

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS):

Industrial Production Index Indicate a slight increase in the West Bank in April 2010 compared with the previous month

The overall Industrial Production Index (IPI) reached 113.87 in April 2010, compared to 113.26 in March 2010.

The results indicated that there was an increase by 0.54% in the industrial production index in April 2010 compared to March 2010.

Analysis of Industrial Production Index developments for April 2010 indicated **an increase** in the following major groups compared to March 2010:

- Recycling:	14.18%
- Manufacture of rubber and plastic:	10.98%
- Manufacture of chemicals & its products:	9.93%
- Manufacture of food and beverages:	6.15%
- Publishing, printing and reproduction:	6.14%
- Mining and quarrying:	4.46%
- Manufacture of furniture:	2.80%

Analysis of Industrial Production Index developments for April 2010 indicated **a decrease** in the following major groups compared to March 2010:

- Manufacture of wearing apparel:	-4.82%
- Manufacture of other equipments:	-4.70%
- Manufacture of wood and its products:	-3.82%
- Manufacture of metal products:	-3.64%
