



Press Release

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS):

Palestinian Consumer Price Index Decreased by 0.28% in February 2010

The Overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Palestinian Territory with its 2004 base year (2004=100) reached 127.48 in February 2010, it decreased by 0.28% compared with January 2010, while increased by 4.88% compared with February 2009.

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

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| - Food and soft drinks | - 0.98% |
| - Communications | - 0.06% |
| - Miscellaneous goods and services | - 0.05% |

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

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| - Restaurants, cafes and hotels | + 0.77% |
| - Housing | + 0.39% |
| - Textiles, clothing and footwear | + 0.37% |
| - Transportation | + 0.28% |
| - Recreational, cultural goods & services | + 0.27% |
| - Alcoholic Beverages and tobacco | + 0.17% |
| - Furniture, household goods | + 0.13% |
| - Medical care | + 0.11% |

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

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| - Gaza Strip: | - 0.73% |
| - Jerusalem J1**: | - 0.41% |
| - West Bank*: | - 0.26% |

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

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