



Press Release

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS):

Construction Cost Index (CCI) Increases by 0.78% in the Remaining West Bank* in May 2009 Compared with the Previous Month

The overall Construction Cost Index (CCI) reached 107.86 in May 2009 with an increase of 0.78% compared with previous month, (December 2007=100).

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

- Iron and steel	+5.21%
- Cutting and shaping stones	+0.37%
- Metals Tools	+0.31%
- Boilers and other home appliances	+0.24%

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

- Tiles and Panels from Ceramic	- 0.90%
- Aluminum and metal doors and windows	- 0.73%
- Cement, lime & gypsum	- 0.58%

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

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

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