



Press Release

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS):

Palestinian Consumer Price Index Increased by 0.06% in January 2010

The Overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Palestinian Territory with its 2004 base year (2004=100) reached 127.83 in January 2010, it increased by 0.06% compared with December 2009, and increased by 5.15% compared with January 2009.

Analysis of consumer price developments for January indicates **increases** in the following major expenditure groups:

- Alcoholic Beverages and tobacco	+ 3.09%
- Housing	+ 0.70%
- Recreational, cultural goods & services	+ 0.53%
- Medical care	+ 0.48%
- Furniture, household goods	+ 0.47%
- Restaurants, cafes and hotels	+ 0.39%
- Communications	+ 0.17%

At the same time, there were **decreases** in other major expenditure groups including:

- Food and soft drinks	- 0.47%
- Miscellaneous goods and services	- 0.35%
- Transportation	- 0.25%
- Textiles, clothing and footwear	- 0.12%

Palestinian Territory **regions** experienced different overall CPI developments as follows:

- Jerusalem J1**:	+ 0.17%
- Gaza Strip:	+ 0.09%
- West Bank*:	+ 0.02%

* West Bank: Excluding those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed by Israel in 1967.

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