



**Press Release**

**Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS):**

**Palestinian Consumer Price Index Indicate Stability in April 2010**

The Overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Palestinian Territory with its 2004 base year (2004=100) reached 127.50 in April 2010, it increased by 0.05% compared with March 2010, and increased by 4.04% compared with April 2009.

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

- Miscellaneous goods and services	+ 0.87%
- Textiles, clothing and footwear	+ 0.75%
- Transportation	+ 0.62%
- Restaurants, cafes and hotels	+ 0.44%
- Furniture, household goods	+ 0.20%
- Recreational, cultural goods & services	+ 0.12%
- Communications	+ 0.12%

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

- Medical care	- 0.58%
- Food and soft drinks	- 0.23%
- Housing	- 0.05%
- Alcoholic Beverages and tobacco	- 0.02%

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

- Gaza Strip:	+ 0.30%
- Jerusalem J1**:	+ 0.10%
- West Bank*:	+ 0.03%

\*\* Jerusalem J1: those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed by Israel in 1967

\* West Bank: Excluding those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed by Israel in 1967.