



Press Release

Palestinian Central Bureau Of Statistics “PCBS”

Palestinian Consumer Price Index increase by 0.59% in June 2008

The overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Palestinian Territory with its 2004 base year (2004=100) reached 121.28 in June 2008, a 0.59% increase relative to May 2008, and increased by 11.71% compared to June 2007. In the first six months of 2008, the average increase of prices was 10.20% compared to the corresponding period of year 2007.

Analysis of consumer price developments for June indicates **increases in** the following major expenditure groups:

- Transportation	+ 2.36 %
- Al Coholic Beverages and tobacco:	+ 1.22 %
- Furniture, household goods	+ 0.62 %
- Food and soft drinks:	+ 0.60 %
- Textiles, clothing and footwear:	+ 0.53 %
- Restaurants and cafes	+ 0.53 %
- Housing:	+ 0.24 %
- Recreational, cultural goods & services	+ 0.18 %
- Medical care	+ 0.04 %

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

- Miscellaneous goods and services	- 0.07 %
- Communications	- 1.53 %

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

- Gaza Strip:	+ 0.63%
- Remaining West Bank:	+ 0.62%
- Jerusalem:	+ 0.53%