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CHRONOLOGY

16 AUGUST–15 NOVEMBER 2003

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This section is part eighty of a chronology begun in JPS 13, no. 3 (Spring 1984). Chronology dates reflect Eastern Standard Time. For a more comprehensive overview of events related to the al-Aqsa intifada and of regional and international developments related to the peace process, see the Quarterly Update on Conflict and Diplomacy in this issue.

16 AUGUST

The **Israel Defense Forces (IDF)** conducts arrest raids in Qalqilya targeting the **Islamic Jihad**; maintains closure on Nablus, which has been in place since the 8/12 suicide bombings. (AN 8/18; PCHR 8/21)

17 AUGUST

The **IDF** begins construction of 2 permanent, fortified military posts in the **PA**-controlled section of Hebron, on 10 dunams (4 dunams = 1 acre) of confiscated land in Abu Sunayna, 40 dunams of confiscated land on Junaydi Hill. The **IDF** also begins easing the closure on Nablus; shoots, wounds a mentally handicapped Palestinian when he strays too near the Dugit settlement fence; bulldozes a **Palestinian home** in Balata refugee camp (r.c.); conducts arrest raids in Hebron, Jaba', Nablus; fires on Palestinians in Bayt Furik (wounding 6), Khan Yunis; arrests **5 Israeli Arabs** in Silwan for allegedly attempting to set up an East Jerusalem branch of the **Palestinian Authority (PA) Preventive Security Force (PSF)**. **Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade (AMB)** gunmen fire on a **Jewish settler** vehicle nr. Yitzhar settlement, lightly wounding 1 woman. (HA, MM 8/18; PCHR 8/21)

PA-Israeli security talks regarding expanding PA security control fr. Bethlehem and parts of Gaza to Jericho and Qalqilya fall apart over Israel's refusal to remove checkpoints around the cities or give the PA control over the sole entry point to Qalqilya. Plans for further talks on 8/18 are canceled. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 8/18; MA, *al-Quds* 8/18 in WNC 8/20; MM 8/19; *al-Quds* 8/19 in WNC 8/21) (see Quarterly Update)

18 AUGUST

The **IDF** arrests 3 Palestinians fr. Hebron on charges of selling weapons, IDF maps, IDF uniforms to militant groups; demolishes 3 **Palestinian homes** in Jabal Mukabir in East Jerusalem; fires on curfew breakers in Badraw, nr. Ramallah, injuring several; fires on residential areas of Jenin. **Palestinians** fire a **mortar** at Gush Katif settlement, open fire on IDF post nr. Nablus and Tulkarm, causing no damage or injuries. (HA 8/19; PCHR 8/21)

19 AUGUST

A **Palestinian suicide bomber** fr. Hebron detonates a device on a bus in West Jerusalem, killing **15 Israelis**, **5 Americans**, wounding more than 100 (13 seriously, 13 moderately), and violating a unilateral 3-mo. Palestinian cease-fire declared on 6/29. (Initially, **Islamic Jihad** claims responsibility, and **Hamas** denies it. After the bomber is identified as a known Hamas mbr., Hamas accepts responsibility but says it still adheres to the cease-fire, this was a 1-time action to retaliate for the 8/14 IDF assassination of **Islamic Jihad Hebron cmdr. Muhammad Sidr**. Analysts suggest the bombing may be a joint operation or the work of a Hamas offshoot.) **PA PM Mahmud Abbas**, who is meeting with **Islamic Jihad leaders** at the time to urge them to extend the cease-fire to 6 mos., breaks off the mtg., denounces the attack, cancels cease-fire talks with **Hamas** scheduled for 8/20. **Israel** suspends further talks on a transfer of territory to **PA** control. The **IDF** sends tanks, troops into Hebron, surrounding villages to conduct searches, arrest raids; demolishes 4 **Palestinian homes** in Jabal Mukabir in East Jerusalem; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis. **Israeli authorities** demolish an **Israeli Arab home**

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in Lod, the 40th to be demolished in 2003; the Prime Minister's Office reports that Israel has also demolished **117 bedouin homes** in the Negev this yr. In Nablus, a shootout btwn. **rival AMB factions** fr. Nablus, Balata r.c. leaves **1 AMB mbr.** dead. (HA, JP, MM 8/19; MENA 8/19 in WNC 8/21; HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 8/20; IDF Radio, Interfax, ITAR-TASS, JP, MA, MENA, VOI, YA 8/20 in WNC 8/22; MM, PCHR, WJW 8/21; QA, *al-Quds* 8/21 in WNC 8/23; *al-Ra'i* 8/21, AYM, *al-Ra'i* 8/22 in WNC 8/26; JPI 8/22; JPI, MM 8/29)

20 AUGUST

The **IDF** seals the West Bank and Gaza; surrounds, tightens closures on all Palestinian cities; sends additional tanks to the outskirts of Ramallah; conducts arrest raids in Hebron, detaining 17 Palestinians, including relatives of the 8/19 bomber; fires on residential areas of Rafah. Late in the evening, the **IDF** imposes curfews on, sends tanks and troops into Hebron (raiding, searching 3 mosques), Jenin, Nablus (where residents report hearing helicopters, machine gun fire through most of the night), Tulkarm (where the IDF fatally shoots **1 Palestinian**, wounds 7). **Israel** also opens the Temple Mount/Haram al-Sharif to non-Muslims without agreement of the Waqf; some 150 Jews under police protection visit the site. (HA, REU 8/20; YA 8/20 in WNC 8/22; MM, NYT, PCHR, PM, WP, WT 8/21)

Abbas convenes the **PA Executive Authority (EA, or cabinet)** to discuss how to respond to the 8/19 suicide bombing; puts 4 recommendations to **PA head Yasir Arafat** for approval, threatening to resign if he does not accept them all, which he does. (HA 8/20; HA, NYT, WP 8/21; AYM 8/24 in WNC 8/26)

Israeli PM Ariel Sharon convenes his **security cabinet**, which approves "a series of military steps" against **Hamas, Islamic Jihad**, which Israel would launch only if the **PA** fails to take action itself. (HA 8/20; JP, YA 8/20 in WNC 8/22; NYT, WP 8/21; IDF Radio, QA, VOI, YA 8/21 in WNC 8/23)

U.S. Pres. George W. Bush phones **Sharon** to tell him that Israel has a right to defend itself following the "vicious" 8/19 bombing, reportedly does not urge restraint. **U.S. Secy. of State Colin Powell** phones **Abbas** to urge him to take action against Palestinian militant groups immediately. (HA 8/20; WP 8/21; HA 8/24; AYM 8/24 in WNC 8/26)

21 AUGUST

The **IDF** assassinates **senior Hamas political leader and spokesman Ismail Abu Shanab**, firing 5 missiles at his car as he drives through Gaza City, also killing **2 bodyguards**, wounding at least 19 bystanders. **Hamas, Islamic Jihad** declare the cease-fire officially over. The **IDF** also imposes curfews on all Palestinian cities; continues operations in Nablus, where tanks and troops have entered the heart of the city, demolishing **1 Palestinian apartment**, raiding and evacuating the staff of a medical clinic for 6 hrs.; sends 5 bulldozers, 100 special forces units into Nazlat Issa, nr. the Green Line, to demolish at least **7 Palestinian homes, 115 shops, 2 factories, several warehouses**; demolishes 3 **Palestinian homes** in Jenin, 2 in Hebron (including the home of the 8/19 bomber); shells residential areas of Khan Yunis; conducts arrest raids in Qabatiyya. **Palestinians** fire **12 mortars** at Gush Katif, **5 Qassam rockets** at s. Israel, damaging 2 buildings but causing no injuries. The **IDF** arrests a **Hebron settler** for alleged membership in a Jewish militant group. (BBC, HA, MM, PCHR, PM 8/21; MA, MENA, *al-Quds*, VOI, XIN, YA 8/21 in WNC 8/23; XIN 8/21, AYM, JP, QA, *al-Quds*, *al-Ra'i*, SA 8/22, JT, *al-Quds* 8/24 in WNC 8/26; HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 8/22; WT 8/23; PR 8/27; PCHR 8/28; MEI 9/12)

22 AUGUST

In Gaza City, **10,000s of Palestinians** march in the funeral procession for **Hamas's Abu Shanab**. **IDF snipers** fire on 3 wanted AMB mbrs. in a "semi-open room" atop a Nablus hospital, assassinating **1 AMB mbr.**, wounding 2. The **IDF** retakes control of Gaza's main north-south road, setting up checkpoints that divide the Strip into thirds; makes brief incursions into Bayt Jala, Bayt Sahur; reestablishes checkpoints it abandoned in recent wks. as part of the process of road map implementation; bulldozes 8 dunams of land in Rafah; demolishes **1 Palestinian home** in Nablus, 1 in Tulkarm; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis. The **IDF** also arrests an **IDF soldier**, resident of a West Bank Jewish settlement, for participation in a militant settler cell, bringing to 9 the number of Jewish settlers recently arrested on terrorism charges. **Israel** breaks ground on a new section of the **separation wall** n. of Abu Dis. (BBC, MM 8/22; HA, NYT, WP, WT 8/23; HA, MA

8/25 in WNC 8/27; WP 8/26; PCHR 8/28; HA 9/29)

23 AUGUST

Overnight, **Palestinians** fire a **Qassam rocket** at Sederot, causing no damage or injuries. In a 1st step to cracking down on Palestinian militants in Gaza, the **PSF** finds and seals 3 smugglers' tunnels in Rafah leading to Egypt, also seizing some arms and makes some arrests; deploys 10s of officers near the n. Gaza border to halt the firing of Qassam rockets at Sederot, reportedly exchanging gunfire with **Hamas** mbrs. The **PA** calls on Palestinian factions to reaffirm the cease-fire; **Hamas**, **Islamic Jihad** say they would agree to another truce if **Israel** were a party too; **Israel** says it would not participate. The **IDF** continues to impose a 24-hr. curfew on Nablus, cuts off all access to Bethlehem; searching house-to-house for arms, digging up floors and breaking down walls to search for hidden weapons, clashing with protesters, leaving 16 Palestinians injured; fires tank shells at Khan Yunis, seriously wounding 1 Palestinian; opens fire on stone-throwing Palestinians protesting IDF operations in Nablus, wounding 16. An **Israeli** wounded in the 8/19 bombing dies of her injuries, bringing that toll to 21. (HA 8/23; HA, WP, WT 8/24; IDF Radio, MA, VOI, YA 8/24 in WNC 8/26; QA 8/27 in WNC 8/29; PCHR 8/28)

24 AUGUST

The **IDF** continues operations in Nablus for the 4th day, blowing up a building in the Old City suspected of being a Qassam missile factory, the 1st found in the West Bank, and clashing with Palestinian protesters, leaving 12 injured; confiscates 360 dunams of land in Nazlat Issa, 300 dunams of land in Baqa' al-Sharqiyya; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis; shells areas of Rafah. The **PSF** seals 5 more tunnels on the Rafah border; **Israel** says the **PA's** actions are not serious. **Palestinians** fire a **Qassam-2 rocket** fr. Gaza toward Ashkelon, causing no damage or injuries. In response, the **IDF** assassinates **senior Hamas mbr. Ahmad Aishtawi**, firing rockets at his car in Gaza City, also killing **senior Hamas mbr. Wahid Hamad**, 2 **aides**, wounding more than 12 bystanders (HA, PM 8/24; NYT, WP, WT 8/25; WT 8/26; PCHR 8/28)

25 AUGUST

The **IDF** withdraws forces to the outskirts of Jenin, Nablus but maintains closures on the cities; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis, wounding an 11-yr. old Palestinian girl; conducts arrest raids in Balata r.c.; bulldozes 2 dunams of land in n. Gaza. **Palestinians** fire 3 **Qassam rockets** into Israel, fire on a **Jewish settler** convoy nr. Netzarim, causing no damage or injuries in either incident. (AP, PM 8/25; HA, MA, VOI, YA 8/25 in WNC 8/27; PCHR 8/28)

26 AUGUST

The **IDF** makes a failed assassination attempt on **Hamas mbr. Khalid Massud**, firing missiles at his car as he drives btwn. Gaza City and Jabaliya r.c.; 1 **Palestinian bystander** is killed, Massud and 25 bystanders are wounded. The **IDF** also sends troops back into Nablus to raid a hospital, arrest and take away 2 **AMB mbrs.** wounded on 8/22, including 1 who was in intensive care; fires on, shells Palestinians in Hebron (wounding 5), Khan Yunis (wounding 2). Some 50 **Palestinians**, including **Waqf official Mustafa Abu Zahara**, stage a sit-down prayer vigil blocking Israeli police fr. leading a group of **Jewish tourists** fr. entering the Temple Mount/Haram al-Sharif; Abu Zahara, several others are arrested. (HA, JP 8/26; HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 8/27; PCHR 8/28)

27 AUGUST

The **IDF** eases the closures on Bethlehem and Jericho, allowing goods in and out; continues operations in Nablus; continues curfews on Hebron, Jenin, Nablus; fatally shoots a **Palestinian** who allegedly attempts to stab a soldier in Bethlehem; conducts arrest raids in Hebron, Jenin, Nablus, Qalqilya, Ramallah (searching **Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine [PFLP]** offices); demolishes 1 **Palestinian home** nr. Jenin. **Israeli police** arrest 4 **bedouin**, 1 **Palestinian** laborer fr. Hebron in a village in the Negev on charges of setting up a **Hamas** cell. In Ramallah, 100s of **Palestinians** protest against **PA PM Mahmud Abbas's** government. **Palestinians** fire a **Qassam rocket** into the Negev, causing no damage or injuries. Late in the evening, **Palestinians** fire 13 **mortars**, 2 **anti-tank rockets** at Jewish settlements, **IDF** posts in Gaza, causing no damage or injuries. (HA, MM 8/27; HA, PCHR 8/28)

28 AUGUST

The **IDF** assassinates wanted **Hamas mbr. Hamdi Kalakh**, firing a missile at his donkey cart as he rides through Gaza City, injuring 3 bystanders. **Palestinians** fire 4 **Qassam rockets** at Israel, none of which cause damage or injuries but 1 of which lands 8 mi. n. of Gaza in the industrial zone of Ashkelon, marking the farthest a Palestinian rocket has traveled. The **PSF** rushes to the scene, fires on a vehicle leaving the area, possibly wounding 1, but fails to capture the assailants. The **PA** also freezes the bank accounts of **12 Muslim charities**, prompting protests by **1,000s of Palestinians** in s. Gaza. Retaliating for the rocket fire, the **IDF** bulldozes 98 dunams of land in Bayt Hanun. The **IDF** also fires on Palestinians in Jenin (wounding 1 seriously), Khan Yunis, Nablus (injuring 7), Qalqilya (wounding 1). A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received in the 8/21 **IDF** assassination of Abu Shanab. (AFP, AP, HA, MM 8/28; NYT, WP, WT 8/29; MM 9/1; PCHR 9/4)

29 AUGUST

An **AMB** gunman fatally shoots **1 Jewish settler** driving nr. Ramallah, wounds another. In response, the **IDF** conducts house-to-house searches in Balata r.c., breaking through walls to move btwn. homes; fires on Palestinians protesting the incursion, wounding 1. The **PSF** also searches for the gunmen. The **IDF** increases house-to-house searches in Jenin and Nablus, exchanging gunfire with Palestinians in Jenin, causing no injuries; fires on residential areas of Rafah, seriously injuring a farmer working in his field; shells, fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis; bulldozes another 145 dunams of land, 3 **Palestinian homes**, 80 beehives in Bayt Hanun. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received in the **IDF's** 8/24 assassination of Aishtawi. (AFP, HA, MM 8/29; NYT, WP, WT 8/30; PCHR 9/4)

30 AUGUST

The **IDF** assassinates **Hamas mbrs. Abdallah Akel and Farid Mayat**, firing missiles at their van outside Nussayrat r.c., injuring 4 bystanders. **Palestinians** fire 2 **mortars** at Neve Dekalim settlement, causing no damage or injuries. In response, the **IDF** shells residential areas of Khan Yunis, killing a **9-yr.-old Palestinian girl**, wounding 5. The **IDF** also fires on residential ar-

reas of Balata r.c. (wounding 5), Bayt Furik (wounding 2), Hebron (wounding 2); conducts arrest raids nr. Jenin. (NYT, WP 8/31; PCHR 9/4)

31 AUGUST

The **IDF** pulls troops out of Nablus; demolishes a **Palestinian home** nr. Hebron, 1 nr. Tulkarm; fires on residential areas of Balata r.c. (wounding 2), al-Qarara; demolishes **7 shops** in Nazlat Issa (see 8/21). A **Palestinian gunman** fires on a truck leaving a Jewish settlement in Gaza, wounding the driver. (WT 9/1)

1 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** assassinates **Hamas mbr. Khadir al-Husary**, firing missiles at his car as he drives through Gaza City, also killing **1 Palestinian bystander**, wounding 3 **Hamas mbrs.** traveling with Husary, at least 20 bystanders. The **IDF** also sends troops back into Nablus to enforce the curfew there; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis (wounding 1). Some **800 al-Quds University students** hold a peaceful sit-in nr. the site where the **separation wall** will cut through their campus. (HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 9/2; JP 9/2 in WNC 9/5; PCHR 9/4)

After nearly 3 yrs. of investigation, **Israel's Or Commission** issues its report on the use of force by **Israeli police** against **Israeli Arabs** during the 10/00 riots in the wake of the outbreak of the intifada (13 **Israeli Arabs** were killed). The commission finds that police used excessive force, covered up their actions, refused to investigate civilian deaths, and treated **Israeli Arabs** as their "enemies." (HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 9/2; YA 9/2 in WNC 9/5; MM, WP 9/3, 9/4; JP 9/5 in WNC 9/9; MEI 9/12)

2 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** fatally shoots an **Islamic Jihad mbr.** at a roadblock when he allegedly emerges fr. his car with a gun; fires on Palestinians in Bayt Furik (wounding 2), Rafah (wounding 1); demolishes a **Palestinian home** in East Jerusalem, 1 in Rafah. Late in the evening, **Palestinians** fire 5 **antitank rockets** at Gush Katif settlement, damaging 1 building. A **Hamas mbr.** dies of injuries received in the 9/1 **IDF** assassination of Husary. An **11-yr.-old Palestinian girl** dies of injuries received in the 8/26 **IDF** assassination attempt on Massud. (HA, WP, WT 9/3; PCHR 9/4)

3 SEPTEMBER

To support **Abbas**, **Israel** announces it has increased the number of work permits for Palestinians fr. 10,000 to 18,000. The **IDF** raids areas nr. Dayr al-Balah, bulldozing 38 dunams of agricultural land. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received on 8/28. (HA, PCHR, WT 9/4; PCHR 9/11)

4 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** fires on residential areas of Rafah; sends tanks into Bayt Furik and Silat al-Harith, firing on stone-throwing Palestinians, wounding 3; bulldozes 19 dunams of land in al-Mughraqa; conducts arrest raids in Salfit. **Palestinian gunmen** ambush, fatally shoot an **IDF soldier** nr. Jenin; **AMB, Islamic Jihad** both take responsibility. **Palestinian gunmen** fire on an **IDF** patrol nr. Rafah, wounding 1 soldier. An **Israeli court** releases 2 **Jewish settler terrorism suspects** without pressing charges; 13 others are still under arrest. (HA 9/4; NYT, WP 9/5; PCHR 9/11)

Abbas convenes the **Palestinian Council (PC)** to present a report on his 1st 100 days in office; asks PC mbrs. to affirm unequivocally his policies (including unification of the PA security forces under his command) or demand his resignation. Outside the PC session, at least 50 **Palestinian protesters** (some reports say 200), including 5 **masked, armed AMB mbrs.**, call on **Abbas** to resign. (BBC, HA, MM, NYT, WT 9/4; AFP, QA 9/4 in WNC 9/6; HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 9/5; MENA 9/5 in WNC 9/9; MEI 9/12) (see Quarterly Update)

5 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** sends naval commandos into Nablus, shells and destroys 2 floors of a 7-story apartment building in an apparent attempt to assassinate or capture **wanted Hamas mbr. Muhammad Hanbali**; the incursion sparks a gun battle in which Hanbali, 1 **IDF commando** are killed, 4 commandos are wounded; the **IDF** then demolishes the entire apartment building, saying it suspects Hamas mbrs. are still inside; no bodies are found. The **IDF** also bulldozes 1 **Palestinian home**, 22 dunams of land, 2 irrigation networks in Rafah; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis, Rafah; fires on stone-throwing Palestinians in Bayt Furik, wounding 2. An **Israeli** dies of injuries received in the 8/19 suicide bombing, bringing that toll to 22.

(AFP, BBC, HA, MM 9/5; WP, WT 9/6; PCHR 9/11; MA 9/12 in WNC 9/16)

6 SEPTEMBER

An **IDF** warplane drops a 550-lb bomb on a Gaza City building in an attempt to assassinate **Hamas founder and spiritual leader Shaykh Ahmad Yasin**, several senior Hamas leaders meeting there, destroying the top floor of the 3-story building, lightly injuring Yasin, 14 others. Following the attack, the **IDF** tightens restrictions on Palestinian movement across the West Bank. The **IDF** also fatally shoots a **Palestinian** teenager suspected of attempting to infiltrate Israel nr. Jabaliya, initially wounding him in the leg, then denies access to an ambulance for 19 hrs., allowing him to bleed to death; fires on stone-throwing Palestinian children in Bayt Furik (wounding 2, ages 9, 10), Nablus (wounding 4); also fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis, Rafah; conducts arrest raids in Asira, Bayt Furik, Rafah. Wanted Hamas mbr. **Massud** dies of injuries received in an **IDF** assassination attempt on 8/26. (AFP 9/6; HA, NYT, WP, WT 9/7; IDF Radio, IRNA, MA, MENA, NHR, *al-Quds*, SA, VOI 9/7 in WNC 9/9; DUS, *al-Quds* 9/7, AN 9/8 in WNC 9/10; MM 9/8; QA, SFR 9/9 in WNC 9/12; PCHR 9/11; MEI 9/12)

With no **PC** vote of confidence forthcoming, **Abbas** resigns as PM, citing no way of reaching a workable security arrangement with **Arafat**, lack of support fr. the U.S., ongoing militarism and little diplomatic effort by **Israel**. (NYT 9/6; MENA, *al-Quds*, XIN 9/6, JP, JT, MA, MENA, XIN, YA 9/7 in WNC 9/9; HA, NYT, WP, WT 9/7; AN, DUS, *al-Ra'i*, 9/7, AN, AYM, ITAR-TASS, SA 9/8 in WNC 9/10; AYM 9/7, 9/9 in WNC 9/11; MM 9/9; *Le Monde* 9/9 in WNC 9/12; MM 9/10)

7 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** seals the West Bank and Gaza and tightens restrictions on Palestinian movements (including reimposing all Gaza checkpoints removed after the Palestinian ceasefire declaration on 6/29), expecting retaliation for its 9/6 attempt to assassinate Shaykh Yasin. In Khan Yunis, the **IDF** fires 4 missiles at the home of **Hamas mbr. 'Abd al-Salam Abu Musa**, claiming it is a **Hamas** arsenal; Abu Musa escapes moments before the attack, which injures 15 bystanders, damages 9 surrounding homes. The **IDF** also arrests **PA official Akram Tubasi** on charges of smuggling weapons fr. Egypt to Gaza;

demolishes a **Palestinian home** in Tulkarm; conducts arrest raids in Jaba', Khan Yunis, Qalqilya, Ramallah; fires on residential areas of Rafah. **Hamas mbrs.** detonate a roadside bomb nr. an **IDF** patrol in Gaza, lightly wounding 3 soldiers. (Israel National News 9/7; NYT, WP, WT 9/8; PCHR 9/11)

Arafat nominates **PC speaker and Oslo architect Ahmad Qurai'** to replace **Abbas** as PM. Qurai' says he would accept the nomination, provided he receives assurances of cooperation fr. the **EU, Israel, U.S.** (AP, BBC, HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 9/8; HA, NYT, WP, WT 9/9; AYM, ITAR-TASS 9/9 in WNC 9/11; MM 9/10)

8 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** fatally shoots an **armed AMB mbr.** wearing an **IDF** uniform at Erez crossing; blows up a Palestinian store in Hebron; raids, imposes a curfew, fires on residential areas of Tulkarm r.c. The **IDF** also releases a **3d Jewish settler** suspected of plotting attacks on Palestinians, saying his movements will be restricted until an investigation is completed. The **IDF** denies permission to 2 private firms to remove pre-1967 Jordanian landmines fr. an area in East Jerusalem slated for construction of a Palestinian school, stating that although the work would be done by contractors, there would be an unacceptable "risk to soldiers," who would have to certify their work. (HA 9/8; PCHR 9/11)

9 SEPTEMBER

A **Hamas suicide bomber** detonates a device nr. a bus stop outside an **IDF** base in Israel's Rishon Letzion, killing **7 IDF soldiers**, wounding 14. Late in the evening, a **2d Hamas bomber** detonates a device outside a popular café in Jerusalem, killing **5 Israelis, 1 Palestinian** busboy, wounding 31. The **IDF** assassinates **Hamas Hebron leader Ahmad Badr** by firing a shell at his apartment in Hebron, also killing a **2d Hamas mbr.**, a **12-yr.-old Palestinian bystander**, wounding 2 bystanders, then demolishing the entire building; fatally shoots a **Palestinian** allegedly planting a roadside bomb nr. Qarni crossing; conducts arrest raids in Jenin (targeting **Islamic Jihad**). **Israeli authorities** demolish at least **5 bedouin homes** in the Negev. (AFP, HA, MM 9/9; MENA 9/9 in WNC 9/11; HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 9/10; VOI, YA 9/10 in WNC 9/12; PCHR 9/11; AYM 9/11, MA 9/12 in WNC 9/16; PR 9/17; JPI 9/19; JPI, MEI 9/26)

10 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** drops a half-ton bomb on the Gaza City home of **Hamas spokesman Mahmud Zahar** in an attempt to assassinate him; Zahar is wounded, his **son, a body guard, a 3d Palestinian** are killed, 26 Palestinians (including Zahar's wife, daughter) are injured, his house and an adjacent building are destroyed. The **IDF** also tightens restrictions on Palestinian movement around Tulkarm; opens fire on stone-throwing Palestinians in Balata r.c., killing **2 Palestinians**, wounding 1; opens fire on Palestinian youths attempting to cross the **separation wall** nr. Silat al-Harith, killing **1 Palestinian**, wounding 1, arresting 1; arrests 20 Palestinians in Rantis, the home of both 9/9 suicide bombers; fires on residential areas of Abasan, al-Brazil r.c., Khan Yunis, al-Qarara, Rafah; conducts arrest raids, bulldozes a small plot of land in Dayr al-Balah. An **IDF soldier** dies of injuries received in the 9/9 Rishon Letzion bombing; an **Israeli civilian** dies of injuries received in the 9/9 Jerusalem bombing. **Israeli FMin. spokesman Gideon Meir** confirms that the **Hamas** leadership did not authorize the 8/19 suicide bombing, that it was staged by a renegade Hamas cell in Hebron. (BBC, HA, MM 9/10; YA 9/10 in WNC 9/12; NYT, PCHR, WP, WT 9/11)

Under pressure fr. the **U.S.**, **Qurai'** drops his conditions for accepting the PM nomination, announces that he will begin forming a new government; may seek **PC's** permission to form a security-oriented "crisis cabinet" of only 6-8 mbrs. in the next few days, rather than a full cabinet. (AP, HA 9/10; HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 9/11; JP 9/11 in WNC 9/13) (see Quarterly Update)

11 SEPTEMBER

In response to the 9/9 suicide bombings, **Sharon's security cabinet** declares **Arafat** "a complete obstacle" that Israel will "work to remove . . . in a manner, and at a time of its choosing." In Ramallah, the **IDF** tightens restrictions on Palestinian movement; occupies the **PA Culture Min.** building, overlooking **Arafat's** headquarters; flies low-level sorties over **Arafat's** compound. In response, **1,000s of Palestinians** surround **Arafat's** headquarters to provide him protection. The **IDF** also demolishes **16 Palestinian homes** in Rafah, 2 in Hebron, 2 in Ramallah; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis; conducts arrest raids in Hebron. (AFP, HA, MM, REU 9/11; AFP, JP, XIN 9/11 in WNC

9/12; MENA 9/11 in WNC 9/13; MM, NYT, WP, WT 9/12; AFP, ATL, ITAR-TASS, Palestine Satellite Channel Television, QA, *al-Quds*, VOP, XIN 9/12, AN, ATL, IRNA, MENA, *al-Quds* 9/13, HA, IRNA, JT, MA, MENA, YA 9/14 in WNC 9/16; MM, NYT, WP 9/13; PR 9/17; PCHR 9/18; JPI, MEI 9/26)

12 SEPTEMBER

Following Friday prayers at al-Aqsa Mosque, some **100 Palestinian worshippers** protesting Israel's call to expel **Arafat** throw stones at Jews worshipping at the Western Wall, prompting **Israeli police** to raid the mosque compound, fire tear gas and stun grenades to disperse the crowd; no one is injured. Around the occupied territories, **10,000s of Palestinians** rally in support of **Arafat**. **Palestinians** fire **4 mortars** at a Jewish settlement in Gaza, causing no damage or injuries. The **IDF** conducts arrest raids, demolishes **1 Palestinian home** in Hebron. An **Israeli woman** dies of injuries received in the 8/19 suicide bombing, raising that toll to 23. **Israeli police** release to house arrest the last 7–8 Jewish settlers suspected of plotting attacks on Palestinians. (AP, HA 9/12; NYT, WP, WT 9/13; PCHR 9/18)

13 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** fatally shoots an elderly **Palestinian** bystander during an arrest raid on Nablus; fires on **Palestinians** demonstrating in support of **Arafat** nr. Kefar Darom, wounding several; demolishes **1 Palestinian home** in Silat al-Harith. **5 armed AMB mbrs.** raid the Ramallah offices of **al-Arabiyya TV**, smash equipment; the station speculates that the AMB was angered over its reports on internal PA rifts, asks the **PSF** to investigate; **Arafat** condemns the attack, orders an investigation. (NYT 9/14; PR 9/17; PCHR, WJW 9/18; PR 9/24)

14 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** declares the Ramallah-al-Bireh region a closed military zone, erects additional checkpoints on all roads leading to Ramallah; tightens Palestinian movement in the Qalqilya, Tulkarm regions; fires on a group of Palestinians vandalizing the **separation wall** outside Ramallah, killing a **14-yr.-old Palestinian boy**; conducts arrest raids targeting the **AMB** in Nablus, firing on residential areas; bulldozes **8 Palestinian**

homes and dynamites **1** in Rafah, **4** nr. Hebron; conducts arrest raids in Nablus, Rantis. Across the occupied territories, **1,000s of Palestinians** rally in support of **Arafat**; the **IDF** fires on demonstrators in Kefar Darom, wounding **7**. **Palestinians** fire a **mortar** at Netzarim, causing no damage or injuries. (HA, NYT, WP 9/15; YA 9/15 in WNC 9/17; PCHR 9/18; HA 9/26)

15 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** tightens restrictions on Palestinian movement in the Jenin region, central Jordan Valley; uproots 2,000 Palestinian trees southeast of Jerusalem, confiscates 130 dunams s. of Tulkarm for construction of the **separation wall**; demolishes **2 Palestinian homes** in Rafah completely, **11** partially; bulldozes **4** dunams of land s. of Khan Yunis, a stand of trees in Dayr al-Balah; fires a percussion grenade at an ambulance in Nablus, damaging it; conducts arrest raids in Dayr al-Balah, Nablus. (VOI 9/16 in WNC 9/18; PR 9/17; PCHR 9/18)

16 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** assassinates **senior Hebron Islamic Jihad mbr. Ahmad Abu Dush**, surrounding his home, fatally shooting him after he emerges and throws down a rifle, then firing missiles at his **home**, believing another Islamic Jihad mbr. may be inside, demolishing it. The **IDF** also demolishes **2 Palestinian homes** in Rafah, **1** in Nur al-Shams r.c.; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis. (AFP, HA 9/16; PR, WP 9/17; PCHR 9/18)

17 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** fatally shoots **AMB mbr. Fadi Abu Zant** in Nablus; conducts arrest raids in Jenin, Nablus, Ramallah; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis; conducts arrest raids, bulldozes some telephone, water, electricity networks in Rafah. **Palestinians** detonate a roadside bomb nr. an IDF patrol in Rafah, wounding **1 IDF soldier**. In Shati' r.c., **armed Hamas mbrs.** kidnap a **PSF officer** whom they accuse of being a collaborator for participating in the recent arrest of a senior Hamas activist in Gaza City. An **Israeli court** in Jerusalem convicts **3 Jewish settlers** fr. Bayt Ayin of attempted murder and illegal weapons possession in connection with a 4/02 attempt to blow up

a Palestinian girls' school in al-Tur. (JTA, REU 9/17; HA, PCHR 9/18; JP 9/21 in WNC 9/23; PR 9/24)

18 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** fatally shoots **wanted Hamas Nussayrat r.c. leader Jihad Abu Sawarih** when he allegedly resists arrest; 3 IDF soldiers are injured in the operation, at least 1 by a 2d Hamas mbr. who fires on them. The **IDF** also sends troops into Jenin, allegedly to look for weapons, imposes a 24-hr. curfew in an operation that is expected to last several days; uproots some trees, bulldozes some land in Khan Yunis. In Gaza, the **PSF** arrests 7 **Hamas mbrs.** in connection with the kidnapping of a **PSF** officer on 9/17; Hamas supporters throw rocks at, exchange gunfire with **PSF** officers, leaving 5 Palestinians injured. The **PSF** later releases the 7 Hamas mbrs. in exchange for the kidnapped **PSF** officer. (HA, MM 9/18; WP, WT 9/19; PR 9/24; PCHR 9/25)

19 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** demolishes 2 **Palestinian homes** in Rafah, 1 in Jenin; bulldozes 12 dunams of land in al-Maghazi r.c.; conducts arrest raids in Hebron, Khan Yunis; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis. **Palestinians** fire at Gush Katif settlement, causing no damage or injuries. (WT 9/20; HA, VOI, YA 9/20 in WNC 9/23; PCHR 9/25)

20 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** pulls out of Jenin after 3 days of operations that caused extensive damage to the electricity, sewer, and water systems and to an elementary school; several cars were blown up, a **home** demolished, at least 15 Palestinians arrested during the raids; the curfew is lifted, but the town remains sealed. The **IDF** also demolishes a **Palestinian home** in Rafah; fires on residential areas of Rafah, seriously wounding 1 Palestinian woman inside her home; fires on stone-throwing Palestinians outside Askar r.c., Balata r.c., wounding 4. In Tulkarm, 2 **AMB mbrs.** are apparently killed in an intra-AMB dispute over the Tulkarm leadership, possibly involving a split btwn. **AMB** mbrs. in Tulkarm town and Tulkarm r.c. (JP, VOI 9/21 in WNC 9/23; PR 9/24; PCHR 9/25)

21 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** demolishes 1 **Palestinian home**, 2 greenhouses in Rafah; fires on residential areas of Bayt Dajan, Bayt Furik, Khan Yunis. (PCHR 9/25)

22 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** fatally shoots **wanted Hamas mbr. Basil Qawasmi** in what may be an assassination, demolishes his Hebron **home**; conducts arrest raids in Nablus; fires on residential areas of Rafah. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received on 12/25/02. (MM 9/22; NYT, WT 9/23; PCHR 9/25)

23 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** fatally shoots an **Islamic Jihad mbr.** who attempts to infiltrate a **Jewish settlement** in Gaza; fires on a **Palestinian elementary school** in Rafah for 15 mins., wounding 1 student, 1 teacher; fires on Palestinians nr. Dugit; demolishes a **Palestinian home** in Abu Dis; bulldozes 2 **Palestinian homes**, 17 dunams of land nr. Khan Yunis; conducts arrest raids in Hebron, Jenin, Khan Yunis, Ramallah. 1 of the **Jewish settlers** convicted on 9/17 of plotting attacks on Palestinians reveals that his group had planned simultaneous attacks on several mosques, including **al-Aqsa**, during Friday prayers. **Palestinians** reportedly fire 5 **mortars** at Gush Katif, causing no damage or injuries. (PM 9/23; VOP 9/23 in WNC 9/25; HA, NYT, WT 9/24; PCHR 9/25)

24 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** raids, searches a Qalqilya hospital (including emergency and operating rooms), looking for wanted men, leaves without finding any; sends tanks and bulldozers into Rafah in response to the mortar fire at Gush Katif on 9/23, sparking an exchange of gunfire with local Palestinians, killing a **14-yr.-old Palestinian boy**, wounding 14; occupies a kindergarten in Khan Yunis as a military post; fires on residential areas of Dayr al-Balah, Khan Yunis; demolishes 3 **Palestinian homes** in Rafah (seriously damaging another 18), 2 nr. Khan Yunis, 1 nr. Jenin, 1 in Kfar Rantis; 13 greenhouses, 9 dunams of land are also bulldozed in Khan Yunis. **27 retired and reserve Israeli air force pilots** sign a letter to the air force cmdr. saying they will not participate in operations in the occupied territories,

which they term "illegal and immoral"; 1 of the 27 is **Brig. Gen. Yiftach Spector (res.)**, who took part in the 1981 bombing of Iraq's Osiraq nuclear reactor. (AFP, HA, PCHR, PR 9/24; VOP 9/24 in WNC 9/26; HA, MM, NYT, PCHR, WP, WT 9/25; MM 9/26, 9/29; PR 10/1; PCHR 10/2)

25 SEPTEMBER

Overnight, the **IDF** launches a major raid on Bureij r.c., firing air-to-surface shells at the home of wanted **Hamas mbr. Muhammad Bashir Akef**, assassinating him and demolishing his **home**; surrounding the home of, attempting to arrest **Bureij Islamic Jihad leader Jawad Shahin** (not at home at the time), sparking a gun battle that kills **Islamic Jihad mbr. Nur Abu Armana** and **1 IDF soldier**, wounds 7 IDF soldiers; demolishing Shahin's **home**; killing a **3-yr.-old Palestinian girl** and wounding at least 6 bystanders. The **IDF** also raids Hebron, assassinating wanted **Hebron Islamic Jihad leader Diab Shuwayki** (whom Israel has tried to assassinate twice previously) and **Dura Islamic Jihad leader 'Abd al-Rahim Talhami**, wounding a 3d Islamic Jihad mbr.; fatally shoots a **Palestinian** attempting to plant a pipe bomb nr. Morag settlement; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis, wounding 4. In East Jerusalem, a **Palestinian woman** fr. Hebron stabs, lightly wounds an **IDF soldier**, is arrested. Late in the evening, **Palestinians** fire 2 **antitank rockets** at an IDF post nr. Gadid settlement and fire on IDF patrols nr. Psagot and Gush Katif settlements; no damage or injuries are reported. In Abu Dis, construction workers digging the foundations for the **separation wall** unearth a previously unknown Byzantine monastery. A **Palestinian woman** dies of injuries received during the apparent IDF assassination of Abu Sawarih on 9/18. (AFP, BBC, HA, PCHR, WT 9/25; MENA, VOP 9/25 in WNC 9/27; HA, NYT, WP 9/26; *al-Quds* 9/26 in WNC 10/4; PR 10/1; PCHR 10/2)

26 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** seals the West Bank and Gaza for Rosh Hashanah, which begins at sundown and lasts through 9/28; conducts arrest raids in Jenin r.c., arresting **senior Islamic Jihad mbr. Faris Wahada**; fires on residential areas of Rafah, wounding 1. An **Islamic Jihad gunman** infiltrates a Hebron Jewish settlement, fatally shoots 2 **Jewish settlers** (including a 7-mo.-old girl), wounds 2 before

being shot dead by security guards. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received on 9/19. (HA 9/26; NYT, *Palestine Chronicle*, WP 9/27; MM 9/29; PCHR 10/2)

27 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis (wounding 1), Rafah (wounding 2); conducts arrest raids in Dura, Hebron. Another **Palestinian** dies of injuries received on 9/19 (see 9/26). (PRCS 9/27; PCHR 10/2)

28 SEPTEMBER

On the 3d anniversary of the outbreak of the al-Aqsa intifada, **1,000s of Palestinians** across the occupied territories stage rallies in support of **Arafat**. The **IDF** sends tanks into, fires on residential areas of Jenin, al-Maghazi r.c., Nablus; fires on stone-throwing Palestinian youths in Bayt Furik, wounding a 12-yr.-old; searches a home, assaults a Palestinian in Shaykh Ajlin; bulldozes 3 dunams of land in al-Maghazi r.c., an olive grove and road in al-Mughraqa. **Palestinians** fire 5 **mortars** at Gush Katif, causing no damage or injuries. (WP, WT 9/29; PCHR 10/2)

29 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** lifts the seal on the West Bank and Gaza, imposed on 9/26; bars a **Palestinian** heart attack victim fr. crossing a checkpoint nr. Hebron, allowing her to die; demolishes 1 **Palestinian home** in Hebron, 1 in Jenin; fires on residential areas of Jenin, Nablus, Rafah; fires on stone-throwing Palestinian youths in Nablus, wounding 2 stone-throwers (ages 10, 12), 2 bystanders inside their homes. **Palestinians** fire 2 **mortars** at Gush Katif, causing no damage or injuries; fire on a **Jewish settler** vehicle nr. Einav settlement, causing damage but no injuries. (HA 9/29; VOP 9/29 in WNC 10/1; PCHR 10/2)

30 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** demolishes 18 **Palestinian homes** in Rafah (housing 270 Palestinians), blows up 1 in Hebron; fires on residential areas of Hebron (wounding 6), Rafah (wounding 2); fires on a girls' school in Rafah, wounding 1 girl in the head; rounds up **1,350 Palestinian laborers** working illegally inside the Green Line, sends them back to the West Bank. An **Israeli court** hands down jail terms of 12–15 yrs to

3 Jewish settlers convicted on 9/17 of plotting attacks on Palestinians. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received earlier. (HA, JP, MM 9/30; NYT 10/1; PCHR 10/2)

1 OCTOBER

In an apparent assassination, **IDF** undercover units fatally shoot **Islamic Jihad mbrs. Rabah Abu Dakka, Mazin Badawi** (whom the IDF attempted to assassinate on 6/5/03), wound 4 Palestinians in a raid on a Tulkarm r.c. market. The **IDF** also conducts arrest raids in Hebron, Jenin r.c. (capturing **senior Islamic Jihad mbr. Shaykh Bassam Saadi**), Nablus, Ramallah; blows up 12 **Palestinian homes** in Rafah, bulldozes 1 in Dayr al-Balah; bulldozes 9 dunams of land in Dayr al-Balah, 8 dunams in Khan Yunis; shells residential areas of Dayr al-Balah. **Israel** also bars **Palestinian Reuters photographer 'Abd al-Rahim al-Qawasini** fr. traveling to France, where his work is to be exhibited by the group Artists Against War; bars **Palestinian reporters Bashar Daraghima, Amin Abu Warda** fr. going to Jordan to take courses in international journalism. Another **2 nonactive Israeli pilots** sign onto the 9/24 pilots' letter. (HA, MM 10/1; NYT, PCHR, WP 10/2; *al-Quds* 10/2 in WNC 10/7; PCHR 10/9)

2 OCTOBER

The **IDF** fatally shoots wanted **Islamic Jihad mbr. Mazin Salama** in Tulkarm; shells residential areas of Rafah, killing 1 **Palestinian**, wounding 3 (ages 55–65); fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis, critically wounding an **18-mo.-old Palestinian** in his home; begins leveling a 120-dunam area of Palestinian land nr. Hebron to create a settlers-only bypass road; discovers, destroys a car bomb in Nablus, allegedly being prepared for an attack in Israel; conducts arrest raids around Jenin. Saying Israel has no responsibility to meet its road map obligations until Palestinians crack down on militant groups, the **Israeli Housing Min.** approves construction of 600 new housing units in **Jewish settlements** in and around East Jerusalem. (BBC, HA, MM 10/2; VOP 10/2 in WNC 10/4; NYT, WP, WT 10/3; PCHR 10/9)

3 OCTOBER

The **IDF** seals the West Bank and Gaza for the Yom Kippur holiday, which ends midnight on 10/6. In addition, the IDF

closes the gates through the **separation wall** n. of Tulkarm, trapping residents of Baqa' al-Sharqiyya, Nazlat Abu Nar, Nazlat Issa—located btwn. the Green Line and the separation wall. The **IDF** also fires on residential areas of Rafah; conducts arrest raids in Qabatya; bulldozes 3 dunams of land in al-Maghazi r.c. An **IDF soldier** is found guilty of manslaughter in the deaths of 4 Palestinians (ages 5, 6, 13, and 56) and the wounding of 5 others in Jenin on 6/21/02 (see Chronology in *JPS* 125), when he ordered at least 10 tank shells, machine guns fired at residential areas to enforce a curfew. (NYT, WP 10/4; HA 10/6; PCHR 10/9, 10/16)

4 OCTOBER

A **female Islamic Jihad suicide bomber** detonates a device in a Haifa restaurant, killing **14 Israeli Jews, 5 Israeli Arabs**, wounding around 50. (The bomber, **Hanadi Taysir Jaradat**, who had just graduated fr. law school in Jordan, watched as **IDF** undercover units assassinated her brother and cousin, both Islamic Jihad mbrs., outside their family home in Jenin on 6/12/03.) **Israel** says **Arafat** is to blame for failing to order the PSF to take steps to dismantle Islamic Jihad. **Bush** says the bombing “underscores once again the responsibility of the Palestinian authorities to fight terror,” says “the new Palestinian cabinet must dedicate itself to dismantling the infrastructure of terror,” does not call for Israeli restraint; **Powell** also phones **Israeli FM Silvan Shalom** to express condolences and strong condemnation of the attack, but does not urge restraint. In response, the **IDF** shells, demolishes an empty **Palestinian home** in Gaza City, and empty garage in Bureij r.c.; makes a failed assassination attempt on an **Islamic Jihad mbr.** in central Gaza, firing missiles at him in an open field, but missing him; moves troops into Jenin. Mbrs. of the Israeli peace group **Gush Shalom**, the **International Solidarity Movement (ISM)** surround **Arafat's** Ramallah headquarters to act as human shields should Israel attempt to “remove” him. During the day, the **IDF** also raids Tulkarm r.c., assassinates **AMB mbr. Sirhan Biharan Hassin Sirhan**, whom Israel says killed 5 Israelis in Kibbutz Metzger on 11/10/02, also killing a **9-yr.-old Palestinian** bystander; fires on residential areas of Rafah. A **Palestinian toddler** dies of injuries received on 10/2; a **2d Palestinian** dies of injuries received in 2002. (GS, HA 10/4; AFP, MENA, VOP 10/4, AFP, IRNA,

ITAR-TASS, *al-Quds*, VIRI, VOP, XIN 10/5 in WNC 10/7; NYT, WP, WT 10/5; MM, WP 10/6; *al-Ra'i* 10/6 in WNC 10/8; HA, MM, NYT 10/7; PR, WP 10/8; PCHR, WJW 10/9; MEI 10/10; MM 10/17)

5 OCTOBER

Israeli aircraft strike an alleged **Islamic Jihad** training camp deep inside **Syria**, just 10 mi. northwest of Damascus in 'Ayn Sahib, injuring at least 1 security guard. **Israel** says the attack is in response to the 10/4 suicide bombing, in which it claims Syria played a "detailed role in orchestrating." **Syria** denies this, denounces the strike as a "grave escalation," says its response will be diplomatic. (The **Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command [PFLP-GC]** says 'Ayn Sahib is its fmr. training base, which is no longer active; says the site was patrolled by 1 civilian guard, who was injured.) The **U.S.** says that "we have repeatedly told the government of Syria that it is on the wrong side in the war on terror and that it must stop harboring terrorists." **Bush** phones **Sharon** after the attack on Syria, expresses condolences on the 10/4 bombing, agrees with Sharon on "the need to continue fighting terrorism," does not criticize Israel's strike. (AFP, IDF Radio, MENA, VOI, XIN 10/5 in WNC 10/7; XIN 10/5, AN, ATL, DS, DUS, IRNA, JT, MENA, QA, *al-Ra'i*, THWR, TSHR, VIRI, XIN 10/6 in WNC 10/8; SATN 10/5 in WNC 11/8; MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/6; NHR 10/6, AN, IRNA, ITAR-TASS, SA, SFR, THWR, TSHR 10/7 in WNC 10/9; SFR 10/6, THWR, TSHR 10/8 in WNC 10/11; SANA, SARR, SATN 10/6, SANA, SATN 10/7 in WNC 11/11; MM 10/7; AFP, AYM, DUS, HA, ITAR-TASS, JT, MA, MENA, NHR, *al-Quds*, *al-Ra'i*, SFR, YA 10/7 in WNC 10/10; MM, PR 10/8; MM, WJW 10/9; MEI 10/10; PR 10/15; JPI 10/17; NHR 10/17 in NC 10/23)

Arafat declares a 30-day state of emergency in the occupied territories, issues a presidential decree appointing a 9-mbr. emergency cabinet, with **Qurai'**, negotiating a regular cabinet since 9/10, as PM. The emergency cabinet is to serve for 1 mo. (VOP 10/5 in WNC 10/7; HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/6; VOP 10/6 in WNC 10/8; WP 10/7; VOI, VOP 10/7 in WNC 10/9; AYM 10/7 in WNC 10/10; PR 10/8; PSCT 10/9 in WNC 10/11; MEI 10/10) (see Quarterly Update)

In the occupied territories, the **IDF** fires on Palestinians attempting to bypass a new checkpoint separating Rafah and Khan Yunis (imposed after the 10/4 bombing), killing 1

Palestinian, wounding 3; begins bulldozing Palestinian land nr. Morag settlement, 100 dunams nr. Hebron; demolishes 19 **Palestinian homes** in Rafah, 2 in Jenin (including the home of the 10/4 bomber's family). (HA, NYT, WP 10/6; PCHR 10/7, 10/9)

6 OCTOBER

The **IDF** shoots, wounds 4 Palestinians attempting to bypass the new checkpoint separating Rafah, Khan Yunis (see 10/5); continues bulldozing land nr. Morag settlement (Palestinians say some 400 dunams have been leveled since 10/5); demolishes 3 **Palestinian homes** in Rafah; searches buildings in Jenin (including a medical relief building, Charity Fund Comm. offices), confiscating files, computers; conducts arrest raids in Jenin, detaining 31 alleged **Islamic Jihad** mbrs. **Hamas** fires 16 mortars at a Jewish settlement in Gaza, causing no damage or injuries. The **PA** reports that the **IDF**, **Israeli police** have rounded up some 2,350 **Palestinian laborers** inside the Green Line in the past 24 hrs. for return to the territories. (HA, MM 10/6; HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/7; PCHR 10/9; MEI 10/10)

An **IDF soldier** nr. the Israeli-Lebanese border is fatally shot by an **unidentified gunman** apparently shooting fr. **Lebanon**. (HA, MM 10/6; HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/7; MEI 10/10)

7 OCTOBER

The **IDF** places closures on all West Bank Palestinian towns; shuts main Gaza roads, dividing the Strip into 4 sections; calls up additional reserves to strengthen patrols along the Green Line; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Salfit; searches an elementary, a secondary school in Husan while classes are in session, severely beating 1 teacher, 1 student who attempt to block soldiers. (HA, NYT 10/7; VOI 10/7 in WNC 10/9; MA 10/7 in WNC 10/10; MM, NYT 10/8; PCHR 10/9; MM 10/20)

The **IDF** releases a map pinpointing what it says are the homes and offices of **Palestinian militant leaders in Damascus** (including **Hamas's Musa Abu Marzuq** and **Khalid Mishal**, **Islamic Jihad's Ramadan Shallah**, **PFLP-GC's Ahmad Jibril**; 10 sites listed as the military or media offices of **Fatah**, **Hamas**, **Islamic Jihad**, **PFLP-GC**), saying it illustrates the extent of the Palestinian "terror network" in **Syria**; separately **Sharon** says that Israel would attack its

enemies "any place, in any way." **Israel** reinforces troops, artillery on its n. border. (AN, BBC, HA, NYT 10/7; VOI 10/7 in WNC 10/9; MA 10/7 in WNC 10/10; AP, HA, MM, NHR, NYT 10/8)

8 OCTOBER

The **IDF** bans until the end of Sukkoth holidays (10/19) all Palestinian vehicular traffic in areas C (full Israel control) of the n. West Bank; fires on Palestinians breaking curfew in Khan Yunis, wounding 3 (ages 2, 12, 22); conducts house-to-house searches in al-Bireh and Ramallah (including dormitories of Birzeit University), also fires on residential areas, wounding 2; conducts arrest raids in Arbuna, Jenin (arresting the wife of **wanted Islamic Jihad military cmdr. Amjad Ebeidi** in an apparent bid to pressure him to turn himself in), Qalqilya; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis, Qalqilya, al-Qarara; bulldozes 160 dunams of land n. of Rafah. **Palestinians** fire on an IDF patrol nr. Nablus, wounding **3 IDF soldiers**. Some **50 Jewish settlers** attack Palestinian houses in Hebron; the **IDF** does not intervene. (VOI 10/8 in WNC 10/11; HA, NYT, PCHR 10/9; PR 10/15; HA 10/20)

9 OCTOBER

The **IDF** conducts arrest raids, fires on stone-throwing Palestinians in 'Ayn Bayt al-Ma r.c., Nablus; imposes curfews on villages surrounding Nablus, Ramallah (also surrounding, closing Birzeit University); demolishes a **Palestinian home** in Nablus, 1 in Ramallah; arrests the wife of **wanted senior Hamas mbr. Shaykh Ibrahim Hamid** in an apparent bid to pressure him to turn himself in (see 10/8). An **AMB suicide bomber** detonates a device at an IDF checkpoint outside Tulkarm, injuring **2 IDF soldiers, 1 Palestinian**. An **Israeli** woman dies of injuries received in the 10/4 bombing, bringing that toll to 20. (HA 10/9; VOP 10/9 in WNC 10/11; WP, WT 10/10; PR 10/15; PCHR 10/16)

10 OCTOBER

The **IDF** launches a predawn raid (dubbed **Operation Root Canal**) on Rafah, sending in up to 100 tanks and armored personnel carriers, 2 helicopters, and special forces units, allegedly to look for smugglers' tunnels to Egypt, seizing a strip of land some 150 m. deep, occupying 8 apartment build-

ings (some for use as sniper towers, knocking holes in the walls to position guns). **AMB, Hamas gunmen** fire on the invading troops, detonate roadside bombs, sparking an exchange that leaves **7 Palestinians** dead (4 armed men, including 1 AMB mbr. and 1 Hamas mbr.; 3 children), 1 IDF soldier and some 56 Palestinians (including 19 women, 6 children, 6 elderly, 1 medic) wounded, most when a helicopter fires missiles at a crowd in Brazil r.c., others when soldiers fire machine guns to "drive families away from" their homes. **Rafah's Najjar Hospital** reports that it is "overwhelmed" with casualties, but cannot transport them to other facilities due to IDF travel restrictions; says the **IDF** is delaying ambulances fr. reaching the wounded for hrs. The **IDF** demolishes at least **4 Palestinian homes** in the operation (allegedly used for cover by Palestinian gunmen), uncovers 2 tunnels. The **IDF** also fires on residential areas of Jenin, on stone-throwing Palestinians in Bayt Furik; destroys a well in Bayt Hanun. (AP, BBC, HA, MM, NYT, REU, WP, WT 10/10; NYT, WP, WT 10/11; PR, WP 10/15; PCHR 10/16; MEI 10/24)

11 OCTOBER

The **IDF** continues Operation Root Canal in Rafah, killing **1 armed Palestinian**, wounding at least 5, demolishing at least **42 Palestinian homes**, uncovering a 3d tunnel; local Palestinians report that the IDF has ordered those in the "front-line area" to evacuate their homes. The **IDF** also destroys 3 wells in Bayt Hanun; the 4 wells demolished in the past 2 days were among 8 previously destroyed by the IDF, reconstructed 2 mos. ago with **Israeli** permission and **USAID** financing (\$40,000/well); the U.S. reportedly threatens to stop reconstruction work unless Israel guarantees not to demolish its projects. **Palestinians** fire **3 mortars** at Gush Katif, damaging 1 home, causing no injuries. (HA, NYT, WP, WT 10/12; PCHR 10/16; *Independent* 11/5)

12 OCTOBER

The **IDF** continues Operation Root Canal in Rafah, reportedly demolishing some water, sewage networks. **UNRWA chief Peter Hansen** estimates that the IDF has demolished 114 **Palestinian homes**, housing some **1,240 Palestinians**, damaged another 117 since the incursion began. The **IDF** fatally shoots a **Palestinian** nr. Morag

settlement; fires on residential areas of Dayr al-Balah, Khan Yunis; demolishes 2 **Palestinian homes** and 2 bird farms, kills 15 sheep, bulldozes 7 dunams of land in Dayr al-Balah; bulldozes a cow pen, 2 dunams of land in Khan Yunis. **Palestinians** fire 3 **Qassam rockets** into the Negev, causing light damage but no injuries. In Gaza City, 3 **unidentified gunmen** ambush, shoot, wound **Sa'ad Sihaybar**, aide to the PA atty. gen., outside his home. (HA, WP, NYT 10/13; *al-Quds* 10/13 in WNC 10/16; WP 10/14; PCHR 10/16)

13 OCTOBER

The **IDF** pulls most troops out of the Rafah area during the day, but reinvades al-Salam neighborhood after dark, shelling residential areas, razing land, demolishing homes. The **IDF** also raids a medical center outside Hebron, arrests a Palestinian waiting to be seen by doctors. (MM 10/13; WP 10/14; PCHR 10/16)

After several days of talks in Amman, a group of **Palestinian, Israeli figures** announce that after 2 yrs. of secret talks under the auspices of Switzerland, they have finalized an unofficial draft peace agmt., known as the **Geneva Accord**, as an alternative to the **road map**. (HA, JP, MM 10/13; AYM, *al-Ra'i*, XIN 10/13 in WNC 10/16; BBC, HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/14; HA, MM, PR 10/15; MM 10/16, 10/17; MEI 10/24) (see Special Document)

14 OCTOBER

The **IDF** sends troops back into Rafah in what is officially called **Operation Root Canal 2**, demolishing 10 more **Palestinian homes**, wounding 4 Palestinians, including a **Palestinian photographer** shot in the face. International aid organizations note that since 10/10 the **IDF** has cleared 2 full blocks of homes in some neighborhoods to create an empty zone along the Egyptian border. **Amnesty International** says the Israeli destruction "constitutes a war crime." The **IDF** also sends troops into Tulkarm town and r.c., imposing a curfew, fatally shooting a **Palestinian** who fails to obey orders to halt, firing on residential areas, arresting 4 **ISM volunteers**; conducts arrest raids, fires on residential areas in Nablus; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Hebron. **Israel** announces plans to expel to Gaza 15 **West Bank Palestinian administrative detainees**, mbrs. of **Hamas** and **Islamic**

Jihad. (AP, BBC, MM, PRCS, WP 10/14; MENA, PSCT, VOI, VOP 10/14 in WNC 10/16; NYT, PR, PRCS, WP, WT 10/15; PCHR 10/16) (see Quarterly Update)

15 OCTOBER

Unidentified **Palestinians** detonate a roadside bomb outside Erez crossing as a **U.S. emb. convoy** (carrying the cultural attaché, en route to interview Fulbright scholarship candidates) passes, destroying 1 of 4 armored cars, killing 3 **U.S. security officers**, wounding 1 U.S. diplomat; the convoy passes along a route and at a time a CIA detail involved in monitoring road map progress usually passes through the area, despite mos. of warnings fr. the **PA** of the dangers of routine movements, conspicuous bodyguards. **AMB, Hamas, Islamic Jihad, the Popular Resistance Comms. (PRC)** deny responsibility, though a phone call to the press claims the attack on the PRCs' behalf. After this 1st successful targeted attack against Americans by Palestinians, the U.S. for the 1st time discloses that in 6/03 a roadside bomb went off nr. a CIA vehicle in Gaza, causing damage but no injuries. **Palestinians** also detonate a smaller roadside bomb nr. an **IDF** convoy in Gaza, injuring 3 **IDF soldiers**. The **IDF** sends troops back into Brazil r.c., fatally shooting 1 **Palestinian**, searching and occupying homes, bulldozing land, demolishing a number of houses, shelling residential areas; arrests a **Palestinian woman** who attempts to stab a soldier at a Tulkarm checkpoint; conducts arrest raids in Bethlehem; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis, Tulkarm; imposes a curfew on Nablus, escorts 100s of **ultra-Orthodox Jews** on a pilgrimage to **Joseph's Tomb**. **Israel** orders another 3 **West Bank Palestinian administrative detainees** expelled to Gaza (see 10/14). An **Israeli Arab** dies of injuries received in the 10/4 Haifa bombing, bringing that toll to 21. (BBC, HA, MM, PR, PRCS 10/15; XIN 10/15, *al-Ra'i* 10/16 in WNC 10/18; AP, HA, MM, NYT, PCHR, WP, WT 10/16; MM, WP 10/17; AYM 10/18 in WNC 10/25; PR 10/22; WJW 10/23; JPI, MEI 10/24; JPI 10/31)

16 OCTOBER

The **PSF** arrests 7 **Palestinians** (at least some of whom are **PRC** mbrs.) in Jabaliya r.c. in connection with the 10/15 Erez bombing, sparking a gunfight that leaves 7 **PSF officers** wounded; later attempts to arrest an **8th Palestinian** but retreats under machine

gun fire; **10s of Palestinians** in Jabaliya protest the arrests, which **Israel** says are meaningless. The **IDF** sends 50 armored vehicles back into Rafah to continue the search for smugglers' tunnels, fatally shoots **1 PSF officer**, wounds 14 Palestinians; a **Palestinian** dies of injuries received in Rafah on 10/10. The **IDF** also conducts arrest raids in Qalqilya. After the **IDF** lifts the curfew on Nablus, **Palestinian youths**, angry over the **IDF** imposition (10/15) of the curfew to facilitate a Jewish pilgrimage, throw burning tires at **Joseph's Tomb**, causing some damage. **Jewish settlers** burn a Palestinian olive grove in Salfit. (AP, BBC, HA, MM, REU 10/16; VOP 10/16 in WNC 10/18; MM, NYT, WP 10/17; PCHR 10/23; MEI 10/24)

17 OCTOBER

Overnight, the **IDF** fatally shoots **2 Palestinians** in clashes in Brazil r.c. An **FBI** team meets with **PSF officials** to begin an investigation regarding the 10/15 Erez bombing. (NYT, WP 10/18; WT 10/19; PCHR 10/23)

18 OCTOBER

The **IDF** continues its search for tunnels in Rafah (it has found only 3 since operations began on 10/10), demolishing another **9 Palestinian homes**, firing on Palestinians allegedly planting a roadside bomb, killing **2 Hamas mbrs.**, **1 Palestinian bystander**. The **IDF** also fires on stone-throwing children in Tulkarm (killing a **14-yr.-old Palestinian boy**), residential areas of Khan Yunis. The **PSF** says it has now arrested 10 Palestinians (**4 PRC mbrs.**, **6 PFLP mbrs.**) in connection with the 10/15 Erez bombing. (NYT, WP, WT 10/19; PR 10/22; PCHR 10/23)

19 OCTOBER

The **IDF** lifts restrictions on West Bank Palestinian vehicular traffic; continues operations in Rafah, demolishing several more **Palestinian homes**, crushing a **14-yr.-old Palestinian boy** to death, wounding 3 other boys. Later, **IDF** troops pull out of al-Brazil r.c. (where 15 **Palestinian homes** have been demolished since 10/15), Rafah, to "regroup and refresh" before resuming operations. **AMB gunmen** ambush an **IDF** patrol outside the West Bank settlement of Ofra, killing **3 IDF soldiers**, wounding 1; the **IDF** places curfews on Ramallah and surrounding villages to search for the gunmen. The **IDF** also fires on Palestinians violating curfew in

Jenin, seriously wounding 2. **Hamas mbrs.** fire **8 Qassam rockets** at Sederot, causing no damage or injuries. (HA, MM, NYT, WP 10/20; *al-Quds* 10/21 in WNC 10/23; PR 10/22; PCHR 10/23; MEI 10/24; MM 10/27; AYM 10/28 in WNC 10/30)

20 OCTOBER

Over 15 hrs., **Israeli warplanes and helicopters** launch 5 strikes against targets in Gaza, killing at least **10 Palestinians**, wounding more than 135: the 1st demolishes a Gaza City building allegedly housing a Hamas missile factory, injuring 12 bystanders; the 2d hits a truck driving through Gaza City, apparently transporting items salvaged fr. the site of the 1st attack, assassinating **Hamas mbrs. Iyad Hilu and Khalid Masri**, killing **1 bystander**, wounding at least 9; the 3d targets an alleged Hamas armory, causing no casualties; the 4th targets **2 PFLP mbrs.** who flee their car in Nussayrat r.c., before the missile strikes, a 2d salvo hits rescuers and onlookers who arrive on the scene, killing at least **7 bystanders**, wounding 103 (including 4 left brain dead, among them the 2 PFLP targets); the 5th restriking the building targeted in the 1st attack to "complete the attack," injuring another 12 bystanders. The **IDF** also fatally shoots **2 PFLP mbrs.** laying a roadside bomb nr. the Gaza-Israel border fence; demolishes **6 Palestinian homes** in Rafah. (AFP, BBC, HA, MM 10/20; HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/21; ATL, ITAR-TASS, *al-Quds*, VOP 10/21 in WNC 10/23; HA, MM, NYT, PR 10/22; MM, NYT, PCHR 10/23; MEI 10/24; WP 10/25)

21 OCTOBER

The **IDF** raids Ramallah, imposes curfew, surrounds a mosque after evening prayers in search of wanted **Hamas mbrs.**, fires on a crowd of 100s of stone-throwing youths, wounding 16; no arrests are made. The **IDF** also conducts arrest raids in al-Bireh. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received in 2002. (ATL, VOP 10/21 in WNC 10/23; HA, PR, WT 10/22; PCHR 10/23)

22 OCTOBER

The **IDF** assassinates wanted **AMB mbr. 'Abd al-Hadi Natsha** in Hebron, local **PFLP military cmdr. Ahmad 'Atiya** in Qalqilya; bulldozes 20 dunams of land, fires a flechette shell at Palestinian houses nr. Qarni crossing,

leaving **1 Palestinian** brain dead; conducts arrest raids, blows up a **Palestinian home** nr. Hebron; beats up a **Palestinian AP cameraman** filming soldiers vandalizing Palestinian cars at the Salim roadblock. A car explodes in Balata r.c., killing **1 Hamas mbr.**, injuring 2; the **IDF** says the men suffered a "work accident"; Hamas claims it was an IDF assassination. A **Palestinian gunman** infiltrates Tal Rumayda settlement, shoots and wounds **2 Jewish settlers** before being shot dead; the **IDF** places curfews on nearby Palestinian villages. **Palestinians** also fire a **Qassam** rocket at Sederot, causing no damage or injuries. Late in the evening, the **IDF** sends troops into al-Qarara, Satar al-Gharbiyya, conducting arrest raids, razing 49 dunams of land. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received in the IDF attack on Nussayrat r.c. on 10/20, bringing that toll to at least 8; a **2d Palestinian** dies of injuries received in Ramallah on 10/21. (HA, PR 10/22; HA, MM, PCHR 10/23)

Ward Boston, a fmr. Navy lawyer who helped lead the military investigation into **Israel's** 1967 attack on the **USS Liberty** that killed 34 U.S. soldiers, files a signed affidavit that **Pres. Lyndon B. Johnson** and **Defense Secy. Robert McNamara** ordered those heading the naval inquiry to "conclude that the attack was a case of 'mistaken identity' despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary." (AP 10/22; NYT 10/23)

23 OCTOBER

The **IDF** fatally shoots a **Palestinian** at a checkpoint in s. Gaza after he opens fire on a car carrying **Jewish settlers**, wounding 3; fatally shoots a **mentally handicapped Palestinian** who strays too close to Aley Sinai settlement; conducts arrest raids in Ramallah. Late in the evening, **2 Palestinian gunmen** (1 **Hamas**, 1 **Islamic Jihad**) infiltrate an IDF barracks at Netzarim settlement, fatally shooting **3 IDF soldiers**, wounding 2 before the Hamas mbr. is shot dead, the Islamic Jihad mbr. escapes. **2 Palestinians** die of injuries received in the 10/20 IDF attack on Nussayrat r.c., bringing that toll to at least 10. **Palestinians** also fire a **Qassam** rocket at the Negev, causing no damage or injuries. In Tulkarm, the **AMB** executes **2 Palestinians** suspected of providing Israel with information used to assassinate an AMB mbr. on 10/4. **Israel** issues tenders for construction of **333 new housing units** in West Bank **Jewish settlements**. **Jewish**

settlers attack Palestinian cars, property in Hebron. (HA 10/23; VOP 10/23 in WNC 10/25; AFP, HA, MM, NYT, WP 10/24; VOP 10/24, MENA 10/26 in WNC 10/28; NYT, WT 10/25; NYT 10/26; HA, MM 10/27; MM 10/28; AYM 10/28 in WNC 10/30; PR 10/29; PCHR 10/30; MEI 11/7)

24 OCTOBER

The **IDF** fatally shoots an **11-yr.-old Palestinian** in Dayr al-Balah; fires on residential areas of Balata r.c., wounding **2 Palestinian children**, **2 ISM volunteers**. **Palestinians** fire **3 mortars** at a Jewish settlement in Gaza, causing minor damage but no injuries. **2 Palestinians** die of injuries received in Rafah a wk. ago. In Haifa, the **wife of Israeli Arab MK Issa Makhoul** is unhurt after a small explosive device detonates under her car; no group takes responsibility. (AFP, HA 10/24; NYT 10/25; PCHR 10/30, 11/5)

25 OCTOBER

IDF commandos raid 3 Palestinian hospitals in Nablus, confining doctors and staff for over 1 hr., detaining **2 wanted Palestinians** (1 taken fr. the intensive care unit in critical condition). The **IDF** also conducts arrest raids in Qalqilya; fires on residential areas nr. Jenin, nr. Khan Yunis, in Nablus, nr. Rafah. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received in the 10/20 IDF attack on Nussayrat r.c., bringing that toll to at least 11. (BBC 10/25; WP, WT 10/26; PCHR 10/30)

26 OCTOBER

The **IDF** makes a predawn raid on Gaza City, evacuates 2,000 Palestinians fr. their homes, blows up a **PSF post**, **3 unfinished 12-story PSF apartment buildings** overlooking the IDF Netzarim post attacked on 10/23. The **IDF** also fatally shoots **3 armed Palestinians** attempting to infiltrate a Gaza settlement; conducts arrest raids in Bethlehem; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis; imposes a curfew on, conducts arrest raids and house searches in Qalqilya. **Palestinians** fire a **Qassam rocket** at Sederot, causing no damage or injuries. At least **1 Palestinian** dies of injuries received in Gaza City on 10/22. **Israeli airport authorities** arrest, hold for deportation **4 Belgians** suspected of arriving at Ben Gurion Airport on a Palestinian solidarity visit. (HA, NYT, WP, WT 10/26; VOP 10/26 in WNC 10/28; MM, NYT 10/27; *al-Quds* 10/28 in WNC 10/30;

PR, WT 10/29; PCHR 10/30; MEI 11/7; WP 11/21)

27 OCTOBER

On this 1st day of **Ramadan**, the **IDF** fires on 8 Palestinians who stray too close to the Gaza-Israel separation fence nr. Bayt Hanun, killing 1 **Palestinian**, wounding 1, arresting 4, while 3 flee; conducts house searches, arrests in Hebron. **Israel** announces plans to provide electricity, phones, fences, schools to 8 **unauthorized settlement outposts** recently established in the West Bank in violation of the road map. **Jewish settlers** fr. Ariel attack a **Rabbis for Human Rights delegation** in Issawiyya to document reports that settlers felled 100s of Palestinian olive trees in the area; 2 rabbis are transported to hospital with injuries. (MM 10/27; VOP 10/27 in WNC 10/29; NYT, WT 10/28; PCHR 10/30)

28 OCTOBER

The **IDF** assassinates wanted **AMB mbr. Ibrahim al-Nanish** in Tulkarm, wounding 1 bystander; bulldozes 3 dunams of land, a bird farm nr. Khan Yunis; for no apparent reason fires on Palestinians, cars waiting to cross a checkpoint nr. Khan Yunis, wounding 8. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received in the 10/20 **IDF** attack on Nussayrat r.c., bringing that toll to at least 12. The **Knesset Finance Comm.** approves a \$28 m. supplemental allocation for "frontline" **Jewish settlements**. (HA 10/28; NYT, WT 10/29; PCHR 10/30)

Arafat asks **Qurai'** to remain on as PM, for a new government after the term of the emergency government expires on 11/4. (HA, NYT, WP, WT 10/29)

29 OCTOBER

Israeli DM Shaul Mofaz announces that Israel is immediately "easing" restrictions on Palestinians by allowing 3,000 Palestinian businessmen fr. the West Bank, 1,000 fr. Gaza into Israel; allows 1,500 West Bank laborers into the Atarot industrial area. At the same time, however, the **IDF** reinforces checkpoints in Gaza; reduces the number of hours that Rafah border crossing with Egypt is open; fires on stone-throwing Palestinians in Balata r.c., killing a **12-yr.-old Palestinian** some distance away; fires on 2 **Islamic Jihad mbrs.** planting a roadside bomb in Gaza, killing 1, wounding the other; sends

tanks into the center of Nablus, firing tear gas at a girls' elementary school; sends tanks into Jenin, shelling 2 carpet stores, causing extensive damage; fires on residential areas of Rafah. **Palestinian gunmen** fire on a **Jewish settler** vehicle nr. Jenin, wounding 1. (AFP, IDF Radio 10/29; VOP 10/29 in WNC 10/30; NYT, PCHR, WP 10/30; PCHR 11/11)

30 OCTOBER

The **IDF** for no apparent reason fires on Palestinians waiting to cross a checkpoint outside Bethlehem, injuring 3; conducts arrest raids in Qalqilya, also firing on residential areas. (PCHR 11/6)

31 OCTOBER

The **IDF** fires on a group of **Palestinian college students** who attempt to cross a settler bypass road as a shortcut to their Nablus campus, wounding 1. **10s of Israelis** rally in the Negev to call on Israel to evacuate Netzarim, where 3 soldiers were killed on 10/23. (HA 10/31; PCHR 11/6)

1 NOVEMBER

The **IDF** fatally shoots a **Palestinian** riding a motorcycle in Balata r.c., when he allegedly fails to heed orders to halt; places a curfew, closure on Hebron. In Tel Aviv, **10,000s of Israelis** take part in a peace rally, commemorating the 8th anniversary of PM Yitzhak Rabin's assassination on 11/4/95. (PCHR 11/1; WP, WT 11/2; MM 11/5; MM, PCHR 11/6)

2 NOVEMBER

Israel increases to 10,000 the number of entry permits to **Palestinian laborers** fr. Gaza (though only 6,200 are able to enter) but tightens restrictions on who may obtain the permits (must be over 35, married, with children, with a magnetic card and valid work permit, approved by Israeli security). The **IDF** reinforces roadblocks around Balata r.c., fires on residential areas, prompting Palestinian youths to throw stones at the military vehicles; soldiers open fire on the stone-throwers, wounding 5 youths, a 53-yr.-old bystander. A **Palestinian woman** gives birth at a checkpoint after **IDF** soldiers deny her passage to a hospital. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received earlier. (NYT, WP 11/3; PR 11/5; PCHR 11/6)

3 NOVEMBER

Overnight, the **IDF** sends 25 heavy vehicles, 2 helicopters into Tulkarm city and r.c., nearby Far'un village; imposes curfews on the areas, seizes a building in central Far'un as an IDF post, fires on stone-throwing youths who confront the incursion, wounding 4 (ages 9-18). The **IDF** also fires on residential areas s. and n. of Rafah; shoots, wounds a farmer working his field nr. Khan Yunis; shoots, wounds a mentally handicapped Palestinian nr. Dayr al-Balah who fails to follow orders to halt; fires on stone-throwing youths nr. Jenin, wounding 2; lifts the curfew on Hebron imposed on 11/1. A **16-yr.-old AMB suicide bomber** detonates a device in the West Bank village of Azun as **IDF** soldiers move in to capture him, wounding 1 soldier. **Palestinian Tariq Hussein**, wanted in the shooting death of an Israeli girl, turns himself in to the **IDF** at a Qalqilya roadblock. The **IDF** confirms that **Jewish settlers** fr. Yitzhar settlement, the unauthorized outpost of Mitzpe Yitzhar are suspected of having felled some 500 Palestinian olive trees in 'Ayn Abus (s. of Nablus) in the past wk., while Palestinians have been under curfew. (JP 11/3; VOP 11/3 in WNC 11/5; MM, NYT 11/4; NYT, PCHR 11/6)

4 NOVEMBER

The **IDF** sends tanks, troops into Balata r.c. in a predawn raid, erecting earthen barriers, bulldozing recently repaved streets, occupying at least 2 **Palestinian homes** as staging areas, conducting house-to-house searches, and firing live ammunition, rubber bullets, tear gas at stone-throwing youths, wounding 14 Palestinians (including a 12-yr.-old hit by a live bullet in the face), 2 ISM volunteers. The **IDF** also issues confiscation orders for 4,000 dunams of Palestinian land in Bethlehem, reportedly for settlement expansion; imposes a curfew on Hawara (nr. Nablus) after **Jewish settlers** attack local **Palestinian farmers** harvesting their olives; shoots, wounds a Palestinian child in Tulkarm r.c.; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Hebron, Qalqilya, Silat al-Dahir (nr. Jenin). (VOP 11/4 in WNC 11/6; PCHR, PR 11/5; PCHR 11/6)

5 NOVEMBER

The **IDF** eases the encirclement (in place since the 9/9 suicide bombings) of 6 ma-

ior Palestinian cities, excluding Jenin and Nablus, in an apparent bid to aid **Qurai'** in forming a cabinet; confiscates 424 dunams of Palestinian land in the n. Jordan Valley for construction of the **separation wall**; blows up a **Palestinian home** in Silwad (nr. Ramallah); conducts arrest raids, house searches in Hebron, Qalqilya; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis, Rafah; shells a main water reservoir in Bayt Hanun, cutting the water supply to the area. **Palestinians** who are allowed to reach their olive groves for the 1st time since the harvest began report that **Jewish settlers** have felled 100s of trees nr. Sawiyya (nr. Ely settlement) outside Hawara (where a curfew remains in effect; see 11/4); the **IDF** confirms the reports, also requests an additional NIS 20 m. fr. the **Finance Min.** for the fortification of **Jewish settlements**. **Jewish settlers** also beat up a **Palestinian** in East Jerusalem. (AFP, HA, MM 11/5; VOP 11/5 in WNC 11/7; NYT, PCHR 11/6; VOP 11/6 in WNC 11/8; MA 11/7 in WNC 11/11; PCHR 11/13)

6 NOVEMBER

The **IDF** fires on residential areas of Nablus, killing a **Palestinian** woman inside her home; fires on a taxi circumventing a roadblock, killing 1 **Palestinian** passenger; fires flechette shells, live ammunition at Palestinians who approach the Israeli border nr. Khan Yunis, killing 2 **Palestinians**, wounding 6 (2 dead, 4 wounded are apparently fr. the same family); demolishes 3 **Palestinian homes** nr. Jenin; conducts arrest raids in the Hebron area, Nablus, Qalqilya; shells residential areas of Khan Yunis, nr. Tulkarm. The **PSF** reports that it has in custody 2 Palestinians who have confessed to obtaining the explosives used in the 10/15 bombing of a U.S. convoy in Gaza. (HA, JTA 11/6; WP 11/8; PCHR 11/13)

7 NOVEMBER

The **IDF** reinforces its troop presence in n. Jerusalem, surrounding villages; sends tanks, troops into Maghazi r.c. in search of wanted Palestinians, shells residential areas (wounding 5, destroying 1 **Palestinian home**), exchanges fire with Hamas mbrs. attempting to block the incursion, killing **Hamas mbr. Mu'amin Mughari**; opens fire on a group of Palestinians nr. the Qarni crossing, killing a **10-yr.-old Palestinian boy**; raids Jenin, capturing **local Islamic**

Jihad cmdr. Amjad Obeid, sparking rioting and an exchange of gunfire in which **1 Palestinian** is killed; raids, fires on residential areas of Balata r.c. (killing **1 Palestinian**), Rafah; fatally shoots **2 Palestinian teenagers** apparently attempting to sneak across the Israeli border at Bayt Hanun to find work; demolishes **3 Palestinian homes** in Jenin, **1** in Rafah, a greenhouse nr. Rafah. The **PSF** arrests **2 AMB mbrs.** for plotting attacks inside Israel. **Palestinians** fire a mortar at a Jewish settlement in Gaza, causing no damage or injuries. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received earlier. (AP, MM, NYT 11/7; *al-Quds* 11/7 in WNC 11/11; WP 11/8; PCHR 11/13)

8 NOVEMBER

The **IDF** continues intense house-to-house searches in Jenin, firing on residential areas, demolishing **1 Palestinian home**, precipitating rioting in which **1 Palestinian** protester is fatally shot. The **IDF** also opens fire on stone-throwing youths in Burkin, nr. Jenin, killing a **16-yr.-old Palestinian boy**; fires on Palestinians harvesting olives nr. Salfit, wounding a 14-yr.-old boy; sends troops into Nablus, fires on stone-throwing youths, wounding **1** seriously. On the eve of the anniversary of the 1994 Ibrahimi Mosque massacre, **Jewish settlers** stone Palestinian homes in nearby Wadi Nasara. (NYT, WP, WT 11/9; PR 11/12; PCHR 11/13)

9 NOVEMBER

The **IDF** conducts overnight arrest raids, house searches in Aida r.c. **2 Palestinians** die of injuries received on 10/26, 11/4. **Palestinians** in the territories, activists around the world (including Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, France, Germany, Holland, Italy, Jordan, Norway, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, the U.K., the U.S.) observe a day of protest against the **separation wall**. (VOI, VOP, YA 11/9 in WNC 11/11; DS, GS, PM 11/10; PCHR 11/13)

10 NOVEMBER

The **IDF** expels West Bank administrative detainee **Idris** to Gaza (see 10/14); arrests **PA High Court Justice Shaykh Taysir al-Tamimi**, **4** other Palestinians as they leave

al-Aqsa Mosque after prayers, charges them with being in Jerusalem without permits; fires on residential areas, demolishes **23 Palestinian homes**, **5** commercial properties in Rafah; fires on residential areas of Rafah, wounding **3**; conducts arrest raids in Balata r.c., Nablus, Nur al-Shams r.c., villages around Ramallah. A **Palestinian** attempts to stab an **Israeli police officer** in Jerusalem but is arrested without harming him. A **15-yr.-old Palestinian** dies of injuries received on 11/9. (BBC, HA, PRCS 11/10; MM, PCHR 11/11; PCHR 11/13)

11 NOVEMBER

The **IDF** raids a village nr. Jenin, fires on stone-throwing Palestinian youths; demolishes **2 Palestinian homes** in Rafah. An **11-yr.-old Palestinian** dies of injuries received in Rafah on 11/10. (PCHR 11/11; VOP 11/11 in WNC 11/13; PCHR 11/13)

12 NOVEMBER

The **IDF** increases its troop presence in Asira, imposes curfew, fires on residential areas; fatally shoots an armed **Palestinian** in an exchange of gunfire nr. Bureij r.c.; fires on residential areas, demolishes a **Palestinian home** in Rafah; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Hebron, Khan Yunis; bulldozes **45** dunams of land in Khan Yunis. A **15-yr.-old Palestinian** dies of injuries received on 11/8. (PCHR 11/12; VOP 11/12 in WNC 11/14; PCHR 11/13; ISM press release 11/18; PCHR 11/20)

The **PC** approves (46-13, with 5 abstentions, 23 absent) **Quray's cabinet**; **Arafat** swears in the new government. (MM, PR 11/12; VOP 11/12 in WNC 11/14; NYT, WP, WT 11/13; AYM 11/13 in WNC 11/18; MM 11/14; MM 11/17; PR 11/19; WJW 11/20; MEI 11/21) (see Doc. B4)

13 NOVEMBER

The **IDF** expels another **2 West Bank Palestinian administrative detainees** to Gaza; demolishes at least **4 Palestinian homes** in Rafah; fires on residential areas of Tarqumiyya (nr. Hebron); bulldozes **3** dunams of land in al-Mughraqa. The **IDF, border police** fire tear gas, percussion grenades into a peaceful crowd of more than **300 Palestinians, 30 ISM volunteers**

staging a nonviolent march fr. Tulkarm toward the **separation wall**, beating and arresting several marchers. (ISM press release 11/13; PCHR 11/20)

14 NOVEMBER

The **IDF** begins construction of a new 7.4-km. segment of the **separation wall** w. of Ramallah, nr. Rantis; bulldozes land in Bureij r.c.; fires on residential areas of

Brazil r.c. A **Jewish settler** kills a **Palestinian** in a hit-and-run incident nr. Hebron. (VOP 11/14 in WNC 11/18; PCHR 11/20)

15 NOVEMBER

The **IDF** fatally shoots a **Palestinian** nr. Bayt Furik (nr. Nablus); demolishes a **Palestinian home** in al-Mughraqa; fires on residential areas in Rafah, Tulkarm. (VOP 11/15 in WNC 11/18; PCHR 11/20)

CHRONOLOGY SOURCE ABBREVIATIONS

AFP	(Agence France-Presse, Paris)
AN	(Arab News, Riyadh)
AP	(Associated Press [Internet])
ATL	(Anatolia, Ankara)
AYM	(<i>al-Ayyam</i> , Ramallah)
BBC	(British Broadcasting Corporation World Service [Internet])
DS	(<i>Daily Star</i> , Beirut)
DUS	(<i>al-Dustur</i> , Amman)
GS	(Gush Shalom, Tel Aviv)
HA	(<i>Ha'Aretz</i> [Internet], Tel Aviv)
IRNA	(Islamic Republic News Agency, Tehran)
JP	(<i>Jerusalem Post</i> [Internet], Jerusalem)
JPI	(<i>Jerusalem Post International Edition</i> , Jerusalem)
JT	(<i>Jordan Times</i> , Amman)
JTA	(Jewish Telegraphic Agency [Internet])
MA	(<i>Ma'ariv</i> , Tel Aviv)
MEI	(<i>Middle East International</i> , London)
MENA	(Middle East News Agency, Cairo)
MM	(<i>Mideast Mirror</i> , London)
NHR	(<i>al-Nahar</i> , Beirut)
NYT	(<i>New York Times</i> , New York)
PCHR	(Palestinian Center for Human Rights, Gaza)
PM	(Palestine Monitor [Internet])
PR	(<i>Palestine Report</i> , Jerusalem)
PRCS	(Palestine Red Crescent Society [Internet])
PSCT	(Palestine Satellite Channel Television, Gaza)
QA	(<i>al-Quds al-Arabi</i> , London)
REU	(Reuters [Internet])
SA	(<i>al-Sbarq al-Awsat</i> , London)
SANA	(Syrian Arab News Agency, Damascus)
SARR	(Syrian Arab Republic Radio, Damascus)
SATN	(Syrian Arab Television Network, Damascus)
SFR	(<i>al-Safir</i> , Beirut)
THWR	(<i>al-Thawra</i> , Damascus)
TSHR	(<i>Tisbrin</i> , Damascus)
VIRI	(Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Tehran)
VOI	(Voice of Israel, Jerusalem)
VOP	(Voice of Palestine, Jericho)
WJW	(<i>Washington Jewish Week</i> , Rockville, MD)
WNC	(World News Connection [Internet], Washington)
WP	(<i>Washington Post</i> , Washington)
WT	(<i>Washington Times</i> , Washington)
XIN	(Xinhua–New China News Agency, Beijing)
YA	(<i>Yedi'ot Abaronot</i> , Tel Aviv)