



Press Release

Palestinian Consumer Price Index increase 2.17% in August 2007

The overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Palestinian Territory with its 1996 base year (1996=100) reached 147.49 in August 2007, a 2.17% increase relative to July 2007.

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

- Beverages and Tobacco:	+ 7.75 %
- Food:	+ 3.64 %
- Housing:	+ 1.50 %
- Medical Care:	+ 0.55 %
- Furniture, Household Goods and Services:	+ 0.26 %
- Education:	+ 0.25 %
- Textiles, clothing and footwear:	+ 0.17 %
- Transport and Communications:	+ 0.12 %
- Miscellaneous Goods and Services:	+ 0.05 %

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

- Recreational, Cultural Goods and Services:	- 0.32 %
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Palestinian Territory **regions** experienced different overall CPI developments as follows:

- Gaza Strip:	+ 4.19%
- Remaining West Bank:	+ 1.91%
- Jerusalem:	+ 0.20%

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