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16 May

Israeli-Palestinian violence continues at a moderate level. The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) continue to surround all major Palestinian population centers in the West Bank, barring travel between towns and villages except through heavily guarded checkpoints. The IDF raids Beitunia, assassinating wanted Preventive Security Force (PSF) officer Ahmad Ghanem, arresting 3 others; makes arrest raids in al-Irsal nr. Ramallah; conducts house-to-house searches in Tallusa nr. Nabulus; bulldozes 20 dunams (4 dunams = 1 acre) of Palestinian agricultural land in Gaza.

1 Palestinian dies of injuries received on 4/30. Late this evening, troops make incursions into al-Bireh, Tulkarm refugee camp (r.c.) and city. (LAW 5/16; AP, NYT, WP, WT 5/17; NYT, WP, WT 5/18; LAW 5/22)

Palestinian Authority (PA) head Yasir Arafat pledges to hold presidential, parliamentary elections within 6 mos., provided that Israel makes a substantial withdrawal fr. the West Bank and Gaza so that Palestinians can go freely to the polls. (HA, MM 5/15; XIN 5/16 in WNC 5/17; NYT, WP, WT 5/17; QA 5/18, MA 5/20 in WNC 5/21)

17 May

In a predawn incursion, the IDF sends 20 tanks and armored personnel carriers (APCs) into Jenin r.c., arrests at least 24 wanted Palestinians; when 1 wanted Hamas mbr. is not found, the IDF burns down his family home. Troops also enter Jenin city, arrest al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade (AMB) leader Kamal Abu al-Wafa. After troops withdraw to the outskirts of Jenin r.c. and town, a Palestinian is killed when he accidentally triggers an unexploded IDF shell in Jenin r.c.

The IDF fatally shoots an AMB mbr. allegedly attempting to infiltrate Dugit settlement; makes a brief incursion into Nabulus and As-sar r.c., firing antitank missiles, heavy machine guns at stone-throwing Palestinians, wounding 5, killing a 7-yr-old Palestinian boy in his yard. Nr. Baqa’ al-Gharbiyya, soldiers shoot at a car driving “in a suspicious manner” nr. an IDF convoy, wounding an Israeli Arab woman; bar her transportation to a hospital, allowing her to bleed to death. (NYT, WP, WT 5/18; AYM 5/18 in WNC 5/20; LAW 5/22)

18 May

Nr. Hebron, the IDF fatally shoots a Palestinian doctor at a checkpoint; Jewish settlers destroy a Palestinian garden, vineyard, orchard. (LAW 5/22; MEI 5/31)

19 May

A Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) suicide bomber dressed as an IDF soldier detonates a device in a Netanya market, killing 2 Israelis, wounding 50. The PFLP says the attack is to protest the PA’s continued detention of the group’s leader, Ahmad Saadat, under U.S.-British supervision in connection with the 10/01 PFLP assassination of Tourism M Rehavam Ze’evi. The IDF sends tanks, APCs into Ramallah after shots are fired at a Jewish settler driving nearby; troops withdraw to the outskirts of the city a short time later. The IDF also makes incursions into several villages nr. Hebron, Tulkarm; partially demolishes 2 factories, bulldozes a strip of agricultural land, 7 greenhouses nr. Qarni crossing in Gaza; lifts a week-long 24-hr. curfew on the al-Mawasi area of Gaza. (AP, Palestine Media Center 5/19; AFP 5/19 in WNC 5/20; NYT, WP, WT 5/20; Interfax 5/20 in WNC 5/21; WT 5/21; LAW 5/22; JPI 5/31)

Israel releases tenders for the construction of 957 housing units in Jewish settlements. (HA 5/19; WT 5/21)
The European Union (EU) says that Belgium, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Portugal, Spain have agreed to take the 13 Palestinians deported to Cyprus on 5/10 as part of the Israeli-PA deal to end the Church of the Nativity standoff. (AFP, CNA 5/19 in WNC 5/20; NYT 5/20) (see Quarterly Update in JPS 124)

Around 90 Peruvian converts to Judaism are airlifted to Israel to take up residence in Alon Shvut, Karmei Tzur settlements. The Ashkenazi chief rabbinate sent a delegation of rabbis on a 2-wk. mission to impoverished rural areas in Peru in early 5/02 to convert anyone “who said they were willing to immigrate to Israel immediately.” (HA 7/19; WT 7/24)

20 MAY

A Palestinian suicide bomber detonates a device in an Afula bus station, injuring 1 patrolman, when he is stopped by Israeli police for a security check. The IDF conducts arrest raids into Tulkarm, Zabuna nr. Jenin; shells residential areas nr. Khan Yunis. (MM 5/20; NYT, WT 5/21; LAW 5/22)

21 MAY

The IDF shells residential areas of Yibna r.c., killing 1 Palestinian, wounding 4, damaging several houses; demolishes 3 Palestinian homes in Bayt Hanina in East Jerusalem; conducts arrest raids in Bayt Rima nr. Ramallah. (LAW 5/21; LAW, PCHR, WP 5/22)

22 MAY

The IDF openly assassinates wanted AMB Nablus cmdr. Mahmud Titi, firing rockets at him in Balata r.c., also killing 2 AMB mbrs. 1 Palestinian bystander, seriously damaging a nearby home. Hrs. later an AMB suicide bomber detonates a device in Rishon Letzion, killing 2 Israelis, injuring 25. Nr. Bethlehem, the IDF fires on a group of 20 Palestinian laborers attempting to circumvent a checkpoint, killing 1 Palestinian. In Jenin, Islamic Jihad mbr. Khalid Zakarni dies in a mysterious explosion; the IDF claims explosives he was carrying detonated prematurely, Palestinian sources say he was hit by an IDF tank shell. The IDF also bars a Palestinian woman needing kidney dialysis, a Palestinian man suffering a heart attack fr. crossing checkpoints to reach hospitals, allowing them to die; conducts house-to-house searches, directs heavy gunfire at residential areas in Salfit, detaining 100s of Palestinian men aged 15–50, arresting 13 PSF mbrs.; conducts arrest raids in Burkin (firing several shells at the home of a Hamas mbr.). Hebron, Hushan, Nahalin, Tulkarm. In Gaza, the IDF shuts the main north–south road, claiming the action is in response to Palestinian mortar fire at Gaza settlements. The IDF also begins issuing magnetic cards to al-Mawasi residents; only residents with cards will be allowed to cross through the al-Mawasi checkpoint. (MM 5/23; Interfax 5/23 in WNC 24; AP, JP, LAW 5/22; LAW, NYT, UPMRC, WP, WT 5/23; PCHR 5/30)

Under an agmt. reached on 5/21, 12 of the 13 Palestinians deported to Cyprus are sent on to 3d countries (3 each to Italy, Spain; 2 each to Greece, Ireland; 1 each to Belgium, Portugal). They will be treated as refugees, given 1-yr. residency permits; if they leave their host country, they will not be allowed to return. The 13th, PA Bethlehem intelligence chief Abdallah Daoud, considered by Israel the “most dangerous” of the 13 men, will remain in Cyprus until a nr. Jenin; ... him. Yunis. (MM 5/20; NYT, WT 5/21; LAW 5/22) (NYT, WP 5/22; CNA 5/22 in WNC 5/23; NYT, WP 5/23; MEI 5/31; CNA 8/6 in WNC 8/8) (see Quarterly Update in JPS 124)

23 MAY

A remote-controlled bomb blows up a diesel truck parked outside a major refinery nr. Tel Aviv. Israeli authorities call it a failed attempt by Palestinians to create a catastrophic explosion. No one claims responsibility. A mysterious explosion in a house in Nablus kills 2 Palestinian youths, injures 5. The IDF fatally shoots a Palestinian who allegedly threw a grenade at troops nr. the Rafah border; conducts arrest raids into villages nr. of Hebron and in Jenin, Qalandiya r.c., Rafah, Silat al-Dahir, Rafah (destroying 22 Palestinian homes). The Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRCS) complains that the IDF has repeatedly stopped and searched 2 of its ambulances, including forcing patients out of the ambulance, opening oxygen containers, damaging medical supplies. A Palestinian woman delivers a stillborn baby in Nablus after being detained at IDF checkpoints for hrs. (MM 5/23; JP, MM, NYT, WP, WT 5/24; MA 5/26 in WNC 5/28; LAW 5/29; PCHR 5/30; JPI 6/7)

24 MAY

An AMB mbr. attempts to ram a car loaded with homemade pipe bombs into a
Tel Aviv dance club but is fatally shot by a security guard. The car blows up, injuring 3 Israelis. The IDF makes an incursion into Gaza City, demolishes 3 alleged bomb-making factories. The IDF sends troops into Nur al-Shams r.c., Tulkarm r.c. and town. Palestinians ambush an IDF convoy in Tulkarm r.c., killing 1 IDF soldier, injuring 2. The IDF fires tank shells, machine guns at the r.c., wounding 8 Palestinians. (GS, MM, NYT, WP 5/24; NYT, WP 5/25; MA 5/26 in WNC 5/28; LAW 5/29; PCHR 5/30)

25 MAY

The IDF sends troops, APCs into Bethlehem, reoccupying most of the city, directing shells and heavy machine gun fire at residential areas, demolishing the home of senior Islamic Jihad mbr. Muhammad Shihada; troops still hold most of Bethlehem at nightfall. The IDF also fires tank shells, machine guns at a Palestinian mother, daughter working their farm nr. the Gaza border with Israel, killing them; the IDF says they were in a prohibited area. Denied passage by the IDF, a Palestinian woman gives birth at a checkpoint; the baby dies. The IDF withdraws to the outskirts of Tulkarm r.c.; at least 9 more IDF soldiers have been injured in the operation since the fatal ambush on 5/24. The IDF imposes curfews on Palestinian villages along the Green Line nr. Qalqilya, Tulkarm. (AFP, NYT, WP, WT 5/26; WP 5/27; LAW 5/29; PCHR 5/30; MEI 5/31)

An "intense debate" is reportedly under way among U.S. Pres. George W. Bush and his senior advisers over whether to press for Arafat's removal. Arafat adviser Muhammad Rashid, in Washington for several days for key meetings with U.S. officials at the CIA, Pentagon, State Dept. and with Jewish leaders, argues that Arafat is central to the peace process. (NYT 5/26)

26 MAY

The IDF conducts arrest raids in Bayt Umar, Hebron, Qalqilya; conducts house-to-house searches in Qalqilya and Tulkarm, killing 1 Palestinian; maintains curfews (begun 5/25) on villages along the Green Line in those areas; reinforces the closure of Nablus. In Gaza, 3 Palestinians (including a woman, child herding cattle) are killed by IDF tank fire; the IDF bulldozes 30 dunams of land, a PSF post nr. Qarni crossing in Gaza. Troops withdraw to the outskirts of Bethlehem early this morning, after arresting 1 Palestinian. In Kefar Saba, an IDF soldier shoots, wounds a deaf mute Israeli Jewish bus passenger whom he thought was a suicide bomber because of his suspicious silent behavior, refusal to obey orders to take off his shirt to prove he was not carrying a bomb. (HP, NYT, WP, WT 5/27; LAW 5/29; PCHR 5/30)

27 MAY

Before dawn, the IDF sends troops back into Aida r.c., Bayt Jala, Bethlehem, Dahaysha r.c. in the largest incursion since Israeli PM Ariel Sharon declared the end of the 1st stage of Operation Defensive Shield on 4/21, conducting house-to-house searches; occupying the UNWRA school in Dahaysha r.c.; arresting 10s of Palestinians, including wanted Fatah mbr. Ahmad Mughrabi, blowing up his home; declaring the area a closed military zone, barring entry to journalists; occupying Bethlehem Radio 2000 offices, seriously damaging, confiscating equipment; directing shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas, seriously damaging several homes. The IDF also conducts arrest raids in Hebron, Umm al-Sharayit; withdraws to the outskirts of Tulkarm, but maintains a curfew; tightens controls on Palestinian movement across the West Bank. In the evening, an AMB suicide bomber (a cousin of AMB Nablus cmdr. Titi, assassinated on 5/22) detonates a device in a cafe in Petah Tikva, killing 2 Israelis, injuring 37. A bomb is found, neutralized in French Hill settlement. (HP, LAW, NYT 5/27; MM, NYT, WP, WT 5/28; ITAR-TASS 5/28 in WNC 5/29; LAW 5/29; MEI 5/31)

28 MAY

Early in the morning, IDF tanks enter Jenin town, troops clash with residents, fatally shooting 1 Palestinian (who is allowed to bleed to death over 3 hrs.), detaining wanted Hamas mbr. Rami Awad and Islamic Jihad spokesman Khalid Hawaj, bulldozing 1 home; troops withdraw to the outskirts of Jenin by midday. IDF operations continue in the Bethlehem area, where troops resume sniper positions around Church of the Nativity, patrol Manger Square, search and vandalize the al-Rowwad Cultural Center. The IDF also detains Palestinian mayor of Jerusalem Jamil Nasir for several hrs. of questioning; conducts arrest raids in Alar, Bayt Anan, Beitunia (arresting senior Hamas mbr. Hassan Yusif), Hebron,
Qalqilya, Ramallah, Saida. At least 1 Palestinian gunman infiltrates Itamar settlement, fatally shoots 3 Jewish settlers before being shot dead. Other Palestinian gunmen fatally shoot a Jewish settler driving nr. Ofra settlement. Jewish settlers set fire to 10s of dunams of Palestinian land nr. Nablus. The Israeli High Court approves the IDF’s confiscation of 300 dunams of Palestinian land in Bayt Lahia nr. Aley Sinai settlement, effective retroactively to 5/1/02. (HP, MEZ, WP 5/28; GS, HA, HP, LAW, NYT, WP, WT 5/29; PCHR 5/30; MEI 5/31)

Arafat ratifies the Basic Law (the PA’s constitution). (HA 5/28; WT 5/30; AFPI, Interfax 5/30 in WNC 5/31; NYT 5/31; WT 6/1; AYM 6/1 in WNC 6/3) (see Quarterly Update)

The Knesset House Comm. votes (12-5) to restrict the movement of Israeli MK Ahmad Tibi for the remainder of his term, arguing that his works promote the interests of the PA and the residents of the occupied territories. Tibi was vocally critical of Operation Defensive Shield, participated in many peace marches. (Adalah press release 5/29)

29 MAY

The IDF continues operations in the Bethlehem area, conducting house-to-house searches; lifts curfews for several hrs. in Aida r.c., Artas, Azza r.c., Bayt Jala, Bayt Sahur, Bethlehem, Dahaysha r.c.; seals al-Bireh, Ramallah; shells residential areas of Rafah. (HP, LAW 5/29; PCHR 5/30)

30 MAY

In a predawn operation, the IDF sends tanks, troops, APCs into Hebron fr. 3 directions; surrounds several houses; arrests 4 Palestinians, including senior Islamic Jihad mbr. Muhammad Sidr. The IDF also reenters Jenin, imposes a curfew; conducts arrest raids in villages around Bethlehem, Tulkarm; raids, shells residential areas of Khan Yunis and Rafah, killing 1 Palestinian, wounding 15, arresting 23. (The IDF withdraws to the outskirts of Bethlehem, Hebron by nightfall.) At least 3 Palestinians are killed before dawn: 1 shot by the IDF emerging fr. a taxi in Salfit, 1 shot by the IDF while trying to circumvent a checkpoint nr. Nablus, 1 who dies of a heart attack at an IDF crossing in Khan Yunis. The IDF is reported setting up numerous new roadblocks, checkpoints n. of Jerusalem. Israeli police arrest a Palestinian man, his Israeli Christian wife on charges of driving 2 suicide bombers fr. the West Bank into Israel. (HP, NYT, WT 5/30; HP, NYT, WP 5/31; WT 6/1; WP 6/2, LAW 6/5; WJW 6/6; NYT 6/13)

U.S. Asst. Secy. of State William Burns arrives in Cairo on the first leg of a 4-day regional tour to confer with Egyptian, EU, Israeli, Jordanian, Palestinian leaders. (HA 5/30; MENA 5/30 in WNC 5/31; MM, NYT, WT 5/31; WP, WT 6/1; MENA 6/1 in WNC 6/3) (see Quarterly Update)

31 MAY

In a predawn operation, the IDF sends troops, tanks into Balata r.c. and Nablus, meeting heavy resistance. In Nablus, troops impose a curfew, shell residential areas (cutting some electricity), occupy homes as sniper posts, conduct house-to-house searches (sometimes going through walls), call on all men ages 15–45 to surrender, detain around 100 Palestinians (including local Fatah head Issam Abu Bakr), blow up the home of the 5/27 suicide bomber. In Balata r.c., troops conduct house-to-house searches, breaking through walls btwm. homes, and call on all men ages 13–60 to surrender (some 1,000 are reportedly taken to Hawara, outside Nablus, where some are released but told not to return to Balata r.c. for 3 days); tanks moving through narrow alleys damage several homes. Late in the evening, troops reenter Tulkarm, reimpose a curfew. The IDF also partially destroys a cement factory in Qalqilya; blows up a cave nr. Ramallah known as the Christian pilgrimage site of Saint Barbara. A Palestinian infiltrates a West Bank Jewish settlement, throws 2 grenades at a school, causing no injuries; settlers shoot him dead. Palestinians detonate 2 roadside bombs targeting Merkava tanks but do not damage them. (GS, HP, NYT 5/31; GS, HA, HP, NYT, REU, WP, WT 6/1; MENA 6/2 in WNC 6/3; LAW 6/5)

The Israel Broadcasting Authority (IBA) orders all IBA editorial departments to prohibit the use of the terms “settler,” “settlements” on radio, TV broadcasts. (HA 5/31)
power station in Bayt Hanun, cutting electricity to parts of Bayt Hanun, Bayt Lahia, Jabaliya. The IDF says 100s of Palestinians have been detained in Balata r.c., 50 of them arrested. An IDF sniper fatally shoots 1 Palestinian in Nablus; a Palestinian dies of injuries received on 5/6. (HP, NYT 6/1; NYT, WP, WT 6/2; LAW 6/5)

2 JUNE

IDF operations continue in Balata r.c. and Nablus, expand to Bayt Wazzan. In Balata r.c., the IDF blows up the home of AMB Nablus cmdr. Titi (assassinated 5/22), an alleged bomb-making factory; says 3,000 Palestinians fr. the camp have been detained, 100s released (but reportedly warned against returning to the camp). In Nablus, the IDF arrests a Jordanian journalist, 7 foreign peace activists for being in a closed military zone; arrests 6 Palestinian students, including 4 women, at al-Najah University on charges of plotting attacks. The IDF also conducts arrest raids in Tulkarm, occupying 1 Palestinian home as an IDF post; imposes a closure on Jalazone r.c.; bulldozes a Palestinian olive grove nr. Bayt Jala, 120 dunums of agricultural land in Sawahira al-Sharqiyya; confiscates Palestinian property in Bayt Hanina; shells residential areas of Khan Yunis, damaging several homes, buildings. (HP 6/2; NYT, WT 6/3; LAW 6/5; JP 6/14)

CIA dir. George Tenet arrives in Cairo on the first leg of a 4-day regional tour to consult with Egyptian, Israeli, Palestinian leaders on PA security reforms. (HA, NYT, WT 6/3; JT 6/3 in WNC 6/4; WP, WT 6/4; HA, NYT, WP, WT 6/5; QA 6/5 in WNC 6/6; MM 6/7; AYM 6/7 in WNC 6/10; MEI, NYT 6/14; NYT 6/15)

3 JUNE

The IDF continues operations in Balata r.c., Nablus for the 5th day; blows up an alleged bomb-making factory, raids and damages a medical center in Balata r.c. In the new Askar r.c., the IDF conducts house-to-house searches, breaking through walls; bulldozes 4 cars; damages 22 stores, a medical center. The IDF also sends tanks into al-‘Ayn r.c., ‘Ayn Bayt Hilma r.c., calling on men ages 15–45 to turn themselves in, detaining 100s; conducts arrest raids in al-Bireh, Khan Yunis, Qalqilya (also confiscating files fr. the Qalqilya Charity Comm., Islamic Club), Tulkarm; shells residential areas of Rafah, destroying 1 Palestinian home, damaging 6; bulldozes 50 dunums of Palestinian land nr. Khan Yunus, areas around the Gaza airport. The IDF, Shin Bet also raid the Arab Chamber of Commerce in Jerusalem, arrest 6 Palestinian employees for violating the closure of the building imposed in 8/01 (see Peace Monitor in JPS 121). Israel seizes 30 dunums of Palestinian land along the Green Line nr. Issawiyya for creation of buffer zones, 120 dunums in the Jabal Mukabir neighborhood of East Jerusalem for Jewish housing, a tourist complex. Overnight, Palestinians detonate 2 roadside bombs nr. IDF convoys in the West Bank, causing no damage. (AP, HP 6/3; WP, WT 6/4; LAW 6/5; HA, WJW 6/6)

The PA High Court rules that the PA has no legal ground to hold PFLP head Saadat, must release him immediately. In response, the IDF sends tanks toward Jericho, where Saadat is being held; declares the Jericho area a closed military zone; warns it will kill Saadat if he is freed. Arafat quickly convenes the Executive Authority (EA), the PA’s cabinet, which overturns the court decision. (AFP, HA, JP, LAW 6/3; RMC 6/3 in WNC 6/4; WP, WT 6/4; MM 6/5; AYM 6/5 in WNC 6/6) (see 5/19)

The U.S. announces it has scheduled a mtg. btwn. Bush, Sharon at the White House on 6/10, after a visit by Egyptian pres. Husni Mubarak. Israeli officials say Sharon asked for the mtg. out of concern that Israel’s views were being overshadowed by the “near-constant stream” of Arab visitors to Washington. (JP, NYT, WT 6/4; MM, NYT, WP 6/5; AYM 6/7 in WNC 6/10)

4 JUNE

Before dawn, the IDF sends tanks, troops, APCs into Jenin; makes a smaller incursion into Hebron. In Bayt Umar, the IDF fatally shoots a 16-yr.-old Palestinian stone thrower. In Nablus, the IDF fires on a marked media car carrying 2 Reuters photographers, damaging the car but causing no injuries. (REU, WT 6/4; LAW, NYT, WP 6/5)

5 JUNE

An Islamic Jihad suicide bomber marking the 35th anniversary of the 1967 war detonates a large car bomb nr. a bus in Megiddo, killing 14 IDF soldiers, 3 Israeli civilians, wounding 38. In response, the IDF sends tanks, helicopters into Jenin, declaring the area a closed military zone, im-
posing a curfew, conducting house-to-house searches; makes raids on Hebron, Qalqilya, Tulkarm; continues operations in Nablus. Late in the evening, the IDF sends tanks, troops into Ramallah, imposes a curfew, declares the area a closed military zone, shells Arafat’s offices in what remains of the PA compound; bulldozers pile debris in front of the headquarters’ exits. Arafat, who is inside, is not harmed. (AP, CNN, LAW, MM 6/5; AFP, Interfax, XIN 6/5 in WNC 6/6; MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/6; GS 6/7; QA 6/7 in WNC 6/10; MEI 6/14)

American PR firms representing Israel urge the Israeli government not to respond to the Meggido bombing for 24 hrs. so that the U.S. newspapers, TV news programs can open with pictures of the bombing, victims’ funerals rather than IDF retaliatory attacks. (MM 6/7)

Mubarak arrives in Washington, reportedly carrying a proposal for Bush to support recognition of a Palestinian state in early 2003, with permanent status talks to be completed within 3 yrs. thereafter. (MM, WP 6/5; MM 6/6; MM 6/7) (see Quarterly Update)

In light of the economic downturn since the intifada began, the Knesset passes (74-28) an amendment to the National Insurance Law (1995) applying a 4% cut to all child allowance payments, an additional 20% cut in amounts paid to parents of children without a relative serving in the IDF (i.e., mostly Israeli Arabs). (Adalah press release 6/6)

6 JUNE

The IDF continues its attack on the PA’s Ramallah compound, flattening 6 buildings (including an intelligence office, jail), leaving 1 Force 17 mbr., 1 PA intelligence officer dead. Troops reportedly are “poised and ready” to capture or kill Arafat, but pull back and out of Ramallah before dawn, after Sharon promises Bush he will not harm the PA leader. The IDF pulls out of Jenin, Nablus in the evening; sends tanks into Beitunia; arrests 6 Palestinians. A Palestinian gunman fatally shoots a Jewish settler driving nr. Shiloh settlement. (AP, MM, WT 6/6; MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/7; al-Quds 6/7 in WNC 6/10)

Mubarak meets with U.S. VP Dick Cheney, Secy. of State Colin Powell, mbrs. of Congress. (MENA 6/6 in WNC 6/7; MENA 6/6, 6/7 in WNC 6/10; MM, WP 6/7)

7 JUNE

Before dawn, the IDF sends troops back into Jenin; declares a curfew on Jenin, 5 surrounding villages; conducts arrest raids in Tulkarm. Nr. Hebron, 2 PFLP gunmen infiltrate a new settlement enclave nr. Karnei Tsur, killing 3 Jewish settlers, wounding 5; 1 PFLP mbr. is shot dead, the other escapes. (NYT, WP, WT 6/8; WP 6/9; MEI 6/14)

Mubarak meets with Bush at Camp David. (MENA 6/7, 6/8 in WNC 6/10; MENA 6/7 in WNC 6/11; WP, WT 6/8; MEI 6/14)

8 JUNE

The IDF says that in the past 24 hrs. it has killed 6 Palestinians attempting attacks on Israeli targets, including 2 Palestinians swimming toward the Gaza settlement of Dugit, carrying grenades and guns. In addition, 3 Palestinians are killed in a mysterious explosion nr. Rafah; 2 Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) mbrs. are fatally shot by the IDF when they open fire on an army base at Yitzhah settlement, injuring 4 IDF soldiers. The IDF raids Halhul, looking for the 2nd gunman involved in the 6/7 attack nr. Karnei Tsur. (NYT, WP, WT 6/9; MEI 6/14)

After a 2nd round of talks with Mubarak at Camp David, Bush announces that the U.S. is “not ready to lay down a specific calendar” for political talks leading to a Palestinian state, the most urgent issue is PA reform. (NYT, WP, WT 6/9; MENA 6/9 in WNC 6/10; MM 6/10; MENA 6/10 in WNC 6/11; JPI, MEI 6/14; al-Ra’i 7/15 in WNC 7/17) (see Quarterly Update)

9 JUNE

Late in the evening, the IDF sends 10s of tanks, troops back into Amari r.c., Ramallah in a massive incursion to bulldoze buildings damaged in earlier attacks and conduct arrest raids, surround Arafat’s headquarters, impose curfews, conduct house-to-house searches; 1 Palestinian is killed. The IDF also makes late-night arrest raids in Hebron, Qalqilya, Tulkarm. In Gaza City, the PSF arrests Islamic Jihad leader Shaykh Abdallah Shami for plotting the 6/5 bombing. (LAW, MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/10; MEI 6/14)

Arafat appoints a new “transitional” EA. Among the new mbrs. are Maj. Gen. ‘Abd al-Razaq Yahya, named interior M to oversee security reforms, and respected IMF economist Salam Fayyad, named finance M to oversee economic reforms. (BBC 6/9;

Sharon arrives in Washington; meets with Pentagon, National Security Council officials. (WP 6/10) (see Quarterly Update)

10 JUNE

IDF continues operations in Ramallah, conducting house-to-house searches, arresting 27 Palestinians, occupying a PSF post and detaining 30 PSF officers, surrounding hospitals and PRCS offices, firing on 2 ambulances. The IDF also continues arrest raids in Hebron, sends troops in and out of Tulkarm repeatedly during the day. A mysterious predawn explosion at the home of a senior PA military intelligence official in Jabaliya injures 40 Palestinians; an ill Palestinian dies at a checkpoint nr. Jenin; a 2d Palestinian dies of injuries received on 5/28. (LAW, NYT, PRCS press release 6/10; NYT, UPMRC, WP, WT 6/11)


The YESHA settlers council launches a PR campaign to "stress the morality and justice of the Jews' right to the Land of Israel"; says it recently hired a company to handle overseas PR, organized a delegation to meet with U.S. lawmakers and investors, held a seminar for settlement spokesmen, published a brochure for settlers on how to deal with the media. (Hatzofe 6/10 in WNC 6/11)

11 JUNE

The IDF makes new incursions into Bethlehem, Dahaysha r.c., al-Khadir, Tulkarm and surrounding villages; continues operations in Ramallah, arresting 30 Palestinians (including PFLP 2d-in-command 'Abd al-Rahim Malhuh), reportedly uncovering an explosives lab in a Force 17 building; searches a PRCS office nr. Hebron; delays ambulances at checkpoints in the Bethlehem, Hebron, Ramallah areas. A Palestinian suicide bomber detonates a device in a restaurant in Herzliya, killing 1 Israeli, wounding 8. The IDF fatally shoots a 9-yr.-old Palestinian boy when he strays too close to Netzarim settlement, 2 Palestinians in Gaza, who allegedly fired on a Jewish settler vehicle. The AMB fatally shoots 2 collaborators in Hebron. A 7th Palestinian is found dead nr. Erez crossing; the IDF claims a roadside bomb he was planting accidentally exploded. Nr. Hebron, 3 Jewish settlers are wounded when they accidentally trigger an explosive device in a field. A Palestinian stabs, wounds an Israeli policeman in Jerusalem. Israeli authorities demolish 6 Palestinian homes in Sur al-Bahir in East Jerusalem. (AFP, LAW, MM, PRCS press release, UPMRC 6/11; MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/12; AYM 6/30 in WNC 7/31)

12 JUNE

The IDF continues operations in Ramallah, Tulkarm; conducts arrest raids in Bayt Furik, Rafah, Tubas (demolishing 2 PSF posts, 2 Palestinian homes, a kindergarden); sets fire to 300 dunams of olive groves nr. Shavei Shomron settlement, bulldozes 50 dunams of land nr. Khan Yunis. In Gaza, 8 Palestinians are killed by the IDF; a 9th Palestinian dies of injuries received earlier. In the evening, the IDF withdraws fr. most of Ramallah, including removing a cordon around Arafat's offices,lifts curfew for 3 hrs. but reimposes it; more than 80 Palestinian have been arrested in Ramallah since 6/9. (HP, PR, PRCS press release, UPMRC 6/12; NYT, PCHR, WP 6/13; LAW 6/19)

Nr. Beersheba, Israeli authorities bulldoze 17 bedouin homes. bulldoze bedouin land to expand the Omer municipal district. (WAFA 6/13)

MK Uriel Ariel (National Union–Yisrael Beitarinu) proposes that the Knesset establish a committee of inquiry into how the secret Oslo talks came about in 1993. Israeli FM Shimon Peres in protest suspends the Labor party's membership in the governing coalition, but the motion fails to pass by a vote of 34-26. (INN 6/13; HA 6/17)

State Dept. senior adviser on Arab-Israeli negotiations Aaron Miller gives a private briefing to a Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) group, during which some ZOA mbrs. yell "Wrong!" when he says...
there can be no “military solution” to the conflict; groan audibly when he mentions Seeds of Peace camps for Israeli and Palestinian children; walk out, slamming the door, when he says that Palestinians seek a “democratic, pluralistic, humanistic” government.

ZOA head Morton Klein says the group found Miller “frustrating” after just having come from a congressional reception that made an “incredible show of support” for Israel. (Forward 6/21)

13 JUNE

The IDF completes its withdrawal to the outskirts of Ramallah; conducts arrest raids in Anabta, Bayt Furik; shells residential areas of Khan Yunis, wounding 7; demolishes a Palestinian home in Hebron; bulldozes 17 dunums of agricultural land in Absan nr. the Gaza-Israel border. In Silwan in East Jerusalem, Israeli special forces raid a Palestinian home, killing 1 Palestinian, wounding another. A Palestinian heart attack victim dies when his ambulance is barred fr. crossing an IDF checkpoint to reach a hospital. (LAW 6/13; UPMRC, WP 6/14; LAW, PCHR 6/19; New Haven Register 7/3)

Bush confers with Saudi FM Prince Saud al-Faisal, who holds separate talks with VP Cheney, National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/14) (see Quarterly Update)

14 JUNE

IDF troops conduct predawn arrest raids in Birzeit, Hebron; sappers detonate a large bomb discovered in Qalqilya. IDF troops posted at Kedumim fatally shoot 1 Palestinian who apparently strayed too nr. the settlement. (NYT 6/15; LAW 6/19)


15 JUNE

Hamas gunmen clash with IDF troops nr. Dugit settlement in Gaza, killing 2 IDF soldiers, wounding 4; at least 1 Hamas mbr. is killed. The soldiers were searching for Hamas mbrs. who had planted a car packed with mortars, launchers, 330 lb. of explosives nr. Dugit in a plot to ambush an IDF unit. The IDF makes arrest raids into Jenin, shelling residential areas, destroying 3 workshops; fires in the air, directs tear gas at some 200 Palestinian women, children attempting to cross a closed checkpoint nr. Hebron. Jewish settlers fr. Brakha and Yitzhar set fire to 700 dunums of Palestinian crops, 2 Palestinian homes nr. Nablus. (HA, NYT, WP, WT 6/16; LAW, PCHR 6/19)

16 JUNE

The IDF fatally shoots a Palestinian circumventing a roadblock on the Jenin–Ramallah road; bulldozes 27 dunums of agricultural land nr. Khan Yunis. For no apparent reason, IDF soldiers fire on a PSF post in Bayt Lahia and on Palestinians waiting to cross the Qalandia checkpoint, injuring several Palestinians. (LAW, PCHR 6/19)

17 JUNE

Overnight, the IDF sends troops into Jenin, killing 1 Palestinian; fatally shoots a 2d Palestinian nr. Ramallah. The IDF openly assassinates local AMB leader Walid Sbeh in al-Khadr. A Palestinian suicide bomber detonates a device nr. a border police unit nr. Tulkarm, causing no injuries. In Gaza, the IDF begins work on an iron barrier at Netzarim Junction, apparently to better control Palestinian movement on the main road btwn. n. and s. Gaza; orders Khan Yunis fishermen to move their operations to Rafah harbor; demolishes an industrial complex nr. Gaza City, including the only factory in Gaza for producing bottled oxygen for hospitals. The IDF also fires on Palestinians circumventing the Surda checkpoint (nr. Ramallah), injuring 4. Jewish settlers fr. Brakha set fire to another 70 dunums of agricultural land in Hawara village (see 6/15). (MM, REU 6/17; MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/18; LAW, PCHR, PR 6/19)

The 4-day 34th World Zionist Congress opens in Jerusalem. (HA, JTA 6/18) (see Special Document in this issue)

18 JUNE

A Hamas suicide bomber detonates a device on a bus in Jerusalem during the morning rush hr., killing 18 Israeli Jews, 1 Israeli Arab, injuring 50. Late in the evening, as the IDF sends tanks, troops into
Jenin town and r.c. in response, imposing a curfew and firing on Palestinians who resist, the Israel cabinet convenes to discuss what further action to take. Afterward, Israel announces the launching of Operation Determined Path, under which “Israel will respond to acts of terror by capturing PA territory. . . . Additional acts of terror will lead to the taking of additional areas,” which would be held indefinitely. During the day, the IDF assassinates Islamic Jihad student leader Yusif Bisharat in Hebron; raids the Nablus home of PLO Exec. Comm. mbr. and DFLP mbr. TaySir Khalid, hosts residential areas of Gaza City, injuring 8; conducts arrest raids in villages around Jenin; bulldozes Palestinian agricultural land nr. Kefar Darom settlement. An elderly Palestinian dies of a heart attack when troops enter her Jenin home. An ailing Palestinian dies when the IDF bars his ambulance fr. crossing a checkpoint. Jewish settlers under the protection of IDF troops take over a building nr. the old city of Jerusalem. (AP, JP, LAW, MM 6/18; AFP, ATL, Interfax 6/18 in WNC 6/19; ATL 6/18, JT, al-Quds 6/19 in WNC 6/20; HP, LAW, MM, NYT, PCHR, UPMRC, WP, WT 6/19; WP 6/20; NYT 6/21; AYM 6/23 in WNC 6/26; MM 6/24, MEI 6/28; New Haven Register 7/3)

In light of the Jerusalem bombing, Bush postpones a speech outlining U.S. policy on the peace process, which he had planned to give today. (WP 6/19; NYT 6/20; AYM 6/20 in WNC 6/24) (see Quarterly Update)

19 JUNE

The IDF reoccupies Qalqilya, imposes a curfew; Palestinians clash with troops, leaving 2 IDF soldiers, a local PA intelligence chief dead. The IDF continues operations in Jenin r.c. and town, fortifying a temporary IDF base outside the r.c. with 7 trailers, fuel and water trucks to create a barracks; conducting house-to-house searches, ordering all men ages 15–50 to surrender, using 3 doctors fr. a nearby hospital as human shields; firing a tank shell at al-Razi hospital. The IDF also reinforces tanks around Nablus; conducts arrest raids in Dura, Hebron, Umm Salamona; bulldozes 57 dunams of Palestinian agricultural land nr. Aley Sinai; imposes curfews on villages around Bethlehem. Jewish settlers fr. Aldavid settlement set fire to 50 dunams of Palestinian crops nr. Bethlehem; IDF troops observe but do not intervene. An AMB suicide bomber, retaliating for the 6/17 assassination of an AMB leader, detonates a device at a bus stop in French Hill settlement in East Jerusalem during the evening rush hr., killing 7 Jewish settlers, wounding 40. In response, the IDF sends troops into Ramallah; helicopter gunships fire missiles at at least 5 alleged bomb-making workshops in Gaza City, Jabaliya, Khan Yunis; begins barring Palestinians with West Bank IDs fr. entering Jerusalem; raids a hospital in Shaykh Jarrah in East Jerusalem, sends home 30 employees with West Bank IDs; reportedly rounds up 1,400 Palestinian workers inside the Green Line, sends home 800 Palestinian workers with West Bank IDs. (HP, LAW, NYT, PCHR, WP, WT 6/19; XIN 6/19 in WNC 6/21; MM 6/20, 6/24; LAW 6/26; PCHR 6/27; JPI, MEI 6/28)

PA Planning M Shaath, still in Washington meeting with U.S. officials, says that he has given the U.S. a 20–30-page draft constitution for a Palestinian state (i.e., an expanded version of the Basic Law) that reportedly envisions a government headed by a PM, with a ceremonial pres. (WP 6/20)

20 JUNE

The IDF reoccupies Beitunia, Bethlehem, Dahaysha r.c.; expands bases there and in Jenin, Qalqilya; conducts raids into Halhul, Tulkarm town and r.c.; raids Shaykh Ajlin, bulldozing Palestinian land, firing on Palestinians working the fields, killing a Palestinian boy; fires on residential areas of Birzeit. The IDF issues a limited call-up of reservists, bars Palestinian workers fr. entering Jewish settlements. In Jenin town, IDF troops evacuate and vandalize a hospital admin. building, throwing a grenade in the foyer, blowing up a safe, spraying the building with heavy machine gun fire, breaking doors, destroying $13,600 of equipment; fire on, seriously damage 2 fire trucks. The IDF is reported to have transferred more than 600 Jenin r.c. residents to Salim detention center for questioning; some 150 are released today, sent to Romani village, are told to stay there for 2–4 wks. Late this evening, a PFLP gunman, retaliating for the arrest of PFLP 2d-in-command Malluh on 6/11, attacks a home in Itamar settlement, killing a Jewish settler and 1 settlement guard, wounding 2 settlers and 2 border policemen before being shot dead. A pregnant Palestinian woman is fatally hit by stray IDF gunfire in her home in Qalqilya. In Gaza, 1,500 unemployed Palestinians who have been cut off fr. their jobs in Israel since 9/00 hold a “March of Hunger,” protesting Israeli clo-

In Jerusalem, Sharon, Israeli pres., Moshe Katzav address a “Transfer Now” conference hosted by the right-wing Moledet party. (Peace Now press release 6/20; MA 6/21 in WNC 6/24)

21 JUNE

Before dawn, the IDF reoccupies Askar r.c., Balata r.c., Camp No. 1, Nablus, Tulkarm town and r.c.; reinforces troops around Hebron; imposes 24-hr. curfews on Aida r.c., Awtara, Bayt Furik, Bayt Jala, Dayr al-Ghusun, Hawara, Jarashiyaa, al-Khadir, Sayta, Shuwayya, al-Til. In Jenin, troops blow up a building, also collapsing a house next door, killing 1 Palestinian boy. Later, an IDF tank opens fire with shells, machine guns on a crowded market in Jenin, killing 4 Palestinians, injuring 26 among 100s who had gathered to shop, believing that the IDF had eased the curfew; 20 cars, 30 stores are also destroyed. (In another neighborhood, 2 children playing in front of their home are killed when the IDF fires a tank round to break up a crowd “violation the curfew,” which residents thought had been lifted.) In Shaykh Ajlin, the IDF opens fire on a group of Palestinian children and an AP reporter, killing 1 Palestinian boy. In Gaza, Palestinians fire an anti-tank rocket at an IDF post, seriously injuring 1 soldier; the IDF demolishes a naval police post, bulldozes 4.5 dunams of Palestinian land in response. Nr. Erez crossing, a Palestinian throws a grenade at an IDF checkpoint, causing no damage or injuries; the IDF fatally shoots him, also killing 2 Palestinian laborers waiting to cross the checkpoint. Following a funeral for settlers killed on 6/20, Jewish settlers attack the Palestinian village of Hawara (see 6/17), killing 1 Palestinian, firing on and throwing rocks at buildings, setting a car and shop ablaze, attacking journalists. (AP, LAW, WP 6/21; XIN 6/21, MA 6/23 in WNC 6/24; NYT, UPMRC, WP, WT 6/22; HP 6/23; PRCS press release 6/24; LAW 6/26; PCHR 6/27; MEI 6/28; HA 7/2; BBC, HA 7/5)

The Israeli inner cabinet agrees in principle to expel the families of Palestinian suicide bombers fr. the West Bank to Gaza as a “disincentive for attackers.” (NYT, WP, WT 6/22; HP, JPI, NYT 6/23; MM 6/24, 6/27; MEI 6/28)

22 JUNE

The IDF calls up 1,000 reservists in preparation for “crushing and decisive action” against the Palestinians; recoups Dura; shells residential areas of Khan Yunis, destroying several Palestinian homes; continues operations in Beitunia, Bethlehem, Jenin, Nablus, Qalqilya, Tulkarm; lifts curfews in most areas for several hrs. to allow Palestinians to resupply; lifts curfews entirely in Awarta, Hawara; imposes a 24-hr. curfew on Bayt Sahur. During the curfew break in 2 camps nr. Nablus, troops open fire on Palestinians for unknown reasons, wounding 8. (AFP 6/22; NYT, WP, WT 6/23; LAW 6/26; PCHR 6/27)

Over 150 people take part in the ground breaking for a new Jewish settlement n. of Jerusalem nr. Kochav Ya’acov. The new enclave is part of a new program to “transplant” entire Jewish communities, with their rabbis, to Israel. A New York rabbi raised the idea in his town, and 25 local families committed to purchase homes in the new settlement. Meretz MK Yossi Sarid offers to find them a safer location inside Israel, but they decline. (INN 6/22) (see 5/19)

23 JUNE

The IDF calls up another 3,000 reservists; shells a building in Tulkarm r.c., killing 1 PSF officer (children nearby reportedly werestoning the tank); imposes 24-hr. curfews on Abu Dis, Anabta, Araqa, Bayt Jibrin r.c., Bayt Wazzan, al-Funduq, Hashimiyya, Kaf Rummam, Yamun, Zawata; conducts arrest raids and house-to-house searches in Jenin town and surrounding villages, fatally shooting a 2d Palestinian in Yamun; directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at the al-Mawasi checkpoint and residential areas in Dahaysha r.c., Khan Yunis; fire live ammunition, rubber bullets at Palestinians approaching al-Bireh, Jawal, Surda checkpoints into Ramallah; bulldozes nearly 100 dunams of agricultural land n. of Bayt Lahia. The PA places Hamas spiritual leader Shaykh Ahmad Yasin under house arrest, arrests 11 Hamas mbrs. in Gaza. An IDF soldier dies of injuries received on 6/15; a Palestinian boy dies of injuries received on 6/21. (HP 6/23; NYT, WP, WT 6/24; RMC 6/24 in WNC 6/25; NYT 6/25; QA 6/25 in WNC 6/26; LAW 6/26; PCHR 6/27)
24 JUNE

Before dawn, the IDF reoccupies Amari r.c., al-Bireh, Qadura r.c., and Ramallah, surrounding Arafat’s offices (placing Arafat under de facto house arrest), arresting 13 PSF officers, meeting no resistance; imposes 24-hr. curfews on Aqaba, Dura, Iktaba, Tamun, Tayisir, Tubas, Yatta; fires shells at residential areas of Khan Yunis; continues operations in Bethlem, Jenin, Nablus (fatally shooting 1 Palestinian), Qalqilya, Tulkarm areas; lifts curfews in Jenin, Nablus, Qalqilya for 3 hrs. The IDF assassinates 2 Izzeddin al-Qassam Brigades leaders, Yasir Raziq and ‘Amr Kufa, in Rafah, firing missiles at their taxis, also killing 2 passengers, 2 drivers, injuring 13 bystanders. Jewish settlers stone an ambulance nr. Tulkarm. In Gaza, Hamas supporters clash with PSF officers enforcing Shaykh Yasin’s house arrest, leaving 1 Hamas supporter dead. (BBC, MM, NYT, PRCS press release, WP, WT 6/24; XIN 6/24 in WNC 6/25; MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/25; LAW 6/26; PCHR, WJW 6/27; MEI 6/28)

After a wk.’s delay, Bush gives a major speech outlining the new U.S. policy toward the peace process. Without mentioning Israel’s military escalations, Bush says in effect that the Palestinians must remove Arafat and create a Western-style democracy before the peace process can move forward. The U.S. halts direct dealings with Arafat. Bush’s decision to call for Arafat’s ouster was reportedly influenced heavily by an Israeli intelligence report he received last wk. (un corroborated by the CIA) claiming that Arafat authorized a $20,000 payment to the AMB, which carried out the 6/19 suicide bombing. (AP, MM, NYT, WP 6/24; MA 6/24 in WNC 6/25; GS, MM, NYT, WP, WT, YA 6/25; AFP, ATL, Interfax, ITAR-TASS, MENA 6/25 in WNC 6/26; MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/26; AFP, JT, Le Monde 6/26 in WNC 6/27; NYT, WJW, WP 6/27; JT, al-Nahar 6/27 in WNC 6/28; MEI, MM 6/28; NYT, USIS Washington File 6/30; WP, WT 7/1; AN 7/1 in WNC 7/2; JPI 7/5) (see Doc. C1; Quarterly Update)

Arafat sends the U.S., Arab states a 6-page memorandum outlining an ambitious 100-day reform plan, including plans for presidential and legislative elections in 1/03 and municipal elections in 3/03. (MM 6/24; NYT 6/25; MM 6/26; El Pais 6/26 in WNC 6/27; NYT, WP, WT 6/27; XIN 6/27 in WNC 6/28; AYM 7/1 in WNC 7/3; AYM 7/10, 7/17, 7/21 in WNC 7/23) (see Doc. B3; Quarterly Update)

Israeli atty. gen. Elyakim Rubinstein says he will not take legal action against those calling for the “voluntary transfer” of Arabs fr. Israel, saying “voluntary transfer” is “immoral,” not illegal. (The 13 Palestinians deported to Cyprus in 5/02 were “voluntarily exiled” as part of a deal brokered by Israel and the PA; see 5/22, Quarterly Update in JPS 124.) (HA 6/24; MM 6/27)

In response to Israeli appeals to local satellite channels to drop BBC World and CNN International because of their “pro-Palestinian bias” (1 channel replaced CNN Qalqilya for 3 hrs. The IDF assassinated 2 Izzeddin al-Qassam Brigades leaders, Yasir Raziq and ‘Amr Kufa, in Rafah, firing missiles at their taxis, also killing 2 passengers, 2 drivers, injuring 13 bystanders. Jewish settlers stone an ambulance nr. Tulkarm. In Gaza, Hamas supporters clash with PSF officers enforcing Shaykh Yasin’s house arrest, leaving 1 Hamas supporter dead. (BBC, MM, NYT, PRCS press release, WP, WT 6/24; XIN 6/24 in WNC 6/25; MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/25; LAW 6/26; PCHR, WJW 6/27; MEI 6/28)

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Israel begins broadcasting an Arabic-language satellite channel. (MEI 6/28; MM 7/10)

26 JUNE

In Jenin r.c., the IDF fires on children throwing stones at a tank, killing a 6-yr.-old Palestinian boy, wounding a 12-yr.-old; a similar incident in Amari r.c. leaves 2 children wounded. In Hebron, the IDF bull-
dozes sections of the PA headquarters, shells and fires on others; around 130 PSF officers inside the complex have surrendered since 6/25, 10–40 are still thought to be inside. The **IDF** also imposes a curfew on Halhul, Hus- sam; conducts house-to-house searches in Hussam; bulldozes a PSF post, arrests 22 Palestinians in Tubas; fires on a **PRCS** medical center in Hebron; lifts curfews on Jenin, Ramallah for several hrs.; lifts curfew entirely on al-Funduq. (LAW 6/26; MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/27)

At the G-8 mtgs. in Canada, **Bush** presses his view that **Arafat** must go, says that he would cut off all U.S. aid to the Palestinians if they fail to make structural, leadership reforms. (HA, NYT, REU, WP 6/27; AFP, MA 6/27 in WNC 6/28; MM 6/28; SA 6/29 in WNC 7/1; AN 7/8 in WNC 7/9; MEI 7/12)

**27 JUNE**

The **IDF** continues to shell the PA headquarters in Hebron, threatens to raid the complex if those still inside do not emerge; the **IDF** claims that 1 of those inside the complex is a senior **Hizballah** mbr. who slipped in fr. Lebanon to train Palestinians. (Israeli prosecutors also charge a Lebanese-born Israeli, son of a Jewish mother and Shi’i Muslim father, of being a spy for Hizballah.) The **IDF**fatally shoots 2 Palestinians, wounds 10 during clashes in Balata r.c.; fatally shoots a 9-yr.-old Palestinian child, wounds 3 others in Qalqilya during a temporary lifting of the curfew, later admitting the soldiers fired in error; fatally shoots an 8-yr.- old Palestinian boy in Jenin; raids a PSF jail in Nablus, taking 20 Palestinians, including several naval police officers, into custody; demolishes 10 Palestinian homes in Rafah r.c.; imposes 24-hr. curfews on Anin, Azariyya, al-Bireh, Halhul. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/28)

**MK Benny Elon** (Moledet), on a lobbying trip to the U.S., says he has received “quiet support” fr. several mbrs. of **Congress** for his 7-part “Elon peace initiative,” based on the idea of the “voluntary transfer” of Palestinians to Jordan, which would become a “Jordanian-Palestinian state.” Palestinian refugees would be resettled in their host countries. West Bank and Gaza Palestinians would be given Jordanian-Palestinian citizenship and could remain in their homes, but those who “violate the terms of the plan” would be expelled to Jordan. (JPJ 6/27)

**28 JUNE**

The **IDF** blows up the PA headquarters in Hebron on top of 10–40 Palestinians Israel is “certain” are inside; an initial search turns up no bodies, indicating that, in fact, no one was inside. In Gaza, a **Palestinian woman** sleeping in a tent is killed by **IDF** fire. In Gaza, the **PSF** allows Hamas’s **Shaykh Yasin** to leave his house arrest, address a demonstration in the city. (NYT, **PRCS** press release, WP, WT 6/29; NYT, WP, WT 6/30; al-Quds 6/30 in WNC 7/3; MM 7/1)

**29 JUNE**

The **IDF** enters Halhul; lifts curfews for several hrs. in all areas to allow Palestinians to resupply, students to take their final exams. In Nablus, **Palestinian boy** with asthma dies fr. inhaling tear gas. Israeli DM **Benjamin Ben-Eliezer** says he plans to disman- tle 20 Jewish settlement enclaves built without permission, which are too small and remote to be protected; at least 9 are uninhabited. (**IDF** press release, **PRCS** press release 6/29; HA, WT 6/30; MM, WP 7/1; WJW 7/11)

**30 JUNE**

The **IDF** overtly assassinates senior **ABM** mbr. **Muhammad Tahir** in Nablus, also killing a 2d Hamas mbr. The **IDF** lifts closures in most areas for several hrs.; orders Palest- inian men ages 15–55 in Amari r.c., Ramallah to surrender for questioning; confiscates a mobile clinic transporting a heart patient to a Ramallah hospital, arresting the patient, the driver; bulldozes Palestinian land in Bayt Lahia, Dayr al-Balah, Shaykh Ajlin; ar-rests 2 Palestinian journalists working for Reuters for filming international peace activ- ists barring an **IDF** tank, bulldozer fr. approaching a house in Nablus. In Lod, a bomb placed on a railroad track explodes, lightly injuring 2 **Israelis**. The **IDF** disman- tles 2 Jewish settlement enclaves built without Israeli permission; each has only 1 family in residence. (GS, HA, UP MR 6/30; MM, NYT, WP, WT 7/1; NYT, WT 7/2)

The **IDF** reportedly transfers 10s of PA security officers detained in the West Bank to Gaza through the Erez crossing at dawn. Palestinian sources claim to have seen sev- eral other groups of PSF officers brought into Gaza through the crossing in recent days and apparently freed, suggesting that Israel is quietly implementing plans threatened previously to “deport” to Gaza
West Bank Palestinians suspected of plotting or staging attacks on Israeli targets. (AYM 7/3 in WNC 7/8; AYM 7/4 in WNC 7/5) (see 6/21)

1 JULY

The IDF dismantles 9 vacant settlement enclaves set up without Israel's permission, says another 10 will be removed in the coming days. At least 4,000 unemployed Palestinian workers march on the PA headquarters in Gaza, calling for the PA to create jobs and wages in light of the closure. (HA, WT 7/1; XIN 7/1 in WNC 7/2; MM, NYT 7/2; MM 7/3)

2 JULY

The IDF lifts curfews in many West Bank areas for several hrs. to allow students to take yr.-end exams, then raids Palestine Polytechnic University in Hebron, detaining 300 students for questioning. The IDF raids a PA security post in Khan Yunis, arrests 6 PA border policemen. Israeli security officials bar entry at Ben-Gurion airport to PLO Negotiations Affairs Dept. legal adviser Michael Tarazi, a U.S. citizen who lives in Ramallah. (GS 7/2; NYT, WP 7/3; AYM 7/3 in WNC 7/8)

Burns meets with other reps. of the Quartet (an ad hoc diplomatic grouping of the EU, Russia, UN, U.S. used to present a united international front on the peace process) in London to gauge their views of Bush's 6/24 speech, the PA's 100-day plan. Burns announces the formation of the International Task Force on Reform, a steering comm. comprising the Quartet and donors that will oversee donor assistance for PA reform efforts. (RMC 7/2 in WNC 7/3; MM 7/3; ITAR-TASS 7/3; alQuds 7/4 in WNC 7/5; WP 7/4; NYT 7/9; USIS Washington File 7/12) (see Quarterly Update)

3 JULY

The IDF directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Khan Yunis; bulldozes 10s of dunams of land n. of Khan Yunis, 500 olive trees n. Bethlehem; conducts arrest raids in Qibya, Ramallah (raiding the civil service building), Sanirya. The IDF also confiscates 3 garbage trucks, 2 bulldozers fr. the al-Ram municipality. In Gaza, 1,000s of Palestinians attend a Fatah-organized march against Bush's stand against Arafat. Also in Gaza, Hamas mbrs. demanding the execution of a collaborator held by the PSF attack, throw pipe bombs at a PA police station; the PSF returns fire, injuring 23. (PR 7/3; NYT, WP 7/4; HA 7/14; MA 7/23 in WNC 7/25)

4 JULY

Senior AMB mbrs. Jihad al-Omarayn, Wa'il al-Nimrah are killed when a bomb in their car explodes in Gaza City in what is presumed to be an IDF assassination; Israel refuses to confirm or deny allegations. The IDF bulldozes agricultural land nr. Khan Yunis, also demolishing a PSF post. The IDF says it has arrested a Palestinian truck driver for smuggling guns across the Jordan border with a shipment of vegetables. (NYT, WP 7/5; al-Quds 7/7 in WNC 7/9; LAW, PCHR 7/10)

5 JULY

IDF troops open fire on residential areas in Khan Yunis, killing 1 Palestinian; raid Bayt Furik village, firing on homes, detaining 4 Palestinians ages 15 and 16; bulldoze 3 dunams of Palestinian land nr. Shuhada Junction; conduct arrest raids in Tulkarm. In Gaza City, 15,000 Palestinians attend the funeral of AMB mbr. Omarayn. (NYT, UPI 7/6; WP 7/7; LAW, PCHR 7/10)

6 JULY

IDF soldiers fire on a taxi nr. Netzarim Junction, killing a Palestinian woman, child; the IDF says soldiers fired at "suspicious silhouettes" in the car. In Ramallah, the IDF fires tear gas at Palestinians who mistakenly believe the curfew has been lifted; an elderly Palestinian, overcome by tear gas, dies. The IDF positions tanks, snipers around Jenin hospital. The IDF bulldozes 4 bedouin homes in the Negev. (GS, UPI, UPMRC 7/6; WP 7/7; DUS 7/7 in WNC 7/8; NYT 7/8; LAW, PCHR 7/10; MEI 7/12)

7 JULY

The IDF says it captured 2 Palestinians following a gun battle nr. Aley Sinai settlement. The IDF fires on Palestinians at a Nablus checkpoint for no apparent reason during a lifting of the curfew, wounding 2; sends bulldozers into Shaykh Ajlin, damaging part of an agriculture storehouse and a well, leveling land; sends tanks into Bayt Lahia, firing on residential areas, crushing a car. A Palestinian child dies of injuries received
on 6/27. (NYT 7/8; LAW, PCHR 7/10; MEI 7/12)

The Israeli cabinet endorses (17-2) a bill that would amend existing law to bar Israeli Arabs from leasing homes built on state land, declaring state land (90% of land in Israel) to be “for Jewish settlement only.” State land cannot be purchased by anyone, only leased long term. (BADIL press release 7/7; HA 7/8; MM, NYT, WT 7/9; WJW 7/11; HA 7/12)

8 JULY

The IDF directs live fire at Palestinians crossing into Ramallah at Surda checkpoint just after a curfew had been reimposed without warning, seriously injuring an 18-yr.-old Palestinian girl; conducts arrest raids in Nablus, destroying 1 Palestinian home; direct shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Khan Yunis. (LAW 7/8; PCHR 7/10)

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Bush says that Israel is justified in occupying the West Bank until “security improves.” (NYT 7/9; WJW 7/11)

9 JULY

The IDF fatally shoots Islamic Jihad mbr. Mu’ammar Daraghma as he drives nr. Jenin in what is likely an assassination. The IDF raids, shuts the admin. offices of al-Quds University in Jerusalem, confiscating files, computers; seals the office of university pres. Sari Nusseibeh, who is also the PLO official in charge of Jerusalem affairs. In Jerusalem’s Old City, an exchange of gunfire btwn. an Israeli police officer, a Palestinian motorist stopped for an ID check leaves 1 Palestinian bystander dead, the police officer wounded. The IDF also demolishes 6 Palestinian homes in Rafah, severely damages 2 others; reoccupies Bayt Rima, ordering all men to surrender for questioning; imposes a curfew on Husan; conducts arrest raids in Bayt Awa, Bethlehem, Nur al-Shams r.c., Qalqilya, Tufah, al-Til, Tulkarm r.c. Jewish settlers under IDF protection take control of 1,400 dunams of Palestinian land nr. Jaba’, outside Jerusalem. (HP 7/9; LAW, MM, NYT, PCHR, WP 7/10; MA 7/10 in WNC 7/11; WJW 7/11; AFP 7/11 in WNC 7/15; MA 7/11 in WNC 7/16; MA 7/15 in WNC 7/17; MM 7/17, 7/19)

A group of 400 Jewish immigrants fr. the U.S. and Canada arrive in Israel; 75% of them will live in Beit Shemesh, Jerusalem. They arrive as part of a new Jewish Agency program to encourage entire established Jewish communities in N. America to immigrate to Israel with their rabbis. American Evangelical Christians representing the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews (IFCJ) donated $5,000 to each of the Nablus, destroying 1 Palestinian home; directs heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Khan Yunis. (LAW 7/8; PCHR 7/10)

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Fmr. Christian Coalition leader Gary Bauer and Rabbi Daniel Lapin, head of the ultraconservative Jewish-Christian group Toward Tradition, announce the formation of the American Alliance of Jews and Christians (AAJC), which they will co-chair. AAJC aims to “unite Christians in support of Israel and work with American Jews and Christians on behalf of traditional values.” Among the mbrs. of the AAJC board are Rev. Jerry Falwell. Rev. Pat Robertson. A similar Christian right lobbying group, Stand for Israel, cofounded by fmr. Christian Coalition exec. dir. Ralph Reed and IFCJ head Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein, is doing a $400,000 media campaign targeting major newspapers, conservative radio talk shows. (Toward Tradition press release 7/10; MEI 7/26) (see 7/9)
11 JULY

In Jenin, IDF APC trapped under a collapsed telephone pole opens fire on, wounds 2 Palestinian news photographers (clearly identified as press) photographing the scene, fires for more than 30 mins. on anyone trying to rescue them. A Palestinian gunman fatally shoots an IDF soldier in Gaza. A Palestinian dies fr. injuries received on 7/3. For no apparent reason, IDF troops open fire on Palestinians waiting to cross a Qalqilya checkpoint. The IDF also shells residential areas of Bayt Hanun. (HA 7/11; WT 7/12; AFP 7/12 in WNC 7/16; WP 7/13; LAW, PCHR 7/17; HA 7/28)

At a press conference in Jerusalem, Amnesty International (AI) releases a report calling Palestinian armed groups' attacks on Israeli civilians and Jewish settlers, particularly suicide bombings, “crimes against humanity and possible war crimes”; criticizes the PA for failing to crack down on militants more thoroughly. (AI press release, MM 7/11; NYT, WP 7/12; MM 7/19)

12 JULY

The IDF conducts arrest raids in Birzeit (searching Birzeit University dorms, arresting 10s of students), Dayr al-Balah (fatally shooting 2 Palestinians, including a 13-yr.-old boy), Khan Yunis; fatally shoots a 3d Palestinian nr. Qalqilya; directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Jenin, Rafah. A Palestinian photographer dies of injuries received on 7/11. The Armenian patriarchate reports that the IDF has confiscated church land, buildings along the Green Line nr. Aida r.c. for Israel’s new buffer zone. 32 international humanitarian agencies operating in the territories declare that it has become increasingly difficult over the past 2 mos. for them to work effectively given Israel’s “unprecedented military restrictions on humanitarian access to the civilian populations.” (AFP, alQuds 7/12 in WNC 7/16; NYT, WP 7/13; LAW, PCHR 7/17; Arminfo [Yerevan] 7/18 in WNC 7/19; Interfax 8/1 in WNC 8/2)

13 JULY

The IDF conducts arrest raids in Jenin; shells residential areas, bulldozes 5 dunams of Palestinian land nr. Khan Yunis; bulldozes 3 dunams nr. Kefar Darom settlement. (PCHR 7/17)

14 JULY

In Khan Yunis, a Palestinian on trial for collaborating with Israel is killed by Palestinian militants when the trial is disrupted by an IDF air strike nearby, leaving him unguarded. The IDF F-16s hit the home of senior Izzeddin al-Qassam Brigades mbr. Ahmad Yusif Abd al-Wahhab, who escapes; at least 5 Palestinian bystanders are wounded. The IDF fatally shoots a Palestinian farmer working in his field nr. Dugit settlement; claims it was responding to mortar fire fr. the area directed at the settlement. At checkpoint nr. Balata r.c., an Israeli border policeman fatally shoots a Palestinian who allegedly tried to knife him. The IDF bulldozes Palestinian agricultural land nr. Khan Yunis. (NYT, WP, WT 7/15; LAW, PCHR 7/17)

The ZOA gives Christian Broadcasting Network founder Pat Robertson the State of Israel Friendship Award for being “a major Christian leader who strongly supports Israel and its religious, historical, and legal right to the holy land.” (ZOA press release 7/9; JTA 7/12) (see 7/10)

15 JULY

In Qalqilya, IDF soldiers chasing curfew breakers toss stun grenades into a building, sparking a fire that kills 1 Palestinian. The IDF fatally shoots a 2d Palestinian during an arrest raid in Bayt Lahia; bulldozes 4 dunams of Bayt Lahia farmland nr. Dugit settlement; raids the Ramallah offices of the largest Palestinian Internet service provider, PalNet, disabling email, Internet access; conducts house-to-house searches in Hebron. (UPMRC, WT 7/16; LAW, PCHR 7/17; LAW 7/19)

In Alexandria, Ben-Eliezer confers with Mubarak, reportedly presents a “Gaza First” plan, which has not been endorsed by Sharon. Mubarak also meets with PA Local Government M Saeb Erakat; there is no evidence that Ben-Eliezer and Erakat meet. (MM 7/15; MENA 7/15, QA 7/16 in WNC 7/17; MM, NYT, WT 7/16; WT 7/17; JPI 7/26; MM 7/29) (see Quarterly Update)

16 JULY

Palestinian gunmen disguised as IDF soldiers ambush a bus nr. the West Bank settlement of Emmanuel, setting off a roadside bomb disabling the bus, then firing on passengers, killing 7 Jewish settlers, wounding 16; the attackers escape; AMB, DFLP,
Hamas. Islamic Jihad take responsibility, though military analysts believe Hamas was responsible. Israel places nearby Palestinian villages under curfew. Israeli police arrest 4 IDF soldiers. 1 Jewish settler living in settlements nr. Hebron. 1 IDF soldier living in Israel on suspicion of stealing 60,000 rounds of IDF ammunition, selling 1,000s of rounds to Palestinian militants; the IDF also arrests a Palestinian frm. Tarkumiyya as the middle-man. The IDF demolishes a Palestinian store under construction in Jerusalem; bulldozes 29 dunams of Palestinian land nr. Qarni crossing; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis; conducts arrest raids nr. Jaba’. (HA, REU 7/16; AFP 7/16 in WNC 7/17; LAW, MM, NYT, PCHR, WP, WT 7/17; WJW 7/18; AYM 7/18 in WNC 7/22; NYT, WP 7/19)

In New York, Powell hosts a senior-level Quartet mtg. to discuss ways of creating momentum for peace talks in light of Bush’s 6/24 speech; holds separate mtgs. with the FMs of Egypt, Jordan, The Arab FMs then dine with EU, Russian, UN Quartet reps. (MM 7/16; ITAR-TASS 7/16 in WNC 7/17; MM, NYT, WP, WT 7/17; MM 7/18; Interfax, ITAR-TASS, MENA 7/18 in WNC 7/19; MM 7/19) (see Quarterly Update)

17 JULY

2 Islamic Jihad suicide bombers stage a double bombing outside a cafe in Tel Aviv, killing 1 Israeli. 2 foreign workers, injuring 3. An 8th victim of the Emmanuel bus ambush on 7/16, a baby born prematurely in that attack, dies. The IDF tracks, engages in a 3-hr. gun battle with the 3 Palestinian gunmen involved in the ambush, leaving 2 Palestinians and 1 IDF officer dead, 3 IDF officers injured; 1 of the Palestinians escapes again. The IDF also conducts arrest raids in Silat al-Dahir, leaving 2 suspected AMB mbrs. dead; fatally shoots a Palestinian allegedly attempting to sneak into Israel nr. Qalqilya; arrests senior Izzeddin al-Qassam Brigades mbr. Muhamad Nathsheh in Ramallah. In Amari r.c., 2 Palestinian children are killed, 11 are wounded when they trigger an unexploded IDF shell. In Ramallah, a mysterious explosion kills 2 Palestinians. IDF F-16s bomb, destroy a foundry in Gaza that the IDF claims was a Hamas bomb-making facility. In Ramallah, PalNet Internet service, raided on 7/15, is restored. The IDF orders the confiscation of 60 dunams of Palestinian land btwn. Gaza City and Netzarim settlement for construction of a settlement bypass road. (LAW, PCHR 7/17; MM, NYT, WP, WT 7/18; WP 7/19; PCHR 7/21; MEI 7/26; XIN 7/28 in WNC 7/29)

18 JULY

A Jewish settler injured in the 7/16 bus ambush dies of her injuries, bringing the toll in that attack to 9. A previously unknown group called al-Nathir claims responsibility for the 7/17 Tel Aviv bombing, originally claimed by Islamic Jihad. The IDF bulldozes a Palestinian house, aviary nr. Dayr al-Balah; conducts arrest raids in Hebron (including confiscating files fr. Hebron University student union offices), Jenin, villages around Khan Yunis, the al-Mawasi area, Nablus, Tal; fires on residential areas of Rafah. (NYT 7/19; LAW 7/18; LAW, PCHR 7/24)

The FMs of Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia hold a 30-min. mtg. with Bush. White House chief of staff Andrew Card, Powell, Rice to discuss ways of keeping the peace process moving and to present a working paper (drafted with the PA, approved by Arab League FMs on 7/12). (WP 7/18; MENA 7/18 in WNC 7/22; HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 7/19; QA 7/19, al-Safir 7/20 in WNC 7/22; AYM 7/21 in WNC 7/23; MM 7/25; MEI 7/26) (see Quarterly Update)

19 JULY

The IDF blows up the family homes of senior AMB mbr. Ali Ajuri (allegedly behind the 7/17 Tel Aviv bombing) in Askar r.c., Izzeddin al-Qassam Brigades mbr. Nasser Assida (allegedly behind the 7/16 Emmanuel bus ambush) in Tal, also damaging 6 other homes; arrests their 21 male relatives, whom Israel threatens to expel to Gaza as a deterrent to other militants; neither suspect is captured. The IDF also shoots, seriously injures a Palestinian farmer working in his field nr. Qalqilya; fires stun grenades and tear gas at Palestinians leaving Friday services at the Bani Na’im Mosque; ransacks the offices of a Bani Na’im charity, confiscating computers; demolishes the science lab of an elementary school in Hebron. Residents of Arak Burin nr. Nablus say they have been without water for 34 days, since the IDF began barring water trucks fr. entering the village. (AI, GS, al-Haq, LAW, MM 7/19; NYT, WP 7/20; MENA, QA 7/20, AN, JT 7/21 in WNC 7/22; AYM 7/21 in WNC 7/23; MM 7/25; MEI 7/26)
20 JULY

The **IDF** shells, bulldozes an auto repair shop in Rafah r.c., also damaging a house; shells residential areas of, conducts arrest raids in Khan Yunis; temporarily lifts curfews in Hebron, Nablus, Ramallah. (WP 7/21; LAW, PCHR 7/24)

21 JULY

**Israel** backs off plans to expel to Gaza 21 male relatives of suspected Palestinian militants (see 7/19). **Sharon** tells his cabinet that he will abide by Atty. Gen. Rubinstein’s ruling that family mbrs. would have to have been directly involved in supporting the attacks in order to be depored. A small **remote-controlled bomb** explodes underneath a commuter train in Rehovat nr. Tel Aviv, slightly injuring the driver; no one takes responsibility. The **IDF** conducts arrest raids in Jenin; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis. A **Jewish settler** driving in Hebron deliberately runs over a Palestinian farmer that he will abide by Atty. Gen. Rubinstein’s ruling that family mbrs. would have to have been directly involved in supporting the attacks in order to be depored. A small **remote-controlled bomb** explodes underneath a commuter train in Rehovat nr. Tel Aviv, slightly injuring the driver; no one takes responsibility. The **IDF** conducts arrest raids in Jenin; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis. A **Jewish settler** driving in Hebron deliberately runs over a Palestinian farmer. (LAW, PCHR 7/24)

22 JULY

The **IDF** exchanges gunfire with 2 **Islamic Jihad mbrs.** nr. Gush Katif settlement, leaving the 2 Palestinians dead, 2 soldiers wounded; fires on residential areas of, conducts arrest raids in Tulkarm; reopens PLO Jerusalem affairs rep. Nusseibeh’s offices at al-Quds University. Late in the evening, the **IDF** assassimates Izzeddin al-Qassam Brigades founder and head Shaykh Salah Shihada, no. 1 on Israel’s most wanted list, sending an F-16 to fire a 1-ton guided missile at a building where he was staying in Gaza City, collapsing 3 buildings, heavily damaging 20 others, killing 14 **Palestinian bystanders** (including 9 children, 4 women), injuring 140. Palestinians across Gaza take to the streets to demonstrate against the assassination, which comes hrs. after the **AMB**, **Hamas**, **Islamic Jihad** agreed to declare a unilateral cease-fire after wks. of intra-Palestinian talks (see Doc. B4). (HA, JP, MM, REU 7/22; AFP 7/22 in WNC 7/23; AP, B’Tselem press release, HA, MEZ, MM, NYT, PCHR, UN press release, WP, WT 7/23; ATL 7/23 in WNC 7/24; HA, LAW, MM, NYT, PCHR, WP, WT, YA 7/24; ITAR-TASS, MENA al-Quds 7/24 in WNC 7/25; Gulf Times 7/24, AFP, JT, MA, al-Quds, SA, XIN 7/25 in WNC 7/26; HA, MM NYT, WJW, WP, WT 7/25; MEI 7/26; JT, al-Nabar 7/26 in WNC 7/29; MM 7/29, 7/30; JPI, MM 8/2; MA, SA 8/2 in WNC 8/5; MEI 8/16) (see 5/14/00; Quarterly Update)

23 JULY

A **Palestinian farmer** dies of injuries received on 7/19. The **IDF** shells residential areas of Khan Yunis, Rafah; conducts arrest raids in Hebron, Ramallah. In Gaza, 100,000 **Palestinians** attend the funeral for those killed in the 7/22 air strike targeting Shihada. (LAW, PCHR 7/24)

24 JULY

The **IDF** shells residential areas of Jenin r.c. **Palestinians** fire 2 Qassam-2 rockets fr. Gaza into Israel and several mortars fr. Gaza at settlements inside the Strip, causing no damage or injuries. An **Israeli** dies of injuries received in the 7/17 bombing, bringing the death toll of the attack to 4. An **Israeli military court** extends the detention without charge of a **Palestinian photographer** for Agence France-Press, who was taken into custody by the IDF at a West Bank checkpoint on 4/24; a **Palestinian photographer** for Reuters detained by the **IDF** on 4/30 is also still in custody. (JTA, PCHR 7/24; MM, NYT 7/25; WT 7/26; Le Monde 7/26 in WNC 7/29)

25 JULY

**Palestinian gunmen** open fire on a Jewish settler vehicle nr. Aley Zahav nr. Qalqilya, killing 1 **Jewish settler** rabbi, wounding 1; then open fire on ambulance workers who arrive on the scene, causing no additional injuries; **AMB**, **Popular Army Front–Return Battalions** take responsibility, with the latter reportedly issuing a “hit list” of Israeli officials, including **Sharon**. The **IDF** sends tanks, APCs into Gaza City, demolishing a **PSF** post and 2 buildings, firing tank shells and heavy machine guns at residential areas; raids the home of, detains **Arafat refugee affairs adviser ‘Abd al-Fattah Ghanem**; raids homes in Khan Yunis, destroying property, bulldozing 6 dunams of land, vandalizing a children’s summer camp; conducts arrest raids in Aida r.c., Bethlehem,
Qalqilya (arresting local Fatah secy. Ahmad Shuraym), Tal. Israeli police arrest another Jewish settler on charges of selling ammunition to the Palestinians (see 7/16). (MM, NYT, WT 7/25; MM, NYT, WP, WT 7/26; LAW, PCHR 7/31; WJW 8/1)

26 JULY

AMB gunmen fire on 2 Jewish settler vehicles s. of Hebron, killing 4 Jewish settlers, wounding 3. Palestinians fire an antitank missile at a settler bus nr. Gaza City, causing damage but no injuries. 2 Palestinians die of injuries received on 7/22, bringing the toll of the Shihada assassination to 17. The IDF conducts house-to-house searches in Qalqilya, firing on residential areas, killing 1 Palestinian-American standing nr. a window in his kitchen; bulldozes 3 auto repair shops in Gaza City suspected of manufacturing Qassam rockets, injuring 5 Palestinians; shells residential areas of Khan Yunis. Jewish settlers take over a Palestinian home in Hebron, set a room on fire, destroy water tanks. (NYT, WP, WT 7/27; XIN 7/29 in WNC 7/30; LAW, PCHR 7/31)

27 JULY

The IDF enters Khan Yunis, fires on residential areas, bulldozes land; raids Wadi Burkin, demolishing a Palestinian home, arresting 2 Palestinians; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Jenin; bulldozes land in Beitunia; directs heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Bayt Lahia. Jewish settlers attack Palestinian home in Hebron, setting 2 rooms on fire. (LAW, PCHR 7/31)

28 JULY

Following a funeral for settlers killed on 7/26, some 100 Jewish settlers rampage through Palestinian neighborhoods of Hebron, attacking Palestinian homes and cars, firing on homes, killing a 14-yr.-old Palestinian girl, injuring 15; 1 group of settlers breaks into a Palestinian home, destroys furniture, stabs and seriously injures an 8-yr.-old Palestinian boy; some settlers beat, destroy the cameras of 2 photographers (an American free-lancer and a Yedio‘t Aharonot rep.), a journalist (Yedio‘t Aharonot). The IDF raids an area nr. Ramallah, capturing 4 Hamas mbrs., including senior mbrs. Furajy Rumayna and Hussein Abu Kuwayk (whom the IDF attempted to assassinate on 3/4/02), fatally shooting 1 Palestinian as he watches the incursion; shells residential areas of, bulldozes 6 dunams of land in Khan Yunis. The mayor of Nablus, where the IDF’s 24-hr. curfew has been temporarily lifted only 5 times in the past 40 days, calls on residents to ignore the curfew in an act of civil disobedience; 10s of Nablus residents open shops, banks, markets, go about their day-to-day duties; the IDF does not interfere. (XIN 7/28 in WNC 7/29; MM, NYT, WP, WT 7/29; NYT, WT 7/30; LAW, PCHR 7/31; WJW 8/1; HA 8/3)

29 JULY

The IDF directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Bayt Lahia (injuring a 14-yr.-old boy), Khan Yunis (injuring 2 9-yr.-old boys), Rafah (injuring a 4-yr.-old girl). 100s of Nablus residents defy the IDF curfew for a 2d day; the IDF does not intervene. Late this evening, a Palestinian infiltrates Itamar settlement, stabs and lightly wounds 2 Jewish settlers before being shot dead by IDF troops. A Palestinian runs over a Jewish settler on 7/21 dies of his injuries. (NYT, WT 7/30; LAW, PCHR, WP 7/31)

30 JULY

A Palestinian suicide bomber detones a device in a Jerusalem restaurant, lightly wounding 5 Israelis. AMB gunmen lure 2 Jewish settlers (diesel fuel salesmen) arresting 2 Palestinians; conducts arrest raids, to Jamayn village, fatally shoot them; 1 of the assailants is later arrested. 1,000s of Nablus residents defy the 24-hr. curfew for a 3d day. The IDF removes the curfew on Qalqilya; bulldozes 3 Palestinian apartment buildings in Jenin allegedly housing bomb-making labs; directs heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Khan Yunis, injuring 2 women, 2 children sleeping in their homes. In the Israeli town of Ashkelon, an Israeli Jew (recently emigrated from Morocco) walking the beach nr. the home of a senior Israeli security official is stopped, searched, shot, seriously wounded by guards who thought he was a Palestinian attacker. An Israeli prosecutor charges 2 Palestinian detainees with masterminding attacks that killed 17 Israelis, marking the 1st indictments handed down in a civilian court against Palestinians detained during the al-Aqsa intifada. (AP, MM 7/30; JTA, MM, NYT, PCHR, WP, WT 7/31; NYT 8/1)

31 JULY

A package bomb explodes in a crowded Hebrew University cafeteria in Jerusalem,
Chronology

1 AUGUST

The IDF soldiers stationed in Netzer Hazani settlement direct shells, machine gun fire at nearby residential areas of al-Qarara, fatally shooting a 9-yr.-old Palestinian girl. A Palestinian dies of injuries received on 7/15. The body of a bound, fatally shot Israeli businessman is found in a Tulkarm industrial zone. The IDF bulldozes Palestinian agricultural land nr. Dayr al-Balah, Rafah; demolishes the home of local Islamic Jihad military cmdr. Muhammad Abu Tabikh in Jenin; blows up a home in al-Brazil, damaging 7 nearby houses; directs heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Khan Yunis; conducts arrest raids in Tulkarm. (MM 8/1; NYT 8/2; LAW, PCHR 8/7)

In Washington, King Abdullah holds talks with Bush on the peace process, dangers of striking Iraq. Abdullah urges Bush to outline specific steps, timeline for moving the peace process forward. Bush says that he’s still committed to the creation of a Palestinian state in 3 yrs. but he does not think any new steps by Israel are necessary at the moment. (JT 8/1 in WNC 8/2; NYT, WP, WT 8/2; DUS 8/2 in WNC 8/7)

2 AUGUST

In retaliation for the 7/31 bombing, the IDF stages a predawn raid into Nablus, which Israel says is the “possible source” of the bomb, sending in more than 150 bulldozers, tanks, APCs; conducting house-to-house searches in the Old City, moving fr. building to building by breaking through walls; ordering all men ages 15–50 to surrender for questioning; arresting 10s of Palestinians; demolishing 2 apartment buildings allegedly housing bomb-making labs; meeting light resistance, leaving at least 2 Palestinians dead, 5 wounded. The IDF also detains, questions, hand cuffs, then fatally shoots Hamas mbr. Amjad Jabour outside his home in Salim, nr. Nablus; shells residential areas of Dayr al-Balah, killing an 85-yr.-old Palestinian woman in her home; clashes with Palestinian gunmen in Rafah, fatally shooting 1 Palestinian; demolishes 6 Palestinian homes (1 Hebron, 3 Rafah, 1 elsewhere in the West Bank) belonging to relatives of Palestinian militants; prepares to expel 2 brothers of 2 assailants to Gaza. (AP, MM, NYT, WP, WT 8/2; LAW, PCHR 8/7)

3 AUGUST

In Nablus, the IDF conducts arrest raids, searches homes; bulldozers block entrances to Nablus’s old city with dirt; tanks, APCs patrol, tightly enforcing curfew. The IDF fatally shoots a Palestinian driving a truck in Hebron just after a curfew had been reimposed without warning; demolishes 8 Palestinian homes (1 Hebron, 5 Jenin, and 2 Nablus) belonging to relatives of Palestinian militants; shells residential areas of Khan Yunis. (NYT, WP, WT 8/4; LAW, PCHR 8/7)

4 AUGUST

A Hamas suicide bomber detonates a device on a bus at Meron Junction in n. Israel, killing 3 IDF soldiers, 2 Israeli civilians, 2 Philippine workers, 2 Israeli Arabs and wounding 40 (mostly soldiers); Hamas says it will not release the name of the bomber to prevent Israel fr. retaliating against his relatives. In Jerusalem, an AMB gunman fatally shoots an Israeli guard, an Israeli telephone employee nr. Damascus
Gate; **Israeli policemen, soldiers** open fire indiscriminately in the direction of the shooter, who is near a café, killing him, a **Palestinian** café patron, wounding 17. Nr. Aley Sinai settlement in Gaza, the **IDF** fatally shoots a **Palestinian frogman** as he emerges fr. the sea carrying a rifle, grenades in a sealed bag. **AMB gunmen** detonate a roadside bomb nr. a settler car nr. Ramallah, fire on passengers, injuring 3 **Jewish settlers**. **PFLP gunfire** fire on a settler bus nr. Tulkarm, injuring 4 **Jewish settlers**. A roadside bomb injures 4 **IDF soldiers** nr. Ramallah. The **IDF** demolishes an 18-dunam PA Youth and Sports Min. complex, a 20-dunam PSF training center, 4 privately owned buildings, several boats in Bayt Lahia. **Jewish settlers** attack a PRCS ambulance nr. Ramallah, injuring 2 paramedics. (AFP 8/4 in WNC 8/5; MM, NYT, WP, WT 8/5; LAW, PCHR 8/7)

### 5 AUGUST

In light of the increase in violence, **Ben-Eliezer** promises a “long list of actions” in the West Bank and Gaza that would “make the closure much bigger than it is now”; bans all Palestinian travel in the n. West Bank; seals the s. Gaza Strip. The **IDF** makes a predawn raid on Burqa village, assassinates wanted **AMB mbr. Khalid Sayf**, also killing 1 **Palestinian** bystander; opens fire on a group of Palestinians violating the curfew nr. Nablus, killing a 13-yr.-old **Palestinian boy**. **Palestinian gunmen** ambush a settler vehicle nr. Nablus, killing 2 **Jewish settlers**, wounding 2. A **Palestinian car** explodes nr. Umm al-Fahm, killing the **Palestinian** driver and injuring another in what the **IDF** says was a premature detonation of a suicide bomb; al-Nathir takes responsibility. The **IDF** says it has captured Hamas mbr. **Mazan Fukha**, who allegedly plotted the 8/4 bus bombing; shells, demolishes an autobody shop in Gaza City that allegedly served as a weapons factory; conducts arrest raids nr. Khan Yunis, Tubas; shells residential areas nr. Dayr al-Balah. (MM, WP, WT 8/5; AFP 8/5 in WNC 8/5; NYT, WP, WT 8/6; LAW, PCHR 8/7)

With Sharon’s permission, **Ben-Eliezer** presents his Gaza First plan to PA Interior M Yahya, senior PA security officials. (HA, WP 8/6; MM 8/7; HA 8/8; MM 8/16) (see 7/15; Quarterly Update)

For the 10th yr. in a row, the **Anti-Defamation League** sponsors a group of U.S. college newspaper editors on a trip (8/5–18) to Israel, Poland, Bulgaria to learn about the history of the Holocaust, the founding of Israel, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. (JTA 8/6)

### 6 AUGUST

The **IDF** assassinates wanted **AMB mbrs. Ali Ajuri** (who allegedly plotted the 7/17 Tel Aviv bombing, reportedly is the leader of al-Nathir) and **Murad Marshud**, firing air-to-surface missile at them in Jenin. Israel orders Ajuri’s brother, sister deported to Gaza for sheltering him. The **IDF** also captures an armed **Egyptian infiltrator**, who crossed the border into Israel nr. Elat; imposes a curfew on al-Qarara, orders all men over age 15 to surrender for questioning, conducts house-to-house searches, bulldozes 3 dunams of agricultural land. (AP, HA, LAW, MM 8/6; LAW, NYT, PCHR, WP, WT 8/7) (see 7/19)

Throwing out appeals by 49 **Palestinian families**. Israel’s **High Court** upholds the **IDF’s** right to demolish homes of Palestinians accused of “terrorist” attacks without giving family mbrs. warning. Currently, 107 homes that housed suicide bombers are slated for demolition, plus 100s of other homes belonging to other “suspected terrorists.” (HA, MM, NYT, WP 8/7; al-Quds 8/7; WNC 8/12)

### 7 AUGUST

**IDF commandos** raid Tulkarm, assassinate local **AMB cmdr. Ziad Da’as**, also killing 2 **Palestinian bystanders**. In Khan Yunis, an **IDF sniper** fatally shoots Hamas mbr. **Hussam Hamdan**, son of top Hamas political leader Ahmad Nimr. The **IDF** makes a predawn raid on Bayt Lahia, firing on residential areas (killing 1 **Palestinian** sleeping on his roof), arresting 3 relatives of a wanted Hamas mbr.; fires on residential areas of Dayr al-Balah (seriously injuring a 12-yr.-old Palestinian boy), Khan Yunis; arrests local **AMB leader Yahya Dahamsa** in Bethlehem, demolishes his rented home; demolishes the family homes of relatives of 3 other Palestinian militants elsewhere; shoots at 2 PRCS ambulances in Gaza, disabling 1. A **small bomb** explodes underneath a fuel truck in Rishon Letzion, lightly injuring the Israeli driver; no group claims responsibility (see 5/23). **Israeli police** arrest 2 19-yr.-old Palestinian women in Ramallah; 2 **Palestinian mbrs.** of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine are arrested; 1 **Palestinian** injures another in a predawn raid on Aley Sinai settlement in Gaza; **Palestinian driver** Yunis, an **IDF sniper** fatally shoots Hamas mbr. **Mubarak al-Najjar**, serving as a weapons factory; conducts arrest raids nr. Khan Yunis; Tubas; shells residential areas nr. Dayr al-Balah. (MM, WP, WT 8/5; AFP 8/5 in WNC 8/5; NYT, WP, WT 8/6; LAW, PCHR 8/7)

For the 10th yr. in a row, the **Anti-Defamation League** sponsors a group of U.S. college newspaper editors on a trip (8/5–18) to Israel, Poland, Bulgaria to learn about the history of the Holocaust, the founding of Israel, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. (JTA 8/6)
ance of the IDF curfew; the IDF responds with live fire, tear gas, percussion grenades, and arrests the International Solidarity Movement (ISM) leader Adam Shapiro and 1 Palestinian; Shapiro is transferred to Ramla prison pending deportation. (AP, ISM press release, LAW, MM, NYT, PCHR, WP 8/7; NYT, WP, WT 8/8; WT 8/9)

Arafat convenes an EA mtg. to grant "preliminary approval" to Ben-Eliezer's Gaza First plan. Israeli, PA security teams meet in the evening to discuss implementation but fail to agree on terms. (HA 8/7; HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 8/8; AFP, al-Quds, XIN 8/8 in WNC 8/9; MM, WP 8/9; AYM, al-Quds 8/9, SA 8/11 in WNC 8/12; AYM 8/11 in WNC 8/15; WJW 8/15; MEI, MM 8/8/16) (see 8/5; Quarterly Update)

**8 AUGUST**

The IDF conducts arrest raids in Bayt Lahia, detaining 9 Palestinians, fatally shooting 1 Palestinian bystander; bulldozes 5 Palestinian homes (1 Bayt Jala, 2 Bethlehem, 1 Hebron, 1 Jenin); fires tear gas, live ammunition at the funeral procession for Hamas's Hamdan (assassinated on 8/7), seriously injuring a 15-yr.-old boy. (NYT 8/8; NYT, WP, WT 8/9; PCHR 8/15, 8/16)

In Washington, PA officials Erakat, Economic M Mahir al-Masri, Yahya open several days of talks with senior administration, CIA, USAID officials. (WT 8/8; NYT, WP, WT 8/9; WT 8/10; AYM 8/10 in WNC 8/11, 8/12; NYT, WP, WT 8/11; AYM 8/11 in WNC 8/12; MM 8/12; NYT 8/13; WT 8/14) (see Quarterly Update)

**9 AUGUST**

The IDF exchanges gunfire with armed Palestinians in Tulkarm r.c., fatally shooting a Palestinian bystander; closes a settler bypass road s. of Jerusalem for several hrs. after reports of "suspicious figures" in the area (who turn out to be shepherds carrying crooks); conducts arrest raids in Dayr al-Balah, Qalqilya; bulldozes 2 dunams of agricultural land in, and shells residential areas of Khan Yunis. 1 Palestinian dies of injuries received during the 7/22 IDF air strike; a 2d Palestinian dies of injuries received on 8/7. (NYT 8/10; PCHR 8/16)

**10 AUGUST**

In Nablus, IDF soldiers halt a Palestinian electric company employee driving a company truck who is returning fr. making authorized repairs during a curfew, kill him with 1 shot to the head; the IDF later apologizes, says it will investigate. The IDF fatally shoots an armed Hamas mbr., attempting to sneak into Israel fr. Gaza. An AMB gunman infiltrates Mehola settlement, fatally shooting 1 Jewish settler, seriously wounding a 2d before being shot dead. A 4th Palestinian dies of injuries received on 8/7. The IDF uses water cannons, horses to break up a nonviolent demonstration by 500 Israeli, Palestinian peace activists nr. a Bethlehem–Jerusalem checkpoint, injuring 2; for no apparent reason opens fire with live ammunition, rubber bullets, percussion grenades on Palestinians waiting to cross Surda checkpoint in Ramallah, seriously injuring 2; bulldozes at least 4 dunams of agricultural land nr. Kefar Darom settlement in Gaza. (NYT, WP, WT 8/8; NYT 8/12; PCHR 8/16)

**11 AUGUST**

A Hamas gunman fires on Israeli roadworkers nr. Dugit settlement in Gaza, wounding 1 before being fatally shot by the IDF. A Palestinian dies of injuries received in the 7/22 IDF air strike; an Israeli dies of injuries received in the 7/31 bombing. Ha'Artez reporter Gideon Levy is fired on by IDF soldiers without warning in Tulkarm but is uninjured. The IDF bulldozes 20 dunams of agricultural land in Bayt Hanun, more than 3 dunams nr. Bayt Lahia. ISM leader Shapiro leaves Israel of his own accord (see 8/7). (LAW, NYT, WP 8/12; NYT, WP 8/13; HA, PCHR 8/16)

**12 AUGUST**

In an overnight raid, IDF commandos surround the home of wanted AMB mbr. Ghazal Frayhat in Yamun nr. Jenin, evict 13 family mbrs., take Frayhat into custody, fatally shoot him. The IDF fires on residential areas of Jaba'. (HA 8/12; NYT, WP 8/13; PCHR 8/16)

An Israeli military court approves the expulsion to Gaza of 3 relatives of Palestinian militants involved in fatal attacks on Israelis. (HA 8/12; NYT, WT 8/13)

After wks. of secret mtgs. in Gaza, the National and Islamic Higher Comm. for the Follow-up of the Intifada, comprising all Palestinian factions, says it is close to finalizing a draft national unity platform. (AP, BBC, MM, NYT, WT 8/13; AYM, SA 8/13 in WNC 8/14; NYT, WP 8/14; MM 8/15) (see Quarterly Update)
lost an arm, 2 legs in 2 previous assassination attempts in 5/01 and 4/02) in a friend's home in Tubas, firing rockets fr. helicopters passing commuter bus shoots, seriously at the house, then bulldozing it; 1 Palestinian wounds a Palestinian motorcyclist scuffling with an Israeli traffic policeman over a traffic incident. An Israeli dies of injuries received in 7/31 bombing, bringing that toll to 9. The IDF demolishes Palestinian homes, 2 belonging to relatives of Palestinian militants (in Dahiriyya, Dura), 2 others (nr. Bethlehem, nr. Hebron); bulldozes 40 dunams of agricultural land in Khuzza, also damaging a school. (NYT, WP 8/14; PCHR, WJW 8/15; PCHR 8/16)

Overriding a military court ruling (see 8/12), the Israeli High Court issues a 15-day injunction against the forced transfer to Gaza of 3 relatives of Palestinian militants, demanding that the government show cause why it would be permitted to carry out the expulsions. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 8/14; MA 8/14 in WNC 8/15; WJW 8/15)

10s of Christian TV stations air a 5-hr. telethon in support of “Israeli victims of terrorism,” with half of the money raised earmarked for a fund organized by the United Jewish Communities, half funding production of daily news segments on Israel for Christian TV stations. (HA 8/11) (see 7/10)

14 AUGUST

The IDF assassinates wheelchair-bound senior Hamas mbr. Nasir Jarrar (who had
IDF soldiers guard Palestinians detained during a major incursion into Balata r.c., 31 May 2002. (AFP Photo/Jaafar Ashtiyeh)