



Press Release

The Consumer Price Index increased by 1.49 % During January 2006

The consumer price index numbers in the Palestinian Territory for the base year (1996=100), reached 150.79 for January 2006, recording a 1.49 % increases compared with December 2005. Through the analysis of the price changes of commodities, it is apparent **that prices of the following major groups of expenditure have increased as follows:**

- Food by 3.55 %
- Transport and communications by 0.83 %
- Housing by 0.30 %
- Recreational, cultural goods & services by 0.13 %
- Medical care by 0.11 %
- Beverages and tobacco by 0.05 %
- Education by 0.01 %
- Textiles, clothing and footwear by 0.01 %

prices of other following major groups of expenditure have declined as follows:

- Miscellaneous goods and services by 0.33 %
- Furniture, household goods and services by 0.02 %

Analyzing the price movements of different regions in the Palestinian Territory, it is apparent that the Prices of Gaza Strip have increased by 2.00%, prices in Remaining West Bank increased by 1.38%. And prices in Jerusalem increased by 1.13 %.