

Israel Reopens Crossing with Gaza for Fuel Supplies



Gaza, March 17 (RHC-Xinhua) -- Israel reopened its commercial crossing with Gaza on Sunday after a three-day halt to allow fuel into the enclave, a Palestinian official said.

The official said that Israel has reopened the Kerem Shalom pass with Gaza and begun to transfer cooking gas, gasoline and industrial fuel for Gaza's idle power plant.

The crossing was opened only one day after Hamas-run Energy Authority announced that Gaza's sole power plant has stopped working due to lack of fuel caused by closure of the terminal.

But the official said that Israel has barred transfer of other basic supplies and commodities.

The terminal is now the only entrance for basic supplies into Gaza, as Egypt has shut down hundreds of smuggling tunnels under its border with Gaza that were used to bring in fuel and other supplies.

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