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16 MAY 2016

In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** return the bodies of 2 Palestinians killed in confrontations with Israeli forces on 3/8 and 10/17/2015 (see Update for details). They also arrest 6 other Palestinians during raids in Issawiyya and Kafr ‘Aqab; detain a Palestinian youth nr. the Old City after he allegedly stabs and lightly injures an Orthodox Jew. Outside the city, **Israeli forces** disassemble 12 EU-donated mobile homes nr. al-‘Izzariya, displacing approximately 90 bedouin Palestinians. In the **West Bank**, **Israel Defense Forces (IDF) troops** conduct late-night house searches and raids in 1 village each nr. Hebron and Ramallah, arresting 3 Palestinians (including 1 mbr. of the Palestinian Legislative Council); and patrol during the day nr. Hebron, Jenin, Salfit, and Qalqilya. They also violently disperse Palestinian youths throwing stones nr. Ramallah, injuring 1. Along **Gaza’s border**, **IDF troops** open fire on Palestinian farmers working nr. Gaza City, causing no injuries. (HA, MNA, WAFA, YA 5/16; HA, MNA 5/17; PCHR 5/19)

17 MAY 2016

Unidentified assailants open fire on an IDF vehicle in Qalandia refugee camp (r.c.), causing minor damage. Elsewhere in the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** detain 2 **Israeli settler youths** nr. Bethlehem who were threatening Palestinians with a toy gun. They also conduct late-night raids and house searches in Tulkarm, Jenin, and 1 nearby village, as well as in 1 village each nr. Ramallah and Hebron, arresting 7 Palestinians; and patrol nr. Hebron. Off **Gaza’s coast**, **Israeli naval forces** arrest 2 Palestinian fishermen and confiscate their boat nr. Bayt Lahiya. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** demolish 2 Palestinian homes nr. the Old City early in the morning. (MNA, WAFA 5/17; PCHR 5/19)

Egyptian pres. Abdel Fattah al-Sisi makes a major speech on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, stating that he supports the **French peace initiative** and Palestinian national reconciliation, and will “make every effort” to advance an Israeli-Palestinian settlement (see Update). Meanwhile, **French pres. François Hollande** announces that he has postponed the meeting of FMs from 5/30 to sometime “in the summer” to allow **U.S. secy. of state**

John Kerry to attend. (HA, JP, MNA, REU, TOI 5/17)

18 MAY 2016

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** conduct raids in a village nr. Ramallah and another nr. Tulkarm late at night, arresting 3 Palestinian youths; and patrol during the day nr. **Hebron** and Bethlehem. **Israeli settlers** assault a Palestinian youth in c. Hebron, causing no serious injuries. Along **Gaza's border**, **IDF troops** shoot and injure a Palestinian "attempting to damage the security fence" nr. Gaza City, according to the IDF; and open fire on Palestinian farmers working nr. Khan Yunis, causing no injuries. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** demolish a Palestinian home in Shu'fat overnight, reportedly to clear space to connect 2 Israeli settlements in the area. They also arrest a Palestinian during a late-night raid in Jabal Mukabir. (MNA, Wafa 5/18; PCHR 5/19; PCHR 5/26)

Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu offers **Yisrael Beytenu chair Avigdor Lieberman** the role of defense minister (DM). Lieberman accepts, opening final negotiations on the terms of his party's entrance to the ruling coalition (see Update). (JP, YA 5/18; HA, TOI, YA 5/19; MEMO 5/20)

19 MAY 2016

A **Gazan farmer** is injured when he accidentally detonates a piece of **unexploded Israeli ordnance** nr. Dayr al-Balah. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest a Palestinian youth allegedly planning to carry out a stabbing attack in Shu'fat. They also arrest 6 Palestinians during raids in Silwan, Jabal Mukabir, al-Tur, and Issawiyya. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** patrols nr. Ramallah, Hebron, Tulkarm, and Salfit. (MNA, Wafa 5/19; PCHR 5/27)

A day after offering him the defense portfolio, **Israeli PM Netanyahu** agrees to **Yisrael Beytenu chair Lieberman's** main demand for bringing his party into the ruling coalition: support for new legislation lowering the bar for death penalty sentences for Palestinians found guilty of serious crimes in military courts, meaning it would only affect Palestinians living in the occupied Palestinian territories (oPt). (HA, JP, TOI 5/19)

U.S. secy. of state Kerry confirms that he plans to attend the upcoming Paris peace summit, which the French have now rescheduled for 6/3 to accommodate his schedule. **Russian FM Sergey Lavrov** is also set to attend. (HA, JP 5/19)

20 MAY 2016

IDF troops violently disperse Palestinians, Israelis, and international activists at Friday demonstrations against Israel's occupation, separation wall, and settlements in 5 areas nr. Ramallah (Bil'in, Ni'lin, Silwad, Jalazun r.c., and Nabi Salih), 1 each nr. Qalqilya and Salfit, and along Gaza's border nr. al-Bureij r.c.; 3 Palestinians are injured. Meanwhile, the **Israeli authorities** return the bodies of 2 Palestinians killed in a confrontation with Israeli forces in Israel on 3/8 (see Update). **IDF troops** conduct late-night raids in 1 village each nr. Qalqilya, Nablus, and Hebron. They assault and injure 1 Palestinian, issue an arrest summons to another, and destroy and confiscate some personal property. During the day, the IDF patrols nr. Hebron and Ramallah. (MNA 5/20; JP, TOI 5/21; PCHR 5/27)

Israeli DM Moshe Ya'alon announces his resignation from the Defense Ministry and the Knesset, following PM Netanyahu's public offer (5/18) for Yisrael Beytenu chair Lieberman to replace him as DM. Likud's Yehuda Glick, the

leader of the messianic Temple Mount movement, will replace Ya'alon in the Knesset. Later, **Netanyahu** says he “regret[s]” Ya'alon's decision and says he wishes Ya'alon had “continued to be a full partner in the leadership of the state, in the role of FM.” (HA, MNA, TOI, YA 5/20; ALM 5/24)

21 MAY 2016

Along **Gaza's border**, **IDF troops** open fire on Palestinian farmers and shepherds nr. Khan Yunis, causing no serious injuries. Off the coast, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats twice late at night (7 fishermen are arrested). There are no injuries. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** conduct late-night raids in Hebron and nr. Ramallah, arresting 5 Palestinians; and patrol nr. Hebron. (MNA, Wafa 5/21; PCHR 5/27)

22 MAY 2016

Israeli police assault a Palestinian citizen of Israel in Tel Aviv. A video of the incident shows them beating him without provocation after asking for his ID. Off **Gaza's n. coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats twice, causing 3 injuries. They also arrest 3 fishermen. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** clash with stone-throwing Palestinian youths in c. Hebron, firing tear gas canisters and causing no serious injuries. They also conduct late-night raids nr. Ramallah, Tulkarm, and Jenin, arresting 7 Palestinians; and patrol nr. Hebron throughout the day. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 2 Palestinians during a late-night raid in Issawiyya. (MNA, Wafa 5/22; PCHR 5/27)

Israel's cabinet approves the revised framework agreement with the consortium of

energy companies—Noble Energy and the Delek Group—contracted to extract natural gas from the **Leviathan field**, located off Israel's n. coast. The new version of the agreement will allow future govts. to renegotiate the terms of extraction. (JP, TOI 5/22)

23 MAY 2016

After a significant lull in major violence, **Israeli forces** shoot and kill a Palestinian at the Ras Biddu checkpoint n. of Jerusalem after she allegedly attempts to stab an Israeli border guard. In **East Jerusalem**, the **Israeli authorities** return the bodies of 3 Palestinians killed in confrontations with Israeli forces on 3/8/2016, 10/12/2015, and 10/13/2015. **Israeli forces** arrest 2 Palestinians on a raid in Silwan, sparking clashes with stone-throwing Palestinian youths (1 Palestinian is injured). They also demolish an Islamic structure in al-Masara. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** conduct raids in Aida r.c. nr. Bethlehem and Jalazun r.c. nr. Ramallah, arresting 7 Palestinians; and patrol nr. Bethlehem, Hebron, and Tulkarm. **Israeli forces** issue a stop-work order to a Palestinian construction site in the n. Jordan Valley. **Israeli settlers** steal wooden furniture from Palestinian homes in Hebron. Off Gaza's coast, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Gaza City, causing no damage. (JP, MNA, Wafa, YA 5/23; EI, MNA 5/24)

Israeli PM Netanyahu meets with **French PM Manuel Valls** in Jerusalem and calls on the French to scrap plans for an international peace conference in Paris on 6/3, and organize instead a meeting between Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority (PA) pres. Mahmoud Abbas. Valls says he will discuss the proposal with the French pres. (HA, JP, YA 5/23; YA 5/24)

24 MAY 2016

IDF troops arrest 18 Palestinians and issue an arrest summons to a 19th during late-night raids in and around Nablus, Salfit, Hebron, and Bethlehem. Meanwhile, **Israeli forces** confiscate a number of water pipes from Khirbat al-Hadidiya village in the Jordan Valley. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 4 Palestinians during late-night raids in Issawiyya and Abu Dis. (Wafa 5/24; PCHR 5/27)

In a meeting with **French PM Valls** in Ramallah, **PA PM Rami Hamdallah** rejects Israeli PM Netanyahu's 5/23 call for direct Israeli-Palestinian negotiations. Elsewhere, a U.S. official says that the Obama admin. is skeptical of Netanyahu's push for bilateral talks, saying "we of course support meaningful negotiations, [but] we do not believe in negotiations just for the sake of negotiations." (AFP, HA, JP, JTA, MNA, TOI 5/24)

25 MAY 2016

Late at night, **Gazan fighters** affiliated with the **Salafi** group **Ajnad Bayt al-Maqdis** fire 4 rockets toward Israel. All fall short of the border except 1, which lands in an open area in s. Israel, causing no damage or injuries. In a statement claiming responsibility for the attack, the group explains that it was hoping Israel would retaliate against Hamas, which has been suppressing Salafi groups in Gaza over the past year (see Update in *JPS* 45 [1] for more on Hamas's crackdown on the Salafi groups). **Israeli Air Force (IAF) jets** launch retaliatory air strikes on Hamas military sites in c. and s. Gaza, causing damage. Separately, **IDF troops** open fire on Palestinian farmers and shepherds working in 4 separate areas along Gaza's border, causing no injuries. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Gaza City, causing damage to 1. In the **West Bank**,

IDF troops arrest 3 Palestinians during late-night raids nr. Nablus and Ramallah, and patrol during the day nr. Hebron. (MNA, Wafa 5/25; HA, JP, MNA, Wafa 5/26; PCHR 5/27; PCHR 6/2)

Yisrael Beytenu chair Lieberman signs a deal with **Israeli PM Netanyahu** to bring his party's 6 mbrs. of Knesset (MKs) into the ruling coalition. Lieberman will be sworn in as DM the following week. (HA, JP, TOI, USSD, YA 5/25; ALM, REU 5/26)

26 MAY 2016

IDF troops arrest a Palestinian attempting to cross into Israel nr. Bayt Lahiya along **Gaza's border** late at night. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest a Palestinian youth in c. Hebron after he is found to be carrying a knife. They also arrest 1 Palestinian during late-night raids nr. Ramallah, and patrol during the day nr. Ramallah and Hebron. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 1 Palestinian during a raid in Issawiyya. (MNA, TOI 5/26; PCHR 6/2)

27 MAY 2016

IDF troops violently disperse Palestinians, Israelis, and international activists at Friday protests against Israel's occupation, settlements, and separation wall in 4 areas nr. Ramallah (Ni'lin, Nabi Salih, Jalazun r.c., and Silwad) and 1 nr. Qalqilya, as well as along **Gaza's border** nr. al-Bureij r.c.; 3 Palestinians are injured. For the first time in 11 years, the **IDF** refrains from using violent crowd control methods to disperse the Friday protest in Bil'in nr. Ramallah. Elsewhere in the **West Bank**, **Israeli forces** return the bodies of 2 Palestinians killed in confrontations with Israeli forces since the surge of violence began in 10/2015 (1 on 5/23 nr. Jerusalem and 1 in Hebron on 3/24). They also

level Palestinian land nr. Salfit to clear the area surrounding a nearby settlement. **IDF troops** arrest 3 Palestinians and issue 1 arrest summons during late-night raids nr. Bethlehem, Tulkarm, and in Hebron; and also patrol nr. Hebron during the day. **Israeli settlers** throw stones at Palestinian vehicles nr. Salfit, damaging 1. In **Gaza**, a **small armed group** fires a rocket toward Israel, but it falls short of the border fence, causing no damage or injuries. (MNA, TOI 5/27; TOI 5/28; PCHR 6/2)

28 MAY 2016

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest 6 Palestinians and issue 1 arrest summons during raids nr. Ramallah, Hebron, Bethlehem, and Qalqilya; and patrol nr. Hebron and Nablus. **Israeli settlers** set fire to and destroy 15 olive trees nr. Nablus, and throw stones at Palestinian vehicles nr. Salfit, damaging 1. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 2 Palestinians and issue arrest summons to 5 during raids in Kafr 'Aqab, the Old City, and Silwan. Meanwhile, a Palestinian man demolishes his own home in Silwan to avoid paying Israeli demolition fees. (PLONAD 5/28; PCHR 6/2; OCHA 6/9)

PA pres. Abbas meets with **Egyptian pres. al-Sisi** in Cairo to discuss the Egyptian effort to restart direct Israeli-Palestinian peace talks alongside the French effort to host a multilateral peace conference in Paris, scheduled for 6/3. Meanwhile, the **Arab League** meets in Cairo and endorses the **French peace initiative**. (AP, JP, MNA, TOI 5/28; JP, TOI 5/29)

29 MAY 2016

IDF troops conduct raids and house searches in and around Bethlehem, Jenin, Nablus, Hebron, Tulkarm, and Ramallah, arresting

19 Palestinians and confiscating 11 tractors. They also patrol nr. Ramallah throughout the day. Along **Gaza's border**, **Israeli forces** conduct a limited incursion to establish sand barriers nr. Rafah. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 2 Palestinians during raids in Silwan and the Old City. (PCHR 6/2)

30 MAY 2016

For the first time in a week, a Palestinian youth allegedly stabs and injures an IDF soldier in Tel Aviv. He is arrested after the incident. Elsewhere, **IDF troops** arrest 8 Palestinians during raids and house searches nr. Hebron, Bethlehem, Tulkarm, and in East Jerusalem; they also patrol nr. Hebron and Salfit throughout the day. Along **Gaza's border**, **Israeli forces** conduct limited incursions to level land nr. Khan Yunis and establish a watchtower nr. Gaza City. (HA, MNA, TOI 5/30; PCHR 6/2)

The **Israeli cabinet** unanimously approves **Yisrael Beytenu chair Lieberman** as DM; the Knesset approves his appointment in a 55–43 vote, and he is then sworn in. In a press conference following the vote, PM Netanyahu welcomes Egyptian pres. al-Sisi's 5/17 speech calling for a return to Palestinian-Israeli peace talks predicated on the **Arab Peace Initiative**, stating that the initiative has some "positive elements." His embrace of the Arab Peace Initiative is widely viewed as a ploy to deflect allegations that he has formed the most right-wing govt. in Israeli history and has no intention of making peace with the Palestinians. (HA, JP, KNE, MNA, TOI, YA 5/30; REU 5/31)

31 MAY 2016

The **Jerusalem Municipality** issues stop-work orders to the **Islamic Waqf**, which is

building restrooms in the n. section of **Haram al-Sharif** ahead of Ramadan. The municipality decides not to permit the construction of a new settler building in Silwan. Sources in the PM's office say that Netanyahu pressured Jerusalem mayor Nir Barkat to halt the settlement construction and, in return, issued the stop-work order to the Islamic Waqf to appease Barkat. (MNA, WAFA 5/31; PCHR 6/2)

Israeli forces arrest 44 Palestinians during raids and house searches across **East Jerusalem**. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on 2 Palestinian fishing boats nr. Gaza City, injuring 1 fisherman, arresting 4 fishermen, and confiscating the 2 boats. Along Gaza's border, **Israeli forces** conduct a limited incursion to level land nr. Bayt Hanun. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest 6 Palestinians during a late-night raid in Qalqilya, sparking clashes with stone-throwing residents; 2 Palestinians are injured. They also patrol nr. Hebron and Qalqilya throughout the day. (MNA, TOI, WAFA 5/31; HA, WAFA 6/1; PCHR 6/2)

1 JUNE 2016

To facilitate travel to and from Gaza for Ramadan, the Egyptian authorities open the **Rafah border crossing** to traffic from both directions for the first of 4 planned days this week (see Update). Elsewhere along Gaza's border, **Israeli forces** conduct limited incursions to level land nr. Khan Yunis and Dayr al-Balah, and arrest a Palestinian armed with a knife attempting to cross the border into Israel. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest 7 Palestinians during late-night raids and house searches in Hebron and nr. Jenin and Tulkarm. (MNA, TOI, WAFA 6/1; PCHR 6/2; OCHA, PCHR 6/9)

A **PA spokesperson** criticizes **Israeli PM Netanyahu's 5/30 pledge** of support for the

Arab Peace Initiative, saying "the Israeli statements regarding the 2-state solution and the Arab Peace Initiative must be accompanied by actions on the ground and recognition [of] an independent Palestinian state." (HA, JP, TOI 6/1)

2 JUNE 2016

In the 2d attack this week, **IDF troops** shoot and kill a Palestinian at a checkpoint nr. Tulkarm after she allegedly attempts to stab an Israeli soldier. No Israelis are injured. Meanwhile, **around 4,000 Jewish settlers** pray at Joseph's Tomb nr. Nablus, sparking clashes between their IDF escort and stone-throwing Palestinian residents; 10 Palestinians are injured (1 will succumb to his injuries on 6/6). Meanwhile, **IDF troops** conduct raids and house searches in Silwad and Kafr Malik villages nr. Ramallah, issuing 2 Palestinians arrest summons and sparking minor clashes in which a Palestinian is mildly injured. **IDF troops** patrol nr. Hebron throughout the day. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats, causing no injuries or damage. Along **Gaza's border**, **Israeli forces** conduct a limited incursion to level land nr. al-Bureij r.c. For the 2d day in a row, the Egyptian authorities open the **Rafah border crossing** to traffic in both directions (see Update). (EI, HA, JP, MNA, WAFA 6/2; MNA 6/3; OCHA, PCHR 6/9)

Israel's Justice Ministry releases a list of 27 nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) that might be affected by the so-called NGO Transparency Bill, which is currently under discussion in the Knesset. Twenty-five of the 27 NGOs are distinctly left-wing human rights groups, including B'Tselem and Yesh Din. This lends credence to accusations that the Transparency Bill is simply an attempt to

silence opponents of the right-wing govt. (HA 6/3)

French FM Jean-Marc Ayrault announces 2 main goals for the international peace summit in Paris on 6/3: the parties agree to meet again by the end of 2016, with Israeli and Palestinian participation, and they agree to form several working groups to facilitate resolutions on various final status issues, such as Israeli security and economic incentives for both sides. (JP, TOI 6/2)

3 JUNE 2016

Reps. of 29 countries gather in **Paris** for a French-organized conference aimed at establishing a framework for a new round of **Israeli-Palestinian negotiations**. Conference participants agree to push for another international conference by the end of 2016, release a joint statement reaffirming the 2-state solution as their goal, express “alarm” at the current situation, and state that “the status quo is not sustainable.” The nonbinding statement also acknowledges both Israeli settlements and acts of violence as obstacles to peace (see Update). (HA, JP, MNA, TOI, YA 6/3; HA, JP 6/4)

IDF troops violently disperse Palestinians, Israelis, and international activists at Friday demonstrations against Israel’s occupation, separation wall, and settlement in 4 villages nr. Ramallah (Bil’in, Ni’lin, Silwad, and Nabi Salih), 1 nr. Qalqilya, and along Gaza’s border; 3 Palestinians are injured. Meanwhile, the **IDF** arrests 1 Palestinian and issues 2 arrest summons during raids in Bethlehem and Hebron; and patrols nr. Hebron throughout the day. In 3 separate incidents off Gaza’s coast, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Bayt Lahiya and Rafah, injuring 2 fishermen. (MNA 6/3; MNA, Wafa 6/6; PCHR 6/9)

The **Egyptian authorities** keep the **Rafah border crossing** in Gaza closed. It had been open on 6/1–2.

4 JUNE 2016

The Egyptian authorities open the **Rafah border crossing** for the first of 2 planned days ahead of Ramadan on 6/6. At the end of the day, around 800 Palestinians are stranded at the crossing due to the 7:00 P.M. curfew Egypt imposes on the n. Sinai Peninsula. Along **Gaza’s border**, **IDF troops** open fire on Palestinian farmers and shepherds working nr. Khan Yunis, causing no injuries. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** violently disperse Palestinians demonstrating against the occupation in Kafr Qaddum nr. Qalqilya; 1 Palestinian is injured. **IDF troops** also arrest 8 Palestinians during late-night raids and house searches nr. Hebron and Ramallah and patrol nr. Hebron and Nablus throughout the day. (MNA 6/4; MNA 6/5; OCHA, PCHR 6/9)

Responding to Israeli PM Netanyahu’s 5/30 comments, **Arab League secy.-gen. Nabil Elaraby** says that the league will reject any alterations or piecemeal acceptance of the **Arab Peace Initiative**. (MNA 6/4)

5 JUNE 2016

Commemorating **Jerusalem Day**, thousands of Israelis march through the Old City; there are no major altercations with Palestinian residents of the Muslim Quarter (as there were in previous years). Earlier, around 208 Jewish settlers tour **Haram al-Sharif** and thousands more gather at the Western Wall; 4 of the settlers (3 for breaking the rule barring non-Muslim prayer, 1 for allegedly assaulting an Israeli police officer) and 2 Palestinian women are detained at the

sanctuary around the same time for disturbing the peace, according to an Israeli police spokesperson. In the Old City overnight, **Israeli settlers** attempt to set fire to a Palestinian store; the proprietors quell the blaze in time, preventing any serious damage. Elsewhere in **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 4 Palestinians during raids in Biddu, Jaba', and the Old City. Meanwhile, Egyptian authorities open the **Rafah border crossing** for the 2d of 2 planned days. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Gaza City, causing no injuries. In the **West Bank**, **Israeli forces** disassemble and confiscate 7 EU-funded residential structures in a bedouin village nr. Jerusalem, and issue stop-work orders to 2 homes under construction nr. Hebron. **IDF troops** arrest 8 Palestinians during late-night raids and house searches in and around Hebron, Bethlehem, and Qalqilya; and patrol nr. Hebron and Jenin throughout the day. (HA, JP, MNA, WAFA, YA 6/5; PCHR 6/9)

6 JUNE 2016

In the **West Bank**, **armed Palestinians** open fire on 2 Israeli settler vehicles nr. Ramallah, causing no injuries. The **IDF** then raids nearby Dayr Abu Mash'al village, imposing a temporary blockade on the area. **IDF troops** arrest 7 Palestinians during raids nr. Bethlehem and Hebron and patrol nr. Ramallah, Tulkarm, and Hebron throughout the day. Meanwhile, the **Israeli authorities** limit the **fishing zone** off Gaza's s. coast to 6 naut. mi., having extended it to 9 on 4/3 (see Update). (MNA, TOI, WAFA 6/7; PCHR 6/9)

The **Jerusalem Planning and Building Comm.** approves 2 permits to build 82 new housing units in the Ramat Shlomo settlement in **East Jerusalem**. (MNA 6/8)

7 JUNE 2016

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest 4 Palestinians who allegedly attempted to cross the separation wall into Israel nr. Tulkarm. They also conduct late-night raids in 2 villages nr. Ramallah, arresting 2 Palestinians; and patrol during the day nr. Ramallah and Hebron. The **IDF** reopens 2 roads nr. Nablus—the main exit from Aqraba village and a road leading from Awarta—after having kept them closed for 6 mos. (see Update). Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Rafah, causing no damage. (MNA 6/7; PCHR 6/9)

8 JUNE 2016

Two Palestinians open fire on a crowd of Israelis in an open-air shopping area in c. Tel Aviv, killing 4 and injuring 10. **Israeli forces** shoot the 2 men, critically injuring 1 and mildly injuring the other. **IDF troops** raid the attackers' home village of Yatta nr. Hebron late at night, detaining several Palestinians and barring all entrances and exits, except for humanitarian cases. They declare the village a closed military zone and take measurements and photographs of the attackers' home, threatening punitive demolition. (HA, MNA, TOI, YA 6/8; JP, MNA, PCHR, TOI 6/9)

Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Gaza City overnight, sinking 1; 3 of the fishermen are arrested (they are released later in the day). Along **Gaza's border**, **Israeli forces** conduct a limited incursion to level land nr. Rafah. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 4 Palestinians during raids in the Old City. In the **West Bank**, **Israeli forces** confiscate a Palestinian truck from Khirbat al-Hadidiya in the Jordan Valley. **Israeli settlers** raze some Palestinian land nr. Bethlehem. **IDF troops** arrest 10 Palestinians

during late-night raids in Hebron, Bethlehem, Tubas, 3 villages nr. Nablus, and 1 nr. Tulkarm. (MNA, WAFA, PCHR 6/9; PCHR 6/16)

The **Israeli police** decide that Palestinians killed after committing serious crimes against Israelis will be denied funeral processions and burials in their home neighborhoods or villages. Instead, the police will select the cemeteries in which to bury them. (HA, MNA, TOI, YA 6/8)

9 JUNE 2016

In the wake of the deadly 6/8 attack in Tel Aviv, **Israeli PM Netanyahu** pledges to “act firmly.” **Israeli authorities** implement measures to crack down on Palestinians in Israel and the oPt: The IDF’s **Coordination of Govt. Activities in the Territories Unit (COGAT)** freezes the entry permits of more than 83,000 Palestinians, effectively barring them from entering Israel. This includes permits that were issued for Ramadan, and 204 issued to mbrs. of the attackers’ families prior to 6/8. COGAT also suspends all Gazans’ weekly trips to East Jerusalem (the suspension will prove temporary, covering only the 6/10 trip). **Israel’s security cabinet** meets in Tel Aviv to deliberate over additional measures to take in response to the attack. Afterward, **DM Lieberman** orders the IDF to suspend the return of all bodies of Palestinians killed in confrontations with Israeli forces (see Update). The cabinet also decides to shut down all crossings in and out of Gaza and the West Bank beginning at midnight. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI, WAFA, YA 6/9; PCHR 6/16)

In the **West Bank**, **Israeli settlers** spray racist graffiti in Abu Ghush village nr. Jerusalem. The **IDF** maintains its closure of Yatta, the home of the 6/8 attackers. **IDF troops** arrest 4 Palestinians during late-night raids and house searches in Hebron and Qalqilya, and nr. Bethlehem and Ramallah; patrols nr. Hebron

and Jericho. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 2 Palestinians during raids in Hizma. (WAFA 6/9; MNA 6/10; PCHR 6/16)

10 JUNE 2016

Two days after the deadly attack in Tel Aviv, the **IDF** seals all border crossings between Israel and the West Bank and Gaza overnight, except for humanitarian and medical cases. The large-scale closure will continue through midnight on 6/12. Elderly Gazans are barred from attending Friday prayers in **Haram al-Sharif** today. The **IDF** also maintains its closure of Yatta village, home of the 6/8 attackers, arresting 3 Palestinians during raids in the area throughout the day. (MNA, TOI, YA 6/10; MNA 6/13; PCHR 6/16)

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** violently disperse Palestinians, Israelis, and international activists at Friday demonstrations in 3 villages nr. Ramallah (Bil’in, Ni’lin, and Nabi Salih) and Kafr Qaddum nr. Qalqilya; there are no serious injuries. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** shoot and injure a mentally disabled Palestinian man after he allegedly attempts to stab Israeli soldiers at a checkpoint nr. Nablus. No Israelis are injured. The **IDF** arrests 4 Palestinians during raids nr. Tulkarm and Hebron, sparking minor clashes, but no serious injuries; and patrol nr. Salfit, Tulkarm, and Hebron. An **Israeli settler driver** rams a flock of Palestinian sheep nr. Jericho, killing 25. In **East Jerusalem**, the **Israeli authorities** only permit Palestinian men over the age of 45, as well as Palestinian women of any age, to visit **Haram al-Sharif**. Meanwhile, **Israeli police** deploy heavily across the city and assault, injure, and arrest 5 Palestinians outside the Old City. Along **Gaza’s border**, **IDF troops** open fire on Palestinian land nr. Khan Yunis, causing no serious damage. In **Israel**, 5 Palestinian-owned vehicles are vandalized in

price-tag attacks in the Galilee. **Israeli police** arrest 12 Palestinians at construction sites in Petah Tikva on the grounds that they did not have the proper work permits. (JP, MNA, TOI 6/10; PCHR 6/16)

11 JUNE 2016

The **IDF** maintains its closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, as well as its general closure of Yatta village, home of the 2 Palestinians who attacked Israeli civilians on 6/8. They also arrest the father of 1 of the attackers during a raid nr. the village. Meanwhile, **Israeli forces** carry out the **punitive demolition** of the Yatta-area home of a Palestinian accused of stabbing and killing an Israeli settler on 1/17. Separately, a **Palestinian driver** allegedly attempts to ram Israeli soldiers nr. Ramallah. The driver flees the scene, and the IDF seals the entrances to several nearby villages as they search for him. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** arrest 6 Palestinians and issue 1 arrest summons during raids and house searches nr. Hebron and Ramallah; and patrol nr. Ramallah, Salfit, Jericho, and Hebron throughout the day. In **East Jerusalem**, around 20 Palestinian-owned vehicles are vandalized and damaged in Silwan in a string of late-night price-tag attacks. (HA, MNA, WAFA, YA 6/11; MNA 6/12; PCHR 6/16)

In **Egypt**, **armed gunmen** shoot and a kill a Palestinian and 2 Egyptian civilians in Rafah and al-Arish (see Update). (MNA 6/11)

12 JUNE 2016

The **IDF** ends its closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip in the evening, but maintains the closure of Yatta, the Hebron-area village, home of the 2 Palestinians who attacked Israeli civilians on 6/8. During an arrest raid nr. Qalqilya, **IDF troops** shoot flares that set fire to

a swath of Palestinian land nr. the separation wall, destroying about 50 olive trees. They also arrest 16 Palestinians during raids in and around Nablus, Qalqilya, Tulkarm, Hebron, Bethlehem, and Jenin; and patrol nr. Ramallah and Hebron throughout the day. Along **Gaza's border**, **IDF troops** open fire on Palestinian farmers working nr. Gaza City, causing no injuries or damage. Off the coast nr. Rafah, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats, causing no injuries. In **East Jerusalem**, **dozens of Jewish settlers** tour **Haram al-Sharif** in the morning, sparking clashes with Muslim worshippers after a handful of the settlers appear to pray at the sanctuary; 4 Palestinians and 2 Jewish Israelis are arrested and removed from the site. Late at night, **unidentified assailants** throw stones at an Israeli bus in Wadi al-Juz, causing damage. **Israeli forces** arrest 2 Palestinians during raids in Jabal Mukabir. (JP, MNA, TOI, WAFA 6/12; MNA, WAFA, YA 6/13; PCHR 6/16)

13 JUNE 2016

After 4 days of closure, the **IDF** eases restrictions on Palestinian movement in Yatta. Palestinians between the ages of 15 and 25 are forbidden to enter and leave the village. All others can enter and exit only after passing security inspections. Elsewhere in the **West Bank**, **Israeli settlers** clash with Israeli forces demolishing an illegal structure in the Kiryat Arba settlement. Settlers also throw stones at Palestinian vehicles nr. Nablus, causing damage and injuring a Palestinian police officer. **IDF troops** conduct late-night raids and house searches in 1 village each nr. Bethlehem and Qalqilya, arresting 1 Palestinian and issuing an arrest summons to a 2d; they patrol nr. Hebron throughout the day. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 3 Palestinians during late-night

raids in Issawiyya and Anata r.c. (TOI 6/13; MNA 6/14; PCHR 6/16)

Israeli PM Netanyahu says that the **Arab League** must alter the **Arab Peace Initiative** if it is going to serve as a basis for renewed Israeli-Palestinian negotiations. “If they bring the proposal from 2002 and define it as ‘take it or leave it,’” he says, “we’ll choose to leave it.” (HA, TOI 6/13)

14 JUNE 2016

The **Israeli Air Force (IAF)** launches a strike on an agricultural area along the border fence nr. Gaza City, causing minor damage and no injuries. The IDF says that the strike was a part of an unspecified IAF exercise. In the **West Bank**, **Israeli forces** raid several homes in Yatta, the village of the Palestinians who attacked Israelis on 6/8 in Tel Aviv; and demolish a retaining wall nr. the village. **Israeli soldiers** arrest 1 Palestinian during a raid in ‘Askar r.c. nr. Nablus, sparking minor clashes with stone-throwing Palestinian youths (1 Palestinian is seriously injured). **Israeli forces** arrest 10 Palestinians during late-night raids in and around Hebron, Jenin, Nablus, Bethlehem, Ramallah, and East Jerusalem; and patrol nr. Hebron and Ramallah throughout the day. (TOI 6/14; PCHR 6/16)

A **COGAT official** says that Israel’s political leadership has ordered COGAT to freeze any building plans in bedouin communities in **Area C**. Right-wing Israeli politicians think the PA is using building construction to consolidate power over Area C to keep the land in a future Palestinian state. (JP 6/15)

15 JUNE 2016

Off **Gaza’s coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on 4 Palestinian fishing boats nr. Gaza City;

they arrest 10 fishermen and confiscate 2 of their boats. Along Gaza’s border, **Israeli forces** conduct a limited incursion to level land nr. Rafah. In the **West Bank**, **PA Security Forces (PASF)** clash with unidentified gunmen in Kafr ‘Aqab village and Qalandia r.c. nr. Jerusalem, injuring 1 Palestinian youth in the crossfire. Meanwhile, **Israeli forces** close the entrances to Yatta with dirt mounds and rocks, further cracking down on the Hebron-area village in the wake of the 6/8 attack in Tel Aviv. **IDF troops** conduct late-night raids and house searches in Yatta, and in and around Jericho, and Salfit, arresting 8 Palestinians; and patrol nr. Hebron, Nablus, and Jenin throughout the day. (MNA, Wafa 6/15; PCHR 6/16; PHCR 6/23)

Fatah and Hamas officials resume **Palestinian national reconciliation** talks in Doha. This is the 3d round of talks in the latest push for reconciliation (see Updates in *JPS* 45 [4] and 46 [1] for details). The talks are set to continue through 6/18. (MNA 6/15; IMEMC 6/17)

The **Jerusalem Municipality** permits the construction of a 4-story residential building for **Israeli settlers** in Silwan. The municipality also pledges to “continue to build in all neighborhoods of the city.” (HA, JP, MNA, TOI 6/15)

Israel’s Knesset passes, 57–16, a so-called **anti-terrorism law** granting the state broad new powers to prosecute suspected “terrorism” cases (see Update). The **Joint List** decries the new law as “draconian,” echoing the views of Palestinian citizens of Israel and opponents of the right-wing govt. (HA, JP, MNA, YA 6/15)

16 JUNE 2016

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** conduct late-night raids in Yatta. They take photographs

and measurements of 1 of the attackers' homes, threatening punitive demolition and sparking clashes with stone-throwing Palestinian youths (there are no serious injuries). **IDF troops** also conduct early-morning raids nr. Bethlehem and Ramallah, arresting 2 Palestinians, confiscating 5 vehicles, and sparking further clashes with stone-throwing residents (2 Palestinians are injured). They arrest 3 more Palestinians during raids nr. Qalqilya and Hebron; and conduct patrols nr. Hebron throughout the day. In **East Jerusalem, Israeli police** block off a road in Jabal Mukabir after unidentified assailants throw a Molotov cocktail at a home in the area, causing minor damage. (MNA, PNN, WAFA 6/16; MNA, YA 6/17; PCHR 6/23)

Hamas and Fatah officials meet for a 2d day of **Palestinian national reconciliation talks** in Doha, which will continue through 6/18. (WAFA 6/16)

17 JUNE 2016

Israeli police close several roads and deploy massively across East Jerusalem on the 2d Friday of Ramadan; sealing off Issawiyya with cement barricades after reports of a firebomb attack in the neighborhood. Around 200,000 Palestinians from Israel, East Jerusalem, the West Bank, and Gaza pray at **Haram al-Sharif** throughout the day. However, only men above the age of 45 or those with special permits are allowed to enter the sanctuary. Palestinians entering Jerusalem from the West Bank comprise those accounted for in the standard weekly quota, according to a **COGAT** spokesperson; "Larger numbers were supposed to enter for Ramadan," she says; "that has been canceled." Across the oPt, **IDF troops** violently disperse Palestinians, Israelis, and international activists at Friday demonstrations against Israel's occupation, separation wall, and

settlements in 3 villages nr. Ramallah (Bil'in, Ni'lin, and Nabi Salih) and Kafr Qaddum nr. Qalqilya; there are no serious injuries. Elsewhere in the **West Bank, IDF troops** conduct raids and house searches in Yatta; and patrol nr. Jericho, Ramallah, Hebron, and Salfit. (HA, MNA, TOI 6/17; PHCR 6/23)

18 JUNE 2016

The **IDF** continues targeting Yatta in the aftermath of the 6/8 killings in Tel Aviv, raiding homes in the village late at night and taking new photographs and measurements of 1 of the attackers' homes, threatening punitive demolition. Elsewhere in the **West Bank, IDF troops** arrest 5 Palestinians during raids nr. Hebron, Tulkarm, Salfit, and Ramallah; and patrol nr. Ramallah and Salfit. An **IDF jeep** rams and injures a Palestinian youth nr. Qalqilya. In **East Jerusalem, Israeli forces** arrest 2 Palestinians during late-night raids in al-'Izzariya. Along **Gaza's border, IDF troops** open fire on Palestinian farmers working nr. Khan Yunis. Off the coast, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Rafah. There are no injuries in either incident. Meanwhile, a Palestinian is injured when he accidentally detonates a piece of **unexploded Israeli ordnance** in Gaza City. (MNA, WAFA 6/18; PCHR 6/23)

Palestinian national reconciliation talks in Doha break down halfway through their last scheduled day. **Hamas spokesperson Sami Abu Zuhri** says that Fatah officials reneged on agreements made in previous rounds of negotiations and that Fatah withdrew during the 2d session of talks today. A **Fatah spokesperson** says that Hamas is "not ready yet for national unity and political partnership." (See Update for more on the national reconciliation process.) (MNA 6/18)

19 JUNE 2016

The **IDF** conducts more raids in Yatta, targeting the homes of the Palestinians who allegedly attacked Israelis on 6/8. **Israeli forces** demolish 2 homes, an agricultural structure, a barn, and an outdoor kitchen in a village nr. Yatta, sparking clashes with Palestinians and international solidarity activists; 4 Palestinians are injured. Elsewhere in the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** conduct raids and house searches in 'Arura village nr. Ramallah, arresting 1 Palestinian. **Israeli forces** close down a main road into Zatarra village nr. Nablus. Meanwhile, a Palestinian from Hebron succumbs to injuries sustained in clashes with the IDF on 5/4. Along **Gaza's border**, **IDF troops** open fire on a Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) site nr. Khan Yunis, causing no injuries. Off the coast nr. Bayt Lahiya, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats, causing no damage or injuries. (MNA 6/19; MNA 6/20; PCHR 6/23)

The **head of Gaza's fishing union** says that the Israeli authorities have decided to temporarily extend the **fishing zone** off Gaza's s. coast to 9 naut. mi. through 6/26. They had briefly extended the fishing zone off Gaza's s. coast to 9 naut. mi. on 4/3 before reducing it to 6 on 6/6 (see Update for details). (MNA 6/20)

Israel's cabinet approves a NIS 72 m. (approx. \$19 m.) increase in the budget for settlements in the West Bank because of their "unique daily security situation." The increase comes on top of NIS 340 m. (approx. \$88 m.) for the settlements, which is to be administered by multiple depts. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI, WAFA, YA 6/19; HA, MNA, WAFA 6/20)

20 JUNE 2016

In **East Jerusalem**, around **60 Jewish settlers** tour **Haram al-Sharif**. **Israeli forces** arrest 1 Palestinian and confiscate a number of

computers during a raid nr. Shu'fat r.c. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** raid Nur Shams r.c. nr. Tulkarm late at night, arresting 1 Palestinian and sparking clashes with stone-throwing Palestinian youths (3 are injured, 1 seriously). They arrest 7 more Palestinians during raids nr. Bethlehem and Nablus. Off Gaza's coast, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Khan Yunis on 2 occasions, causing no damage or injuries. (MNA 6/20; MNA, WAFA 6/21; PCHR 6/23)

The **EU Foreign Affairs Council** endorses the **French peace initiative** at its monthly meeting in Brussels. The Council also requests the EU's External Action Service to devise a set of economic and security incentives to cajole the Israelis and Palestinians into an agreement. (HA, MNA, TOI 6/20; AP, HA, WAFA, YA 6/21)

21 JUNE 2016

IDF troops shoot and kill a Palestinian nr. Ramallah after he and other youths throw stones and Molotov cocktails at Israeli settlers in the area, lightly injuring 3 settlers (4 of the other Palestinian youths are injured). Some witnesses say there was no stone throwing and that the youths were just walking home. The PA describes the killing as "extrajudicial."

Elsewhere in the **West Bank**, **Israeli forces** carry out the **punitive demolition** of the Qalqilya-area home of a Palestinian who was killed on 3/8 after he attacked a group of Israelis and U.S. tourists (see *JPS* 45 [4]). They also deliver stop-work orders to several Palestinian homes under construction nr. Bethlehem. **IDF troops** arrest 16 Palestinians and destroy part of a home during late-night raids and house searches in and around Hebron, Ramallah, Qalqilya, Nablus, Bethlehem, Tubas, and Tulkarm. Off Gaza's coast, **Israeli naval forces**

open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Khan Yunis, causing no damage or injuries. In **East Jerusalem, Israeli forces** arrest 8 Palestinians during raids in Sur al-Bahir, Issawiyya, and Abu Dis. (BBC, HA, JP, MNA, WAFA, YA 6/21; PCHR 6/23)

The **PA cabinet** decides to hold **municipal elections** on 10/8 (see Update), though it is unclear whether this round of elections will include both Gaza and the West Bank. Hamas boycotted the last round of municipal elections in 2012, so no ballots were cast in Gaza (see *JPS* 42 [2]). (MNA 6/21)

22 JUNE 2016

Along **Gaza's border**, **IDF troops** discover and dismantle a suspected explosive device nr. Khan Yunis. Off the coast nr. Khan Yunis, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats, causing no injuries. In **East Jerusalem**, small groups of Jewish settlers tour **Haram al-Sharif** in the morning. **Islamic Waqf guards** remove a rabbi and his grandson from the sanctuary when they attempt to begin prayers. In the **West Bank**, **Israeli authorities** return the body of a Palestinian shot and killed on 6/21 and close down several checkpoints nr. Nablus after a suspected rock-throwing incident in the area. **Israeli troops** arrest 1 Palestinian during late-night raids in Hebron; and patrol nr. Hebron and Jenin throughout the day. (MNA, WAFA 6/22; MNA, PCHR, TOI 6/23; PCHR 6/30)

23 JUNE 2016

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** assault 2 Palestinians nr. Bethlehem after they allegedly attempt to cross into Jerusalem without permits. Late at night, **IDF troops** conduct a raid in Dahaysha r.c. nr. Bethlehem, sparking clashes

with stone-throwing Palestinians (1 is injured). They conduct patrols and raids nr. Hebron and Ramallah throughout the day, arresting 1 Palestinian. **Israeli settlers** set fire to a large swath of agricultural land nr. Qalqilya, causing damage. In **East Jerusalem, Israeli forces** arrest 2 Palestinians during raids in the Old City. (MNA, WAFA 6/23; MNA 6/24; PCHR 6/30)

Israel's Public Security Minister Gilad

Erdan signs an order barring the Musawa TV channel, formerly known as Palestine 48, from broadcasting or operating in Israel for 6 mos., citing its connections with the PA. The station was previously forced to close for 6 mos. in 7/2015. (MNA, TOI 6/24; WAFA 6/25)

24 JUNE 2016

IDF troops shoot and kill a Palestinian woman nr. Hebron after she allegedly rams her car into a group of Israelis, lightly injuring 2. It is unclear whether the ramming was intentional or accidental. Elsewhere in the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** violently disperse Palestinians, Israelis, and international activists at Friday demonstrations against Israel's occupation, settlements, and separation wall, as well as protests over the recent water shortage (see Update), in 3 villages nr. Ramallah (Bil'in, Ni'lin, and Nabi Salih), Kafr Qaddum nr. Qalqilya, and Dahaysha r.c. nr. Bethlehem; 1 Palestinian is injured. **IDF troops** conduct late-night raids in Tulkarm, sparking minor clashes with stone-throwing Palestinian youths; 2 Palestinians are injured. They also arrest 5 Palestinians during late-night raids and house searches nr. Hebron and Jenin; and patrol during the day nr. Hebron and Ramallah. In **East Jerusalem**, the **Israeli authorities** bar all Palestinian men younger than 45 from **Haram al-Sharif**. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI, YA 6/24; PCHR 6/30)

25 JUNE 2016

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest 6 Palestinians during raids and house searches in Hebron and 2 villages nr. Bethlehem; and patrol nr. Hebron and Nablus throughout the day. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 2 Palestinians during raids in Issawiyya. (PCHR 6/30)

26 JUNE 2016

Israel's Public Security Minister Erdan decides to permit Jews and other non-Muslims to visit **Haram al-Sharif** in the last 10 days of Ramadan, marking a deviation from Israeli policy in recent years. Many Palestinians see Erdan's decision as a breach of the status quo at the sanctuary. Meanwhile, **Israeli forces** raid Haram al-Sharif in the morning before a right-wing Jewish activist tour of the site, arresting 2 Palestinians, and sparking clashes with worshippers; 12 Palestinians and 1 Israeli police officer are injured. (HA, MNA, TOI 6/28)

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest 8 Palestinians during late-night raids and house searches in and around Hebron, Nablus, and Bethlehem; and patrol during the day nr. Hebron and Salfit. Off **Gaza's coast** late at night, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Jabaliya r.c., causing no damage or injuries. The **Israeli authorities** reduce the fishing zone off of Gaza's s. coast to 6 naut. mi., having temporarily extended it on 6/19 for Ramadan. (JP, MNA, TOI, Wafa 6/26; MNA 6/27; PCHR 6/30)

The Israeli press reports that **Israel** and **Turkey** have finalized agreements on all remaining sticking points in their negotiations over reconciliation, and that they plan to announce a final deal on 6/27. (See Update for

details on the deal's reported provisions.) An Israeli official says that **Turkish pres. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan** agreed to an additional document that will renew Turkish efforts to negotiate with Hamas to secure the release of the remains of 2 IDF soldiers who died in Gaza during Israel's 2014 Operation Protective Edge. (HA, YA 6/26)

27 JUNE 2016

For the 2d day in a row, **Israeli forces** raid **Haram al-Sharif** in the morning, clearing the area for around 90 Jewish settlers to tour the sanctuary. Some Muslim worshippers throw stones and verbally confront the settlers, and Israeli forces use violent crowd-control measures to remove them from the space; 2 Palestinian journalists are lightly injured. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 2 Palestinians and confiscate some of their personal property during raids in Jabal Mukabir and the Old City. In the **West Bank**, **Israeli forces** deliver stop-work orders to several Palestinian residential buildings under construction nr. Tubas. **IDF troops** arrest 3 Palestinians and confiscate 1 car during late-night raids and house searches nr. Ramallah and Bethlehem; and patrol during the day nr. Tulkarm, Hebron, and Salfit. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats in 2 separate incidents nr. Gaza City, causing no injuries. Along **Gaza's border**, **IDF troops** open fire on Palestinian farmers, causing no injuries. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI, Wafa, YA 6/27; PCHR 6/30)

Israeli and Turkish officials in Rome officially announce the **Israeli-Turkish reconciliation agreement** outlined in the press on 6/26. The provisions largely resemble the preliminary agreement the 2 sides reached in 12/2015

(see *JPS* 45 [3]). (AnA, AP, HA, JP, TOI, YA 6/27; JP, MNA 6/28)

28 JUNE 2016

For a 3d day in a row, clashes erupt at **Haram al-Sharif**. Palestinians atop the sanctuary throw stones at Jews praying at the Western Wall below, lightly injuring 1 elderly woman. **Israeli police** arrest at least 11 Palestinians. After the day's clashes, the **Israeli police** decide to bar non-Muslims from the sanctuary through the end of **Ramadan** on 7/5, reversing Public Security Minister Erdan's 6/26 announcement. (JP, MNA, TOI 6/28; PCHR 6/30)

Elsewhere in **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 2 Palestinians during raids in Issawiyya. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts raids in 2 villages nr. Hebron overnight, sparking clashes with stone-throwing Palestinians (1 is injured). They arrest 2 Palestinians on further raids nr. Hebron during the day. **Israeli settlers** destroy 2 Palestinian greenhouses, uproot plants, and spray-paint "Death to Arabs" in Wadi Fuqin village nr. Bethlehem. Along **Gaza's border**, **IDF troops** open fire on Palestinian farmers working nr. Rafah, causing no injuries. Off Gaza's coast, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Jabaliya r.c., damaging 1. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI, Wafa, YA 6/28; MNA 6/29; PCHR 6/30)

An **IDF spokesperson** says that the IDF has canceled its **Hannibal Directive**, i.e., its protocol to employ extraordinary force to prevent the capture of its soldiers. (For more on the Hannibal Directive, see Doc. A2 in *JPS* 45 [1].) A senior IDF officer says that Lt. Gen. Gadi Eisenkot canceled the directive weeks ago and that a replacement directive will be issued soon. (JP, NYT, TOI 6/28)

29 JUNE 2016

In an unusual incident in Ramallah, **9 Israelis** try to visit a Palestinian's home for a fast-breaking meal, but stone-throwing Palestinian youths block them and set their vehicle on fire. **PASF and IDF troops** secure the group's departure from the oPt. Meanwhile, the **IDF** arrests 3 Palestinians during late-night raids nr. Bethlehem and Tulkarm and patrols nr. Hebron and Ramallah throughout the day. **Israeli forces** deliver stop-work orders to 2 residential buildings under construction and demolition notices to 4 structures nr. Hebron. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 15 Palestinians during late-night raids in Ras al-Amud, Silwan, Qalandia r.c., and Wadi al-Juz. In **Israel**, **Israeli forces** demolish the bedouin village of al-Araqib for the 100th time in 6 years. (MNA, TOI 6/29; JP, PCHR 6/30; PCHR 7/14)

The Egyptian authorities open the **Rafah border crossing** for the 1st of 5 planned days over the course of the next week (see Update for details). (OCHA 7/5)

Israel's security cabinet approves the reconciliation deal with **Turkey** announced officially on 6/27. Only 3 ministers vote against it: DM Lieberman, Education Minister Naftali Bennett, and Justice Minister Ayelet Shaked. During a debate over the deal in the Knesset, **MK Haneen Zoabi (Joint List)** calls the IDF soldiers who raided the *Mavi Marmara* in 5/2010 "murderers," sparking a heated confrontation with several right-wing MKs. Later, PM Netanyahu pledges to expel Zoabi from the Knesset (see Update). (HA, JP, YA 6/29).

Following pressure from the Israeli NGO Adalah, **Israeli police** make public portions of their new rules of engagement, approved by Israel's atty.-gen. in 9/2015 amid the surge of violence. The new rules authorize the police to

respond to stone- or firecracker-throwing with live fire (see Update). (JP 7/4; HA 7/5)

30 JUNE 2016

After a week-long lull in violence, 2 Palestinians are killed in stabbing and alleged stabbing attacks in Israel and the oPt today. An **Israeli civilian** shoots and kills a Palestinian in Netanya, Israel, after he stabs and injures 2 Israelis. Twelve hours later, **Israeli police** detain another Palestinian in Netanya on suspicion that he was planning a stabbing attack. Meanwhile, **Israeli settlement security forces** shoot and kill a Palestinian youth in Kiryat Arba settlement nr. Hebron after he stabs and kills an **Israeli settler youth** in her home. An Israeli security guard is injured during the confrontation. The **IDF** then closes several areas of Hebron, locks down the attacker's home village (Bani Na'im), revokes his family's work permits, and begins processing punitive demolition orders for his home. They also conduct raids in Bani Na'im, arresting 4 Palestinians. Elsewhere in the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** conduct late-night raids nr. Tulkarm, Bethlehem, Nablus, and Hebron, arresting 7 Palestinians; and patrol during the day nr. Nablus and Salfit. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI, WAFA, YA 6/30; PCHR 7/14)

The Egyptian authorities open the **Rafah border crossing** for the 2d of 5 planned days this week. They plan to keep it closed on 7/1. (OCHA 7/5)

1 JULY 2016

Amid a 2d day of deadly violence in the West Bank, **unidentified assailants** open fire on an **Israeli settler vehicle** nr. Hebron, killing 1 settler and injuring 3 (1 critically). Meanwhile, **IDF troops** shoot and kill a Palestinian in c.

Hebron after she allegedly attempts to stab Israeli officers at a security checkpoint. The alleged attacker was from Bani Na'im, the home village of the Palestinian killed nr. Hebron on 6/30. The IDF then locks down Bani Na'im village completely. Earlier, the **IDF** locks down Shwayka village nr. Tulkarm, the hometown of the Palestinian killed in Netanya on 6/30. **Israeli troops** conduct raids in Shwayka overnight, threatening punitive demolition of the attacker's home. Elsewhere in the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** fire tear gas at Palestinians throwing stones in frustration over long wait times at the Qalandia checkpoint; 27 Palestinians are lightly injured. Palestinian paramedics are temporarily prevented from treating those affected, and 1 Palestinian suffers a heart attack and dies. The Israeli authorities say 3 Israeli soldiers are injured as well. (EI, HA, JP 7/1; PCHR 7/14)

In response to the day's violence in and around Hebron, the **IDF** places the region under a general closure (the closure will be in place in some form through most of 7/2016): All crossings in and out of the city are closed, except for humanitarian cases, and the entrances to at least 9 nearby villages are also blocked off. Furthermore, a news leak, quoting senior Israeli sources, says that **Israeli PM Netanyahu and DM Lieberman** approve the construction of **42 new housing units** in the Kiryat Arba settlement nr. Hebron, where a settler youth was killed on 6/30. The same Israeli sources that leak this also say that the political leadership has decided to establish a special **graveyard** for Palestinians killed during or after committing serious crimes against Israelis, which they think can end the conflict over withholding these Palestinian bodies. (HA, MNA, TOI 7/2)

Late at night, **Palestinian fighters** fire a rocket from Gaza into Israel. It lands in Sderot,

causing minor damage to 1 building and lightly damaging several others. In response, the **IAF** launches air strikes on at least 9 Hamas and PIJ military sites in Gaza City, nr. Bayt Lahiya and Bayt Hanun, causing substantial damage and 1 minor injury. An **Egyptian power line** is damaged in the strikes, causing extended blackouts (it will be repaired on 7/2). (HA, YA 7/1; JP, MNA, TOI, WAFA, YA 7/2)

Across the oPt, **Israeli forces** arrest 9 Palestinians during raids and house searches nr. Tulkarm, Hebron, and East Jerusalem; and conduct 15 patrols in the Hebron area during the day. They also violently disperse Palestinians, Israelis, and international activists at Friday demonstrations against Israel's occupation, settlements, and separation wall in 3 villages nr. Ramallah (Bil'in, Ni'lin, and Nabi Salih), Kafr Qaddum nr. Qalqilya, and along Gaza's border nr. al-Bureij r.c.; 3 Palestinians are injured. In **East Jerusalem**, Palestinians throw stones at Israeli security forces nr. the Old City, causing no injuries. More than 3,000 Israeli police are deployed in the city today. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI, YA 7/1; TOI 7/2; MNA 7/5; PCHR 7/14)

The **Middle East Quartet** releases a report on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, highlighting the steps taken by both sides that have made a 2-state solution less viable. (See Doc. A2 and Update for details.) Both the Israeli and Palestinian leaderships criticize the report. (AFP, HA, NYT, YA 7/1)

2 JULY 2016

For a 2d day in a row, the **IDF** maintains a general closure on Hebron, sealing crossings across the city and barricading at least 20 villages in the surrounding district. The **IDF** also revokes the travel permits of 2,700 Palestinians from the area and maintains its

complete lock-down of Bani Na'im village and continues its closure of Yatta village (the IDF had been removing roadblocks in the area steadily over the past few weeks). **Israeli soldiers** arrest 4 Palestinians during raids in and around Hebron late at night; and patrol in 12 villages nr. the city throughout the day. On 1 raid, **IDF troops** clash with stone-throwing Palestinians in Dura village; 2 Palestinians are injured. Elsewhere in the **West Bank**, **Israeli settlers** throw rocks at Palestinian cars nr. Nablus, damaging several. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 11 Palestinians, including 1 journalist, during late-night raids in Ras al-Amud, Sur al-Bahir, Silwan, and the Old City. (JP, MNA 7/2; MNA 7/3; PCHR 7/14)

Israel's security cabinet meets to discuss the recent surge of violence across the West Bank and Israel, confirm the approval of 42 new housing units in the Jewish settlement of Kiryat Arba, and decide to maintain the closure of Hebron and the surrounding district. Some ministers push PM Netanyahu to approve a massive round of settlement construction in response to the violence. He reportedly promises to examine the issue. (HA, JP, YA 7/3)

The Egyptian authorities open the **Rafah border crossing** for passage in both directions (see Update). (OCHA 7/5)

3 JULY 2016

In the **West Bank**, **Israeli forces** carry out the **punitive demolition** of 2 homes in Qalandia r.c. late at night, displacing 6 Palestinians and sparking clashes with stone-throwing camp residents; 4 Palestinians are injured. The **Israeli authorities** revoke the entry permit of the **governor of Hebron** after he visits the home of the Palestinian who allegedly stabbed a settler youth to death on 6/30. **IDF troops** arrest 10 Palestinians and confiscate a car during

late-night raids and house searches nr. Jenin, Bethlehem, and Hebron. Meanwhile, the **IDF** maintains its general closure of Hebron and the surrounding district, barricading at least 20 villages and patrolling throughout the region. (HA, MNA 7/3; HA, MNA, TOI, Wafa, YA 7/4; JP, MO 7/5; PCHR 7/14)

The Egyptian authorities open the **Rafah border crossing** for the 4th of 5 planned days this week (see Update). (OCHA 7/5)

The **Israeli govt.** approves the construction of 600 new residences for Palestinians in the Bayt Safafa neighborhood of **East Jerusalem**, despite criticism from some of its right-wing mbrs. **Israeli PM Netanyahu** also advances plans for 800 new Jewish settler housing units in East Jerusalem and **Ma'ale Adumim**, a West Bank settlement nr. Jerusalem. A senior Israeli official refers to the 800 settler units as an effort to “sweeten the pill” for Israelis opposing housing construction for Palestinians. (HA 7/3; JP, Wafa 7/4; HA 7/8)

Before the weekly cabinet meeting, and in response to the recent uptick in violence in Hebron, **Netanyahu** says, “We will make a special effort to strengthen [settlements] and will propose a special plan for Kiryat Arba at the next cabinet meeting.” Kiryat Arba is the settlement where a youth was killed in her sleep on 6/30. (HA, JP 7/3; MO 7/5)

4 JULY 2016

After days of general closure, the **IDF** begins to allow Palestinians to leave Hebron. Every vehicle is still searched before it exits the district. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** conduct raids in c. Hebron, threatening 1 home with punitive demolition, detaining a handful of Palestinians, and sparking clashes with stone-throwing residents; 1 Palestinian is injured. They arrest 3 Palestinians on further raids late at night nr.

Nablus, and patrol in 8 villages nr. Hebron throughout the day. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 12 Palestinians during raids in Issawiyya, Silwan, and the Old City. (MNA 7/4; JP 7/5; PCHR 7/14)

The Egyptian authorities open the **Rafah border crossing** for the 5th of 5 planned days since 6/29 (see Update). (OCHA 7/5)

5 JULY 2016

In the **West Bank**, **Israeli soldiers** shoot and seriously injure a Palestinian youth outside the Ariel settlement after she allegedly attempts to stab a soldier. **IDF troops** conduct raids in a village nr. Ramallah, causing a Palestinian man to suffer a nonfatal heart attack and sparking minor clashes with stone-throwing youths (there are no serious injuries). As the IDF’s general closure of the Hebron district continues, Israeli military activity continues to focus on the area. Israeli soldiers conduct major raids in Bani Na’im village nr. Hebron, threatening to punitively demolish the home of a family mbr. of the Palestinian who killed an Israeli settler on 6/30. **Israeli soldiers** also patrol in 4 villages nr. Hebron during the day and maintain many restrictions on Palestinian movement in Hebron and the surrounding district, including the closure of Bani Na’im. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 4 Palestinians during raids in Silwan and Sur al-Bahir. (HA, JP, MNA, Wafa 7/5; PCHR 7/14)

The **Israeli police** say that non-Muslims will be allowed to visit **Haram al-Sharif** again after Eid al-Fitr next week. They banned non-Muslims on 6/28 after 3 days of violence at the sanctuary. (JP 7/5)

6 JULY 2016

In the **West Bank**, a **Palestinian driver** allegedly rams an IDF vehicle nr. Jerusalem,

lightly injuring 3 Israeli soldiers. It is unclear if the collision was intentional or not.

Unidentified persons open fire on Israeli settler vehicles nr. Nablus, causing no serious damage or injuries; and throw stones at a settler outside the Beit El settlement nr. Ramallah, causing minor injuries. **IDF troops** arrest 7 Palestinians during raids and house searches in and around Hebron and Tulkarm. During a raid in Dura village, stone-throwing residents clash with the soldiers; 3 Palestinians are injured. Meanwhile, the **IDF** maintains many restrictions on Palestinian movement in Hebron and the surrounding district, including the closure on Bani Na'im village, which has been in place since the settler shooting on 7/1. (MNA, TOI, YA 7/6; PCHR 7/14)

7 JULY 2016

The **IDF** maintains the closure on Bani Na'im village and the restrictions on Palestinian movement in Hebron and the surrounding district that have been in place since the settler shooting on 7/1. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** arrest a Palestinian in c. Hebron when she is found to have a knife. Meanwhile, the **IDF** patrols in 7 villages nr. Hebron and 2 nr. Ramallah. In **Gaza**, **Hamas** announces that 1 of its fighters has succumbed to injuries sustained in a confrontation with Israeli forces along the border on 5/8/2015. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 1 Palestinian during a raid in Sur al-Bahir. (MNA, TOI 7/7; MNA 7/8; PCHR 7/14)

The Israeli press reports that the **Israeli Finance Ministry** submitted a request to the Knesset Finance Comm. to add NIS 40 m. (approx. \$10 m.) to the budget allocated for security for Israeli settlers in **East Jerusalem** this year. The request brings the total expenses for security in East Jerusalem to NIS 94.5 m.

(over \$20 m.) this year, equaling the amount spent in all of 2015. (HA 7/7)

8 JULY 2016

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** conduct raids nr. Bethlehem, arresting 1 Palestinian and sparking clashes with stone-throwers in the area; there are no injuries. An IDF raid in Dura nr. Hebron sparks further clashes; 1 Palestinian is lightly injured and a 2d is arrested. **IDF troops** violently disperse Palestinians, Israelis, and international activists at Friday demonstrations against Israel's occupation, settlements, and separation wall in 3 villages nr. Ramallah (Bil'in, Ni'lin, and Nabi Salih) and Kafr Qaddum nr. Qalqilya; 1 international activist is injured. **Israeli soldiers** conduct further raids and house searches in and around Hebron and Ramallah, arresting 3 Palestinians and issuing arrest summons to 2; and patrol nr. Hebron, Salfit, Qalqilya, and Ramallah throughout the day. Meanwhile, the **IDF** maintains the closure on Bani Na'im village, and continues to restrict Palestinian movement in Hebron and the surrounding district in response to the 7/1 settler shooting. (WAFA 7/8; MNA, WAFA 7/9; PCHR 7/14)

9 JULY 2016

The **IDF** maintains the restrictions on Palestinian movement in Hebron and the surrounding district, including the closure on Bani Na'im village, put in place on 7/1. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** blockade Yatta village nr. Hebron, fire tear gas canisters at Palestinians attempting to cross over a dirt mound they placed at an entrance to the village. Late at night, **unidentified gunmen** fire on an Israeli settler's car driving outside Sa'ir village nr. Hebron, moderately injuring 1 settler. The **IDF** then seals off the village and raids a

number of homes in the area, sparking clashes (5 Palestinians are injured and 3 are arrested). The **IDF** also indefinitely closes a checkpoint nr. Nablus following reports of stone-throwing in the area. **Israeli soldiers** conduct further raids in Yatta and Tulkarm r.c., as well as nr. Qalqilya, Jenin, and Bethlehem, arresting 6 Palestinians and issuing arrest summons to 5. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI 7/9; MNA 7/10; PCHR 7/14; MNA 7/29)

10 JULY 2016

The **IDF** maintains restrictions on Palestinian movement in Hebron and the surrounding district that it put in place on 7/1. They also maintain the closure of Sa'ir village nr. Hebron, nr. the site of the settler shooting on 7/9; conduct raids and bulldoze land in and around the village; and temporarily close nearby al-'Arub r.c. **IDF troops** conduct further late-night raids and house searches in and around Hebron, Bethlehem, and Tulkarm, arresting 11 Palestinians, issuing arrest summons to 2, and confiscating 1 vehicle. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 3 Palestinians in Issawiyya for alleged stone-throwing, and confiscate a large number of antiquities from a shop in the Old City. In **n. Gaza**, a mbr. of PIJ's military wing dies in a tunnel collapse. (HA, MNA, TOI 7/10; PCHR 7/14)

The **Israeli cabinet** approves an immediate transfer of NIS 6 m. (approx. \$1.6 m.) for education and infrastructure in Kiryat Arba, the settlement where a Palestinian stabbed a settler youth to death on 6/30 (see Update). (JP, TOI 7/10; MNA 7/11)

Egyptian FM Sameh Shoukry visits Israel to meet with **PM Netanyahu** and discuss the state of the peace process (see Update for details). Shoukry calls for Israeli-Palestinian confidence-building measures, pushes for the

2002 Arab Peace Initiative, and seeks backing for Egyptian pres. al-Sisi's recent peace-building efforts. Netanyahu expresses his willingness to participate in a 3-way summit with PA pres. Abbas in Cairo. (HA, MNA, NYT, REU, TOI, YA 7/10; HA, TOI 7/11)

11 JULY 2016

As its closure of Hebron and its surrounding district continues, the **IDF** conducts raids in and around the city, arresting 6 Palestinians, destroying some property, and sparking clashes in both Dura and Sa'ir (2 Palestinians are injured). **IDF troops** arrest 11 Palestinians during further raids and house searches in Qalqilya, and nr. Bethlehem and Jenin; and patrol during the day nr. Jenin, Ramallah, and Qalqilya. **Israeli forces** also raze a swath of Palestinian land nr. Ramallah. Along **Gaza's border**, **Israeli forces** conduct a limited incursion to level land nr. Khan Yunis and open fire on Palestinian farmers nr. Bayt Hanun late at night, causing 1 minor injury. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** assault and arrest 2 Palestinians in Silwan and arrest 3 Palestinians during raids and patrols nr. the Old City and in Kafr 'Aqab. (MNA, Wafa 7/11; PCHR 7/14)

Israel's Knesset passes the so-called **NGO bill** into law, 57–48, following a 6-hour debate in which opponents of the bill cited numerous international reports criticizing the bill's chilling effect on freedoms of speech. Inter alia, the law requires NGOs receiving more than 50% of their budget from public foreign entities to reveal the sources of their funding in all communications with public officials, on TV, newspapers, billboards, and online (see Update for details). (AP, HA 7/11; MNA, REU, TOI, YA 7/12)

12 JULY 2016

The **IDF** maintains its closure of Hebron and the surrounding district, put in place in the wake of a settler's killing on 7/1. **IDF troops** arrest 4 Palestinians during late-night raids and house searches nr. Hebron and Bethlehem, and patrol nr. Ramallah and Jenin throughout the day. In **East Jerusalem, Israeli forces** demolish a nursery, car repair shop, and a number of tents in Anata r.c., sparking minor clashes with stone-throwing Palestinians (there are no serious injuries). Meanwhile, **50 Jewish settlers** tour **Haram al-Sharif** with an Israeli police escort and pray at the sanctuary, despite the longstanding ban on non-Muslim prayers there. Along **Gaza's border**, a Palestinian bedouin citizen of Israel crosses the border into Gaza, according to the IDF. His whereabouts are unknown and his family says that he suffers from mental disabilities. (HA, MNA, WAFA, YA 7/12; YA 7/13; PCHR 7/14)

13 JULY 2016

IDF troops open fire on a Palestinian vehicle, killing 1 youth and critically injuring another during a raid in al-Ram village nr. Jerusalem. A 3d Palestinian is arrested after the incident. The IDF claims that the vehicle was speeding toward the soldiers and that they assumed it was going to ram them. Palestinian witnesses dispute the IDF's narrative. Minor clashes between the IDF and Palestinian youths break out after the incident; 1 Palestinian is arrested. (HA, MNA, WAFA 7/13)

The **IDF** largely maintains the closure of Hebron and the surrounding district that has been in place since 7/1. IDF troops in the area arrest 1 Palestinian and threaten punitive demolition of a Palestinian home in Dura during late-night raids, and patrol nr. Hebron throughout the day. Elsewhere in

the **West Bank, IDF troops** arrest a Palestinian youth nr. Ramallah when he is found to be carrying a knife. The **IDF** conducts late-night raids in a village nr. Bethlehem, sparking minor clashes with stone-throwing Palestinian youths (there are no serious injuries). **Palestinian activists** prevent Israeli forces from leveling agricultural land nr. Ramallah. In **East Jerusalem, Israeli forces** demolish 3 homes under construction as well as a steel structure in Jabal Mukabir. Along **Gaza's border, Israeli forces** conduct limited incursions to level land nr. Khan Yunis and nr. Bayt Lahiya. Late at night, **Israeli forces** set off explosives along the border fence in c. Gaza, causing damage but no injuries. The IDF says that the explosions, reported by Palestinians in the area as air strikes, were "controlled detonations." (HA, MNA, WAFA 7/13; MNA, PCHR, WAFA 7/14; PCHR 7/21)

14 JULY 2016

The **IDF** largely maintains the closure of Hebron and the surrounding district in place since 7/1. Elsewhere in the **West Bank, IDF troops** conduct raids nr. Ramallah, arresting 1 mbr. of the Hamas-affiliated student group at nearby Birzeit University and sparking multiple clashes with stone-throwing Palestinians (14 Palestinians are injured). **IDF troops** arrest 2 Palestinians during late-night raids nr. Qalqilya, and patrol during the day nr. Hebron. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** shoot and injure a Palestinian after he attempts to intervene in their arrest of another Palestinian at a checkpoint n. of Jerusalem. The soldiers say the injured Palestinian was carrying a knife. **Israeli forces** demolish 3 water wells during raids in the Hebron area. In **East Jerusalem, Palestinian**

youths throw an explosive device at Israeli forces on a patrol in Issawiyya overnight, causing no injuries. The Israeli police then impose a military closure on the neighborhood, erecting mobile checkpoints and searching Palestinian vehicles.

Meanwhile, **Israeli police** shoot and injure a Palestinian in Shu'fat r.c. after he attempts to break up a neighboring family's quarrel. The police say they suspected him of having a knife. **Israeli forces** also arrest a Palestinian on a late-night raid in Silwan. (MNA, TOI, Wafa 7/14; MNA, TOI 7/15; MNA 7/18; PCHR 7/21)

15 JULY 2016

The **IDF** continues its closure of Hebron and the surrounding district, patrolling the area throughout the day. Elsewhere in the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest 15 of the 100 international and Palestinian activists cleaning an abandoned Palestinian factory in Hebron to prepare it for use as a cinema. The **IDF** then declares the area a closed military zone. They also violently disperse Palestinians, Israelis, and international activists at Friday demonstrations against Israel's occupation, separation wall, and settlements in 3 villages nr. Ramallah (Bil'in, Ni'lin, and Nabi Salih), Aida r.c. nr. Bethlehem, Kafr Qaddum nr. Qalqilya, and along Gaza's border nr. al-Bureij r.c. and Gaza City; 5 Palestinians are injured. **IDF troops** arrest 6 Palestinians and issue 3 arrest summons during raids and house searches nr. Bethlehem, Hebron, and Tulkarm. **Israeli settlers** throw rocks at Palestinian cars nr. Qalqilya, causing damage to 1. (MNA 7/15; JP, MNA 7/16; PCHR 7/21)

Hamas announces that it intends to participate in the planned municipal elections

that the PA has set for 10/8. It is still unclear if the PA will organize ballots in Gaza as well as the West Bank. Hamas's announcement is considered a surprise (the party did not participate in the 2012 elections). (MNA 7/16; JP 7/17; HA 8/7)

16 JULY 2016

The **IDF** continues its closure of Hebron and the surrounding district, patrolling the region throughout the day. **IDF troops** conduct late-night raids in and around the city, arresting 7 Palestinians, issuing arrest summons to 1, and erecting a number of mobile checkpoints. Meanwhile, they arrest 1 Palestinian during late-night raids in Qalandia r.c. (MNA 7/17; PCHR 7/21)

17 JULY 2016

The **IDF** continues its closure of Hebron and the surrounding district, patrolling throughout the region during the day. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** deliver stop-work orders to a water well under construction in a village nr. Hebron and to several houses and animal barns in the Jordan Valley. They also conduct house searches and raids nr. Bethlehem, Hebron, and Qalqilya, arresting 8 Palestinians, assaulting and injuring 1, and issuing an arrest summons to 1. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest a Palestinian trying to get on the Jerusalem Light Rail while carrying 3 pipe bombs. He was reportedly planning an attack on Israeli civilians during rush hour. They also arrest 4 Palestinians during late-night raids in Issawiyya. Off Gaza's coast, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Jabaliya r.c., causing no damage or injuries. (HA, Wafa 7/17; PCHR 7/21; JP 8/2)

18 JULY 2016

A **PIJ fighter** is killed and 2 others are injured when a tunnel collapses along the Gaza-Israel border nr. Khan Yunis. (JP, MNA 7/19)

The **IDF** continues its closure of Hebron and the surrounding district, conducting raids and patrols throughout the day. Amid heightened tensions in the region, **IDF troops** shoot and fatally injure a Palestinian youth after he allegedly stabs and lightly injures 2 Israeli soldiers with a screwdriver outside al-'Arub r.c. nr. Hebron. (The Palestinian youth will succumb to his injuries on 7/19.) The IDF then closes the main road connecting Hebron to Jerusalem. The alleged perpetrator's brother was killed in a similar confrontation on 4/14. Separately, **IDF troops** open fire on a Palestinian truck nr. Hebron after it collided with an Israeli settler vehicle; the Palestinian driver is injured and arrested. An **Israeli settler driver** allegedly rams and injures a Palestinian youth nr. Hebron. Elsewhere in the **West Bank**, **Israeli forces** carry out the **punitive demolition** of a Palestinian home nr. Jenin overnight, sparking clashes with stone-throwing youths; 5 Palestinians are injured. **IDF troops** arrest 9 Palestinians and issue 2 arrest summons during raids and house searches nr. Nablus, Bethlehem, Tulkarm, and Qalqilya, as well as in the Hebron district. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 6 Palestinians during late-night raids in Qalandia r.c. and Issawiyya. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI, WAFA, YA 7/18; MNA, WAFA 7/19; PCHR 7/21)

19 JULY 2016

Israeli forces conduct raids in al-Ram village, sparking clashes with stone-throwing Palestinians; 1 Palestinian child is struck in the chest with an unidentified projectile and killed. Palestinian witnesses say he was killed by live

ammunition. The Israeli authorities later dispute the nature of the child's death, arguing that no live fire was used in the clashes. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** demolish a Palestinian home under construction in Bayt Hanina and 4 commercial buildings and a residential structure in Silwan; arrest a West Bank Palestinian 2 days after his release from prison, alleging that he was planning a "terrorist" attack; arrest 3 other Palestinians during late-night raids in Issawiyya; and demolish several Palestinian graves nr. Haram al-Sharif for undisclosed reasons. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** continues its closure of Hebron and the surrounding district that was put in place on 7/1. **IDF troops** arrest 9 Palestinians and issue 1 arrest summons during house searches and raids nr. Hebron, as well as nr. Ramallah and Bethlehem; and patrol nr. Jenin, Salfit, and Hebron throughout the day. Meanwhile, **Israeli settlers** set fire to a Palestinian home in Duma nr. Nablus, causing damage and 1 light injury. Along **Gaza's border**, **Israeli forces** conduct a limited incursion to level land nr. al-Bureij r.c. Off Gaza's n. coast, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats, injuring 1 fisherman. (HA, MNA, TOI, WAFA 7/19; WAFA 7/20; PCHR 7/21)

Israel's Knesset passes into law, 62–45, the so-called **Suspension Bill**, allowing 70 MKs, including 10 from the opposition, to initiate a procedure that would suspend 1 of their colleagues. The new draft would still require 90 MKs' support to effect a suspension (see Update for details). (HA, NYT 7/19; HA, JP, MNA, YA 7/20)

20 JULY 2016

As the **IDF** continues its closure of Hebron and the surrounding district that was put in

place on 7/1, **Israeli PM Netanyahu** visits the separation wall under construction nr. Hebron and remarks on the necessity to “prevent illegal residents and attackers from reaching Israel’s cities.” Meanwhile, **IDF troops** arrest 14 Palestinians and issue 6 arrest summons during late-night raids nr. Bethlehem, Nablus, and Hebron; and patrol throughout the day nr. Hebron. **Israeli forces** uproot a number of olive trees outside Dayr Istya village nr. Salfit to clear space for Israeli settlers to build a road. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** demolish several Palestinian structures nr. the Israeli settlement of Atarot. Along **Gaza’s border**, **Israeli forces** shoot and injure a Palestinian farmer working nr. Dayr al-Balah and conduct a limited incursion to level land nr. Jabaliya r.c. Off the coast, **Israeli naval forces** arrest 4 Palestinian fishermen. (HA, JP, MNA, REU, Wafa, YA 7/20; PCHR 7/21; PCHR 7/28)

Along the **Israeli-Syrian border**, unidentified fighters open fire on an IDF position on the Israeli side of the border, causing minor damage. Later in the day, Syrian rebels report that an Israeli air strike hit a Syrian army position, causing an unknown amount of damage. (HA, JP, MNA 7/20)

21 JULY 2016

Tensions in the Hebron district remain high as the **IDF** maintains restrictions on Palestinian movement in Hebron and the surrounding district and conducts patrols in the region throughout the day. **IDF troops** conduct raids in Yatta overnight, sparking clashes with stone- and bottle-throwing residents (2 Palestinians are injured). Movement in Yatta has been restricted since 6/8. The IDF conducts further raids and house searches in and around Hebron, as well as nr. Qalqilya and Bethlehem, issuing arrest summons to 4 Palestinians and

arresting 2. **Unidentified Palestinians** open fire on an Israeli settler driving nr. Bethlehem, causing damage and no injuries. A **Palestinian** suffers minor burns when a flare left by Israeli forces ignites in Jenin. Along **Gaza’s border**, **Israeli forces** conduct a limited incursion to level land nr. Rafah. In **Israel**, **Israeli forces** conduct raids in al-Araqib in the Negev, arresting 2 Palestinians. (MNA 7/21; MNA 7/22; MNA 7/23)

PA pres. Abbas meets with **French pres. Hollande** in Paris to discuss the French peace initiative in light of recent events. Hollande says that France is determined to build on the 6/3 summit. Meanwhile, in an interview with the *Times of Israel*, the **dir. gen. of Israel’s Foreign Ministry**, **Dore Gold**, says that Israel will probably not attend a follow-up summit in Paris, if invited, because it would “undermine the whole peace process,” reiterating Israel’s opposition to the French efforts. (TOI 7/21; AFP, MNA, TOI 7/22)

22 JULY 2016

Following the shooting nr. Bethlehem on 7/21, the **IDF** closes entrances to several Palestinian villages in the area. Elsewhere in the **West Bank**, the **IDF** continues its closure of Hebron and the surrounding areas that has been in place since 7/1. Amid heightened tensions in the Hebron region, **IDF troops** assault and injure a Palestinian in c. Hebron and patrol throughout the region during the day. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** violently disperse Palestinians, Israelis, and international activists at Friday demonstrations in 3 villages nr. Ramallah, and Kafr Qaddum nr. Qalqilya; 2 Palestinians are injured and 5 are arrested. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 1 Palestinian on a raid in Shu’fat. The **Israeli authorities**

only allow 250 elderly Gazans to visit Jerusalem to pray at **Haram al-Sharif** today. They normally permit 300 to travel for Friday prayers. **COGAT** says that the reduction was a response to Hamas and other groups' "choosing to use the crossing permits . . . illegally." Along **Gaza's border, IDF troops** open fire on Palestinian farmers working nr. al-Bureij r.c., causing no injuries. (MNA 7/22; PCHR 7/28)

23 JULY 2016

The **IDF** maintains its restrictions on Palestinian movement in and around Bethlehem, put in place on 7/22, including a new road closure in a nearby village, as well as its general closure of the Hebron district, in place since 7/1. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** arrest 3 Palestinians and issue 1 arrest summons during late-night raids and house searches in Bethlehem, nr. Salfit, and nr. Hebron; and patrol nr. Hebron throughout the day. **Israeli settlers** verbally assault and physically threaten Palestinians working their land nr. Bethlehem. In **East Jerusalem, Israeli forces** arrest 2 Palestinians during raids in Shu'fat. Along **Gaza's border, IDF troops** open fire on Palestinian homes and farming areas nr. Khan Yunis. (MNA, Wafa 7/23; MNA 7/24; PCHR 7/28)

24 JULY 2016

Amid heightened tensions and the ongoing IDF closures in the Hebron district, **Israeli settlers** enter Kafr Haris village nr. Hebron overnight to perform religious rituals. Palestinians in the area report that a group of **Israeli settlers** have been setting up a new illegal settlement outpost outside the village. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** conduct raids in Silwad

village nr. Ramallah, sparking clashes with stone-throwing Palestinian youth; 1 Palestinian is seriously injured. Late at night, **IDF troops** arrest 10 Palestinians and issue 1 arrest summons during further raids and house searches nr. Hebron, Bethlehem, Nablus, and Jenin; and patrol in 5 villages nr. Hebron. In **East Jerusalem, Israeli forces** arrest 3 Palestinians suspected of stone-throwing in Issawiyya. They also conduct raids in the Old City, breaking up a minor physical confrontation between Jewish Israelis and Palestinian youths (7 Palestinians are assaulted and 4 are arrested). Meanwhile, a **Palestinian** demolishes a room of his home in Silwan to avoid paying Israeli demolition fees. Along **Gaza's border, IDF troops** open fire on Palestinian farmers working nr. Khan Yunis, causing no injuries. In **s. Israel, Israeli forces** arrest several bedouin Palestinians after they try to stop an Israeli bulldozer from leveling land outside their village, **al-Araqib**. (MNA, Wafa 7/24; MNA 7/25; PCHR 7/28)

The Israeli press reports that the **mayor of Yatta village**, along with several human rights organizations, has submitted a petition to **Israel's High Court of Justice** to lift the IDF's closure of Yatta, which was imposed in the wake of the 6/8 attack in Tel Aviv. The petition states that all entry and exit from the village has been prohibited since 7/2, when the closure was re-enforced. The mayor reportedly complained to the IDF, which responded that the closure will continue because it is a "military-security need" and that it is "part of the effort to prevent further attackers from leaving the area." (HA 7/24)

The Israeli press reports that the **Jerusalem Municipality's Local Planning and Construction Comm.** presented plans for **770 settler housing units** between the **Gilo settlement** and Bayt Jala late last week.

The Israeli authorities previously approved 1,200 units in the area, and the reports today appear to cover the same development. (MNA 7/24)

25 JULY 2016

Israeli forces demolish 12 Palestinian homes in Qalandia r.c., sparking clashes with Palestinian protesters; there are no serious injuries. Israeli raids in Abu Dis and al-Am'ari r.c. spark further clashes with stone-throwing Palestinians (3 Palestinians are injured). Late at night, they demolish 4 more Palestinian structures in Issawiyya and 1 under construction in Silwan, and arrest 2 Palestinians during raids in Ras al-Amud. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest 4 Palestinians during raids in Zabbuba village nr. Jenin, sparking clashes with stone-throwing residents (there are no serious injuries). They arrest 4 more Palestinians during late-night raids in and around Bethlehem, and patrol nr. Hebron, Salfit, and Qalqilya. The **IDF** reopens a road nr. Bethlehem, having closed it in the wake of a shooting attack in the area on 7/21. **Israeli forces** begin constructing permanent cement rooms at the entrance to al-Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron; the press reports that the rooms will be used as a security inspection area. Meanwhile, the **IDF** maintains the general closure of Hebron and its surrounding district that it put in place on 7/1. (MNA 7/25; JP, MNA, WAFA 7/26; HA 7/27; PCHR 7/28)

UNRWA releases a statement expressing concern for the humanitarian effects of the **IDF's** weeks-long crackdown on **Hebron** and the surrounding area. (MNA 7/25)

In response to a petition from Palestinian residents of Jerusalem, **Israel's High Court of Justice** orders the police to explain why they are withholding the **bodies** of Palestinians killed

while allegedly carrying out attacks on Israelis. The police are given 3 weeks to respond. (TOI 7/26)

26 JULY 2016

IDF troops shoot and injure a Palestinian waiting in line at the Qalandia checkpoint. They say that she acted "suspiciously" by "quickly approaching the security guards." Late at night, they arrest 5 Palestinians during raids in and around Nablus, Tulkarm, and Hebron; and patrol during the day nr. Salfit and Ramallah. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 52 Palestinians during overnight raids in Ras al-Amud and Silwan. The Israeli police dub the raids as "the 700," referring to the number of officers involved. Along **Gaza's border**, **IDF troops** open fire on Palestinians nr. the border fence, causing no injuries. Off the coast, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Bayt Lahiya, causing no damage. They then arrest 2 fishermen and confiscate their boat. (EI, MNA, TOI, WAFA 7/26; MNA 7/27; PCHR 7/28)

27 JULY 2016

Overnight in the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** assault the Hebron-area home of a Palestinian, allegedly a mbr. of PIJ involved in the killing of an Israeli on 7/1. After declaring the village a closed military zone, they cut the Internet and electricity, fire anti-tank missiles and other artillery at his 3-story residential building for 7 hours, and eventually demolish it, killing the man and injuring a 2d Palestinian. The operation sparks clashes with stone-throwing Palestinians in the area; 5 Palestinians are injured and 3 are arrested. (BBC, MNA, WAFA 7/27; PCHR 8/4)

After the major **IDF** operation nr. Hebron overnight, the **PA** announces that the **IDF**

has agreed to begin lifting its general closure of **Hebron** and the surrounding district, which it put in place in the wake of a Palestinian's shooting of a settler on 7/1. Tension remains high in Hebron, as the IDF patrols the region throughout the day. (JP 7/27)

Elsewhere in the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest 11 Palestinians during late-night raids in Nablus and nr. Bethlehem. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli police** arrest 2 mbrs. of the Islamic Waqf after they allegedly assault 2 Israeli archaeologists at **Haram al-Sharif**, and arrest 2 Palestinians during raids in Silwan. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** confront a Palestinian fishing party late at night, damaging 1 boat and arresting 5 Palestinians. Meanwhile, a **Gazan** succumbs to injuries sustained in a confrontation with Israeli forces on 11/23/2001. In **Israel**, **Israeli forces** demolish several structures in the bedouin village of **al-Araqib** for the 101st time since 6/2010. The demolitions spark minor clashes, and several Palestinians are arrested. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI, Wafa, YA 7/27; EI, MNA, PCHR, Wafa 7/28; PCHR 8/4)

Israeli NGO Peace Now announces that the Israeli govt. has opened tenders for the construction of 323 housing units in **Israeli settlements** nr. Jerusalem, including 89 in Gilo, 36 in Neve Ya'acov, 68 in Pisgat Ze'ev, and 130 in Har Homa. Meanwhile, the **Israeli Knesset's Ministerial Comm. for Legislation** gives preliminary approval to a bill that would make some West Bank settlements eligible for special tax breaks in connection with the severity of their security situation. (MNA, PNOW 7/27; HA, TOI 7/28)

28 JULY 2016

In response to reported stone-throwing incidents in the area, the **IDF** reopens a

checkpoint nr. Nablus that they had closed on 7/9. Elsewhere in the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and injure 3 Palestinians and arrest 4 others during clashes sparked by a raid in Dahaysha r.c. nr. Bethlehem. They conduct further raids and house searches nr. Nablus, arresting 2 Palestinians, and patrol nr. Hebron throughout the day. In **Israel**, the **Israeli police** announce that they have arrested 10 Palestinians working in Israel without proper permits and demolished their camp nr. Tamra. It is unclear when the raid took place. (MNA, Wafa 7/28; MNA 7/29; PCHR 8/4)

The **PA Foreign Ministry** releases a statement, in Arabic only, "relieving" the international community from "issuing useless condemnations against Israeli settlement" activities. The statement follows a week of Israeli settlement growth announcements and rote condemnations from the U.S., EU, and UN. (MO, PAMFA 7/29)

29 JULY 2016

IDF troops violently disperse Palestinians, Israelis, and international activists at Friday demonstrations against Israel's occupation, separation wall, and settlements in 3 villages nr. Ramallah (Bil'in, Ni'lin, and Nabi Salih), Kafr Qaddum nr. Qalqilya, and along Gaza's border nr. Gaza City. Two Palestinians are injured, and 3 Palestinians and 1 international are arrested. They also conduct late-night raids in a village nr. Hebron, arresting 1 Palestinian; and patrol during the day nr. Hebron. In **East Jerusalem**, a Palestinian closes his coffee shop in Sheikh Jarrah on Israeli orders; 3 Palestinian families who lived in the building are displaced. (MNA 7/29; Wafa 7/30; PCHR 8/4)

30 JULY 2016

IDF troops arrest 3 Palestinians during raids in Jenin and Jenin r.c., sparking clashes with stone-throwing youths (7 Palestinians are injured). They conduct further raids and house searches nr. Bethlehem, Ramallah, and in East Jerusalem, arresting 1 Palestinian and issuing arrest summons to 3; and patrol nr. Salfit and Hebron throughout the day. Along **Gaza's border**, **IDF troops** open fire on Palestinian farmers working nr. Gaza City, causing no damage or injuries. (Wafa 7/30; PCHR 8/4)

31 JULY 2016

There is a flurry of IDF activity in the Hebron region today, mostly related to the ongoing Israeli investigation into the killing of an Israeli settler on 7/1. **IDF troops** arrest 17 Palestinians during raids nr. the city, including 11 allegedly involved in the 7/1 killing. During one of the raids, Israeli soldiers open fire on a wanted Palestinian's home to draw him out. (HA, MNA, Wafa 7/31; PCHR 8/4)

Elsewhere in the West Bank, **IDF troops** shoot and kill a Palestinian man at a checkpoint nr. Nablus after he allegedly attempts to charge at and stab them. No Israelis are injured. Separately, they shoot and injure a Palestinian attempting to enter Jerusalem for work. **IDF troops** conduct raids and house searches in and around Qalqilya, Bethlehem, Jenin, and Nablus, arresting 9 Palestinians and issuing arrest summons to 1; and patrol nr. Hebron and Qalqilya throughout the day. In **East Jerusalem**, a Palestinian demolishes his own home in al-Thawri to avoid paying NIS 50,000 (approx. \$13,000) for an Israeli demolition crew. Along **Gaza's border**, **IDF troops** open fire on Palestinian farmlands nr. Khan Yunis, causing no damage. In **Israel**, **Israeli forces** violently disperse Palestinians protesting the

Israeli plan to demolish their village, Umm al-Hiran, in s. Israel and replace it with a Jewish Israeli town (1 Palestinian is injured and 5 are arrested). (HA, JP, MNA, Wafa 7/31; HA, JP, MNA 8/1; PCHR 8/4)

1 AUGUST 2016

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and injure a Palestinian man and arrest 2 others on a raid in Dahaysha r.c. nr. Bethlehem overnight, and arrest a youth outside a settlement nr. Bethlehem for allegedly planning a stabbing attack in the evening. They also arrest 5 Palestinians during raids and house searches nr. Jenin, Tulkarm, Hebron, Bethlehem, and Ramallah, sparking minor clashes nr. Ramallah (there are no serious injuries). Meanwhile, **Israeli forces** level a 150-m fence in al-Aghwar. **Mekorot, Israel's national water company**, justifies the demolition by citing plans for new pipes to supply a nearby settlement (see Update for more on the ongoing water shortages). Late at night in **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** demolish a car showroom and 2 stores in Sur al-Bahir, and arrest 4 Palestinians during raids in Shu'fat r.c. Along **Gaza's border**, **IDF troops** open fire on Palestinian farmlands nr. Khan Yunis, causing no damage. Off the coast, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Khan Yunis, causing no injuries or damage. (MNA 8/1; MNA, Wafa 8/2; PCHR 8/4)

2 AUGUST 2016

Hundreds of Israeli settlers visit Joseph's Tomb nr. Nablus overnight, sparking clashes between their IDF escort and Palestinian youths; 2 Palestinians are injured. Elsewhere in the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest

11 Palestinians during late-night house searches and raids in and around Hebron, Jenin, Tubas, Nablus, Qalqilya, Tulkarm, and Ramallah, sparking clashes nr. Tubas (2 Palestinians are lightly injured). They also patrol in and around Salfit and Hebron; assault and arrest a Palestinian at a checkpoint nr. Jenin (they also confiscate his tractor). In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** assault a guard at **Haram al-Sharif** and shut down repair work on a broken pipe at the sanctuary on the grounds that the proper permits were not secured beforehand. They also arrest 8 Palestinians during late-night raids in Silwan and al-Tur. A Palestinian demolishes his own home in Silwan to avoid paying for an Israeli demolition crew. (MNA, WAFA 8/2; PCHR 8/4)

Israel's Knesset passes, 32–16, into law the so-called **Youth Bill**, which allows people under the age of 14 to be convicted of serious crimes, including murder, attempted murder, and manslaughter (see Update). (KNE, MNA, WAFA 8/3)

3 AUGUST 2016

Israeli forces raid Yatta village nr. Hebron late at night and carry out the **punitive demolition orders** for the homes of the 2 Palestinians who shot and killed 4 Israelis in Tel Aviv on 6/8. In accordance with a court order, 1 of the homes is only partially destroyed. The **IDF** temporarily closes the major Beit El checkpoint nr. Ramallah after soldiers find a suspicious object nearby; arrests 1 Palestinian during a late-night raid nr. Hebron, and patrols nr. Hebron throughout the day. **IDF troops** briefly clash with Palestinians participating in a sit-in in solidarity with Palestinian prisoners in Ramallah, detaining 1 temporarily and causing no serious injuries. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli police** detain 4 Islamic Waqf employees

doing minor repair work at **Haram al-Sharif** while a group of Jewish settlers tour the sanctuary. The Waqf employees are accused of doing repairs without permission from the Israel Antiquities Authority. Meanwhile, **Israeli forces** demolish a Palestinian home in Bayt Hanina for the 6th time since 1995, when the family first started seeking a permit for the newly built structure, and also demolish 3 livestock structures in al-Nabi Samuel. They also arrest 1 Palestinian during a late-night raid in Qatanna. Along **Gaza's border**, **Israeli forces** conduct a limited incursion to level land nr. Khan Yunis. Off Gaza's coast late at night, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Gaza City and later nr. Jabaliya r.c., destroying the engine of 1 boat and causing no injuries. (MNA, WAFA 8/3; JP, MNA, PCHR, WAFA 8/4; PCHR 8/11)

U.S. and Israeli officials conclude a 3-day round of negotiations on a new **military aid agreement**. They reportedly settle all remaining discrepancies, except for gaps on some technical issues. A U.S. official says, "We've made progress and closed many of the remaining gaps," adding, "We hope soon to be able to reach final agreement" (see Update for details). (HA, JP 8/4)

The Israeli press reports that **Israel's Defense Ministry** has issued tenders for the construction of an **underground wall** to encircle **Gaza** (see Update). The wall is being designed to deter Hamas's tunneling efforts. Construction is set to start in 10/2016. (TOI, YA 8/3)

4 AUGUST 2016

In the 2d such incident in as many days, **Israeli forces** arrest several Islamic Waqf employees accused of planning maintenance

work at **Haram al-Sharif** without permission from the Israel Antiquities Authority. Elsewhere in **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest a Palestinian youth, accusing him of planning an attack on Jerusalem's Light Rail after finding a knife in his possession. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** clash with stone-throwing Palestinians during raids in 2 villages nr. Ramallah; 1 Palestinian is injured. **IDF troops** arrest 1 Palestinian during further raids and house searches nr. Jenin, Qalqilya, and Ramallah; and patrol nr. Hebron throughout the day. Meanwhile, **Israeli forces** demolish several residential structures, 2 offices, and 3 water tanks nr. Jericho and 2 agricultural structures nr. Hebron. **Israeli settlers** attack a Palestinian shepherd nr. Ramallah, injuring her and killing several of her goats. Late at night, **around 400 settlers** enter Awarta village nr. Nablus to perform religious rituals, sparking minor clashes between their IDF escort and Palestinian residents of the area (there are no serious injuries). (JP, MNA, TOI 8/4; MNA 8/5; PCHR 8/11; +972 8/13)

Israel's Shin Bet accuses the Palestinian manager of the Gaza branch of **World Vision**, a Christian aid group, with redirecting around \$43 m. of the group's money to **Hamas** over the past 6 years. The manager, Mohammad Halabi, was arrested at the Erez border crossing on 6/15. Hours later, the Australian govt. suspends its funding of World Vision. The charity responds, saying that programs in Gaza "have been subject to regular internal and independent audits, independent evaluations, and a broad range of internal controls," and that they "have no reason to believe the allegations are true" (see Update for details). (NYT, TOI 8/4; TOI 8/5; AJ 8/9)

Egypt's military announces that it has killed the leader of the **Sinai Province of the Islamic State (SPIS)** with a recent air strike nr.

al-Arish in n. Sinai. The strike was one of many that reportedly killed 45 other SPIS fighters and destroyed a lot of their supplies and munitions. (HA, REU 8/4)

5 AUGUST 2016

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** violently disperse Palestinians, Israelis, and international activists at Friday demonstrations in solidarity with hunger-striking prisoner Bilal Kayed and against Israel's occupation, settlement, and separation wall in 3 villages nr. Ramallah (Bil'in, Ni'lin, and Nabi Salih), Kafr Qaddum nr. Qalqilya, and along Gaza's border nr. al-Bureij r.c.; 6 Palestinians are injured. They also conduct raids in Bayt 'Amr nr. Hebron, sparking clashes with stone-throwing Palestinians; 7 Palestinians are injured. Elsewhere, **IDF troops** arrest 2 Palestinians and issue 2 arrest summons during raids in Hebron and nr. Bethlehem; and patrol nr. Hebron throughout the day. (MNA 8/5; MNA 8/6; PCHR 8/11)

6 AUGUST 2016

A **Hamas fighter** dies in a tunnel collapse during a military exercise in c. **Gaza**. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest 9 Palestinians during raids and house searches in and around Hebron, Bethlehem, and Salfit; and patrol nr. Hebron and Qalqilya during the day. (MNA, TOI 8/7; PCHR 8/11)

7 AUGUST 2016

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** discover and dismantle a small explosive device in Bethlehem. They also shoot and injure a Palestinian while he and a companion are walking along a road nr. Silwad village.

It's unclear why the soldiers opened fire and what exactly the 2 Palestinians were doing at the time, but 1 is injured and both are arrested. The IDF arrests 7 Palestinians during late-night raids nr. Qalqilya and Hebron; and patrols nr. Salfit and Hebron during the day. **Off Gaza's coast, Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Khan Yunis; there are no injuries reported. **Along Gaza's border, IDF troops** open fire on Palestinian farmers working nr. Khan Yunis, causing no injuries. (MNA, WAFA 8/7; PCHR 8/11)

Israel's Public Security Minister Erdan and **Interior Minister Aryeh Deri** meet and agree to form an **anti-Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) task force** that will "expel" from and "ban the entry of" BDS activists in Israel. Rather than pushing for new legislation, they will instead focus on gathering intelligence to buttress calls for deportation (see Update for details). It's unclear if the task force will focus only on foreign visitors, or on Palestinians and Israelis as well. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI 8/7; IMEMC 8/8)

8 AUGUST 2016

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** conduct late-night house searches and raids nr. Hebron, Tulkarm, Ramallah, and Bethlehem, arresting 7 Palestinians, confiscating some personal property, and violently dispersing stone-throwers nr. Tulkarm (there are no injuries). They also patrol during the day nr. Hebron, Salfit, and Jenin. **Israeli forces** demolish a 4-km water pipeline under construction nr. Tubas overnight and 2 homes in the Jordan Valley during the day. A **Palestinian** demolishes 2 of his own animal shelters nr. Nablus to avoid paying for an Israeli demolition crew. In **East Jerusalem**,

Israeli forces issue an arrest summons to a Palestinian and arrest a Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) leader during raids in Silwan, and order the closure of a Palestinian education organization, the Sa'ed Institution for Educational Consultations, in the Old City, claiming that it supports terrorism against Israelis. A **Palestinian** demolishes his own home in Ras al-Amud to avoid paying NIS 60,000 (approx. \$16,000) for an Israeli demolition crew. (MNA, WAFA 8/8; PCHR 8/11; +972 8/13)

Israel's army radio reports that the **Israeli govt.**, in response to a Palestinian petition to the Supreme Court, has stated that it no longer opposes the **Israel Electric Corporation's (IEC)** punitive cuts of electricity to areas of the West Bank. The IEC punitively cut power to major West Bank cities intermittently over the summer in response to unpaid Palestinian debts (see *JPS* 45 [4]). (TOI 8/8)

9 AUGUST 2016

IDF troops conduct raids in Dahaysha r.c. nr. Bethlehem overnight, arresting 1 Palestinian and sparking clashes with stone-throwing residents; 7 Palestinians are injured. Elsewhere in the **West Bank**, the **IDF** arrests a Palestinian in c. Hebron after she allegedly threatens to stab an Israeli soldier at a checkpoint, arrests 3 more Palestinians during late-night raids and house searches nr. Jenin and Tulkarm, and patrols during the day nr. Hebron, and in Tulkarm and al-Bireh. **Israeli forces** demolish 2 businesses nr. Nablus, 5 homes nr. Hebron, and 3 nr. Jericho overnight. They also uproot around 50 olive trees nr. Bethlehem. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 1 Palestinian during a

late-night raid in Abu Dis. (HA, MNA, TOI, WAFA 8/9; MEE 8/10; PCHR 8/11; +972 8/13)

10 AUGUST 2016

An **Israeli settler** on a motorcycle runs over and seriously injures an **elderly Palestinian** outside Duma village nr. Nablus; he dies later in the day. It is unclear if the collision is an accident or an intentional ramming attack. Elsewhere in the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** conduct raids in al-Am'ari r.c. nr. Ramallah overnight, arresting 1 Palestinian and sparking clashes with stone-throwing residents; 4 Palestinians are injured. **IDF troops** arrest 4 more Palestinians during late-night raids and house searches in Jenin and around Bethlehem. **Israeli forces** uproot around 500 olive trees outside a village nr. Salfit. Overnight, **unidentified suspects** throw Molotov cocktails at a structure in an Israeli settlement nr. Nablus, causing damage. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli police** escort around 100 Jewish settlers and 13 Israeli archaeologists on a tour of **Haram al-Sharif**, and bar Palestinian maintenance workers from entering the sanctuary. They arrest 2 Palestinians during raids in Ras al-Amud, the Old City, and Silwan. In **Gaza**, **8 Palestinians** are injured when a tunnel collapses in e. Gaza City. In **Israel**, dozens of Palestinian protesters gather outside the Barzilai Medical Center in Ashqelon in solidarity with hunger-striking prisoner Bilal Kayed (see Update). A counter-protest by right-wing Israeli activists sparks minor clashes; 13 Palestinians and Israelis are arrested, and there are no serious injuries. (JP, MNA, WAFA 8/10; PCHR 8/11; PCHR 8/18)

The **Israeli police** announce a NIS 1 b. (approx. \$260 m.) plan to increase their presence in Palestinian areas of **East Jerusalem**

by adding 1,200 officers and 5 new outposts in Ras al-Amud, Jabal Mukabir, Silwan, Issawiyya, and Sur al-Bahir. The outposts will be headquartered in buildings that already offer civic services, such as national insurance and post, reportedly to stop them from becoming sources of tension, as police outposts in East Jerusalem have been in the past. (HA, JP 8/10)

11 AUGUST 2016

In **East Jerusalem**, an unidentified Palestinian stabs and lightly injures an Israeli youth with a screwdriver in al-Tur. Meanwhile, 129 Jewish settlers tour **Haram al-Sharif**, and 3 of them allegedly perform prayers at the sanctuary. **Israeli forces** assault and injure a Palestinian amid clashes sparked by a raid in Silwan late at night. They arrest 14 Palestinians during further raids in the Old City around the same time. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Bayt Lahiya, causing no damage or injuries. Along Gaza's border, **IDF troops** open fire on Palestinian farmers and shepherds working nr. Dayr al-Balah, causing no injuries. In the **West Bank**, **Israeli forces** demolish a stone-cutting workshop in a village nr. Jenin. **IDF troops** arrest 5 Palestinians and issue 4 arrest summons during late-night raids and house searches in Hebron and nr. Nablus, Ramallah, and Bethlehem; and patrol during the day nr. Hebron. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI, WAFA 8/11; MNA 8/12; PCHR 8/18)

12 AUGUST 2016

IDF troops violently disperse Palestinians, Israelis, and international activists at Friday demonstrations in solidarity with hunger-striking prisoner Bilal Kayed and against

Israel's settlement, separation wall, and occupation in 3 villages nr. Ramallah (Bil'in, Ni'lin, and Nabi Salih), Kafr Qaddum nr. Qalqilya, and along Gaza's border nr. al-Bureij r.c.; 1 Palestinian is injured. Meanwhile, the **IDF** arrests 4 Palestinians and issues 3 arrest summons during late-night raids and house searches in and around Hebron and Bethlehem; and patrols nr. Hebron, Nablus, and Qalqilya throughout the day. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 9 Palestinians during raids in the Old City. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Jabaliya r.c., causing no injuries. They arrest 5 fishermen and confiscate their boats. (MNA 8/12; MNA 8/13; PCHR 8/18)

13 AUGUST 2016

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** issue an arrest summons to 1 Palestinian during a raid nr. Ramallah and arrest another during a raid nr. Hebron. They also patrol nr. Hebron and Qalqilya throughout the day. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 1 Palestinian at a gate to the Old City, for reasons that remain unclear. Along **Gaza's border**, **IDF troops** open fire on Palestinian lands nr. Khan Yunis, causing no serious damage. Meanwhile, a **Hamas fighter** dies from an electric shock in a tunnel somewhere along Gaza's border. (MNA 8/13; PCHR 8/18)

14 AUGUST 2016

Around 400 Jewish settlers tour **Haram al-Sharif** in commemoration of Tisha B'av, the Jewish day of mourning. Stone-throwing Palestinians clash with the settlers' Israeli police escort; at least 18 Palestinians are injured and 7 settlers are arrested. **Israeli settlers** assault

and moderately injure a Palestinian child selling bread in Silwan. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest a Palestinian youth after she allegedly stabs and lightly injures an Israeli soldier outside a settlement nr. Jenin. They arrest 10 more Palestinians during raids and house searches in and around Tulkarm, Jenin, Nablus, and Bethlehem; and patrol nr. Hebron and Nablus throughout the day. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI, Wafa 8/14; PCHR 8/18)

15 AUGUST 2016

Overnight in the **West Bank**, **Israeli forces** carry out the **punitive demolition** of the Bani Na'im home of the Palestinian youth who was killed on 6/30 after stabbing and killing an Israeli settler youth in the Kiryat Arba settlement nr. Hebron. The demolition, which targets only the first floor of a 2-story building, sparks clashes with residents of the village; there are no serious injuries. Later in the day, **IDF troops** arrest 8 Palestinians during raids nr. Jenin, Qalqilya, and Hebron; and patrol nr. Ramallah and Hebron throughout the day. **Israeli forces** demolish 2 livestock structures nr. Jenin, and confiscate a bulldozer from Palestinians building a road nr. Ramallah. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 1 Palestinian and issue 1 arrest summons to another during raids in Silwan and Jabal Mukabir. Along **Gaza's border**, **Israeli forces** conduct a limited incursion to level land nr. Khuza'a. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** arrest 5 fishermen working nr. Bayt Lahiya and confiscate their boat. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI, YA 8/15; MNA 8/16; PCHR 8/18)

In response to a 7/25 order from the High Court of Justice, the **Israeli police** agree to return the bodies of 7 Palestinians killed in confrontations with Israeli forces. The police

did not want to return the bodies, but the order compelled **Public Security Minister Erdan** to renew talks with the families on terms of the bodies' return. The returns will be staged over the next couple of weeks with conditions: the Israelis will only release the 2d body if the first funeral goes smoothly. (HA, JP 8/16)

CHRONOLOGY SOURCE ABBREVIATIONS

+972	(+972 Magazine)	JTA	(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)
AFP	(Agence France-Presse)	KNE	(Israeli Knesset)
AJ	(Al Jazeera)	MEE	(Middle East Eye)
ALM	(Al-Monitor)	MEMO	(Middle East Monitor)
ANA	(Anadolu Agency)	MNA	(Ma'an News Agency)
AP	(Associated Press)	MO	(Mondoweiss)
BBC	(British Broadcasting Corporation)	NYT	(New York Times)
EI	(Electronic Intifada)	OCHA	(UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Weekly Briefing Notes)
HA	(Haaretz)	PAMFA	(Palestinian Authority Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
IMEMC	(International Middle East Media Center)	PCHR	(Palestinian Center for Human Rights)
JP	(Jerusalem Post)	PLONAD	(PLO Negotiation Affairs Department)
		PNN	(Palestine News Network)
		PNOW	(Peace Now)
		REU	(Reuters)
		TOI	(Times of Israel)
		USSD	(U.S. State Department)
		WAFSA	(Palestine News Agency)
		YA	(Yedioth Ahronoth)