



Press Release

Palestinian Central Bureau Of Statistics (PCBS):

**Construction Cost Index in the Remaining West Bank* declined by 0.33% in
January 2009**

The overall Construction Cost Index (CCI) for the Remaining West Bank* reached 107.29 in January 2009 compared with 107.64 during the previous month, (December 2007=100).

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

- Wood products	- 4.91 %
- Building iron	- 3.32 %
- Quarrying of stone and sand	- 2.36 %
- Plastic products and health tools	- 1.68 %
- Ceramic products	- 0.44 %
- Equipment and electrical networking	- 0.41 %
- Aluminum and metal doors and windows	- 0.38 %

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

- Wages and labor cost	+ 1.69 %
- Metals Tools	+ 1.42 %
- Tiles and Panels from Ceramic	+ 0.97 %
- Cutting and shaping stones	+ 0.41 %

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

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