

1. Headlines

- **Mortars/rockets/casualties/incursions:** Palestinian armed groups reportedly fired 8 rockets and 19 mortar shells towards Israel or Israeli forces, and planted 1 landmine this week. The previous week, Palestinian armed groups reportedly fired 6 rockets, 5 mortar shells and 3 rocket-propelled grenades (RPG) towards Israel or Israeli forces, and planted 2 landmines. Israeli sources reported that a Grad missile fired from the Gaza Strip into Israel exploded in an open area near the town of Ofakim, 20 kilometers west of Beersheba.

There were reports of 7 airstrikes, several shells and 1 Israeli incursion this week as compared to 2 airstrikes, 4 mortar rounds, 1 tank shell and 8 Israeli incursions reported last week. An Islamic Jihad military training base west of Khan Yunis was reportedly among the locations targeted by Israeli aircrafts. 2 firefights were reported this week; 2 were reported last week.

3 Palestinians were reported killed this week and 3 were reported injured, including a 3 year old child, as a result of Israeli fire. A Palestinian militant who was a member of Army of Islam and his brother were reported killed after an Israeli aircraft fired a missile targeting their car in Gaza City. The three Palestinians were reportedly injured when an Israeli aircraft fired two missiles targeting a house under construction in Deir Al-Balah, central Gaza, close to a landfill area.

A Palestinian farmer was reported injured this week after an explosive device detonated while he was working on his land in central Gaza.

Last week, no Palestinians were reported killed or injured by Israeli forces, however two Palestinian workers were reported injured after a mortar shell fired toward Israel by Palestinian militants fell short of its target and landed inside Gaza.

- **Fishermen:** There were 2 incidents of an Israeli naval vessel firing at Palestinian fishermen reported this week, as compared to 3 last week. Since January 2009, Israeli naval forces have restricted the access of Palestinian fishing boats to three nautical miles from the coast; in practice, access is sometimes restricted to as little as one nautical mile.
- **Tunnel related fatalities:** No Palestinian workers were reported killed or injured in tunnels located beneath the Gaza-Egypt border this week. An Israeli aircraft reportedly fired two missiles targeting the tunnels area (included in the figures given in the first paragraph). Last week, 2 Palestinians were reported injured in two separate incidents after they fell down inside tunnels.
- **Palestinians in the “buffer zone”:** 3 incidents of Israeli fire in the so-called “buffer zone” along the perimeter with Gaza were reported this week, resulting in 2 reported injuries, including to a 14 year old boy. All the injured were reportedly Palestinian workers collecting scrap metal in the buffer zone. In total, 4 incidents were reported last week, resulting in 3 reported injuries. Israel restricts access to agricultural land up to 1,000-1,500 metres from the fence, which accounts for more than 30 % of Gaza’s agricultural land.

- **Rafah border crossing:** The Rafah border crossing with Egypt was officially open 1 day this week for medical cases, students and those with visas to third countries. It was closed the 6 other days due to Muslim holiday. This week, there were reports of 497 people entering Gaza, 236 people leaving and 52 who were denied entry to Egypt through Rafah. Last week, 2,321 people reportedly entered Gaza, 3,295 left - including 2,270 pilgrims travelling to Mecca for the Haj - and 288 were denied entry to Egypt via Rafah – including 11 pilgrims. Since June 2010, there has been a significant rise in the number of people crossing weekly through Rafah: the week before the attack on the Gaza flotilla and the opening of the Rafah border 45 people left Gaza, 748 entered and 2 were refused entry to Egypt through Rafah.
- **Power plant and electricity supply:** A total of 1.2 million litres of industrial fuel was delivered this week for Gaza's power plant, which is only 35% of the 3.5 million litres of fuel needed weekly at the current maximum capacity of 80Mw. Deliveries were cancelled on 16 and 17 November due to a Muslim holiday. A total of 1.7 million litres of industrial fuel was transferred last week. Daily life as well as the provision of essential services, including regular water supply, sewage treatment and removal, and the functioning of health services, continue to be negatively affected by the chronic lack of electricity.
- **Cooking gas:** 451 tons of cooking gas entered Gaza this week, 26% of the normal weekly level of need of 1,750 tons. Deliveries were cancelled on 16 and 17 November due to the Muslim holiday. Last week, only 674 tons of cooking gas were reported to have entered Gaza and deliveries were cancelled on 2 November. The overall cooking gas shortage has been a main concern for humanitarian agencies since November 2009.
- **Diesel/petrol:** No diesel or benzine were delivered to the private sector this week or last week. A near total ban on fuel imports for public sale was put in place by the Government of Israel in October 2008. Around 100,000 litres of diesel and 100,000 litres of petrol are reported to enter Gaza every day through tunnels under the Gaza-Egypt border (OCHA, 4 May 2010).
- **Truckloads of supplies:** A total of 527.5 truckloads of supplies was allowed entry into Gaza this week (326.5 through Kerem Shalom and 201 through the Karni conveyor) – the equivalent of 19% of the pre-blockade weekly average of all truckloads entering Gaza*. Deliveries were cancelled on 16 and 17 November due to the Muslim holiday. Last week, a total of 1,084 truckloads was permitted entry.
While imports remain limited, and raw materials severely restricted, exports remain banned entirely. As a result, the scale of economic activity remains heavily dependent on local demand in Gaza, which in turn is constrained by the low purchasing power of the population and the relatively small size of the local market. Until crossings are opened for export, the impact of the easing of the blockade on unemployment, poverty and food insecurity rates remains limited.
**Pre-blockade weekly average (2,807 truckloads) is calculated based on the monthly average of all truckloads that entered during the first five months of 2007, before Israel's imposition of the blockade.*
- **Exports:** No exports have left Gaza since 18 April 2010. No change in the policy prohibiting exports implemented since June 2007 has been announced by the Israeli authorities so far.
- **Internal violence:** There were no reported cases of internal violence this week just as there were no cases reported last week.

2. Humanitarian trucks (week):

Truck originator	Total for week 14-20 Nov
Karni Crossing (wheat grain, animal feed)	201
Total trucks for the week	527.5
Percentage of pre-blockade average first five months of 2007)	39%

3. Fuel deliveries (week)

		Diesel	Petrol	Cooking Gas
14-20 Nov		0	0	451 tons
	Percentage of need *	0		26%
Previous week		0		674 tons
* Fuel association 2006 estimates - ** Imports of diesel and petrol for the general public and public sector in Gaza were exceptionally authorized on 6 occasions since October 2008				

Delivery of Industrial Fuel to the Power Plant (week):

Industrial diesel	Previous week	14-20 Nov
	1.7 million litres	1.2 million litres
Percentage of amount required to operate at maximum supply capacity of 80 MW		35%

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