



Press Release

**The Consumer Price Index increased by 0.17 % During August 2006**

The consumer price index numbers in the Palestinian Territory for the base year (1996=100), reached 153.52 for August 2006, recording a 0.17 % increases compared with July 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:**

- Transport and communications by 0.48 %
- Food by 0.23 %
- Miscellaneous goods and services by 0.22 %
- Furniture, household goods and services by 0.06 %
- Recreational, cultural goods & services by 0.05 %
- Medical care by 0.03 %

**Prices of other following major groups of expenditure have declined as follows:**

- Housing by 0.22 %
- Beverages and tobacco by 0.03 %
- Education by 0.02 %

Analyzing the price movements of different regions in the Palestinian Territory, it is apparent that the Prices of Remaining West Bank have increased by 0.27%, prices in Gaza Strip increased by 0.22%. And prices in Jerusalem increased by 0.15 %.