



Press Release

Palestinian Consumer Price Index increase 1.24% in March 2008

The overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Palestinian Territory with its 1996 base year (1996=100) reached 170.26 in March 2008, a 1.24% increase relative to February 2008.

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

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| - Food: | + 2.35 % |
| - Miscellaneous Goods and Services: | + 1.47 % |
| - Medical Care: | + 1.39% |
| - Housing: | + 1.30 % |
| - Transport and Communications: | + 1.24 % |
| - Recreational, Cultural Goods and Services: | + 0.66 % |
| - Education: | + 0.56 % |
| - Furniture, Household Goods and Services: | + 0.50 % |
| - Beverages and Tobacco: | + 0.13 % |

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

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| - Textiles, clothing and footwear: | - 3.11 % |
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Palestinian Territory **regions** experienced different overall CPI developments as follows:

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| - Remaining West Bank: | + 0.14% |
| - Gaza Strip: | + 3.60% |
| - Jerusalem: | + 1.65% |

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