



**Press Release**

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

**Palestinian Consumer Price Index Increased by 1.39% in September 2010**

The Overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Palestinian Territory with its 2004 base year (2004=100) reached 130.68 in September 2010, it increased by 1.39% compared with August 2010, and increased by 3.49% compared with September 2009.

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

- Food and soft drinks	+ 3.09%
- Miscellaneous goods and services	+ 0.74%
- Medical care	+ 0.51%
- Education	+ 0.43%
- Housing	+ 0.41%
- Furniture, household goods	+ 0.18%
- Communications	+ 0.10%

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

- Restaurants, cafes and hotels	- 0.46%
- Transportation	- 0.32%

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

- Gaza Strip:	+ 1.92%
- West Bank:	+ 1.75%
- Jerusalem J1*:	+ 1.06%

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

The data of West Bank doesn't cover those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed by Israel in 1967.