



Press Release

Palestinian Consumer Price Index Declines 0.42% in October 2006

The overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Palestinian Territory with its 1996 base year (1996=100) reached 152.12 in October 2006, a 0.42% decrease relative to September 2006.

Analysis of consumer price developments for October indicates **declines** in the following major expenditure groups:

- Transport and Communications:	- 2.12 %
- Housing:	- 0.36 %
- Food:	- 0.17 %
- Education:	- 0.04 %
- Recreational, Cultural Goods and Services:	- 0.02 %

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

- Miscellaneous Goods and Services:	+ 0.29 %
- Medical Care:	+ 0.13 %
- Beverages and Tobacco:	+ 0.06 %

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

- Gaza Strip:	- 0.79%
- Jerusalem:	- 0.71%
- Remaining West Bank:	- 0.15%

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