

## 1. Headlines

- **Mortars/rockets/casualties/incursions:** According to reports, 3 rockets, 3 rocket-propelled grenades (RPG) and 1 landmine were directed by Palestinian armed groups from Gaza at Israeli forces this week, while 1 rocket and 1 RPG were reported last week. There were reports of 3 Israeli military incursions and 3 Israeli airstrikes this week, as compared to 5 military incursions and 2 airstrikes reported the week prior. One firefight was reported this week, while no firefights were reported last week.

2 Palestinian militants were reportedly killed and 1 Palestinian civilian was reported injured as a result of Israeli military operations in Gaza this week. Last week there were reports of 2 Palestinians killed and 4 injured. One Israeli soldier was reportedly injured, while there were no reports of Israeli casualties last week.

- **Fishermen:** 2 incidents of Israeli naval vessels firing at Palestinian fishermen were reported this week. The previous week, 3 incidents were reported. 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 tunnel related fatalities or injuries reported this week, even though Egyptian forces reportedly discovered and detonated a tunnel under the Gaza-Egypt border. Last week, there were no tunnel related casualties reported despite 2 reports of Israeli air strikes on tunnels.
- **Palestinians in the “buffer zone”:** There were 4 reports of Israeli military fire in the “buffer zone” this week. In one incident, Israeli soldiers stationed at the border north of the former Erez Industrial Zone opened fire toward a group of Palestinians collecting building material and gravel, reportedly injuring one person. In a separate incident, Israeli troops reportedly opened fire towards people protesting in the vicinity of the “buffer zone,” in an apparent effort to disperse demonstrators as they marched towards the barrier fence. In the two other incidents, Israeli troops reportedly shot towards farmers working in their fields in the “buffer zone”.

Last week, 3 incidents were reported of Israeli military fire in the buffer zone. Israeli forces prohibit Palestinian access to farming land along the perimeter fence by opening “warning fire” on people approaching the “buffer zone”.

- **Rafah border crossing:** The Rafah border crossing with Egypt was officially open only 5 out of 7 days this week, however people crossed on 6 out of 7 days. During those 6 days, 4,053 people left, 920 entered Gaza and 859 were refused entry to Egypt. The Rafah crossing was exceptionally opened on 15 May for a period of six days; this is only the third scheduled opening of the crossing since the beginning of 2010. Last week, it was officially open only 1 day but people crossed on 3 out of 7 days, with 973 people who left and 434 who entered Gaza.
- **Power plant and electricity supply:** 937,790 litres of industrial fuel were delivered this week for Gaza’s power plant. This is only 27% of the 3.5 million litres of fuel needed weekly at the current maximum export capacity of 80Mw. Deliveries were cancelled on 19 May due to a Jewish holiday. Last week, 810,210 litres of industrial fuel were transferred. Imports of industrial fuel have steeply declined since the end of November 2009, when the European Commission transferred responsibility for buying industrial fuel to operate Gaza’s power plant to the Ramallah-based Palestinian Authority.

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- **Cooking gas:** 645 tons of cooking gas reportedly entered Gaza this week, 37% of the normal weekly level of need of 1,750 tons. Deliveries were cancelled on 19 May due to a Jewish holiday. 939 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 were delivered to Gaza this week or last week, as entry of commercial petrol and diesel continues to be banned through the official crossings between Gaza and Israel. Small amounts of fuel destined for the open market have been allowed into Gaza from Israel on five occasions since a 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 each day through tunnels under the Gaza-Egypt border (OCHA, 4 May 2010).
- **Truckloads of humanitarian supplies:** 523 truckloads of humanitarian supplies were permitted entry through Kerem Shalom and the Karni conveyor this week. This is the equivalent of 40% of the pre-blockade weekly average. Deliveries were cancelled on 19 May due to a Jewish holiday. 693.5 trucks were allowed into Gaza during the previous week.

Limited quantities of construction materials continued to enter Gaza. 2 truckloads of glass and 12 truckloads of wood were permitted entry into Gaza this week. Last week, 2 truckloads of glass, 15 of wood and 7 of aluminum were allowed in. In addition, 39 truckloads of clothing and footwear entered Gaza (the same number as last week), and 5 truckloads of plastic pipes were delivered to the Coastal Municipalities Water Utility (CMWU). In the week prior, there were 9 truckloads of plastic pipes delivered to the CMWU.

This week, half a truckload of cement and half a truckload of steel bars entered Gaza. These supplies are earmarked for the rehabilitation of Al Quds hospital in Gaza City, which sustained severe damage during the “Cast Lead” military operation. The shipments, which are funded and coordinated by the French government, are part of an additional 50 truckloads that are expected to enter Gaza in the coming two months. A number of truckloads carrying construction materials for an UNRWA housing project in Khan Younis also entered Gaza. Also, for the first time since the imposition of the blockade in June 2007, one truckload of spare parts for poultry farms was allowed into Gaza (OCHA, 18 May 2010).

Entry of other major essential goods, including materials for reconstruction, furniture, livestock, IT equipment and vehicles, remain either restricted to limited quantities, or barred from entry.

- **Exports:** For the third consecutive week, no exports left Gaza. Between 10 December 2009 and 18 April 2010, a total of 118 truckloads of exports left Gaza, including 85 truckloads of cut flowers and 33 truckloads of strawberries. Prior to this, there had been no exports from Gaza since 27 April 2009.
- **Internal Violence:** This week, unknown militants reportedly detonated two IEDs: one next to a sweet shop in Beit Lahia, which was reportedly destroyed, and another under a car belonging to a police officer in Gaza City. No injuries were reported. In a separate incident, a 16-year old boy was reportedly severely injured when a device exploded as he worked in his family farm east of Khan Yunis. In another incident, two brothers were reportedly injured by unknown men who fired bullets at them after attempting to get one of the brothers in their jeep. In yet another incident, a man was reportedly found dead in his car close to Nusseirat refugee camp. Last week, 2 IEDs were reportedly discovered and safely defused by Hamas police officers.
- According to media reports and UNRWA, dozens of masked gunmen vandalized a U.N. summer camp being set up for children and teens on a Gaza beach. The assailants reportedly tied up the

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guard early Sunday, burned tents and vandalized bathrooms. U.N. officials said the attackers left behind three bullets and a note threatening to kill UN officials unless the U.N. cancels its activities for some 250,000 Gaza children. U.N. summer camps offer arts, sports and other activities. There was no claim of responsibility for the attack.

## 2. Fuel deliveries (week)

		Diesel	Petrol	Cooking Gas
16-22 May				<b>645 tons</b>
	Percentage of need *			<b>37%</b>
Previous week				939 tons
* Fuel association 2006 estimates - ** Imports of diesel and petrol for the general public and public sector in Gaza were exceptionally authorized on 5 occasions since October 2008				

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

Industrial diesel	Previous week	16-22 May
	810,210 litres	<b>937,790 litres</b>
<b>Percentage of amount required to operate at maximum supply capacity of 80 MW</b>		<b>27%</b>

## 3. Humanitarian trucks (week):

Truck originator	Total for week 16-22 May
UNRWA	46.5
ICRC	2
Donations	9
Water utility	5
Electric Company	2
Commercial	257.5
Karni Crossing	201
<b>Total trucks for the week</b>	<b>523</b>
Percentage of weekly average before the blockade (April 2007)	<b>40%</b>

## 4. External links to further reports

UN OCHA Protection of Civilians Weekly Report: 12-18 May

[http://www.ochaopt.org/documents/ocha\\_opt\\_protection\\_of\\_civilians\\_2010\\_05\\_21\\_english.pdf](http://www.ochaopt.org/documents/ocha_opt_protection_of_civilians_2010_05_21_english.pdf)

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## 6. Trend Charts

