

CSO: Inflation up by 0.1%

THE inflation rate in the country for June 2025 increased by 0.1%, moving from 1.4% in May 2025 (compared to May 2024) to 1.5%, the Central Statistical Office (CSO) has said. For the comparative period of June 2024 over June 2023, the inflation rate stood at 0.7%. The all-items index for June, based on collected prices, was recorded at 125.6 representing an increase of 0.3 points or 0.2% above the May index.

The index for food and non-alcoholic beverages rose from 153.4 in May to 155.5 in June, reflecting an increase of 1.4%.

'Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of tomatoes, fresh whole chickens, cucumber, celery, sweet potatoes, soya bean oil, eddoes, grapes, cabbage and oranges,' the CSO stated.

However, it added: 'The full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of pumpkin, garlic, hot peppers, fresh carite, parboiled rice, plantains, fresh salmon, table margarine, melon and pimento. Price changes in this section for the month of June accounted for a net overall increase of 0.4 points.'

The CSO also reported that a review of the June data, compared to May, showed a 0.1% decrease in the sub-index for clothing and footwear.