



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

**Slight Increase in Consumer Price
Index the during March, 03/2016**

The overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Palestine during March 2016 slightly increased by 0.05% compared with February 2016 (by 0.92% in Jerusalem J1*, while it decreased by 0.20% in Gaza Strip, and by 0.12% in the West Bank**).

The CPI during March 2016 increased by 0.32% compared with March 2015 (by 1.01% in the West Bank**, while it decreased by 1.41% in Gaza Strip, and by 1.35% in Jerusalem J1*).

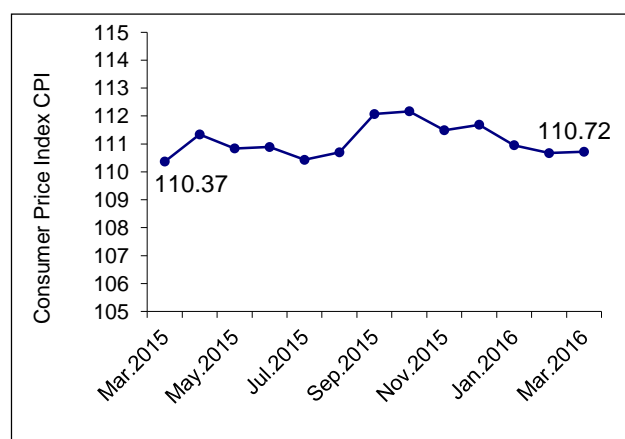
The CPI during the first quarter of 2016 increased by 0.63% compared with the same period of the previous year (by 1.39% in the West Bank**, while it decreased by 1.38% in Jerusalem J1*, and by 0.19% in Gaza Strip).

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

Sub Groups	Change
Dried Vegetables	+ 16.92%
Imported Cigarettes	+ 3.49%
Education Services	+ 2.25%
Liquid Fuel for House	+ 2.24%
Vegetable Oils	+ 1.09%
Fresh Meat	+ 0.79%

Eggs	- 6.60%
Fresh Vegetables	- 3.44%
Potatoes and other Tubers	- 2.34%
Fresh poultry	- 2.15%
Flour	- 1.75%
Fresh Fish	- 1.69%
Gas	- 1.16%
Liquid Fuel for Cars	- 1.06%
Fresh Fruit	- 0.69%

**The consumer price index in Palestine for
March 2015 – March 2016
(Base Year 2010=100)**



Notes:

- Jerusalem J1*: Includes that part of Jerusalem 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 which was annexed forcefully by Israel following its occupation of the West Bank in 1967.

**For more information, please contact:
Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics
Ramallah, Palestine.**

Tel: (972/970) 2 2982700

Fax: (972/970) 2 2982710

Toll free.: 1800300300

E-Mail diwan@pcbs.gov.ps

Web-Site: <http://www.pcbs.gov.ps>