



Press Release

The Consumer Price Index increased by 0.58 % During July 2006

The consumer price index numbers in the Palestinian Territory for the base year (1996=100), reached 153.26 for July 2006, recording a 0.58 % increases compared with June 2006. Through the analysis of the price changes of commodities, it is apparent **that prices of the following major groups of expenditure have increased as follows:**

- Food by 1.44 %
- Miscellaneous goods and services by 0.46 %
- Beverages and tobacco by 0.17 %
- Furniture, household goods and services by 0.03 %
- Recreational, cultural goods & services by 0.01 %
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Prices of other following major groups of expenditure have declined as follows:

- Housing by 0.11 %
- Transport and communications by 0.03 %

Analyzing the price movements of different regions in the Palestinian Territory, it is apparent that the Prices of Jerusalem have increased by 0.65%, prices in Gaza Strip increased by 0.57%. And prices in the Remaining West Bank increased by 0.15 %.