



Press Release

Palestinian Central Bureau Of Statistics:

Palestinian Consumer Price Index declines 0.29% in April 2007

The overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Palestinian Territory with its 1996 base year (1996=100) reached 152.71 in April 2007, a 0.29% decrease relative to March 2007.

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

- Recreational, Cultural Goods and Services: - 1.34 %
- Housing: - 1.26 %
- Transport and Communications: - 0.50 %
- Textiles, Clothing and Footwear: - 0.30 %
- Food: - 0.20 %
- Medical Care: - 0.20 %
- Furniture, Household Goods and Services: - 0.16 %

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

- Education: + 0.21 %
- Miscellaneous Goods and Services: + 0.16 %
- Beverages and Tobacco: + 0.02 %

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

- Remaining West Bank: - 0.79%
- Gaza Strip: - 0.50%
- Jerusalem: - 0.18%

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