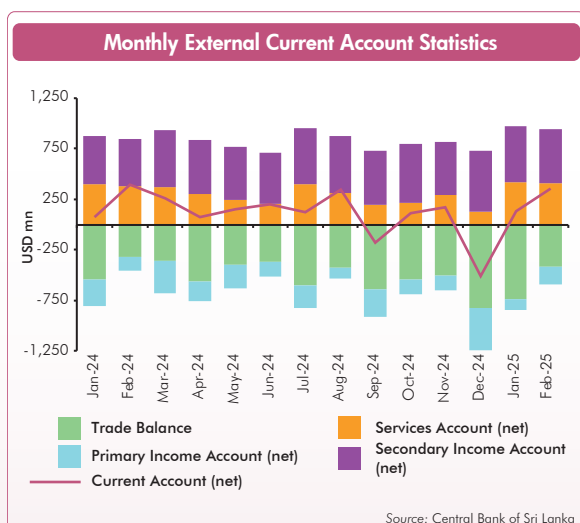


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Featured Charts 1.3 Monthly External Current Account Statistics



The current account balance in most months of 2024 was positive, except for two months, resulting in an annual current account surplus. In September 2024, the services account surplus was unusually low, as tourism was affected by visa related disruptions and a general seasonal dip. In December 2024, there was a significant outflow from the primary income account as interest payments and from the services account as government expenditure, both related to the restructuring of International Sovereign Bonds (ISBs). The current account recorded a surplus in the first two months of 2025 as well, supported by a robust growth in earnings from tourism and workers' remittances.