

T&T's inflation rises to 1%

THE rate of inflation in the country has increased.

The inflation rate for March 2025, which measures the percentage change in the All Items Index for the month of March 2025 over March 2024, was 1.0%. This represents an increase from 0.7% for the previous period (February 2025/ February 2024), the CSO said in a media release yesterday.

The inflation rate for the comparative period (March 2024/March 2023) was 0.8%.

The All Items Index calculated from the prices collected for the month of March 2025 was 125.0, which remained unchanged from the All Items Index for February 2025. The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased from 153.7 in February 2025 to 153.4 in March 2025, reflecting a decrease of -0.2%. 'Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of cucumber, tomatoes, ochroes, cabbage, green sweet pepper, fresh carite, grapes, melongene, eggs and patchoi.

However, the full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general increase in the prices of table margarine, hot peppers, irish potatoes, corn curls, cheese balls, tortilla chips, etc, garlic, fresh whole chicken, pimento, corned beef, fresh duck and soya bean oil,' it stated. A further review of the data for March 2025 compared with February 2025 reflected decreases in the sub-indices for Alcohol and Tobacco of -0.1% and Clothing and Footwear of -0.2%, it added.