



Press Release

Palestinian Consumer Price Index Increases 0.35% in January 2007

The overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Palestinian Territory with its 1996 base year (1996=100) reached 154.03 in January 2007, a 0.35% increase relative to December 2006.

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

- Food:	+ 0.93 %
- Medical Care:	+ 0.18 %
- Furniture, Household Goods and Services:	+ 0.07 %
- Beverages and Tobacco:	+ 0.05 %
- Transport and Communications:	+ 0.01 %

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

- Recreational, Cultural Goods and Services:	- 0.43 %
- Miscellaneous Goods and Services:	- 0.34 %
- Education:	- 0.02 %
- Textiles, Clothing and Footwear:	- 0.01 %

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

- Gaza Strip:	+ 0.65%
- Remaining West Bank:	+ 0.58%
- Jerusalem:	- 0.20%

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