

## Quarterly Inflation Monitor

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## Western Asia Region

Quarterly Inflation	Q <sub>4/15</sub> /Q <sub>3/15</sub>	Q <sub>1/16</sub> /Q <sub>4/15</sub>	$Q_{2/16}/Q_{1/16}$	Q <sub>3/16</sub> /Q <sub>2/16</sub>	Q <sub>4/16</sub> /Q <sub>3/16</sub>			
Bahrain	0.35%	1.79%	0.66%	-0.05%	-0.50%			
Egypt	4.17%	1.08%	5.25%	4.01%	7.99%			
Iraq	0.49%	-0.18%	-0.80%	-0.33%	0.33%			
Jordan	-0.56%	-1.66%	0.33%	1.35%	0.28%			
Kuwait	0.60%	0.99%	0.64%	0.97%	1.05%			
Lebanon	0.01%	-2.12%	1.48%	0.58%	2.11%			
Oman	-0.36%	0.16%	0.81%	0.71%	-0.06%			
Morocco	0.06%	0.17%	1.09%	0.51%	0.00%			
Palestine	0.65%	-0.90%	-0.03%	0.32%	-0.69%			
Qatar	0.73%	0.97%	0.22%	0.96%	-0.18%			
KSA	0.70%	2.03%	0.44%	0.17%	-0.43%			
Sudan	1.48%	2.10%	5.10%	8.06%	9.14%			
Syria	11.79%	13.72%	9.37%					
Tunisia	1.44%	0.21%	1.11%	1.05%	1.59%			
UAE	-0.06%	-0.29%	0.71%	0.91%	0.16%			
Yemen								



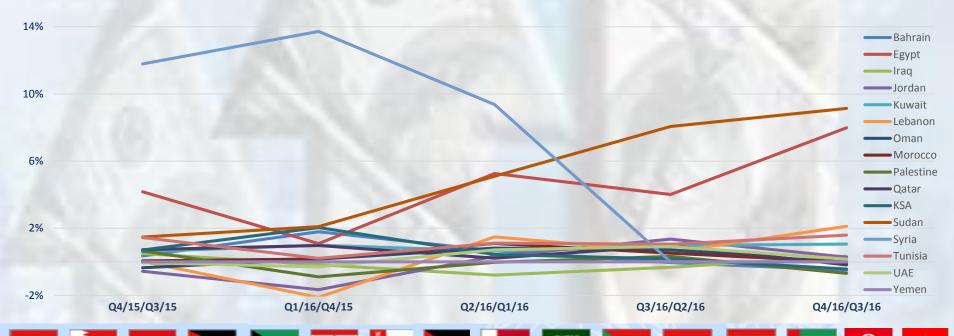
The highest inflation rate in the region for the fourth quarter of 2016 was recorded by Sudan and reached around 9%, mainly attributed to price increases in 'Food and Beverages' and 'Transport'.



Egypt experienced the second highest inflation rate of almost 8% during the fourth quarter of 2016, compared to a 4% in the third quarter. This could be explained by the Central Bank's decision to float the currency, causing all prices to increase, including educational prices that increased by almost 13% during the last quarter of 2016, compared to no inflation during the previous 3 quarters.

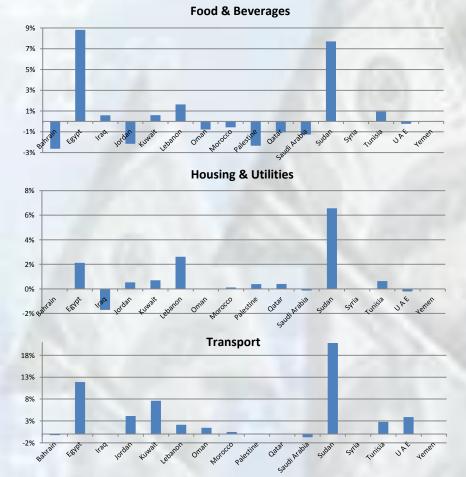


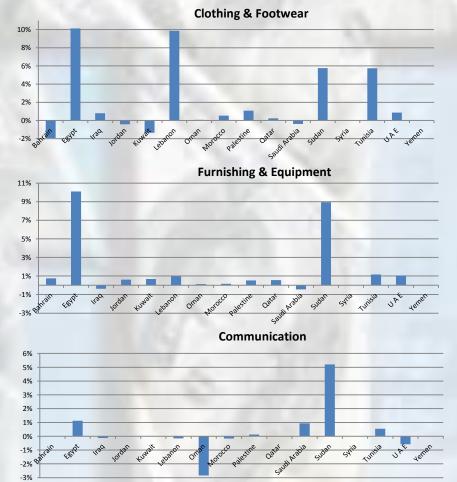
Three other GCC countries followed Bahrain and recorded deflationary rates in the fourth quarter of 2016. These rates are mostly attributed to a sharp price decrease in 'Food and Beverages'.

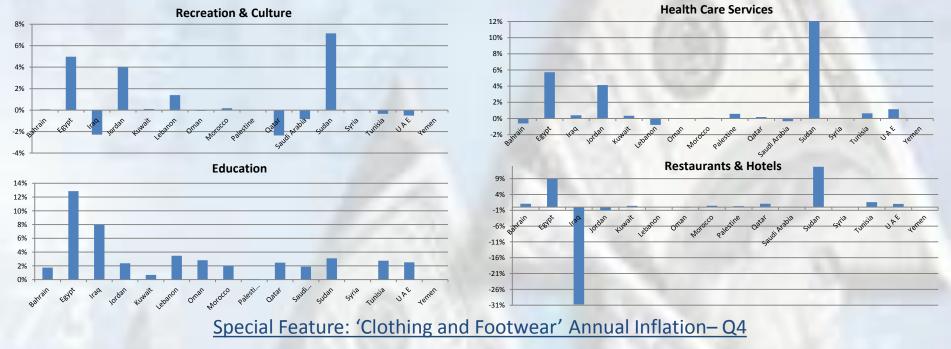


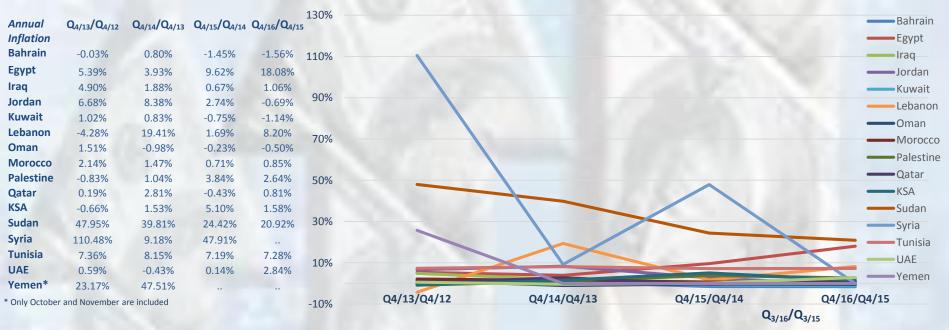
## Quarterly Inflation by Group - Q4 2016

Quarterly Inflation rate by Group	Bahrain	Egypt	Iraq	Jordan	Kuwait	Lebanon	Oman	Morocco	Palestine	Qatar	Saudi Arabia	Sudan	Syria	Tunisia	UAE	Yemen
1. Food & Beverages	-2.64%	8.82%	0.59%	-2.15%	0.60%	1.63%	-0.78%	-0.57%	-2.34%	-1.04%	-1.26%	7.71%		0.94%	-0.23%	
2. Clothing & Footwear	-1.94%	10.12%	0.79%	-0.42%	-1.35%	9.86%	0.07%	0.53%	1.08%	0.23%	-0.38%	5.76%		5.74%	0.86%	
3. Housing & Utilities	0.00%	2.12%	-1.70%	0.54%	0.70%	2.62%	-0.03%	0.12%	0.39%	0.40%	-0.13%	6.56%		0.64%	-0.21%	
4. Furnishing & Equipment	0.75%	10.10%	-0.37%	0.62%	0.68%	0.97%	0.12%	0.15%	0.52%	0.56%	-0.44%	8.94%		1.15%	1.05%	
5. Transport	-0.24%	11.90%	-0.10%	4.13%	7.63%	2.14%	1.43%	0.49%	0.11%	-0.12%	-0.71%	20.80%		2.78%	3.90%	
6. Communication	0.00%	1.12%	-0.13%	-0.01%	0.00%	-0.15%	-2.84%	-0.17%	0.13%	0.00%	0.94%	5.21%		0.54%	-0.58%	
7. Recreation & Culture	0.07%	4.98%	-2.29%	3.99%	0.10%	1.40%	-0.07%	0.17%	0.00%	-2.37%	-0.84%	7.16%		-0.35%	-0.52%	
8. Health Care Services	-0.62%	5.71%	0.39%	4.14%	0.33%	-0.79%	0.00%	0.06%	0.56%	0.17%	-0.35%	28.18%		0.63%	1.15%	
9. Education	1.74%	12.87%	7.96%	2.37%	0.67%	3.47%	2.81%	1.99%	0.05%	2.46%	1.88%	3.10%		2.75%	2.52%	
10. Restaurants and Hotels	1.05%	9.01%	-30.73%	-1.00%	0.39%	0.06%	-0.16%	0.48%	0.31%	1.05%	0.08%	12.74%		1.56%	1.00%	
11. Miscellaneous Goods & Services	-1.59%	8.14%	-1.08%	2.86%	-0.66%	0.31%	-0.13%	0.09%	0.61%	-0.86%	-0.77%	7.29%		1.36%	0.70%	









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