

## **The Council of Ministers approves an additional package of decisions to confront the rise in international prices and support food security"**

"The Council of Ministers, in its session held today, Tuesday, headed by Prime Minister Mustafa Al-Kazemi, approved an additional package of decisions to confront the crisis of rising global prices and take the necessary measures to support food security in the country.

The Council issued the following decisions:

First/ a one-time government grant of 100,000 dinars in the name of (high cost of living grant) provided to the following categories:

- Pensioners (those who receive a salary of less than one million dinars per month)

Employees (who receive a salary of less than five hundred thousand dinars per month).

- Social Welfare

Incomeless.

Second: Zeroing the customs duty on basic goods, including foodstuffs, building materials, and necessary consumables for a period of two months, and reconsidering the decision after examining the crisis.

Third / Cancellation of materials prohibited from being imported for the purposes of protecting the product from foodstuffs, consumer goods, and medicines for a period of two months, and reconsideration after examining the developments of the crisis.

Fourth / Immediately launching two quotas for foodstuffs in the ration card, starting the procedures for providing the quota for the month of Ramadan, and reviewing the ration card budget.

Fifth: Postponing the collection of taxes on traders who import foodstuffs.

Sixth / Controlling prices in the markets and taking legal measures against violators.

Seventh / Funding the amounts by 12/1 from the Ministry of Finance, and according to the Council of Ministers Resolution (15 of 2022).

Eighth/ These decisions will be implemented starting from March 15, 2022.

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