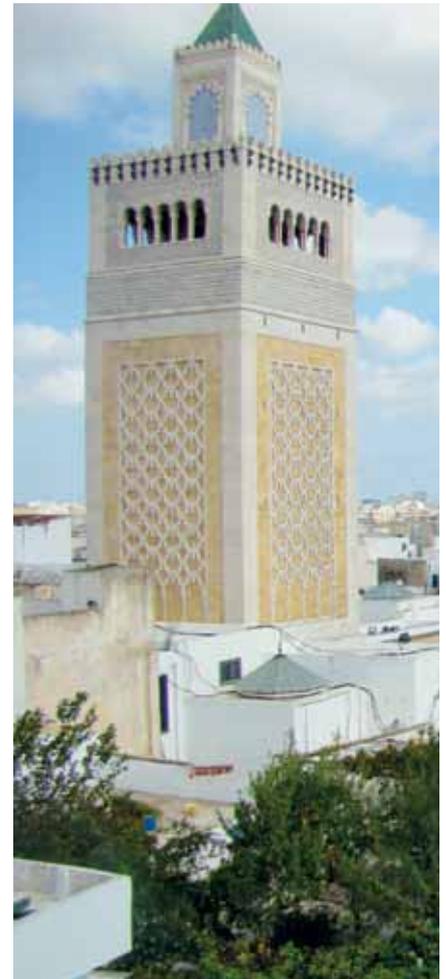
Revolution that blew the system, had extended to reach the major sectors of the Tunisian Economy namely, the tourism sector that drew back largely compared to previous years.



## Italy: Amendments to the austerity plan and drawbacks in the consumption of oil products

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Milan: 

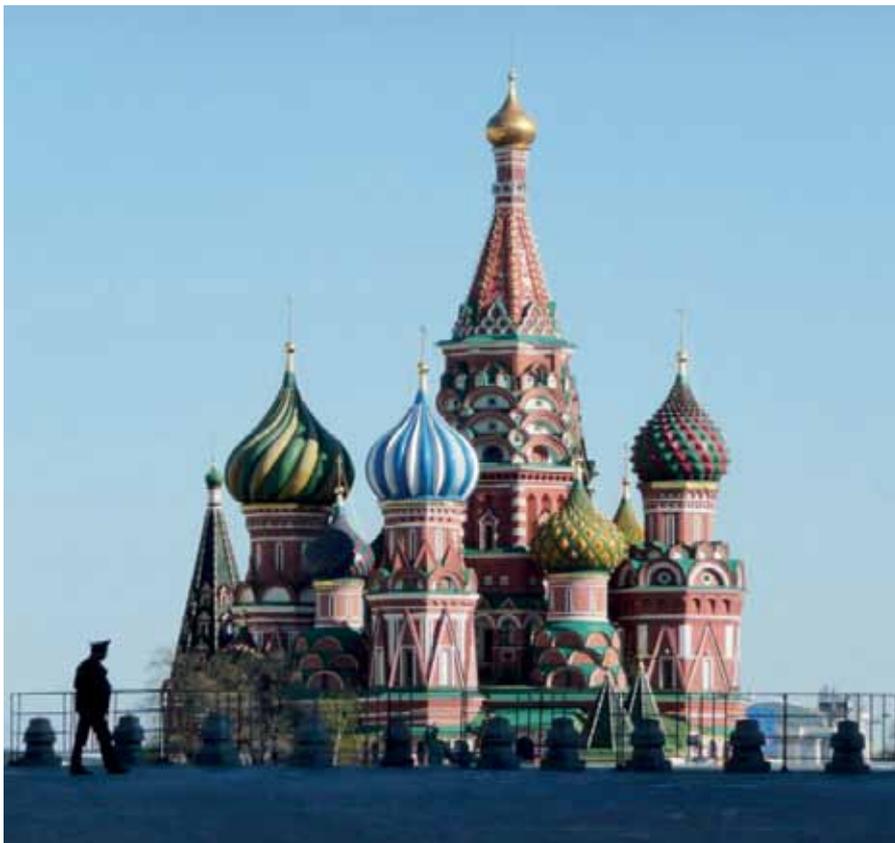
In an attempt to ease the revolting street through the strike of its labor unions protesting against the austerity measures, Italy declared an amendment to its ascetic plan pointing out that it is about to approve a text that provides "the golden rule", related to the achievement of balance in the budget, in the constitution of the country to face the crisis of trust prevailing in the markets.



As the markets are skeptic about the credibility of the plan, the government of the Prime Minister, Silvio Berlusconi, decided to increase the VAT by one point to reach 21%. In addition, the amended draft provides for increasing the retirement age for the female workers in the private sector to become equal with the age of males as of 2014 and not 2016.

Italy also witnessed a drop in the consumption of refined oil products by 6% during last June to 6.39 Million Tons after the decrease in demand for car fuel along with a drawback in sales of new cars.

In addition, the Italian jewelry exports jumped by 17.3% on annual basis during the first four months of 2011 and Ferrari, the Italian car manufacturer giant, registered a quality jump in its sales during 2011.



## Japan: The Yen is one of the enemies of international economy and the continuation of cars sector crisis

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Tokyo:

The Japanese economy shrank at an annual rate of 2.1% during the first quarter of the current financial year and the increase of the exchange rate of Yen set off concerns of causing damages to the global economy. The Japanese "Mitsubishi" Heavy Industries is considering alliance with "Kansai Electrical Power" in an attempt to win a contract of nuclear station in Turkey.

Economical reports have revealed the aggravation of the Japanese Cars Sector crisis with the continued decrease in the sales of Japanese companies affected by Japan earthquake particularly Toyota and Honda companies in the USA where the sales of Honda Company dropped by about 24% to 82,321 Thousand cars.



## Russia: US\$ 10 Billion of shares waiting to be sold and pumping gas without crossing countries

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Moscow:

The Russian Ministry of Economic Development confirmed that Moscow intends to sell government shares in the amount of US\$ 10 Billion in the major companies owned by the state in 2012.

Russia, within the framework of its plans to develop the economy started the pumping technical of gas through the first branch of the pipeline "Northern Flow" to transport gas from Russia to Europe directly instead of passing through crossing countries. The Russian thirst for

investment especially in the field of gas considering that it is the Lady of investment in this field pushed it, through one of its arms, "Russ Oil", into a joint venture with the American Oil and Gas Company "Axon Mobil" with an amount ranging between US\$ 200 and 300 Billion.

Out of its keenness to provide food, the Russian President, Dmitri Medvideve insisted on the necessity to establish a reserve of the current harvest of grains and requested to protect the interests of local farmers from the big difference between the local prices and international prices of grains.



## Germany: 3% of growth expectations and Euro 16 Billions the losses of internet crimes

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It seems that the German economy is hoping for a growth that exceeds expectations during 2011 as the German Minister of Finance, Wolfgang Scheuble expected that the growth in the economy of his country shall be at the rate of 3% in addition to an annual growth average amounting to 1.6% starting from 2013.

Perhaps the increase of returns of sectors represented the best support for the expectations as the German hotels and guest houses sector registered during last June an increase at the rate of 2.3% compared to the same month of the last year.

The growth expectations were met on the other hand by inflation in the retail prices during last August amounting to 2.4% compared to primary expectations indicated the possibility of its increase to 2.3% as announced by the Federal Statistics Office.

On the other hand, a German company specialized in the information technology security estimated the losses that Germany incurs annually because of internet crimes at Euro 16.4 Billion and by calculating the costs that the victims incur during the time period consumed in revealing such crimes or repairing the damage resulting from the same, the volume of losses increases in one year to Euro 24.3 Billion.



## Qatar: QR 10 Billion of increase in salaries and exportation of 7 million tons of refined products

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In a step that reflects the economic growth that the country is witnessing,



Qatar announced an increase in basic salaries, social allowance, pensions of Qatari employees and retirees both civilian and military estimated at QR 10 Billion.

“Qatar Gas” Company revealed its intention to stop the operations at 3 of the largest lines of production of liquefied natural gas in the world at different times due to the need to carry out maintenance works which led to the highest increase in the prices of British gas contracts since the breakout of Fukushima Nuclear Station crisis in Japan in March due to the growing fear concerning the supply of winter fuel among the European buyers.

From gas to oil where Qatar Global Petroleum Marketing Company Limited “Tasweeq” expected that the country shall be able to produce 190 Million barrels of condensates during 2012 according to the Company’s CEO, Saad Al Kawari who said that the year 2012 shall witness the exportation of 3 Million Tons of refined products in addition to 7.5 Million Tons of Naphtha and 11 Million Tons of liquefied petroleum gas.



## Lebanon: Classification of debts at the mercy of the events of Syria and rejected requests for increase of wages

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Beirut:



A report issued by “Meryl Lynch” Bank warned against the possibility of the negative effects of the political events and tensions witnessed by the neighboring country, Syria, on the classification of the “public debt” of Lebanon. The



report expected that the growth of the economy of Lebanon shall range between 3% and 4% and expecting the growth of deposits in the banking sector by 6% so that the country would be able to finance its needs at public financial levels.

The classification of debt is not the only danger that threatens the

economy of Lebanon because it is also threatened by labor wave in its way to invade the unemployment roads which made employers in Lebanon reject the increase in the minimum limit of wages despite of the requests of the general labor union to improve the workers' salaries.

Perhaps what put a limit to the troubling expectations for the Lebanese economy is that the foreign currencies reserves, excluding gold, at Lebanon Bank registered a high level at the end of last August where they amounted to US\$ 32.14 Billion with a notable growth at the rate of 5.6% compared to the month of July and 5.03% compared to late 2010.

The growth of tourism in Lebanon may have put a limit, even a little, to the increasing concern for the economy. Media reports revealed that Rafik Al Hariri International Airport in Beirut achieved an increase in the numbers of arrivals at the rate of 23% compared to the same period in 2010.



## Syria: Denial of the effects of sanctions and expectations of growth of the contribution of the agriculture sector in the domestic production

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Damascus:



The Syrian Minister of Finance, Mr. Mohammed Al Jalilati denied that his country was affected by the sanctions imposed by the European Union countries as a reaction of the resentment on the current events and indicated that his country is looking forward to selling the oil to Russia, China and other non Arab countries instead of exportation to Europe.

The denial campaign did not stop at the abroad level but extended to internal level in Syria. Another denial that the government intends to grant loans without interests to agricultural industries due to what is called by the



latter as the weak budget as stated by the Deputy Chairman of Damascus Chamber of Industry, Mr. Issam Zamrik.

It is hoped that recovery in the

agricultural field shall supply the economy with new resources where the initial estimations indicate that the olives season for the current year shall reach about one Million Tons distributed over the various provinces of Syria.



## Egypt: Government austerity measures and expectations of increasing tourism

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Cairo:



The Egyptian Ministry of Finance imposed a set of austerity measures on ministries, government authorities, municipalities, public bodies, and all public sector authorities and companies for the purpose of rationalization of government spending that had always been accused of involving squandering and corrupt practices.



It seems that the austerity measures have their support in reality as the Central Bank of Egypt announced a drawback in the volume of the foreign currency reserve for the eighth month successively by US\$ 697 Million and by the end of Last August it reached US\$ 25 Billion.

While Egypt and Germany signed two agreements for financial and technical cooperation with a total amount of Euro 89 Million, expectations indicate increasing tourism to Sharm Al Shaikh during the months of September and October and the increase in the hotel occupancy to 100% in South Sinai.

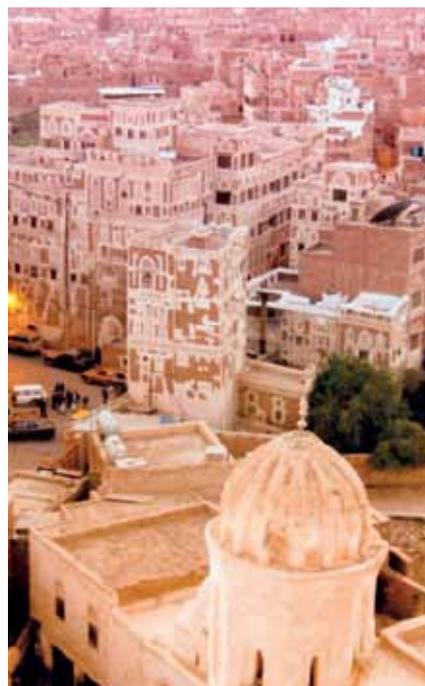


## Yemen: YR 9 Billions as investment capital and smuggling is a risk that threatens the economy

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Sana'a:



A Yemeni economical report indicated that the total investment capital for the projects registered during the second quarter of 2011 is estimated at YR 8 Billion and 873 Million according to the Saudi News Agency "WAS". In addition, a government report expected an



increase in the real GDP by 5.2% which allows the improvement of the living standards of the population.

With the efforts made to improve the rates of economy, there are still obstacles that block the rough path where economical experts confirmed that the economical damages of smuggling are several and very clear to the eyes, mainly depriving the state's treasury from resources due to it.

At a separate level, private education contributes with a tangible percentage in the GDP by providing hundreds of job opportunities and according to official statistic, this sector includes 19009 workers annually. es 19009 workers annually.

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