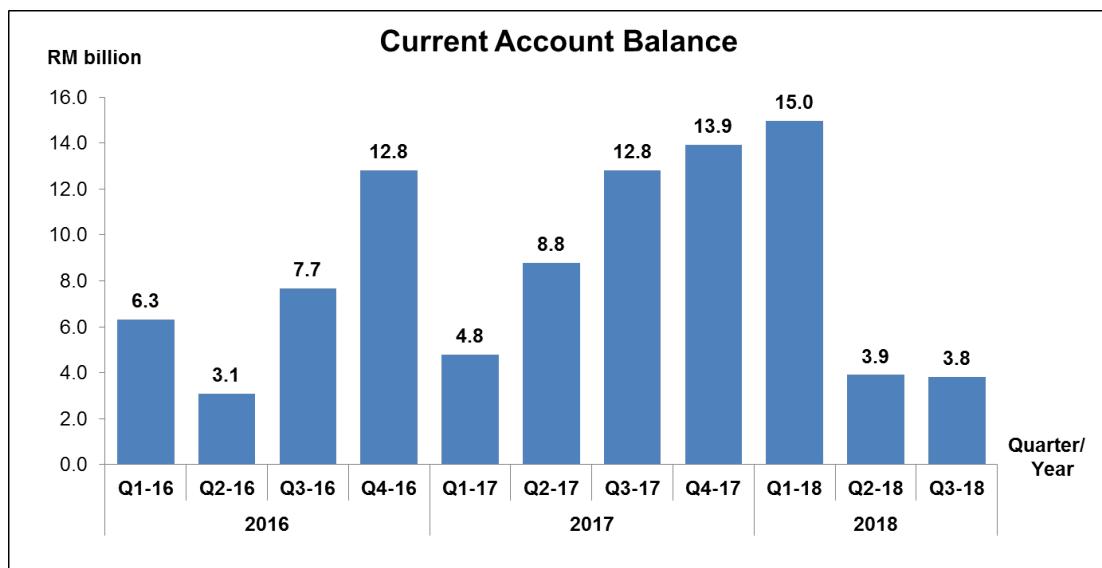




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QUARTERLY BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, THIRD QUARTER 2018

Malaysia's current account surplus recorded RM3.8 billion as compared to RM3.9 billion in the previous quarter. The slightly lower surplus was largely attributable to the widening deficit in net primary income due to higher retained earnings by the foreign investors.



The financial account recorded a lower net inflow of RM0.2 billion from RM9.2 billion in second quarter 2018. Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) increased to RM3.9 billion from RM2.8 billion in the previous quarter. The FDI were mainly from United States of America, United Kingdom and Japan. Meanwhile, Malaysia's Direct Investment Abroad (DIA) also improved to RM3.9 billion from RM3.6 billion in the second quarter with the main destinations to Singapore, Luxembourg and United Kingdom.

Portfolio investment registered a turnaround of net inflow of RM0.6 billion from net outflow of RM38.3 billion in the previous quarter. The portfolio investment assets showed a reversal to net inflow of RM4.3 billion, while liabilities registered a lower net outflow of RM3.6 billion. Likewise, other investment also recorded a turnaround of net outflow RM0.8 billion from a net inflow of RM48.4 billion in last quarter.

The international reserves of Bank Negara Malaysia stood at RM426.9 billion compared to RM423.3 billion in the previous quarter.



BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

Malaysia's Current Account Balance recorded a surplus of
RM3.8 billion in Q3 2018

CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE

Q2 18 Surplus
RM3.9b

Q3 18 Surplus
RM3.8b

Due to higher deficit in Primary Income

Goods	Surplus Q3 18 RM26.6b	Services	Deficit Q3 18 RM3.3b
Primary Income	Surplus Q2 18 RM26.1b	Secondary Income	Deficit Q2 18 RM6.2b

Primary Income	Deficit Q3 18 RM15.0b	Secondary Income	Deficit Q3 18 RM4.5b
	Deficit Q2 18 RM11.2b		Deficit Q2 18 RM4.7b

FINANCIAL ACCOUNT

Q2 18
Net inflow
RM9.2b

Q3 18
Net inflow
RM0.2b

Due to turnaround in Other Investment

Direct Investment	Net inflow Q3 18 RM0.1b	Financial Derivatives	Net inflow Q3 18 RM0.3b
Portfolio Investment	Net inflow Q3 18 RM0.6b	Other Investment	Net outflow Q3 18 RM0.8b

Portfolio Investment	Net inflow Q3 18 RM0.6b	Other Investment	Net outflow Q3 18 RM0.8b
	Net outflow Q2 18 RM38.3b		Net inflow Q2 18 RM48.4b

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Malaysia

Net inflow
Q3 18 RM3.9b

Q2 18 RM2.8b

FDI & DIA Performance

Malaysia's Direct Investment Abroad (DIA)

Net outflow
Q3 18 RM3.9b

Q2 18 RM3.6b

Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia

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