



Press Release

**Industrial Production Index for the Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip
Down by 0.16% During the First Quarter 2007
Base year 2006**

Industrial Production Index (IPI) down by 0.16% in the **Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip**¹ during the first quarter 2007.

The results indicate that there was a decrease in the industrial production index with its 2006 base year (2006=100) as follow:

Analysis of Industrial Production Index developments for this quarter indicates **decreases** in the following major groups:

- Manufacturing Group:	- 7.3%
- Mining and Quarrying:	- 4.5 %
- Electricity:	- 14.1 %
- Water Supply:	- 9.1 %

Analysis of Industrial Production Index developments for this quarter indicates **increases** in the following major groups:

- Manufacturing of Tobacco Products:	+ 21.9 %
- Manufacturing of Textiles:	+ 19.2 %
- Manufacturing of Coke, Refined Petroleum Products:	+ 18.8 %
- Manufacturing of Metal Products:	+11.6 %

Note: The weights for the year 2005 were used in computing the IPI till having the weights of 2006.

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Indicator**

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Quarterly Industrial Production Index and its Percent Changes by Industrial Activities in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip for First Quarter 2007 (Base year 2006)

Major Economic Activities	Remaining West Bank & Gaza Strip		
	% Change	Q1 2007	Avg 2006
Manufacturing	-7.33	92.67	100.00
Manufacture of other transport equipments	-25.00	75.00	100.00
Water Supply	-9.12	90.88	100.00
Electricity	-14.14	85.86	100.00
Manufacture of other equipments	12.56	112.56	100.00
Manufacture of medical equipments	-23.11	76.89	100.00
Manufacture of tobacco products	21.90	121.90	100.00
Manufacture of non- metallic products	2.72	102.72	100.00
Manufacture of chemicals & its products	-1.90	98.10	100.00
Manufacture of wearing apparel	4.72	104.72	100.00
Tanning of leather, manufacture of bags	-8.63	91.37	100.00
Manufacture of coke, refined petroleum products	18.80	118.80	100.00
Manufacture of furniture	9.18	109.18	100.00
Manufacture of rubber and plastic	-3.03	96.97	100.00
Mining and quarrying	-4.46	95.54	100.00
Manufacture of metal products	11.57	111.57	100.00
Publishing, printing and reproduction	-12.15	87.85	100.00
Manufacture of textiles	19.23	119.23	100.00
Manufacture of paper and its products	-5.37	94.63	100.00
Manufacture of wood and its products	-3.54	96.46	100.00
All items of industrial production index	-0.16	99.84	100.00

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