



**Report No. 73**  
**Implementation of the Agreement on Movement and Access**  
**and Update on Gaza Crossings**  
**(20 August - 02 September 08)**

The United Nations is submitting the 73<sup>rd</sup> bi-weekly report on the implementation of the 15 November 2005 Agreement on Movement and Access (AMA)<sup>1</sup>, covering the period 20 August – 02 September 2008 (Annex)<sup>2</sup>. In light of the closure of Gaza, this report also monitors movement and access through other crossings not included in the AMA.

**Summary:**

**AMA Benchmarks:**

- **Rafah** crossing has remained closed for the movement of people for 451 working days since it was last opened on 09 June 2007. However, the crossing was opened on an exceptional basis on five days during the reporting period (23,25,26,30 and 31 August) For two days it was opened all day and on three days it was partially opened. Overall, 1,066 people were allowed to cross into Gaza and 3,441 people were permitted to cross out of Gaza.
- **Karni** crossing has been closed since 12 June 2007 for the movement of goods in and out of Gaza. The conveyor belt/chute located outside the compound was operational for the import of cereals and animal feed on six days (21,24,25,28 August, 01 and 02 September) including two days in which the bulk cement lane was also open. This is a decrease compared to the nine operational days in the previous reporting period. A total of 598 truckloads of cereals, animal feed and bulk cement entered Gaza, via the two lanes, which constitutes a sharp decrease in the number of truckloads which entered in the previous reporting period (979 truckloads).. No gravel was allowed entry during this reporting period.
- **Erez** crossing has remained closed for more than two years since March 2006 for workers, and more than a year, since 12 June 2007, for all other Palestinians, except for a limited number of Palestinian traders, aid workers and medical cases who have been granted special permits. For these persons, Erez crossing was partially open 12 out of the 14 scheduled days. A daily average of 12 traders and 18 medical cases were allowed to cross.
- **Obstacles to movement in the West Bank** has increased from 610 during the previous reporting period to 630. Overall, the figure of 630 represents an increase of 254 obstacles (67.6%) over the baseline figure (376) of August 2005.
- *Convoys between the Gaza Strip and the West Bank:*
  - Truck convoys** Implementation now 31 months overdue (since mid-January 2006).
  - Bus convoys** Implementation now 32 months overdue (since mid-December 2005).
- *Ports:*
  - Seaport** Awaiting GoI assurance of non-interference with the seaport operation.
  - Airport** Awaiting commencement of discussions since November 2005.

**Non-AMA Crossings:**

- **Sufa** crossing was open on seven days, compared to eleven days in the previous reporting period. A total of 447 truckloads, including 11 from humanitarian aid agencies, were allowed entry to Gaza.
- **Kerem Shalom** crossing was open on four days (21, 22, 24 and 25 August) compared to two days during the previous reporting period. A total of 251 truckloads including 13 for humanitarian aid agencies were allowed in.
- **Nahal Oz crossing** was open on 9 out of 12 scheduled days being the same as previous reporting period. 315,030 litres of petrol (22,502 lit/day), 3,195,260 litres of diesel (228,232 lit/day), 2,316 tonnes of cooking gas (165 tonnes/day) and 4,883,010 litres of industrial gas for the power plant (348,786/day) were allowed entry.
- **Of note:** Overall, 1,296 truckloads, including 24 truckloads from humanitarian agencies, were allowed into Gaza during this period, compared to 1,805 truckloads allowed in during the previous reporting period.

<sup>1</sup> The United Nations, through the OCHA oPt office, has assumed reporting responsibilities on the implementation of the AMA since April 2006.

<sup>2</sup> The AMA was negotiated by US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, between the Government of Israel and the Palestinian Authority to promote peaceful economic development and improve the humanitarian situation on the ground. It represents the commitments of both the Government of Israel and the Palestinian Authority to take the necessary steps to facilitate access and movement into/out and throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

## A. General update on Gaza Crossing Points

1.a. Goods - Gaza Strip	Rafah (AMA) <sup>a</sup>		Erez (AMA) <sup>b</sup>		Karni (AMA) <sup>c</sup>		Kerem Shalom <sup>d</sup>		Sufa <sup>e</sup>		Total
	Primary: Closed since 12/06/08										
	Actual	% of Scheduled	Actual	% of Scheduled	Actual	% of Scheduled	Actual	% of Scheduled	Actual	% of Scheduled	
Days open in period	5.0	17.9%	12.0	100.0%	0.0	0.0%	4.0	33.3%	7.0	28.6%	28.0
Number of days experiencing closure	9.0	64.3%	0.0	0.0%	14.0	0.0%	8.0	66.7%	5.0	71.4%	36.0
Working hours (daily ave.)	0.0	-	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%	2.7	41.3%	3.8	58.7%	6.5
Total working hours in period	0.0	-	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%	32.0	41.3%	45.5	58.7%	77.5
Number of trucks out (daily ave.)	0.0	-	0.0	-	0.0	0.0%	0.0	-	0.0	-	0.0
Number of trucks in (daily ave.)	0.0	-	0.0	-	49.8	-	20.9	-	37.3	-	108.0
Security incidents on Palestinian side of the crossing	0.0	-	0.0	-	0.0	-	0.0	-	0.0	-	0.0

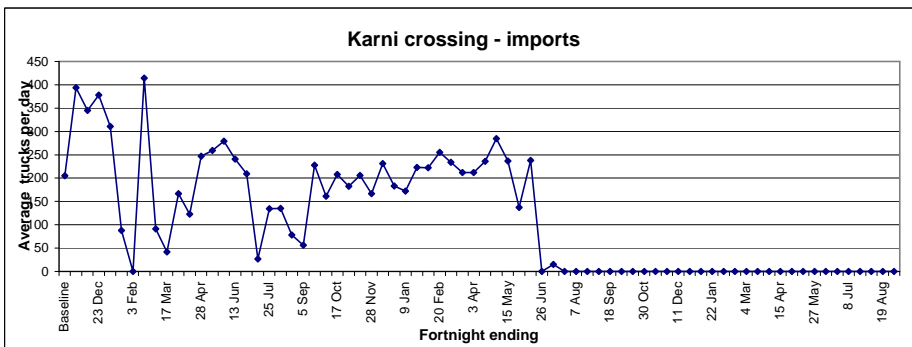
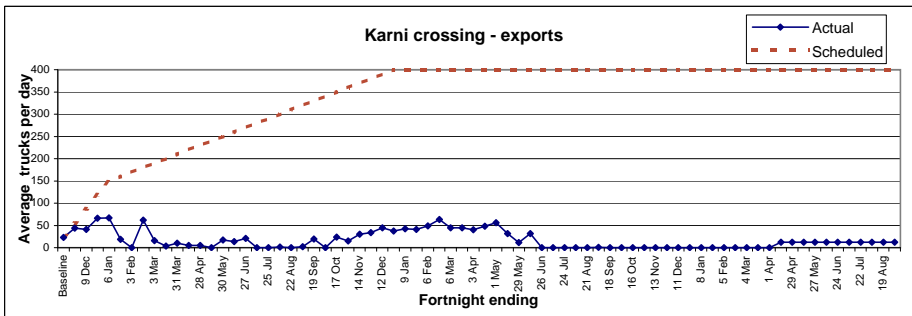
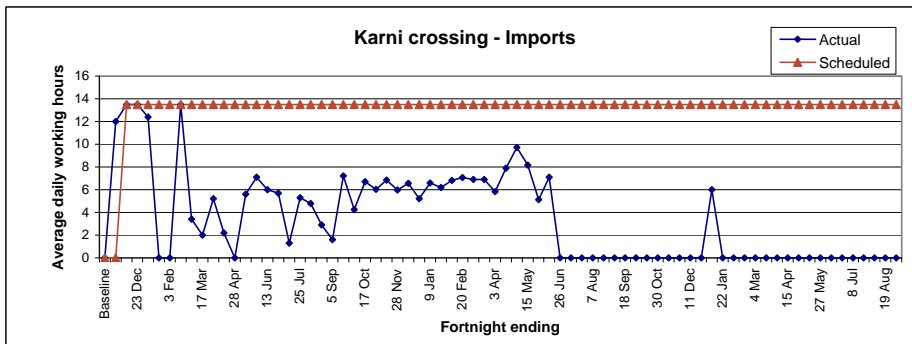
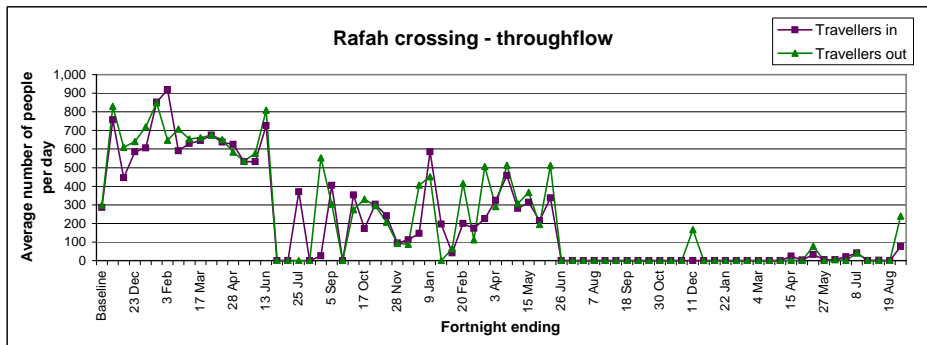
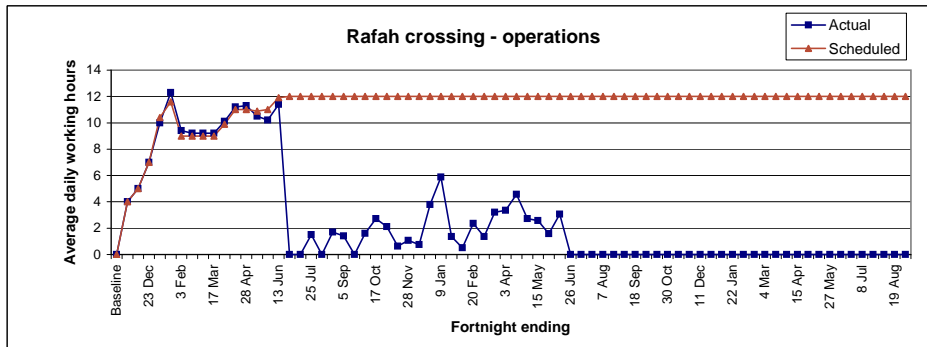
1.b. People - Gaza Strip	Rafah (AMA)		Erez (AMA)		Kerem Shalom		Total
	Primary: Closed since 09/06/08		Primary: Closed since 12/06/08				
	Actual	% of total	Actual	% of total	Actual	% of total	
Days open in period	5	55.6%	12	100.0%	-	-	17
Number of days experiencing closure	9	100.0%	0	0.0%	-	-	9
Total working hours in period	60	0.0%	-	-	-	-	60
Working hours (daily ave.)	4.2857	0.0%	-	-	-	-	4.2857
Travellers through crossing (daily ave.)	<i>In</i>	<i>Out</i>	<i>Traders</i>	<i>Workers</i>	-	-	
	76	239	12	0	-	-	

1.c. Fuel - Gaza Strip	Nahal Oz <sup>f</sup>	
	Actual	% of total
Days open in period	9.0	90.0%
Number of days experiencing closure	3.0	10.0%
Total working hours in period	-	-
Working hours (daily ave.)	-	-
Total number of litres in period	n.a	n.a
Number of litres (daily ave.)	n.a	n.a

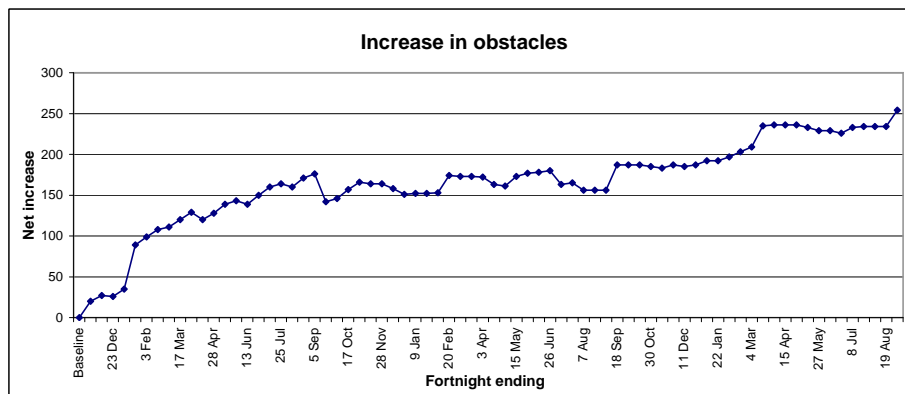
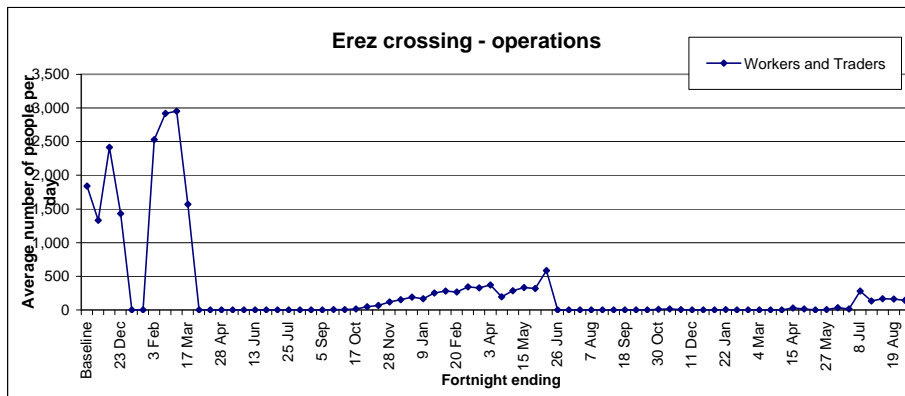
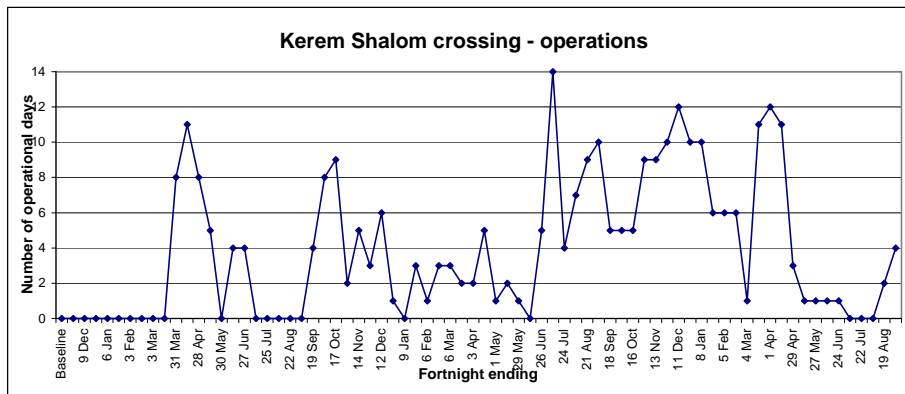
## Background

- Rafah crossing is Gaza's international terminal for passengers. It is scheduled to open 7 days per week, from 08:00 to 20:00 hours. Rafah has been closed since 10 June 2007.
- Erez crossing, the primary crossing point for workers, traders and humanitarian personnel, remains closed for all Palestinians as well as for Palestinian workers since 12 March 2006. A limited number of critical Palestinian humanitarian cases and senior traders have been permitted to cross subject to prior coordination with the IDF. Erez crossing is scheduled to open for Palestinians between 06:00 and 22:00 hours, seven days per week. On 12 October 2007, Israel announced that the crossing will close every week from 15:00 on Fridays until 07:00 on Sundays (6 days per week).
- Karni, the principal commercial crossing, is scheduled to operate six days per week. Since its closure on 12 June 2007, a single-lane conveyor belt transferring grain and animal feed operates on average two days per week. During the reporting period 598 truckloads of grain and animal feed were transferred to Gaza. A second lane for bulk cement was newly opened on 10 August.
- Kerem Shalom has traditionally not had any scheduled operating days and was opened periodically for humanitarian goods only. However, since mid-June 2007, Kerem Shalom was opened by Israel to allow for the entry and occasional exit of humanitarian and commercial goods. Since 28 October 2007, Kerem Shalom is scheduled to open on 5 days per week from 08:00 until 16:00 hours.
- Sufa crossing, which was for aggregates and now is being used for basic commercial and humanitarian supplies, is scheduled to operate five days per week (closed Fridays and Saturdays), between 08:30 and 15:00 hours. On 28 October 2007, Israel announced the closure of Sufa crossing. Israel reopened Sufa on 23 December 2007.
- Nahal Oz, the crossing point for fuel, is scheduled to open 6 days per week, from 08:00 to 15:00 hours.

B. Trends Analysis of Gaza Crossings



## Trends Analysis of Gaza Crossings - Continued



## C. Update on the implementation of additional benchmarks of the AMA

1. Karni (scheduled hours: Sunday-Friday, 08:00-20:00) - CLOSED SINCE 12 JUNE 2007		
	Actual	% of scheduled
Utilization ratio <sup>a</sup>	n.a	n.a
Number of Agricultural trucks out (daily ave.)	0	400
Number of Non-Agricultural trucks out (daily ave.)	0	0.0

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

2. General Management and Operations (West Bank and Gaza Strip)				
2.a Management and Operations - Gaza Strip			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			NO	
New and additional scanner installed at Karni by 31 December 2005			NO	
Common management system adopted by both parties			Incomplete	
New generation of x-ray equipment installed and used			Incomplete	
Passages protected on the Palestinian side of the border			Incomplete	
Training program in place			Incomplete	
Security equipment installed			Incomplete	
PA established a unified system of border management			Incomplete	
Management system developed for Karni applied to Erez and Kerem Shalom			NO	
2.b Management and Operations - West Bank		Tarkumiya	Jalame	Sha'ar Ephraim
Israel put in place similar arrangements to make West Bank passages fully operational <sup>b</sup>		NO	NO	NO
Operational procedures developed for those passages		YES	YES	YES

a: New infrastructure has been put in place since the AMA was reached, however the current capacity (approximately 8 trucks/hour) does not meet AMA requirements for a capacity equivalent to Karni.

3. Gaza Strip Seaport (destroyed in 2001 by the IDF during construction)		YES/NO
GoI 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

4. Gaza Strip Airport (closed by Israel in Feb 2001 and destroyed in Dec 2001; renovated and vandalized in July 2007)		YES/NO
Discussions continuing on security, construction and operations issues		NO

**5. Link Between Gaza and the West Bank**

<b>Convoys</b>		<b>YES/NO</b>
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>	0	
Number of convoys per day	0	
Number of people per day	0	
<i>Trucks (both directions - ave. in period)</i>	0	
Number of convoys per day	0	
Number of trucks per day	0	

**6. Movement Within the West Bank**

<b>Obstacle reduction</b>				<b>YES/NO</b>
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) <sup>d</sup>	% increase over baseline	
Number of identified obstacles <sup>c</sup>	<b>630</b>	376	67.6%	
<i>of which manned</i>	93	59	57.6%	
<i>of which unmanned</i>	537	317	69.4%	
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Breakdown, by type of obstacle	Current count	Previous period count	Changes	
<i>Checkpoints</i>	75	71	4	
<i>Partial Checkpoints</i>	18	17	1	
<i>Earthmounds</i>	230	239	-9	
<i>Road Gates</i>	98	86	12	
<i>Roadblocks</i>	67	69	-2	
<i>Earthwalls</i>	46	33	13	
<i>Trenches</i>	22	18	4	
<i>Roadbarriers</i>	74	75	-1	

c: Since 15 September 2007, OCHA does not count checkpoints on the Green Line in the total closure number. The figures reported here are based on field observations updating a quarterly comprehensive field survey count.

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