



Press Release

**Palestinian Consumer Price Index declines 0.17% in March 2007**

The overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Palestinian Territory with its 1996 base year (1996=100) reached 153.16 in March 2007, a 0.17% decrease relative to February 2007.

Analysis of consumer price developments for March indicates **declines** in the following major expenditure groups:

- Food:	- 0.99 %
- Medical Care:	- 0.87 %
- Textiles, Clothing and Footwear:	- 0.12 %
- Recreational, Cultural Goods and Services:	- 0.06 %

At the same time, there were **increases** in other major expenditure groups including:

- Transport and Communications:	+ 1.04 %
- Beverages and Tobacco:	+ 0.48 %
- Education:	+ 0.35 %
- Furniture, Household Goods and Services:	+ 0.35 %
- Miscellaneous Goods and Services:	+ 0.21 %
- Housing:	+ 0.18 %

Palestinian Territory **regions** experienced different overall CPI developments as follows:

- Remaining West Bank:	- 0.22%
- Gaza Strip:	+ 0.18%
- Jerusalem:	+0.08%

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