



Press Release

Palestinian Central Bureau Of Statistics (PCBS):

**Of Statistics Construction Cost Index in the remaining West Bank declined by
1.87% in September 2008**

The overall Construction Cost Index (CCI) for the *Remaining West Bank reached 114.34 in September 2008 compared with 116.52 during the previous month (December 2007=100).

Analysis of Construction Cost developments for September, it indicates **decreases in** the following major construction cost

- Building iron	- 9.64%
- Cement products	- 1.04 %
- Aluminum and metal doors and windows	- 2.79 %
- Tiles and Panels	- 3.35 %
- Wood products	- 1.01 %

At the same time, there were an **increases registered** for the following major groups:

- Quarrying of stone	+ 0.71 %
- Metal tools	+ 2.76%
- Wages and labor cost	+ 1.55%
- Hiring of equipments	+ 2.60 %

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Note: Data for the months January - Sept 2008 preliminary open to amendment in light of the technical reviews.

*** R. West Bank:** Means West bank except those parts of Jerusalem, which were annexed by Israel in 1967