



Press Release

Palestinian Consumer Price Index increase 1.02% in February 2008

The overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Palestinian Territory with its 1996 base year (1996=100) reached 168.16 in February 2008, a 1.02% increase relative to January 2008.

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

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| - Food: | + 2.43 % |
| - Miscellaneous Goods and Services: | + 1.23 % |
| - Textiles, clothing and footwear: | + 0.95 % |
| - Education: | + 0.06 % |

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

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| - Transport and Communications: | - 0.67 % |
| - Recreational, Cultural Goods and Services: | - 0.12 % |
| - Medical Care: | - 0.08 % |
| - Housing: | - 0.07 % |
| - Beverages and Tobacco: | - 0.07 % |
| - Furniture, Household Goods and Services: | - 0.04 % |

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

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| - Remaining West Bank: | + 2.00% |
| - Gaza Strip: | + 0.89% |
| - Jerusalem: | + 0.11% |

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