



Press Release

Palestinian Consumer Price Index Increases 0.11% in December 2006

The overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Palestinian Territory with its 1996 base year (1996=100) reached 153.49 in December 2006, a 0.11% increase relative to November 2006.

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

- Miscellaneous Goods and Services:	+ 0.34 %
- Transport and Communications:	+ 0.30 %
- Food:	+ 0.14 %
- Medical Care:	+ 0.12 %
- Recreational, Cultural Goods and Services:	+ 0.02 %

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

- Education:	- 0.39 %
- Beverages and Tobacco:	- 0.03 %
- Furniture, Household Goods and Services:	- 0.02 %
- Housing:	- 0.01 %

Palestinian Territory **regions** experienced different overall CPI developments as follows:

- Gaza Strip:	+ 0.46%
- Jerusalem:	+ 0.07%
- Remaining West Bank:	+ 0.03%

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