



Press Release

Palestinian Central Bureau Of Statistics (PCBS):**Road Cost Index (RCI) Increase by 0.64% in the Remaining West Bank* in February 2009 Compared with the Previous Month**

The overall Road Cost Index (RCI) reached 100.98 in February 2009 with an increase of 0.64% compared with the previous month, (December 2008=100) .

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

- Quarries and quarrying products	+ 2.12 %
- Iron and steel	+ 1.38 %
- Asphalt & bitumen mixture & its products	+ 1.34%
- Rental of equipment	+ 1.19 %
- Operating costs of equipment & maintenance	+ 0.87 %

On the other hand, there was a **decrease** in the cost of the following major groups:

- Electric wires and cables	- 3.87 %
- Transportation fees	- 2.13 %
- Labor cost and wages	- 0.64 %
- Cement	- 0.14 %

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

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 since 15/04/2008.

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