



**Press Release**

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

**Palestinian Consumer Price Index Indicate Stability in May 2010**

The Overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Palestinian Territory with its 2004 base year (2004=100) reached 127.60 in May 2010, it increased by 0.07% compared with April 2010, and increased by 3.69% compared with May 2009.

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

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| - Medical care                            | + 0.90% |
| - Textiles, clothing and footwear         | + 0.78% |
| - Miscellaneous goods and services        | + 0.73% |
| - Transportation                          | + 0.30% |
| - Recreational, cultural goods & services | + 0.30% |
| - Restaurants, cafes and hotels           | + 0.28% |
| - Furniture, household goods              | + 0.27% |
| - Communications                          | + 0.06% |

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

|                                   |         |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| - Food and soft drinks            | - 0.20% |
| - Housing                         | - 0.20% |
| - Alcoholic Beverages and tobacco | - 0.06% |

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

|                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| - Jerusalem J1**: | + 0.28% |
| - West Bank*:     | - 0.16% |
| - Gaza Strip:     | - 0.24% |

\*\* 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.