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The Export Unit Value Index increased by 1.8 per cent in May 2026, mainly contributed by an increase in the Mineral Fuels index.

PUTRAJAYA, June 26, 2026 – Malaysia's export unit value index in May 2026 increased by 1.8 per cent from 159.2 points in the previous month to 162.1 points. Import unit value index decreased by 0.4 per cent from 133.1 points to 132.6 points. In the meantime, Malaysia's terms of trade increased 2.3 per cent month-on-month from 119.6 points to 122.3 points in May 2026 as reported in the **External Trade Indices (2010=100), May 2026** released today. This publication presents the unit value index, volume index and terms of trade for 10 commodity sections of merchandise products in accordance with the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC).

The Chief Statistician of Malaysia, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin highlighted that the export unit value index increased by 1.8 per cent in May 2026, attributed to increases in the index of mineral fuels (+5.6%), miscellaneous manufactured articles (+1.3%) and machinery & transport equipment (+0.5%). The export volume index decreased by 1.4 per cent in line with decreases in the indices of animal & vegetable oils & fats (-17.8%), manufactured goods (-15.6%) and mineral fuels (-11.3%). Seasonally adjusted export volume index decreased by 1.9 per cent from 217.4 points to 213.3 points. Referring to the annual comparison, both the export unit value index and the volume index expanded by 9.5 per cent and 32.7 per cent respectively.

The import unit value index also decreased by 0.4 per cent in May 2026, due to decreases in the indices of mineral fuels (-1.9%), manufactured good (-0.2%) and machinery & transport equipment (-0.04%). Meanwhile, the import volume index decreased by 6.4 per cent in May 2026 as compared to the previous month, driven by decreases in the indices of mineral of fuels (-30.6%), chemicals (-11.8%) and manufactured goods (-8.8%). The seasonally adjusted import volume index decreased by 6.0 per cent from 185.8 points to 174.6 points. A year-on-year

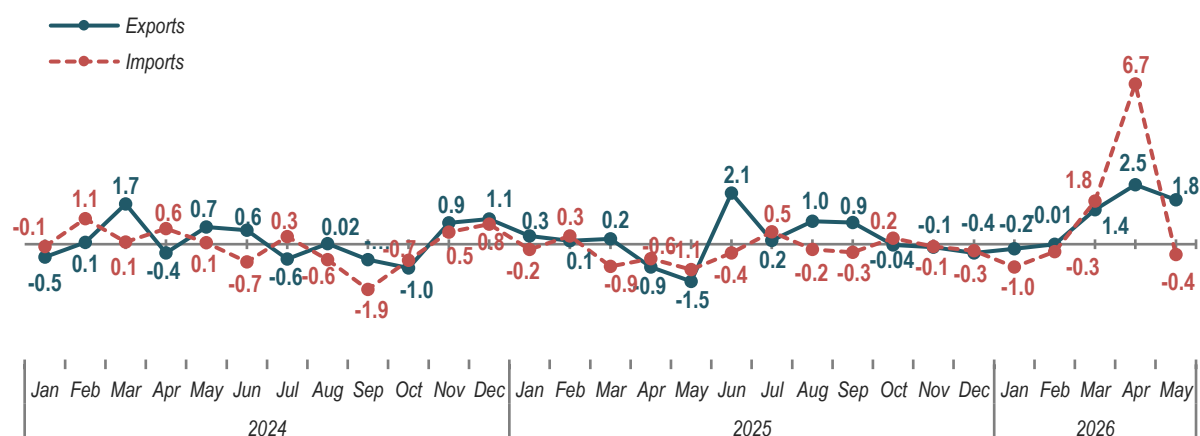
comparison showed that the import unit value index increased by 6.2 per cent, while the volume index edged up by 7.4 per cent.

Malaysia's terms of trade increased by 2.3 per cent month-on-month to 122.3 points in May 2026, due to an increase in the index of mineral fuels (+7.6%), animal & vegetable oils & fats (+2.0%) and miscellaneous manufactured articles (+1.5%). Meanwhile, Malaysia terms of trade increased by 3.2 per cent year-on-year from 118.6 points in May previous year.

The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) is conducting the Economic Census 2026 (BE2026), themed "Data Nadi Ekonomi Rakyat". The sixth Economic Census, running from 5th January to 31st October 2026. BE2026 aims to collect comprehensive, structured data from all registered and unregistered business establishments in Malaysia to assess the nation's economic performance, structure and characteristics in an evidence-based manner.

Malaysia has, for the first time, successfully secured the top position globally in the biennial Open Data Inventory (ODIN) 2024/25 report released by Open Data Watch (ODW), surpassing 197 other countries. This achievement marks a significant leap from its 67th position in the ODIN 2022/23 assessment.

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