



**Press Release**

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

**Palestinian Consumer Price Index Increase by 0.35% in June 2009**

The Overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Palestinian Territory with its 2004 base year (2004=100) reached 123.48 in June 2009, a 0.35% Increase compared with May 2009, and increased by 1.81% compared with June 2008.

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

- Transportation	+ 2.07%
- Alcoholic Beverages and tobacco	+ 1.32%
- Furniture, household goods	+ 1.00%
- Education	+ 0.81%
- Textiles, clothing and footwear	+ 0.52%
- Restaurants and cafes	+ 0.24%
- Housing	+ 0.09%

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

- Medical care	- 0.34%
- Miscellaneous goods and services	- 0.21%
- Food and soft drinks	- 0.06%
- Communications	- 0.03%

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

- Remaining West Bank:	+ 0.46%
- Jerusalem J1:	+ 0.33%
- Gaza Strip:	- 0.11%

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