



Press Release

The Consumer Price Index increased by 0.55 % During March 2006

The consumer price index numbers in the Palestinian Territory for the base year (1996=100), reached 151.49 for March 2006, recording a 0.55 % increases compared with February 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:**

- Food by 1.31 %
- Miscellaneous goods and services by 0.93 %
- Medical care by 0.34 %
- Housing by 0.31 %
- Beverages and tobacco by 0.12 %
- Education by 0.05 %
- Recreational, cultural goods & services by 0.03 %

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

- Transport and communications by 0.27 %
- Furniture, household goods and services by 0.13 %
- Textiles, clothing and footwear by 0.03 %

Analyzing the price movements of different regions in the Palestinian Territory, it is apparent that the Prices of Jerusalem have increased by 0.63%, prices in Gaza Strip increased by 0.33%. And prices in Remaining West Bank increased by 0.07 %.