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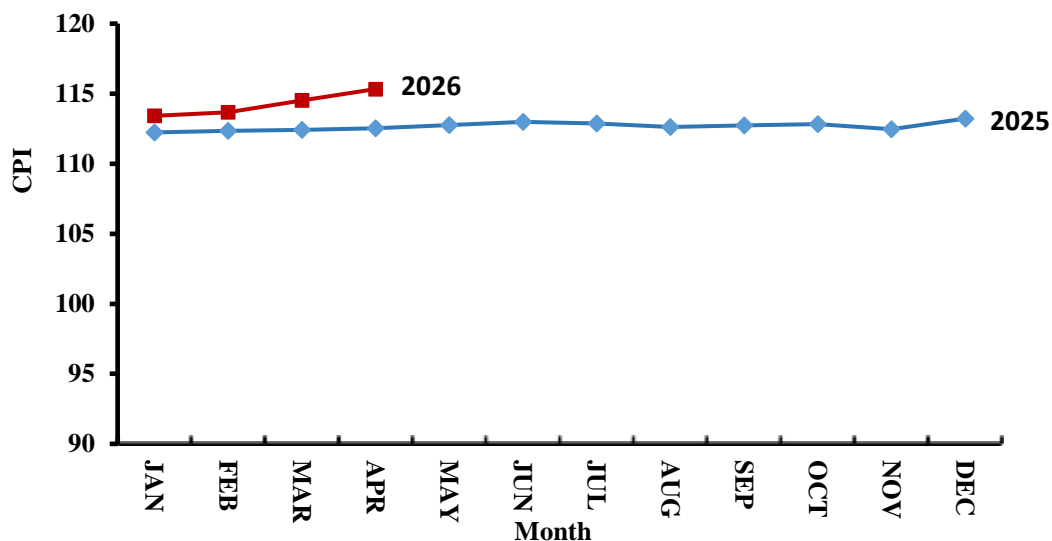
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## Press Release

Inflation is 2.49% in April 2026 compared to April 2025, 0.70% in April 2026 compared to March 2026, and 1.65% for the first four months of 2026 compared to 1.97% for the same period in 2025

The Department of Statistics (DoS) issued its monthly report on the Consumer Price Index of April 2026, which reached 2.49% compared to the same month in 2025, and 0.70% (less than one percentage point) compared to March 2026. On a cumulative basis, the inflation during the first four months of 2026 had reached 1.65% compared to 1.97% during the same period of 2025.

*Figure (1): the CPI for 2025 & 2026*



The following table shows the prices increase rates during the months of 2025 and the first four months of 2026.

**Table 1: Average CPI for the years 2025 & 2026 compared to the Same Period of the Previous Year (%)**

| Month<br>Year      | January | February | March | April | May  | June | July | August | September | October | November | December |
|--------------------|---------|----------|-------|-------|------|------|------|--------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|
| 2025<br>Monthly    | 2.29    | 2.12     | 1.64  | 1.83  | 1.98 | 2.02 | 1.68 | 1.32   | 1.74      | 2.0     | 1.28     | 1.31     |
| 2026<br>Monthly    | 1.06    | 1.17     | 1.87  | 1.87  | 2.49 |      |      |        |           |         |          |          |
| 2026<br>Cumulative | 1.06    | 1.11     | 1.36  | 1.36  | 1.65 |      |      |        |           |         |          |          |

**Table 2: Monthly CPIs for the years 2024, 2025, and 2026 (2018=100)**

| Month<br>Year | January | February | March  | April  | May    | June   | July   | August | September | October | November | December |
|---------------|---------|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|
| 2024          | 109.72  | 110.02   | 110.61 | 110.50 | 110.58 | 110.74 | 111.00 | 111.17 | 110.81    | 110.61  | 111.04   | 111.76   |
| 2025          | 112.23  | 112.36   | 112.43 | 112.53 | 112.77 | 112.98 | 112.87 | 112.63 | 112.74    | 112.82  | 112.46   | 113.22   |
| 2026          | 113.42  | 113.67   | 114.53 | 115.33 |        |        |        |        |           |         |          |          |

On the commodity groups level, the increase in the CPI of April 2026 compared to April 2025 is mainly attributed to the “*Personal Effects*” group by 23.64%, “*Oils & Fats*” group by 15.26%, “*Dried and Canned Vegetables & Legumes*” by 7.40%, “*Tea, coffee, and cocoa*” by 7.25%, and “*Spices, food additives, and other food*” by 4.71%. Meanwhile, there were decreases in the “*Household Appliances*” by (2.95%), “*Drinks and beverage*” by (2.09%), “*Fruits and Nuts*” group by (1.53%), and “*Houses Maintenance Services*” group by (1.09%).

Comparing the cumulative Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the first four months of 2026 with the same period in 2025, there were increases in price index of the “*Personal Effects*” group by 34.06%, “*Oils & Fats*” by 14.39%, “*Tea, coffee, and cocoa*” by 10.74%, “*Dried and Canned Vegetables & Legumes*” by 4.73%, “*Tobacco and Cigarettes*” by 3.99%. Meanwhile, the “*Meat and Poultry*”, “*Household Appliances*”, “*Fuel and Lights*”, and “*Drinks and Refreshments*” recorded a decrease by 4.85%, 3.04%, 1.11%, 1.11%, respectively.

Tables 3 and 4 illustrate the monthly and cumulative relative changes for some of the main groups that constitute the CPI.

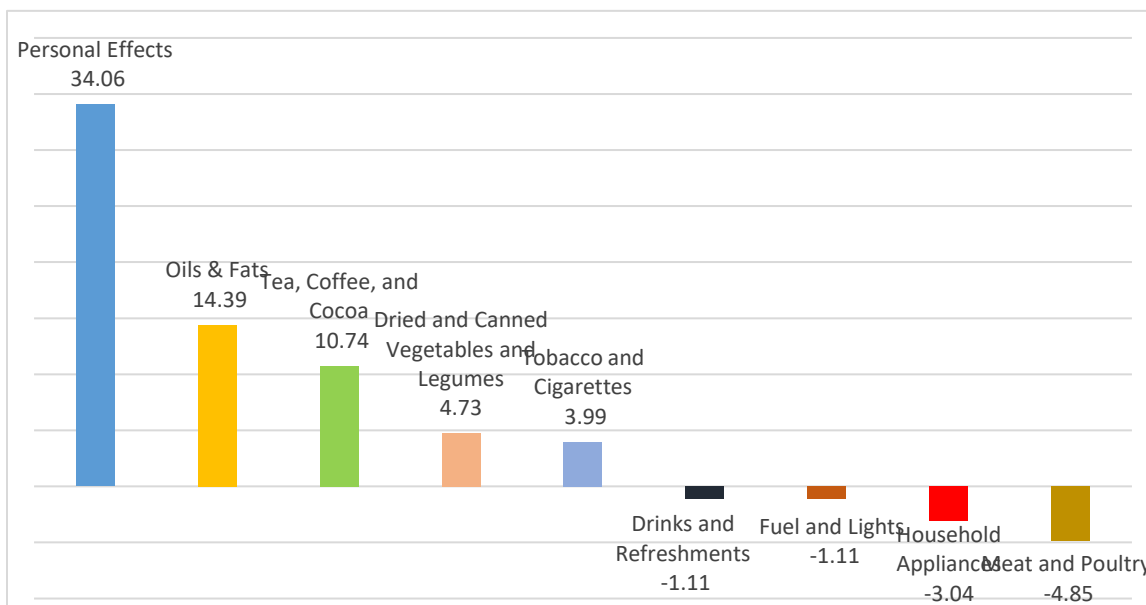
**Table 3: Relative Change for Main Commodities in April 2026 Compared to April 2025**

| <b>Expenditure groups</b>               | <b>Relative Change %</b> | <b>Relative Importance</b> |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Personal Effects                        | 23.64                    | 0.48                       |
| Oils & Fats                             | 15.26                    | 1.70                       |
| Dried and Canned Vegetables and Legumes | 7.40                     | 2.96                       |
| Tea, Coffee, and Cocoa                  | 7.25                     | 1.21                       |
| Spices, food additives, and other food  | 4.71                     | 1.27                       |
| Household Appliances                    | (2.95)                   | 0.86                       |
| Drinks and Refreshments                 | (2.09)                   | 1.52                       |
| Fruits and Nuts                         | (1.53)                   | 2.57                       |
| Houses Maintenance Services             | (1.09)                   | 0.66                       |

**Table 4: Relative Change for the first four months of 2026 Compared to the same period of 2025**

| Expenditure groups                      | Relative Change % | Relative Importance |
|---|-------------------|---------------------|
| Personal Effects                        | 34.06             | 0.48                |
| Oils & Fats                             | 14.39             | 1.70                |
| Tea, Coffee, and Cocoa                  | 10.74             | 1.21                |
| Dried and Canned Vegetables and Legumes | 4.73              | 2.96                |
| Tobacco and Cigarettes                  | 3.99              | 4.37                |
| Meat and Poultry                        | (4.85)            | 4.69                |
| Household Appliances                    | (3.04)            | 0.86                |
| Fuel and Lights                         | (1.11)            | 4.69                |
| Drinks and refreshments                 | (1.11)            | 1.52                |

**The following graph illustrates the main commodity groups whose prices changed during the first four months of 2026**



It is worth noting that computing the CPI (inflation) is based on a basket of consumables that includes (850) commodities, of which (325) are food commodities and (525) are non-food commodities.

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