Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

Palestinian Consumer Price Index (CPI), March, 03/2018

Decrease in the CPI during March, 03/2018

The overall **CPI for Palestine during March 2018 decreased by 0.12%** compared with February 2018 (by 0.51% in Gaza Strip, and with a slight decrease by 0.09% in both the West Bank** and Jerusalem J1*).

The changes in Palestinian CPI for March 2018 is traced back to changes in prices of the following expenditure sub groups compared with previous month:

Sub Groups	Percent Change
Eggs	- 9.18%
Potatoes and other Tubers	- 6.44%
Dried Vegetables	- 4.51%
Liquid Fuel for House	- 4.17%
Liquid Fuel for Cars	- 2.31%
Fresh Fruit	- 2.00%
Fresh Vegetables	+ 1.40%
Fresh Fish	+ 1.39%
Rice	+ 0.81%

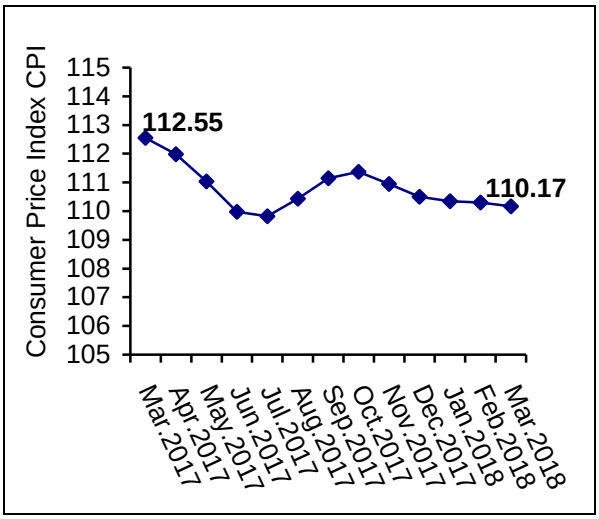
The Palestinian CPI during March 2018 decreased by 2.11% compared with March 2017 (by 3.13% in Gaza Strip, and by 1.89% in the West Bank**, while it increased by 0.17% in Jerusalem J1*).

The Palestinian CPI during the first quarter of 2018 decreased by 1.12% compared with the same quarter of the previous year (by 1.45% in the West Bank**, 1.09% in Gaza Strip, and with a slight decrease by 0.04% in Jerusalem J1*).

The table shows monthly percent change in CPI by Palestinian regions for the period January – March 2018:

Month	Monthly Percent Change			
	Palestine	West Bank**	Gaza Strip	Jerusal-em J1*
January 2018	- 0.13	+ 0.16	+ 0.37	-0.27
February 2018	- 0.05	+ 0.06	- 0.27	- 0.22
March 2018	- 0.12	- 0.09	- 0.51	- 0.09
Q1. 2018	**- 1.12**	**- 1.45**	**- 1.09**	**- 0.04**

The trend line of Consumer Price Index in Palestine for the period: March 2017 – March 2018 (Base Year 2010 = 100)



Notes:

*Data included those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed by Israeli Occupation in 1967.

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