



**Press Release**

**The Consumer Price Index increased by 0.20 % During April 2006**

The consumer price index numbers in the Palestinian Territory for the base year (1996=100), reached 151.79 for April 2006, recording a 0.20 % increases compared with March 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:**

- Transport and communications by 1.26 %
- Miscellaneous goods and services by 0.84 %
- Food by 0.08 %
- Furniture, household goods and services by 0.08 %
- Medical care by 0.02 %

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

- Housing by 1.26 %
- Recreational, cultural goods & services by 0.01 %
- Textiles, clothing and footwear by 0.01 %

Analyzing the price movements of different regions in the Palestinian Territory, it is apparent that the Prices of Gaza Strip have increased by 0.42%, prices in Jerusalem increased by 0.03%. While prices in Remaining West Bank decreased by 0.01 %.