

This Week's Developments

February 7- 13, 2021

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U.S. remains Iran's 'Enemy' amid nuclear stand off

Newsweek, February 8, 2021



EVENT

Iran's armed forces are maintaining a belligerent tone towards the U.S. despite the change in administration and Tehran's efforts to revive the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) nuclear deal. The Iranian regime, led by moderate President Hassan Rouhani, is calling on President Joe Biden to lift American sanctions on Iran—imposed by former President Donald Trump after withdrawal from the JCPOA in 2018—and revive the landmark nuclear deal signed in 2015. So far, the Biden administration has refused, calling on Iran to first scale back its nuclear program to meet JCPOA limits. Rouhani and his government are also facing pressure from inside the country, with sceptical conservatives—influential military figures among them—keen to undermine the deal. The influential and hard-line Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps has maintained a steady drumbeat of threats throughout Biden's first month in office. On Monday, the commander of the body's aerospace and missile forces said that America remains an enemy regardless of the change in leadership.

COMMENT

There is stalemate at the moment between Iran and the US. President Joe Biden says he will not lift economic sanctions against Iran until it complies with the terms agreed under a 2015 nuclear deal. But Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, said Tehran would only return to compliance if the US first lifted all economic sanctions. Neither side wants to give ground. There are some who believe that Iran doesn't want to return to the deal as it is able to sell oil through the "back door" into different nations and it can continue to develop nuclear knowhow without the same level of scrutiny. The Bible says Iran will be a powerful army that attacks Israel with Russia...

BIBLE QUOTE

And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords: Persia [Iran], Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet: *(Ezekiel 38:4-5)*

Iran strike may be inevitable, Israeli think tank says

Israel Radar, February 7, 2021



EVENT An Israeli strike to neutralize Iran's nuclear project may be unavoidable, the Jerusalem Institute for Strategy and Security (JISS) says. The IDF could launch an attack sooner rather than later, JISS President Efraim Inbar wrote. The likelihood of a new nuclear agreement that will address Israel's core concerns is slim, the analysis says. This brings an Israeli strike on Iran's nuclear sites closer, Inbar warned. An Iranian bomb poses grave danger not only because of Tehran's hostility, but also because this will surely trigger a nuclear arms race in the Middle East, JISS says. This would be a "strategic nightmare" for Israel, as ensuring nuclear deterrence against several countries would be extremely difficult. While the price of a military strike on Iran may be high, an Israeli failure to stop Iran's nuclear ambitions will be much higher, Inbar wrote. The time may have come for the IDF to take action to destroy the Iranian nuclear program, before it's too late, he said.

COMMENT As the stalemate between Iran and the US continues, Israel is making plans to attack Iran. There are reports that Israel may consider doing this before the elections that take place on the 23rd March. Israel has been making its planning very public in this regard and has warned that Iran could just be weeks away from making a nuclear bomb. The Bible doesn't say if Israel does attack Iran – but it does talk about Iran using missiles. It does talk about Iran backing the initial inner ring war around Israel. It does talk about Iran being stirred up and besieging the Persian Gulf area. Whether a strike by Israel causes this we don't know – but we do know that Iran will soon act....

BIBLE QUOTE Behold, I will stir up the Medes [Iranians] against them, which shall not regard silver; and as for gold, they shall not delight in it. Their bows [missiles] also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children.

(Isaiah 13:17-18)

Growing risk of attacks as world order crumbles

The Times, February 9, 2021



EVENT

Ben Wallace has warned of a growing threat of chemical and biological attacks, blaming a “breakdown of world order” as states ignore long-established international rules. The defence secretary said there was concern that some regimes believed it was acceptable to use nerve agents and pathogens against their opponents after attacks in Britain and Syria. In an exclusive interview he said that the internet provided a “turbo boost” for terrorist groups or nation states seeking to research and develop such weapons. Wallace said: “Globally, I think there is a growing threat of chemical or biological [attack]. It depends on what is at hand for people using the internet. It is unfortunately what happens in a sort of breakdown of world order where you see countries like Syria use it on its own people.” He said that the greatest threat was the knowledge obtained by states being passed on to proxies or terrorist groups. But he added that it was Russia “that used a chemical nerve agent, not far from where you’re sitting”.

COMMENT

We haven’t seen chemical or biological terror attacks – but according to the UK defence minister this is a growing threat. He said that “Malign states were passing on nerve agents to proxies or terror groups.” Traditional terror attacks are alarming and terrifying enough but to think of groups using chemical or biological substances in an attack is even worse. It is interesting that he also talks about the “breakdown of world order” and states ignoring “long established international rules.” We are told in Daniel 12 that the world is going to enter a “time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation.” In fact Jesus says if this time wasn’t cut short “no flesh” (man, beast or bird) would survive. Fortunately God will not let this happen and Jesus will intervene and return to this earth

BIBLE QUOTE

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

(Daniel 12:1)

Russia warns EU it could cut ties over sanctions

BBC, February 12, 2021



EVENT

Russia is ready to sever ties with the EU if the bloc imposes new, economically painful sanctions, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov says. The EU has raised the prospect of further sanctions amid a row over the treatment of the jailed Russian opposition leader, Alexei Navalny. When an interviewer asked if Russia was heading for a "break" with the EU, Mr Lavrov said "we're ready for that". "If you want peace, prepare for war," he said. He said a break in ties could be triggered by EU sanctions that "create risks for our economy, including in the most sensitive areas". "We don't want to isolate ourselves from world affairs, but we have to be prepared for that." He was speaking on the Russian YouTube channel Solovyov Live. In the past week Russia and the EU have expelled three of each other's diplomats in a tit-for-tat dispute centering on the Navalny case. Russia went first, a week ago, saying three EU diplomats had attended an illegal pro-Navalny protest - an allegation rejected by the EU. The Russian announcement came during a visit by EU foreign affairs chief Joseph Borrell.

COMMENT

Russia is increasingly isolated from the West and is therefore looking East. On Monday Russia announced plans to hold joint naval drills with Iran and China in the Indian Ocean, according to Reuters, which cites comments made by Moscow's ambassador to Tehran. Russian Ambassador Levan Dzhagaryan said, "The next multilateral naval exercises will take place in the northern part of the Indian Ocean in mid-February 2021." Russia, China, and Iran last held naval drills in the region in a December 2019 exercise. Russia is preparing for war – which is exactly what Russian Foreign Minister said this week "If you want peace, prepare for war." He is quoting from Ezekiel 38 without knowing it. God says that Russia WILL prepare for war...

BIBLE QUOTE

Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them. After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, (Ezekiel 38:7-8)

Israeli commander: Hamas has amassed vast arsenal

Associated Press, February 11, 2021



EVENT

The Hamas terror group ruling Gaza has replenished its arsenal since a 2014 war with Israel and now has a vast collection of rockets, guided missiles and drones, a senior Israeli military commander said Thursday. According to Israeli military estimates, Hamas has some 7,000 rockets, as well as 300 anti-tank and 100 anti-aircraft missiles, the commander said. It also has acquired dozens of unmanned aerial vehicles and has an army of some 30,000 militants, including 400 naval commandos who have received sophisticated training and equipment to carry out seaborne operations, the commander added. He spoke on condition of anonymity under military guidelines. The smaller Islamic Jihad terror group, which often acts independently of Hamas, boasts a similar arsenal, the commander said. That includes 6,000 rockets, dozens of drones and anti-tank and anti-aircraft missiles, and some 400 naval forces.

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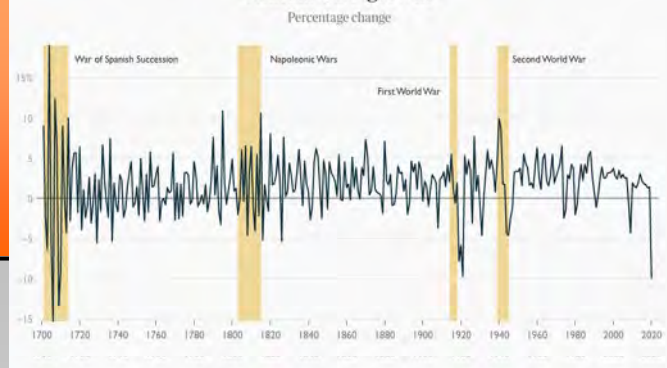
The Palestinians in the Gaza Strip are the equivalent to the Philistines living at the time of ancient Israel in the area of Philistia. Philistia corresponds geographically with the Gaza Strip. The Philistines were a permanent thorn in the side to ancient Israel. The Palestinians are the same for modern Israel. Philistines and Palestinians want the destruction of Israel. Psalm 83 mentions the Philistines but this Psalm has a latter day fulfilment. The previous Psalm concludes with God judging the earth and inheriting the kingdoms. Psalm 83 concludes with mankind knowing God and His name. It also talks about the total destruction of Israel's nearby neighbours. They are made like stubble, set on fire. For once and for all these pricking briars are removed. All this will come to pass before Russia descends. There is no mention of Philistines in Ezekiel 38.

BIBLE QUOTE

Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee: The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, .; Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines[Palestinians] with the inhabitants of Tyre; *(Psalm 83:4-8)*

Deepest recession for 300 years enters history books

The Times, February 13, 2021



EVENT

Until yesterday, there had been only 15 years since 1700 in which the economy had shrunk by more than 4.5 per cent. The financial crisis was not one of them. In 2009, at the height of what some call the Great Recession, GDP fell by 4.1 per cent. Now the Office for National Statistics has said **the decline in 2020 was more than twice that. At 9.9 per cent**, the economic contraction caused by the Covid-19 pandemic was **the deepest since the Great Frost of 1709**. Queen Anne was on the English throne and the country was mired in the War of the Spanish Succession, in which England formed an alliance with the Dutch Republic and the Holy Roman Empire against Louis XIV of France. National resources had been diverted to the war effort when an unusually late and protracted frost caused a harvest to fail.

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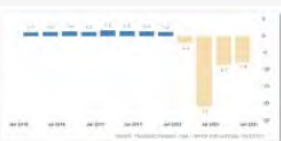
In the history of Britain there have been **4 previous times** when the economy shrunk more than 4.5%. The **Second World War (1945)** saw the UK economy shrink 4.57%. **The First World War** saw it shrink by 9.71%. During the **Napoleonic Wars in 1816** the economy shrunk by 5.19%. The **war of Spanish Succession in 1706** saw the economy collapse by 15.32%. All of these declines were at the time of war. The decline **in 1921 was not just the first world war but also coincided with the Spanish Flu Epidemic**. 2020 has seen collapse by 9.9% due to epidemic. But so far there is no war connected to this one. But **war is coming. World War 3 – Armageddon** is surely close at hand. The collapse of the economy so far is **nothing compared to what is coming...**

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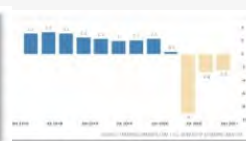
See, the Lord is going to lay waste the earth and devastate it; he will ruin its face and scatter its inhabitants—it will be the same or priest as for people, for the master as for his servant, for the mistress as for her servant, for **seller as for buyer**, for **borrower as for lender**, for **debtor as for creditor**. The earth will be completely laid waste and totally plundered. *(Isaiah 24:1-3 NIV)*

Annual GDP growth

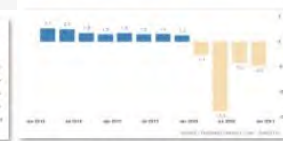
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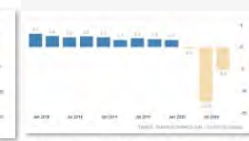
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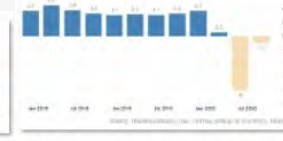
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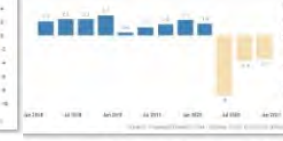
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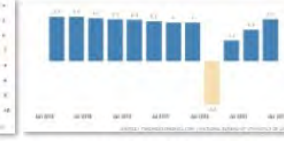
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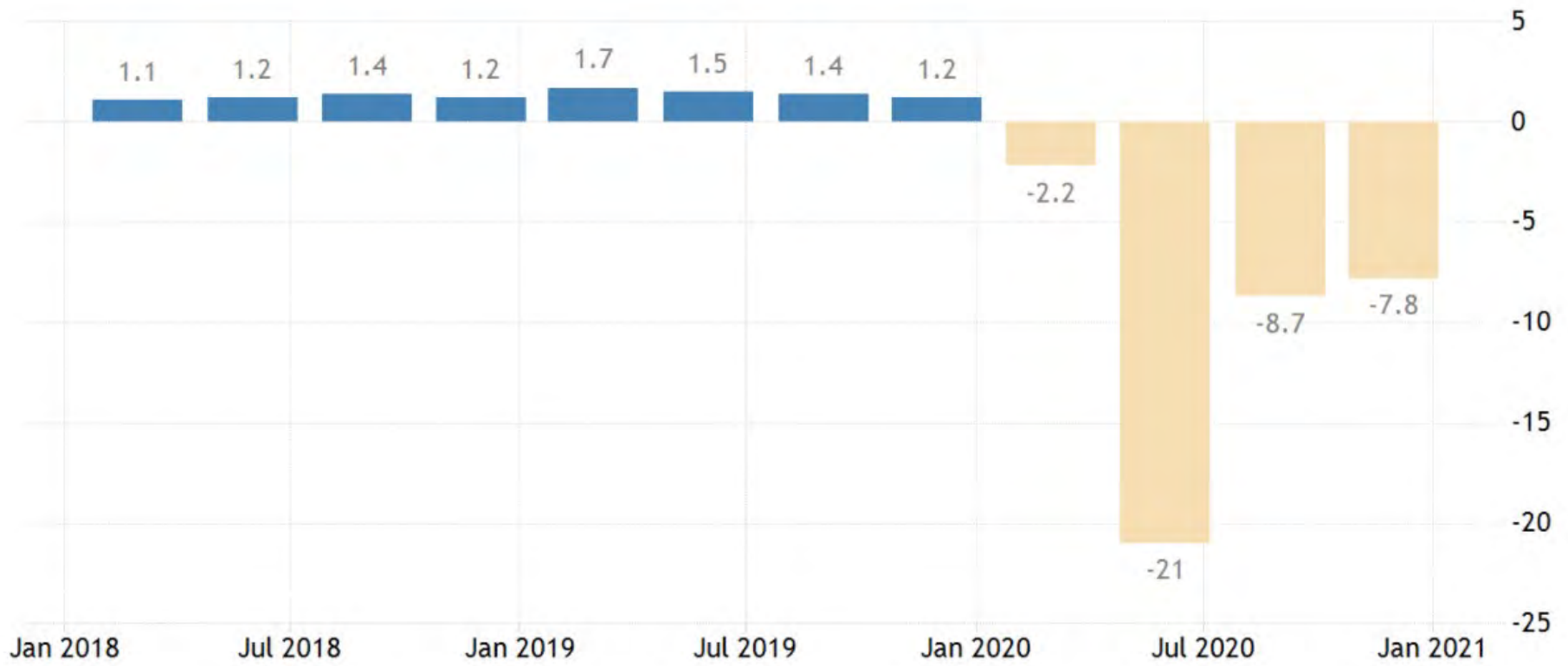
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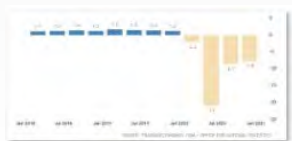
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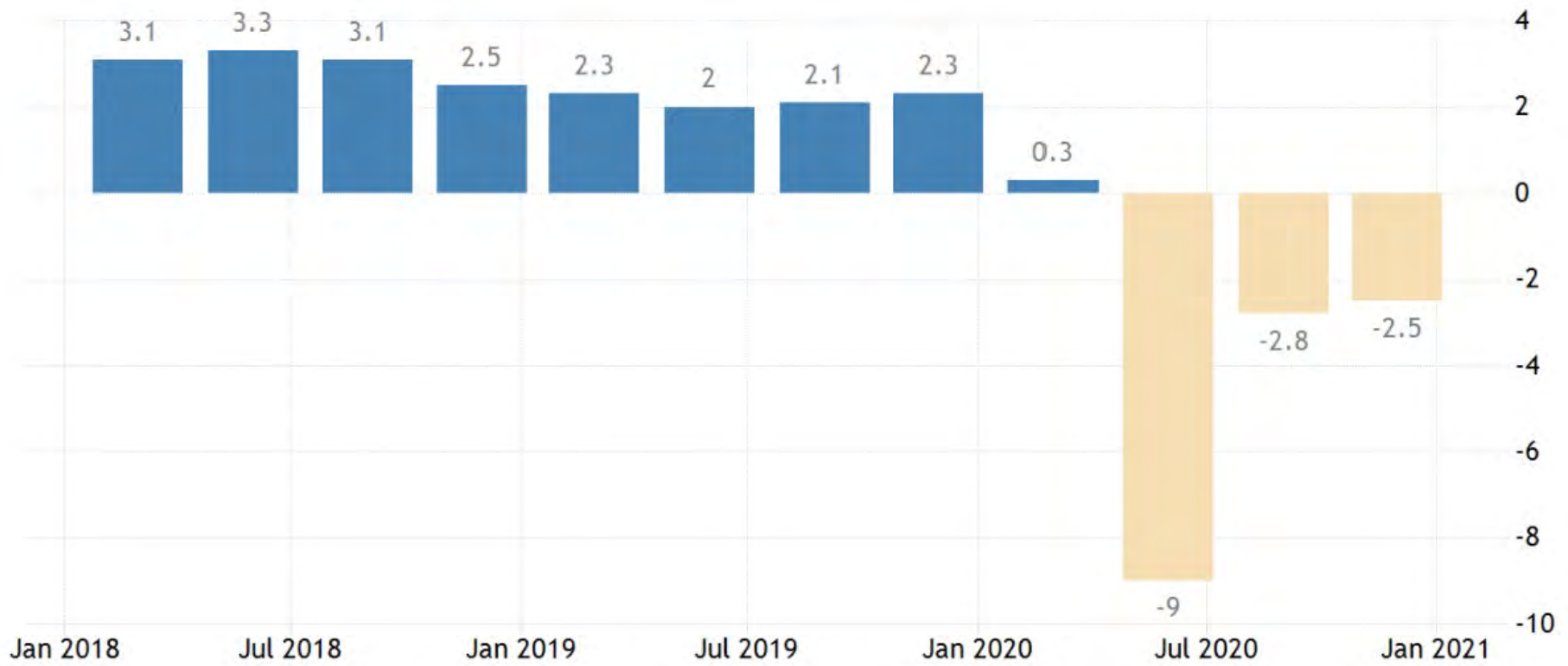
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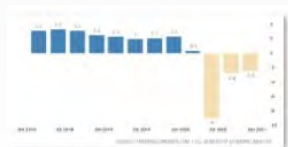
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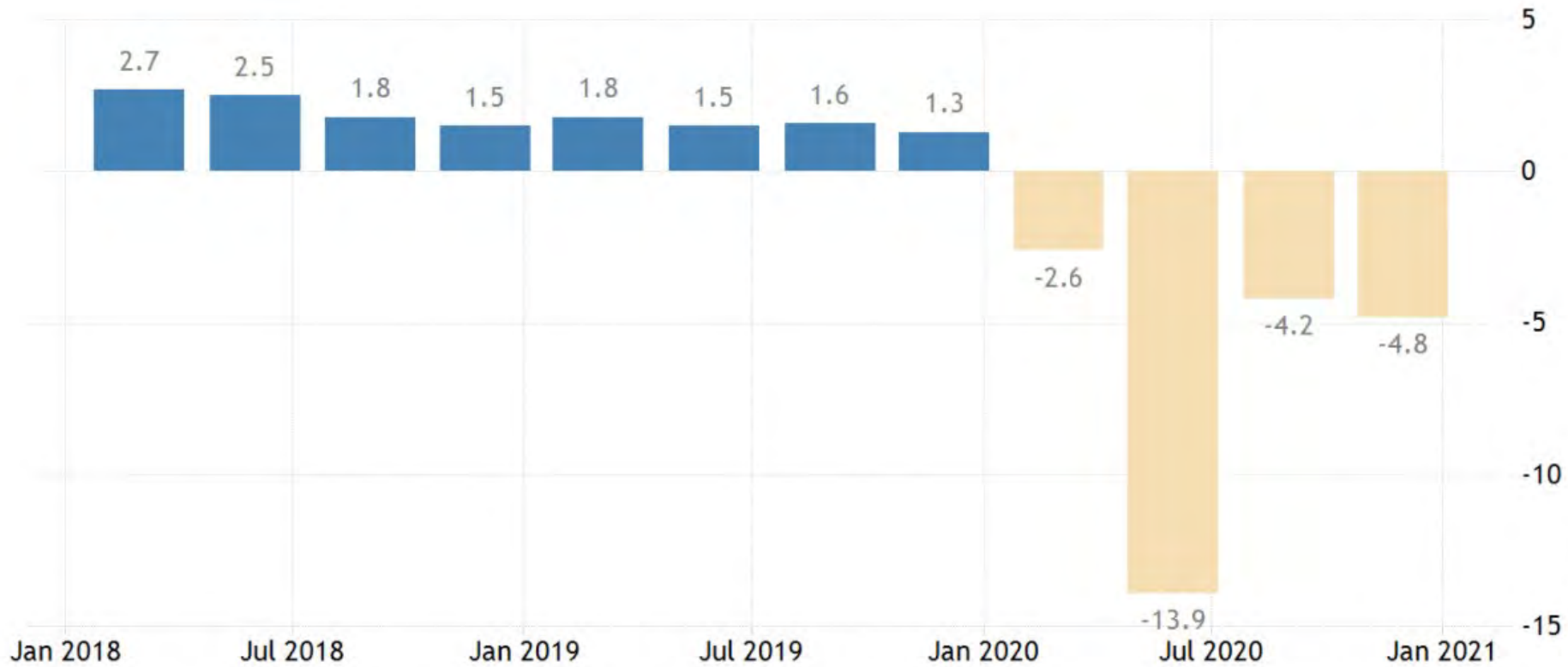
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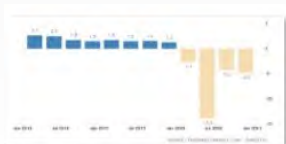
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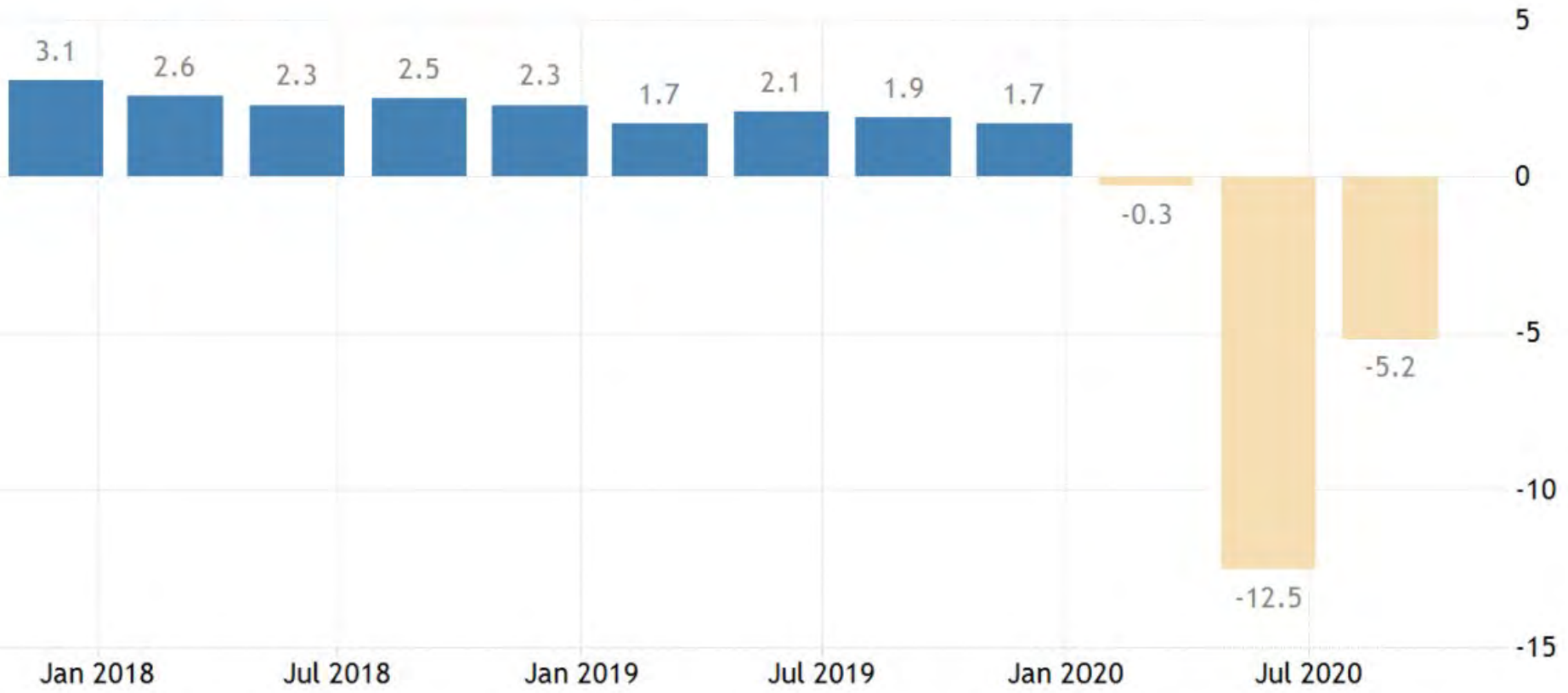
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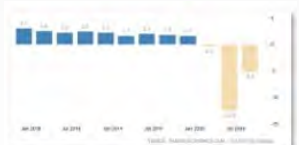
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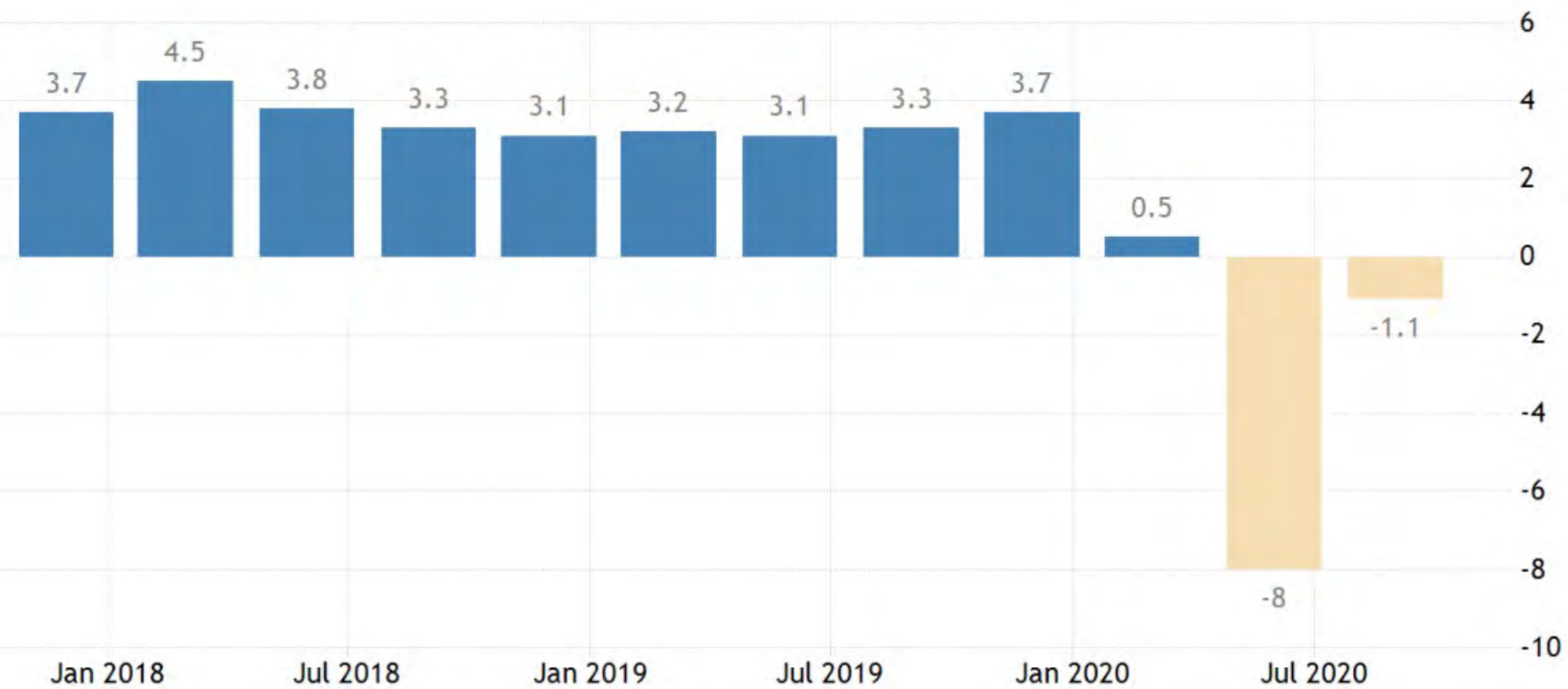
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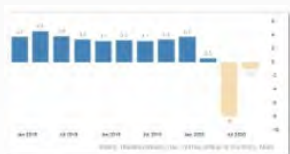
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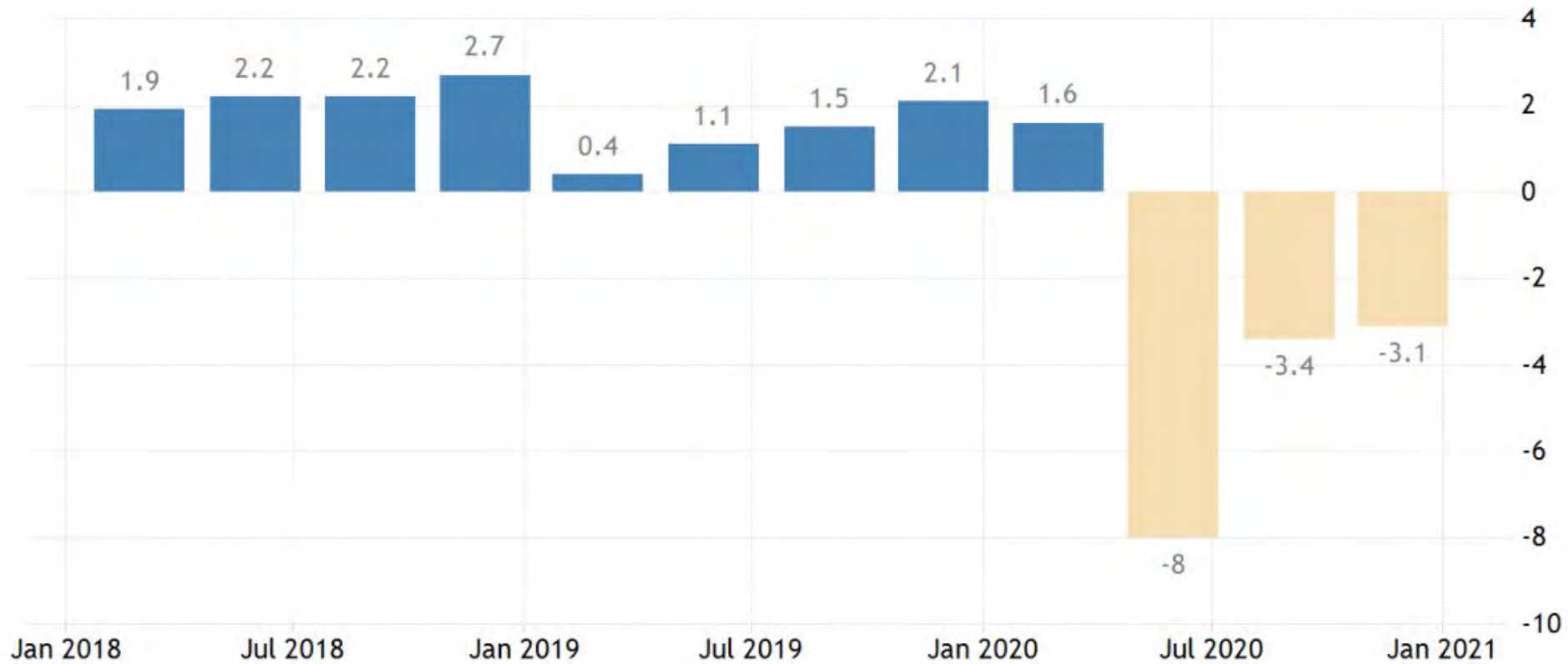
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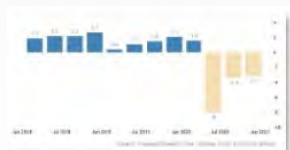
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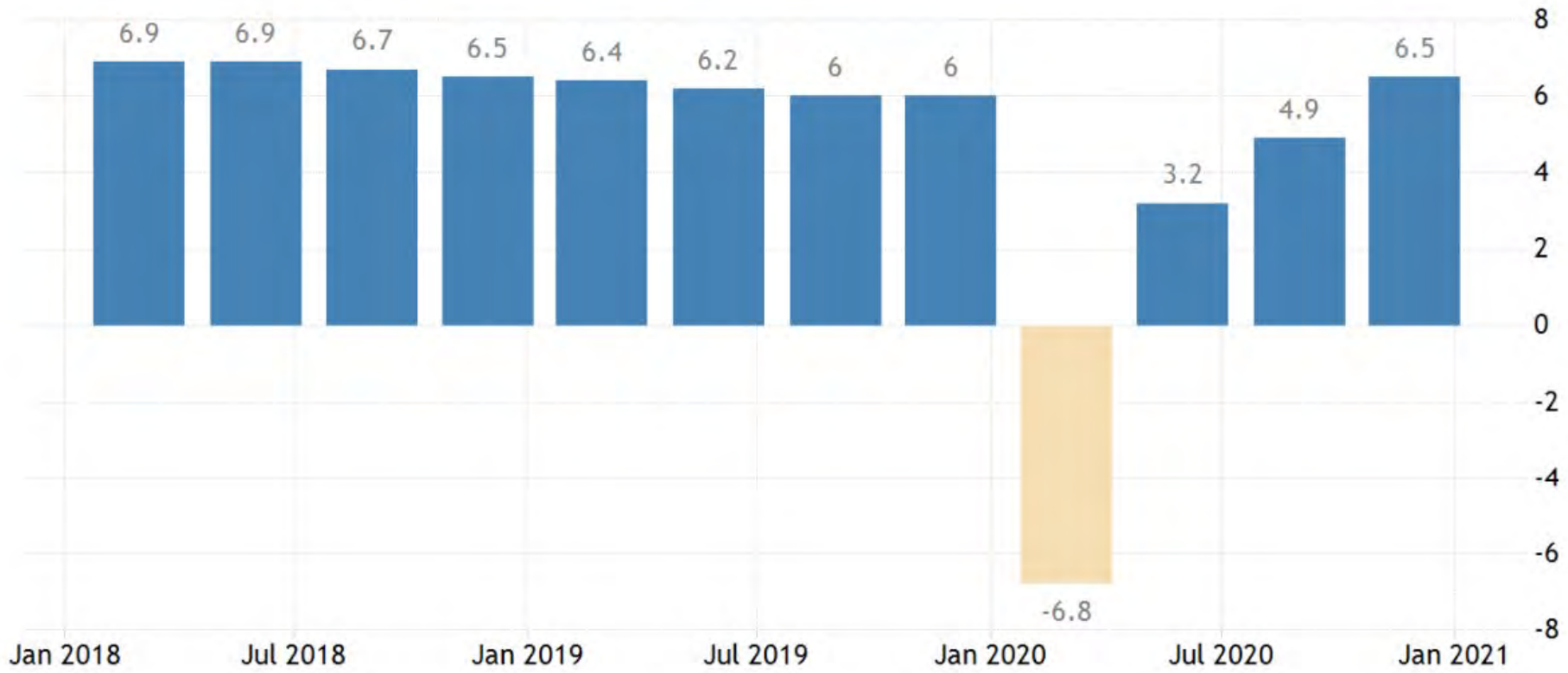
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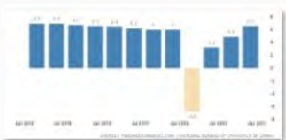
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