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## The Role of Oil Exports in the Imbalance of Iraq's Foreign Trade Structure (2003-2025) An Analytical Study

دور الصادرات النفطية في اختلال هيكل تجارة العراق الخارجية

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### Abstract

Iraq's reliance on the rentier sector makes it vulnerable to economic fluctuations due to the neglect of other important economic sectors by successive governments, which have relied on a single sector to finance their needs in recent years. This has led researchers to focus on oil exports and analyze them to determine the contribution of other oil sectors to the GDP. The researchers found the research problem to be the large and increasing dependence on the oil sector as a result of increased investment in it through four licensing rounds, while neglecting investment in other economic sectors. The research aims to determine the contribution of the oil sector to the GDP and the degree of export concentration, as well as the percentage of export diversification, using the Herfindel-Hirschmann equation. The research hypothesis suggests that oil exports play a major role in the imbalance in the structure of foreign trade. The researchers reached the most important conclusion that the degree of export diversification is close to one, an indicator that indicates very little diversification, which foreshadows the country's exposure to external shocks. Regarding recommendations, both researchers recommended the necessity of announcing licensing rounds in other sectors, similar to the previous and upcoming oil licensing rounds.

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