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**Twentieth Report
Implementation of the Agreement on Movement and Access
(9 – 22 August 2006)**

The United Nations¹ is submitting the 20th bi-weekly report on the implementation of the 15 November Agreement on Movement and Access (AMA), covering the period 9 – 22 August 2006 inclusive.²

- Having remained closed since 25 June for regular movement, the **Rafah crossing** opened for three days during this reporting period: on 10 and 11 August for selective departures (including those with resident permits in other countries) only and for 11 hours on 19 August during which 310 people crossed into the Gaza Strip and 2,470 departed according to information given to UNWRA by the passport police.
- The **Karni crossing** was closed for seven days during the reporting period (9 and 16-22 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. There were no exports during the reporting period; 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 were attacks by Palestinian militants on an Israel Defence Forces (IDF) observation post at Erez on 14 and 17 August.
- 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** increased from 536 to 547. 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	1.4 ^a
	Scheduled	12
	Days open in period	
	Actual	3 ^a
	Scheduled	14
	Number of days experiencing a closure (total in 2-week period)	11
	Security incidents on Palestinian side of border	0

a: Rafah opened on 10 and 11 August for selective departures (humanitarian cases, students and those with resident permits in other countries) and for 11 hours on 19 August for arrivals (310 people) and departures (2,470) (source: UNRWA). The actual working hours per day (ave.) is calculated on the basis of scheduled days open i.e. 14 days.

Movement: Travelers and Cargo		In	Out
	Travelers through Rafah (daily ave.)	22 ^b	473
	Number of trucks (daily ave.)	n.a.	0
	Number of cars (daily ave.) ^c	0	0

b: The travellers through Rafa (daily ave.) is calculated on the basis of scheduled days open i.e. 14 days.

c: 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 ^d

d: 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.	2.9 ^h	n.a.	n.a.	2.9
	<i>Scheduled</i>	n.a.	13.5	n.a.	n.a.	13.5
	<i>Utilization ratio</i> ^d	n.a.	not available	n.a.	n.a.	not available
	Days open in period					
	<i>Actual</i>	n.a.	5 ^h	0 ^k	0 ^l	5
	<i>Scheduled</i> ^e	n.a.	12	n.a.	12	24
	Number of days experiencing a closure (total)	n.a.	7 ^h	n.a.	12 ^l	19
	Number of trucks out (daily ave.)	n.a.	0 ⁱ	n.a.	n.a.	0
	<i>Agricultural</i>	n.a.	0	n.a.	n.a.	0
	<i>Non-Agricultural</i>	n.a.	0	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.	78 ^j	n.a.	n.a.	78
	Security incidents on Palestinian side of the crossing	2 ^f	0	0	0	2
People		Erez	Karni	Kerem Shalom	Others	Total
	Working hours per day (ave.)					
	<i>Actual</i>	0	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
	Travelers in (daily ave.)	not available	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	not available
	Travelers 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).

f: On 14 and 17 August an IDF observation post at Erez crossing came under fire from Palestinian militants.

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

h: Karni was closed on 9, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22 Aug (excluding Saturdays). Karni was open for imports only on five scheduled working 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: There were no exports during the reporting period. A total of 19.5 trucks of exported goods have left the Gaza Strip since 23 June (source: PalTrade).

j: Total truckloads of imports during reporting period was 938 (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

n.a.= not applicable to this report

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	547
of which manned	79
of which unmanned	468

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 10	Period 11	Period 12	Period 13	Period 14	Period 15	Period 16	Period 17	Period 18	Period 19	Period 20
	Jan '04 - Jun'05	26-Nov	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	Aug 9 - 22
Working hours per day (ave.)													
<i>Actual</i>	not available	4.0	10.1	11.2	11.3	10.5	10.2	11.4	0	0	1.5	0	1.4 ^b
<i>Scheduled</i>	not available	4.0	9.9	11.0	11.0	10.9	11.0	11.9	12	12	12	12	12
Days open in period													
<i>Actual</i>	n.a.	1	14	14	14	18	14	14	0	0	2	0	3 ^b
<i>Scheduled</i>	n.a.	1	14	14	14	18	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
Number of days experiencing a closure (total in 2 week period)	2.8 (ave.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	14	12	14	11
Travelers through Rafah in (daily ave.)	286	757	675	637	625	531	531	726	0	0	370	0	22
Travelers through Rafah out (daily ave.)	297	830	675	650	584	535	577	809	0	0	0	0	473
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: Rafah opened on 10 and 11 August for selective departures (humanitarian cases, students and those with resident permits in other countries) and for 11 hours on 19 August for arrivals (310 people) and departures (2,470).

Karni	Baseline	Period 1	Period 10	Period 11	Period 12	Period 13	Period 14	Period 15	Period 16	Period 17	Period 18	Period 19	Period 20
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Working hours per day (ave.)													
<i>Actual</i>	not available	12	5.2	2.2	not available	5.6	7.1	6	5.7	1.3	5.3	4.8	2.9 ^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	7%	2.3%	not available	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	10	5	9	14	12	11	9	3	10	8	5 ^f
<i>Scheduled</i> ^d	n.a.	10	12	12	12	15	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Number of days experiencing a closure (total in 2 week period)	2.2 (ave.)	0	2	7	3.5	1	0	1	3	9	2	4	7
Number of trucks out (daily ave.)	23	44	9.9	5.2	5.1	0.1	17	13.8	21.2	0	0	1.6	0
<i>Agricultural</i>	not available	15	7	3.6	4.4	0	6	3.1	3.6	0	0	not available	0
<i>Non-Agricultural</i>	not available	29	2.9	1.6	0.7	0.1	11	10.7	17.6	0	0	not available	0
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	167	122.5	247	259	279	240.5	209.5	26.7	134.5	135	78 ^h
Security incidents on Palestinian side of the crossing	not available	0	0	0	1	0	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 9, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22 Aug (excluding Saturdays). Karni was open for imports only on five scheduled working 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.

h: Total truckloads of imports during reporting period was 938 (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 10	Period 11	Period 12	Period 13	Period 14	Period 15	Period 16	Period 17	Period 18	Period 19	Period 20
Goods	Jan '04 - Jun'05	Nov 15 - 25	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	Aug 9 - 22
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 10	Period 11	Period 12	Period 13	Period 14	Period 15	Period 16	Period 17	Period 18	Period 19	Period 20
Workers and Businesspeople	Jan '04 - Jun'05	Nov 15 - 25	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	Aug 9 - 22
Working hours per day (ave.)													
<i>Actual</i>	not available	12.0	0	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 ^j
<i>Scheduled</i>	n.a.	11	14	14	14	18	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
Number of days experiencing a closure (total in 2 week period)	7.6 (ave.)	3	14	14	14	18	14	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Security incidents on the Palestinian side of the crossing	not available	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2 ^j

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

j: On 14 and 17 August an IDF observation post at Erez crossing came under fire from Palestinian militants.

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Trend Analysis

Kerem Shalom	Baseline	Period 1	Period 10	Period 11	Period 12	Period 13	Period 14	Period 15	Period 16	Period 17	Period 18	Period 19	Period 20
	Jan '04 - Jun'05	Nov 15 - 25	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	Aug 9 - 22
Working hours per day (ave.)													
<i>Actual</i>	n.a.	n.a.	7.5	6.7	3.2	1.7	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.	8	11	8	5	0	4	4	0	0	0	0 ^k
<i>Scheduled</i>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	12	n.a.	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.	1	n.a.	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.	11.9	11.6	6.6	2.1	0	not available	not available	not available	not available	not available	not available
Security incidents on Palestinian side of the crossing	n.a.	n.a.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

k: Kerem Shalom has remained closed since 25 June.

Convoys	Baseline	Period 1	Period 10	Period 11	Period 12	Period 13	Period 14	Period 15	Period 16	Period 17	Period 18	Period 19	Period 20
	Jan '04 - Jun'05	Nov 15 - 25	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	Aug 9 - 22
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 Within the West Bank	First figure	Period 1	Period 10	Period 11	Period 12	Period 13	Period 14	Period 15	Period 16	Period 17	Period 18	Period 19	Period 20
	1 Aug 05	Nov 15 - 25	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	Aug 9 - 22
No. of identified obstacles	376	396	505	496	504	515	519	515	526	536	540	536	547 ^l
<i>of which manned</i>	59	63	63	63	66	70	71	76	76	77	77	77	79
<i>of which unmanned</i>	317	334	442	433	438	445	448	439	450	459	463	459	468

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