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### Jordan, Iraq sign minutes of meeting for the Joint Jordanian-Iraqi Technical Committee

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan and Iraq on Monday signed on minutes of meeting for the Joint Jordanian-Iraqi Technical Committee which convened on Sunday. The transcript, signed by Industry and Trade Secretary General Muntasir Oqlah and Iraq's Central Bank Deputy Governor Ahmad Salam included final draft agreements for establishing a joint free trade zone, land transportation for passengers and goods, animal health cooperation and customs cooperation. The agreements are expected to be signed during the upcoming visit of Prime Minister Nader Dahabi to Iraq. The two side highlighted the importance of enforcing facilitating the entry of Iraqi businesspeople to Jordan, in addition to discussing the Iraqi government procedures to remove Iraqi Airways aircrafts from Queen Alia International Airport which have been grounded for years, within three months and paying all fees.

### Hadidi highlights Jordan's competition law

AMMAN (JT) — Industry and Trade Minister Amer Hadidi on Monday said that the government has implemented a number of policies and plans to enhance the competitiveness of the economic sectors in the country and create a healthy economic environment which attracts national and foreign investments. During a workshop, titled, "National Strategy Towards a Modern Competition Law for Jordan" at Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Business Forum, Hadidi noted that the Jordan's competition law is in conformity with the international competition legislations adding that the ministry has carried out several procedures to enhance and protect competition in the Kingdom one of which is the launch of the competition directorate. Since its establishment, the directorate's staff dealt with 194 cases and economic applications which included complaints, consultancies and economic research and studies. However, Mustafa Naserddin, Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organisation senior executive director, pointed that the lack of effective competition laws endangers the interests of the vulnerable entities and mainly the national industries in Jordan.

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