



Press Release

The Consumer Price Index decreased by 1.32 % During December 2005

The consumer price index numbers in the Palestinian Territory for the base year (1996=100), reached 148.58 for December 2005, recording a 1.32 % decreases compared with November 2005. Through the analysis of the price changes of commodities, it is apparent **that prices of the following major groups of expenditure have declined as follows:**

- Food by 3.53 %
- Housing by 1.19 %
- Transport and communications by 0.30 %
- Recreational, cultural goods & services by 0.15 %
- Beverages and tobacco by 0.13 %

prices of other following major groups of expenditure have increased as follows:

- Medical care by 1.63 %
- Education by 0.82 %
- Miscellaneous goods and services by 0.62 %
- Textiles, clothing and footwear by 0.46 %
- Furniture, household goods and services by 0.15 %

Analyzing the price movements of different regions in the Palestinian Territory, it is apparent that the Prices of Jerusalem have decreased by 1.61%, prices in Remaining West Bank decreased by 1.06 %. And prices in Gaza Strip decreased by 0.73 %.