



Press Release

Palestinian Central Bureau Of Statistics:

**Construction Cost Index in the remaining West Bank increased by 1.37% in
June 2008**

The overall Construction Cost Index (CCI) for the *remaining West Bank reached 117.55 in June 2008 compared with 115.96 during the previous month (December 2007=100).

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

- Cement	+ 0.04 %
- Cement products	+ 0.01 %
- Iron and metal products	+ 8.02 %
- Aluminum and metal doors and windows	+ 0.08 %
- Metal tools	+ 0.15 %
- Tiles and Panels	+ 0.46 %
- Sanitary tools and faucets	+ 1.08 %
- Electrical lamps	+ 0.09 %
- Hiring of equipments	+ 0.40 %

At the same time, there were **declines registered** for Labor cost and wages during this month by 1.82 % .

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

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