



## State of the Gaza Strip Border Crossings 01 – 30 June 2022

For 15 years, the Israeli occupation authorities continue to impose illegal and inhuman closure on the Gaza Strip, affecting the lives of more than 2 million Palestinians besieged in the Gaza Strip and restricting their freedom of movement to the rest of the occupied Palestinian territory and outside world.

The ongoing closure has undermined health, education, and sanitation services available for the people of the Gaza Strip as the restrictions imposed on the movement of individuals denied thousands of patients from receiving the medical treatment that is not available in the Gaza Strip. These restrictions aggravated the economic and social conditions in Gaza as more than half of the population lives in poverty as the poverty rate reached 53 while more than 64.4% of the Gaza population suffer from food insecurity.<sup>1</sup>

Moreover, the Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF) continued to impose tightened restrictions on the entry of the "dual-use items" that include hundreds of major goods and essential materials, affecting the quality of the basic services and hindering the efforts endeavored to handle the population's rights to housing and decent life. This has also restricted access to construction materials and necessary equipment since 2007 and so delayed the construction of houses and infrastructure necessary for the high population growth and the destruction resulted from the successive Israeli aggressions and the delayed reconstruction.

### **Restrictions on Individuals' Movement:**

The Israeli occupation authorities continue to impose tight restrictions on limited groups that were allowed passage through Beit Hanoun "Erez" Crossing after a thorough security check. Similarly, the Israeli restrictions on items that can be carried by travelers via Erez remained in place, primarily no electronic and electric devices, food, and cosmetics are allowed, as well as wheeled luggage.

- According to the General Authority for Civil Affairs' June data, Israeli authorities allowed 35,111 Palestinians to exit the Gaza Strip via "Erez" Crossing, while 36,679 were allowed reentry. It should be noted that the Israeli authorities allow approximately 12,000 Palestinian workers who hold permits under the businesspersons or economic needs criteria to enter Israel. This allows Israeli employers to hire Palestinian workforce without obligations to these workers under law.

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<sup>1</sup> WFP Palestine Country Brief, May 2022: [https://docs.wfp.org/api/documents/WFP-0000140477/download/?\\_ga=2.143628597.1070355257.1658051782-1455307423.1643703786](https://docs.wfp.org/api/documents/WFP-0000140477/download/?_ga=2.143628597.1070355257.1658051782-1455307423.1643703786)



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## PALESTINIAN CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

**Table 1: Individuals Movement on Beit Hanoun "Erez" Crossing in June 2022, GACA data**

Group	Exit	Entry
Merchants	29538	31169
Businesspersons	168	150
Personal needs	1129	1107
Patients	1196	1211
International organizations	639	632
Arab 1948	245	248
King Hussain Bridge Travel	410	430
Christian Palestinians Easter Permit	430	403
Prisoners' visits	91	85
Palestinians arrested at border areas or sea	0	8

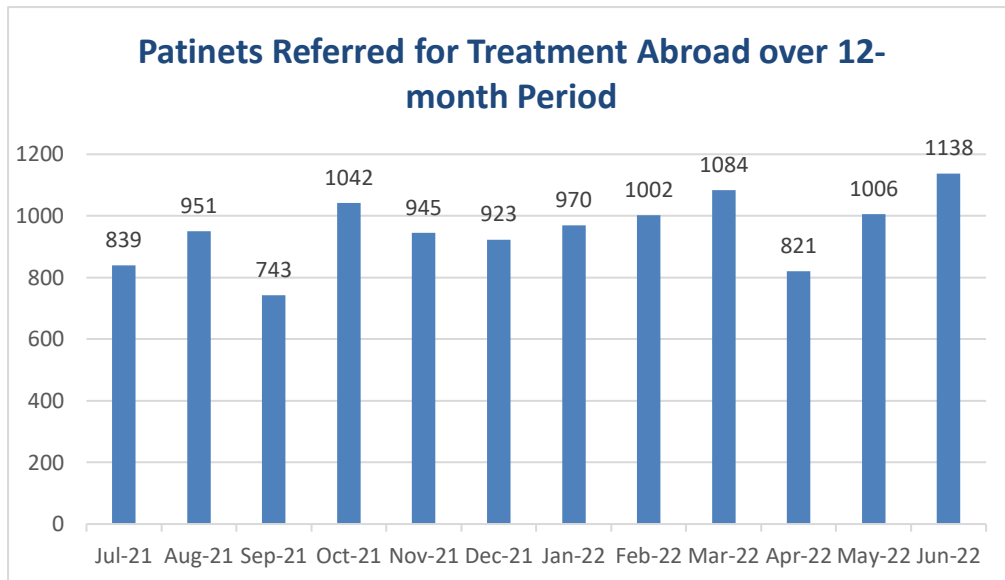
**Prisoners' Visits: In June**, the Israeli authorities allowed 91 members of Palestinian families to visit their sons in the Israeli jails after they were deprived of visitation rights for 2 years. On contrast, the Israeli authorities continue to prevent dozens of families from visiting their sons in Israeli prisons. This violates the right of detainees to be in contact with their families through family visits, which is a fundamental right under international law, including the Fourth Geneva Convention, under which Article 116 says that every internee shall be allowed to receive visitors, especially near relatives, at regular intervals and as frequently as Possible, particularly in cases of death or serious illness of relatives.

**Restrictions on patients' travel:** in June, the Israeli authorities obstructed the travel of 685 patients out of 1,823 patients (i.e., 40.7% of the total permit applications), who were referred for treatment in Israeli hospitals or in the West Bank hospitals, including occupied East Jerusalem, and allowed the travel of 1,138 patients. Despite the Israeli authorities claim that they would allow patients' travel via crossings, they refused to respond to dozens of requests filed by the Coordination Department at the Ministry of Health for patients with critical illnesses, whose treatment is unavailable in the Gaza Strip, and were referred for treatment in Israeli hospitals or in the West Bank hospitals, including occupied East Jerusalem. In June, the Israeli authorities rejected 9 applications for security reasons; did not reply to 64 applications; delayed replies (under review) to 537 permits and asked 6 patients to change companions and required 2 others to book a new appointment at the hospital. Additionally, 7 patients were required to present new medical reports.

**Table no. (2): Statistics of the results of travel requests for treatment in June 2022, the General Authority for Civil Affairs**

Result	Number	Percentage
No reply	64	%3.51
Under study	537	%29.46
Approved	1138	%62.42
Rejected	9	%0.49
Change the companion	6	%0.33
Treatment available locally	24	%1.32
New appointment	2	%0.11

New application	2	%0.11
Relatives in breach of permit	1	%0.05
Hospital cancellation	28	%1.45
Died	1	%0.05
New medical report	7	%0.38
Returned	1	%0.05
Waiting for Interview	3	%0.16
<b>Total</b>	<b>1823</b>	<b>%100</b>



### Restrictions on Movement of Goods

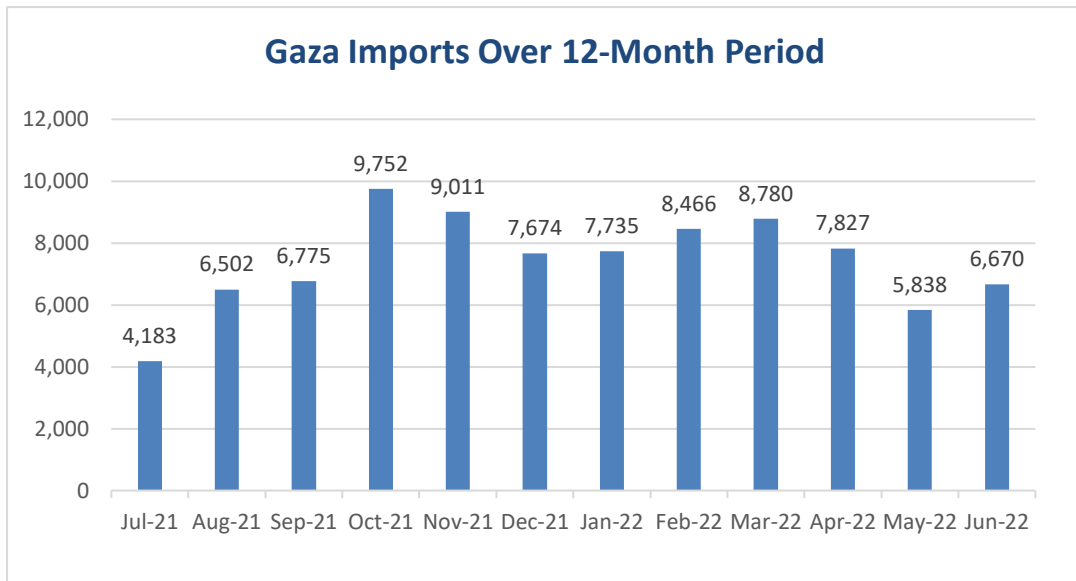
The Israeli authorities continued to impose tightened restrictions on the list of items classified as "dual-use."<sup>2</sup> The dual-use items include 62 types and hundreds of goods and commodities that are essential to the life of the population. Imposing these restrictions caused infrastructure, economy, healthcare, and education to deteriorate severely. These items include communications equipment, pumps, big generators iron bars, iron pipes in all diameters, welding equipment and welding rods, various types of wood, UPS devices that protect the electric devices from breaking down when the electricity suddenly cuts off, X-ray machines, cranes and heavy vehicles, elevators, types of batteries and several types of fertilizers

<sup>2</sup> Israeli occupation claims that these materials although used for civilian purposes, they can be used to advance combat capabilities of Palestinian armed groups

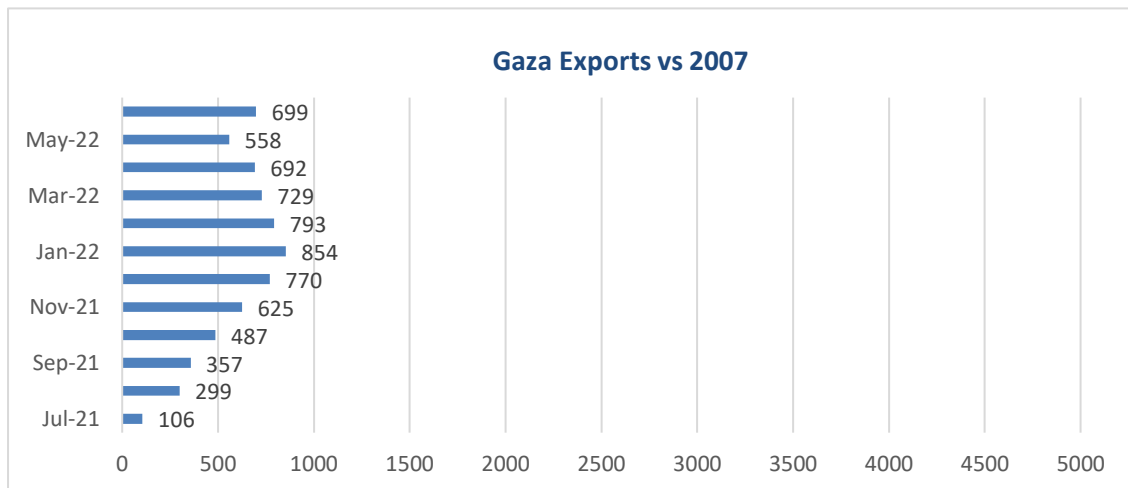


• **Gaza Strip Imports:**

Israel maintained tightened restrictions on the entry of goods into the Gaza Strip. In June, they allowed the entry of 6670 truckloads via "Karem Shalom" border crossing, including 446 humanitarian aid truckloads, 509 fuel trucks and 6670 truckloads of goods for the private sector as reported by the Ministry of National Economy in Gaza. During the reporting period, 3470 truckloads entered via Rafah Crossing, including 353 fuel truckloads and 3117 truckloads of goods for the private sector.



**Gaza Strip exports:** This month, the Israeli authorities allowed the export of 699 truckloads (206 to the West Bank, 263 to Israel, 5 truckloads abroad, and 225 to Egypt) according to the Ministry of National Economy. Those truckloads included agricultural products, fish, furniture, animal skin, aluminum scrap, clothes, and furniture. The exports during the reporting period constitute only 15.5% of Gaza’s total monthly exports before closure was imposed in June 2007 (4500 truckloads/month).





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**Movement at Rafah Border Crossing:** According to the Crossing and Borders Authority in Gaza, in June, 13,192 persons traveled from the Gaza Strip while 4,379,639 persons returned to the Strip. Moreover, the Egyptian authorities denied travel of 397 persons. Travelers returning to the Gaza Strip via Rafah Crossing suffer from prolonged, recurrent, and unjustified searches.

**Table No. (3): individuals' movement at Rafah Crossing in June 2022, the Crossing and Borders Authority**

Type	Departures	Arrivals	Denied Travel
Egyptian nationals	430	289	30
Visas	641	487	18
Residence permits	1669	4076	31
Students	309	600	11
Patients	3077	2519	158
Visitors	5680	6075	143
Foreigners	148	316	0
Umrah performers	1238	17	0
Total	13192	14379	397