Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

Decrease in the Consumer Price Index during May, 05/2017

The overall **CPI for Palestine during May 2017 decreased by 0.84%** compared with April 2017 (by 1.62% in Gaza Strip, by 0.50% in the West Bank**, and by 0.17% in Jerusalem J1*).

The changes in Palestinian CPI for May 2017 is traced back to changes in prices of the following expenditure sub groups compared with previous month:

Sub Groups	Percent Change
Potatoes and other Tubers	- 11.04%
Dried Vegetables	- 10.61%
Fresh Vegetables	- 7.53%
Eggs	- 7.26%
Fresh Fruit	- 6.13%
Gas	- 4.11%
Fresh Meat	- 1.31%
Liquid Fuel for House	+ 1.41%
Liquid Fuel for Cars	+ 1.02%

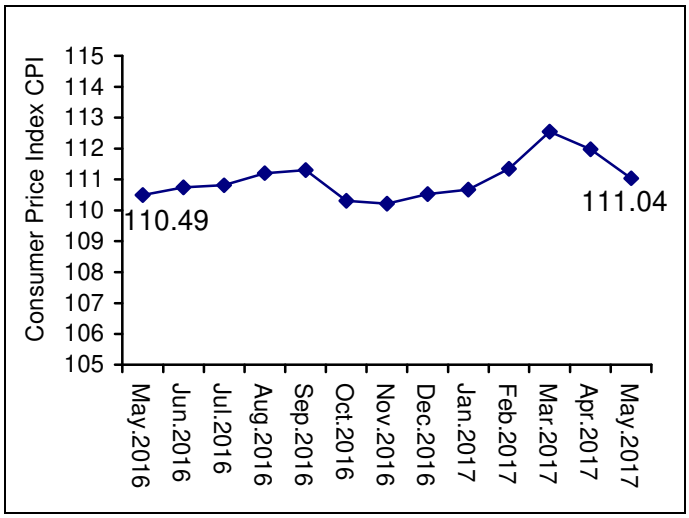
The Palestinian CPI during May 2017 increased by 0.50% compared with May 2016 (by 3.45% in Jerusalem J1*, by 1.04% in the West Bank**, while it decreased by 0.38% in Gaza Strip).

The Palestinian CPI during the first five months of 2017 increased by 0.67% compared with the same period of the previous year (by 3.33% in Jerusalem J1*, by 0.96% in the West Bank**, and by 0.20% in Gaza Strip).

The table below shows monthly percent change in CPI by region for the period January – May 2017:

Month	Monthly Percent Change			
	Palestine	West Bank**	Gaza Strip	Jerusal-em J1*
Jan.	+ 0.14	+ 0.03	+ 0.38	+ 1.02
Feb.	+ 0.62	+ 0.78	+ 0.40	+ 0.35
Mar.	+ 1.08	+ 0.22	+ 2.33	- 0.70
Apr.	- 0.50	- 1.01	+ 0.13	+ 0.61
May.	- 0.84	- 0.50	- 1.62	- 0.17

The trend line of Consumer Price Index in Palestine for May 2016 – May 2017
(Base Year 2010=100)



Notes:

*The data of Jerusalem J1 includes that part of Jerusalem governorate which was annexed forcefully by Israel following its occupation of the West Bank in 1967.

**The data of the West Bank doesn't include that part of Jerusalem governorate which was annexed forcefully by Israel following its occupation of the West Bank in 1967.

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