



Press Release

Palestinian Central Bureau Of Statistics (PCBS):

**Construction Cost Index in the remaining West Bank increased by 0.59% in
July 2008**

The overall Construction Cost Index (CCI) for the *remaining West Bank reached 118.25 in July 2008 compared with 117.55 during the previous month (December 2007=100).

Analysis of Construction Cost developments for July, it indicates **increases in** the following major construction cost

- Quarrying of stone and sand	+ 1.58 %
- Cement	+ 2.67 %
- Cement products	+ 0.48 %
- Aluminum and metal doors and windows	+ 2.28 %
- Tiles and Panels	+ 0.24 %
- Sanitary tools and faucets	+ 1.38 %
- Wages and labor cost	+ 2.07%
- Hiring of equipments	+ 3.46 %

At the same time, there were **declines registered** for Building iron by 0.21%, Wood products by 0.92% and Electrical installation by 0.55% .

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Note: Data for the months January - July 2008 preliminary open to amendment in light of the technical reviews.

*** R.West Bank:** Means West bank except those parts of Jerusalem, which were annexed by Israel in 1967