

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

### **Palestinian Consumer Price Index Increased by 0.63% in November 2009**

The Overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Palestinian Territory with its 2004 base year (2004=100) reached 127.01 in November 2009, it increased by 0.63% compared with October 2009, and increased by 3.19% compared with November 2008.

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

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| - Housing                          | + 1.65% |
| - Miscellaneous goods and services | + 1.43% |
| - Transportation                   | + 1.16% |
| - Food and soft drinks             | + 0.59% |
| - Textiles, clothing and footwear  | + 0.40% |
| - Restaurants, cafes and hotels    | + 0.34% |
| - Furniture, household goods       | + 0.13% |

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

|   |         |
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| - Recreational, cultural goods & services | - 0.01% |
| - Communications                          | - 0.03% |
| - Medical care                            | - 0.05% |
| - Alcoholic Beverages and tobacco         | - 0.07% |

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

|                 |         |
|-----------------|---------|
| - West Bank*:   | + 1.03% |
| - Gaza Strip:   | + 0.91% |
| - Jerusalem J1: | + 0.23% |

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

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