



Press Release

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS):

Palestinian Consumer Price Index Indicate Stability in March 2010

The Overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Palestinian Territory with its 2004 base year (2004=100) reached 127.44 in March 2010, it decreased by 0.03% compared with February 2010, while increased by 3.77% compared with March 2009.

Analysis of consumer price developments for March indicates **decreases** in the following major expenditure groups:

- Textiles, clothing and footwear	- 1.21%
- Medical care	- 0.39%
- Furniture, household goods	- 0.39%
- Recreational, cultural goods & services	- 0.37%
- Restaurants, cafes and hotels	- 0.36%
- Communications	- 0.08%

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

- Food and soft drinks	+ 0.06%
- Miscellaneous goods and services	+ 0.05%
- Housing	+ 0.16%
- Transportation	+ 0.65%
- Alcoholic Beverages and tobacco	+ 0.02%
- Education	+ 0.02%

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

- Gaza Strip:	- 0.50%
- West Bank*:	- 0.10%
- Jerusalem J1**:	+ 0.31%

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

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