



Press Release

The Consumer Price Index increased by 0.18 % During June 2006, and by 2.56% for the first half 2006

The consumer price index numbers in the Palestinian Territory for the base year (1996=100), reached 152.38 for June 2006, recording a 0.18 % increases compared with May 2006. Through the analysis of the price changes of commodities, it is apparent **that prices of the following major groups of expenditure have increased as follows:**

- Miscellaneous goods and services by 1.12 %
- Transport and communications by 0.41 %
- Food by 0.26 %
- Beverages and tobacco by 0.14 %
- Furniture, household goods and services by 0.10 %
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Prices of other following major groups of expenditure have declined as follows:

- Medical care by 1.25 %
- Recreational, cultural goods & services by 0.87 %
- Housing by 0.06 %
- Textiles, clothing and footwear by 0.06 %

Analyzing the price movements of different regions in the Palestinian Territory, it is apparent that the Prices of Gaza Strip have increased by 0.22%, prices in Jerusalem increased by 0.07%. And prices in Remaining West Bank increased by 0.07 %.