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Fifteenth Report Implementation of the Agreement on Movement and Access (31 May – 13 June 2006)

The United Nations¹ is submitting the 15th bi-weekly report on the implementation of the 15 November Agreement on Movement and Access (AMA), covering the period 31 May – 13 June 2006 inclusive.²

- Rafah crossing was open daily during the reporting period. From 1 June, opening hours have increased to 12 hours per day. Passenger numbers increased during the reporting period.
- Karni crossing was closed for one day during the reporting period. On five other days
 Karni was open for less than six hours. The crossing was also only open for imports on
 four days.
- Kerem Shalom crossing was open for four days during the reporting period for humanitarian assistance originating from Egypt.
- Sufa crossing was closed for four days during the reporting period.
- Erez crossing has been closed to Palestinians since 12 March and there is no indication as to when the crossing will reopen. Consequently, no workers or traders crossed into Israel through Erez during the reporting period.
- The deadline for the introduction of truck convoys between the Gaza Strip and the West Bank as agreed in the AMA, passed on 15 January. Discussions about the possibility of bus convoys have not resumed.
- The Government of Israel (GoI) has not provided the assurance to donors that it will not interfere with the operation of the Gaza Strip seaport.
- There have been no discussions on the Gaza Strip airport during the reporting period.
- According to OCHA, the number of obstacles to movement in the West Bank decreased slightly from 519 to 515. The figure reported is based on a comprehensive count of physical obstacles to Palestinian movement in the West Bank which is conducted a number of times a year by OCHA. Previous figures are based on OCHA field observations only.

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¹ The Office of the Quartet's Special Envoy closed on 28 April. The United Nations has assumed reporting responsibilities on the implementation of the AMA.

² The report draws on all available data sources for reporting including the EU, UN agencies, PA ministries, PalTrade, COGAT and the World Bank.

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Rafah		
		YES/NO
	Open on 26 November	YES
	Working hours per day (ave.)	
	Actual	11.4 ^a
	Scheduled	11.9
	Days open in period	
	Actual	14
	Scheduled	14
	Number of days experiencing a closure (total in 2 week period)	0
	Security incidents on Palestinian side of border	0

a: There were no significant delays in opening during the reporting period (there was only a slight delay in opening on 8 June due to minor technical problems). On nine days Rafah closed early because of low passenger numbers. From 1 June Rafah is scheduled to be open for 12 hours a day (between 08:00 - 20:00).

Movement: Travelers and Cargo	In	Out
Travelers through Rafah (daily ave.)	726	809
Number of trucks (daily ave.)	n.a	0
Number of cars (daily ave.) ^b	0	0

b: Pending capacity-building of the Palestinian personnel at Rafah.

Management and Operations	YES/NO
PA established clear operating procedures	YES
Israel provided PA with population registry data	incomplete
Liaison office established	YES
PA established baggage limits	YES
PA provided the 3rd party the list of names of workers at Rafah	YES
Security working group established	YES
PA customs officials clearing incoming cargo at Kerem Shalom	NO
Kerem Shalom operating procedures being discussed	YES ^c

c: Working level discussions took place prior to 29 March.

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ssing Points					
ods - Gaza Strip	Erez	Karni	Kerem Shalom	Others	Total
Working hours per day (ave.)					
Actu	al n.a.	6 ^g	n.a.	n.a.	6
Schedule	ed n.a.	13.5	n.a.	n.a.	13.5
Utilization ratio	n.a.	not available	n.a.	n.a.	not availabl
Days open in period					
Actu	al n.a.	11 ^h	4 ^j	8	23
Scheduled	y ^e n.a.	12	n.a.	12	24
Number of days experiencing a closure (total)	n.a.	1	n.a.	4 ^k	5
Number of trucks out (daily ave.)f	0	13.8	0	n.a.	13.8
Agricultur	al n.a.	3.1	n.a.	n.a.	3.1
Non-Agricultur	al n.a.	10.7	n.a.	n.a.	10.7
Number of trucks scheduled out (daily ave.)	n.a.	not available	n.a.	n.a.	not availab
Number of trucks in (daily ave.)	n.a.	282 ⁱ	0	n.a.	282
Security incidents on Palestinian side of the crossing	0	0	0	0	0
ple Working hours per day (ave.)					
Actu	al 0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0
Schedule	ed 16.5	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	16.5
Days open in period					
Actu	al 0 ^l	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0
Schedule		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	14
Travelers in (daily ave.)	not available	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	not availab
Travelers out (daily ave.)	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0
Number of days experiencing closures (total)	14 ^l	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	14

d: Ratio of actual vs. planned working hours of scanners and cells.

I: Erez has been closed since 12 March.

Management and Operations - Gaza Strip			YES/NO									
New and additional scanner installed at Karni by December 31												
Common management system adopted by both parties			NO									
New generation of x-ray equipment installed and used			NO									
Passages protected on the Palestinian side of the border	Passages protected on the Palestinian side of the border											
	Training program in place											
	Security equ	uipment installed	NO									
PA established a unified system of border management			NO									
Management system developed for Karni applied to Erez and Kerem Shalom			NO									
Management and Operations - West Bank	anagement and Operations - West Bank Tarkumiya Jalame											
Israel put in place similar arrangements to make West Bank passages fully operational	NO	NO	NO									
Operational procedures developed for those passages	NO	NO	NO									

e: Karni and Sufa are closed on Saturdays.

f: Totals according to PalTrade.

g: Karni was open five days during the reporting period for less than six hours, including on 9 June, when it was open for 45 minutes before being closed for reported security reasons by the IDF.

h: Karni was closed on 2 June. Karni was only open for imports on four days (6, 9, 12 and 13 June).

i: Total truckloads of imports during reporting period was 3,381, including 885 truckloads of aggregates.

j: Kerem Shalom was open for four days during the reporting for humanitarian assistance originating from Egypt (8, 11, 12 and 13 June).

k. Sufa crossing was closed on 1, 2, 9 and 11 June.

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Gaza Strip Seaport	
	YES/NO
Gol assured donors that it will not interfere with operation of seaport / letter sent	NO
Tripartite committee to develop security and other arrangements for the port established	NO

Gaza Strip Airport	
	YES/NO
Discussions continuing on security, construction and operations issues	NO

Link Between Gaza and the West Bank		
Convoys		YES/NO
Bus convoys established by December 15		NO
Truck convoys established by January 15		NO
Detailed implementation arrangements worked out		NO
Buses (both directions - ave. in period)		
Number of convoys per day	0	
Number of people per day	0	
Trucks (both directions - ave. in period)		
Number of convoys per day	0	
Number of trucks per day	0	

Movem	nent Within the West Bank									
Obstacle	e reduction	YES/NO								
	Work ongoing to establish a plan to reduce obstacles	NO								
	Plan to reduce obstacles completed by Dec. 31									
	Number of identified obstacles ^m	515								
	of which manned	76								
	of which unmanned	439								

m: The figure reported is based on a comprehensive count of physical obstacles to Palestinian movement in the West Bank which is conducted a number of times a year by OCHA. Previous figures are based on OCHA field observatiosn only.

Trend Analysis

Rafah	Baseline	Period 1	Period 5	Period 6	Period 7	Period 8	Period 9	Period 10	Period 11	Period 12	Period 13	Period 14	Period 15
	Jan '04 - Jun'05	26-Nov	Jan 7 - 20	Jan 21 - Feb 3	Feb 4 - 17	Feb 18 -Mar 3	Mar 4 - 17	Mar 18 - 31	Apr 1 - 14	Apr 15 - 28	Apr 29 -May 16	May 17 - 30	May 31 -Jun 13
Working hours per day (ave.)													
Actual	not available	4.0	12.3	9.4	9.2	9.2	9.2	10.1	11.2	11.3	10.5	10.2	11.4
Scheduled	not available	4.0	11.6	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.9	11.0	11.0	10.9	11.0	11.9 ^b
Days open in period													
Actual	n.a.	1	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	18	14	14
Scheduled	n.a.	1	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	18	14	14
Number of days experiencing a closure (total in 2 week period)	2.8 (ave.)	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Travelers through Rafah in (daily ave.)	286	757	852	919	591	630	646	675	637	625	531	531	726
Travelers through Rafah out (daily ave.)	297	830	848	648	707	654	661	675	650	584	535	577	809
No. of trucks out (daily ave.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. of cars in (daily ave.) ^a	0	n.a.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. of cars out (daily ave.) ^a	0	n.a.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Security incidents on Palestinian side of border	not available	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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b: There were no significant delays in opening during the reporting period (there was only a slight delay in opening on 8 June due to minor technical problems). On nine days, Rafah closed early because of low passenger numbers. From 1 June, Rafah is scheduled to be open for 12 hours a day (between 08:00 - 20:00).

Karni	Baseline	Period 1	Period 5	Period 6	Period 7	Period 8	Period 9	Period 10	Period 11	Period 12	Period 13	Period 14	Period 15
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Working hours per day (ave.)													
Actual	not available	12	not available	0	13.5	3.4	2.0	5.2	2.2	not available	5.6	7.1	6 ^f
Scheduled	not available	not available	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5
Utilization ratic c	not available	not available	not available	0%	55%	not available	not available	7%	2.3%	not available	not available	not available	not available
Days open in period													
Actual	n.a.	10	5	0	12	3	4	10	5	9	14	12	11
Scheduled ^d	n.a.	10	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	15	12	12
week period)	2.2 (ave.)	0	6	12	0	9	8	2	7	3.5	1	0	1 ^g
Number of trucks out (daily ave.)e	23	44	19	0	62	16	3.6	9.9	5.2	5.1	0.1	17	13.8
Agricultural	not available	15	not available	0	33	not available	not available	7	3.6	4.4	0	6	3.1
Non-Agricultural	not available	29	not available	0	29	not available	not available	2.9	1.6	0.7	0.1	11	10.7
Number of trucks scheduled out (daily ave.)	not available	54	not available	0	80	not available	not available	not available					
Number of trucks in (daily ave.)e	205	394	88	0	414	91	42	167	122.5	281	266	291	282 ^h
Security incidents on Palestinian side of the crossing	not available	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

c: Ratio of actual vs. planned working hours of scanners and cells.

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e: Totals according to PalTrade.

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g: Karni was closed on 2 June. Karni was only open for imports on four days (6, 9, 12 and 13 June).

h: Total truckloads of imports during reporting period was 3,381 including 885 truckloads of aggregates.

Trend Analysis

Erez	Baseline	Period 1	Period 5	Period 6	Period 7	Period 8	Period 9	Period 10	Period 11	Period 12	Period 13	Period 14	Period 15
Goods	Jan '04 - Jun'05	Nov 15 - 25	Jan 7 - 20	Jan 21 - Feb 3	Feb 4 - 17	Feb 18 -Mar 3	Mar 4 - 17	Mar 18 - 31	Apr 1 - 14	Apr 15 - 28	Apr 29 -May 16	May 17 - 30	May 31 -Jun 13
Working hours per day (ave.)													
Actual	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Scheduled	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Days open in period													
Actual	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Scheduled	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Number of trucks out (daily ave.)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Agricultural	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Non-Agricultural	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Number of trucks scheduled out (daily ave.)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Number of trucks in (daily ave.)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

Erez	Baseline	Period 1	Period 5	Period 6	Period 7	Period 8	Period 9	Period 10	Period 11	Period 12	Period 13	Period 14	Period 15
Workers and Businesspeople	Jan '04 - Jun'05	Nov 15 - 25	Jan 7 - 20	Jan 21 - Feb 3	Feb 4 - 17	Feb 18 -Mar 3	Mar 4 - 17	Mar 18 - 31	Apr 1 - 14	Apr 15 - 28	Apr 29 -May 16	May 17 - 30	May 31 -Jun 13
Working hours per day (ave.)													
Actual	not available	12.0	0.0	15.2	16.5	16.5	9.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Scheduled	not available	16.5	16.5	16.5	16.5	16.5	16.5	16.5	16.5	16.5	16.5	16.5	16.5
Days open in period													
Actual	n.a.	8	1	12	14	14	8	0	0	0	0	O ^f	O ⁱ
Scheduled	n.a.	11	14	13	14	14	14	14	14	14	18	14	14
Number of days experiencing a closure (total in 2 week period)	7.6 (ave.)	3	13	1	14	0	6	14	14	14	18	14	14
Workers & businesspeople in (daily ave.)	not available	not available	not available	not available	not available	not available	not available	not available	not available	not available	not available	not available	not available
Workers & businesspeople out (daily ave.)	1841	1,330	0	2,530	2,921	2,955	1,568	0	0	0	0	0	0
Security incidents on the Palestinian side of the crossing	not available	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

i: Since 12 March Erez has been closed.

Trend Analysis

Kerem Shalom	Baseline	Period 1	Period 5	Period 6	Period 7	Period 8	Period 9	Period 10	Period 11	Period 12	Period 13	Period 14	Period 15
	Jan '04 - Jun'05	Nov 15 - 25	Jan 7 - 20	Jan 21 - Feb 3	Feb 4 - 17	Feb 18 -Mar 3	Mar 4 - 17	Mar 18 - 31	Apr 1 - 14	Apr 15 - 28	Apr 29 -May 16	May 17 - 30	May 31 -Jun 13
Working hours per day (ave.)													
Actual	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	7.5	6.7	3.2	1.7	n.a.	n.a.
Scheduled	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Days open in period													
Actual	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8	11	8	5	0	4 ^j
Scheduled	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	12	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Number of days experiencing a closure (total in 2 week period)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Number of trucks out (daily ave.)													
Agricultural	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Non-Agricultural	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Number of trucks scheduled out (daily ave.)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Number of trucks in (daily ave.)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	11.9	11.6	6.6	2.1	0.0	0.0
Security incidents on Palestinian side of the	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0	0	0	0	0	0

j: Kerem Shalom was open for four days during the reporting for humanitarian assistance originating from Egypt (8, 11, 12 and 13 June).

Convoys	Baseline	Period 1	Period 5	Period 6	Period 7	Period 8	Period 9	Period 10	Period 11	Period 12	Period 13	Period 14	Period 15
	Jan '04 - Jun'05	Nov 15 - 25	Jan 7 - 20	Jan 21 - Feb 3	Feb 4 - 17	Feb 18 -Mar 3	Mar 4 - 17	Mar 18 - 31	Apr 1 - 14	Apr 15 - 28	Apr 29 -May 16	May 17 - 30	May 31 -Jun 13
Buses (both directions)													
No. of convoys per day	0	n.a.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. of people per day	0	n.a.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trucks (both directions)													
No. of convoys per day	0	n.a.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. of trucks per day	0	n.a.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Movement	First figure	Period 1	Period 5	Period 6	Period 7	Period 8	Period 9	Period 10	Period 11	Period 12	Period 13	Period 14	Period 15
Within the West Bank	1 Aug 05	Nov 15 - 25	Jan 7 - 20	Jan 21 - Feb 3	Feb 4 - 17	Feb 18 -Mar 3	Mar 4 - 17	Mar 18 - 31	Apr 1 - 14	Apr 15 - 28	Apr 29 -May 16	May 17 - 30	May 31 -Jun 13
No. of identified obstacles	376	396	465	475	484	487	496	505	496	504	515	519	515 ^k
of which manne	59	63	60	59	58	60	61	63	63	66	70	71	76
of which unmanne	317	334	405	416	426	427	435	442	433	438	445	448	439

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