

## 1. Headlines

- **Mortars/rockets/casualties/incursions:** 7 rockets and 4 mortar shells were reportedly directed by Palestinian armed groups towards Israel or Israeli forces this week. One unexploded mortar was also reportedly found. No injuries were reported. 7 rockets, 16 mortar shells and 1 rocket propelled grenade were reportedly directed by Palestinian armed groups towards Israel the previous week.

There were reports of 1 shell and 3 incursions by Israeli forces, as compared to 5 airstrikes, 11 shells and 11 incursions reported last week. No firefights were reported this week or last week.

There were reports of a 20-year-old Palestinian civilian killed on 24 September (*see Fishermen*), and one injury reported as a result of IDF fire in the so-called buffer zone (*see Palestinians in the 'buffer zone'*). A 22-year-old Palestinian who was reported injured by shelling from Israeli forces on 14 September, died as a result of his injuries.

- **Fishermen:** There were 3 incidents reported of Israeli naval vessels firing at Palestinian fisherman reported this week, resulting in the death of a 20-year-old fisherman. According to the media, he was shot in the chest. There were no reported incidents of Israeli naval vessels firing at Palestinian fishermen 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:** There were no deaths or injuries reported in tunnels beneath the Gaza-Egypt border this week. Egyptian Security Forces reportedly destroyed 15 tunnels used for smuggling cars, fuel and other commodities west of Rafah terminal. In the previous week, 1 Palestinian was reported killed and 16 injured in 4 separate incidents in the tunnels area.
- **Palestinians in the "buffer zone":** There was one report of Israeli military fire in the so-called "buffer zone" along the perimeter of Gaza this week. An Israeli military observation post positioned on the border north of Beit Lahia reportedly opened fire on Palestinians collecting scrap materials in the vicinity of the former Erez Industrial Zone, leaving one person injured. Last week, Israeli soldiers reportedly killed three civilian farmers in the so-called "buffer zone." Civilian casualties along the perimeter fence occur in the context of Israeli imposed restrictions on access to areas up to 1,000-1,500 meters from the fence. Restrictions are enforced by firing towards people approaching or present in these areas.
- **Rafah border crossing:** The Rafah border crossing with Egypt was officially open 7 days this week for medical cases, students and those with visas to third countries. This week, there were reports of 2,242 people entering Gaza, 2,833 people leaving, and 221 who were denied entry to Egypt through Rafah.

Last week, Rafah was opened for 6 days with 3,160 people entering Gaza, 3,003 people leaving and 201 refused entry to Egypt through Rafah. In recent months, 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, 748 entered Gaza, 45 people left and 2 were refused entry to Egypt through Rafah.

- **Power plant and electricity supply:** 2 million litres of industrial fuel were delivered this week for Gaza's power plant, which is 57% of the 3.5 million million litres of fuel needed weekly at the current maximum capacity of 80Mw. After a few days of power stability, Gaza experienced blackouts for around 8 hours a day. Deliveries were cancelled from 23 to 25 September because the crossings were closed for the Jewish holidays. 1.6 million litres of industrial fuel were transferred the previous 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 affected by the chronic lack of electricity. The current daily supply of electricity stands at about 30% below the estimated demand (OCHA, 14 September 2010).
- **Cooking gas:** 530 tons of cooking gas reportedly entered Gaza this week, 30% of the normal weekly level of need of 1,750 tons. Deliveries were cancelled from 23 to 25 September because the crossings were closed for the Jewish holidays. 707 tons of cooking gas were reported to have entered Gaza last week. The overall cooking gas shortage has been a main concern for humanitarian agencies since November 2009.
- **Diesel/petrol:** No diesel or petrol was delivered this week to Gaza. Last week, no diesel or petrol was delivered to the private sector. 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:** Only 835 truckloads of supplies were permitted entry this week (689 through Kerem Shalom crossing and the equivalent of 146 through the Karni conveyor). This is the equivalent of 30% of the pre-blockade weekly average of all trucks entering Gaza\*. Deliveries were cancelled from 23 to 25 September because the crossings were closed for the Jewish holidays. Only 771 truckloads were allowed into Gaza during the previous week.

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:** Unidentified armed gunmen reportedly broke into Gaza's Crazy Water Park, tying up and beating two guards and setting fire to several buildings. Significant damage was reported but no injuries. Media reported that the park, which opened in May, had been closed by Hamas authorities at the beginning of the month. They say Hamas accused the amusement park's owners of letting women and men sit together, and of letting women smoke tobacco water pipes. No incidents of internal violence were reported last week.

## 2. Humanitarian trucks (week):

Truck originator	Total for week 19-25 September
UNRWA	46
WFP	13
PA	10
Water company	23
Electricity company	1
Donations	8
Commercial	588
Karni Crossing (wheat grain, animal feed)	146
<b>Total trucks for the week</b>	<b>835</b>
Percentage of weekly average before the blockade (first five months of 2007)	<b>30%</b>

## 3. Fuel deliveries (week)

		Diesel	Petrol	Cooking Gas
19-25 September		<b>0</b>		<b>530 tons</b>
	Percentage of need *	<b>0</b>		<b>30%</b>
Previous week		0		707 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	19-25 September
	1.6 million litres	<b>2 million litres</b>
<b>Percentage of amount required to operate at maximum supply capacity of 80 MW</b>		<b>57%</b>

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## 5. Trend Charts

