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**Nineteenth Report
Implementation of the Agreement on Movement and Access
(26 July – 8 August 2006)**

The United Nations¹ is submitting the 19th bi-weekly report on the implementation of the 15 November Agreement on Movement and Access (AMA), covering the period 26 July – 8 August 2006 inclusive.²

- The **Rafah crossing** has remained closed for regular movement. There is no indication as to when the crossing will reopen and no persons have been able to exit the Gaza Strip since 25 June.
- The **Karni crossing** was closed for four days during the reporting period (26, 27, 28 July and 8 August). Karni was open for imports on all other scheduled working days although actual operating times varied between three and a half and nine and a half hours per day. A total of 19.5 truckloads of exported goods have crossed through Karni since 23 June (on 6 and 7 August).
- The **Erez crossing** remains closed for Palestinian workers and traders since 12 March. Since 25 June, only critical Palestinian humanitarian cases (with prior coordination with the Israeli DCL) were permitted to cross. There was an attack by Palestinian militants on an Israel Defence Forces (IDF) observation post at Erez on 23 July and since this time Erez has been frequently closed, including for diplomats and humanitarian workers.
- The **Kerem Shalom crossing** has remained closed since 25 June, following an attack by Palestinian militants on an IDF observation post.
- The **Sufa crossing** has remained closed since 21 June, due to a reported security alert by the IDF.
- 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 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 from 540 to 536. OCHA compiles several times a year comprehensive count of physical obstacles to Palestinian movement in the West Bank. The figures reported here are based on OCHA field observations only.

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.

Rafah		YES/NO
	Open on 26 November	YES
	Working hours per day (ave.)	
	Actual	0 ^a
	Scheduled	12
	Days open in period	
	Actual	0 ^a
	Scheduled	14
	Number of days experiencing a closure (total in 2-week period)	14
	Security incidents on Palestinian side of border	0

a: Rafah has remained closed for all movement throughout the reporting period. Rafah has remained closed for regular movement since 25 July. No passengers were able to exit the Gaza Strip and there is no indication as to when the crossing will re-open (source: EU BAM).

Movement: Travelers and Cargo		In	Out
	Travellers through Rafah (daily ave.)	0	0
	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.

n.a.= not applicable to this report

Crossing Points						
Goods - Gaza Strip		Erez	Karni	Kerem Shalom	Others	Total
	Working hours per day (ave.)					
	<i>Actual</i>	n.a.	4.8 ^h	n.a.	n.a.	4.8
	<i>Scheduled</i>	n.a.	13.5	n.a.	n.a.	13.5
	<i>Utilization ratio^d</i>	n.a.	not available	n.a.	n.a.	not available
	Days open in period					
	<i>Actual</i>	n.a.	8 ^h	0 ^k	0 ^l	8
	<i>Scheduled^e</i>	n.a.	12	n.a.	12	24
	Number of days experiencing a closure (total)	n.a.	4 ^h	n.a.	12 ^l	14
	Number of trucks out (daily ave.)	n.a.	1.6 ^j	n.a.	n.a.	0
	<i>Agricultural</i>	n.a.	not available	n.a.	n.a.	0
	<i>Non-Agricultural</i>	n.a.	not available	n.a.	n.a.	0
	Number of trucks scheduled out (daily ave.)	n.a.	not available	n.a.	n.a.	not available
	Number of trucks in (daily ave.)	n.a.	135 ^j	n.a.	n.a.	135
	Security incidents on Palestinian side of the crossing	0	0	0	0	0
People						
	Working hours per day (ave.)					
	<i>Actual</i>	0 ^g	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0
	<i>Scheduled</i>	16.5	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	16.5
	Days open in period					
	<i>Actual</i>	0 ^g	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0
	<i>Scheduled</i>	14	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	14
	Travellers in (daily ave.)	not available	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	not available
	Travellers out (daily ave.)	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0
	Number of days experiencing closures (total)	14 ^g	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	14

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

e: Karni and Sufa are scheduled to open six days a week (closed on Saturdays).

g: Erez has remained closed for Palestinian workers and traders since 12 March (source: National Security Forces).

h: Karni was closed on 26,27,28 July and 8 Aug (excluding Saturdays). Karni was open for imports only on six scheduled working days and for imports and exports on two days during the reporting period. Actual working hours varied between three and a half and nine and a half hours per day. The actual working hours per day (ave.) is calculated on the basis of scheduled days open i.e. 12 days.

i: A total of 19.5 trucks of exported goods left the Gaza Strip since 23 June. The daily average number of trucks into the Gaza Strip is calculated on the basis of scheduled days open i.e. 12 (source: PalTrade).

j: Total truckloads of imports during reporting period was 1,621 (there were no truckloads of aggregates imported during the reporting period). The daily average number of trucks into the Gaza Strip is calculated on the basis of scheduled days open i.e. 12 (source: PalTrade).

k: Kerem Shalom has remained closed since 25 June.

l: Sufa has remained closed since 21 June.

Management and Operations - Gaza Strip				YES/NO	
	New and additional scanner installed at Karni by December 31			delivered but not installed	
	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			NO	
	Training program in place			NO	
	Security equipment 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		Tarkumiya	Jalame	Sha'ar Ephraim	
	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

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
<i>Buses (both directions - ave. in period)</i>	
Number of convoys per day	0
Number of people per day	0
<i>Trucks (both directions - ave. in period)</i>	
Number of convoys per day	0
Number of trucks per day	0

Movement Within the West Bank

Obstacle reduction	YES/NO
Work ongoing to establish a plan to reduce obstacles	NO
Plan to reduce obstacles completed by Dec. 31	NO
Number of identified obstacles ^m	536
of which manned	77
of which unmanned	459

m: OCHA compiles several times a year a comprehensive count of physical obstacles to Palestinian movement in the the West Bank. The figures reported here are based on OCHA field observations only.

Trend Analysis

Rafah	Baseline	Period 1	Period 9	Period 10	Period 11	Period 12	Period 13	Period 14	Period 15	Period 16	Period 17	Period 18	Period 19
	Jan '04 - Jun'05	26-Nov	Mar 4 - 17	Mar 18 - 31	Apr 1 - 14	Apr 15 - 28	Apr 29 -May 16	May 17 - 30	May 31 -Jun 13	Jun 14 - 27	Jun 28 -Jul 11	Jul 12 - 25	Jul 26 - Aug 8
Working hours per day (ave.)													
<i>Actual</i>	not available	4.0	9.2	10.1	11.2	11.3	10.5	10.2	11.4	0	0	1.5 ^b	0 ^b
<i>Scheduled</i>	not available	4.0	9.0	9.9	11.0	11.0	10.9	11.0	11.9	12	12	12	12
Days open in period													
<i>Actual</i>	n.a.	1	14	14	14	14	18	14	14	0	0	2 ^b	0 ^b
<i>Scheduled</i>	n.a.	1	14	14	14	14	18	14	14	14	14	14	14
Number of days experiencing a closure (total in 2 week period)	2.8 (ave.)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	14	12	14
Travelers through Rafah in (daily ave.)	286	757	646	675	637	625	531	531	726	0	0	370	0
Travelers through Rafah out (daily ave.)	297	830	661	675	650	584	535	577	809	0	0	0	0
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

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

b: Rafah has remained closed for regular movement since since 25 June (except for 18 and 19 July).

Karni	Baseline	Period 1	Period 9	Period 10	Period 11	Period 12	Period 13	Period 14	Period 15	Period 16	Period 17	Period 18	Period 19
	Jan '04 - Jun'05	Nov 15 - 25	Mar 4 - 17	Mar 18 - 31	Apr 1 - 14	Apr 15 - 28	Apr 29 -May 16	May 17 - 30	May 31 -Jun 13	Jun 14 - 27	Jun 28 -Jul 11	Jul 12 - 25	Jul 26 - Aug 8
Working hours per day (ave.)													
<i>Actual</i>	not available	12	2.0	5.2	2.2	not available	5.6	7.1	6	5.7	1.3	5.3 ^f	4.8 ^f
<i>Scheduled</i>	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
<i>Utilization ratio</i> ^c	not available	not available	not available	7%	2.3%	not available	not available	not available	not available	not available	not available	not available	not available
Days open in period													
<i>Actual</i>	n.a.	10	4	10	5	9	14	12	11	9	3	10 ^f	8 ^f
<i>Scheduled</i> ^d	n.a.	10	12	12	12	12	15	12	12	12	12	12	12
Number of days experiencing a closure (total in 2 week period)	2.2 (ave.)	0	8	2	7	3.5	1	0	1	3	9	2	4
Number of trucks out (daily ave.)	23	44	3.6	9.9	5.2	5.1	0.1	17	13.8	21.2	0	0 ^g	1.6 ^g
<i>Agricultural</i>	not available	15	not available	7	3.6	4.4	0	6	3.1	3.6	0	0	not available
<i>Non-Agricultural</i>	not available	29	not available	2.9	1.6	0.7	0.1	11	10.7	17.6	0	0	not available
Number of trucks scheduled out (daily ave.)	not available	54	not available	not available	not available	not available	not available	not available	not available	not available	not available	not available	not available
Number of trucks in (daily ave.) ^e	205	394	42	167	122.5	247	259	279	240.5	209.5	26.7	134.5 ^h	135 ^h
Security incidents on Palestinian side of the crossing	not available	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

d: Karni is closed on Saturdays.

e: Source: PalTrade.

f: Karni was closed on 26,27,28 July and 8 Aug (excluding Saturdays). Karni was open for imports only on six scheduled working days and for imports and exports on two days during the reporting period. Actual working hours varied from between three and a half and nine and a half hours per day. The actual working hours per day (ave.) is calculated on the basis of scheduled days open i.e. 12 days.

g: A total of 19 trucks were permitted to export goods from the Gaza Strip on 6 and 7 August (source: PalTrade). The actual working hours per day (ave.) is calculated on the basis of scheduled days open i.e. 12 days.

h: Total truckloads of imports during reporting period was 1,614 (there were no truckloads of aggregates imported during the reporting period). The daily average number of trucks into the Gaza Strip is calculated on the basis of scheduled days open i.e. 12 (source: PalTrade).

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Trend Analysis

Erez	Baseline	Period 1	Period 9	Period 10	Period 11	Period 12	Period 13	Period 14	Period 15	Period 16	Period 17	Period 18	Period 19
Goods	Jan '04 - Jun'05	Nov 15 - 25	Mar 4 - 17	Mar 18 - 31	Apr 1 - 14	Apr 15 - 28	Apr 29 - May 16	May 17 - 30	May 31 - Jun 13	Jun 14 - 27	Jun 28 - Jul 11	Jul 12 - 25	Jul 26 - Aug 8
Working hours per day (ave.)													
<i>Actual</i>	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.
<i>Scheduled</i>	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													
<i>Actual</i>	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.
<i>Scheduled</i>	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.
<i>Agricultural</i>	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.
<i>Non-Agricultural</i>	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 9	Period 10	Period 11	Period 12	Period 13	Period 14	Period 15	Period 16	Period 17	Period 18	Period 19
Workers and Businesspeople	Jan '04 - Jun'05	Nov 15 - 25	Mar 4 - 17	Mar 18 - 31	Apr 1 - 14	Apr 15 - 28	Apr 29 - May 16	May 17 - 30	May 31 - Jun 13	Jun 14 - 27	Jun 28 - Jul 11	Jul 12 - 25	Jul 26 - Aug 8
Working hours per day (ave.)													
<i>Actual</i>	not available	12.0	9.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Scheduled</i>	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													
<i>Actual</i>	n.a.	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 ^j
<i>Scheduled</i>	n.a.	11	14	14	14	14	18	14	14	14	14	14	14
Number of days experiencing a closure (total in 2 week period)	7.6 (ave.)	3	6	14	14	14	18	14	14	14	14	14	14 ⁱ
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	1,568	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Security incidents on the Palestinian side of the crossing	not available	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 ⁱ	0

i: Erez has remained closed for Palestinian workers and traders since 12 March (source: National Security Forces).

j: On 23 July an IDF observation post at Erez crossing came under fire from Palestinian militants.

n.a.= not applicable to this report

Trend Analysis

Kerem Shalom	Baseline	Period 1	Period 9	Period 10	Period 11	Period 12	Period 13	Period 14	Period 15	Period 16	Period 17	Period 18	Period 19
	Jan '04 - Jun'05	Nov 15 - 25	Mar 4 - 17	Mar 18 - 31	Apr 1 - 14	Apr 15 - 28	Apr 29 - May 16	May 17 - 30	May 31 - Jun 13	Jun 14 - 27	Jun 28 - Jul 11	Jul 12 - 25	Jul 26 - Aug 8
Working hours per day (ave.)													
<i>Actual</i>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	7.5	6.7	3.2	1.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
<i>Scheduled</i>	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													
<i>Actual</i>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8	11	8	5	0	4	4	0	0 ^k	0 ^k
<i>Scheduled</i>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	12	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	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.	1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Number of trucks out (daily ave.)													
<i>Agricultural</i>	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.
<i>Non-Agricultural</i>	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.	11.9	11.6	6.6	2.1	0	not available	not available	not available	not available	not available
Security incidents on Palestinian side of the crossing	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

k: Kerem Shalom has remained closed since 25 June.

Convoys	Baseline	Period 1	Period 9	Period 10	Period 11	Period 12	Period 13	Period 14	Period 15	Period 16	Period 17	Period 18	Period 19
	Jan '04 - Jun'05	Nov 15 - 25	Mar 4 - 17	Mar 18 - 31	Apr 1 - 14	Apr 15 - 28	Apr 29 - May 16	May 17 - 30	May 31 - Jun 13	Jun 14 - 27	Jun 28 - Jul 11	Jul 12 - 25	Jul 26 - Aug 8
Buses (both directions)													
<i>No. of convoys per day</i>	0	n.a.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>No. of people per day</i>	0	n.a.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trucks (both directions)													
<i>No. of convoys per day</i>	0	n.a.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>No. of trucks per day</i>	0	n.a.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Movement <i>Within the West Bank</i>	First figure	Period 1	Period 9	Period 10	Period 11	Period 12	Period 13	Period 14	Period 15	Period 16	Period 17	Period 18	Period 18
	1 Aug 05	Nov 15 - 25	Mar 4 - 17	Mar 18 - 31	Apr 1 - 14	Apr 15 - 28	Apr 29 - May 16	May 17 - 30	May 31 - Jun 13	Jun 14 - 27	Jun 28 - Jul 11	Jul 12 - 25	Jul 12 - 25
No. of identified obstacles	376	396	496	505	496	504	515	519	515	526 ^k	536	540 ^l	536 ^l
<i>of which manned</i>	59	63	61	63	63	66	70	71	76	76	77	77	77
<i>of which unmanned</i>	317	334	435	442	433	438	445	448	439	450	459	463	459

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