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

**Consumer Price Index CPI continued its Increase during March, 03/2023 as a result of the increase in the prices of fresh and dried vegetables, fresh meat, fresh fruits, and eggs**

The overall Consumer Price Index CPI for Palestine during March 2023 **recorded an increase by 1.31%** compared with February 2023 (1.75% in Gaza Strip, 1.21% in the West Bank\*\*, and by 1.13% in Jerusalem J1\*).

The changes in Palestinian CPI during March 2023 were traced back to changes in prices of the following expenditure sub groups compared with previous month:

| **Sub Groups** | **Percent Change** |
| --- | --- |
| Dried Vegetables | + 16.76% |
| Fresh Meat | + 2.70% |
| Fresh Vegetables | + 2.10% |
| Fresh Fruits | + 1.57% |
| Eggs | + 1.20% |
| Fresh Chicken | - 4.54% |
| Potatoes | - 3.72% |

The Palestinian CPI during March 2023 increased by 4.32% compared with March 2022 (5.13% in the West Bank\*\*, 4.48% in Jerusalem J1\*, and by 1.69% in Gaza Strip).

**Notes**:

\*Data represent those parts of Jerusalem, which were annexed by Israeli Occupation in 1967.

\*\*Data exclude those parts of Jerusalem, which were annexed by Israeli Occupation in 1967.

The prices of goods and services were collected in New Israeli Shekels (NIS). The monthly average exchange rate of the US Dollar during March 2023 is (3.62 NIS/$).

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