Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS):

Industrial Production Index increased by 0.74% in the West Bank During Second Quarter 2009 compared with the previous Quarter

The overall Industrial Production Index (IPI) reached 100.74 in the Second Quarter 2009, compared to 100.00 in the First Quarter 2009.

The results indicated that there was a 0.74% increase in the industrial production index in the Second Quarter 2009 compared to the First Quarter 2009. (First Quarter 2009 = 100).

Analysis of Industrial Production Index developments for this quarter indicates **increases** in the following major groups:

-	Electricity:	+ 26.62 %
-	Water Supply:	+ 24.19 %
-	Manufacture of paper and its products:	+ 21.48 %
-	Manufacture of tobacco products:	+ 19.47 %
-	Manufacture of textiles:	+ 19.34 %
-	Mining and quarrying:	+ 18.35 %
-	Manufacture of basic metals:	+ 15.47 %

At the same time, there was a decrease in the following major groups:

-	Tanning of leather, manufacture of bags:	-36.62 %
-	Manufacture of electrical machinery:	-32.10 %
-	Manufacture of other equipments:	- 21.33 %
-	Manufacture of coke, refined petroleum products:	- 12.98 %
-	Manufacture of medical equipments:	- 12.62 %
-	Publishing, printing and reproduction:	-12.06 %

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