



Press Release

The Consumer Price Index decreased by 0.50 % During September 2006

The consumer price index numbers in the Palestinian Territory for the base year (1996=100), reached 152.76 for September 2006, recording a 0.50 % decreases compared with August 2006. Through the analysis of the price changes of commodities, it is apparent **that prices of the following major groups of expenditure have declined as follows:**

- Food by 1.25 %
- Transport and communications by 0.41 %
- Textiles, clothing and footwear by 0.22 %
- Medical care by 0.12 %

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

- Miscellaneous goods and services by 0.46 %
- Housing by 0.40 %
- Education by 0.29 %
- Recreational, cultural goods & services by 0.16 %
- Furniture, household goods and services by 0.10 %
- Beverages and tobacco by 0.02 %

Analyzing the price movements of different regions in the Palestinian Territory, it is apparent that the Prices of Jerusalem have decreased by 0.81%, prices in Remaining West Bank decreased by 0.07%. while the prices in Gaza Strip increased by 0.21 %.