



Press Release

Palestinian Central Bureau Of Statistics:

Palestinian Consumer Price Index increase by 0.69% in July 2008

The overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Palestinian Territory with its 2004 base year (2004=100) reached 122.12 in July 2008, a 0.69% increase relative to June 2008, and increased by 12.43% compared to July 2007. In the first seven months of 2008, the average increase of prices was 10.52% compared to the corresponding period of year 2007.

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

- Furniture, household goods	+ 1.35 %
- Transportation	+ 1.18 %
- Food and soft drinks:	+ 0.95 %
- Housing:	+ 0.94 %
- Restaurants and cafes	+ 0.93 %
- Al Coholic Beverages and tobacco:	+ 0.50 %
- Medical care	+ 0.35 %
- Miscellaneous goods and services	+0.33 %
- Recreational, cultural goods & services	+ 0.14 %
- Education	+ 0.12 %

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

- Textiles, clothing and footwear:	-1.42 %
- Communications	- 0.01 %

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

- Remaining West Bank:	+ 1.10%
- Jerusalem:	+ 0.60%
- Gaza Strip:	+ 0.58%