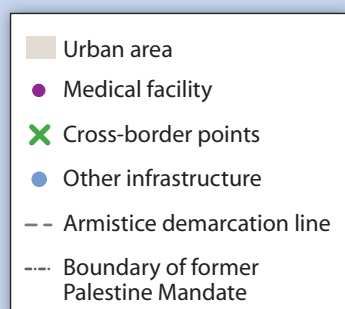


Situation in Gaza Strip (as of 8 Jan 2009)

- 758 dead including 257 children and 56 women, according to MoH.
- 3,100 injured, including 1,080 children and 452 women, according to MoH
- 19,800 Palestinians are staying in 27 UNRWA emergency shelters.
- Cargo transfer at border crossings has been suspended due to insecurity.
- Most residents without power.
- 500,000 without running water.



Impeded mobility
The two northern governorates are isolated from the rest of Gaza.

Beit Lahiya
Wastewater treatment plant's sewage lake is at risk of overflowing.

Erez Crossing
A convoy was shelled killing one UNRWA contractor and injuring two more. The status of the cargo in the convoy is unknown.

Shifa Hospital
Access to the main hospital is severely curtailed.

Nahal Oz
Nearly 300,000 litres of industrial gas and 140 tonnes of cooking gas entered. None of the fuel was collected due to security concerns.

Karni Crossing Point
Grain conveyer belt closed.

Power plant
Shut down since 30 December. An attempt to start the plant at severely diminished capacity failed because Gaza's electricity network is damaged and cannot deliver power to targeted areas.

Rafah Crossing Point
Nearly eight truckloads of medical supplies entered and four medical cases exited.

Kerem Shalom Crossing Point
80.5 truckloads, including 34.5 for aid agencies entered. It is not clear if the truckloads of supplies were transferred out of the crossing after the contractor with the authority to transfer goods suspended operations.



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