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Türkiye's Exports Up 1.6% to Over \$21B in February

Türkiye achieves to increase exports despite of int'l challenges, trade minister says



Türkiye's exports totaled \$21.06 billion in February, up 1.6% year-on-year, the Turkish trade minister said. Prof. Dr. Ömer Bolat added at a press conference in the capital Ankara that the country achieved to increase exports despite of difficult international economic and geopolitical issues. He said Türkiye's exports rose by \$336 million year-on-year in February. During the January-February period, the country's exports amounted to \$41.4 billion, down 1.2% on a yearly basis, he added.

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3rd Türkiye-China Business Conference Held in İstanbul

Event is important for exchanging views on advancing economic and trade relations between 2 countries, says Chinese ambassador to Türkiye



The third Türkiye-China Business Conference was held in İstanbul, attended by business community representatives from both countries and businesspeople. According to Turkish Trade Minister Prof. Dr. Ömer Bolat, the conference was attended by Ren Hongbin, chairman of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT), along with representatives of the business communities of both countries and a large delegation of businesspeople. "As Türkiye and China enter the 55th year of their diplomatic relations, our expectation from this important meeting is that these contacts will turn into concrete partnerships, new investments, and agreements that enhance the quality of mutual

trade,” he added. Bolat expressed the hope that the conference would help generate new opportunities and lasting cooperation for the business communities of both countries.

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Türkiye-France JETCO Meeting Takes Place in İstanbul

French, Turkish ministers discuss several topics, including trade and investment, contracting services, joint ventures, energy, transportation, environment, water, aviation, defense industry, and logistics sectors, in JETCO meeting in İstanbul



The Türkiye and France Joint Economic and Trade Cooperation (JETCO) meeting was held in İstanbul with the participation of French Minister Delegate for Foreign Trade and Economic Attractiveness Nicolas Forissier and Turkish Trade Minister Prof. Dr. Ömer Bolat. Hosted by the Foreign Economic Relations Board (DEIK), parties determined a roadmap for the two countries' economic and trade ties during the JETCO meeting.

Bolat said during the meeting that Türkiye-France bilateral trade volume was at \$14 billion five years ago but soared to \$24.1 billion in 2025. There has also been an increase in mutual investments; Turkish companies' investments in France have reached \$1 billion and France's investments in Türkiye have also reached \$8.7 billion, Bolat said, adding: "1,749 French companies have significant investments in Türkiye in industry, energy, services, transportation, and aviation." Bolat stated that within this framework, there is a very close integration and value chain system between Türkiye and France in industry, manufacturing, and the economic sphere, which is increasing every year, and that both sides are very pleased with this.

He stated that of the \$8.7 billion in French investments, \$4 billion came in the last four years, and that French companies are discussing \$5 billion in new investments and projects over the next three years. The minister said the delegations held comprehensive discussions aimed at further developing Turkish-French cooperation, primarily in trade and investment, but also in contracting services, joint ventures in third countries, energy, transportation, environment, water, aviation, defense industry, and logistics sectors. Bolat stated that there is already significant cooperation and mutual investment between the two countries in the automotive, aviation, pharmaceutical, renewable energy, textile, food, cement, construction, information and communication technologies, tourism, finance, and insurance sectors, emphasizing that they believe these will develop further and that new investments are being discussed.

On the other hand, Bolat stated that they discussed many issues with Nicolas Forissier regarding relations between Türkiye and the EU, and emphasized that both sides were very satisfied with the solutions they agreed upon to resolve some issues in the customs union.

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Türkiye, Serbia Agree to Deepen Cooperation in Areas Including Foreign Policy, Economy, Defense

Joint statement released after meeting between Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and his Serbian counterpart Aleksandar Vucic in Ankara



Türkiye and Serbia agreed to deepen bilateral cooperation in multiple fields including foreign policy, defense, culture and economic and commercial relations after a meeting between Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and his Serbian counterpart Aleksandar Vucic in Ankara.

According to a joint statement shared by Türkiye's Communications Directorate, the two sides expressed satisfaction with the progress achieved in bilateral relations in recent years based on the Joint Political Declaration on the Establishment of the High-Level Cooperation Council signed in 2017. They highlighted that the High-Level Cooperation Council (HLCC) meetings held four times so far have added a new dimension to relations by setting new shared objectives. The visit, the statement said, took place at a time when fragilities and uncertainties have increased in the region and the world. "Against this backdrop, the two leaders had the opportunity to review bilateral relations, in addition to exchanging views on current global developments," the readout said.

During the discussions, the two sides expressed their contentment with the multidimensional cooperation between the two countries in areas shaped by mutual benefit. They agreed on deepening cooperation in foreign policy, economic and trade relations, the defense industry, culture, tourism, education, energy, transportation, connectivity, advanced technologies, environment and other areas. It was decided that the next meeting of the Türkiye-Serbia Joint Economic Commission, which constitutes the backbone of economic and trade relations, will be held at the earliest opportunity.

The two parties welcomed that the bilateral trade volume reached \$3.5 billion in 2025 and stressed the importance of taking the necessary steps to increase this figure to \$5 billion in the coming years. They noted "their satisfaction with the increasing numbers of tourists travelling reciprocally, setting a new record every year, and the benefits this provides in bringing the people of the two countries closer together." The work of Turkish companies operating in the construction and contracting sectors in infrastructure projects in Serbia, particularly in the fields of transport and energy was also commended. Meanwhile, efforts toward agreements that will strengthen the contractual framework in advanced technologies and education were welcomed. They also reiterated readiness to continue existing cooperation in bilateral and regional platforms to strengthen peace and stability in the region.

Türkiye and Serbia expressed satisfaction with the outcomes of the first two meetings of the Balkan Peace Platform held on July 26, 2025 and Jan. 23, 2026, and pointed to the importance of EXPO 2027 Belgrade for regional economic growth and cooperation. Aware of the key role played by the private sector in increasing trade and investments, the statement said it was decided to accelerate the work of the Türkiye-Serbia Business Council established in 2002. The statement said the two sides also reiterated, as agreed at the fourth HLCC meeting held in Belgrade in October 2024, determination to increase cooperation in the defense industry.

The two sides decided to take necessary steps to accelerate cooperation in civil aviation, culture and tourism, and emphasized the belief that reciprocal and regular high-level visits will further deepen cooperation. Agreement was also reached to hold the next Council meeting at the earliest.

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Türkiye, Saudi Arabia Aim to Boost Bilateral Trade Volume to \$10B Soon

Deals between Türkiye, Saudi Arabia to elevate relations to much higher levels, strengthen economic ties, says Turkish trade minister



The bilateral trade volume between Türkiye and Saudi Arabia is expected to reach \$10 billion in the short term, the Turkish trade minister said. Speaking at the Saudi Arabia-Türkiye Investment Forum in the capital Riyadh, Prof. Dr. Ömer Bolat stated that President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's visit to the country would lead to numerous agreements between ministries and business organizations.

Bolat emphasized that these agreements would elevate Türkiye-Saudi Arabia relations to much higher levels and strengthen economic ties. He highlighted that the leaders of both nations have set a short-term trade target of \$10 billion and a long-term goal of \$30 billion. "I hope that 2026 will be the year we achieve our \$10 billion target," he added. He reminded attendees that the current trade volume between the two countries has already exceeded \$8.6 billion. He said bilateral cooperation is also accelerating in the defense industry, particularly in procurement and joint production.

Bolat stated that the two countries could sign important cooperation agreements with third countries for the reconstruction of Gaza and Ukraine. He added: "We are ready to cooperate with Saudi companies on this issue. During the event, an agreement was signed between the Turkish Contractors Association (TMB) and the Saudi Contractors Authority, the official public authority in Saudi Arabia that regulates, develops, and represents the construction and contracting sector.

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Erdoğan Says Took 'Important Decisions' with King Abdullah to Strengthen Türkiye-Jordan Ties

Turkish president also awarded Order of Al Hussein bin Ali for strengthening bilateral relations



Türkiye and Jordan will strengthen the friendship between the two countries, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan said as he met King Abdullah in Istanbul, who arrived on an official visit. Following the one-on-one meeting, Erdoğan was awarded the Order of Al Hussein bin Ali, the highest order of the Kingdom of Jordan. According to the Royal Hashemite Court, it was "in recognition of his efforts to strengthen the deep historical ties and distinguished relations between the two countries."

“In today’s meetings with my dear brother, King Abdullah of Jordan, we made important decisions that will strengthen the friendship between our two countries,” Erdoğan said in remarks after receiving the honor. Erdoğan said he and King Abdullah share a common view on the need for peace, security and stability across the region, and expressed appreciation for Jordan’s efforts in safeguarding the holy sites in East Jerusalem. He also expressed his pleasure and gratitude at receiving the award, saying he sees it as a “concrete manifestation of the deep historical ties” between the two countries. “I believe that this exceptional order will further strengthen our long-standing brotherhood and friendship,” he said.

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Türkiye-Egypt Business Forum Opens Closing Session in Egyptian Capital

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi set to attend forum’s closing session



The closing session of the Türkiye-Egypt Business Forum kicked off in Cairo, as Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan arrived in the Egyptian capital for an official visit to the Arab country. Broad participation from the business communities in both Egypt and Türkiye, along with financial and economic institutions from both countries, was observed during the closing session of the business forum.

Opportunities for mutual investment, increased trade exchange, the signing of new trade agreements, and support for private-sector partnerships were discussed during the session. Later that day, the closing session of the forum was attended by Erdoğan and Sisi. The forum is considered one of the largest business meetings ever held between Egypt and Türkiye, with around 200 executives and officials from Türkiye’s trade, industry, and stock exchange sectors, and more than 100 business representatives from Egypt.

Relations between Türkiye and Egypt have seen notable momentum in recent years, with bilateral trade volumes growing at an accelerating pace. High-level visits and contacts between the two sides have recently contributed to the launch of several joint projects in the fields of trade, energy, defense, tourism, health, technology, and agriculture. Trade volume between Türkiye and Egypt, which is Ankara’s largest trading partner in Africa, reached \$8.8 billion in 2024. Türkiye’s exports to Egypt amounted to \$4.2 billion, while imports stood at \$4.6 billion. Erdoğan and Sisi have set a target of reaching a bilateral trade volume of \$15 billion by 2028. To achieve this goal, relevant ministries in both countries are intensifying efforts through a series of meetings aimed at developing practical plans to improve the investment environment in support of this ambition.

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Türkiye, Syria Deepen Trade Cooperation with Customs Overhaul

Officials target faster border crossings, stronger logistics links and fresh investment momentum as Ankara and Damascus test a new phase of economic engagement.



Türkiye and Syria are preparing to deepen economic cooperation through a new joint trade mechanism aimed at speeding up customs procedures and boosting cross-border commerce, Turkish Trade Minister Prof. Dr. Ömer Bolat said. Bolat held separate calls with Syrian officials, including customs chief Qutaiba Ahmed Badawi and Economy Minister Nidal al-Shaar, to discuss steps to modernise border infrastructure and accelerate transit flows between the two countries.

The talks focused on expanding and upgrading customs gates, streamlining procedures and launching the first meeting of the Türkiye–Syria Joint Customs Committee following a preliminary agreement reached last December. Officials also reviewed ways to strengthen logistics networks and investment ties, as Ankara signals interest in expanding economic links with Syria amid shifting regional dynamics. Bolat said bilateral trade reached \$3.7 billion last year, adding that both sides agreed to convene a Joint Economic and Trade Committee meeting this spring, alongside a broader business and investment forum designed to draw private-sector participation.

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Turkic World Will Leave Its Mark on This Century: President Erdoğan

Türkiye tripled bilateral trade with Uzbekistan over past decade, says Recep Tayyip Erdoğan



Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan said that he is confident that Turkic world will leave its mark on this century. "As long as we stand heart to heart, God willing, we are confident we will leave the Turkish world's mark on this century," said Erdoğan, speaking at a joint press conference with his Uzbek counterpart Shavkat Mirziyoyev in Ankara.

Erdoğan said that over the past decade, Türkiye tripled bilateral trade with Uzbekistan. "I believe we will soon reach our new \$5 billion target," he added. With investments exceeding \$5 billion, Turkish companies already rank among the top three investors in Uzbekistan, Erdoğan said, expressing hope to see even better levels. "As Türkiye, we are determined to do our utmost to contribute to the prosperity of Uzbekistan and our ancestral homeland, Central Asia," the president added. Noting that they had just concluded the fourth meeting of the High-Level Strategic Cooperation Council with Mirziyoyev, Erdoğan said he was pleased to host Mirziyoyev and his delegation in their "second home" on this occasion.

Erdoğan said this year also marks the 30th anniversary of the Treaty of Eternal Friendship and Cooperation signed in 1996, and that brotherly Uzbekistan, under Mirziyoyev's resolute and strong leadership and with its state tradition, plays a pioneering role in regional integration in Central Asia. He said they closely follow Uzbekistan's steadily rising profile on the international stage, take pleasure in it, and sincerely support it. He said they have not only strengthened solidarity between Türkiye and Uzbekistan but elevated it to the level of a comprehensive strategic partnership, and the agreements exchanged set the roadmap for the period ahead. The Turkish president said institutions of both countries are working together to achieve all shared political, economic, cultural, humanitarian and regional goals.

Recalling that the Joint Strategic Planning Group recently met under the co-chairmanship of the foreign ministers, Erdoğan said Ankara also hosted the first meeting of the 4+4 mechanism comprising the foreign, interior and defense ministers and the heads of intelligence agencies. Erdoğan said Türkiye and Uzbekistan work in close cooperation within the Organization of Turkic States, and that Mirziyoyev made significant contributions to the declaration of Dec. 15 as World Turkic Language Family Day at UNESCO's 43rd General Conference held in Samarkand last November.

Following bilateral and inter-delegation talks and the Fourth Meeting of the Türkiye-Uzbekistan High-Level Strategic Cooperation Council at the presidential complex, a signing ceremony was held for various agreements between the two countries. Erdoğan and Mirziyoyev signed the Joint Declaration of the 4th Meeting of the Türkiye-Uzbekistan High-Level Strategic Cooperation Council and the Decision on Cooperation Mechanisms for Comprehensive Strategic Partnership Relations between Türkiye and Uzbekistan. Other agreements covered cooperation in health and education; economic and financial collaboration, trade, investment, free zones and special economic zones; mining and energy, international transport corridors; cultural cooperation for 2026–2027; higher education and light industry development, and enhanced coordination between transport, culture, trade, finance and energy authorities.

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Turkish President Erdoğan Receives Kazakhstan Foreign Minister Kosherbayev in Ankara

Yermek Kosherbayev in Turkish capital for 8th meeting of Türkiye-Kazakhstan Joint Strategic Planning Group



Kosherbayev visited Ankara for the 8th meeting of the Türkiye-Kazakhstan Joint Strategic Planning Group. Kazakhstan is Türkiye's leading trade partner in Central Asia, with bilateral trade totaling \$8.95 billion between January and November 2025, while more than 3,000 Turkish-owned companies currently operate across various sectors in the country.

Türkiye–Kazakhstan relations are conducted effectively and on a regular basis at the bilateral level through institutional mechanisms, including the High-Level Strategic Cooperation Council (HLSCC), the Joint Strategic Planning Group, the Joint Economic Commission, and political consultation

mechanisms. Foremost among these mechanisms was the fifth meeting of the Türkiye-Kazakhstan High-Level Strategic Cooperation Council, which was held in Ankara on July 29 of last year, under the co-chairmanship of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev. During the meeting, the Decision of the Fifth Meeting of the Türkiye-Kazakhstan High-Level Strategic Cooperation Council and the Joint Statement of the Fifth Meeting of the Türkiye-Kazakhstan High-Level Strategic Cooperation Council were signed by both Erdoğan and Tokayev. The parties also signed 20 deals on education, energy, mining, transportation, communications, banking, free economic zones, artificial intelligence and space, science and technology, pharmaceuticals and medical devices, health, urban planning, and justice.

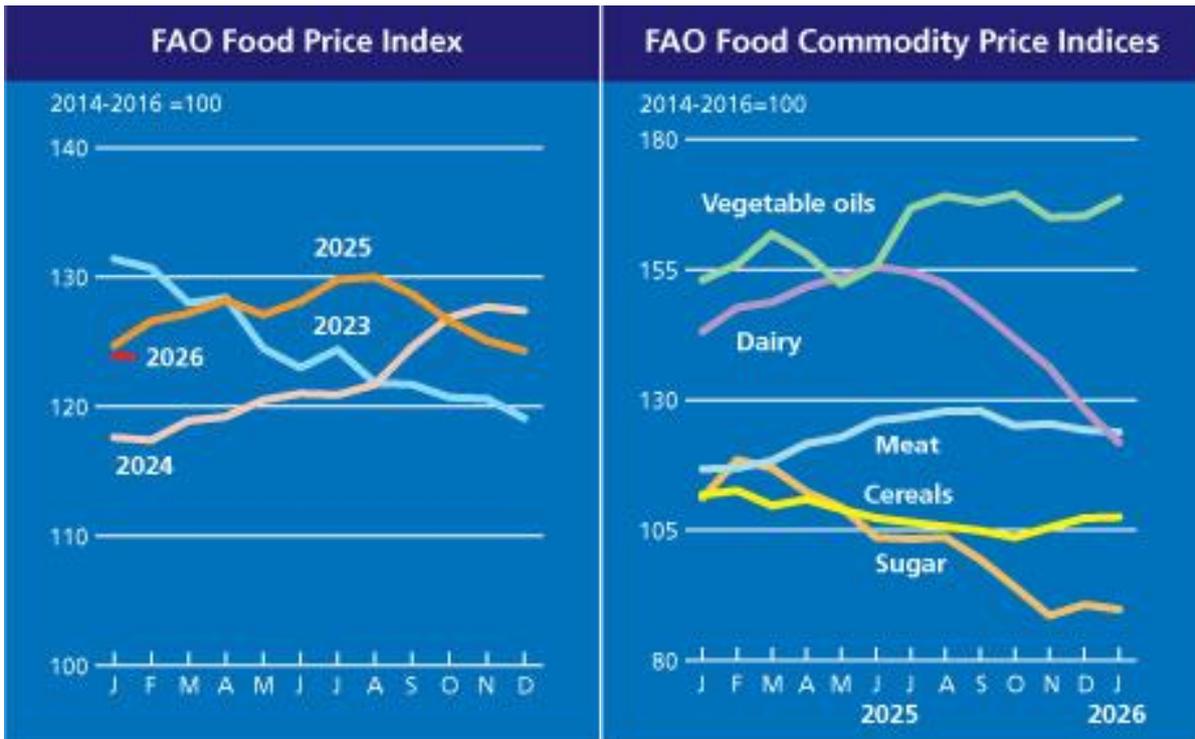
Turkish entrepreneurs in Kazakhstan are primarily prominent in the food sector, mining, agriculture, pharmaceutical and chemical industries, construction, hospitality, and manufacturing. After Russia and Iraq, Kazakhstan is Türkiye's third-largest oil supplier. The energy cooperation between the countries focuses particularly on areas such as oil, natural gas, renewable energy, and logistics-energy transportation. Türkiye is one of the largest investors in Kazakhstan's non-energy sectors. As of 2025, Türkiye's investments in Kazakhstan have totaled approximately \$5.8 billion.

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FAO Food Price Index Falls For Fifth Consecutive Month in January 2026, Driven By Lower Dairy, Meat and Sugar Prices

The FAO Food Price Index (FFPI) averaged 123.9 points in January 2026, down 0.5 points (0.4 percent) from December. Declines in the price indices for dairy products, meat and sugar more than offset increases in cereals and vegetable oil, marking the fifth consecutive monthly decline of the index. The FFPI stood 0.8 points (0.6 percent) below its level one year ago and as much as 36.4 points (22.7 percent) down from the peak reached in March 2022.



The **FAO Cereal Price Index** averaged 107.5 points in January, up marginally by 0.2 points (0.2 percent) from December but remaining 4.4 points (3.9 percent) below its level a year earlier. World wheat prices were broadly stable in January, declining by just 0.4 percent from December. Upward pressure stemming from strong export sales by Australia and Canada, along with weather concerns affecting dormant crops in the Russian Federation and the United States of America, was offset by an overall comfortable global supply situation. Expectations of good harvests in Argentina and Australia, together with high global stock levels, continued to exert downward pressure on prices. International maize prices also continued their downward trend, easing by 0.2 percent from December. Although weather-related concerns over planting conditions in Argentina and Brazil, combined with strong ethanol demand in the United States of America, provided some price support, they did not offset the generally bearish market sentiment driven by ample global supplies. Among other coarse grains, world barley prices recorded a modest increase, supported by robust demand for Argentinian supplies, while sorghum prices mirrored movements in the wheat market, easing slightly. By contrast, the **FAO All Rice Price Index** increased by 1.8 percent in January 2026, reflecting firmer demand, especially for fragrant varieties.

The **FAO Vegetable Oil Price Index** averaged 168.6 points in January, up 3.4 points (2.1 percent) from December and standing 10.2 percent above its level a year earlier. The increase reflected higher world prices of palm, soy and sunflower oils, which more than offset lower rapeseed oil quotations. International palm oil prices rose for the second consecutive month, underpinned by seasonal production slowdowns in Southeast Asia and firm global import demand driven by improved price competitiveness. Meanwhile, world soybean prices rebounded on tightening export availabilities in South America and expectations of robust demand from the biofuel sector in the United States of America. Regarding global sunflower oil prices, after declining for two successive months in late 2025, they also recovered, driven by continued supply tightness in the Black Sea region, where farmer selling remained limited. By contrast, rapeseed oil prices edged lower, reflecting ample availability in the European Union following large recent import arrivals.

The **FAO Meat Price Index** averaged 123.8 points in January, down 0.5 points (0.4 percent) from December, but still 7.1 points (6.1 percent) above its level a year earlier. The decline mainly reflected lower international pig meat prices, while quotations for bovine and ovine meats remained broadly stable. By contrast, world poultry meat prices increased. Pig meat prices dropped largely due to softer quotations in the European Union amid subdued international demand and ample supplies, including the clearance of backlogs associated with temporary abattoir closures during the end-of-year holidays. Despite relatively tight supply conditions, world ovine meat prices remained largely stable, as seasonal demand softened following high end-year purchases. Bovine meat prices were also broadly stable, amid shifts in Brazilian exports to other destinations following the rapid exhaustion of the United States of America tariff-free quota and the subsequent application of the 26.4 percent out-of-quota tariff. Shipments were increasingly redirected toward China, where importers accelerated purchases to secure volumes ahead of the announced beef safeguard quota, offsetting potential downward pressure on Brazilian prices. Meanwhile, poultry meat quotations rose, mainly reflecting higher prices in Brazil underpinned by strong international demand.

The **FAO Dairy Price Index** averaged 121.8 points in January, falling by 6.4 points (5.0 percent) from December and standing 21.3 points (14.9 percent) below its level a year ago. This marked the seventh consecutive monthly decline of the index, driven largely by lower world cheese and butter prices, which more than offset modest increases in the quotations of milk powders. International cheese prices registered the sharpest drop in January, reflecting heightened global competition. Ample supplies in Europe and the United States of America exerted downward pressure on quotations,

outweighing firmer prices in New Zealand. World butter prices also continued to fall, reflecting seasonally higher milkfat availability, accumulated inventories in Europe, and ample exportable supplies from other major producing regions. By contrast, world prices of milk powders firmed, with skim milk powder recording a more pronounced increase, supported by renewed, price-sensitive import demand following several months of declines, particularly from the Near East, North Africa and parts of Asia. Whole milk powder prices rose only modestly, as demand remained below historical levels, limiting the extent of the increase.

The **FAO Sugar Price Index** averaged 89.8 points in January, down 0.9 points (1.0 percent) from December and 21.4 points (19.2 percent) from its value a year ago. The decline was driven by expectations of increased global sugar supplies in the current season, largely underpinned by a significant production rebound anticipated in India and favourable prospects in Thailand. In addition, despite a reduction in the share of sugarcane allocated to sugar production, the overall positive production outlook for the 2025/26 season in Brazil contributed to bolster global supply expectations, reinforcing the downward pressure on world sugar prices.

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Turkish Defense, Aerospace Exports Jump 44.2% Year-On-Year to Record High in January

Defense, aerospace shipments jump to \$555.3M in January after closing 2025 with yearly record high, defense industries secretary says



Türkiye's defense and aerospace exports soared 44.2% on an annual basis to a record high of \$555.3 million in January, the country's defense industries secretary announced. "Having concluded 2025 with record-breaking achievements, our defense and aerospace industry has started 2026 with another record-breaking export success!" Haluk Görgün said. Görgün noted that this strong performance once again demonstrates

the competitiveness of the Turkish defense and aerospace sector in global markets and its capacity for sustainable growth. "This result is a tangible reflection of our high value-added, advanced technology product portfolio, our field-proven systems, and our long-term, trust-based collaborations. Our defense and aerospace industry is resolutely committed to making a strategic contribution to Turkey's overall export performance," Görgün said. He said this achievement is the result of "planned, stable, and visionary" policies implemented within the framework of the National Technology Initiative and National Competence Initiative, under the leadership and vision of the President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. On this occasion, I would like to thank our presidential staff, companies, and all stakeholders who have contributed to the global success of our defense and aerospace industry; and I wish them continued success in line with the goal of a stronger Türkiye with value-added and high-tech products," Görgün added. Türkiye saw an all-time high of \$10.54 billion in defense and aerospace exports last year, up 48% on an annual basis.

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Türkiye and Uzbekistan Sign Memorandum on Cooperation in Mining Sector

Agreement signed following Turkish and Uzbek presidents' meeting in Ankara



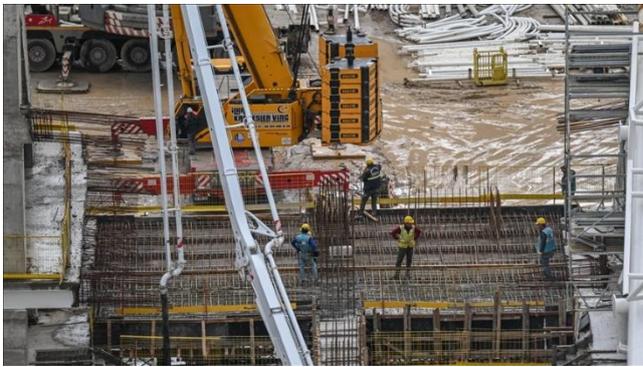
Turkish Energy and Natural Resources Minister Alparslan Bayraktar and Uzbek Mining Industry and Geology Minister Bobir Islamov signed a memorandum of understanding aimed at developing cooperation in the mining sector. The MoU was signed following a meeting between Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and his Uzbek counterpart Shavkat Mirziyoyev in Ankara.

“The agreement aims to promote information sharing, research and development, and the implementation of concrete projects in the areas of critical minerals and rare earth elements,” Bayraktar said. “We believe this agreement will be an important step toward achieving the trade volume target set by our leaders, and we wish it to be beneficial for both of our countries,” he added.

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Türkiye’s Construction Output Hit Record High in December 2025

Construction production index rose 7.5% year-on-year to 151.2 points



Production in Türkiye’s construction sector rose 7.5% on an annual basis as of December 2025 and the construction output index saw its record high, according to data from the statistical office TurkStat. Türkiye’s construction output index, without calendar effects, rose to its highest at 151.2 points in December 2025, the data showed. The index reached 150.4 points when adjusted for calendar effects, the highest since January 2022 when the data began to be collected, up 7.5%.

The index, adjusted for both calendar and season effects, totaled 129.1 points at the same time. Meanwhile, all sub-sector indexes of construction production index in December 2025 reached peak highs. The building construction index rose 8.4%, civil engineering index 5.8%, and specialized construction activities index 5.5% year-on-year.

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Türkiye's Crude Steel Production Up 5.8% Year-On-Year in January

Türkiye's crude steel production total 3.4M tons in January



Türkiye's crude steel production increased by 5.8% in January compared to the same month last year, reaching 3.4 million tons. The Turkish Steel Producers Association (TCUD) released a statement on steel production, consumption, and foreign trade data for January; final product consumption in that month decreased by 1.7%, reaching 3.5 million tons.

It also stated that in January 2026, steel product exports decreased by 18.4% compared to the same month last year in terms of volume to 911,800 tons and by 21.1% in terms of value to \$600 million. The statement pointed out that in January, steel product imports decreased by 26.1% in terms of volume to 1.3 million tons and by 26.5% in terms of value to \$879.4 million on an annual basis. Global crude steel production declined by 6.5% compared to the same month last year, falling to 147.3 million tons. In the same month, China's crude steel production decreased by 13.9%, reaching 75.3 million tons.

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Türkiye Posts Record High Tourism Revenue and Tourist Count Despite Geopolitical Challenges

Some 64M tourists visited Türkiye in 2025 while tourism sector earned \$65.2B even as region faced geopolitical issues, says sector representative



Türkiye welcomed 64 million tourists and earned \$65.2 billion in revenue in 2025, both figures up from the previous year despite geopolitical challenges in the region, the head of a Turkish tourism non-profit told the press. 2025 was a year when we achieved the highest tourism figures, as Türkiye became the fourth-most-visited country in the world, according to the UN World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).

It is mentioned that this year the city will hold the Antalya Diplomacy Forum 2026 on April 17–19, the 77th International Astronautical Congress on Oct. 5–9, and the UN climate change conference COP31 on Nov. 9–20.

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Türkiye Secures \$6.75B Funding for Its Largest Foreign-Funded Railway Project

Once finished, Northern Ring Railway Project to transport 33M passengers and 30M tons of cargo each year, transport minister says



Türkiye has signed preliminary deals with six international lenders to obtain \$6.75 billion in financing for a new railway line across the Bosphorus Strait, marking the largest foreign-funded rail project in the country's history, the transport minister said. Abdulkadir Uraloğlu said in a statement that the 125-kilometer (77.7-mile) Northern Ring Railway Project, which will run through northern İstanbul, is projected to transport

33 million passengers and 30 million tons of cargo each year once finished, ushering in "a new era in logistics" by strengthening rail capacity between the Asian and European sides.

The minister said preliminary agreements had been reached with the World Bank, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, Asian Development Bank, Islamic Development Bank, OPEC Fund for International Development, and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. He said preparations for the construction tender of the project are ongoing, and that they aim to complete the tender process and hand over the site to begin work within this year. Uraloğlu said that within the scope of the project, 44 tunnels with a total length of 59.1 kilometers and 42 bridges spanning 22.4 kilometers will be built. The railway line will cross the Bosphorus via the Yavuz Sultan Selim Bridge. "A new era will begin in logistics. Once the line is completed, we expect it to carry 33 million passengers and 30 million tonnes of freight annually," he added. The new line will also ease freight and passenger traffic on Marmaray line and connect İstanbul Airport and Sabiha Gokcen Airport directly by rail for the first time.

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Türkiye to Continue Enhancing Transport Network to Achieve New Trade Records

Transport and Infrastructure Ministry unveils 2026 program to enhance railway, maritime and road networks



The Turkish Transport and Infrastructure Ministry plans to continue developing the nation's transport network and achieve new records in trade, according to its 2026 program. The ministry's goal is to develop technologies in information and communications, improve service quality and expand universal and postal services to all segments of society and every part of the country. The program plans to increase the number of settlements

receiving mobile communications services from 3,691 to 3,905 this year, while the number of settlements benefiting from universal postal services is expected to rise to 37,826. The program also calls for the domestic development of transportation, maritime and electronic communications

technologies and their widespread use. The ministry will increase the number of research and development (R&D) projects supported in these fields to 60.

Efforts are underway to provide safe, comfortable and environmentally friendly railway services. The number of active level crossings will rise to 1,246, while the share of double-track railway lines in the total main line will increase to 19%, bringing the total length of railway lines to 14,437 kilometers (8,970.7 miles). Renovated railway lines are expected to reach 281 kilometers (174.6 miles). The program estimates that the share of railway passenger transport will reach 5.93% of the total, while electrified railway lines will make up 55% of the network, and high-speed train lines will extend to 2,769 kilometers (1,720.5 miles). The length of urban rail systems is aimed to reach 487.1 kilometers (302.6 miles), the number of urban rail system stations around 260, and the share of signaled railway lines 65% of the total, according to the program.

The Transport and Infrastructure Ministry will also continue efforts to upgrade the country's maritime transport services by increasing the number of vehicles transported by Ro-Ro vessels to slightly above 5 million, the volume of transited cargo handled to 3 million 20-foot equivalent units (TEU), cargo handled in coastal shipping to 71.9 million tons, the number of cruise ships calling at ports to 1,500, and total container handling to 15.1 million TEU in 2026. The amount of cargo handled at Turkish ports by Turkish-flagged vessels is expected to reach 101.9 million tons, while the Rize İyidere logistics port is expected to be completed this year. Meanwhile, the ministry aims to increase the vehicle inspection rate to 80.5%.

The program also emphasizes developing combined transport services in a sustainable and competitive environment. The number of ports connected to railway lines is expected to increase from 19 to 20, while the length of connection lines will reach 473.1 kilometers (293.9 miles), and the share of railways in total freight transport will total 4%. The ministry will also focus on developing the country's air transport infrastructure by increasing international cargo volume by 4.8%, total airport aircraft capacity by 1.3%, and the number of international destinations to 133.

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WORLD HEALTH EXPO 2026	09.02.2026	12.02.2026	Health, Optics, Medical Devices, Technical Instruments And Equipment	Dubai, United Arab Emirates
PRODEXPO 2026	09.02.2026	12.02.2026	Food And Food Technologies	Moscow, Russian Federation

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WINE PARIS 2026	09.02.2026	11.02.2026	Food And Food Technologies	Paris, France
TURKMENISTAN TURKISH EXPORT PRODUCTS FAIR 2026	10.02.2026	12.02.2026	General Trade	Ashgabat, Turkmenistan
BIOFACH 2026	10.02.2026	13.02.2026	Food And Food Technologies	Nuremberg, Germany
FIMA AGRICOLA 2026 – 44TH INTERNATIONAL FAIR OF AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY UZBUILD 2026	10.02.2026	14.02.2026	Agriculture And Agricultural Machinery	Zaragoza, Spain
LINEAPELLE 2026-I	11.02.2026	13.02.2026	Textiles, Apparel, Ready-To-Wear, Leather And Technologies	Milan, Italy
18TH HOMEDECO INTERNATIONAL HOME TEXTILES AND DECORATION FAIR	16.02.2026	18.02.2026	Home Textiles And Household Goods	Almaty, Kazakhstan
PACK EXPO EAST	17.02.2026	19.02.2026	Packaging And Packaging Technologies	Philadelphia, United States
MAGIC LAS VEGAS 2026-1 (WITH ALL SUB-SECTIONS)	17.02.2026	19.02.2026	Textiles, Apparel, Ready-To-Wear, Leather And Technologies	Las Vegas, United States
COLLECTION PREMIERE MOSCOW 2026/1	17.02.2026	20.02.2026	Textiles, Ready-To-Wear, Leather And Technologies	Moscow, Russian Federation
CHILD AND JUNIOR FASHION 2026/1	18.02.2026	21.02.2026	Textiles, Ready-To-Wear, Leather And Technologies	Moscow, Russian Federation
THE ONE MILANO 2026	21.02.2026	23.02.2026	Fashion And Ready-To-Wear	Milan, Italy
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MICAM MILANO 2026-I	22.02.2026	24.02.2026	Footwear	Milan, Italy
ENFORCE TAC 2026	23.02.2026	25.02.2026	Defense Industry	Nuremberg, Germany
COTERIE – MAGIC NEW YORK 2026-1	24.02.2026	26.02.2026	Textiles, Apparel, Ready-To-Wear, Leather And Technologies	New York, United States
NATURAL PRODUCTS EXPO WEST 2026	03.03.2026	06.03.2026	Food And Food Technologies	Anaheim, United States

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INTERNATIONALE EISENWARENMESSE 2026	03.03.2026	06.03.2026	Hardware And DIY Supplies (Hand Tools, Industrial Products And Equipment, Plumbing Connection And Repair Materials, Home Decoration Accessories)	Cologne, Germany
HKTDC HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL JEWELLERY SHOW 2026	04.03.2026	08.03.2026	Precious Metals And Jewellery, Mining, Metals And Minerals	Hong Kong, China
LIGHT & BUILDING 2026	08.03.2026	13.03.2026	Building And Construction Products And Technologies	Frankfurt, Germany
CENTRAL ASIA FASHION & ELITLINE 2026/1	09.03.2026	11.03.2026	Textiles, Apparel, Ready-To-Wear, Leather And Technologies	Almaty, Kazakhstan
EXPOCOMER 2026	10.03.2026	12.03.2026	General Trade	Panama City, Panama
FOODEX JAPAN 2026	10.03.2026	13.03.2026	Food And Food Technologies	Tokyo, Japan
EXINTEX 2026	10.03.2026	13.03.2026	Textiles, Apparel, Ready-To-Wear, Leather And Technologies	Puebla, Mexico
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LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL TEXTILE SHOW (LA TEXTILE) 2026	10.03.2026	12.03.2026	Textiles, Apparel, Ready-To-Wear, Leather And Technologies	Los Angeles, United States
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XIAMEN STONE FAIR 2026	16.03.2026	19.03.2026	Natural Stone And Floor Coverings	Xiamen, China
BEAUTY DUSSELDORF 2026	20.03.2026	22.03.2026	Health, Optics, Medical Devices, Technical Instruments And Equipment	Düsseldorf, Germany
TOP HAIR DUSSELDORF 2026	21.03.2026	22.03.2026	Health, Optics, Medical Devices, Technical Instruments And Equipment	Düsseldorf, Germany
ALIMENTARIA AND HOSTELCO BARCELONA 2026	23.03.2026	26.03.2026	Food And Food Technologies	Barcelona, Spain
INTERNATIONAL PIZZA SHOW 2026	24.03.2026	26.03.2026	Food And Food Technologies	Las Vegas, United States
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SOLAR & STORAGE LIVE AFRICA 2026	25.03.2026	27.03.2026	Energy, Energy Products And Technologies	Johannesburg , South Africa
AGROWORLD UZBEKISTAN 2026	25.03.2026	27.03.2026	Agriculture, Agricultural Technologies, Milling Machinery, Poultry And Livestock	Tashkent, Uzbekistan
COSMOPROF WORLDWIDE BOLOGNA 2026 (EXCLUDING COSMO HAIR, NAIL & BEAUTY SALON – ALL OTHER SUB-SECTIONS INCLUDED)	26.03.2026	28.03.2026	Cosmetics	Bologna, Italy
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INTERZUM GUANGZHOU 2026	28.03.2026	31.03.2026	Wood And Forest Products, Furniture And Technologies	Guangzhou, China
EQUIP AUTO ALGERIA 2026	30.03.2026	02.04.2026	Automotive And Automotive Sub-Industry	Algiers, Algeria
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COVERINGS 2026	30.03.2026	02.04.2026	Natural Stone And Floor Coverings	Las Vegas, United States

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MOSBUILD 2026	31.03.2026	03.04.2026	Building And Construction Products And Technologies	Moscow, Russian Federation
PAPER AND TISSUE SHOW 2026	31.03.2026	02.04.2026	Wood And Forest Products, Furniture And Technologies	Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
DUBAI DERMA 2026	31.03.2026	02.04.2026	Dermatology, Skin Health And Personal Care	Dubai, United Arab Emirates

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FAIR	DATE		SECTOR	PLACE
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AYMOD INTERNATIONAL FOOTWEAR FASHION FAIR	25.03.2026	28.03.2026	Footwear, Bags, Belts, Wallets, Institutions, Agencies And Trade Journals	istanbul
ARTANKARA 12TH INTERNATIONAL CONTEMPORARY ART FAIR	25.03.2026	29.03.2026	Art And Artistic Products	Ankara
22. INTERNATIONAL ISTANBUL YARN FAIR 2026	26.03.2026	28.03.2026	Cotton, Wool, Synthetic, Regenerated, Natural And Technical Yarns, Fibers, Bobbins And Spools	istanbul

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