



Press Release

The Consumer Price Index increased by 0.21 % During May 2006

The consumer price index numbers in the Palestinian Territory for the base year (1996=100), reached 152.11 for May 2006, recording a 0.21 % increases compared with April 2006. Through the analysis of the price changes of commodities, it is apparent **that prices of the following major groups of expenditure have increased as follows:**

- Transport and communications by 1.70 %
- Miscellaneous goods and services by 0.40 %
- Food by 0.13 %
- Beverages and tobacco by 0.08 %
- Medical care by 0.08 %
- Recreational, cultural goods & services by 0.02 %

Prices of other following major groups of expenditure have declined as follows:

- Housing by 1.86 %
- Education by 0.39 %
- Textiles, clothing and footwear by 0.04 %
- Furniture, household goods and services by 0.01 %

Analyzing the price movements of different regions in the Palestinian Territory, it is apparent that the Prices of Jerusalem have increased by 0.80%, prices in Gaza Strip increased by 0.35%. And prices in Remaining West Bank increased by 0.14 %.