



Press Release

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS):

**Construction Cost Index (CCI) Decreased by 0.26% in the West Bank* in
November 2009 Compared with the Previous Month**

The overall Construction Cost Index (CCI) reached 107.28 in November 2009 with a decrease of 0.26% compared with previous month, (December 2007=100).

Analysis of Construction Cost developments for November indicates a **decrease in the cost** of the following major construction inputs:

- Iron and steel	- 1.82%
- Quarries and quarrying products	- 1.01%
- Ceramic products	- 0.91%
- Cutting and shaping stones	- 0.36%

At the same time, there was an **increase in** the cost of the following major groups:

- Cement, lime& gypsum	+ 0.39%
- Tiles and panels from ceramic	+ 0.25%
- Cement products	+ 0.13%

* 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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