



Press Release

**Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS):**

**Construction Cost Index in the remaining West Bank declined by 3.73% in  
October 2008**

The overall Construction Cost Index (CCI) for the \*Remaining West Bank reached 110.08 in October 2008 compared with 114.34 during the previous month (December 2007=100).

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

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| - Quarrying of stone and sand          | - 0.37%  |
| - Building iron                        | - 23.08% |
| - Cement products                      | - 0.25 % |
| - Aluminum and metal doors and windows | - 1.01 % |
| - Ceramic products                     | - 0.52 % |
| - Wood products                        | - 0.34 % |
| - Hiring of equipments                 | - 0.44 % |
| - Metal tools                          | - 2.13%  |

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

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| - Wages and labor cost     | + 2.53 % |
| - Cement, lime and plaster | + 0.33 % |

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**Note:** Data for the months January - October 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