



Press Release

The Consumer Price Index decreased by 0.09 % During February 2006

The consumer price index numbers in the Palestinian Territory for the base year (1996=100), reached 150.67 for February 2006, recording a 0.09 % decreases compared with January 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 1.45 %
- Education by 0.02 %

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

- Housing by 2.60 %
- Transport and communications by 1.12 %
- Beverages and tobacco by 0.64 %
- Miscellaneous goods and services by 0.32 %
- Furniture, household goods and services by 0.28 %
- Recreational, cultural goods & services by 0.27 %
- Medical care by 0.06 %
- Textiles, clothing and footwear 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 0.69%, prices in Gaza Strip increased by 1.47%. And prices in Remaining West Bank increased by 0.22 %.