



Press Release

Palestinian Central Bureau Of Statistics (PCBS):**Road Cost Index (RCI) Increased by 0.95% in the West Bank* in November 2009 Compared with the Previous Month**

The overall Road Cost Index (RCI) reached 105.85 in November 2009 with an increase of 0.95% compared with the previous month. (December 2008=100) .

Analysis of Road Cost developments for November indicates an **increase** in the cost of the following major groups:

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| - Asphalt & bitumen mixture & its products | + 3.63% |
| - Cement | + 0.35% |
| - Cement products | + 0.31% |

On the other hand, there was a **decrease** in the cost of the following major groups:

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| - Iron and steel | - 2.19% |
| - Plastic products | - 0.72% |
| - Quarries and quarrying products | - 0.05% |

* West Bank: Excluding those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed by Israel in 1967.

NB: Data of Gaza Strip is not available, due to the closure of PCBS' offices in Gaza Strip since 15/04/2008.

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