

# **PRESS COMMUNIQUE**

## **Consumer Price Index – Year 2019**

1. The Consumer Price Index, which stood at 102.4 in December 2018, registered a net increase of 0.9 point (or 0.9%) to reach 103.3 in December 2019. The main reasons for the net increase in CPI during the year 2019 were:
  - higher prices for vegetables, fruits, milk, meat, and some other food products;
  - higher prices of ready-made clothing;
  - higher prices of motor vehicles and air tickets;
  - higher prices for prepared foods; and
  - higher prices of some other goods and services;partly offset by
  - lower prices of cooking gas;
  - lower prices of gasoline and diesel; and
  - lower university fees.
2. The headline inflation rate decreased from 3.2% in year 2018 to 0.5% in year 2019.
3. The headline inflation rate excluding 'Alcoholic beverages and tobacco' decreased from 3.1% in year 2018 to 0.4% in year 2019.

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