



Press Release

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS):

**Construction Cost Index (CCI) Increased by 0.77% in the West Bank* in July
2009 Compared with the Previous Month**

The overall Construction Cost Index (CCI) reached 109.17 in July 2009 with an increased of 0.77% compared with previous month, (December 2007=100).

Analysis of Construction Cost developments for July indicates an **increase in the cost** of the following major construction inputs:

- Iron and steel	+5.52%
- Aluminum and metal doors and windows	+0.37%
- Iron Reservoirs	+0.25%

At the same time, there was a **decrease in** the cost of the following major groups:

- Cement, lime & gypsum	- 0.38%
- Cutting and shaping stones	- 0.25%

* West Bank: Excluding those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed by Israel in 1967.

NB: Data of Gaza Strip is not available, due to the closure of PCBS' offices in Gaza Strip since 15/04/2008.

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