Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

Increase in the Consumer Price Index during December,12/2016

The overall **CPI for Palestine during December 2016 increased by 0.28%** compared with November 2016 (by 0.37% in the West Bank**, and by 0.37% in Gaza Strip, while it decreased by 0.13% in Jerusalem J1*).

The change in CPI in Palestine for December 2016 is traced back to changes in prices of the following expenditure sub groups compared with previous month:

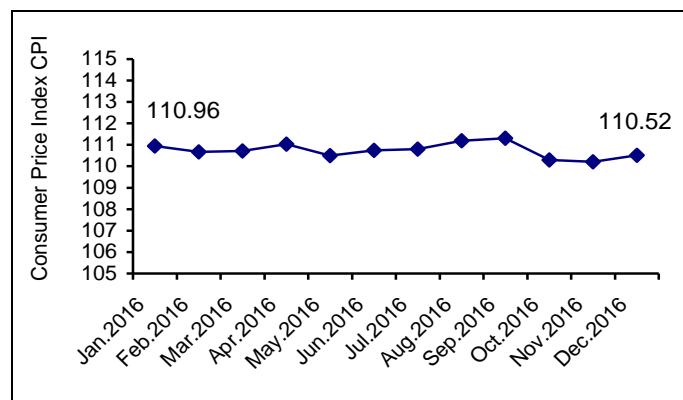| Sub Groups	Change
Fresh Vegetables	+ 10.11%
Dried Vegetables	+ 8.88%
Eggs	+ 4.77%
Education Services	+ 1.69%
Potatoes and other Tubers	+ 1.62%
Fresh Poultry	+ 1.03%
Fresh Meat	- 7.22%
Fresh Fruit	- 3.35%
Fresh Fish	- 2.28%
Liquid Fuel for House	- 1.74%
Flour	- 1.60%
Liquid Fuel for Cars	- 1.55%
Rice	- 0.86%

The CPI during December 2016 decreased by 1.05% compared with December 2015 (by 2.00% in Gaza Strip, and by 0.71% in the West Bank**, while it increased by 0.42% in Jerusalem J1*).

The CPI during **2016 decreased by 0.22%** compared with 2015 (by **0.96% in Jerusalem J1***, by **0.84% in Gaza Strip**, and slightly decreased by **0.08% the West Bank***).

The table below shows monthly percent change in CPI by region for the period January – December 2016:

Month	Monthly Percent Change			
	Palestine	West Bank**	Gaza Strip	Jerusal-em J1*
Jan.	- 0.66	- 0.64	- 0.70	- 1.67
Feb.	- 0.26	- 0.56	- 0.04	- 0.51
Mar.	+ 0.05	- 0.12	- 0.20	+ 0.92
Apr.	+ 0.28	- 0.26	+ 1.35	- 0.56
May.	- 0.49	- 0.66	- 0.45	- 0.03
Jun.	+ 0.22	+ 0.55	- 0.33	+ 1.75
Jul.	+ 0.07	+ 1.04	- 1.45	+ 0.20
Aug.	+ 0.35	+ 0.66	+ 0.77	- 0.36
Sep.	+ 0.10	- 0.20	- 0.14	+ 0.83
Oct.	- 0.90	- 0.76	- 1.42	+ 0.12
Nov.	- 0.09	- 0.12	+ 0.26	- 0.10
Dec.	+ 0.28	+ 0.37	+ 0.37	- 0.13
Cum.	**- 0.22**	**- 0.08**	**- 0.84**	**- 0.96**

Consumer price index numbers in Palestine for January – December 2016 (Base Year 2010=100)

Notes:
*The data of Jerusalem J1 includes that part of Jerusalem governorate which was annexed forcefully by Israel following its occupation of the West Bank in 1967.

**The data of West Bank doesn't include that part of Jerusalem governorate which was annexed forcefully by Israel following its occupation of the West Bank in 1967.