



Press Release

Palestinian Central Bureau Of Statistics (PCBS):

Construction Cost Index (CCI) Increase by 0.38% in the Remaining West Bank* in February 2009 Compared with the Previous Month

The overall Construction Cost Index (CCI) reached 107.70 in February 2009 with an increase of 0.38% compared with previous month, (December 2007=100).

Analysis of Construction Cost developments for February indicate an **increase in** the cost of following major construction inputs:

- Cutting and shaping stones	+ 2.45 %
- Quarries and quarrying products	+ 1.70 %
- Iron and steel	+ 1.28 %
- Tiles and Panels from Ceramic	+ 0.82 %
- Wood products	+ 0.64 %
- Aluminum and metal doors and windows	+ 0.64 %
- Metals Tools	+ 0.49 %
- Wages and workers cost	+ 0.10 %

At the same time, there was a **decrease in the cost of** the following major groups:

- Lamps	- 0.99%
- Boilers and other appliances	- 0.76%
- Equipment and electrical networking	- 0.57 %
- Plastic products and health tools	- 0.36 %
- Cement products	- 0.33 %
- Taps and hydrands	- 0.21%

* Remaining West Bank: Means West bank except those parts of Jerusalem, which were annexed by Israel in1967

Disclaimer: PCBS would like to draw attention that the data of Gaza Strip is not available, due to the closure of PCBS' offices in Gaza.

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