



Press Release

Palestinian Central Bureau Of Statistics (PCBS):

**Road Cost Index (RCI) in the Remaining West Bank* increased by 0.34%
in January 2009 compared with the previous month**

The overall Road Cost Index (RCI) for the Remaining West Bank* reached 100.34 in January 2009 compared to 100.00 during the previous month, (December 2008=100).

Analysis of Road Cost developments for January indicate an **increase** in the cost of the following major groups:

- Road Paints	+ 5.19 %
- Quarries and quarrying products	+ 3.90 %
- Rental of equipment	+ 1.67 %
- Asphalt & bitumen mixture & its products	+ 0.68%
- Labor cost and wages	+ 0.38 %

At the same time, there was a **decrease** in the cost of the following major groups:

- Iron and steel	- 6.01 %
- Operating costs of equipment & maintenance	- 5.90 %
- Transportation fees	- 5.59 %
- Cement	- 3.36 %

* **Remaining West Bank:** Means West bank except those parts of Jerusalem, which were annexed by

Disclaimer: PCBS would like to draw attention that the data of Gaza Strip is not available, due to the closure of PCBS' offices in Gaza.

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