



Press Release

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS):

Palestinian Consumer Price Index Increased by 0.52% in October 2010

The Overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Palestinian Territory with its 2004 base year (2004=100) reached 131.36 in October 2010, it increased by 0.52% compared with September 2010, and increased by 4.07% compared with October 2009.

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

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| - Food and soft drinks | + 0.85% |
| - Housing | + 0.63% |
| - Miscellaneous goods and services | + 0.42% |
| - Textiles, clothing and footwear | + 0.41% |
| - Furniture, household goods | + 0.38% |
| - Restaurants, cafes and hotels | + 0.23% |
| - Transportation | + 0.18% |
| - Medical care | + 0.15% |
| - Recreational, cultural goods and services | + 0.06% |
| - Alcoholic beverages and tobacco | + 0.01% |

At the same time, there was a **decrease** in the following major expenditure group:

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| - Communications | - 0.08% |
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Palestinian Territory **regions** experienced different overall CPI developments as follows:

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| - Jerusalem J1*: | + 0.83% |
| - West Bank: | + 0.36% |
| - Gaza Strip: | - 0.14% |

* 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.