



Press Release

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS):

Palestinian Consumer Price Index Increased by 0.30% in August 2010

The Overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Palestinian Territory with its 2004 base year (2004=100) reached 128.89 in August 2010, it increased by 0.30% compared with July 2010, and increased by 2.62% compared with August 2009.

Analysis of consumer price developments for August indicates **increases** in the following major expenditure groups:

- Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	+ 1.19%
- Food and soft drinks	+ 0.58%
- Textiles, clothing and footwear	+ 0.57%
- Restaurants, cafes and hotels	+ 0.26%
- Miscellaneous goods and services	+ 0.13%
- Medical care	+ 0.10%

At the same time, there were **decreases** in other major expenditure groups including:

- Housing	- 0.26%
- Transportation	- 0.26%
- Communications	- 0.17%
- Recreational, cultural goods & services	- 0.09%

Palestinian Territory **regions** experienced different overall CPI developments as follows:

- West Bank*:	+ 0.70%
- Jerusalem J1**:	+ 0.11%
- Gaza Strip:	+ 0.05%

** Jerusalem J1: those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed by Israel in 1967

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