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Report No. 41
Implementation of the Agreement on Movement and Access
(30 May – 12 June 2007)

The United Nations¹ is submitting the 41st bi-weekly report on the implementation of the 15 November 2005 Agreement on Movement and Access (AMA), covering the period 30 May – 12 June 2007.²

1. Overall Progress:

Major inter-factional violence led to closure of crossings at the end of the reporting period. Until these closures, open days were up on the last reporting period. Karni Crossing was open for 11 days out of 12 (92%) scheduled days, compared with 8 out of 12 days in the previous period. Rafah Crossing was only open for 5 days out of 14 scheduled days (3 days more than the previous period) and 26% of scheduled operating hours compared to 13% during the previous reporting period.

Changes of note since Report No. 40 (29 May):

- **Rafah crossing** opened on 5 days: 4,711 people crossed into the Gaza Strip and 7,147 people left compared to 2,735 during the previous period.
- **Karni crossing** was open on 11 out of 12 scheduled operating days, and 48% of scheduled working hours compared to 23% during the previous period. This enabled the import of **a total of 2,857 truckloads goods** (excluding aggregates/construction materials); **an average of 261 trucks for every day open, into the Gaza Strip**. Daily average for the previous period was 205 trucks per open day. A total of 377 truckloads of goods were exported, compared to 142 during the last reporting period. This is a daily average of 31 truckloads, representing 8% of the target of 400 truckloads of exported goods per day set under the AMA.
- **Sufa crossing** continued to be closed on all days. Israeli authorities said security is the reason for this closure.
- **Kerem Shalom crossing, used** for the import of humanitarian supplies, was closed on all days (compared to 1 day in the previous period).
- **Erez crossing** continues to remain closed to Palestinian workers. However, it remained partially open for the movement of Palestinian traders and humanitarian (medical) cases throughout the reporting period. On average, 585 traders crossed each day compared to 319 in the previous reporting period. The crossing closed on 12 June for Israeli Security concerns in relation to Palestinian factional clashes.
- **Obstacles to movement in the West Bank** increased by 1 over the previous reporting period (from 553 to 554). This is an increase of 178 obstacles or 47% over the baseline figure of August 2005.

2. No Change since Report No. 40 (29 May):

Convoys between the Gaza Strip and the West Bank:

Truck convoys no discussion; implementation now 15 months overdue.

Bus convoys no discussion; implementation now 16 months overdue.

Ports:

Seaport awaiting, since November 2005, GoI assurance to donors that it will not interfere with its operation.

Airport awaiting, since November 2005, commencement of discussions.

¹ The Office of the Quartet's Special Envoy closed on 28 April. Since then the United Nations through the oPt OCHA office has assumed reporting responsibilities on the implementation of the AMA.

² On 12 June, Erez and Karni Crossing were announced closed for Israeli security concerns in relation to the internal Palestinian armed factional clashes).

1. Rafah

1.a. Operation		
Days open in period		
<i>Actual : Scheduled</i>	5 : 14 ^b	36%
Number of days experiencing a closure (total in 2-week period)	9	
Working hours (daily ave.) ^a		
<i>Actual : Scheduled</i>	9 : 12	72%
Total working hours in period		
<i>Actual : Scheduled</i>	43 : 168	26%
Security incidents on Palestinian side of border	0 ^c	

a: The actual working hours per day (ave.) is calculated on the basis of **actual** days open.

b: Rafah opened for 5 days. Actual daily operating hours varied between 7 and 11 hours. (Source EU-BAM).

c: There were no reported security incidents.

1.b. Movement: Travellers and Cargo		In	Out
Travellers through Rafah (daily ave.) ^d		337	511
Number of trucks (daily ave.)		n.a.	n.a.
Number of cars (daily ave.) ^e		0	0

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

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

1.c. 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 ^f

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

n.a.= not applicable to this report

2. Crossing Points

2.a. Goods - Gaza Strip	Erez		Karni		Kerem Shalom^h		Sufa^h		Total
Days open in period			<i>Primary</i>						
<i>Actual : Scheduled^a</i>	n.a.	-	11 : 12	92%	0 : n.a.	-	0 : 10	-	11
Number of days experiencing a closure	n.a.		1 ^e		n.a.		10		11
Working hours (daily ave.)									
<i>Actual : Scheduled^b</i>	n.a.	-	7.1 : 13.5 ^e	53%	n.a.	-	n.a. : 7.5 ⁱ	-	7
<i>Utilization ratio^c</i>	n.a.		no data		n.a.		n.a.		
Total working hours in period									
<i>Actual : Scheduled</i>	n.a.	-	78 : 162	48%	n.a.	-	n.a.	-	78.
Number of trucks out (daily ave.)									
<i>Actual : Scheduled</i>	n.a.	-	31.4 : 400 ^f	8%	n.a.	-	n.a.	-	31.4
<i>Agricultural</i>	n.a.		4.7		n.a.		n.a.		4.7
<i>Non-Agricultural</i>	n.a.		26.8		n.a.		n.a.		26.8
Number of trucks in (daily ave.)	n.a.		238 ^g		n.a.		n.a.		238
Security incidents on Palestinian side of the crossing ^d	0		0		0		0		0

2.b. People - Gaza Strip	Erez		Karni		Kerem Shalom		Sufa		Total
Days open in period	<i>Primary</i>								
<i>Actual : Scheduled</i>	13 : 14 ⁱ	93%	n.a.	-	n.a.	-	n.a.	-	13
Number of days experiencing a closure	1		n.a.		n.a.		n.a.		1
Working hours (daily ave.)									
<i>Actual : Scheduled^b</i>	n.a. : 16.0 ^k	n.a.	n.a.	-	n.a.	-	n.a.	-	n.a.
Total working hours in period									
<i>Actual : Scheduled</i>	n.a. : 224	n.a.	n.a.	-	n.a.	-	n.a.	-	n.a.
Travellers through crossing (daily ave.) ⁱ	<i>Traders</i>	<i>Workers</i>	<i>In</i>	<i>Out</i>	<i>In</i>	<i>Out</i>	<i>In</i>	<i>Out</i>	<i>Traders</i> <i>Workers</i>
	585	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	585 0

a: Karni crossing is scheduled to operate six days per week (closed Saturdays), Sufa to operate five days (closed Fridays and Saturdays) and there are no scheduled operating days for Kerem Shalom crossing which is open periodically for humanitarian goods only.

b: The actual working hours per day (ave.) is calculated on the basis of actual days open i.e. 11 days for Karni and 13 days for Erez. All other averages are calculated on the basis of scheduled days open.

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

d: There were no reported security incidents during the reporting period.

e: Karni was open on 11 days. Actual daily operating hours varied between 2.5 and 8 hours.

f: Total truckloads of exported goods was 377 during the reporting period. The daily average number of trucks is calculated on the basis of scheduled days open i.e. 12 (source: PalTrade).

g: Total truckloads of imports during reporting period was 2,857. (In addition 2,540 truckloads of aggregates were imported through Karni). The daily average number of trucks is calculated on the basis of scheduled days open i.e. 12 (source: PalTrade).

h: Kerem Shalom and Sufa may operate as alternative commercial crossing points when Karni is closed. Kerem Shalom is used for humanitarian goods and Sufa for aggregates (construction materials).

i: According to the Israeli DCL, Sufa crossing is scheduled to open between 07:30 and 15:00 hours.

j: Erez remains closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March 2006. The crossing is open for limited number of senior traders with permits: according to the MoNE, permits are only being granted to senior traders who are at least 35 years old and married with children. Some critical Palestinian humanitarian cases have been permitted to cross subject to prior coordination with the IDF. On 12 June the Crossing was closed for Israeli security reasons related to Palestinian factional armed clashes in the Gaza Strip.

k: According to the Israeli DCL, Erez crossing is scheduled to open for Palestinians between 06:00 and 22:00 hours.

n.a.= not applicable to this report

2.c Management and Operations - Gaza Strip	YES/NO
New and additional scanner installed at Karni by 31 December 2005	NO
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
<i>Training program in place</i>	YES
<i>Security equipment installed</i>	IN PROCESS
PA established a unified system of border management	NO
Management system developed for Karni applied to Erez and Kerem Shalom	NO

2.4 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 2005	NO
Truck convoys established by January 15 2006	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 31 December 2005			NO
		Current count	Baseline (1 Aug 05) ^b	% increase over baseline
	Number of identified obstacles ^a	554	376	47.3%
	<i>of which manned</i>	86	59	45.8%
	<i>of which unmanned</i>	468	317	47.6%

a: 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 field observations only.

b: This first figure was agreed upon by OCHA and the IDF in August 2005 and is used as the baseline for the AMA.

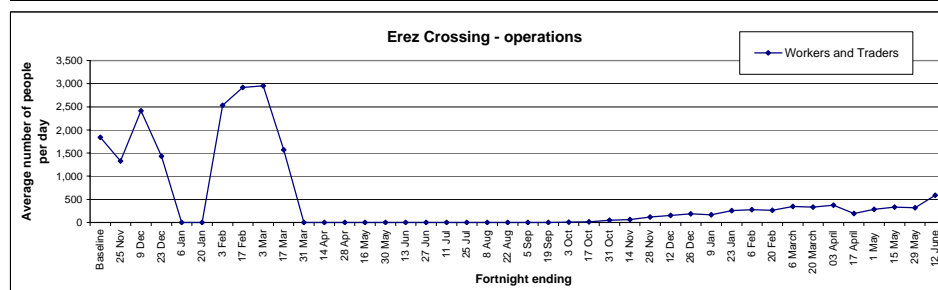
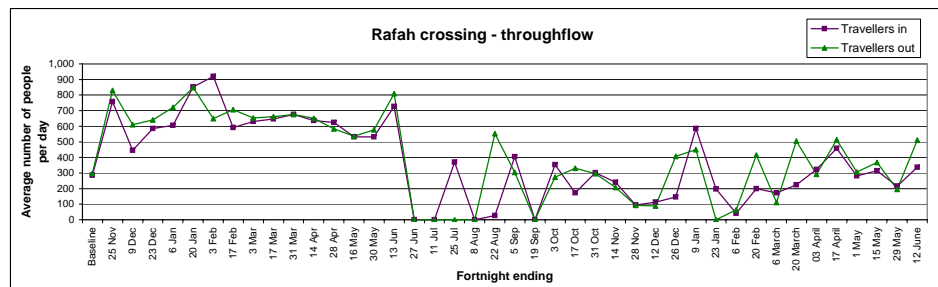
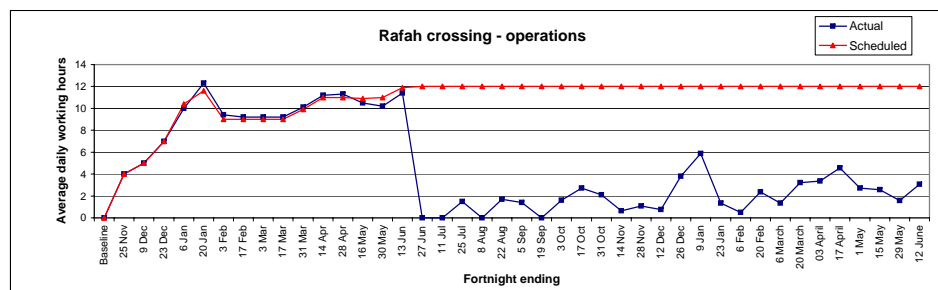
Trend Analysis - Traveller crossing points

Rafah	Baseline Jan 04 - Jun 05	Period 39 02 - 15 May 07	Period 40 16 - 29 May 07	Period 41 30 May - 12 June
Working hours per day (ave.)				
Actual	no data	2.6	1.6	3.1
Scheduled	no data	12	12	12
Days open in period				
Actual	n.a.	4	2	5
Scheduled	n.a.	14	14	14
Number of days experiencing a closure (total in period)	2.8 (ave.)	10	12	9
Travellers through Rafah in (daily ave.)	286	314	215	337
Travellers through Rafah out (daily ave.)	297	367	195	511
No. of trucks out (daily ave.)	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
No. of cars in (daily ave.) ^a	0	0	0	0
No. of cars out (daily ave.) ^a	0	0	0	0
Security incidents on Palestinian side of border	no data	1	0	0

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

Erez	Baseline Jan 04 - Jun 05	Period 39 02 - 15 May 07	Period 40 16 - 29 May 07	Period 41 30 May - 12 June
Working hours per day (ave.)				
Actual	no data	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Scheduled	no data	16.0	16.0	16.0
Days open in period				
Actual	n.a.	14	13	13
Scheduled	n.a.	14	13	14
Number of days experiencing a closure (total in period)	7.6 (ave.)	0	0	1
Workers & traders in (daily ave.)	no data	no data	no data	no data
Workers & traders out (daily ave.)	1,841	331	319	585
Security incidents on the Palestinian side of the crossing	no data	0	0	0

n.a.= not applicable to this report



Trend Analysis - Goods traffic crossing points

Karni	Baseline Jan 04 - Jun 05	Period 39 02 - 15 May 07	Period 40 16 - 29 May 07	Period 41 30 May - 12 June
Working hours per day (ave.)				
Actual	no data	8.2	5.1	7.1
Scheduled	no data	13.5	13.5	13.5
Utilization ratio ^b	no data	no data	no data	no data
Days open in period				
Actual	n.a.	11	8	11
Scheduled ^c	n.a.	12	12	12
Number of days experiencing a closure (total in period)	2.2 (ave.)	1	4	1
Number of trucks out (daily ave.)	23	31.7	11.8	31.4
Agricultural	no data	13.8	2.2	4.7
Non-Agricultural	no data	17.9	9.7	26.8
Number of trucks scheduled out (daily ave.)		400	400	400
Number of trucks in (daily ave.) ^d	205	237	137	238
Security incidents on Palestinian side of the crossing	no data	0	0	0

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

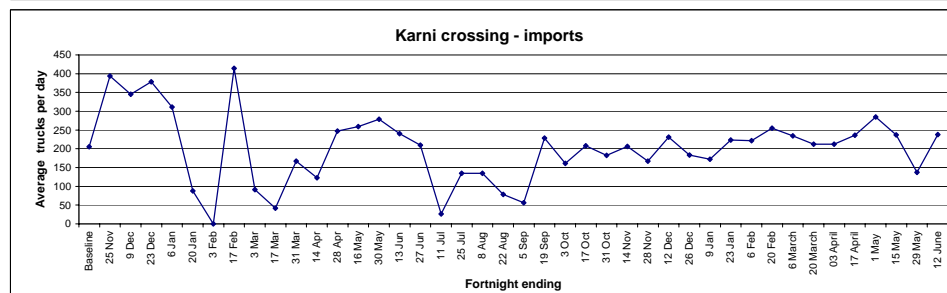
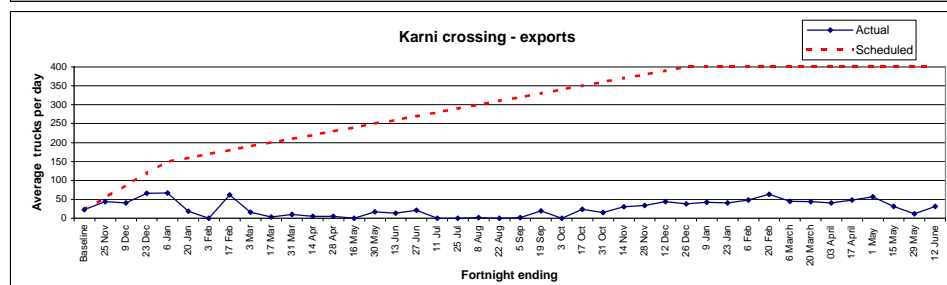
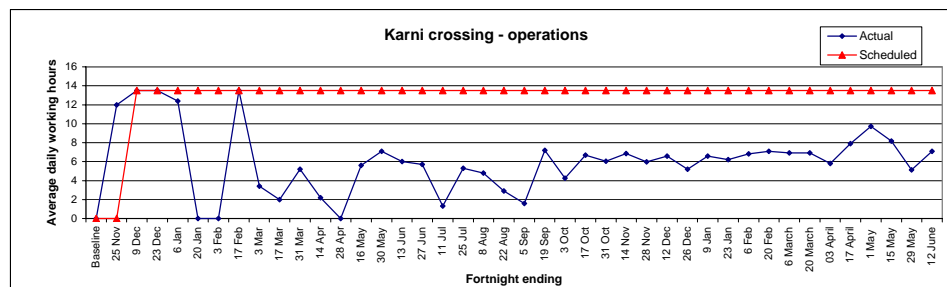
c: Karni is closed on Saturdays.

d: This figure does not include aggregates.

Source: PalTrade.

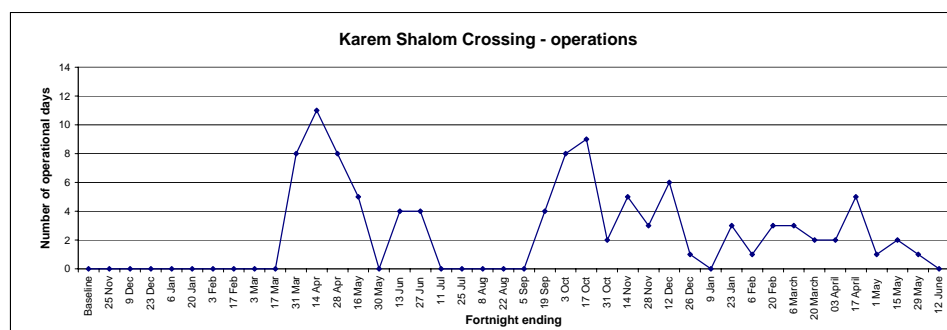
Erez	Baseline Jan 04 - Jun 05	Period 39 02 - 15 May 07	Period 40 16 - 29 May 07	Period 41 30 May - 12 June
Working hours per day (ave.)				
Actual	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Scheduled	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Days open in period				
Actual	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Scheduled	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Number of trucks out (daily ave.)				
Agricultural	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Non-Agricultural	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Number of trucks scheduled out (daily ave.)				
Number of trucks in (daily ave.)				

n.a.= not applicable to this report



Trend Analysis - Goods traffic crossing points (continued)

Kerem Shalom	Baseline	Period 39	Period 40	Period 41
	Jan 04 - Jun 05	02 - 15 May 07	16 - 29 May 07	30 May - 12 June
Working hours per day (ave.)				
Actual	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Scheduled	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Days open in period				
Actual	n.a.	2	1	0
Scheduled	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.
Number of trucks out (daily ave.)				
Agricultural	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Non-Agricultural	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Number of trucks scheduled out (daily ave.)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Number of trucks in (daily ave.)	n.a.	no data	no data	no data
Security incidents on Palestinian side of the crossing	n.a.	0	0	0



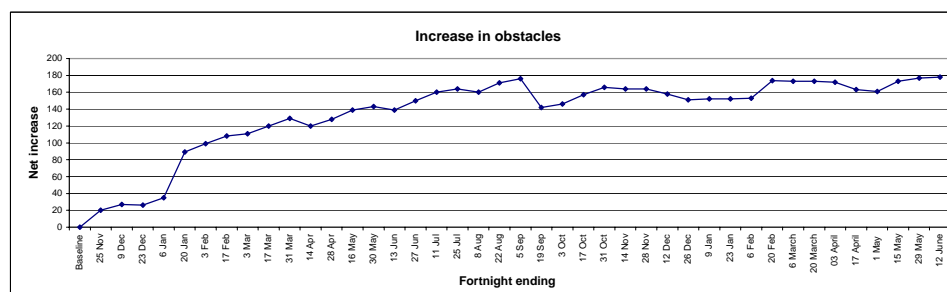
Trend Analysis - other

Convoys	Baseline	Period 39	Period 40	Period 41
	Jan 04 - Jun 05	02 - 15 May 07	16 - 29 May 07	30 May - 12 June
Buses (both directions)				
No. of convoys per day	0	0	0	0
No. of people per day	0	0	0	0
Trucks (both directions)				
No. of convoys per day	0	0	0	0
No. of trucks per day	0	0	0	0

Movement within the West Bank	First figure*	Period 39	Period 40	Period 41
	1 Aug 05	02 - 15 May 07	16 - 29 May 07	30 May - 12 June
No. of identified obstacles	376	549	553	554
of which manned	59	86	86	86
of which unmanned	317	463	467	468

e: This first figure was agreed upon by OCHA and the IDF and is used as the baseline.

n.a.= not applicable to this report



Technical notes to the Report on the Implementation of the Agreement on Movement and Access

The AMA is primarily concerned with the movement of Palestinians and commercial goods traffic into and out of the Gaza Strip. However there is also movement of humanitarian workers and goods across some of the checkpoints which is included in some of the figures. To clarify the reporting figures an explanation of the AMA report for each crossing follows:

1. **Rafah.** There are two parts to the AMA:
 - a. *personnel movement* into and out of Egypt. The AMA reports the crossing open only when it is open for Palestinian ID card holders. Others may cross with prior agreement. The AMA report reports only Palestinian ID card holder movement. The crossing was opened by 25 November, as scheduled in the AMA. It is monitored by the EU Border Assistance Mission (EU BAM).
 - b. *commercial goods traffic* export to Egypt. To date there has been no movement of commercial goods through Rafah.The EU-BAM monitors are based in Israeli and travel to Rafah via Kerem Shalom when Israeli security concerns allow for both Rafah and Kerem Shalom to be open.
2. **Karni.**
 - a. *commercial goods traffic.* Karni is the primary crossing point for commercial goods into and out of the Gaza Strip. The crossing point is reported open if it is open for imports *and/or* exports. The AMA states that the number of trucks passing through Karni out of the Gaza Strip should be 150 by the end of 2005 rising to 400 by the end of 2006. Thus the scheduled figure in the table on p3 is set at 150 (the agreed minimum now) but the graphical representation of the target in the trend analysis (p6) shows a dotted line rising to 400 by December.
 - b. *personnel movement* to and from Israel/the West Bank. Karni is a back up for personnel movement (for use when Erez is closed). Thus there are no scheduled working days.
 - c. *humanitarian goods.* Karni is also a crossing point for humanitarian goods into the Gaza Strip. The truckloads of 'goods in' reported on p2 include both commercial and humanitarian goods. In future reports an attempt will be made to distinguish humanitarian from commercial goods.
3. **Erez.**
 - a. *personnel movement* (workers and traders) to and from Israel/the West Bank. Erez is the primary crossing point for people into and out of the Gaza Strip. Medical cases may cross with prior agreement but are not reported in the AMA report.
 - b. *commercial goods traffic* to and from Israel/the West Bank. Erez is a back up for commercial goods movement (for use when Karni is closed). Thus there are no scheduled working days.
 - c. *humanitarian movement.* International humanitarian staff may cross with prior agreement but are not included in the AMA reports.
4. **Sufa.**
 - a. *commercial goods specifically aggregates* for construction, although other commercial goods may be imported to the Gaza Strip through Sufa periodically. Sufa is reported as 'open' only when open for aggregates. Sufa is reported as 'open' whenever it is open for aggregates, other commercial goods or humanitarian goods. There are no scheduled opening days or hours in the AMA.
5. **Kerem Shalom.**
 - a. *humanitarian goods.* Kerem Shalom is an alternative entry point for humanitarian goods.
 - b. *commercial goods traffic* to and from Israel/the West Bank. The Palestinian Authority have refused to accept Kerem Shalom as an alternative commercial crossing point as it is located in Israel. Kerem Shalom is reported as 'open' whenever it is open for humanitarian goods. There are no scheduled opening days or hours in the AMA.
6. **General.** The '**number of days experiencing a closure**' is actually the number of days that a checkpoint is completely closed for reasons other than an official weekend (either Friday and/or Saturday) and an Israeli public holiday. The agreement does not define a 'closure'. Where a checkpoint is closed for only a few hours during the day (or opens late/closes early) it is recorded as 'open'.