



Press Release

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

Palestinian Consumer Price Index Increased by 0.47% in July 2010

The Overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Palestinian Territory with its 2004 base year (2004=100) reached 128.50 in July 2010, it increased by 0.47% compared with June 2010, and increased by 3.44% compared with July 2009.

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

- Alcoholic Beverages and tobacco	+ 7.78%
- Transportation	+ 0.57%
- Miscellaneous goods and services	+ 0.52%
- Food and soft drinks	+ 0.45%
- Recreational, cultural goods & services	+ 0.24%
- Restaurants, cafes and hotels	+ 0.03%

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

- Medical care	- 1.12%
- Housing	- 1.08%
- Furniture, household goods	- 0.57%
- Textiles, clothing and footwear	- 0.48%
- Communications	- 0.03%

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

- Jerusalem J1**:	+ 0.94%
- West Bank*:	+ 0.33%
- Gaza Strip:	- 0.11%

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

* West Bank: Excluding those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed by Israel in 1967.