



Press Release

**Palestinian Central Bureau Of Statistics (PCBS):**

**Construction Cost Index in the remaining West Bank increased by 2.9% in  
May 2008**

The overall Construction Cost Index (CCI) for the \*remaining West Bank reached 115.96 in May 2008 compared with 112.65 during the previous month (December 2007=100).

Analysis of Construction Cost developments for May indicates **increases in** the following major construction cost

- Iron and metal products	+9.15 %
- Aluminum and metal doors and windows	+ 3.23 %
- Metal tools	+ 4.68 %
- Sanitary tools and faucets	+4.95 %
- Electrical extensions	+7.19 %
- Electrical lamps	+ 4.11 %
- Hiring of equipments	+ 1.73 %

At the same time, there were **declines registered** for Cement and Labor cost and wages during this month by 0.59% and 0.12% respectively.

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