



**Press Release**

**Palestinian Central Bureau Of Statistics (PCBS):**

**Palestinian Consumer Price Index decrease by 0.03% in February 2009**

The Overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Palestinian Territory with its 2004 base year (2004=100) reached 121.54 in February 2009, a 0.03% decrease compared to January 2009, and increased by 4.09% compared to February 2008.

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

- Food and soft drinks	- 0.78%
- Medical care	- 0.37%
- Textiles, clothing and footwear	- 0.36%
- Communications	- 0.04%

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

- Furniture, household goods	+ 1.42%
- Miscellaneous goods and services	+ 1.35%
- Transportation	+ 0.84%
- Housing	+ 0.78%
- Al Coholic Beverages and tobacco:	+ 0.58%
- Restaurants and cafes	+ 0.24%
- Recreational, cultural goods & services	+ 0.15%

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

- Gaza Strip:	+ 0.84%
- Remaining West Bank:	- 0.20%
- Jerusalem:	- 0.22%