



The State of Israel
Ministry of Defence
Coordination of Government Activities in Territories



Implementation of the Civil Policy Toward the Gaza Strip

One Year since the Cabinet's Decision to Expand the Civil Policy

June 2011



The Main Civil Activities toward the Gaza Strip

On the 20th of June, 2010, the Government of Israel decided to expand the civil policy toward the Gaza Strip.

Throughout the past year, Israel continues to implement the civil policy despite the ongoing attempts by Hamas, the terror organization that controls the Gaza Strip, to attack Israeli communities and the land crossings between Israel and the Gaza Strip.

In the year since the Cabinet's decision, Israel has acted to expand and implement its civil policy in order to strengthen the Palestinian population in the Gaza Strip.

Land Crossing Activity

- The land crossings activity was expanded with an investment of over NIS 50 million.
- The capacity of Kerem Shalom Crossing increased by 233%.
- The gradual export of agricultural products abroad was approved.
- There was a 66% increase in the number of truckloads coordinated by the private sector.

International Community Activity

- 163 projects approved by the PA and founded by the international community were approved in the Gaza Strip.
- Support for international community activity in Gaza continued.
- A special operation was carried out to transfer aggregates from Sofa area for projects in Gaza.
- 622 diplomatic delegation visited the Gaza Strip in the last year.

Coordination with the Palestinian Authority

- Joint teams were established by the Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories and the Palestinian Authority in order to coordinate the broadening of the civil policy.
- A joint team of Israel the PA and international community representatives was established for the purpose of promoting solutions to the water problem in Gaza based on desalination.
- 419 meetings were held between Palestinian officials and representatives from Erez CLA in order to support the needs of the population.

Humanitarian Policy

- The humanitarian policy toward Gaza residents continued despite the continuation of rocket and mortar fire toward Israel's civilian population.
- 15,523 patients and accompanying individuals exited the Gaza Strip for medical care in Israel and the West Bank in the past year.
- There was a 10% decrease in the number of truckloads carrying medicine and medical equipment that were transferred into Gaza.



Throughout the past year terrorist organizations continued launching rockets and mortar shells at Israeli communities, despite the steps taken by Israel, to improve the situation of the population in the Gaza Strip. The terror organizations are even attempting to sabotage the activities of the land crossings and to bring about their closure, with the aim of depicting Israel as the cause of the Palestinian population's suffering and as a country that denies this population access to humanitarian goods.

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كتائب الشهيد عز الدين القسام
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يوم وثقاف صلتور لرم لولابن
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كتائب القسام تطلق قذائف صاروخية قسام

يوم الله وتوفيقه يعلن كتائب الشهيد عز الدين القسام مسؤوليتها عن الهجمة الجهادية التالية:
اليوم السبت الرابع 05 جادى الأولى 1432 هـ الموافق 09/04/2011م الساعة: 09:00
الهدف: قصف صاروخي من طراز "قاسم".
الهدف: موقع "كريم أو سام" العسكري الصهيوني شرق مدينة رفح جنوب قطاع غزة.

وبأن ذلك في إطار الرد على جرائم الاحتلال الصهيوني المشكورة والتي كان آخرها القصف الجوي والتلغفي الذي لا يزال مستمرًا على قطاعنا الحبيب، والتي أسفر عن استهداف 17 فلسطينيًا خلال 48 ساعة. وإننا في كتائب القسام إذ نحن مسؤولينا عن هذه الهجمة الجهادية المباركة لؤكد جعرة مجعدينا الرد على العدوان الصهيوني والصدي لأي حالة يهدم عليها الاحتلال القاصب بكل ما يجودنا من وسائل بلان الله تعالى.

وإله الجهاد نصر أو استشهاد...
كتائب الشهيد عز الدين القسام - فلسطين
السبت 05 جادى الأولى 1432 هـ
الموافق 09/04/2011م
الساعة: 09:20

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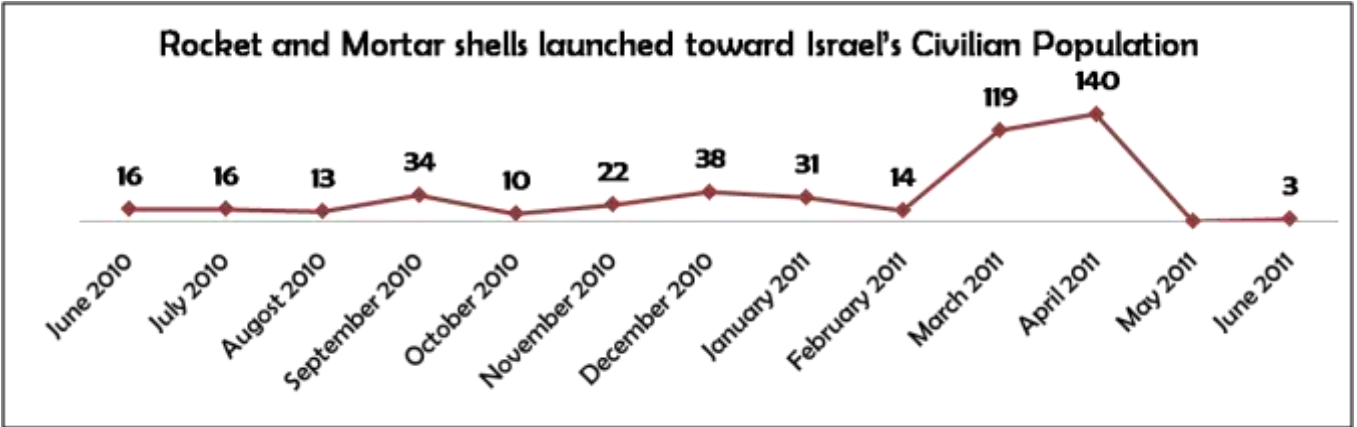
Proclamation by the "Al-Quds" Brigade
The Ezzedeem Al-Quds Brigade
Fired 2 Qassam Rockets towards the IDF post "Kerem Shalom"

The Ezzedeem Al-Qassam Brigade claimed responsibility for the following Jihad activity:
Day: Saturday, Date: 09/04/2011, Time: 09:00
Activity: Firing of 2 "Qassam" rockets.
Target: "Kerem Shalom" post east of the city Rafah in the southern of Gaza Strip.

This was in response to the repeated and continual crimes of the Zionist occupation, the most recent of which was the ongoing air and artillery bombing of Gaza, in which 17 Palestinians were killed in a 48-hour period. We in the Al-Qassam Brigades claim responsibility for the blessed Jihad activity, in order to emphasize the readiness of our fighters to respond to the Zionist aggression and to every abominable act of the occupation, with all means that are available to us.

Ezzedeem Al-Qassam Brigades – Palestine
Friday 09/04/2011 – Palestine
Time: 09:20

Since the Cabinet's decision, 473 rockets and mortar shells were launched at Israel, 62 of which targeted the crossings between Israel and the Gaza Strip.



Despite the ongoing launching of rockets, Israel has continued its civil policy toward the population of the Gaza Strip, including, among other activities, the entering of patients for medical treatment, the coordination of the transfer of goods and building materials for projects, and coordination of repairs of the electric grid, sometimes even during rocket attacks and at great risk to the lives of workers at the crossings.



“Publish a list of items not permitted into Gaza... All items not on this list will be permitted to enter Gaza”

On the 5th of July, 2010, Israel published a list of controlled items for the Gaza Strip that outlined all the items whose entry into Gaza requires special permission.

The list of controlled items is based strictly on security considerations, relating to the ability of terrorist organizations to utilize them for terror purposes, such as developing, manufacturing and upgrading rocket and explosive capabilities aimed at harming the citizens of the State of Israel.

The list of controlled items comprises two groups:

1. Arms, munitions and dual use items¹:

Arms and munitions

- Defense Export Control Order (Missile Technology), 2008
- Defense Export Control Order (Defense Equipment), 2008

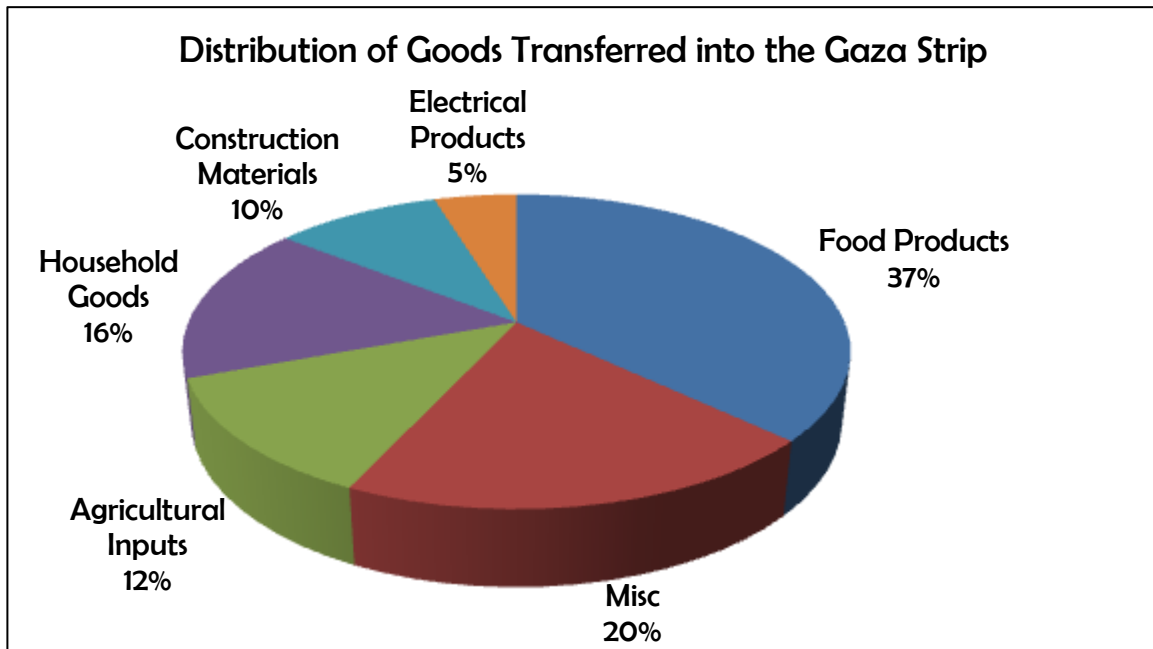
Dual use items and substances

- List of dual-use items contained in the Wassenaar Arrangement.
- Defense Export Control Order (Controlled Dual-use Equipment Transferred to Areas Under Palestinian Civil Control), 2008
- Items whose entry to Judea and Samaria is controlled according to Head of the Central Command's legislation
- Other items, the entry of which into the Gaza Strip constitutes a security risk.

2. Construction materials, whose entry into the Gaza Strip will be allowed for internationally-funded and supervised projects approved by the Palestinian Authority.



49% of the goods transferred into the Gaza Strip consist of products whose entry was approved following the publication of the list:



Since the publication of the list the transfer of a broad range of products has become possible, for example new vehicles, bonsai trees, domestic fish, chandeliers, dolls for display windows, LCD televisions, machines for the production of snacks, machines for the production of ice cream, printing presses...



1,271 vehicles were transferred into Gaza



27,933 tons of electrical products were transferred into Gaza

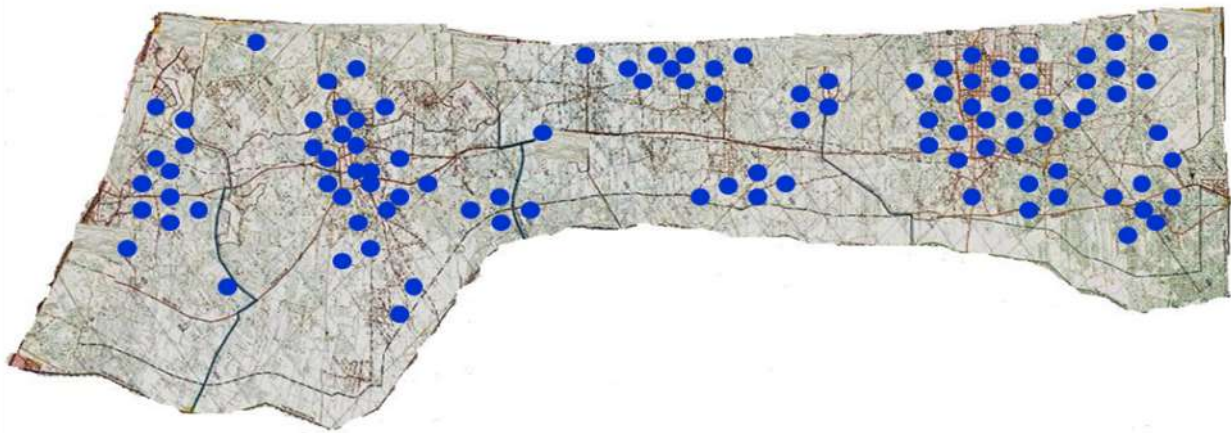


"Israel intends to hasten the approval of projects... while using the accepted procedures"

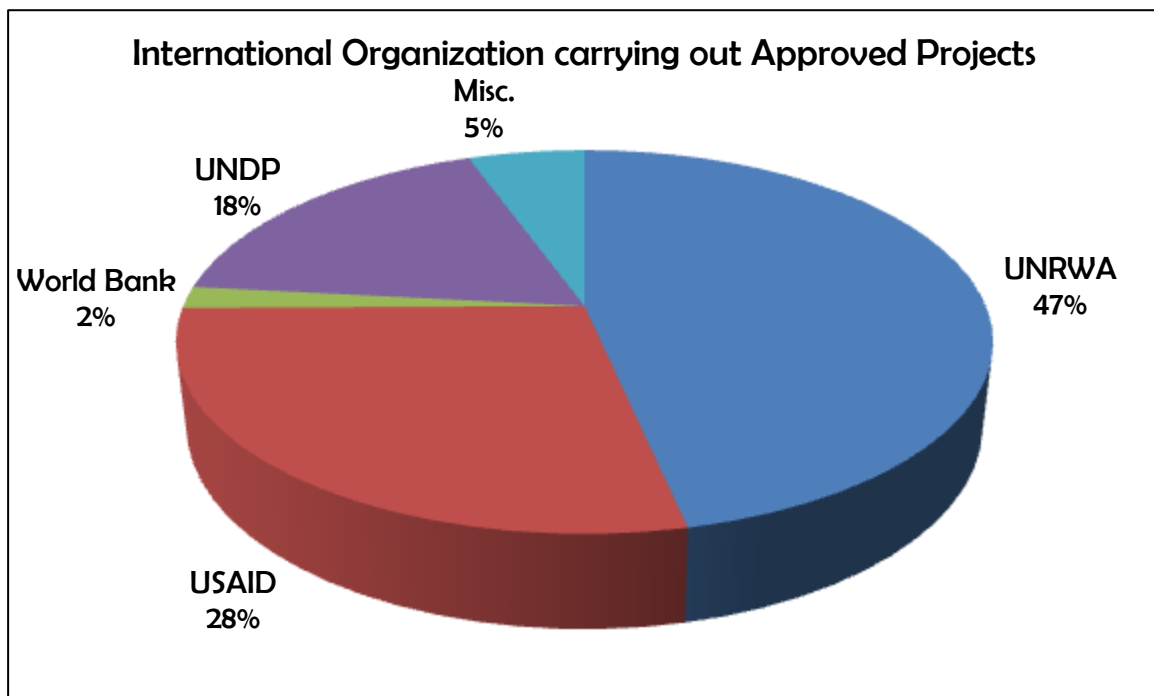
Israel is working with the international community and the Palestinian Authority to advance and streamline procedures for the approval of internationally funded projects. To this end a coordination and monitoring mechanism has been set up for the implementation of internationally funded projects in accordance with security considerations.

So far **163** internationally funded projects were approved for implementation. 149 new projects were approved following the Cabinet's decision.

The projects are being implemented throughout the Gaza Strip – about half of them in the northern part of the Strip.



The projects are being implemented by the different international organization, Israel prioritizes the projects submitted by the UN- 65% of the approved projects are carried out by UN agencies:





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So far 30 projects have been completed and 53 are in various stages of implementation.



62 Education Projects

- Establishment of 42 new schools.
- Expansion of 3 schools.
- Rehabilitation of 49 kindergartens.
- Rehabilitation of 8 libraries and community centers.

35% in various stages of implementation –8 have been completed.

Expanding 5 schools- adding 40 new classrooms (29.06.2011)



13 Health Projects

- Construction of 4 new clinics.
- Establishment of a craniological branch in a hospital.
- Rehabilitation of 5 hospitals and clinics.

66% in various stages of implementation

Building a health clinic in Rafah (29.06.2011)



13 Housing Projects

- 2,000 new housing units.

67% in various stages of implementation –2 have been completed.

Repairing 100 housing units (29.06.2011)



31 Infrastructure Projects

- Establishment of 3 wastewater purification facilities.
- Upgrading of 2 wastewater purification facilities.
- 2 electricity projects.
- 6 sewage networks.
- 8 bridges and water networks.
- Water desalination facility.
- Laboratory for monitoring the quality of drinking water.
- Establishment of 2 reservoirs.
- Rehabilitation of 3 pumping stations.

80% in various stages of implementation – 6 have been completed.



18 Agriculture Projects

- Establishment of 400 greenhouses.
- Establishment of 1,600 cultivation plots.
- Establishment of 100 cooling and packing houses.
- Rehabilitation of agricultural lands and water wells.
- Rehabilitation of 21 agricultural roads.

53% in various stages of implementation –5 have been completed.

Support to farmers (29.06.2011)

8 Roads Projects

- Paving 3 roads.

33% in various stages of implementation.

5 projects for paving roads (29.06.2011)

18 Other Projects

- Rehabilitation and expansion of UNRWA's headquarters.
- Creation of 850 jobs for women.
- Rehabilitation of community centers.
- Establishment of a city vegetable market.
- Construction of 2 cultural centers.

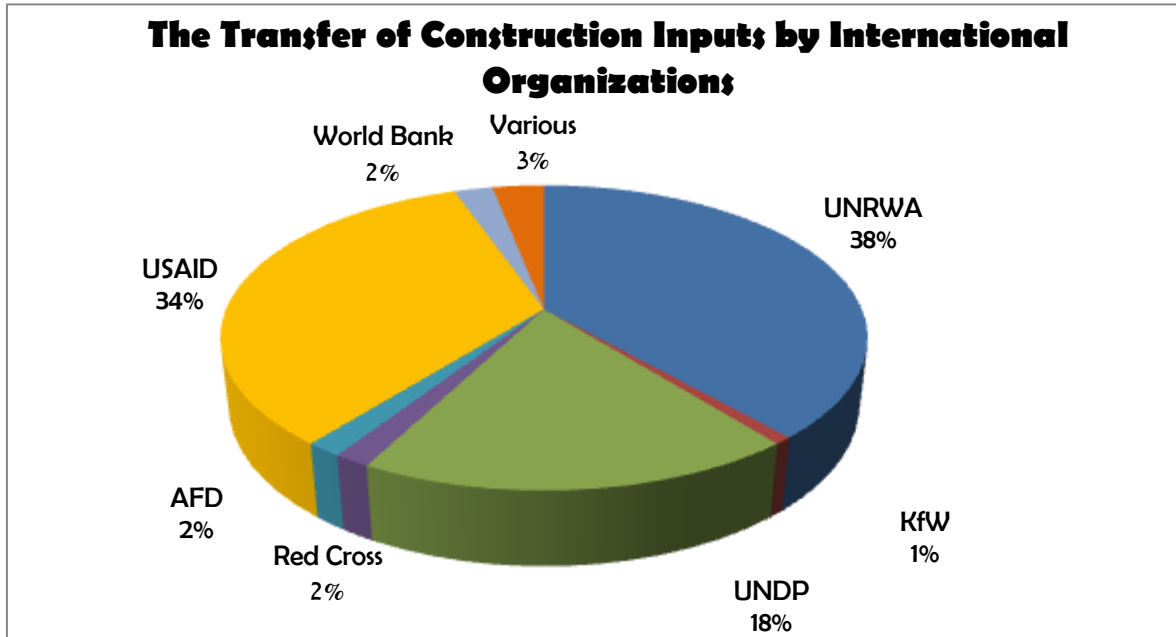
66% in various stages of implementation –9 have been completed.

*it should be noted that the percentage of implementation don't include the 13 projects approved on June 29th 2011.



"Enable and expand the inflow of dual-use construction materials for approved PA-authorized projects that are under international supervision..."

During the past year **163,804** of construction materials for internationally funded projects were transferred to the Gaza Strip, according to the following chart:



The transfer of construction materials for projects occurs following coordination by international organizations with the Coordination and Liaison Administration in Gaza:

Organization	Number of Approved Projects	Number of Projects that Began/Ended	Construction Inputs Transferred so Far(Tons)
UNRWA	70 projects	33 projects	69,692 ton
UNDP	24 projects	12 projects	16,864 ton
USAID	44 projects	32 projects	14,038 ton
World bank	3 projects	3 projects	34,293 ton
KfW	1 project	1 project	28,853 ton
AFD - France	2 projects	1 project	100 ton
Red Cross	2 projects	1 project	-
Netherlands	1 project	-	
Egypt	1 project	-	
Belgium	1 project	-	
NGO-Medico	1 project	-	
Total	150 Projects	83	



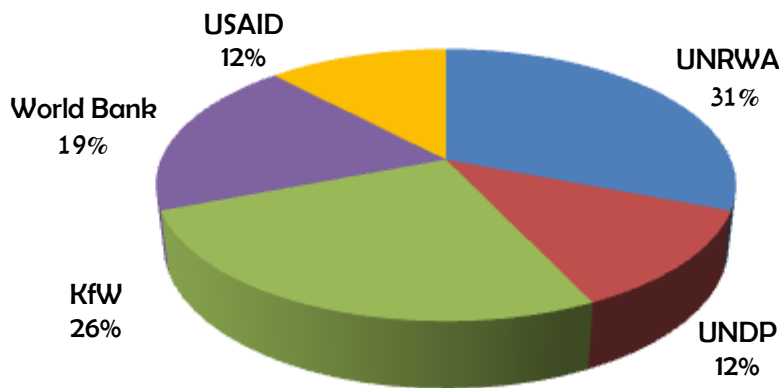
In March, 2011, Israel carried out an operation for the entry of aggregates into the Gaza Strip from Sufa area, during which a section of the security fence between Israel and the Gaza Strip was removed. The three-week operation was made possible by the protection of the IDF's Southern Command, despite an escalation in the security situation by Hamas while the operation took place.

During the operation for the entry of aggregates approximately 250 rockets and mortar shells were fired at Israel.



During the operation approximately 60,000 tons of aggregates purchased by different international organizations were transferred to Gaza in order to enable the implementation of approved projects.

The Transfer of Aggregates from Sufa



"Expand operations at the existing operating land crossings, thereby enabling the processing of a significantly greater volume of goods through the crossings ..."

The plan for the expansion of Kerem Shalom Crossing will cost over 100 million NIS. The Land Crossings Authority of the Ministry of Defense is working according to the development plans of Kerem Shalom.

The Land Crossings Authority has invested until today over 50 million NIS on the development of the crossing in the last year:

On the Palestinian Side- 3 unloading platforms were established over roughly 40 dunams; an active conveyor with a transfer capacity of 30-35 truckloads of grains per day was set up; extensive lighting was established to enable work at the crossing after sunset.

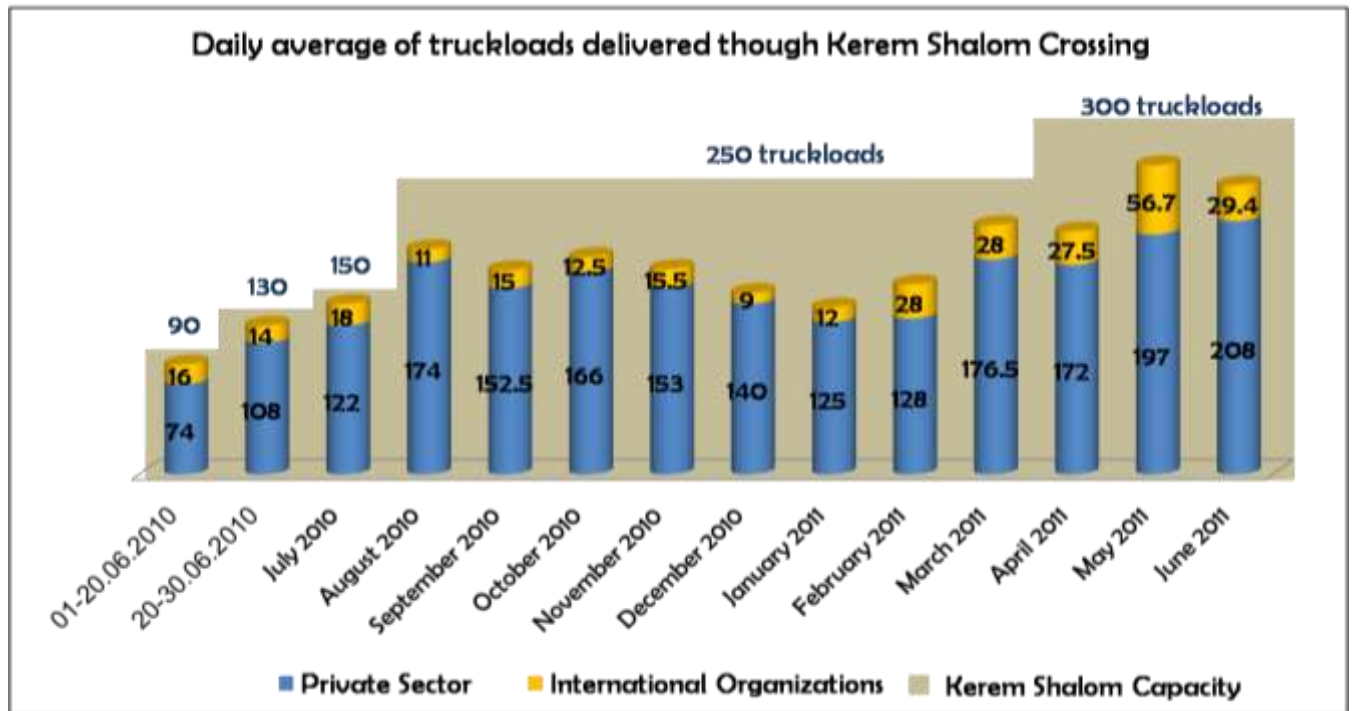
On the Israeli Side- the area for trucks was enlarged; the crossing's access road was broadened; two complexes for the transfer of goods were completed that enabled the crossing's output to increase from 90 truckloads per day to 200; a complex for the transfer of grains was built; a temporary complex for the transfer of aggregates was constructed; an access road was paved to enable the separate movement of import trucks.





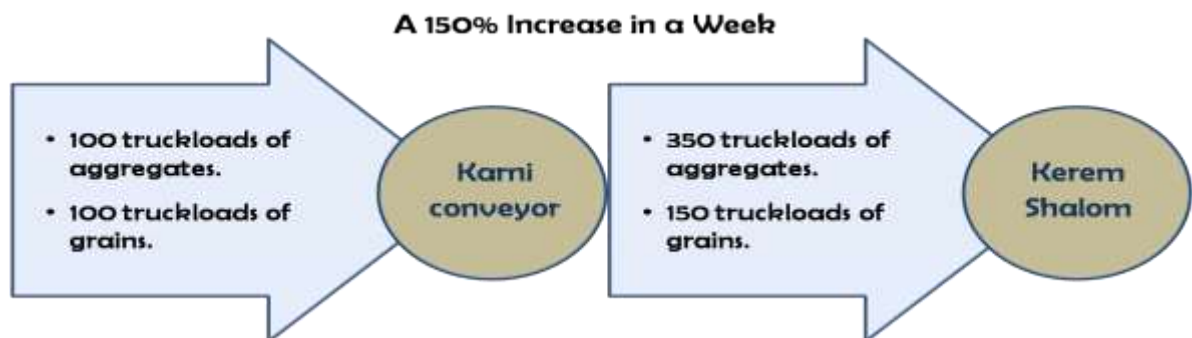
The expansion of the Civil Policy has brought about an 87% increase in the quantity of goods entering the Gaza Strip on a daily basis. The expansion of the range of goods entering the Gaza Strip has significantly strengthened the private sector and has resulted in a 66% rise in the extent of goods purchased by the private sector in comparison with the parallel period last year.

Although Kerem Shalom Crossing's capacity has been expanded, the average number of truckloads transferred through it by Palestinians and the international community is not equal to the available capacity.



In March, 2011, Israel decided to transfer the activities of the Karni conveyor to Kerem Shalom Crossing as part of the development plans of Kerem Shalom, as the main crossing for the economic activities, and in order to increase the number of working days, which had been reduced at Karni conveyor due to security threats on the conveyor.

In this framework the Land Crossings Authority established a unique infrastructure at Kerem Shalom that will enable the transfer of 70 truckloads of aggregates per day and 30 truckloads of grains. Simultaneously the process of establishing a large conveyor at Kerem Shalom was begun with the aim of increasing the capacity for the transfer of aggregates and grains on an average day by 150%.



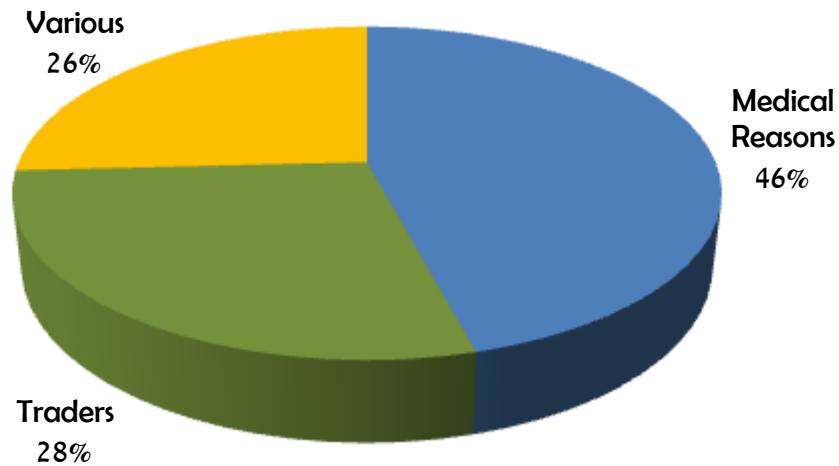


"Streamline the policy of permitting the entry and exit of people for humanitarian and medical reasons and that of employees of international aid organizations..."

In the past year 29,715 Palestinians entered Israel from the Gaza Strip. Additionally, Israel decided to increase the quota of traders entering Israel to 70 per day.

In the past year 7,282 traders entered from the Gaza Strip for business reasons in Israel, Judaea and Samaria, and abroad as part of the ongoing economic activities in the Gaza Strip.

Distribution of People Exiting the Gaza Strip



The Cabinet's Decision in December, 2010 – "...to expedite increased exports from the Gaza Strip at the current stage – focus, inter alia, on the agriculture, furniture, and textiles sectors..."

In the framework of the Cabinet's decision on agricultural exports, the export project in cooperation with the Netherlands to export strawberries and carnations continued. In addition it had been decided to export bell-peppers, but the exports stopped due to low quality of the produce that did not meet European standards. As an alternative the export of cherry tomatoes to European markets was approved.



The export of textile products and furniture to European markets is under advanced staff work.



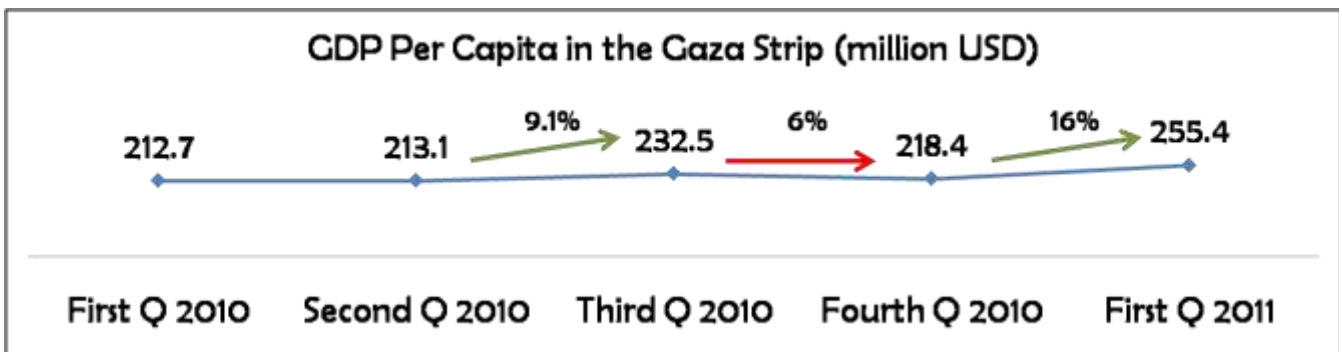
Economic Indicators

The civil policy supported the strengthening of the economy in the Gaza Strip and helped improve the life of the local population. The broadening of the civil policy influenced Gaza's economy positively.

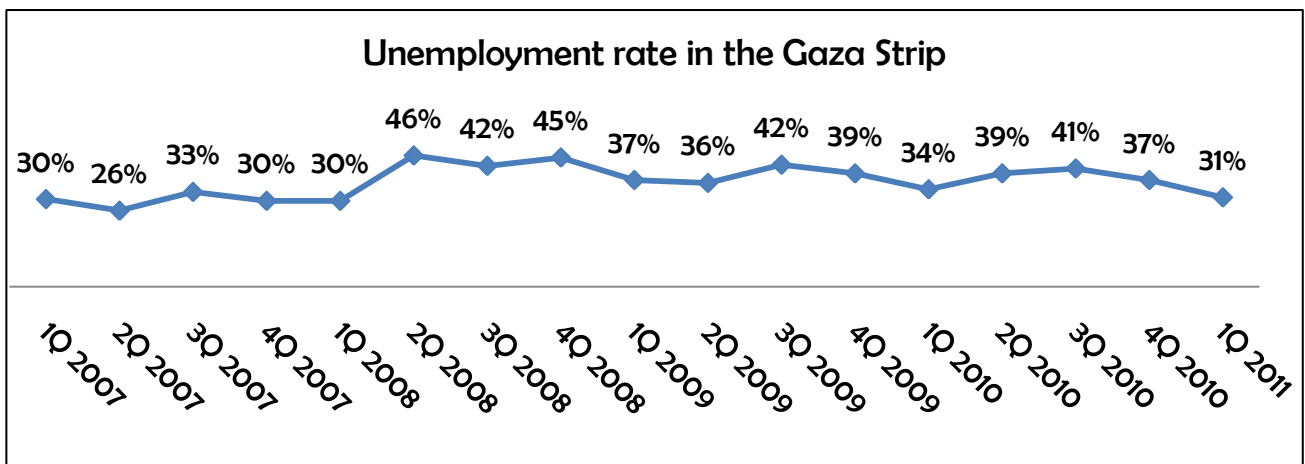
- ▶ Compared to 2009, the Gaza Strip GDP increased by 15.1% in 2010:



- ▶ Compared to 2009, GDP per capita rose by 11.4% in 2010 and stands at 877 USD.



- ▶ Unemployment in the Gaza Strip declined by 2% in the second half of 2010 compared to the parallel period in 2009.



- ▶ In 2011 two new hotels opened in the Gaza Strip, and there are currently 10 hotels operating in the Gaza Strip.