

**Embassy of India  
Khartoum**

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**Economic & Commercial Report for August 2022**

1. **Name of the Country: Republic of the Sudan**
2. **Bilateral Trade (Calendar Year Basis, Values in USD Million)**

(Source: DGCIS, India)

<b>Year</b>	<b>India's Exports</b>	<b>India's Imports</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>% change vis-à-vis previous year</b>
2017	840.85	440.57	1,281.42	-
2018	795.45	707.12	1,502.57	+17.3%
2019	1,062.00	467.30	1,529.30	+1.8%
2020	1,047.56	253.80	1,301.36	-14.9%
2021	1017.91	260.80	1,278.71	-1.8%
2021 (January -July)	669.59	211.17	880.76	-
2022 (January -July)	831.91	71.30	903.21	+2.55%

(Source: Central Bank of Sudan)

<b>Year</b>	<b>India's Exports</b>	<b>India's Imports</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>% change vis-à-vis previous year</b>
2017	696	90	786	-
2018	794	154	948	+20.6%
2019	682	152	834	-12%

2020	985.93	158.69	1,144.62	+37.3%
2021	813.30	86.98	900.28	-21.35%
2021 (Jan-June)	457.77	57.92	515.69	-
2022 (Jan-June)	532.98	58.28	591.26	+14.65%

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**Main items of India's exports to Sudan for (January- July 2022)**

(Source: DGCIS, Kolkata)

S.No	Items	Value in US \$ (Million) (Jan-July 2021)	Value in US \$ (Million) (Jan-July 2022)
1	Sugar and Sugar Confectionery.	280.36	434.75
2	Cotton	46.79	47.72
3	Vehicles Other Than Railway or Tramway Rolling Stock, And Parts and Accessories Thereof	59.41	38.32
4	Pharmaceutical products	40.82	37.95
5	Cereals	14.08	34.15
6	Nuclear Reactors, Boilers, Machinery and Mechanical Appliances; Parts Thereof.	38.46	31.09
7	Articles of Apparel and Clothing Accessories, Not Knitted or Crocheted.	25.07	29.36
8	Miscellaneous Chemical Products.	13.04	19.91
9	Plastic And Articles Thereof	17.73	18.32
10	Organic Chemicals	13.50	17.67
	Others	120.30	122.67

	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>669.59</b>	<b>831.91</b> <b>(+24.2%)</b>
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**Main items of India's exports to Sudan for (January- June 2022)**

Source: Central Bank of Sudan (CBOS) -

No	Items	Value In Million US \$
1	Food Stuff	271.35
2	Chemicals	97.02
3	Machinery & Equipment	50.32
4	Manufactured Goods	48.90
5	Textiles	34.14
6	Transport Equipment	25.02
7	Others	6.23
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>532.98</b>

**Main items of India's imports from Sudan for (Jan - July 2022):**

Source: DGCIS, Kolkata

S.No.	Items	Value in M US \$ (Jan-June 2021)	Value in M US \$ (Jan-June 2022)
1	Oil Seeds and Olea. Fruits; Misc. Grains, Seeds and Fruit; Industrial or Medicinal Plants; Straw And Fodder.	18.50	40.81
2	Copper and Articles Thereof.	0.64	8.21
3	Lac; Gums, Resins and Other Vegetable Saps and Extracts.	5.61	5.65
4	Lead and Articles of Thereof	3.06	5.31
5	Aluminum and Articles Thereof.	2.07	5.01

	Others (Edible Vegetables and Certain Roots and Tubers, Zinc And Articles Thereof, Iron And Steel, Organic Chemicals, etc)	181.29	6.31
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>211.17</b>	<b>71.30 (-66.2%)</b>

**Main items of India's imports from Sudan (Jan - June 2022):**

Source: Central Bank of Sudan (CBOS)

No	Items	Value In Million US \$
1	Melon seeds	22.65
2	Sesame	14.55
3	Cotton	5.71
4	Other Agricultural Products	4.48
5	Arabic Gum	4.24
5	Others	6.65
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>58.28</b>

(CBOS figures excludes Crude oil)

**3. Trade Promotional Activities organized in the month of August 2022**

a- On 10th August 2022, Ambassador of India Mr. B.S. Mubarak along with Second Secretary (Consular) Mr. Anil Kumar visited the University of Medical Science and Technology, (UMST) in Khartoum. They were briefed on the University by the President of the University Dr. Hafiz Humeda and the Dean of various faculties

Ambassador briefly traced Sudan- India relations and made a presentation to the students on '75 Years of India's Development Story' to educate the students about India, its culture, educational system and technological advancements and how Sudan and India can share their experiences to foster academic cooperation.

b- As a part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' to commemorate the 75 Years of India's Independence, Embassy of India, Khartoum in partnership with the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and the Council of International People's Friendship and the Union of Chambers of Agriculture, organized tree plantation drive on 13.08.2022 Saturday morning at the campus

of the Council of International People Friendship (Global Park), Khartoum. 75 Mango Trees were planted during the event. Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture H.E. Dr. Omer Abubaker Albushra was the Chief Guest. He planted the 75th Mango Tree at the event. Dr. Salwa ( Secretary General ) , Dr. Amani (Asia Divison Head) and Dr. Hani from the Council of International People's Friendship and Mr. Munzir (Financial secretary) and Dr. Murtada (Secreatry General) from the Union of Chambers of Agriculture and Mr. Anwar the General Manager the National Forests Corporation participated at the event .At the inauguration of the event the Minister of Agriculture Dr. Albushra spoke about the strong links between India and Sudan. Ambassador Mubarak highlighted the significance of the 75th year of India's Independence and mentioned various initiatives taken by the Embassy of India to strengthen Economic and Cultural ties between the two countries.

c- As part of Embassy of India's outreach activity, Ambassador of India, Mr. B.S. Mubarak visited Allied Industries Co Ltd an Indian investment company in Al Gaily Industrial Area on 25 August 2022. CA Raghava officer in-charge of Allied Industries, Sudan operations organized a tour of the facilities.

Allied Industries uses advanced technology to manufacture four different kind of chemical products namely LABSA 96% (Sulfonic Acid) , SLES 70% (Texapon ) , Sodium Silicate and Caustic lye. These chemicals are essential inputs in Soap and detergent industries, ceramic, and steel Industries. There are very few industries in Africa which manufacture these chemicals.

Ambassador also interacted with the Indian Engineers and Technicians working in Allied Industries.

d- Embassy publicized the following Business events on its website and facebook page :  
Name of Event

- 11th India International Textile Machinery Exhibition (India ITME 2022)
- The 5th InnoRail India 2022
- the 15th International Railway Equipment , Services Exhibition (IREE 2023)
- FICCI Higher Education Summit 2022
- National MedTech Expo 2022
- 7th India Water Week-2022
- India Mobile Congress 2022 (IMC-2022)
- The 43rd Edition of the India Carpet Expo
- The 9th Edition of SVUM 2022 International Trade show
- 54th edition of Indian Handicraft and Gift (IHGF) Delhi Fair (Autumn) 2022

**4 (i) Trade and Commercial Delegation from India to Sudan:**

On August 16<sup>th</sup> Ambassador met with Mr. Navin Kapur, Executive Director of Classic Industries and Exports Ltd, Apollo Tyres Ltd.

(ii) **Trade and Commercial Delegation from Sudan to India: NIL**

(iii) **Total number of business visas issued: 517**

**5. Important International Trade Fairs/Exhibitions in Sudan. Report on recent such fairs/exhibitions, including details of Indian participation and response: Nil**

**6. Analysis of global exports & imports of Sudan, especially with respect to products of export and import interest to India:**

Total international trade of Sudan in 2022 (Jan-March)	7,435.361 M\$	
Total Sudan Exports:	2,957.455 M\$ to World	To India 58.28 M\$ (1.97%)
Total Sudan Imports	4,477.906 M\$ to World	From India 532.98 M\$ (11.90%)

**6 Major trade partners of Sudan for ( Jan- June 2022)**

Major destination of Sudan Exports	Value in US\$ (million)	Major Source of Sudan Imports	Value in US\$( million)
UAE	1,420.16	UAE	854.06
China	449.96	China	758.81
Egypt	304.07	<b>India</b>	<b>532.98</b>
Turkey	156.89	Egypt	392.20
Saudi Arabia	248.13	Saudi Arabia	280.96
<b>India</b>	<b>58.28</b>	Russia	209.57

(Source: Central Bank of Sudan)

### **Top Trade Partners of Sudan (as per the CBOS data Jan-June 2022)**

1- UAE	(2,274.22 US\$ Million)
2- China	(1,208.77 US\$ Million)
3- Egypt	(696.27 US\$ Million)
<b>4- India</b>	<b>(591.26 US\$ Million)</b>
5- Saudi Arabia	(529.09 US\$ Million)

### **Major items of Export of Sudan:**

Gold, Sesame, Livestock, Ground Nuts, Cotton, Fodders and Arabic Gum.

### **Major items of Import of Sudan are:**

Manufacturing Goods, Food Stuffs, Machinery & Equipment, Petroleum Products, Chemicals, Wheat, Transport Equipment, Textiles, Medicines, and Sugar

### **7. (i) Market Prospects in respect of major items of Indian export interest:**

Sugar & other food stuff, textiles & readymade garment, pharmaceutical & chemicals, machinery, manufactured goods, agriculture products and machineries, etc.

### **(ii) Major items of Indian import interest:**

Gold and other minerals, sesame, seeds & grains, Arabic gum, cotton, ground nuts, etc.

### **8. Trade Queries for Imports/Exports for the month of August 2022: 60 as per attachment**

9. **Trade complaints received during the period and follow up action on earlier complaints:** M/s RASD Technology Co. Ltd. has approached us with their business complaint supply of 60 devices and technician from M/s Matrix COMSEC, we have taken up the case with M/s Matrix COMSEC and their reply is awaited. For earlier complaints, Mission has been pursuing with relevant companies

### **10. Indian investment in Sudan (company wise and sector wise), and performance of existing Indian subsidiaries/joint ventures /collaborations, if any, in Sudan:**

Total Indian investments in Sudan up to December 2020 amounted to more than US\$ 471.5 million with 86 investment projects including 53 industrial projects, 21 service projects as well as 12 agricultural projects. (As per National Investment Authority of Sudan)

**11. Status of ongoing major investments by Indian PSUs/Pvt. Sector in Sudan, and proposed Indian Investments in Sudan:**

ONGC Videsh Ltd (OVL) invested over US\$ 2.3 billion in undivided Sudan. Currently there is an arbitration going on due to default in payment by the Sudanese side.

**12. Analysis of Investment opportunities in Sudan:**

Despite the challenges that Sudan is experiencing in the National economic, investors from Gulf, Turkey, China, and India have already entered Sudan. Chambers and Partners have identified the following investment opportunities in Sudan:

- Natural resources/mining: especially gold.
- Agriculture: With the Nile River running through it, Sudan has more than 150 million hectares of arable land.
- Livestock: Sudan has national animal resources, which include cattle, camels, sheep, goats, poultry, horses, and an annual stock of more than 110,000 tonnes of fish. The most important animal products in Sudan are milk, meat, poultry, skins, fur and wool.
- Transport: As Africa's third-largest country and bordering seven countries, Sudan offers great opportunities for investment in the transport sector.
- Industry: Investment opportunities in industry in Sudan include following sub-sectors: agri-processing, food, spinning and textiles, leather, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, oil and soap, engineering, building materials and refractories, and printing and packaging.

**13. Status of trade and investment related issues taken up by the Mission with Government of Sudan:**

**14. Details and Result of meeting & interactions of the Mission with Trade, Industry & Economic Ministries / Department / Agencies in Sudan:**

**15. Important policy changes by the Government of Sudan, especially with respect to trade, investment, aid /credit facilities etc:** Nil

**16. Position of Sudan on WTO related issues, and with respect to other important multilateral fora. Recent important changes in policy and the public opinion in these areas:** Nil

**17. Major International Tenders issued & Bids invited in Sudan:**



The following tenders have been uploaded in India Trade Portal during August 2022:

1- Supply, Installation, and Commissioning of Solar Systems in UNHCR Community Centers in Kharasana and Al Meiram by UNHCR.

**18. Aid/ Assistance received by Sudan from other countries/international agencies, funding organizations etc:**

**19. Pending References from the Mission:**

**20. Monthly expenditure of the Commercial Budget:**

There is no Commerce Budget in EOI, Khartoum, for the FY 2022-23.

**21. Some Important Economic & commercial developments:**

-on August 10th The Sudan Railways Corporation (SRC) celebrated the arrival of 21 new locomotives, which are the first batch out of (34) locomotives that will arrive successively from China, the manufacturing country.

The Railway Corporation organized a press conference at the Maritime Ports Corporation hall in Port Sudan, during which the Acting Minister of Transport, Eng. Hashem Abu Zaid, explained the importance of these locomotives in supporting the transport sector, indicating that this comes within the framework of an integrated plan to upgrade and develop various transport services including (land, sea, and air).

The Director-General of the SRC, Engineer Consultant Walid Mahmoud, explained efforts to raise the efficiency of performance in order to develop in the field of railway transport, pointing to the readiness of (1261) transport vehicles to meet the challenges of the ton transported via the railway, and support the state's efforts in the transfer of incoming and outgoing traffic Foreign trade, especially through seaports

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