



Press Release

Palestinian Central Bureau Of Statistics (PCBS):

**Road Cost Index (RCI) Decreased by 0.70% in the West Bank* in August 2009
Compared with the Previous Month**

The overall Road Cost Index (RCI) reached 104.63 in August 2009 with a decrease of 0.70% compared with the previous month, (December 2008=100) .

Analysis of Road Cost developments for August indicates a **decrease** in the cost of the following major groups:

- Iron and steel	- 9.58%
- Asphalt & bitumen mixture & its products	- 1.33%
- Other metals	- 0.91%
- Plastic products	- 0.63%

On the other hand, there was an **increase** in the cost of the following major groups:

- Road Paints	+ 2.48%
- Electric wires and cables	+ 1.77%
- Cement products	+ 0.98%

* 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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