



Summary:

In July 2016, real sector indicators were mixed in relation to the preceding month though the majority retreated. Both exports and imports of goods weakened leading to a lower trade balance deficit. The overall balance of payments reported a relatively large surplus following four consecutive months of deficits and total assets of banks expanded favorably. Interest rates were uneventful.

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I- REAL SECTOR**In July 2016,**

The total value of checks cleared in the domestic and foreign currencies decreased to USD 5,238 million from USD 5,653 million in the previous month and USD 5,463 million in July 2015. Cleared checks o/w 71.3 percent denominated in foreign currencies retreated in the first seven months of 2016 by 2.9 percent when compared to the identical period of 2015.

The total value of returned checks in the domestic and foreign currencies diminished to USD 118 million from USD 145 million one month back and USD 125 million in July 2015. Returned checks dropped in the first seven months of 2016 by 7.1 percent with reference to the first seven months of the past year.

Collected real estate fees slightly improved to LBP 67.7 billion against LBP 67.5 billion in the preceding month (LBP 76.9 billion twelve months back). Collected fees augmented in the first seven months of 2016 by 2.8 percent with regard to the corresponding 2015 time frame.

Construction permits regressed to 662 thousand square meters compared to 1,081 thousand square meters in the previous month and 964 thousand square meters in July 2015. Yet, construction permits expanded in the first seven months of 2016 by 1.3 percent in respect of the same preceding year's period.

Cement deliveries recoiled to 398 thousand tons from 419 thousand tons in the previous month and 409 thousand tons in July 2015. Cement deliveries increased, however, by 7.3 percent in the first seven months of 2016 in comparison with the similar time interval of 2015.

The total number of passengers arriving to and departing from Beirut International Airport went up to 496,230 and 395,780 to total 892,010 persons. In the first seven months of 2016, arrivals and departures surpassed by 7.9 percent and 5.7 percent consecutively those recorded in the corresponding previous year's duration.

Agricultural exports declined to USD 13 million from USD 17 million in the previous month and were in the first seven months of 2016 below those reported in the matching months of 2015 by USD 8 million (-7.4 percent).

In June 2016,

Industrial exports (excluding gold ingots) increased to USD 225 million from USD 211 million in the previous month (USD 292 million in June 2015). Industrial exports shrank, however, in the first half 2016 by 15.5 percent with regard to the first half 2015.

Imports of Industrial Equipment decreased to USD 20.0 million from USD 20.5 million one month earlier and USD 23.7 million in June 2015. In the first half 2016, industrial equipments imports retreated by 2.2 percent in comparison with the first six months of 2015.

Real Sector Indicators

	Jul-15	Jun-16	Jul-16
Checks cleared (total)			
Number (000)	996	1,060	933
Value (USD million)	5,463	5,653	5,238
Checks cleared in LBP			
Number (000)	337	366	327
Value (LBP billion)	2,237	2,377	2,246
Checks cleared in FX			
Number (000)	659	694	606
Value (USD million)	3,979	4,076	3,748
Returned checks			
Number (000)	17.9	18.8	19.3
Value (USD million)	125	145	118
Construction permits (000 square meters)			
	964	1,084	673
Cement deliveries (000 tons)			
	409	419	398
Collected property taxes (LBP billion)			
	76.9	67.5	67.7
Passengers arrivals (000)			
	452	331	496
Passengers departures (000)			
	336	241	396
Agricultural exports (USD million)			
	13	17	13
Industrial exports (USD million)			
	234	225	n.a.
Imports of industrial machinery (USD million)			
	20.1	20.0	n.a.

Source: BDL, OEA, BIA, CLR, ministry of Industry, Lebanese Customs



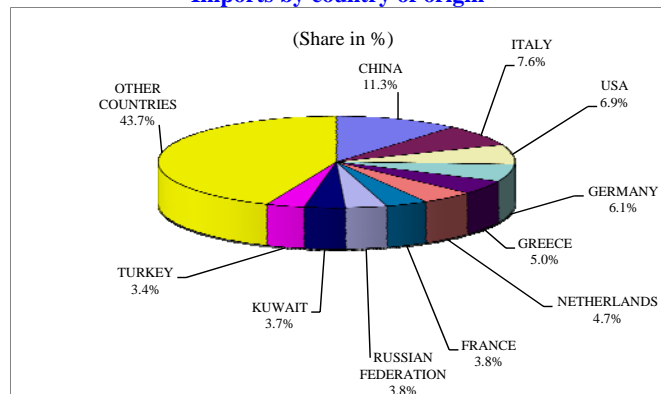
II- EXTERNAL SECTOR

In July 2016,

Imports of goods weakened to USD 1,447 million from USD 1,533 million in the previous month and USD 1,527 million in July 2015. Yet, imports progressed in the first seven months of 2016 by 5.2 percent with reference to the first seven months of the previous year.

In the first seven months of 2016, mineral products lead imported goods with a 21.3 percent share of total imports. They were followed by products of the chemical and machinery and mechanical appliances which accounted for 11.1 percent and 10.0 percent respectively. China topped the list of imports by country of origin with a 11.3 percent share of total. Italy came next with a share of 7.6 percent followed by USA (6.9 percent) and Germany (6.1 percent).

Imports by country of origin

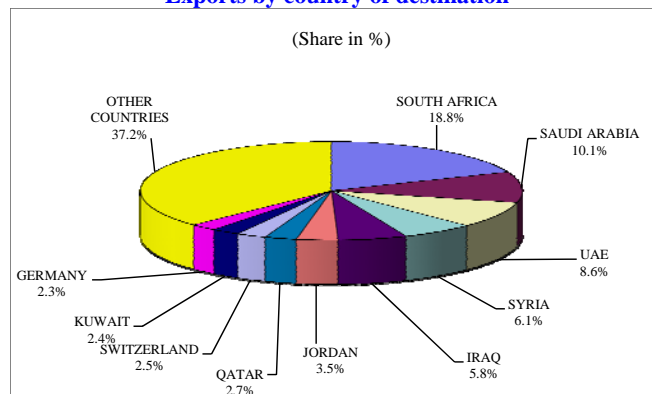


Source: Lebanese Customs

Exports of goods narrowed to USD 247 million from USD 280 million in the previous month (USD 218 million in July 2015). Exports shrank in the first seven months of 2016 by 7.7 percent in respect of the same seven months of preceding year’s period.

In the first seven months of 2016, pearls, precious and semi - precious stones were on top of the list with a share of 25.0 percent of total exports, followed by prepared foodstuffs (16.0 percent), and machinery and mechanical appliances (12.1 percent). South Africa outperformed all others in terms of exports by country of destination with 18.8 percent share of the total, trailed by Saudi Arabia (10.1 percent), UAE (8.6 percent) and Syria (6.1 percent).

Exports by country of destination



Source: Lebanese Customs

The trade deficit lessened to USD 1,200 million from USD 1,253 million a month earlier and USD 1,309 million in July 2015. Still, the trade deficit widened in the first seven months of 2016 by 7.8 percent vis-à-vis the corresponding time interval of 2015.

External Sector Indicators

	USD million	Jul-15	Jun-16	Jul-16
Imports		1,527	1,533	1,447
Exports		218	280	247
Trade deficit		-1,309	-1,253	-1,200
Balance of payments		2	-13	352
Gross foreign currency reserves		33,652	33,197	32,704

Source: Lebanese Customs, BDL.

The overall balance of payments reported a surplus of USD 352 million following a deficit of USD 13 million in the previous month (USD 2 million surplus in July 2015). Thus, a USD 1,422 million negative balance accumulated in the first seven months of 2016 and represented a drop in net foreign assets of banks and financial institutions (USD -1,550 million) partly offset by an increase in net foreign assets of the central bank (USD +128 million).

Gross foreign currency reserves of the Central bank decreased to USD 32,704 million compared to USD 33,197 million at the end of the previous month and USD 33,652 million at end July 2015. The U.S. dollar average rate remained stable at LBP 1,507.5 with the Central bank maintaining its foreign exchange intervention rates at LBP 1,501 per one USD for bid and LBP 1,514 per one USD for ask.



III-FINANCIAL SECTOR

1. Commercial Banks

Total consolidated assets of commercial banks operating in Lebanon amounted to LBP 287,823 billion (USD 190.9 billion) at the end of July 2016, thus increasing by 2.7 percent from end December 2015 (2.4 percent increase in the first seven months of 2015).

Total deposits at commercial banks, including resident and non-resident private sector deposits and public sector deposits increased by 2.2 percent in the first seven months of 2016 and constituted 82.9 percent of total assets with an equivalent value of LBP 238,633 billion (around USD 158.3 billion) at the end of July 2016.

Commercial Banks Balance Sheet -Main items

End of period-LBP billion	Jul-15	Jun-16	Jul-16
Total Assets	271,214	286,961	287,823
Total deposits	228,422	238,467	238,633
Resident private sector	176,726	184,647	185,031
Non-resident private sector	46,973	48,497	48,730
Public sector deposits	4,723	5,323	4,872
Capital accounts	24,671	26,223	26,272
Total claims on the private sector	78,475	84,243	84,521
Resident private sector	70,163	74,550	74,727
Non-resident private sector	8,312	9,692	9,794
Total claims on public sector	57,098	56,463	55,068
Bills & Bonds in LBP	31,039	26,500	25,597
Bonds in FC	25,925	29,822	29,324
Claims on non resident banks	16,247	14,462	14,295
Other foreign assets	9,363	9,392	9,401
Deposits at the central bank	101,585	113,444	115,492

Source: BDL.

The breakdown of total deposits shows that private sector deposits denominated in both LBP and foreign currencies increased by 2.3 percent from end December 2015, thus deposit dollarization rate stood at 64.9 percent at the end of July 2016 as that at end December 2015. The itemization of total deposits reveals also an increase in resident private sector deposits (+2.5) and in non-resident private sector deposits (+1.5 percent) against a decrease in public sector deposits (-4.0 percent) in the first seven months of 2016.

Subsequently, resident private sector deposits accounted for 77.5 percent of total deposits at end July 2016 (20.4 percent for non-resident private sector and 2.1 percent for public sector deposits).

Total capital accounts amounted to LBP 26,272 billion (USD 17,428 million) at the end of July 2016 and represented around 9.1 percent of total assets. Capital accounts increased by 4.5 percent when compared to end December 2015 (+4.0 percent in the first seven months of 2015).

Total claims on the resident and non-resident private sector expanded by 3.4 percent in the first seven months of 2016, reaching LBP 84,521 billion at the end of July. The dollarization rate of these loans was 74.2 percent at the end of the stated month, and the ratio of total loans to total deposits attained 36.2 percent.

Total claims on the public sector were equivalent to LBP 55,068 billion at the end of July 2016, thus decreasing by 3.4 percent from end December 2015. Commercial banks held at the end of the stated month LBP 25,597 billion of Lebanese treasury bills (38.3 percent of the total portfolio in circulation) and USD 19,452 million of Eurobonds (nearly 72.4 percent of the total outstanding portfolio).

Deposits at the Central Bank rose in the first seven months of 2016 by 8.6 percent to total LBP 115,492 billion at the end of the period, and claims on non-resident banks recoiled by 17.9 percent to LBP 14,295 billion (USD 9.5 billion) to represent 9.4 percent of private sector deposits in foreign currencies.

2. Investment Banks

Total consolidated assets of investment banks operating in Lebanon (including medium and long term credit banks) amounted to LBP 6,795 billion (around USD 4.5 billion) at the end of July 2016, thus decreasing by 1.0 percent from end December 2015 (3.4 percent increase in the first seven months of 2015).

In the first seven months of 2016, capital accounts increased by 8.8 percent while private sector deposits (resident & non -resident) retreated by 7.6 percent. Claims on public sector increased by 12.9 percent and claims on private sector by 1.4 percent, while “cash and banks” decreased by 6.3 percent.



3. Financial Markets

The total number of shares traded on the Beirut Stock Exchange slightly increased to 2,887 thousand shares with a traded value of USD 18.4 million in July 2016 compared to 2,859 thousand shares with a traded value of USD 22.4 million in the previous month (3,371 thousand shares with a value of USD 28.1 million in July 2015).

During July 2016, the traded value by economic sectors was as such: 82.2 percent for Banking, 17.4 percent for Development and Reconstruction and 0.4 percent for Industrial.

Capital Markets

	Jul-15	Jun-16	Jul-16
BSE			
Traded shares (ooo)	3,371	2,859	2,887
Traded value (USD million)	28.1	22.4	18.4
Market capitalization (USD million)	11,440	11,035	11,084
Outstanding treasury bills (LBP billion)	62,968	65,280	65,765
Outstanding sovereign Eurobonds (USD million)	24,024	26,444	26,427
Outstanding private sector (banks) securities (USD million)	850	850	850

Source: BDL, BSE

The market capitalization of listed shares slightly increased to USD 11,084 million at the end of July 2016, compared to USD 11,035 million at the end of the previous month (USD 11,440 million at the end of July 2015). Banking had a 82.7 percent weight, whereas Development and Construction 14.2 percent.

The face value of the outstanding treasury bills portfolio denominated in the domestic currency and the value of the outstanding sovereign bonds portfolio denominated in foreign currencies (Eurobonds) amounted to LBP 65,765 billion and USD 26,427 million respectively at the end of July 2016.

The outstanding value of bank-issued certificates of deposits, Euro-CDs, and subordinated debt stood almost unchanged at USD 850 million at the end of July 2016. The outstanding value of the certificates of deposits issued by BDL in the domestic currency remained unchanged at LBP 37,370 billion while the value of those issued in foreign currencies rose to USD 11.6 billion.

IV- MONETARY DEVELOPMENTS

The stock of money and quasi money (M3) attained LBP 190,891 billion at the end of July 2016, of which 57.9 percent denominated in foreign currencies, thus increased by 2.4 percent from end December 2015 (2.7 percent increase in the first seven months of 2015).

Money Supply & Counterparts

	LBP billion	Jul-15	Jun-16	Jul-16
M3		182,137	190,520	190,891
Net foreign assets		49,800	47,357	48,136
Net claims on public sector		66,547	76,777	77,570
Valuation Adjustment		-6,337	-10,005	-10,199
Claims on private sector		73,102	77,844	78,021
Other items-net		-975	-1,453	-2,637
CAS CPI (Dec 2013=100)		96.89	96.27	96.42

Source: BDL, CAS.

The LBP 4,531 billion increase in M3 in the first seven months of 2016 resulted from an increase in each of net claims on public sector (+LBP 6,883 billion), claims on the private sector (+LBP 2,326 billion) and net foreign assets (+LBP 1,528 billion) against a decrease in valuation adjustment (-LBP 3,798 billion) and in net other items (-LBP 2,408 billion).

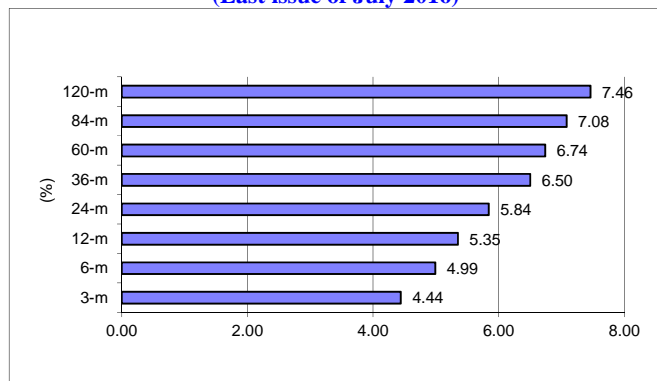
The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Beirut and Suburbs, published by the Consultation and Research Institute, decreased by 0.41 percent in July 2016 compared to the previous month but increased by 1.12 percent from December 2015.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Lebanon, published by the Central Administration of Statistics, increased by 0.16 percent in the month of July 2016 and by 0.52 percent from December 2015.

The interest rates on LBP monetary instruments were stable at the end of July 2016 on 45 and 60- day certificates of deposits issued by BDL reading 3.57 percent and 3.85 percent respectively. The yields on the issued Lebanese Treasury bills also remained steady and read at the end of the stated month: 4.44 percent for three-month bills, 4.99 percent for six-month bills, 5.35 percent for one-year bills, 5.84 percent for two-year bills, 6.50 percent for three-year bills, 6.74 percent for five-year bills, 7.08 percent for seven-year bills and 7.46 percent for ten-year bills.



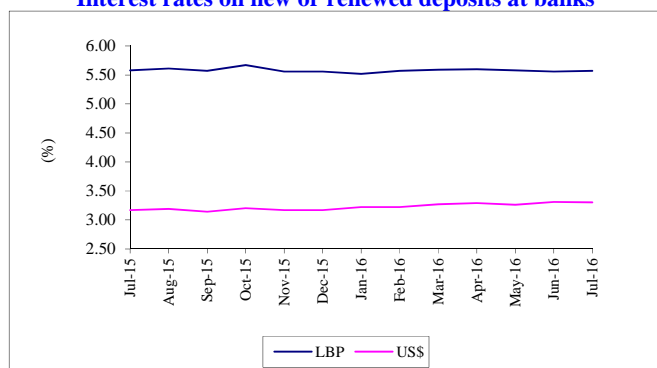
**Yield on Lebanese treasury bills denominated in LBP
(Last issue of July 2016)**



Source: BDL

In July 2016, the average interest rate on new or renewed LBP deposits at commercial banks was almost steady at 5.57 percent (5.56 percent a month ago) and the same applies for the average interest rate on new or renewed USD deposits maintained at 3.30 percent (3.31 percent in June 2016). The average 3-month USD LIBOR was 0.70 percent.

Interest rates on new or renewed deposits at banks



In July 2016, the average interest rate on new or renewed loans at commercial banks denominated in LBP stood almost unchanged at 8.32 percent (8.31 percent a month ago) while the average interest rate on new or renewed loans denominated in USD increased a little to 7.25 percent (7.20 percent in June 2016).

V- PUBLIC FINANCES

Government revenues, including budget revenues and treasury receipts attained LBP 1,195 billion in June 2016 to sum LBP 8,045 billion in the first six months of 2016 (LBP 7,546 billion in the first half 2015). The LBP 8,045 billion revenues comprised LBP 7,510 billion budget revenues and LBP 535 billion treasury receipts.

Government expenditures, consisting of budget and treasury spending, amounted to LBP 1,592 billion in June 2016 to total LBP 10,964 billion in the first six months of 2016 (LBP 10,237 billion in the first half 2015). The LBP 10,964 billion expenditures included LBP 3,666 billion debt service and LBP 7,298 billion other general expenditures o/w LBP 504 billion to EDL and LBP 1,332 billion related to budget expenditures for previous years.

Fiscal Situation

	LBP billion	Jun-15	May-16	Jun-16
Government revenues		1,464	1,838	1,195
Tax revenues		1,146	1,497	675
Non-tax revenues		267	285	382
Treasury receipts		50	56	138
Government expenditures		1,561	1,898	1,592
Debt service		534	879	553
Others		1,027	1,019	1,039
Overall balance		-97	-60	-397
Primary balance		436	818	156

Source: Ministry of Finance.

Total Deficit increased as such to LBP 2,919 billion in the first six months of 2016 from LBP 2,690 billion in the first six months of 2015, while the primary balance surplus increased to LBP 747 billion compared to LBP 716 billion respectively.

Gross public debt amounted to LBP 110,622 billion (the equivalent of USD 73.4 billion) at the end of July 2016, thus increasing by 4.3 percent when compared to end December 2015 (3.9 percent growth in the first seven months of 2015).

Net public debt, which subtracts public sector deposits at commercial banks and the central bank from gross public debt, amounted to LBP 95,793 billion at the end of July 2016, thus rising by 3.2 percent from end December 2015 (4.0 percent growth in the first seven months of 2015).



Public Debt

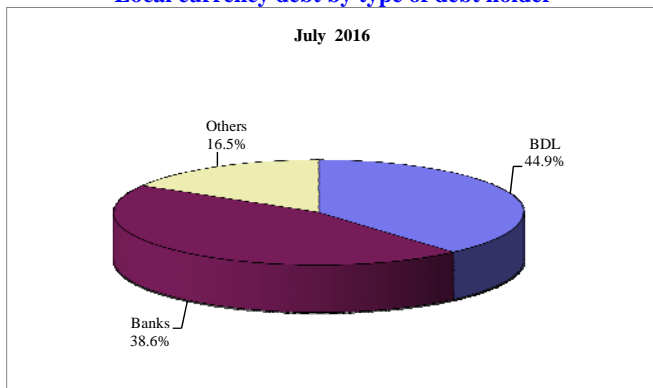
LBP billion	Jul-15	Jun-16	Jul-16
Public Debt (Gross)	104,316	109,884	110,622
Debt in LBP	64,160	66,276	66,894
Debt in FC	40,156	43,608	43,728
Public Debt (Net)	89,807	95,176	95,793
Public sector deposits	14,509	14,708	14,829
Commercial Banks	4,723	5,323	4,872
BDL	9,786	9,385	9,957

Source: BDL.

The shares of the local currency debt and foreign currency debt of the total gross were around 60.5 percent and 39.5 percent respectively at the end of July 2016. The distribution of local currency debt by type of holder was as follows: 38.6 percent for banks (40.4 percent end of June 2016), 44.9 percent for the Central bank (43.1 percent in the previous month) and 16.5 percent for the non-banking sector (16.5 percent one month earlier). The breakdown of the foreign currency debt was as such: Eurobonds (92.6 percent), Multilateral (3.6 percent), Bilateral (3.4 percent), Paris II loans (0.2 percent) and others (0.2 percent).

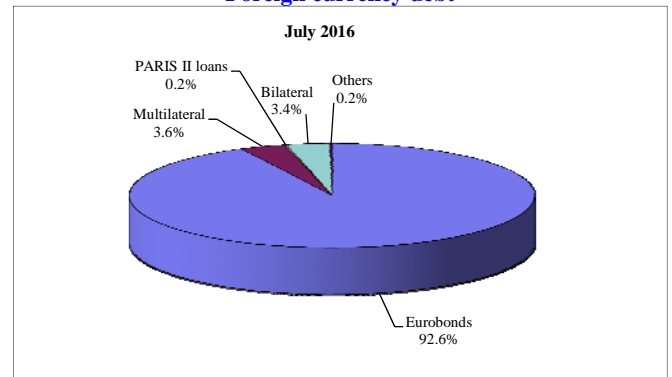
The average maturity of the Government debt securities denominated in the domestic currency was estimated at 1,286 days (3.52 years) as at end July 2016 with a weighted interest of 6.96 percent, while the average maturity of the Government debt instruments denominated in foreign currencies was around 6.44 years with a weighted interest of 6.41 percent.

Local currency debt by type of debt holder



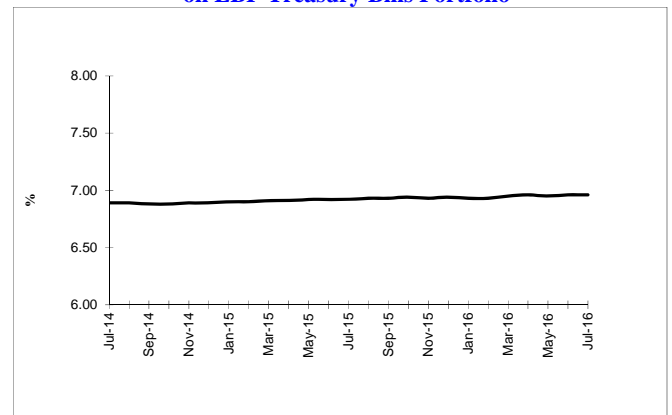
Source: BDL.

Foreign currency debt

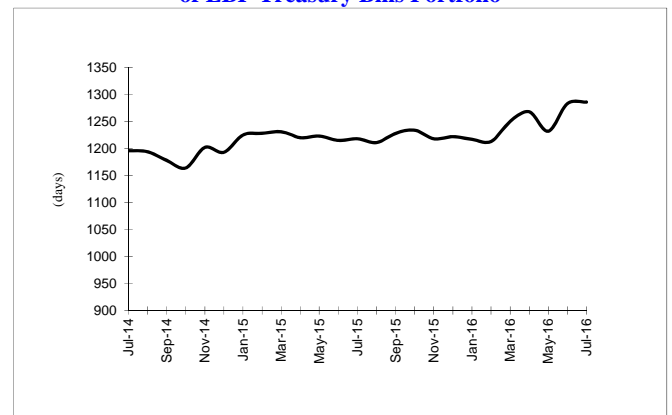


Source: BDL.

Weighted Average Interest Rate on LBP Treasury Bills Portfolio



Weighted Average Life of LBP Treasury Bills Portfolio



GENERAL INDICATORS OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

	2015	Jan - Jul 2015	Jan - Jul 2016	Jul-15	Jun-16	Jul-16
Imports of Industrial Equipment (000's US\$)	243,446	154,170	n.a.	20,115	20,028	n.a.
Building Permits (000's m2)	12,339	6,924	7,037	964	1,084	673
Cement Delivery (000s' tons)	5,043	2,682	2,879	409	419	398
Checks Cleared in LBP (billion LBP)	28,211	16,000	16,899	2,237	2,377	2,246
Checks Cleared in FC (million US\$)	50,845	29,596	27,837	3,979	4,076	3,748
Shipped Goods (tons)-Beirut Port	1,082,466	567,797	546,249	97,365	80,653	68,863
Unloaded Goods (tons)-Beirut Port	7,134,250	4,046,567	4,623,558	592,743	694,750	669,168
Passengers Arrivals (000's)-BIA	3,517	2,000	2,157	452	331	496
Passengers Departures (000's)-BIA	3,688	1,894	2,001	336	241	396
Total exports of goods (million USD)	2,952	1,771	1,634	218	280	247
Total imports of goods (million USD)	18,069	10,309	10,842	1,527	1,533	1,447
Balance of Trade (million USD)	-15,117	-8,538	-9,208	-1,309	-1,253	-1,200
Changes of Net Foreign Assets in the banking system (million USD)	-3,354	-1,317	-1,422	2	-13	352
Gross Foreign Currency Reserves (End of period-million USD)	30,638	-	-	33,652	33,197	32,704
Consumer Price Index (End of period)	95.92	-	-	96.89	96.27	96.42

Sources: BDL , Lebanese Customs, Central Administration of Statistics, Order of engineers, Beirut International Airport, Port of Beirut, Ministry of Industry.



TOTAL IMPORTS & EXPORTS BY PRODUCT
(Million US Dollars)

Goods	Imports			Exports		
		Jan - Jul	Jan - Jul		Jan - Jul	Jan - Jul
	2015	2015	2016	2015	2015	2016
1- Live animals, animal products	908	489	449	32	18	9
2- Vegetable products	910	555	515	184	90	91
3- Fats & edible fats & oils	164	101	98	34	19	23
4- Prepared foodstuffs	1,359	771	799	483	290	262
5- Mineral products	3,439	1,726	2,310	31	22	11
6- Products of the chemical	1,945	1,160	1,199	411	249	176
7- Plastics & articles thereof	758	441	431	129	73	75
8- Raw hides & skins, leather, furskins	81	46	42	16	9	8
9- Wood & articles of wood	238	130	129	13	8	8
10- Paper & paperboard & articles thereof	319	191	193	158	92	72
11- Textiles & textile articles	819	462	438	106	63	48
12- Footwear, headgear, prepared feathers	160	93	88	17	11	7
13- Articles of stone, plaster, cement	427	253	269	27	17	13
14- Pearls, precious or semi-precious stones	822	484	623	434	271	409
15- Base metals & articles of base metal	1,159	687	697	314	187	142
16- Machinery & mechanical appliances	1,993	1,220	1,087	414	257	198
17-Transport equipment	1,758	1,036	1,000	23	16	9
18- Optical instruments & apparatus	331	192	193	17	10	12
19- Arms & ammunition	24	11	9	0	0	0
20- Miscellaneous manufactured articles	430	243	262	104	64	57
21- Works of art	28	16	10	7	4	3
Total	18,069	10,309	10,842	2,952	1,771	1,634

Source: Lebanese Customs.

IMPORTS BY ORIGIN
(Million US Dollars)

	Jan - Jul	Share	Jan - Jul	Share
	2015	%	2016	%
CHINA	1,210	11.7	1,224	11.3
ITALY	779	7.6	829	7.6
USA	584	5.7	748	6.9
GERMANY	728	7.1	657	6.1
GREECE	434	4.2	544	5.0
NETHERLANDS	124	1.2	514	4.7
FRANCE	656	6.4	411	3.8
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	537	5.2	407	3.8
KUWAIT	13	0.1	401	3.7
TURKEY	383	3.7	374	3.4
OTHER COUNTRIES	4,861	47.2	4,733	43.7
TOTAL IMPORTS	10,309	100.0	10,842	100.0

Source: Lebanese Customs.

EXPORTS BY DESTINATION
(Million US Dollars)

	Jan - Jul	Share	Jan - Jul	Share
	2015	%	2016	%
SOUTH AFRICA	119	6.7	307	18.8
SAUDI ARABIA	227	12.8	165	10.1
UAE	183	10.3	141	8.6
SYRIA	119	6.7	100	6.1
IRAQ	132	7.5	95	5.8
JORDAN	63	3.6	57	3.5
QATAR	52	2.9	44	2.7
SWITZERLAND	45	2.5	41	2.5
KUWAIT	39	2.2	39	2.4
GERMANY	36	2.0	37	2.3
OTHER COUNTRIES	756	42.7	608	37.2
TOTAL EXPORTS	1,771	100.0	1,634	100.0

Source: Lebanese Customs.



THE CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET OF COMMERCIAL BANKS OPERATING IN LEBANON
(End of Period - Billion LBP)

	2015		2016		
	Jul	Dec	May	Jun	Jul
ASSETS					
Reserves	102,283	107,021	110,787	114,170	116,271
-Cash	698	693	769	726	779
-Deposits at the Central Bank	101,585	106,329	110,018	113,444	115,492
Claims on the Private Sector	70,163	72,427	73,969	74,550	74,727
-Claims denominated in Lebanese Pound	19,880	20,573	21,300	21,536	21,803
-Claims denominated in Foreign Currencies	50,283	51,854	52,669	53,014	52,924
Claims on the Public Sector	57,098	56,984	56,622	56,463	55,068
o/w -Treasury Bills in Lebanese Pound	31,039	30,243	28,913	26,500	25,597
-Treasury Bills in Foreign Currencies	25,925	26,600	27,555	29,822	29,324
Foreign Assets	33,922	35,870	34,788	33,547	33,491
-Claims on Non-Resident Private Sector	8,312	9,316	9,731	9,692	9,794
-Claims on Non-Resident Banks	16,247	17,422	15,698	14,462	14,295
-Other Foreign Assets	9,363	9,132	9,360	9,392	9,401
Fixed Assets	6,978	7,361	7,410	7,425	7,429
Unclassified Assets	772	716	782	806	838
TOTAL ASSETS	271,214	280,379	284,356	286,961	287,823
LIABILITIES					
Liabilities to the Private Sector	176,726	180,489	183,706	184,647	185,031
-Demand Deposits in Lebanese Pound	4,647	4,907	4,942	5,046	4,987
-Other Deposits in Lebanese Pound	67,273	68,678	70,057	70,211	70,398
-Deposits in Foreign Currencies	104,806	106,904	108,708	109,389	109,646
Liabilities to the Public Sector	4,723	5,074	5,605	5,323	4,872
Deposits of Non-Residents	46,973	48,026	48,279	48,497	48,730
-Denominated in Lebanese Pound	6,521	6,680	6,680	6,660	6,731
-Denominated in Foreign Currencies	40,453	41,346	41,598	41,838	41,999
Liabilities to Non-Resident Banks	9,519	9,864	9,293	9,357	9,207
Bonds	351	412	417	406	420
Capital Base	24,671	25,131	25,948	26,223	26,272
-Core Capital	22,904	23,300	24,119	24,394	24,448
-Supplementary Capital	1,766	1,831	1,829	1,830	1,824
Unclassified Liabilities	8,252	11,383	11,109	12,508	13,292
TOTAL LIABILITIES	271,214	280,379	284,356	286,961	287,823

Source: BDL.



MONEY SUPPLY AND COUNTERPARTS
(End of Period - Billion LBP)

	2015		2016		
	Jul	Dec	May	Jun	Jul
<u>Money Supply</u>					
Currency in circulation	3,693	4,014	4,034	4,150	4,165
+ Demand Deposits in LBP	4,752	5,029	5,022	5,149	5,070
= M1	8,445	9,042	9,056	9,299	9,236
+ Other Deposits in LBP	68,041	69,578	70,814	70,973	71,136
= M2	76,486	78,620	79,871	80,272	80,371
+ Deposits in Foreign Currencies	105,383	107,475	109,278	109,981	110,257
+ Bonds	268	265	275	267	263
= M3	182,137	186,360	189,424	190,520	190,891
+ Treasury Bills Held by the Public	10,743	11,009	10,864	10,967	11,040
= M4	192,880	197,369	200,288	201,487	201,931
<u>Counterparts of the Money Supply</u>					
Net Foreign Assets	49,800	46,608	45,918	47,357	48,136
o/w Gold	15,048	14,846	16,838	18,314	18,508
Net Claims on the Public Sector	66,547	70,688	73,801	76,777	77,570
Valuation Adjustment	-6,337	-6,401	-8,527	-10,005	-10,199
Claims on the Private Sector	73,102	75,695	77,212	77,844	78,021
Claims in LBP	20,992	21,733	22,435	22,729	22,994
Claims in FC	52,110	53,961	54,777	55,115	55,027
Other Items (Net)	-975	-229	1,019	-1,453	-2,637
TOTAL	182,137	186,360	189,424	190,520	190,891

Source: BDL.



OUTSTANDING PUBLIC DEBT BY TYPE OF HOLDER
(End of Period - Billion LBP)
(Actual Value*)

Year And Month	Total Debt	Local Currency Debt				Foreign Currency Debt					
		Central		Others ⁽¹⁾	Total	IDI**	FG+	Paris II		Total	
		Bank	Banks					loans	Others ⁽²⁾		
2014	Dec	100,356	19,855	31,468	10,429	61,752	1,619	1,839	128	35,018	38,604
2015	Jul	104,316	22,624	30,793	10,743	64,160	1,488	1,662	99	36,907	40,156
	Aug	103,858	22,899	30,694	10,820	64,413	1,489	1,688	85	36,183	39,445
	Sep	103,608	22,896	30,459	10,783	64,138	1,482	1,684	84	36,220	39,470
	Oct	104,086	23,363	30,497	10,860	64,720	1,465	1,640	83	36,178	39,366
	Nov	106,181	23,898	30,455	10,946	65,299	1,491	1,538	80	37,773	40,882
	Dec	106,015	24,308	29,878	11,009	65,195	1,513	1,571	83	37,653	40,820
2016	Jan	106,481	25,380	29,139	11,029	65,548	1,509	1,570	83	37,771	40,933
	Feb	107,363	25,763	29,455	11,106	66,324	1,517	1,578	66	37,878	41,039
	Mar	107,107	26,215	29,036	10,761	66,012	1,527	1,608	69	37,891	41,095
	Apr	108,059	26,752	28,883	10,718	66,353	1,606	1,593	68	38,439	41,706
	May	107,776	24,432	28,745	10,864	64,041	1,601	1,513	67	40,554	43,735
	Jun	109,884	28,560	26,749	10,967	66,276	1,597	1,511	67	40,433	43,608
	Jul	110,622	30,023	25,831	11,040	66,894	1,584	1,505	67	40,572	43,728

Source :BDL.

* The figures are equal to the principal paid plus the interests due.

** IDI : International Development Institutions.

+ FG : Foreign Governments.

(1) Include: public TB's, public entities TB's and financial institutions TB's.

(2) Include: Eurobonds holders (banks, non banks, residents and non residents), foreign private sector loans and special TB's in FC (expropriation bonds).

TREASURY BILLS PORTFOLIO IN LBP
(Face value, Billion LBP)

Year And Month	In Circulation End of period	Issue	Reimbursement	Weighted	Weighted	
				Average Life (days)	Average Interest (%)	
2014	Dec	60,644	1,339	1,232	1,193	6.89
2015	Jul	62,968	1,422	1,254	1,218	6.92
	Aug	63,117	1,060	911	1,211	6.93
	Sep	63,021	1,661	1,757	1,228	6.93
	Oct	63,654	1,789	1,156	1,234	6.94
	Nov	64,165	1,032	521	1,218	6.93
	Dec	64,112	905	958	1,222	6.94
2016	Jan	64,368	1,689	1,433	1,217	6.93
	Feb	65,071	1,229	526	1,213	6.93
	Mar	64,940	2,004	2,135	1,250	6.95
	Apr	65,262	1,464	1,142	1,268	6.96
	May	62,930	2,172	4,504	1,232	6.95
	Jun	65,280	3,403	1,053	1,283	6.96
	Jul	65,765	1,748	1,263	1,286	6.96

Source:BDL.



AVERAGE INTEREST RATES

Year And Month	Average Lending **		Average Deposit		Inter Bank Rate *	3m Libor \$	Interest rates on TBs (last issue)										
	Rate on Funds in		Rate on Funds in				3-m	6-m	12-m	24-m	36-m	60-m	84-m	96-m	120-m	144-m	180-m
	LBP	US\$	LBP	US\$													
2014	Dec	7.49	6.97	5.56	3.07	2.75	0.24	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63				
2015	Jul	6.90	7.09	5.58	3.17	3.05	0.29	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63				7.33
	Aug	6.89	7.12	5.61	3.19	2.89	0.32	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96			
	Sep	7.08	7.19	5.57	3.14	3.05	0.33	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63				7.33
	Oct	7.13	7.05	5.67	3.20	3.03	0.32	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96			7.33
	Nov	6.93	7.15	5.56	3.17	3.03	0.37	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96			
	Dec	7.45	7.06	5.56	3.17	3.03	0.54	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63				7.33
2016	Jan	8.28	7.34	5.52	3.22	3.00	0.62	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96			
	Feb	8.18	7.31	5.57	3.22	3.05	0.62	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63				7.33
	Mar	8.62	7.36	5.59	3.27	3.06	0.63	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96			7.75
	Apr	8.40	7.17	5.60	3.29	3.07	0.63	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96			7.33
	May	8.53	7.29	5.58	3.26	3.01	0.65	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96			7.33
	Jun	8.31	7.20	5.56	3.31	3.80	0.65	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96			7.33
	Jul	8.32	7.25	5.57	3.30	3.04	0.70	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96			7.33

Sources: BDL, Société Financière du Liban s.a.l.

* On Funds in LBP, weighted by daily volume.

** Starting January 2016, lending rates are calculated according to intermediary circular No 389.

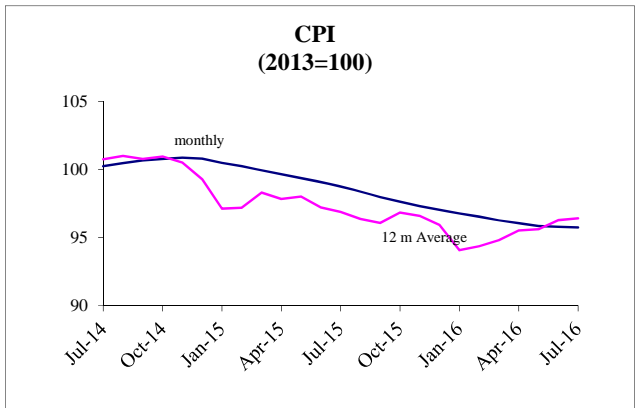
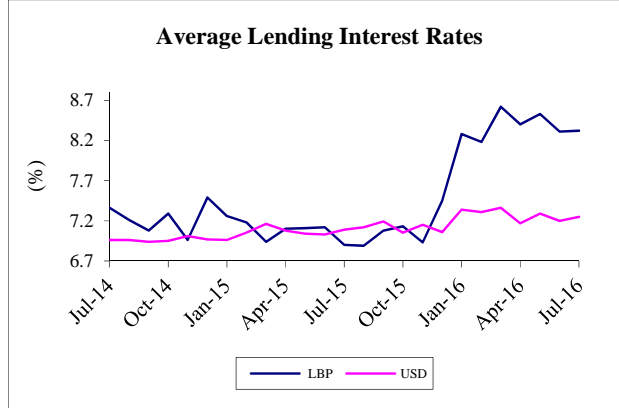
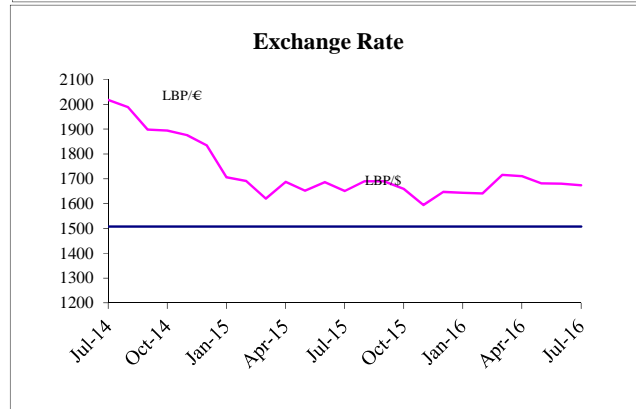
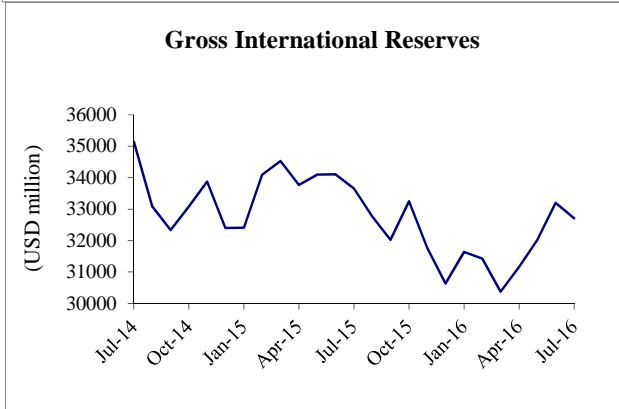
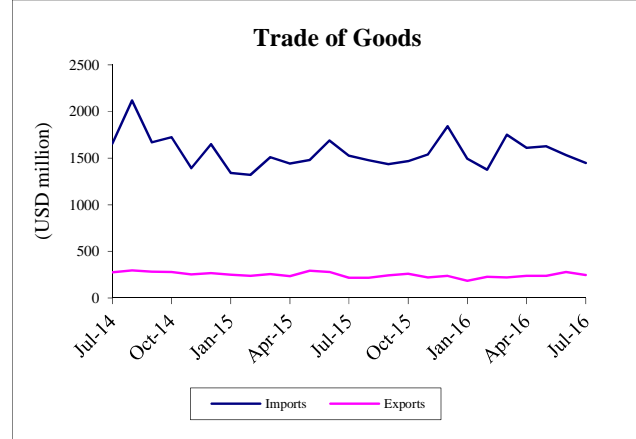
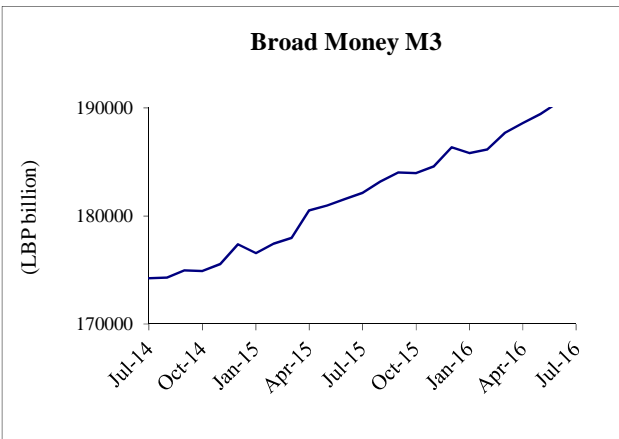
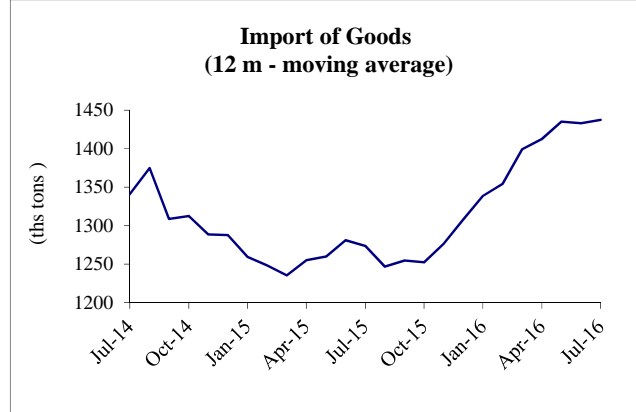
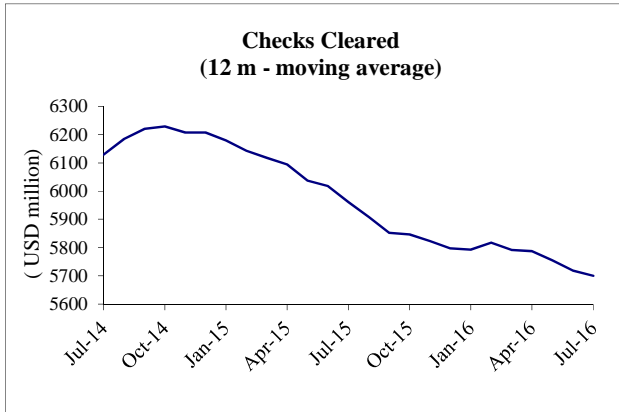
END OF PERIOD EXCHANGE RATES
(LBP per other currencies)

Year and Month	US Dollar	Swiss Franc	British Pound	Japanese Yen	Euro	
2014	Dec	1,507.50	1,524.27	2,341.75	12.62	1,833.87
2015	Jul	1,507.50	1,565.58	2,348.08	12.14	1,650.86
	Aug	1,507.50	1,562.99	2,324.11	12.43	1,690.06
	Sep	1,507.50	1,548.70	2,291.25	12.54	1,690.51
	Oct	1,507.50	1,527.05	2,312.66	12.51	1,659.31
	Nov	1,507.50	1,462.31	2,261.85	12.25	1,594.18
	Dec	1,507.50	1,520.88	2,232.46	12.51	1,646.64
2016	Jan	1,507.50	1,478.67	2,162.36	12.47	1,643.48
	Feb	1,507.50	1,504.64	2,088.49	13.34	1,640.91
	Mar	1,507.50	1,566.56	2,171.40	13.42	1,715.23
	Apr	1,507.50	1,558.95	2,194.02	13.95	1,710.41
	May	1,507.50	1,522.57	2,202.91	13.57	1,681.31
	Jun	1,507.50	1,544.89	2,033.47	14.66	1,680.11
	Jul	1,507.50	1,542.20	1,983.87	14.53	1,673.48

Source: BDL.



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