



Press Release

**Palestinian Consumer Price Index declines 0.40% in February 2007**

The overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Palestinian Territory with its 1996 base year (1996=100) reached 153.42 in February 2007, a 0.40% decrease relative to January 2007.

Analysis of consumer price developments for February indicates **declines in** the following major expenditure groups:

- Transport and Communications:	- 0.91 %
- Food:	- 0.63 %
- Housing:	- 0.19 %
- Textiles, Clothing and Footwear:	- 0.03 %
- Recreational, Cultural Goods and Services:	- 0.03 %
- Medical Care:	- 0.03 %

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

- Miscellaneous Goods and Services:	+ 0.10 %
- Furniture, Household Goods and Services:	+ 0.07 %
- Beverages and Tobacco:	+ 0.01 %

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

- Remaining West Bank:	- 0.46%
- Gaza Strip:	- 0.13%
- Jerusalem:	0.00%

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