

EMBASSY OF INDIA
BAHRAIN
MONTHLY ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL REPORT
FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2013.

1. Name of the Country: BAHRAIN

2. Trade with India:

INDIA'S TRADE WITH BAHRAIN

(Amount in ` Crores/\$ Million)

Details	April 2007- March 2008	April 2008- March 2009	April 2009- March 2010	April 2010- March 2011	April 2011- March 2012
India's non-oil exports to Bahrain	` 1,004.59 (\$ 250.26)	` 1,224.18 (\$ 267.39)	` 1,174.15 (\$ 247.90)	` 2,897.43 (\$ 644.03)	` 2,008.03 (\$417.77)
India's non-oil imports from Bahrain	` 947.75 (\$ 235.96)	` 1,040.42 (\$ 227.45)	` 1,205.90 (\$ 254.52)	` 1,920.08 (\$ 422.06)	` 1,381.66 (\$284.54)
Total trade	` 1,952.34 (\$ 486.22)	` 2,264.60 (\$ 494.84)	` 2,380.05 (\$ 502.42)	` 4,817.51 (\$1,066.09)	` 3,389.69 (\$702.31)

Source: MOC, New Delhi
February 2012

INDIA'S OIL IMPORTS FROM BAHRAIN

(Amount in Thousand US Dollars)

Details	January – December 2008	January – December 2009	January – December 2010	January- December 2011

India's Oil imports	US\$1,650.08	US\$518.26	US\$517.603	US \$1655.888
January-September 2012				
US \$ 625.653				

Source: NOGA, Kingdom of Bahrain.
November 2012

3. Trade Promotional Activities organized in January 2013 in Bahrain and activities planned in the next six months.-Nil.

4. Trade and Commercial delegation from India to Bahrain and Trade and commercial delegation from Bahrain to India. -Nil

5. Important International Trade Fairs/Exhibitions in Bahrain. Report on recent such fairs/exhibitions, including details of Indian participation & response.

ARABIAN MEP 2013:

The 2013 edition of Arab Exhibition for Engineering and Mechanisms (Arabian MEP 2013) was held at the Bahrain International Exhibition and Convention Centre (BIEC) from 7-9 January 2013. The exhibition offered a vibrant Platform for companies and experts to showcase their products and technology ranging from air conditioning, refrigeration and allied building services to environmental friendly, energy saving and environmentally sustainable green products and services. The event is an opportunity for global players in Bahrain and other GCC countries to buy, sell, network and learn.

TAMKEEN EXPO 2013:

Tamkeen Expo 2013, was held at the Gulf Hotel from 7 - 8 January, 2013. Tamkeen is to enhance the business and drive economic growth, in line with Bahrain's 2030 Economic Vision. Over 2000 business leaders and entrepreneurs participated and attended the various activities that brought together Bahraini entrepreneurs and an elite group of entrepreneurship experts from Bahrain and abroad to share knowledge and discover how to boost their business.

THE GULF INDUSTRY FAIR 2013:

The sixth Gulf Industry Fair (GIF) was held at the Bahrain International Exhibition and Convention Centre (BIECC) from 15-17 January, 2013, under the Patronage of His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa. The Core Objective of GIF 2013 was to be a Business enabler in a region where billions of dollars is being spent on industrial and infrastructure capacity building. The government's success in attracting such specialized regional and international exhibitions is an evidence that Bahrain is on right track despite challenges.

AUTUMN FAIR 2013:

The Autumn Fair was inaugurated at the Bahrain International Exhibition and Convention Centre under the patronage of the Minister of Industry and Commerce and Chairman of the Bahrain Exhibition and Convention Authority, Dr. Hassan Fakhro. It was held from 23-31 January, 2013. Twenty Countries took part in this year's Fair. Traders have expressed their satisfaction with the result of the Autumn Fair 2013 with close to 100,000 people visiting during the first six days. Autumn Fair 2013 was a Success.

THANK YOU BAHRAIN:

THANK YOU BAHRAIN was one day event, organized by the Bahrain Federation of Expatriate Association on 25th January, 2013. The event was attended by Government Officials, Diplomats, expatriate community leaders and members from civil society organizations who came under one roof to show solidarity with Bahrain. Embassies along with schools and clubs and ministries had set up pavilions. More than 18,000 people, including citizens, gathered at Bahrain National Stadium to express their support for peace, unity and harmony in Bahrain.

2013

NAME OF EXHIBITION	SCHEDULED DATE
GULF INDUSTRY FAIR	JANUARY 15-17, 2013
MIDDLE EAST OIL SHOW (MEOS) 2013	MARCH 11, 2013
2 ND EDUCATION & TRAINING INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION (EDUTEX) 2013	MARCH 19, 2013
AL HAWAJ CLEARANCE SALE 2013	MARCH 28, 2013
ANNUAL TRADITIONAL FESTIVAL 2013	APRIL 3, 2013
BAHRAIN TRADE FAIR 2013	APRIL 3, 2013
FOOD & HOSPITALITY EXPO 2013	APRIL 16, 2013
HEALTH & WELLNESS BAHRAIN EXPO 2013	APRIL 16, 2013

GULF INTERIORS 2013	MAY 07, 2013
GULF PROPERTY 2013	MAY 07, 2013
GULF BID 2013	MAY 07, 2013
THE BAHRAIN – INDIA EXHIBITION 2013	MAY 14-16, 2013
MIDDLE EAST PROCESS ENGINEERING CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION (MEPEC)2013	SEPTEMBER 30, 2013
JEWELLERY ARABIA 2013	NOVEMBER 19, 2013

6. Important Trade & Investment activities by other countries in Bahrain and Analysis of Export performance of competing countries. -Nil

7. Analysis of global exports & imports of Bahrain especially with respect to products of export and import interest to India.

**Bahrain's non-oil exports/imports
(Top countries)**

EXPORTS

(Amount in Million)

S.No.	Country	Amount in BD	Amount in US\$
1	Saudi Arabia	275.30	729.55
2	U.A.E.	100.06	265.16
3	Qatar	77.65	205.77
4	U.S.A.	64.97	172.17
5	India	64.23	170.21
6	Sultanate of Oman	30.46	80.72
7	Kuwait	29.68	78.65
8	Egypt	23.30	61.75
9	Australia	20.05	53.13
10	Jordan	18.39	48.74

	Remaining countries	202.13	535.64
	Bahrain's total exports	906.22	2,401.49

IMPORTS

S.No.	Country	Amount in BD	Amount in US\$
1	Saudi Arabia	171.01	453.17
2	U.A.E.	87.57	232.06
3	China	69.87	185.15
4	Australia	46.88	124.23
5	Japan	46.01	121.92
6	U.S.A.	35.69	94.57
7	Kuwait	28.99	76.82
8	U.K.	28.09	74.43
9	Germany	26.44	70.06
10	France	20.49	54.29
	Remaining countries	176.34	467.30
	Total	737.35	1,953.98
**	India	13.19	34.96

Source : BCCI, Bahrain

*The above figures are not final, as per BCCI.

Total trade in US\$ with India by top 10 commodities

India's non-oil exports/imports with Bahrain (Top commodities)

EXPORTS

Sl. No.	HS Code	Commodity	Amount in US\$ Million

1	84	Boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances, parts thereof	34.53
2	90	Optical, Photographic, Cinematographic measuring, checking precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus parts and accessories thereof	28.05
3	85	Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers and parts	20.08
4	72/73	Iron and Steel	19.75
5	28	Inorganic chemicals, organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals, or rare-earth metals, or radi. Elem. or of isotopes	15.07
6	07	Edible Vegetables	9.29
7	08	Edible Fruit and Nuts	8.84
8	39	Plastic and articles thereof	7.51
9	02	Meat and Edible Meat Offal	7.38
10	62	Articles of Apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted	7.28
11	52	Cotton	6.78
12	10	Cereals	6.17
		India's total exports to Bahrain	250.21

IMPORTS

Sl. No.	HS Code	Commodity	Amount in US\$ Million
1	27	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation, bituminous substances, mineral waxes	248.34
2	76	Aluminium and articles thereof	82.44
3	31	Fertilisers	35.45
4	26	Ores, slag and ash	32.73

5	72/73	Iron and Steel	24.30
6	28	Inorganic chemicals, organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals, or rare-earth metals, or radi. Elem. or of isotopes	19.33
8	74	Copper and articles thereof	9.21
7	78	Lead and articles thereof	8.16
9	25	Salt, Sulphur, earths and stone, plastering materials, lime and cement	7.59
11	47	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material, waste and scrap of paper or paperboard	4.40
10	71	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals and Articles, clad with precious metal and articles,, Imitation Jewellery, Coins	3.59
12	86	Misc	1.60
		India's total Imports from Bahrain	502.86

Source: MOC's website: www.commerce.nic.in

8. Market prospects in respect of major items of Indian export interests.

Total trade in US\$ (Major items)

Bahrain's non-oil imports/exports (Top commodities)

EXPORTS

S.No.	Commodity	Amount in BD	Amount in US\$Millions
1	Petroleum (Crude & Products)	10,642.32	28,243.96
2	Gems & Jewellery	8,818.01	23,402.35
3	Transport Equipment	4,894.71	12,990.22
4	Machinery & Instruments	3,157.25	8,379.12
5	Drugs, Pharmaceuticals & fine Chemicals	2,792.80	7,411.90
6	Manufactures of Metals	2,481.63	6,586.08
7	Other Commodities	2,437.32	6,468.47
8	Electronic Goods	2,140.37	5,680.39

9	RMG Cotton INCL Accessories	2,107.38	5,592.84
10	Non-Ferrous Metals	2,079.47	5,518.77
	Bahrain's total exports	64,141.82	170,227.77

IMPORTS

S.No.	Commodity	Amount in BD	Amount in US\$Millions
1	Petroleum, Crude & Products	27,631.37	73,331.65
2	Gold	8,056.04	21,380.14
3	Pearls precious semiprecious stones	7,396.02	19,628.49
4	Machinery except Elect & Electronic	6,261.61	16,617.87
5	Electronic Goods	5,875.74	15,593.80
6	Other Commodities	3,467.18	9,201.64
7	Organic Chemicals	3,072.99	8,155.49
8	Coal, Coke & Briquettes etc	2,841.44	7,540.98
9	Iron & Steel	2,741.39	7,275.46
10	Metalifers Ores & Metal Scrap	2,588.75	6,870.36
	Bahrain's total imports	93,151.55	247,217.50

Source: MOC, India.

9. Trade Enquiries from India and Trade Enquiries from Bahrain: Annexure-I

10. Trade Complaints received during January 2013 and follow up action on earlier complaints: one

11. Indian Investment in Bahrain (company-wise and sector-wise), and performance of existing Indian Subsidiaries/ Joint Ventures/ Collaborations, if any in Bahrain.-Nil

12. Status of ongoing major investments by Indian PSU's/ Pvt Sector in Bahrain, and proposed Indian investments in Bahrain. -Nil

13. Analysis of Investment opportunities in Bahrain.

There are good prospects for enlargement of India's share in building materials, textiles/garments, machinery, iron and steel, fruits and vegetables, paper, plastic and leather goods. In construction sector, there is high demand of building materials such as cement, granite, iron and tiles etc. Plastic, leather, furniture, thread and aluminium tubes industries, which generate substantial amount of revenues for the country, have huge potential for Investment.

14. Status of trade and investment related issues taken up by the mission with the Government of Bahrain. – Nil

15. Details and result of meetings & interactions of the Mission with Trade Industry and Economic Ministries/Department/Agencies in Bahrain. -Nil

16. Important policy changes by the government of Bahrain, especially with respect of trade, investment, aid/credit facilities etc. - Nil

17. Position of Bahrain on WTO related issues and issues with respect to other important multilateral fora. Recent important changes in policy and public opinion in these areas - Nil

18. Major International Tenders & Bids invited in Bahrain. Nil

19. Aid/Assistance received by Bahrain from other countries/international agencies, funding organizations etc.-Nil

20. Commercial, Economic and Political Report of Bahrain.

COMMERCIAL (JANUARY 2013):

As Bahrain is a leading business and financial hub at the heart of the Gulf, a market now worth \$1.4 trillion, has affirmed its position as the gateway to the region, with easy access to the large economies of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Qatar. Non-financial services related investments comprised of over \$102 million, particularly in the areas of professional services and information and communications technology. Bahrain Plans to spend about BD1 billion on infrastructure projects over the next 10 years, projects covered developing the sanitation networks, building schools, health centers, sports and social development projects. A number of these projects will be funded under the \$10 b GCC support programme, adding that these projects were consistent with the vision of the Kingdom. Bahrain is fast becoming a hub for major regional and international re-insurance and re-takaful firms. The Bahrain insurance market posted growth during the third quarter of 2012. The Kingdom achieves better returns on investment in the shortest period of time and in line with its economic vision for the year 2030.

ECONOMIC (JANUARY 2013):

Bahrain remains the Middle East and North Africa region's most economically free country. It is ranked first out of 15 countries in the annual Index of Economic Freedom. Bahrain's economy score 75.5 showed year-on-year improvement and is well above the world average. Kingdom's transition of greater openness, diversification and modernisation are the strong foundations to the economy. Bahrain has maintained above-average levels of economy in almost every measure and remains a

financial hub for dynamic economic activity, with high levels of trade and investment. Strategic location at the heart of the GCC, Bahrain is the gateway to the region , with easy access to the large economies.

POLITICAL (JANUARY 2013):

In mid-February 2011, Bahrain was gripped by a series of pro-democracy demonstrations in Manama, the capital, set off by the example of revolutions in Tunisia and Egypt. The protests — which took place at the Pearl monument, later destroyed by the government — were crushed in March with the help of troops from Saudi Arabia. Of all the revolts that roiled the Arab world in 2011, Bahrain’s government was the only one to manage a tactical, perhaps ephemeral, victory through force. On 24 June 2012, the King of Bahrain delivered a speech during a Council of Ministers meeting. The speech included several messages to local and foreign parties and called for the development of Government apparatuses in order to directly communicate with the citizens and achieve prosperity. Firstly, political disagreements should not be allowed to prejudice the unity and the harmony of the society. Secondly, social initiatives should be encouraged in order to promote national unity and avoid violence and the incitement of hatred and sectarianism lastly, for the media should be free from all sectarian, political and social polarisations. In October 2012, after months of protests by antigovernment demonstrators, Bahrain banned all rallies and demonstrations. A National Dialogue will be led by urging all parties to respect and appreciate the opinion of others.

21. Pending References from the Mission: Annexure – II

22. Monthly expenditure of the commercial Budget.

(Expenditure incurred until 31.01.2013)

Sr. No.	Month	Salaries	Medical	Travel Expenses	Office Expenses	Rent, Rate & Taxes	Adv & Publicity	Trade Promotion	Total Expenditure	Progressive Expenditure
1.	April 2012	253386	16143	0	564	0	0	0	270093	270093
2.	May 2012	129579	9672	0	29870	0	0	0	169121	439214
3.	June 2012	164054	41061	0	38032	0	0	0	243148	682362
4.	July 2012	139653	16646	0	21450	159763	0	0	337512	1019874
5.	August 2012	138223	0	0	9813	0	0	0	148036	1167910
6.	September 2012	188219	48466	0	896	160237	0	0	397818	1565728
7.	October 2012	131424	7396	83632	5739	0	0	0	228191	1793919
8.	November 2012	133218	0	0	2833	0	0	0	136051	1929970
9.	December 2012	134176	10474	0	10568	158824	33088	0	347129	2277099

10.	January 2013	133144	0	3426	9913	0	0	0	146482	2423581
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23. Any other relevant inputs (January 2013):

- i) A total of around 21 trade enquiries covering around 41 items received from India, and a total of 1 trade enquiry covering 3 items received from Bahrain were duly replied to (BAH/COM/245/1/2013).
- ii) Progressive Expenditure Statement for the month of January 2013 was sent to TA/TC Section, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, New Delhi (BAH/COM/551/2/2013).
- iii) Details of trade disputes between Indian and Bahraini companies as on 31st January, 2013 were sent to the DGFT, Ministry of Commerce, and New Delhi (BAH/COM/208/2/2013).
- iv) Monthly Economic and Commercial Bulletin for the month of January 2013, along with details of trade enquiries received from India, forwarded to leading Bahraini companies (BAH/COM/201/3/2013).
- v) Weekly Economic Bulletins received from the ITP Division of the Ministry of External Affairs were forwarded by e-mail to Ministry of Finance, Bahrain Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Economic Development Board and to the leading Bahraini companies

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