



The humanitarian activity to the Gaza Strip in the year 2009

In June 2007 the Hamas took control over the Gaza Strip. The Hamas is in constant armed conflict with the state of Israel and doesn't recognize Israel existing right, therefore the government of Israel considers the Hamas regime in the Gaza Strip to be a “hostile entity” and to impose various civil restriction on the Gaza Strip.

Despite the Hamas control on the Gaza Strip, the COGAT and Erez CLA officers in coordination with the PA civil committee in the Gaza Strip (of the Fatah government) continue to coordinate on the health, infrastructure and other humanitarian issues.

Between 27/12/2008 and 18/01/2009 the IDF launched operation “Cast Lead” in order to end the constant s fire of rockets and mortars towards Israel and to restore the peace and quiet to southern Israel.

During and after the operation Israel continued to promote wide humanitarian activity's in order to reduce as possible the impact on the Gaza Strip population.

In the year 2009 738,576 tons (30,576 trucks) of humanitarian commodities were transfer to the Gaza Strip.

22,849 Palestinians exit the Strip, from them 10,544 patients and companion's exit for medical treatments in Israel.

21,200 international staff members entered the Gaza Strip.



The main humanitarian efforts during operation “Cast Lead”

Unprecedented humanitarian efforts to the Gaza Strip population was held during operation “Cast Lead”

- During the operation 1,503 trucks loaded with humanitarian aid and 45 ambulances entered the Gaza Strip.
- 1,535,750 liter of heavy diesel to the power station and 188,000 liter of diesel for UNRWAs activity were transfer.
- 120 coordination officers were spread with the soldieries in order to coordinate the humanitarian activity in the fighting areas. This allowed the evacuation of 1,249 Palestinians from fighting areas, 382 medical evacuation and 39 movements of infrastructure repair teams.
- As part of the humanitarian effort Israel implemented unprecedented step and held a daily “humanitarian cease” for 3 hours, during this time the IDF ceased any initiate activity to allow the population to purchase food, movement of population and of infrastructure repair teams.
- During the operation 450 dual national exit the Gaza Strip, according to requests made by the Embassies and consulates.





Humanitarian aid in the Year 2009 Health

**Israel consider great importance to the health in the Gaza Strip.
This issue is the Spearhead in the humanitarian activity to the
Gaza Strip.**

- In the year 2009, 10,544 patients and companions exit the Gaza Strip for medical treatment in Israel.
- The transfer of medical equipment and medicine is coordinated according to requests made by PA and the international community. 4,883 ton of medical equipment and medicine entered the Strip in 572 trucks.
- H1N1 (swine flu)- as part of the assistance to the PA, professional meeting held between Israeli and Palestinian health representatives as part of the preparation to the epidemic in the Gaza Strip. 3 patients exit the Gaza Strip for medical care in Israeli hospitals and 44,500 vaccines were transfer to the Gaza Strip by WHO.



- Coordination of the transfer of 2 elevators for hospitals in the Gaza Strip.
- Coordinate the transfer of mammogram equipment for breast cancer diagnoses and of the first CT machine in PRCS hospitals in the Gaza Strip .



Humanitarian aid in the Year 2009

Public humanitarian infrastructure

Over the years Israel kept the public humanitarian infrastructure issue out of the conflict , and continue to work with the PA water authority in order to assist by sharing knowledge and experience and to coordinate the transfer of equipment for the water and sewage systems in the Gaza Strip.

- In the year 2009 Israel continue to supply electricity to the Gaza Strip. In addition 41 truckloads of equipment for the maintenance of the electricity nets were transfer.
- **Power station-** between April-October 2009, maintenance work was conducted in the power station by Siemens. In the year 2009 over 105,701,740 liter of diesel were delivered to the station.



Turbine engine (1 ton)



Generator engine (30 ton)

- During the year, 45 truckloads of equipment for communication systems were coordinated, according to the PA requests.



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Public humanitarian infrastructure

- Water and sewage- 95 truckloads of equipment for the water and swag systems and 3,720 ton of chloride for water purification were transfer during 2009.
- Northern Gaza waste water treatment plant project- in the beginning of 2009 began a significant progress in promoting the project, 48 truckloads of equipment and aggregates entered for the project.

This progress affected the level of waste water in Beit- lahiya filling lagoon.

The old north Gaza wastewater treatment plant Beit lahiya

February 2008



February 2009

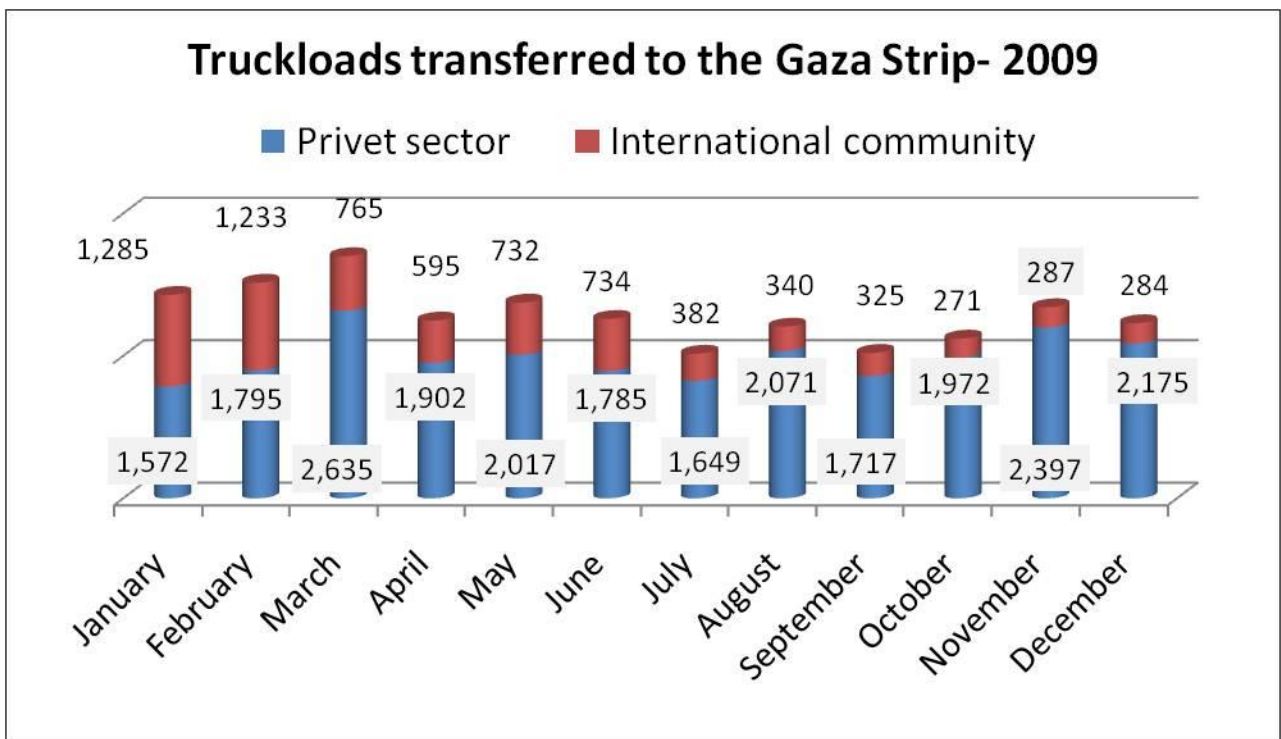




Humanitarian aid in the Year 2009 The economic sector activities

Israel preserving the activities of the private sector and the banking system in the Gaza Strip.

- 77% of the truckloads entered the Gaza Strip in the year 2009 were coordinated by the private sector.



- 257 Palestinian businessmen (BMC) exit the Gaza Strip to Israel, the West Bank and abroad.



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The economic sector activities

• Money:

- In the year 2009 over 1.1 billion NIS transfer to the Gaza Strip for salaries and activities of the international organization and for the PA employees salaries.
- 40 million NIS worn banknotes were exchanged.
- During February 2010, 282.5 million NIS transferred to the Bank of Israel according to the request of the Palestinian Monetary Found.
- In February 2010, Israel and the PA reached an agreement on the transfer of social security payment and pensions to beneficiaries in the Gaza Strip that worked in Israel. The money will be transfer to Palestinian banks in the West Bank and the PA will deliver the money to the beneficiaries in Gaza





Humanitarian aid in the Year 2009

International organization

The international organization operating in the Strip are a central and essential figures in the humanitarian work in the Gaza Strip.

- In the year 2009 the international community transfer 141,390 ton of humanitarian aid (7,233 truckloads)- including 115,043 ton (5,166 truckloads) of food and 2,990 ton of medicine and medical equipment (332 truckloads).
- In this year was a significant increase in number of international staff members that entered he Gaza Strip- 21,200 foreign staff members and over 400 diplomatic delegation entered the Gaza Strip. 2,200 Palestinian staff members exit the Gaza Strip.
- 147 students exit the Gaza strip for academic studies abroad according to requests made by the international community.
- 3,282,000 liter of fuel and diesel were transfer for UNRWA's activities.





Humanitarian aid in the Year 2009 International organization

- A convention to conclude the year 2009 was held by the head of Erez CLA with heads of International organization operating in the Gaza Strip.
- Routine meetings of the joint coordination forum with COGAT and the international community.
- Transfer of unique equipment for UNRWA's Sumer camps (work craft materials, swimming pools, ice-cream machine, music instruments, sport games, etc).





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Unique humanitarian measures

During the year 2009 Israel approved unique humanitarian measures for the welfare of the Palestinian population in the Gaza Strip.

- Approval for export of flowers and strawberries from the Gaza Strip as part of a joint project of the Netherlands government. Since the beginning of the project implementation- 7,325,476 flowers and 54 ton of strawberries were exported.
- 374 Christians exit the Strip for Christmas in Israel and Bethlehem, 100 Christians exit for the papal visit on May 2009.
- The exit of 17 representatives to the Fatah Sixes convention in Bethlehem.
- As part of the preparation to the winter. 3,607 ton of glass (103 truckloads) transfer to the Strip. This project continue in the year 2010.
- During the year 2009, 10,871 cattle's entered the Gaza Strip, mainly for the Ramadan and Eid al- Edha.
- Approval for players of the Palestinian football team to exit the for training and friendship games in the West Bank and abroad.

