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# CHRONOLOGY

16 AUGUST–15 NOVEMBER 2002

*This section is part seventy-six 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)** continue to reoccupy 7 Palestinian towns (Bethlehem, Hebron, Jenin, Nablus, Qalqilya, Ramallah, Tulkarm) and impose 24-hr. curfews on most population centers, tight restrictions on movement throughout the West Bank, Gaza. The **IDF** demolishes 5 **Palestinian homes** (2 Anabta, 1 Bayt Hanun, 2 Jenin); conducts arrest raids nr. Hebron. (NYT, WT 8/17; LAW, PCHR 8/21; PCHR 8/26)

## 17 AUGUST

The **IDF** conducts arrest raids in Hebron, occupying 1 Palestinian home as an IDF post; fires shells at a farm nr. Jabaliya r.c., killing a number of animals. The **IDF** suddenly reimposes the curfew on Tulkarm, opens fire on a number of Palestinians caught outside on their way home fr. food shopping, causing 1 **Palestinian** to have a heart attack; bars ambulances fr. reaching him, allowing him to die. (NYT, WT 8/18; AN 8/19 in WNC 8/21; LAW, PCHR 8/21; PCHR 8/26)

## 18 AUGUST

The **IDF** temporarily lifts the curfew on Hebron; shells residential areas of Khan Yunis, destroying 1 **Palestinian home**; bulldozes 3 **Palestinian homes** s. of Nablus; conducts arrest raids in Khan Yunis, Karabatha Bani Harith, Rafah (taking 8 Palestinians to Morag settlement for interrogation); temporarily detains, beats, confiscates the camera of a **Palestinian journalist** for Reuters. Israel's **National Religious Party (NRP)** reports that 4 new settler bypass roads are under construction in the West Bank. (Hatzofe 8/18 in WNC 8/20; LAW, PCHR 8/21; PCHR 8/26)

In Tel Aviv, **Israeli DM Benjamin Ben-Eliezer, PA Interior M 'Abd al-Razzaq Yahya** agree on implementation of Ben-Eliezer's Gaza First plan (see Quarterly Update in *JPS* 125): the **IDF** is to withdraw fr. parts of Gaza and fr. Bethlehem within 48 hrs.; the PA is to take control of security in areas evacuated; if calm is maintained, Israel would extend the arrangement to Hebron. Israel makes no promises to halt assassinations, arrest raids, home demolitions; the PA makes no promises to make preventive arrests of mbrs. of opposition groups. National unity talks among the 12 Palestinian factions making up the **National and Islamic Higher Coordinating Comm. of the Intifada (NIHC)** reportedly continue in Gaza (see Quarterly Update in *JPS* 125). (XIN 8/18 in WNC 8/20; MM, NYT, WP, WT 8/19; AFP 8/19, AYM 8/20 in WNC 8/21; MM 8/21; *al-Quds* 8/21 in WNC 8/22, 8/23; MM 8/22; MA 8/25 in WNC 8/26; JPI, MEI 8/30)

## 19 AUGUST

The **IDF** turns over control of Bethlehem, the main n.–s. road in Gaza to the **PA Preventive Security Force (PSF)**, lifts the curfew on Bethlehem, keeps troops on the outskirts of the city, poised to invade if the PA fails to maintain security control; 400 **PSF** officers take up posts around the city. The **IDF** fatally shoots a **14-yr.-old boy** in Jenin for no apparent reason; blows up a building in Nablus that it claims to be a bomb-making factory; raids a **PSF** post nr. Ramallah, detaining 6 **PSF** officers; bulldozes 9 dunams (4 dunams = 1 acre) of agricultural land, 1 **Palestinian home** in Satar al-Gharbiyya; conducts arrest raids in Jenin r.c. (MM 8/19; MM, NYT, WP, WT 8/20; LAW, PCHR, WP 8/21; AKH 8/22 in WNC 8/23; PCHR 8/26)

**Fatah Revolutionary Council (FRC) head Sabri al-Banna (Abu Nidal)**, who

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broke with the Fatah organization in the 1970s, is found dead in his Baghdad apartment. Iraqi officials say he committed suicide, but do not explain how he suffered multiple gunshot wounds. (HA 8/19; MM, NYT, WP, WT 8/20; NYT, WP, WT 8/21; DUS 8/21 in WNC 8/22; MA 8/29 in WNC 8/30; MM 9/20)

## 20 AUGUST

In Ramallah, **IDF commandos** assassinate **senior Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) mbr.**

**Muhammad Saadat**, brother of PFLP head Ahmad Saadat; the IDF also raids Tulkarm r.c., fatally shoots **wanted tanzim mbr. Af-sam Salima** in an apparent assassination. A **Hamas** sniper fatally shoots an **IDF soldier** nr. Gadid settlement in retaliation for the IDF sniper shooting of a Hamas mbr. a wk. ago; IDF forces in the area return fire killing a **15-yr.-old Palestinian** bystander. **IDF** also shells Khan Yunis, Tulkarm r.c. (killing 1 **Palestinian**); raids Dayr al-Balah (conducting house-to-house searches), Jenin r.c. (firing live ammunition and tank shells at stone throwers, injuring 5), al-Yamun (occupying 2 Palestinian homes). (MM 8/20; HA, LAW, NYT, PCHR, WP 8/21; PCHR 8/26; MEI 8/30)

**Israel's American PR consultants** urge **Israel, American Jewish groups** to adhere to a new PR strategy based on equating Israeli and U.S. values, not attacking **PA head Yasir Arafat** directly, being more hopeful. The changes come as a result of polls showing that Americans are increasingly blaming both sides in the conflict. (JTA 8/20)

## 21 AUGUST

**Israeli police** announce that they have broken up a **Hamas** cell operating in East Jerusalem that allegedly was responsible for the 7/31/02 Hebrew University bombing; say they have arrested 15 Palestinians in East Jerusalem, Ramallah connected to the cell but only identify 5, 4 of whom have Jerusalem ID cards. The **IDF** shells residential areas of Khan Yunis, sends 20 tanks and bulldozers in to blow up 2 **Palestinian homes**, damaging 10 others, bulldozing the surrounding area, killing 1 **Palestinian**, injuring 6; conducts arrest raids in Jenin, detaining 3 Palestinians, blowing up their 3 cars, damaging 4 nearby homes; conducts arrest raids in Hebron, occupying an empty 3-story building as an IDF post. **Israeli** security denies entry to **52 French peace activists** at Ben-Gurion

Airport as part of **Israel's** ongoing effort to halt foreigners fr. making solidarity visits to Palestinians. Israel allows the group to enter after the **French government** intervenes, reminding Israel that the group was invited by an **MK**. (HA, LAW, MM, PCHR, REU 8/21; AFP 8/21 in WNC 8/22; MM, NYT, WP, WT 8/22; RFI 8/22 in WNC 8/23; PCHR 8/26; WJW 8/29; HA 10/2)

## 22 AUGUST

**Israel's Interior M Eli Yishai** says he has initiated steps to revoke the residency status of **4 East Jerusalem Palestinians** arrested for participation in a Hamas cell (see 8/21); he says, "There is no need to wait for a trial because the evidence is clear and based on intelligence of their terrorist activity." **Israeli police** detain **senior Greek Orthodox Church official Atallah Hanna** at his East Jerusalem home on charges of "expressing support for terrorist organizations," "illegally entering an enemy country" (Lebanon and Syria); release him after 5 hrs. of questioning. The **IDF** arrests the head of **Hamas's** Qalqilya political wing; bulldozes 7 dunams of olive groves in Dayr al-Balah; conducts arrest raids in Dura. (AFP, HA 8/22; MM, WT 8/23; MM 8/27; LAW, PCHR 8/28)

**Israeli PM Ariel Sharon** cancels plans to make a trip to the U.S. to attend a rally in support of Israel in Tallahassee with **Florida Gov. Jeb Bush**, brother of **U.S. Pres. George W. Bush**, on 9/9, a day before the Florida Democratic primary; also cancels plans to go to LA to attend another rally hosted by a Republican candidate in tight midterm elections there. Democrats had denounced the visit, which was arranged with Pres. **Bush's** sway, but Sharon says he decided he would have to stay in Israel to prepare for a budget battle which will take place in 10/02. Sharon canceled two previous trips to Florida when he cut short previous trips to the U.S. because of bombings in Israel. (NYT, WP 8/23; MA 8/23 in WNC 8/26)

## 23 AUGUST

The **IDF** fatally shoots **2 armed al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade (AMB) mbrs.** attempting to infiltrate Gaza's Kefar Darom settlement; demolishes 2 **Palestinian homes**, 1 brick factory in Dayr al-Balah; razes 25 dunams of olive groves in Abasan nr. Khan Yunis; fires on residential areas nr. Rafah; arrests **4 humanitarian workers** (2 Palestinians, 2 for-

eign nationals) in Nablus for no apparent reason, threatens to deport 2 foreigners. **Jewish settlers** establish a new settlement enclave nr. Shvut Rachel settlement. (WP, WT 8/24; PCHR 8/28; Peace Now press release 9/2)

**Israeli, Palestinian security cmdrs.** hold talks in Jerusalem on the Gaza First implementation, but Israel puts off discussion of expanding the arrangement to Hebron for at least a wk. (AYM 8/24 in WNC 8/26)

## 24 AUGUST

The **IDF** fatally shoots **AMB Jenin cmdr. Muhammad al-Ott**, wounds 5 in a shootout in Jenin; fires tank shells at stone throwers in Nablus, injuring 9 Palestinians; reimposes the curfew on Hebron; shells residential areas of, razes 69 dunams of agricultural land in Abasan, Khuza; demolishes 3 **Palestinian homes** in Gaza allegedly used as cover by AMB mbrs. who attempted to infiltrate Kefar Darom on 8/23; confiscates an **apartment building** in Hebron as an IDF post; raids a Hebron police station, detaining 1 PSF officer. In Tulkarm, **AMB** gunmen fatally shoot a **Palestinian woman** who allegedly collaborated with Israel in the 8/7/02 assassination of local AMB cmdr. Ziad Da'as. (WP, WT 8/25; *al-Quds* 8/24, XIN 8/25 in WNC 8/26; NYT, WT 8/26; LAW, PCHR 8/28; NYT 9/2)

## 25 AUGUST

**Israel** says there will be no further **IDF** redeployments fr. PA areas at least until late 9/02, after the Jewish holidays. The **IDF** raids the home of, arrests **PFLP politburo mbr. al-'Alim Yunis Da'na**; conducts arrest raids in Hebron, Salfit (demolishing several **Palestinian homes**); fires on residential areas of Jenin, Khan Yunis; bulldozes 13 dunams of agricultural land along the Shuhada Junction–Qarni settler bypass road. (XIN 8/25 in WNC 8/26; NYT 8/26; PCHR 8/28; MEI 8/30)

## 26 AUGUST

The **IDF** sends tanks into Jenin town, r.c. to arrest **wanted Hamas mbr. Jamal Abu al-Hayja**, demolish at least 1 **Palestinian home**; fires rubber-coated steel bullets at Palestinian stone throwers in Ramallah during a temporary lifting of the curfew, injuring 6 Palestinians (including a photographer for Reuters). **Israel** announces that 7 **Israeli Arabs** fr. the n. village of Bana were arrested

“some time ago” by **Shin Bet** for involvement in a Hamas bombing on 8/4/02; says it may run its buffer fence w. of some Israeli Arab towns as a result, effectively treating them as part of the West Bank. A **Jewish settler** kills a **Palestinian child** in a hit-and-run nr. Hebron. (NYT, WT 8/27; PCHR 8/28; MEI 8/30)

## 27 AUGUST

The **IDF** conducts arrest raids in Ramallah, detaining **PFLP politburo mbrs. Bashir Khayri and Ali Jaradat, PFLP activist Sakir Hanacha** (see 8/25); temporarily lifts the curfew on Hebron. Late in the evening, **Palestinians** fire a mortar at a Jewish settlement in Gaza, causing light damage but no injuries. **Jewish settlers** establish a new settlement enclave nr. Eli settlement. (PCHR, WT 8/28; JP 8/29; AFP, Peace Now press release 9/2)

## 28 AUGUST

The **IDF** fatally shoots 1 **Palestinian** biking too close to Gush Katif settlement. Nr. Shaykh Ajlin in Gaza, the **IDF** conducts an “intensive operation” to halt arms smuggling after seeing suspicious barrels in the sea; the DMin. later says the barrels contained refrigerators. Late in the evening, the **IDF** fires 2 shells at a bedouin encampment in Shaykh Ajlin, killing 4 **Palestinians**, injuring 8, prevents ambulances fr. reaching the wounded for 40 mins. The **IDF** also fires on residential areas of Jenin r.c., killing 1 **Palestinian** inside his home. In the compound of the Beit El municipal court, 5 **Israeli border policemen** seriously beat 2 **Palestinians**, stopping only when they realize the prisoners' families, lawyers, IDF soldiers have arrived; 1 **Palestinian** requires hospitalization. **Jewish settlers** establish 4 new settlement outposts (1 nr. Elon Moreh, 2 nr. Har Bracha, 1 nr. Itamar). Late in the evening, **Palestinians** fire 5 mortars at an IDF post, a Jewish settlement in Gaza, causing no damage. (AP, MM, PCHR 8/28; HA, NYT, PM, WP, WT 8/29; BBC, MM 8/30; Peace Now press release 9/2; MEI 9/13)

Citing the alleged arms smuggling operation today and the mortar fire on 8/27, **Ben-Eliezer** indefinitely postpones a mtg. with **Yahya** set for today to discuss the stalled Gaza First proposal; says the PA must first assert security control in the Strip before the **IDF** would redeploy. (AP, MM 8/28; MM, NYT, WP 8/29)

## 29 AUGUST

The **IDF** shells and raids Rafah, fatally shooting a **7-yr.-old Palestinian boy**, demolishing 21 stores, firing at a Reuters camera crew (damaging a video camera but causing no injuries); conducts house searches, arrests in al-Safaya nr. Bayt Lahia; fires rubber-coated steel bullets at a Palestinian stone thrower in Amari r.c., seriously wounding him; fires on residential areas of Jenin, Khan Yunis. In Nablus, the **IDF** announces a temporary lifting of the curfew, immediately opens fire on Palestinians in the streets, forcing them to go back into their homes; occupies, searches, blows up part of the local PA headquarters; surrounds the **Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRCS)** center, barring ambulances fr. moving. The **IDF** admits that the 8/28 Shaykh Ajlin attack was an error. **Ben-Eliezer** agrees to meet with **Yahya**, but Yahya cancels to protest the Shaykh Ajlin deaths. (HA, MM, PM 8/29; MM, WP, WT 8/30; LAW, PCHR 9/4)

The **Jewish Federation of Greater Washington** announces that its annual fundraising campaign brought in \$20.5 m., up 8% from last year. Of that amount \$11.8 m. will be used for projects in the greater Washington area, such as Jewish day schools and community centers, and \$7.8 m. will go to Israel and diaspora Jewish communities in Argentina and Ethiopia. The \$20.5 m. does not include an additional \$18.3 m. the federation has raised for its Israel Emergency Campaign since fall 2001. (WJW 8/29)

## 30 AUGUST

In Jenin r.c., **3 IDF soldiers, 5 Palestinians** are wounded in an exchange of gunfire. The **IDF** directs heavy machine gun fire, shells at residential areas of Jenin r.c. (wounding with live ammunition 3 Palestinian children who broke curfew), Khan Yunis; fires rubber-coated steel bullets at stone throwers in Amari r.c., wounding 2. In Tulkarm, the **AMB** fatally shoots a **Palestinian woman** who allegedly collaborated with Israel in the 1/14/02 assassination of AMB leader Ra'id Karmi; the woman is the niece of the woman killed by the AMB on 8/24. (HA, JTA 8/30; NYT, WT 8/31; WP 9/1; NYT 9/2; LAW, PCHR 9/4)

**Israeli Labor and Social Welfare M Shlomo Benizri (Shas)** convenes the **Israel Council for Demography**, which has been inactive for 5 yrs., to draw up "guidelines on how to formulate a policy

that will preserve Israel's Jewish character." The main topics discussed are the "need to encourage [Jewish] families to have more children," the "problem of foreign workers in Israel." The council has 37 mbrs., including public figures, lawyers, scientists, physicians. (HA 8/30; HA, MM 9/9)

## 31 AUGUST

The **IDF** assassinates **wanted AMB mbr. Rafat Daraghma**, firing 4 missiles at his car in Tubas, also killing **2 Palestinian teenagers** in the vehicle; 1 missile misses the car, hits a house, killing **2 Palestinian children**, injuring 7 others; the main target of the attack, **local AMB leader Jihad Sawafta**, escapes. The **IDF** also conducts arrest raids in al-Bireh, Ramallah (arresting **Hamas spokesman Hassan Yusif**); bulldozes agricultural land in al-Qarara; shells residential areas of Khan Yunis; conducts arrest raids in 'Ayn Arik nr. Ramallah. A **PFLP gunman** infiltrates Brakha settlement nr. Nablus, wounding 2 before being shot dead by Jewish settlers. In Jaba', **AMB gunmen** kill an alleged **Palestinian collaborator**. (NYT, WP, WT 9/1; AFP, MM, NYT 9/2; LAW, PCHR 9/4; MEI 9/13)

## 1 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** fatally shoots **4 Palestinians** nr. Hebron; the **IDF** initially claims it ambushed armed "terrorists" attempting to infiltrate Kiryat Arba settlement, later admits the men were unarmed and shot 2 mi. fr. any settlement. **Israeli pres. Moshe Katsav** orders an investigation into the spate of **IDF** attacks on unarmed Palestinian civilians since 8/28. The **IDF** also shells a fuel station, electricity generator in Rafah, cutting electricity to parts of the city; fires on residential areas of Jenin; conducts arrest raids in Anza (nr. Jenin), al-Farah r.c. A **5th Palestinian** dies of injuries received on 8/24. (MM, NYT, PM, WP 9/2; LAW, PCHR 9/4; HA, MEI 9/13)

## 2 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** fatally shoots a **Palestinian** who throws a grenade at an **IDF** checkpoint in Gaza, lightly injuring 1 soldier; sends tanks into Jenin, firing on the central market, wounding **1 Swedish journalist**; conducts arrest raids in, around Jenin r.c.; demolishes **6 Palestinian homes** in Zayf, s. of Hebron, leaving 50 Palestinians, including 26 children, homeless; opens a road nr. Netzarim, closed

a wk. ago, to Palestinian traffic. (LAW, PR 9/3; LAW, PCHR 9/4)

**Bush** appoints the fmr. president of the **Jewish Federation of Greater Washington** and past chair of **Israel Bonds** as chmn. of the board of trustees of the **Woodrow Wilson International Center**. (WJW 9/12)

### 3 SEPTEMBER

**IDF** tanks fire shells at **2 Palestinians** "moving suspiciously" near Brakha settlement, killing them. The **IDF** raids a Palestinian radio station in Nablus, confiscating all equipment; demolishes a **Palestinian house** in Rafah without warning, while its residents are sleeping (6 are injured before they manage to flee); fires on residential areas of Ramallah; raids, demolishes an Islamic charitable society orphanage in Bayt Awla nr. Hebron that houses 300 children under 12. **Jewish settlers** seize a **Palestinian house** in **East Jerusalem**, nr. Jabal Mukabir, claiming they own the structure, which will be the basis of a new enclave. (JTA 9/3; LAW, PCHR, Radio Tariq al-Mahabbah [Ramallah], WP 9/4; MEI 9/13)

The **Israeli High Court** rules that the government can banish to Gaza the West Bank relatives of Palestinians accused of staging attacks on Israelis only in "extreme cases" where "that person, by his own deeds, constitutes a danger to the security of the state." The ruling argues that such forced transfer constitutes "assigned residence" under Articles 41–43 of the Fourth Geneva Convention, is therefore legal under international law. The court thus upholds an 8/12 military court order to expel to Gaza for 2 yrs. the **brother, sister of senior AMB mbr. Ali Ajuri** (assassinated 8/6/02) for allegedly aiding in the staging of the 7/17/02 Tel Aviv bombing; overrules an order to expel another Palestinian for lending a car, food to his brother, Naseer Assida, without knowing he was (allegedly) plotting the 7/16/02 ambush of a settler bus; Assida has not been captured. (HA, JP, MM 9/3; MM, NYT, WP, WT 9/4; MM, WJW 9/5)

### 4 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** transfers **Intisar and Kifah Ajuri** to Gaza (see 9/3), giving them each around \$215, a change of clothes, a bottle of water and leaving them in a field, in a dangerous area nr. Netzarim settlement. The **IDF** fires on residential areas, bulldozes 2 dunams of agricultural land in Dayr al-Balah;

conducts arrest raids in al-Yamun; fires on Palestinian residential areas of Hebron. (HA, LAW, PCHR 9/4; WP, WT 9/5; MEI 9/13)

As a counterbalance to its "Victims of Terror" Web site honoring **Israelis** killed in Palestinian attacks, **CNN** launches a "Palestinian Fatalities" site with 10 pictures of **Palestinian civilians** killed since 8/29; all but 1 photo shows burial ceremonies, mass demonstrations, crowds around destroyed buildings or cars, whereas the "Victims of Terror" site has 100s of portraits of each Israeli. (PMWATCH press release 9/4)

### 5 SEPTEMBER

**Israeli border police** manning a West Bank crossing intercept a car carrying a 1,300-lb. fertilizer-gasoline bomb, with a cell phone rigged as a detonator; **2 Palestinians** escape. No group claims responsibility, but the **IDF** suspects **Islamic Jihad**. The **IDF** conducts arrest raids in Balata r.c., Nablus, Surif; raids a clinic in Bayt Lahia, halts an ambulance, detains and beats 1 paramedic; fires on residential areas of Rafah, on Palestinians waiting to cross a Dayr al-Balah–Khan Yunis checkpoint. Late in the evening, **Palestinians** fire a Qassam rocket in Gaza, luring a Merkava tank to the scene, then detonating a large roadside bomb under the tank, killing **2 IDF soldiers**, wounding 2 (marking the 2d fatal roadside bombing of a tank; see 3/14/02); the **popular resistance comms. (PRCs)** take responsibility. Nr. Bayt Lahia, a **Palestinian gunman** ambushes an **IDF** patrol, killing **1 IDF soldier**, wounding 1 before being shot dead. The **IDF** issues evacuation orders to **4 Palestinian families** in Ras al-Amud, Silwan. (AP, MM 9/5; NYT, WP, WT 9/6; NYT 9/7; LAW, PCHR 9/11)

In response to the 2 Gaza attacks, **Ben-Eliezer** formally calls off implementation of Gaza First agmt. (WP 9/6)

### 6 SEPTEMBER

Before dawn, **IDF** helicopters rocket, destroy a Khan Yunis foundry believed to be a bomb-making factory. The **IDF** raids Jenin town, fatally shooting **2 Palestinians**; conducts arrest raids in Bayt Lahia. (NYT, WP 9/6; NYT, WP, WT 9/7; LAW, PCHR 9/11)

An **IDF** investigation finds that soldiers acted appropriately in 3 recent attacks that killed 12 Palestinians: the 8/28 shelling of a bedouin family, the 8/31 Daraghma assassination, the shooting of 4 Palestinian laborers on 9/1. The **IDF** says soldiers adhered prop-

erly to open-fire regulations, but refuses to explain the regulations. (NYT, WP 9/7; MEI 9/13) (see 9/1)

## 7 SEPTEMBER

Before dawn, the **IDF** sends up to 40 armored personnel carriers (APCs) into Dayr al-Balah, taking over the **PSF** headquarters; conducting house searches; arresting 4 Palestinians (including **local Islamic Jihad leader Mahir Bashir**); demolishing 1 **Palestinian home**, 1 workshop and damaging 9 adjacent houses; bulldozing 46 dunams of olive, date palm groves. The **IDF** fires live ammunition at some 200 Palestinian students in Jenin who defy the curfew to throw stones at soldiers, wounding 4; fires rubber-coated steel bullets at Palestinian stone throwers at the entrance to Amari r.c., injuring 3; fires tear gas, rubber bullets at stone-throwing Palestinian youths violating the curfew in Ramallah; searches homes in al-Wafa nr. Dugit settlement; shells residential areas of Rafah. (NYT, WT 9/7; WP, WT 9/8; LAW, PCHR 9/11)

## 8 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** shells a car nr. Rafah, killing 2 **unarmed Palestinians**; fires live ammunition at a **mentally handicapped Palestinian woman** who disobeys orders to stop at a Khan Yunis–Rafah checkpoint, wounding her; bulldozes more than 100 dunams of olive groves nr. al-Maghazi r.c. in Gaza; conducts house searches, arrests in Nablus; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis. **Jewish settlers** vandalize several vehicles, attack several Palestinian houses in Hebron. (WP 9/9; LAW, PCHR 9/11; MEI, PCHR 9/13)

## 9 SEPTEMBER

Before dawn, 60 **IDF** tanks encircle and raid Bureij r.c., Dayr al-Balah, Nussayrat r.c. in Gaza, demolishing 2 workshops, a **Palestinian home** belonging to a suspected militant. The **IDF** also bulldozes more than 100 dunams of agricultural land in al-Fukhari nr. Khan Yunis; conducts arrest raids in Asira Shamaliyya. **Israeli police** announce that 3 wks. ago, they arrested 3 **alleged Hamas mbrs.** fr. East Jerusalem on charges of planning to poison food at a Jerusalem café. (WP 9/9; LAW, PCHR 9/11; MEI 9/13)

Israel's Interior M **Yishai** strips the citizenship of **Israeli Arab Nihad Abu Kishak**, accused of aiding a suicide bomber and membership in Hamas, the 1st time such a

measure has been taken against an Israeli accused of a security offense. (HA 9/9; NYT 9/10; LAW, MM 9/11; MEI 9/13; PR 9/18)

In Ramallah, **Arafat** opens the 1st full session of the **Palestinian Council (PC)** since 5/15/02 with an address restating the **PA's** recognition of **Israel**, commitment to the peace process, condemnation of suicide bombings, opposition to "all types of terrorism, whether it is state terror or individual terror." (Gazan PC mbrs. attend by video link after **Sharon** bars 12 fr. traveling to Ramallah for "security reasons," citing their "involvement in terror.") **Israel** dismisses the statement, saying he did not specifically condemn suicide bombings for harming civilians, did not call for a complete halt to violence. The **U.S.** says the speech is weak, "we've seen remarks like that before," the Palestinians deserve a better leadership. (AP, HA, MM, WP, WT 9/9; MM, NYT, WP, WT 9/10; AYM, *al-Quds* 9/10 in WNC 9/11; AP, MM 9/11; MEI 9/13; JT 9/13 in WNC 9/16; MEI 9/27; *Globe and Mail* 11/12)

## 10 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** raids Beitunia, imposes a curfew, fires on and raids the local **PA General Intelligence** office, killing **wanted Palestinian Mahmud Harfush**, wounding 2 General Intelligence officers; conducts arrest raids in Dahariyya, Nablus; fires on Palestinian stone throwers in Yatta nr. Hebron, injuring 11; demolishes 2 **Palestinian homes** in Jenin. (LAW, PCHR 9/11; PCHR 9/18)

The **PC** opens debate on approving the new **Executive Authority (EA** or cabinet) appointed by Arafat in 6/02; the vote of confidence is not held for lack of time. Many PC mbrs. argue that they should reject the EA to underline the need for substantive change in PA policy and style and because several EA mbrs. have been cited for corruption. (HA, MM, WT 9/10; NYT, WT 9/11)

## 11 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** makes a major incursion into Bayt Hanun, raiding houses, mosques, civilian institutions; damaging service networks, agricultural land, houses; detaining several Palestinians. The **IDF** conducts house-to-house searches in, shells residential areas of al-Maghazi r.c., demolishing 2 **Palestinian homes**, detaining 6 Palestinians. (PCHR 9/11)

**PC** mbrs. continue highly critical debate on the new **EA**. Just before the vote of confi-

dence is held, **Arafat** announces that he has accepted the **EA's** resignation. (HA, JP, MM, NYT, WP 9/12; *al-Quds* 9/12, AN 9/13, QA 9/14 in WNC 9/16; MM, WT 9/13; *Le Monde* 9/14 in WNC 9/19; PR 9/18; JPI 9/20; MEI 9/27; CSM 10/1)

## 12 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** demolishes 2 **Palestinian homes** nr. Gaza City, damaging 8 others; halts an ambulance nr. Nablus, taking a relative of the patient into custody; fires tear gas at PRCS property, ambulances, paramedics in Nablus, Tulkarm. **Palestinians** fire 2 mortars, a rocket fr. Gaza into Israel, damaging 1 home, causing no injuries; the **IDF** believes the rocket was a new, larger **Qassam-3**, with a range of up to 12 km. **Palestinian gunmen** fire at a **Jewish settler** vehicle nr. Tulkarm, injuring 1 settler. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received on 9/10. An **Israeli court** indicts 4 **East Jerusalem Palestinians** for murder for their alleged role in the 7/31/02 Hebrew University bombing. A **Palestinian** indicted in civilian court on terrorism charges on 7/30 is convicted, sentenced to 22 yrs. **Israel** announces that 6 wks. ago it arrested 10 **bedouin IDF soldiers** fr. the Galilee on charges of spying for **Hizballah**. (JTA 9/12; HA, WP 9/13; LAW, PCHR 9/18; PCHR 9/20; HA 10/23; MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/24; MM 10/29)

In a speech to the opening session of the **UN General Assembly (UNGA)** a day after the 1st anniversary of the al-Qa'ida attacks on the U.S., **Bush** warns the UN to take action quickly to force **Iraq** to "unconditionally accept" inspection, disarmament of its chemical and biological weapons and nuclear research facilities, intimating that the U.S. will take action unilaterally if the UN does not. **Bush** also reiterates his support for the creation of "an independent and democratic Palestine living side by side with Israel in peace and security," adding that "Palestinians deserve a government that serves their interests and listens to their voices." (*Jerusalem Times*, NYT, WP, WT 9/12; HA, MM 9/13; AYM 9/13, MENA, *al-Quds* 9/14, MENA 9/15 in WNC 9/16; NYT 9/14; JT, WP 9/15; MM 9/17; MEI 9/27)

The **American Jewish Comm., Israel 21c** (a Silicon Valley-based group supported by executives of high-tech companies) launch an ad campaign to run on cable TV news stations in 100 U.S. cities promoting **Israel's** side in its conflict with the **Palestinians**, portraying Israel as the only democratic

country and country sharing American values in the Middle East. (JTA 9/17; AP 9/18; WJW 9/19, 9/26)

## 13 SEPTEMBER

Before dawn, the **IDF** raids **Brazil** r.c. and **Rafah**, conducting house-to-house searches, raiding and destroying equipment in local **Fatah** offices, bulldozing 8 **Palestinian homes**, 6 suspected weapons factories, damaging 17 houses and 3 factories, sparking an exchange of gunfire with **Palestinians**, killing 1 **AMB mbr.**, wounding 6 **Palestinians**. The **IDF** also conducts arrest raids in **Tubas**. A **mysterious explosion** destroys a house in **Gaza**, killing 3 **Palestinians** (including **wanted Fatah mbr. Iyad Sharif**), injuring 4; the **IDF** claims a bomb **Sharif** was preparing exploded prematurely. **Palestinians** fire a **Qassam** rocket (possibly a **Qassam-3**) at an **IDF** convoy escorting a settler bus nr. **Netzarim**, causing no damage. (AP, HA, PM, WP, WT 9/13; NYT, WP, WT 9/14; PCHR 9/17, 9/18)

## 14 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** sends tanks into **Jenin**, fires on residential areas; bulldozes 23 dunams of agricultural land nr. **Kefar Darom** settlement; conducts an arrest raid in **Bir al-Basha** nr. **Jenin**. (LAW, PCHR 9/18)

## 15 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** occupies 3 apartments in a **Palestinian** building in **Ramallah**; fires on residential areas of **Jenin**, **Tulkarm**; bulldozes 4 small olive groves nr. **Kefar Darom** settlement. (PCHR 9/18)

## 16 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** fatally shoots an **Egyptian** man visiting **Gaza** at a checkpoint nr. **Gush Katif** settlement; the **IDF** claims he threw grenades at soldiers, **Palestinians** say he was a passenger in a taxi. The **IDF** bulldozes another 20 dunams of agricultural land nr. **Kefar Darom** (see 9/14, 9/15); fires tank shells at an ambulance nr. **Nablus**, damaging the vehicle. In **Bayt Lahia**, **AMB, Hamas** stage a rally against recent **IDF** incursions in the area. (HA, WP 9/17; PCHR 9/18, 9/20)

## 17 SEPTEMBER

In **Nablus**, 9 schools hold classes in violation of the ongoing curfew; the **IDF** blocks 3 other schools fr. opening. In **Yatta**, a **naïl**

**bomb** explodes in the courtyard of an elementary school while classes are in session, lightly injuring **8 Palestinian children**; a 2d bomb is found, defused by the IDF; the **IDF** believes **Jewish settlers** staged the attack. In Tulkarm, a **14-yr.-old Palestinian** is killed in a mysterious explosion; the **IDF** claims he was making a bomb. The **IDF** demolishes 9 Palestinian foundries in Khan Yunis allegedly used to manufacture mortars; demolishes 1 **Palestinian home** in Rafah; conducts arrest raids in Khan Yunis, Nablus; fires on a group of Palestinian children in Askar r.c., wounding 3 teenagers. (HA, REU 9/17; AP, JP, LAW, NYT, PCHR, PM, PR, WP, WT 9/18; AYM 9/20 in WNC 9/23)

The **Quartet** (the European Union [EU], Russia, UN, U.S.), reps. of **Israel** and the **PA** meet in New York on the sidelines of the **UNGA** opening session. The **EU** presents the Quartet with a draft "road map" for creation of a Palestinian state with provisional borders in 2003 and full Palestinian statehood by 6/05, the plausible target date mentioned by Bush in his 6/24/02 speech. (REU 9/17; MM, PR, WT 9/18; WJW 9/19; AYM, *al-Quds* 9/19 in WNC 9/20; AYM 9/20 in WNC 9/23; JT 9/24 in WNC 9/24; MEI 9/27) (see Quarterly Update)

## 18 SEPTEMBER

In the 1st bombing since 8/4/02, an **Islamic Jihad suicide bomber** detonates a device at a bus stop in Umm al-Fahm, in Israel, killing **1 Israeli policeman**, wounding a 2d policeman, 1 Israeli Arab. An **AMB gunman** ambushes a Jewish settler vehicle nr. Jenin, killing **1 Jewish settler**, injuring a Rumanian worker; a **2d Jewish settler** is found murdered in East Jerusalem; an alleged **Palestinian** collaborator is found murdered, apparently by **Hamas**. The **IDF** fatally shoots a **Palestinian** at a roadblock, claiming he attempted to run over soldiers; conducts house-to-house searches in Rafah, bulldozing 1 **Palestinian home**, firing on a **UN delegation** touring earlier damage; bulldozes 2 **Palestinian homes** in Abu Dis belonging to the families of suicide bombers; demolishes **34 residential units** in a General Union of Palestinian Workers housing project in 'Ayn Sinya nr. Ramallah; fires on residential areas of Bayt Hanun, barring an ambulance fr. retrieving at least 1 injured Palestinian; bulldozes, paves over 5 dunams of agricultural land nr. Khan Yunis for a new settler bypass road. According to the **IDF**, **Palestinians** fire 3 antitank missiles at an

IDF post nr. Rafah, causing no damage. (AP, JTA, LAW, PCHR, REU 9/18; HA, NYT, WP, WT 9/19; QA 9/19 in WNC 9/20; MM 9/20; NYT 9/21; MM 9/24; PCHR, PR 9/25; MEI 9/27; WT 10/26)

## 19 SEPTEMBER

A **Hamas suicide bomber** detonates a device on a bus in Tel Aviv, killing **5 Israelis**, injuring more than 50. **Sharon** convenes his cabinet, which unanimously decides to launch **Operation Matter of Time** to "isolate" **Arafat**, calls for the immediate extradition of around **20 wanted Palestinians** (including **Force 17 head Mahmud Damara, PA General Intelligence chief Tawfiq Tirawi**) allegedly among the 200 Palestinians hiding in Arafat's offices (8 surrender in the evening). The **IDF** immediately reimposes 24-hr. curfews on all West Bank areas except Hebron; sends tanks into Ramallah to surround **Arafat's** offices (1 tank fatally shoots a **10-yr.-old Palestinian boy** 6 times; troops shoot, wound 2 Arafat bodyguards in the PA headquarters compound); fires on "Palestinian schoolchildren challenging the army's attempt to impose a curfew" in Amari r.c., killing an **11-yr.-old Palestinian**; shells residential areas of Rafah; conducts arrest raids in Bayt Hanun (where an IDF tank runs over a roadside bomb, injuring 2 soldiers), Jenin r.c. (blowing up 1 **Palestinian home**), Nablus, Qalqilya, the Tulkarm area; bulldozes 19 dunams of agricultural land nr. Kefar Darom settlement. **Jewish settlers** open fire on a Palestinian taxi nr. Tulkarm, seriously injuring the driver. (AP, HA, JTA, LAW, MM, PM 9/19; ATL, ITAR-TASS 9/19 in WNC 9/20; MM, NYT, WP, WT 9/20; Interfax, MA, Radio Monte Carlo 9/20 in WNC 9/23; MEZ, NYT 9/21; AYM 9/23 in WNC 9/25; LAW, PCHR, PR 9/25; MA 9/25 in WNC 9/26; WJW 9/26; MEI 9/27)

## 20 SEPTEMBER

In Ramallah, the **IDF** blows up 6 buildings (including the 4-story **PA Interior Min.')** in the PA compound, destroys 11 caravans that temporarily house **PSF** offices, leaving the building in which **Arafat** is taking shelter the only structure in the compound still intact; digs a trench around Arafat's building and fires on, demolishes staircases inside to keep him confined to 1 floor; another 20 Palestinians surrender to the IDF, but Israel says none of them are among the wanted Palestinians; an **IDF**

**sniper** fatally shoots a **PSF officer** nr. the compound. The **IDF** makes a predawn raid on an area of Gaza City, fatally shooting **2 Palestinians**, blowing up 6 metal workshops, damaging 2 nearby workshops, 5 stores, and 10s of houses. In response, **Palestinians** detonate a roadside bomb nr. an IDF patrol in Gaza, injuring 1 IDF soldier, 1 border policeman. The **IDF** also raids Rafah, firing live ammunition and tank shells at residential areas, killing **2 Palestinian boys**; closes **PLO Jerusalem affairs adviser Sari Nusseibeh's** offices in Jerusalem (see Quarterly Update in *JPS* 125) as well as offices of a Palestinian sports team union and the Jerusalem Society of Culture and Art, confiscating computers; conducts arrest raids in Burqa. A **Scottish teenager** injured in the 9/19 Tel Aviv bombing dies of his injuries, bringing that toll to 6. (HA, NYT, PM, WP 9/20; AFP, MENA 9/20, QA 9/21 in WNC 9/23; MEZ, NYT, WP, WT 9/21; LAW, PCHR, PR 9/25; MM 9/26; MEI 9/27)

## 21 SEPTEMBER

In Ramallah, the **IDF** continues demolition work at the PA compound, setting fire to storehouses, bulldozing the Ramallah governate building; says it now seeks the extradition of 50 Palestinians inside Arafat's offices; warns those inside the remaining building to evacuate or risk being harmed when the IDF blows it up, prompting **1,000s of Palestinians** to take to the street in protest, despite the curfew. The **IDF** fires stun grenades, live ammunition at the crowds, killing **2 Palestinians** (including a journalist with Voice of Palestine). (After al-Jazeera TV broadcasts news of the spontaneous Ramallah demonstrations, **1,000s of Palestinians** violate the curfews in Jenin, Nablus, Tulkarm and rally in Gaza to protest; the **IDF** kills **1 Palestinian** protester in Nablus, a **2d Palestinian** in Tulkarm and demolishes **2 Palestinian homes** in Qabatya, Qalqilya.) None of the Palestinians in the Ramallah compound evacuates, the IDF does not blow up the building; unnamed Israeli officials suggest the threat was "psychological combat" aimed at making living conditions so unbearable for **Arafat** that he seeks refuge abroad. The **IDF** also conducts arrest raids in al-Fara' r.c., Jenin, Rafah; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis, Rafah; fires on an ambulance in Nablus, damaging it, wounding 1 Palestinian bystander. (PM 9/21; MENA 9/21, ITAR-TASS, XIN 9/22 in WNC 9/23; NYT, PM, WP, WT 9/22; HA 9/23; *al-Quds* 9/23 in WNC 9/24;

MM 9/24; LAW, PCHR, PR 9/25; MEI, MM 9/27; PRCS press release 9/27)

## 22 SEPTEMBER

Under pressure fr. the **U.S.**, **Israel** halts demolitions in the PA's Ramallah compound, though soldiers maintain the siege and raise an Israeli flag atop the remaining building where **Arafat** and his men are holed up. **1,000s of Palestinians** defy curfews across the West Bank to protest for a 2d day, demonstrations also continue in Gaza. In Balata r.c., the **IDF** fires on a group of Palestinian, international protesters, killing a **14-yr.-old Palestinian boy**. The **IDF** also bulldozes 9 dunams of land nr. Kefar Darom settlement. In Tel Aviv, **200 Israeli peace activists** protest IDF actions in Ramallah. (GS, PM 9/22; ATL, MENA, RFI 9/22, JT 9/23 in WNC 9/23; MM, NYT, WP, WT 9/23; LAW, PCHR 9/25; MEI 9/27)

## 23 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** bars the transportation of an ailing **Palestinian infant** to a hospital in Hebron, allowing her to die; fires live ammunition at stone-throwing Palestinian youths in Khan Yunis, wounding 2; demolishes a **Palestinian home** in Bayt Wazzan; conducts arrest raids in Beitunia, Burqa. A **Palestinian gunman** opens fire on Jewish settlers nr. the Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron, killing **1 Jewish settler**, wounding 3. Palestinians in Ramallah defy the curfew for a 3d day to protest the **IDF's** ongoing siege of **Arafat's** headquarters. (HA 9/23; AFP, *al-Quds* 9/23 in WNC 9/24; MM, NYT, WP 9/24; LAW, PCHR 9/25; PRCS press release 9/27)

## 24 SEPTEMBER

Before dawn, the **IDF** launches a major incursion (90 tanks, bulldozers, helicopter cover) into Gaza City and Bayt Lahia, killing **9 Palestinians** (including wanted **local AMB leader Muhammad Kishku, senior Izzeddin al-Qassam Brigades mbr. Yasin Nassar** in what may be assassinations), wounding 24, blowing up **1 Palestinian home**, 13 metal workshops. **Palestinians** detonate a roadside bomb underneath 1 of the 20 tanks entering Gaza City, disabling it, injuring **2 IDF** soldiers (see 9/5). Israel says the incursions are the start of a major campaign in the Gaza Strip targeting **Hamas**, though troops withdraw fr. Gaza City by the end of the day. The **IDF** also fires live ammunition at stone-throwing children in Bayt

Hanun and Khan Yunis, wounding 8 and 2 respectively; fires live ammunition, rubber-coated steel bullets, tear gas at Palestinian protesters defying the curfew in Hebron; conducts arrest raids in al-Ram. **Israeli police** place **Fatah secy. in Jerusalem Salah al-Zuhaykha** under house arrest for allegedly arranging protests under orders fr. **Arafat**. (AP, HA, MEZ, MM, PCHR, WP, WT 9/24; AFP 9/24 in WNC 9/25; HA, LAW, NYT, PCHR, PR, WP 9/25; *al-Quds* 9/25 in WNC 9/26; MEI 9/27, 10/11)

After 2 days of debate, the **UN Security Council (UNSC)** passes (14-0, with the **U.S.** abstaining) Res. 1435 on the siege in Ramallah, which expresses grave concern over the Palestinians' humanitarian plight and reoccupation of Palestinian cities, "demands" Israel's immediate halt of attacks on the PA headquarters. The **IDF** says its operations will continue "until their objectives are met." (HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 9/24; ATL, MENA 9/24 in WNC 9/25; HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 9/25; *al-Quds*, XIN 9/25 in WNC 9/26; DUS 9/25 in WNC 10/1; AP, HA, MM, NYT, WJW, WT 9/26; JT 10/7 in WNC 10/8; MEI 10/11)

## 25 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** demolishes 3 **Palestinian homes** in Dura; bulldozes 3 homes and farm land nr. Netzarim settlement in Gaza; fires on stone-throwing Palestinian youths nr. Bayt Hanun and Kefar Darom, wounding 13; fatally shoots 1 **Palestinian** in his Jenin home; raids an UNRWA hospital in Qalqilya, assaulting several staff mbrs. **Palestinians** fire 3 **Qassam rockets** into the Negev, lightly injuring 4 **Israelis**, damaging 1 house; fire on a settler vehicle nr. Ramallah, injuring 2 **Jewish settlers**. **Jewish settlers** announce the completion of 14 permanent housing units in Rehalim nr. Nablus. The **PA** says it has arrested 11 **Palestinian collaborators** who aided Israel in various assassinations. (HA, LAW, PCHR 9/25; *al-Quds* 9/25 in WNC 9/26; CNN, HA, LAW, NYT 9/26; UN press release 10/1; LAW, PCHR 10/2)

## 26 SEPTEMBER

**IDF** helicopters fire 2 missiles at 2 cars in Gaza City in its 4th attempt to assassinate **most-wanted Izzeddin al-Qassam Brigades mbr. Muhammad Dayif**; 2 **Hamas mbrs.** are killed, Dayif escapes with moderate wounds, some 30 bystanders (including 15 children) are injured. The **IDF** intercepts an explosives-packed Palestinian car at al-

Ram checkpoint nr. Tulkarm, allegedly en route to stage a car bombing in Jerusalem. In Kefar Labid nr. Tulkarm, **IDF** commandos conduct an arrest raid, prompting an exchange of gunfire that leaves **senior Hamas mbr. Nashat Abu Jabara**, 1 **IDF officer** dead; then demolish Abu Jabara's home. The **IDF** also arbitrarily imposes a curfew in Hebron, then fires tear gas, rubber bullets at Palestinians in Hebron's market, killing a **Palestinian infant**; fatally shoots another **Palestinian** in Gaza; demolishes 1 **Palestinian home**, bulldozes more than 60 dunams of agricultural land nr. Bayt Hanun; demolishes 1 **Palestinian home** in Qabatya; bulldozes 20 dunams of agricultural land nr. Bayt Lahia; directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Khan Yunis. **Palestinian gunmen** fire on a settler vehicle nr. Hebron, injuring 4 **Jewish settlers**. **Jewish settlers** dedicate the new HaGefen neighborhood of 1,150 housing units in Beitar Ilit; the new enclave of Migron nr. Psagot, comprising 30 families. (AP, CNN, HA 9/26; HA, LAW, MM, NYT, PRCS press release, WP, WT 9/27; NYT 9/28; MM 9/30; QA 9/30 in WNC 10/1; LAW, PCHR, PR 10/2; PCHR 10/3; MEI 10/11)

## 27 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** fatally shoots **wanted Palestinian Muhammad Yaghmur** nr. Hebron in an apparent assassination; shells residential areas of, conducts arrest raids in Dayr al-Balah, Jenin. **100s of Palestinians** defy curfews in West Bank cities to hold peaceful marches marking the 2d anniversary of the al-Aqsa intifada. In Gaza City and Khan Yunis, **1,000s of Palestinians** protest against the 9/26 IDF missile strike targeting Dayif. The **IDF** fires tear gas, rubber-coated steel bullets at stone-throwing youths in Khan Yunis (seriously injuring a Palestinian boy), Ramallah. **Israeli police** arrest 3 **Israeli Arabs** in Ramla on suspicion of plotting an attack for **Hamas**; bar Palestinians under age 40 fr. attending Friday prayers at **al-Aqsa Mosque**. (NYT, WP 9/28; LAW, PCHR, PR 10/2; HA 10/7)

**U.S. Amb. to Israel Daniel Kurtzer** delivers a personal message fr. **Bush** to **Sharon**, asking the PM to quickly end the IDF siege on **Arafat's** Ramallah offices, noting that Israel's continued defiance of the 9/24 UNSC res. is hurting U.S. efforts to build a coalition against Iraq; **Secy. of State Colin Powell**, **National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice** follow up with phone calls.

**Sharon** sends his **bureau chief Dov Weisglass** to Washington for low-key mtgs. with **Powell, Rice**. (HA 9/27; WP 9/28; WT 9/29; NYT 9/30; MM 10/2; MEI 10/11)

## 28 SEPTEMBER

**10,000s of Palestinians** across the West Bank, Gaza rally to mark the 2d anniversary of the al-Aqsa intifada; 50,000 turn out for the largest rally in Gaza City; several 1,000 Palestinian children hold a candlelight march in Jericho. In Gaza, the **IDF** fatally shoots **1 Palestinian youth** protesting at Shuhada Junction; fires on residential areas in Rafah, killing **1 Palestinian**, wounding 22; shells residential areas of Khan Yunis, injuring 7; fires on youths protesting in Bayt Lahia, injuring 10; detains, questions, destroys the camera of a Palestine TV cameraman. (NYT, WT 9/29; LAW, PCHR 10/2; PCHR 10/3)

## 29 SEPTEMBER

**Israel** ends the siege on **Arafat's** compound in Ramallah, allowing Arafat, all those inside with him to leave; troops remain in Ramallah however. A **Palestinian** heart attack victim dies at an **IDF** checkpoint nr. Khan Yunis when troops deny his passage to a hospital for several hrs. **Palestinians** in Nablus defy the curfew by reopening schools. The **IDF** surrounds 3 Nablus schools, forces them to close; fires on curfew breakers in nearby Balata r.c., injuring 3 children. The **IDF** also fires tear gas into an education center for children and the mentally disabled in Shu'fat r.c., injuring 150 children; demolishes 4 **Palestinian houses** nr. Netzarim settlement; fires on stone-throwing Palestinian children nr. Bayt Hanun and Khan Yunis, injuring 4. (AFP, JT 9/29, Interfax, MENA, QA 9/30 in WNC 10/1; MM, NYT, WP, WT 9/30; CSM 10/1; LAW, PCHR 10/2; MEI 10/11; WP 11/8)

The *Jerusalem Report*, citing Britain's respected *Jane's Foreign Report*, claims that **IDF special forces** are currently operating inside **western Iraq**, with the knowledge of the **U.S.**, to locate missile launchers that could be used against Israel. (JP 9/29)

## 30 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** clashes with **Islamic Jihad gunmen** in, shells residential areas of Nablus and Balata r.c., leaving **1 IDF soldier** dead, 3 buildings afire; fires on stone-throwing youths, killing **2 Palestinian boys ages 10 and 12**, injuring 25; confiscates video

footage of clashes fr. a Reuters cameraman. The **IDF** also fires on residential areas of Hebron, Gaza City (killing **1 Palestinian**); conducts arrest raids in Beitunia, Burkin, Hebron (reportedly detaining 5 mbrs. of a cell that has staged roadside bombings in the area), Qabatiyya, Tulkarm, al-Yamun; fires tank shells at residential areas of Gaza, leaving **1 Palestinian woman** clinically dead (the **IDF** claims it was responding to mortar fire). In Ramallah, the **IDF** surrounds, shells a building where it claims some of the **wanted Palestinians** who hid in Arafat's offices during the siege are located; demands their surrender. (HA 9/30; HA, NYT, WP, WT 10/1; LAW, MM, PCHR 10/2; PCHR 10/3; MEI 10/11)

**Bush** signs the FY 2003 Foreign Relations Authorization Act, which requires the admin. to identify **Jerusalem** as **Israel's** capital. Bush says that he interprets the wording on Jerusalem as a "sense of Congress," not as binding on U.S. policy. The bill also urges the pres. to impose sanctions on the Palestinians if they do not comply with signed agmts.; withholds \$10 m. of \$35 m. in economic aid to **Lebanon** for failing to assert its authority over Hizballah; provides an additional \$300 m. in aid to **Israel**, including \$100 m. for munitions; rejects equivalent aid for **Egypt**. (**Israel** says the other \$200 m. is going to be used to cover shortfalls in the defense budget.) (HA, JP, LAW, NYT, WP, WT 10/1; MM, NYT, PR, WT 10/2; *Gulf Times* [Doha], MENA, *al-Quds* 10/2 in WNC 10/3; MM 10/3; *al-Quds* 10/3 in WNC 10/4; AYM, MENA 10/4 in WNC 10/7; PR 10/9; MEI 10/11) (See Docs. D1, D2)

## 1 OCTOBER

**IDF snipers** occupy buildings overlooking **Arafat's** Ramallah compound, including at least **1 Palestinian home** and the **PA Culture Min.**; **Ben-Eliezer** says the purpose is "to put [our] hands on all those inside who are suspects if they try to come out." After allowing visits twice in the past 2 wks., **Ben-Eliezer** orders the **IDF** to bar Jewish worshipers fr. Joseph's Tomb in Nablus for safety reasons. (HA 10/1; NYT, WT 10/2)

## 2 OCTOBER

The **IDF** demolishes **1 Palestinian home** in Tamun; clashes with Palestinians in Silat al-Haratiyya, injuring 9; fires on residential areas of Jenin; conducts house-to-house searches in Juhur al-Dik nr. Gaza City, de-

taining more than 100 Palestinians, taking them to Neve Dekalim settlement for interrogation (all but 6, who are taken to jail in Israel, are released after 9 hrs.). **IDF soldiers** discover a package bomb at a gas station in Afula; the device is disarmed; no group claims responsibility. **Palestinians** throw an explosive device at an **IDF** vehicle nr. Askar r.c., lightly injuring 1 soldier. **Jewish settlers** fr. Tapuach nr. Hebron harvest **Palestinian olive trees** while Palestinian residents are under curfew, shoot at international peace activists who attempt to intervene. **Israel** says it has arrested **alleged West Bank Arab Liberation Front (ALF) leader Rakad Salim** on charges of paying families of Palestinian suicide bombers, other Palestinians wounded or killed during the intifada on behalf of **Iraq**. (HA, LAW, PCHR, Rabbis for Human Rights press release 10/2; HA 10/3; PCHR 10/9)

### 3 OCTOBER

The **IDF** fires on Palestinians in Jenin, killing **1 Palestinian** vendor in the central market; conducts arrest raids in Satar al-Gharbiyya. **Palestinians** fire on workers building Israeli security fence nr. Baqa' al-Gharbiyya, killing **1 Israeli Arab** laborer. Nr. Hebron, **Jewish peace activists**, local **Palestinians** attempt to harvest Palestinian olive groves, keep **Jewish settlers** away (see 10/2); when settlers become increasingly hostile, the **IDF** intervenes, ordering peace activists, Palestinians to leave, then leaving the area themselves, allowing settlers to move in. **Jewish settlers** also confiscate a **Palestinian home** in Hebron's old city. (HA, JTA, NYT, PM 10/3; MA 10/3 in WNC 10/4; AP 10/4; PCHR, PR 10/9)

An **Israeli security delegation** (comprising DMin. dir. gen. Amos Yaron, IDF policy planning head Maj. Gen. Giora Eiland) arrives in Washington to consult with **U.S. officials** (including Dep. Defense Secy. Paul Wolfowitz, Dep. Secy. of State Richard Armitage) ahead of a possible attack on **Iraq**. (HA 10/3; MM 10/4; HA 10/8)

### 4 OCTOBER

After Friday prayers **30 Palestinians** inside the al-Aqsa Mosque compound pelt officers outside the complex with stones in protest of **Bush's** decision to sign legislation requiring U.S. recognition of **united Jerusalem** as Israel's capital. Some 50 **Israeli police** storm the **Haram al-Sharif/Temple**

**Mount**, fire tear gas and stun grenades at Palestinian worshippers leaving al-Aqsa Mosque. The **IDF** fatally shoots **1 Palestinian** at a checkpoint in Barata nr. Hebron; fires on residential areas of Jenin, wounding at least 3, including a **15-yr.-old Palestinian** hit inside his home, barred evacuation to a hospital, bleeds to death (the **IDF** admits that soldiers violated open-fire regulations); fires on a Palestinian taxi breaking curfew in Nablus, seriously injuring the driver, a **12-yr.-old Palestinian** bystander; conducts arrest raids in Dura, Hebron; bulldozes a **PSF** post, more than 23 dunams of Palestinian land nr. Khan Yunis. An **IDF** soldier is shot, wounded in Nablus. **Palestinians** fire **4 mortars** at Gush Katif settlement block in Gaza, an **antitank missile** at an IDF outpost, causing no damage. (HA, REU 10/4; LAW, NYT, WT 10/5; PCHR 10/9)

### 5 OCTOBER

The **IDF** fires on stone-throwing Palestinian youths violating the curfew in Nablus, killing **1 Palestinian** teenager; sends an APC into the demolished areas of **Arafat's** Ramallah compound for the 1st time since the IDF pullback on 9/29 (pulls it out by the end of the day); arbitrarily reimposes a curfew on Jenin, immediately firing on a taxi, seriously wounding the driver. **Jewish settlers** attack **Palestinians** picking olives in Aqraba, pistol whipping several, stealing the day's harvest. (PM 10/5; XIN 10/5 in WNC 10/7; NYT, WP, WT 10/6; NYT 10/8; PCHR 10/9)

### 6 OCTOBER

In Jenin r.c., **Islamic Jihad mbr. Samir Nursi** is fatally shot in an exchange of gunfire with an **IDF** soldier. **Jewish settlers** fire on Palestinians harvesting olive groves in Aqraba village, killing **1 Palestinian**, wounding another. A **Palestinian taxi driver** dies of injuries received on 10/5. **IDF** soldiers fire on a herd of cows on a Palestinian farm nr. Jabaliya r.c., killing 3 cows, wounding several others. (NYT, WP, WT 10/7; PCHR, Radio Tariq al-Mahabbah [Ramallah] 10/9)

### 7 OCTOBER

Before dawn, the **IDF** sends 40 tanks and helicopters into Khan Yunis, occupying and blowing up buildings, firing on residential areas, killing a total of **14 Palestinians**; in one incident a missile fired by an **IDF** helicopter at a Palestinian crowd kills **10 Pales-**

**tinians**, wounds more than 100; in a 2d incident, troops fire on a hospital where 100s of Palestinians are gathered to check on the status of relatives, leaving a **hospital worker** clinically dead, seriously injuring 3 (including a child shot in the neck), and firing grenades at the admin. office, equipment and supplies dept., training dept., and other facilities. The IDF says the raid is part of its new strategy to put pressure on **Hamas** (see 9/24), calling Khan Yunis a “nest of terror.” The **IDF** lifts the day curfew on w. Nablus; shoots at, mortally wounds a **Palestinian** motorist on the Nablus–Qalqilya road, blocks an ambulance fr. reaching him, allowing him to bleed to death; shells around an elementary school in Jenin while class is in session, causing damage to the school but no injuries; raids a school in the al-Mawasi area of Gaza, arresting 1 staff mbr.; bulldozes 78 dunams of olive groves nr. Jabaliya r.c. In Gaza City, masked Palestinian gunmen kidnap, murder **PSF riot police chief Raghieb Abu Lahiya**. An attempt by **PSF** officers to arrest the assailants sparks a clash that leaves **5 Hamas mbrs.** dead, 30 other Palestinians injured; **Hamas** denies involvement, says one of its mbrs. whose brother was killed by Abu Lahiya on 10/1/01 arranged the murder as a personal vendetta. (AP, HA, JTA, MM, PM, WP, WT 10/7; AFP 10/7 in WNC 10/8; MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/8; AFP, MENA, *al-Quds*, XIN 10/8 in WNC 10/9; AP, MM, NYT, PCHR, PR, WP, WT 10/9; AKH, SA 10/9 in WNC 10/15; NYT, PM, WP 10/10; MEI 10/11; JPI 10/18; MEI 10/25; JPI 11/8)

## 8 OCTOBER

The **IDF** fires on stone-throwing Palestinian youths in Bayt Lahiya, Jenin, Rafah r.c. (killing a **12-yr.-old Palestinian girl** inside her house); kills **1 Palestinian** nr. Tulkarm who was allegedly en route to stage a suicide bombing; fires on a busload of university students in Jenin, wounding 8; conducts arrest raids in Hebron, Nablus, Ramallah, Tulkarm. **2 Palestinians** die of injuries received in the 10/7 **IDF** attack on Khan Yunis, which **Sharon** describes as a “success” despite the fact that the **IDF** failed to capture or kill **2 Hamas** mbrs. targeted in the attack. **Palestinians** fire on a settler vehicle nr. Hebron, wounding **4 Jewish settlers**; **Jewish settlers** assault Palestinians on the street, break windows of Palestinian cars; the **IDF** reinforces troops in the city, reimposes a curfew, but does not intervene to stop settler attacks. (HA, NYT, PCHR, PM, WP, WT 10/9)

## 9 OCTOBER

The **IDF** makes a predawn raid on Salfit, imposing a curfew, blowing up 2 **Palestinian homes**; fires on Palestinian protesters in Rafah, killing **2 Palestinian teenagers**, wounding 25 others (including a 1-yr.-old boy); lifts the day curfew on e. Nablus (see 10/7); fires on residential areas and 2 schoolyards in Khan Yunis, injuring 8 Palestinians (at least 4 of them children). The **IDF** removes caravans fr. **2 unoccupied settler outposts** in the West Bank; Jewish settlers dismantle **2 other unoccupied outposts**. **Jewish settlers** block, attack a group of 5 international peace activists, 100 Palestinians attempting to reach Palestinian olive groves btwn. Elon Moreh and Itamar settlements, injuring 6 Palestinians; the **IDF** intervenes, orders Palestinians to leave. **Israel** releases **Reuters journalist Yussry al-Jamal** whom the **IDF** has held without charge since arresting him 5 mos. ago during Operation Defensive Shield; **3 other Palestinian journalists** detained in 4/02, a reporter for *al-Quds* and 2 photographers for Agence France-Presse, are still being held. **Israel** also links Tubas, 21 surrounding villages to the Israeli electricity grid; the PA funded the \$517,000 cost of the link-up. (HA, MM, PCHR 10/9; HA, NYT, PM, WP, WT 10/10)

## 10 OCTOBER

A **Hamas suicide bomber**, prevented fr. getting on a bus nr. Israel’s Bar Ilan Junction, detonates his device nearby, killing **1 Israeli**, injuring 16. The **IDF** sends tanks into Rafah, fatally shoots **2 Palestinians**, demolishes 9 **Palestinian homes**; conducts arrest raids in 20 villages around Ramallah, detaining 55 Palestinians; places a curfew on Hebron after **Palestinian gunmen** in the area fire on nearby Tal Rumayda settlement, causing no injuries; bulldozes 100 acres of olive groves, 5 wells nr. Jabaliya. **2 Palestinians** die of injuries sustained earlier (1 in the **IDF** shelling of Khan Yunis on 10/7, bringing the toll of that incident to 17). The **IDF** evacuates 1 inhabited, 1 uninhabited **settler outpost**, says it plans to dismantle 24 such outposts (only 3 of them thought to be occupied) within the next 6 wks. **Jewish settlers** dismantle 6 unoccupied outposts themselves. The **PA** calls on **Hamas** to turn over mbrs. involved in the 10/7 **Abu Lahiya** murder; 20,000 attend Abu Lahiya’s funeral in Gaza. (HA, MM 10/10; HA, MM, NYT, PM, WP, WT 10/11; In-

terfax 10/11, QA 10/12 in WNC 10/15; LAW, PCHR 10/16; MEI 10/25; JPI 11/8)

## 11 OCTOBER

**Israeli security forces** guarding the **U.S. emb.** in Tel Aviv capture a **Palestinian suicide bomber** when he bolts fr. the entrance of a nearby café after his explosives belt set off a metal detector; no one is injured. **1 Palestinian** dies of injuries received on 9/30. The **IDF** fatally shoots a **Palestinian** in her home in Nablus, shells residential areas of Bayt Hanun. **Israel** bars access to **al-Aqsa Mosque** for Friday prayers to **Palestinians** under age 40. **Jewish settlers** retake the only inhabited settler outpost removed by the **IDF** on 10/10; the **IDF** says it has shut 17 of 24 unauthorized outposts it aims to close. (HA, MM 10/11; NYT, WP 10/12; WT 10/13; MM 10/14; LAW, PCHR, PR 10/16)

Some **5,000 Christian evangelicals** hold a rally in solidarity with **Israel** on the sidelines of a Christian Coalition conference in Washington. Addressing the rally, **Christian Coalition founder Pat Robertson** states that "Palestine has been occupied by Yasir Arafat and his thugs . . . [and] we cannot turn it over to them." **House majority whip Tom DeLay (R-TX)** declares that when he visited the Jewish state, "I didn't see any occupied territory—what I saw was Israel." (WJW 10/17; JPI 10/25; *Guardian* 10/28)

**Senate** passes (77-23) a concurrent res. approved by the **House** (296-133) on 10/10 giving **Bush** the authority to strike **Iraq** unilaterally, meaning he needs no further congressional approval to deploy troops, order air strikes, wage a ground war with Iraq. The **Pentagon** issues orders for the army's V Corps, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force to deploy headquarters staffs, which would coordinate an attack on Iraq, to Kuwait, marking the 1st official nonroutine dispatch of conventional ground forces to the Gulf. (NYT, WP, WT 10/11; NYT 10/12)

## 12 OCTOBER

The **IDF** fatally shoots a **Palestinian** farmer and demolishes a chicken farm, irrigation system in Abasan; bulldozes 6 dunams of Palestinian land nr. Kefar Darom; uses an ambulance carrying patients as cover for firing on stone-throwing Palestinians in Nablus. In Hebron, **Jewish settlers** bar the muezzin at the Ibrahim Mosque/Tomb of the Patriarchs fr. giving the call to prayer; invade

Waqf offices, vandalizing equipment, making a bonfire out of documents (including deeds to all Waqf property in the city); break into a local Palestinian school, spray painting walls with "Death to Arabs," Stars of David. **Jewish settlers** fire on **Palestinians** harvesting olives nr. Nablus, causing no injuries; the **IDF** intervenes, arresting 6 Palestinians, barring others fr. continuing the harvest. **Jewish settlers** set fire to an olive grove nr. Ramallah, destroying around 2,000 trees. (HA, MM 10/14; LAW, PCHR 10/16)

## 13 OCTOBER

**AMB mbr. Muhammad Ubayyat** is killed when a bomb in a pay phone he is using explodes; the **IDF** apparently intended to assassinate Ubayyat's brother, **Bethlehem tanzim cmdr. Nassir Ubayyat**, and killed Muhammad in error. The **IDF** makes a pre-dawn raid on Rafah r.c., demolishing 6 **Palestinian homes** allegedly hiding tunnels to Egypt, killing **2 Palestinians** (including a 4 yr. old crushed by a falling wall), wounding 25, bulldozing 10 dunams of land; fatally shoots **2 Palestinians** nr. the Rafah border; fires on a Palestinian vehicle nr. Jenin, killing **1 Palestinian** woman, injuring 2 others; fatally shoots a stone-throwing **Palestinian** teenager in Tulkarm; bulldozes 3 bird farms, a water network in Abasan; demolishes a **Palestinian home** in Jenin; conducts arrest raids in Hebron, Jenin, Ramallah. (LAW, NYT, PM, WP, WT 10/14; LAW, PCHR 10/16)

## 14 OCTOBER

The **IDF** fatally shoots **2 Islamic Jihad mbrs.**, Wassim Saba'na and Muhammad Musa, in Nablus in what is likely an assassination; shoots at a "suspicious figure" nr. a Jewish settlement nr. Nablus, wounding 1 Palestinian; demolishes **1 Palestinian home** in Jenin; fires on a Birzeit University dormitory; shells residential areas of Bayt Hanun, Khan Yunis; conducts arrest raids in Jenin, Rantis; lifts curfews on Nablus, Tulkarm, Ramallah for several hrs. Late in the evening, the **IDF** raids Dayr al-Balah, bulldozes 2.5 dunams of agricultural land. **Palestinians** detonate a roadside bomb nr. an **IDF** APC in Nablus, another device nr. Qalqilya, neither causing damage. In Hebron, **Jewish settlers** assault **Israeli police** investigating complaints of settler violence on 10/12. Following the funeral in Bethlehem for Muhammad **Ubayyat**, assassinated by the IDF on 10/13, several mourners seriously beat **Fatah pris-**

oner's club head **Issa Qaraqat**, toss a grenade into the home of **Bethlehem mayor and new elections comm. head Hanna Nassir**; **Fatah** says it considers the attacks an assault on Fatah itself. (HA 10/14; NYT, PM, WT 10/15; LAW, PCHR, PR 10/16)

## 15 OCTOBER

**Ben-Eliezer** says **Israel** may pull forces out of Hebron by 10/18 if the situation there remains calm. The **IDF** fatally shoots a **Palestinian** in Tulkarm; conducts arrest raids, partially destroys a **Palestinian home** in Jenin; demolishes a **Palestinian home** in Qabatiyya; occupies, searches a hospital in Yatta for 5 hrs. **Israeli police** detain, question **Jerusalem's chief Muslim cleric Shaykh Ikrima Sabri** regarding an interview with a Dubai-based newspaper in 6/02 in which he allegedly "incited violence" by saying he did not see any religious prohibition against suicide bombings. Sabri denies making the comment, is freed after several hrs. **Israeli police** also raid a Palestinian home in Jerusalem's Old City; detain, question, release 1 Palestinian. (XIN 10/15 in WNC 10/16; LAW, NYT, PCHR, PM, PR, WP, WT 10/16; MENA 10/16 in WNC 10/17; REU 10/22)

## 16 OCTOBER

The **IDF** directs machine gun fire at residential areas of Rafah r.c. to disperse stone-throwing youths, hitting several homes and a school, killing **1 Palestinian** bystander, wounding 14, including 9 children; conducts arrest raids in Hebron; bulldozes 100 dunams of olive groves s. of Hebron. Some **2,000 Jewish settlers** gather at Havat Gilad to protest the **IDF's** removal of the unauthorized settler outpost, the 1st inhabited enclave (2 families) to be removed by the **IDF** in the past wk.; 10s of settlers throw stones at, slash tires of reporters' vehicles, Palestinian vehicles, a PRCS truck but do not assault soldiers; most settlers leave in the evening, saying the **IDF** agreed to allow settlers to stay at the site during daylight hrs. (LAW, MM, PCHR 10/16; HA, NYT, WT 10/17; HA, MM 10/18)

In Washington, **Bush** receives **Sharon** for talks on **Iraq**, the **Palestinians**; gives Sharon a U.S. draft road map for creation of a Palestinian state that the U.S. plans to submit to the **Quartet** as an alternative to the EU draft discussed on 9/17. (HA, MM 10/16; AP, HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/17; AYM

10/17 in WNC 10/21; HA, MM 10/18; HA 10/19; *al-Quds* 10/20 in WNC 10/22; MM 10/22; MEI 10/25) (see Quarterly Update Doc. D3)

## 17 OCTOBER

The **IDF** directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Rafah r.c., killing **6 Palestinians** (including 2 women, 2 teenagers, a 9-yr.-old girl) and wounding 50; the **IDF** says it was responding to Palestinian gunfire on an **IDF** bulldozer working to build an observation tower with an overview of the camp, causing no injuries. The **IDF** also bulldozes 2.5 dunams of Palestinian land and an irrigation system nr. Tulkarm; conducts arrest raids in Tal; shells, destroys a closed Palestinian summer resort nr. Aley Sinai settlement. The **IDF** removes **Jewish settlers**, trailers fr. Havat Gilad; late in the evening, some **300 Jewish settlers** retake the site. Settlers voluntarily leave a 2d enclave, allowing the **IDF** to dismantle it, bringing to 22 the number of enclaves removed in recent days. **Jewish settlers** assault **Palestinians**, **Israeli peace activists** attempting to harvest olives nr. Yasuf village; the **IDF** presses settlers to leave the area, allow harvesting to continue. **Jewish settlers** nr. Hebron confiscate 90 dunams of Palestinian land. A **PA security court** sentences **1 Palestinian**, a fmr. Hamas mbr., to death for collaborating with Israel. (REU 10/17; HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/18; AFP, *al-Quds* 10/18 in WNC 10/21; WP 10/19; LAW, PCHR 10/23; MEI 10/25; JPI 11/8)

A fmr. U.S. defense official corroborates rumors that **Israeli special forces** recently conducted a covert reconnaissance mission in **w. Iraq** to determine Iraq's capacity to strike Israel with Scud missiles. **Military analyst and fmr. Pentagon official Anthony Cordesman** says that Baghdad is estimated to have only 12–25 Scuds; by comparison, during the 1991 Gulf War, Iraq fired 39 Scuds at Israel alone. (WP 10/18) (see 9/29)

## 18 OCTOBER

After a yr. of gunfire, stone-throwing, physical assaults, vandalism by local **Jewish settlers**, **150 Palestinian residents of Yanun** in the West Bank evacuate their village, move to neighboring Aqraba, marking the 1st time that harassment by settlers has forced out an entire village; Yanun's mayor says he has protested settler violence to the Israeli authorities for 4 yrs. without results.

The **IDF** withdraws to the outskirts of Jenin; sends tanks, bulldozers into Gaza City to demolish the Gaza harbor offices, a road linking Gaza City to the central Gaza Strip; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis; bulldozes 10 dunams of Palestinian land nr. Aley Sinai settlement, 2.5 dunams in Dayr al-Balah. A **Hamas mbr.** detonates a roadside bomb, throws grenades at an IDF post nr. Dugit settlement in Gaza, injuring **2 IDF soldiers** before being shot dead. Some **200 Jewish settlers** return to Havat Gilad, which the IDF has begun dismantling; troops do not attempt to disperse them. **Jewish settlers** uproot 92 olive trees in al-Khadir. (HA 10/18; AP, GS, HA, NYT 10/19; NYT, PM 10/21; AYM 10/21 in WNC 10/23; MA 10/21 in WNC 10/25; LAW, PCHR, PR 10/23; MEI, MM 10/25)

## 19 OCTOBER

The **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in Jenin, Nablus; bulldozes 35 dunams of land in Bayt Hanun. As IDF troops enter Jenin, **Palestinians** detonate roadside bombs, causing no injuries. At Havat Gilad, **IDF** soldiers continue dismantlement work, scuffle with **Jewish settlers**, leaving 30 settlers, 12 soldiers lightly injured; after dark, settlers begin re-erecting trailers on the site. **Jewish settlers** fire in the air in an attempt to scare off Palestinians, Israeli peace activists harvesting olives nr. Aqraba; the **IDF** intervenes, forcing the olive pickers to move to another grove to "reduce tensions." A **PA security court** sentences a **2d Palestinian**, also a **fmr. Hamas mbr.**, to death for collaborating with Israel (see 10/17). (GS 10/19; NYT, WP 10/20; *al-Quds* 10/20 in WNC 10/21; MM, WP 10/21; AYM 10/21 in WNC 10/23; LAW, PCHR 10/23; WJW 10/24; JPI 11/8)

## 20 OCTOBER

The **IDF** redeploys fr. 2 Palestinian neighborhoods in Hebron; shells residential areas of Khan Yunis; confiscates 2,600 dunams of Palestinian land in Izbet Salman and Izbet Jilad for construction of the security fence; bulldozes 200 olive trees in Qalqilya for the security fence, 31 dunams of land in Dayr al-Balah, 7 dunams in al-Mughraga in s. Gaza (also destroying 3 cars, partially demolishing **2 Palestinian homes**); raid the al-Sultan Cultural Center in Hebron, arresting 1 employee, photocopying the center's files; bars Palestinian fire trucks fr. fighting a blaze nr.

Askar r.c. The **IDF** clashes with some **1,000 Jewish settlers** who refuse to evacuate Havat Gilad, leaving 8 soldiers injured; troops clear the area, dismantle trailers, but 100s of settlers return after dark to reoccupy the site. In Gaza, **Palestinians** reportedly fire 2 antitank grenades at an **IDF** convoy nr. Netzarim, several mortars at Gush Katif, causing no damage or injuries. (HA, MM, NYT, WT 10/21; MA 10/21 in WNC 10/22; LAW, PCHR 10/23)

Across the U.S., **evangelical Christian churches** observe a day of prayer for **Israel**. (WP 10/21)

## 21 OCTOBER

Outside Hadera, **2 Islamic Jihad suicide bombers** detonate a car bomb next to a bus, killing **14 Israelis**, wounding 40. The **IDF** fatally shoots **2 Palestinians** nr. Kefar Darom; bulldozes a **Palestinian home** in Qabatiyya, some agricultural land nr. Aley Sinai settlement; conducts arrest raids in Beth-lehem, Qalqilya; bars an ambulance fr. crossing an IDF checkpoint, allowing an ailing **Palestinian** to die. Another **Palestinian** dies of injuries received on 12/10/01. **Palestinians** reportedly fire a mortar in Gaza, causing no damage or injuries. At Havat Gilad, **Jewish settlers** again try to rebuild sites demolished by the **IDF**. **Jewish settlers** fr. Shvut Rachel attack **Palestinians** harvesting olives nr. Nablus, setting 7 Palestinian cars and 50 trees afire, uprooting another 54 trees; in response, some 200 Palestinians start marching toward the settlement, but the **IDF** turns them away. **Jewish settlers** fr. Shilo fire on Palestinian farmers n. of Ramallah, wounding 4. (HA, MM, WP 10/21; Interfax 10/21 in WNC 10/22; MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/22; AFP, ATL, ITAR-TASS 10/22 in WNC 10/23; LAW, MM, PCHR 10/23; WJW 10/24; MEI 10/25)

## 22 OCTOBER

**Israel** says it will delay its military response to the 10/21 Hadera bombing in deference to **U.S.** regional concerns, but will reimpose curfews, blockades across the Palestinian territories and suspend steps to ease restrictions. The **IDF** bars **Palestinians** across the West Bank fr. harvesting olives, saying troops cannot protect pickers fr. **Jewish settlers**; the ban is lifted late in the evening after **Arab MKs** file a petition with the **Israeli High Court** opposing the order. **Israel's Infrastructure M Efi Eitam** orders

a halt to all drilling for **water** by West Bank Palestinians, freezes the issue of permits for future drilling. The **IDF** bars a **Palestinian** heart attack victim fr. crossing an IDF checkpoint to reach a hospital, allowing him to die; demolishes 3 **Palestinian homes** (Balata r.c., Nablus, Rafah); demolishes 4 barracks, 3 **Palestinian homes**, 3 bakeries, several cattle sheds in Yatta; bulldozes 10 dunams of land in Bayt Lahia; conducts arrest raids in Khan Yunis, Rafah. **Israel** releases **AFP photographer Hussam Abu Alan**, detained without charge on 4/24/02. (HA, PM, REU 10/22; LAW, NYT, PCHR, PR, WP 10/23; WT 10/24; AYM 10/24 in WNC 10/28; *al-Quds* 10/30 in WNC 10/31)

## 23 OCTOBER

The **IDF** moves troops back into Jenin, after withdrawing to the outskirts of the city on 10/18; fires on Palestinian farmers in Jenin; bulldozes 18 **Palestinian homes** (15 in Jiftlik, 1 in 'Ayn Bayt al-Ma' r.c., 1 in Balata r.c., 1 in Rafah, 1 in Salim); bars a **Palestinian** heart attack victim fr. crossing an IDF checkpoint to reach a hospital for 2 hrs., allowing him to die; raids 2 homes in Hebron, sets fire to residents' belongings. **IDF commandos** raid Balata r.c., arrest 2 Palestinians, leave behind their van, booby trapped with explosives; the van later explodes, injuring 10 Palestinians. With the **IDF's** pledge of protection, **Palestinian residents of Yanun** return to their homes (see 10/18). The **PA** complains that btwn. 9/4 and 10/16, the **IDF** has taken 750 single-bed truckloads, 250 double-bed truckloads of sand out of Gaza for use in construction projects inside Israel. (LAW, PCHR 10/23; AYM 10/23 in WNC 10/28; NYT, WT 10/24; HA 11/15)

**U.S. Asst. Secy. of State William Burns** arrives in Jerusalem to meet with **Israeli, PA** officials regarding a U.S. draft road map; presents the PA with the draft for the 1st time (see 10/16). (HA, MM, PR 10/23; HA, MM, NYT 10/24; MM, NYT, WT 10/25; AYM 10/25, 10/26 in WNC 10/28; WP 10/26; MEI 11/8) (see Quarterly Update)

The **Knesset** rejects (23-51) a proposed bill that would ban fr. the parliament any party trying to incite the expulsion of **Palestinians, Israeli Arabs**. (AFP 10/23)

## 24 OCTOBER

The **IDF** opens fire on stone-throwing Palestinian youths in Jenin, killing a **16-yr.-old Palestinian**, seriously injuring 2 others;

fires on residential areas of Rafah, killing 1 **Palestinian** in his home; demolishes 4 **Palestinian homes** in Bayt Hanina; conducts arrest raids in Bayt Jala (arresting wanted **Hamas mbr. Fawaz Amru**), Qalqilya. A **3d Palestinian** dies of injuries received on 10/13. A **PA security court** sentences a **Palestinian** to death for collaborating with Israel. **Israel** formally charges 1 of 10 bedouin IDF soldiers arrested on 9/12 for allegedly spying for **Hizballah**, stressing that he was motivated by greed, not nationalism. (HA, MM 10/24; WP, WT 10/25; MM 10/29; LAW, PCHR 10/30)

## 25 OCTOBER

The **IDF** launches **Operation Vanguard** in response to the 10/21 Hadera bombing, sending 100s of troops (including 90 snipers), heavy vehicles into Jenin town and r.c., where the bombers lived. Troops occupy 50 buildings; conduct house-to-house searches, arrest raids; meet some resistance in the r.c., exchanging gunfire with residents, leaving 6 **Fatah mbrs.** seriously wounded. The **IDF** says the incursion is expected to last several days, troops are prepared to stay indefinitely. The **IDF** also shells residential areas nr. Erez crossing; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Hebron; bulldozes 2 **Palestinian homes** in Rafah, 23 dunams of olive groves in Dayr al-Balah; begins construction of a new IDF post nr. Netzarim; makes a limited pullout fr. Palestinian areas of Hebron; eases curfews in Nablus, Qalqilya, Tulkarm. **Palestinian residents of Yanun** harvesting their olive groves are chased off by **Jewish settlers** just 2 days after the **IDF** promised them protection. **Jewish settlers** complete rebuilding Havat Gilad. (HA, MM, NYT, WP 10/25; NYT, WP, WT 10/26; MENA 10/27 in WNC 10/28; WP 10/28; LAW, PCHR 10/30)

## 26 OCTOBER

The **IDF** continues operations in Jenin, arresting 10s of Palestinians; fires live ammunition at stone-throwing Palestinians in Brazil r.c., killing a **13-yr.-old Palestinian boy**; directs tank, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Rafah late in the evening, seriously injuring 3 Palestinians, demolishing 1 **Palestinian home**; occupies an apartment block in Hebron as an IDF post. **AMB mbrs.** kidnap, shoot 2 **Palestinian women** fr. Nablus thought to be collaborators with Israel; 1 woman dies, the other is injured. (WP, WT 10/27; LAW, PCHR 10/30)

## 27 OCTOBER

A **Hamis suicide bomber** is discovered outside a café in Ariel settlement, captured and pinned down by **3 IDF soldiers**, fatally shot by **2 Jewish settlers**; the gunfire triggers the bomber's explosives, killing the 3 soldiers restraining him, wounding 18 soldiers and settlers. After hearing news of the bombing, **Jewish settlers** fr. Itamar attack **Palestinians, international peace activists** harvesting olives outside Yanun, injuring 6 activists, including 2 Americans (ages 68 and 74), 2 Israelis. **IDF** troops fatally shoot **2 Islamic Jihad mbrs.** in an apparent assassination in Nablus, wounding a 7-yr.-old boy; fatally shoot **1 Palestinian** checking the water tank on his roof in Jenin during the curfew; fatally shoot a **Palestinian youth** standing outside his home in Jenin r.c.; bulldoze 7 **Palestinian homes** in Rafah; bulldoze water wells, greenhouses in Muraj. A **PA security court** sentences a **Palestinian** to life with hard labor for collaborating with Israel. (*al-Quds* 10/27 in WNC 10/31; MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/28; MA 10/28 in WNC 10/28; LAW, PCHR 10/30; JPI, MEI 11/8)

## 28 OCTOBER

The **IDF** fatally shoots a **16-yr.-old Palestinian boy** in Tulkarm r.c.; halts an ambulance outside Jenin, detains **2 Palestinian dialysis patients** returning fr. treatment (1 blind; 1 paraplegic, wheelchair bound) on suspicion of being wanted men, releases them after 10 hrs.; fires on Palestinians nr. Bayt Hanun, wounding 2; demolishes 7 **Palestinian homes** (1 in Jenin, 3 in Jenin r.c., 3 in Rafah); bulldozes greenhouses in Rafah; raids a school in Jenin, arresting a school guard for not having an ID (confiscated by IDF in 6/02); digs trenches around Jenin, Nablus to prevent Palestinians fr. leaving or entering except through 3 IDF checkpoints. **Palestinians** fire a rocket fr. Gaza into Israel, causing minor damage outside a school, no injuries. **Jewish settlers** at Havat Gilad attack and chase off nearby Palestinian olive pickers, steal what olives they have picked, harvest the grove for themselves. Late this evening, the **IDF** raids, shuts down Havat Gilad outpost again (see 10/25). (JTA 10/28; MA 10/28 in WNC 10/29; NYT, WP, WT 10/29; LAW, NYT, PCHR 10/30; HA 11/2; HA 11/6)

**Labor leader Ben-Eliezer** says he would vote against Sharon's proposed 2003 budget unless \$150 m. in funds for **Jewish settle-**

**ments** are shifted to social services. **Sharon** accuses Ben-Eliezer of cynically maneuvering to win reelection as Labor party head in party voting on 11/19; threatens to dismiss **Labor party MKs** fr. the coalition government, force early elections if they vote against. (NYT 10/29; NYT, WT 10/30)

## 29 OCTOBER

An **IDF undercover unit** assassinates **senior Hamas mbr. Asim Sawafta** in Tubas. The **IDF** also shoots a **14-yr.-old Palestinian boy** in the head in Tubas, seriously wounding him; shells residential areas s. of Gaza City, in and around Khan Yunis; conducts arrest raids in Aqraba, Khirbat Karma; blows up **1 Palestinian home** in Jenin r.c.; detains 2 ambulance workers in Jenin town. A **Palestinian gunman** infiltrates the West Bank settlement of Hermesh, opens fire on residents outside their homes, killing **3 Jewish settlers** (including 2 teenage girls), injuring 2 before being shot dead. **Jewish settlers** begin rebuilding the Havat Gilad site. A **PA security court** sentences a **Palestinian** to death for collaboration with Israel. (JTA 10/29; *al-Quds* 10/29 in WNC 11/5; LAW, MM, NYT, PCHR 10/30; WP 10/31; MEI 11/8)

**Arafat** announces the makeup of his new cabinet. Although most **PC mbrs.** angrily criticize Arafat's failure to remove old **EA** mbrs. accused of corruption, they approve (56-18) the new cabinet. (AP, HA 10/29; MM, NYT, PR, WP, WT 10/30; ITAR-TASS 10/30 in WNC 10/31; MM 10/31; AYM 10/31 in WNC 11/1; QA 10/31, 11/1 in WNC 11/5; MEI 11/8) (see Doc. B1; Quarterly Update)

## 30 OCTOBER

**IDF commandos** ambush, assassinate **wanted PA intelligence officer Ayid Mansur** outside his home in Nablus. The **IDF** fatally shoots **1 Palestinian** nr. the new security wall in Zita; raids a makeshift **PSF** jail in Tulkarm, arresting 6 PSF officers, 12 prisoners (the PSF officers, 9 prisoners are later released); conducts arrest raids, searches houses, blows up **2 Palestinian homes** in Bayt Hanun; fires on residential areas, bulldozes **1 Palestinian home** and part of a mosque in Brazil r.c.; conducts arrest raids, house-to-house searches, fires on residential areas in Askar r.c.; raids Qalandia r.c., detaining 50 Palestinians; directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Bayt Lahia, Gaza City, Rafah; bulldozes

17.5 dunams of Palestinian land s. of Khan Yunis. Some **40 prominent Israelis** outraged by recent **Jewish settler** attacks on **Palestinian olive pickers** travel to the West Bank to participate in a Palestinian olive harvest. (GS, LAW, PCHR 10/30; PCHR, PR 11/6; MEI 11/8)

DM and Labor party head **Ben-Eliezer** resigns fr. the government hrs. before **Sharon's** FY 2003 budget passes (67-45) in the Knesset, with all **25 Labor party MKs** voting against. Afterward, the 5 other Labor MKs, including **FM Shimon Peres**, resign. (HA, MM 10/30; MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/31; JT 10/31 in WNC 11/1; *al-Quds* 11/2, MENA 11/3 in WNC 11/5; AYM 11/2 in WNC 11/8; JPI, MEI 11/8)

### 31 OCTOBER

The **IDF** continues Operation Vanguard in Jenin, conducting arrest raids, house-to-house searches, blowing up **4 Palestinian homes**; fatally shoots a mentally handicapped **Palestinian** who strays too close to the Rafah border fence; fires on Palestinians who stray too close to Beit El settlement, killing **1 Palestinian**, wounding 2; fires on Palestinians waiting at a Khan Yunis checkpoint (injuring 1), residential areas nr. Neve Dekalim settlement (injuring 8, including 1 woman, 4 children), a group of children at the entrance to Tulkarm r.c. (injuring 1), Palestinians outside the Qabatiyya municipal building (injuring 4, 3 of whom are detained for several hrs. without medical attention); conducts arrest raids in Hebron, Tulkarm; demolishes a **Palestinian home** nr. Kefar Darom settlement; bulldozes 13 dunams of land nr. Aley Sinai settlement. In Gaza City, **3 Hamas mbrs.** are killed in an explosion; **Hamas spokesman 'Abd al-'Aziz Rantisi** acknowledges the men were probably making a bomb. Hamas mbrs. attack journalists who arrive to cover the scene, destroying 2 cameras, lightly injuring a Reuters cameraman and reporter; the main **Palestinian journalists union** in Gaza orders a boycott of coverage of all Hamas activities in protest; Hamas apologizes. Some **22 Jewish settlers** attack the Za'tara mayor, municipal surveyor, and a surveying team, destroying their equipment, maps, documents. A **Jewish settler** confiscates Palestinian land nr. Dayr al-Balah, razes the area, sets up greenhouses. (HA, NYT, WT 11/1; LAW, PCHR 11/6; PR 11/13)

### 1 NOVEMBER

The **IDF** continues Operation Vanguard in Jenin, arresting **Islamic Jihad mbr. Fayiz Tubasi**, wanted for plotting the 10/21 suicide bombing; conducts arrest raids in Ramallah, Tulkarm (where troops search a school); shells residential areas of Khan Yunis; razes 219.5 dunams of land nr. Bayt Hanun. An **AMB gunman** fires on an IDF patrol nr. Beit El, is fatally shot by the soldiers. **IDF** soldiers nr. Tulkarm bar an ambulance fr. transporting a patient to the hospital, search the vehicle, order paramedics to return fr. where they came. (HA 11/1; LAW, PCHR 11/6; PRCS press release 11/10)

After the mandatory 48-hr. waiting period, **Labor party** resignations take effect, leaving **Sharon** with a right-wing minority coalition of 55 of 120 Knesset seats. Sharon invites Likud party rival and **fmr. PM Benjamin Netanyahu** to take the position of FM, **fmr. IDF Chief of Staff Shaul Mofaz** to take the position of DM. (HA 11/1; NYT, WP 11/2)

### 2 NOVEMBER

The **IDF** arrests **2 Palestinians** with explosives at an IDF checkpoint in the West Bank, apparently averting a suicide bombing; conducts arrest raids in Jenin; blows up a "suspicious looking" Palestinian car in al-Khadir; invades Mighraqa, destroying a number of electricity towers, cutting power to the village, bulldozing the roads inside the village, digging trenches across the main road, damaging the water network; conducts arrest raids in al-Qarara; shells residential areas of Khan Yunis. **IDF soldiers** at a checkpoint outside Jenin break the windshield of an ambulance transporting a patient to the hospital. (NYT, PM, WP 11/3; LAW, PCHR 11/6; PRCS press release 11/10)

### 3 NOVEMBER

The **IDF** opens fire on residential areas of Khan Yunis (killing **1 Palestinian**), Rafah (killing a **2d Palestinian**); demolishes **3 Palestinian homes**, car repair shop, and a cattle pen in 3 villages n. of Jerusalem, killing 150 cows, razing surrounding land in the process; blows up **2 Palestinian homes** in Jenin; bulldozes 30 dunams of Palestinian land nr. Dayr al-Balah; bars an ambulance fr. transporting a dialysis patient to the hospital for treatment; conducts arrest raids in Hebron, Ramallah (including arresting **4 PSF officers** manning a security post in a hospital, **5 PSF officers** guarding the Education Min.),

Tubas. (*Palestine Digest* 11/3; LAW, PCHR 11/6; PRCS press release 11/10)

#### 4 NOVEMBER

An **Islamic Jihad suicide bomber** detonates a device in a store in Tel Aviv, killing **1 Israeli security guard, 1 Israeli civilian**, wounding 30. The **IDF** assassinates **wanted Hamas mbr. Hamid Sidr**, firing a missile at his car as he drives nr. Nablus, also killing his passenger, **Hamas mbr. Firas Abu Ghazala**, and injuring 2 bystanders; fires shells, heavy machine guns at a car traveling 800 m. fr. the border fence nr. Jabaliya, killing all **3 Palestinians** inside; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis; bulldozes a hardware store, shelter, tour company parking lot for 50 buses in the al-Tur quarter of Jerusalem, **2 Palestinian homes** under construction (1 in Yabad), 2 existing **Palestinian homes** (in Bayt Marsam, Dura), a 3-story building in the Nablus industrial zone, 67 dunams of agricultural land nr. Bayt Hanun; conducts arrest raids nr. Bethlehem. **Jewish settlement security guards** block Palestinians, international activists fr. picking olives in Falami, cut down 10–15 olive trees as **IDF soldiers** look on. (GS, PM 11/4; NYT, WP, WT 11/5; Interfax, QA 11/5 in WNC 11/6; LAW, PCHR, PR 11/6; MEI 11/8; JPI 11/15)

**Israel** releases its annual poverty report, showing that the poverty rate has stayed steady at 17.7% for the past 5 yrs. Unofficial estimates show that of the nearly 320,000 poor families, an estimated 90,000 families are Arab. Nearly 50% of Arab families are below the poverty line, compared to 1 in 7 Jewish families; 50,000 of the 75,000 children in poverty are Arab. (MM 11/5)

#### 5 NOVEMBER

The **IDF** makes an incursion into Rafah r.c., demolishing **3 Palestinian homes**, directing shells and heavy machine gun fire at residential areas, killing **2 Palestinian teenagers**, injuring 12 others (ages 14–72); holds an ambulance transporting an ill child at an army checkpoint for 90 mins. (the child eventually reaches the hospital); bulldozes 66 dunams of land s. of Khan Yunis, additional land nr. the Egyptian border with Rafah. **4 Palestinian residents of East Jerusalem** plead guilty to direct involvement in a series of bombings in the city, including the 7/31/02 Hebrew University attack. (LAW, PCHR, PR, WP, WT 11/6; PRCS press release 11/10)

After failing to bring the right-wing National Union–Yisrael Beitunia faction into his coalition, **Sharon** dissolves the **Knesset**, calls early elections for 2/03. (HA, MM 11/5; *al-Quds* 11/5 in WNC 11/8; MM, NYT, WP, WT 11/6; MEI 11/8; MA 11/8 in WNC 11/12; MM 11/9; JPI 11/15)

#### 6 NOVEMBER

A **Hamas gunman** opens fire in Gush Katif settlement in Gaza, killing **2 Jewish settlers**, injuring 1 before being shot dead. The **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house-to-house searches in Dayr al-Balah, Silat al-Dahir. **2 junior IDF cmdrs.** are sentenced to 28 days in jail for authorizing the use of Palestinians as human shields. Protesting the verdict, another IDF officer says that similar events have taken place in the past “and now soldiers are being tried for what once was permissible.” (HA, LAW, PCHR 11/6; JP, MM, NYT, WP 11/7)

The **Israeli FMin.** reports that **Jewish settlers** received \$27.6 m. in income tax benefits in 2001. The government’s tax discount for settlers in the West Bank was 7%, in Gaza 10%. The average tax benefit per settler was \$1,369 in the West Bank, \$1,895 in Gaza. (HA 11/7; PR 11/13)

#### 7 NOVEMBER

According to the **IDF**, soldiers foil a suicide bombing when they stop a Palestinian taxi at a checkpoint nr. Nablus; one passenger emerges fr. the vehicle wearing an explosive belt; soldiers fire on the man, detonating the belt, killing the bomber, another **Palestinian** passenger. In Khan Yunis, **4 masked Palestinian gunmen** kidnap German **International Comm. of the Red Cross (ICRC) rep. Nikolai Panke** as he is distributing food to Palestinians; Panke is released unharmed 11 hrs. later; 1 of the kidnapers reportedly is a fmr. PSF officer who was “frustrated” over the loss of his job, wanted to be rehired. The **IDF** bars an ambulance transporting a wounded **Palestinian** across a checkpoint, allowing the man to die; fires rubber-coated steel bullets at Palestinian schoolchildren on their way to classes in Jenin r.c., wounding 5; directs tank fire at a 12-yr.-old Palestinian boy playing in a field, seriously injuring him; bulldozes 15 dunams of land in Dayr al-Balah; fires on residential areas of Rafah; conducts arrest raids in Tubas. (HA 11/7; NYT, WP 11/8; PRCS press release 11/10; LAW, PHRC, PR 11/13)

## 8 NOVEMBER

The **IDF** fatally shoots a wanted **Palestinian** in Tulkarm in what may be an assassination; opens fire on stone-throwing Palestinians in Tal, killing a **PSF officer**; conducts arrest raids in, fires on residential areas of, demolishes 1 **Palestinian home** in Khan Yunis. (NYT 11/9; LAW, PCHR 11/13)

After 3 wks. of debate, the **UNSC** (including **Syria**, which is a rotating mbr.) votes unanimously for a tough resolution (UN Res. 1441) giving **Iraq** the "final opportunity" to disarm, allow inspectors in, and fully comply with all UN demands or face "serious consequences." (MM, NYT, WP, WT 11/9; MENA, QA, *al-Quds* 11/9, JT, MENA 11/10, SA 11/11 in WNC 11/12; MM 11/12; JT 11/13 in WNC 11/14; MM 11/14; MEI 11/22)

## 9 NOVEMBER

The **IDF** assassinates **Islamic Jihad military leader Iyad Sawalha** in a predawn raid of his home in Jenin. In retaliation, **Islamic Jihad** detonates a roadside bomb nr. an IDF convoy in Gaza, killing 1 **IDF soldier (a bedouin tracker)**, wounding a 2d. The **IDF** also conducts arrest raids in Dura, Nablus, al-Qarara; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis, Nablus; bulldozes 19 dunams of land s. of Khan Yunis. (JPI, LAW 11/9; GS, NYT, WP, WT 11/10; LAW, PCHR 11/13; B'Tselem press release 11/14)

## 10 NOVEMBER

The **IDF** pulls back to the outskirts of Jenin, ending its 2-wk.-old **Operation Vanguard** (see 10/25); bulldozes 8 **Palestinian homes** in Rafah; directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Khan Yunis, al-Qarara, al-Rabwat al-Gharbiyya, Rafah, Tal al-Sultan; bulldozes 7 dunams of land s. of Khan Yunis. Just inside Israel nr. Hadera, an **IDF** patrol halts a suspicious Palestinian vehicle; the 2 occupants, apparently en route to stage a suicide bombing, detonate an explosive device in the car, killing themselves. In the same area late in the evening, an **AMB gunman** sneaks into a kibbutz in n. Israel, fires on residents, killing 5 **Israelis** before escaping. (GS, MEZ, MM, PM, NYT, WP, WT 11/11; Interfax 11/11 in WNC 11/12; MM, WP 11/12; LAW, PCHR 11/13)

## 11 NOVEMBER

Before dawn, **IDF helicopters** fire at least 8 missiles at a car repair shop in a crowded area of Gaza City, seriously damaging it but causing no injuries; conducts arrest raids, bulldozes 21 dunams of land in al-Qarara; fires on residential areas of Tal al-Sultan (killing a **2-yr.-old Palestinian child**), Tulkarm r.c.; blows up a **Palestinian home**, fires on stone-throwing Palestinians in Tulkarm city. Late in the evening, the **IDF** fires on residential areas of Rafah, killing a **3-yr.-old Palestinian** chasing a balloon. An **8-yr.-old Palestinian** dies of injuries received during the IDF shelling of Rafah r.c. on 10/17. (MEZ, WP 11/11; MM, WT 11/12; LAW, NYT, PCHR 11/13; WT 11/14)

**U.S. Dep. Asst. Secy. of State David Satterfield** arrives in Israel to present a revised version of the U.S. draft road map to Israel and the PA, based on their comments on the plan. (HA, WP 11/11; HA, MM, WT 11/13; AYM 11/13 in WNC 11/14; JP, WP 11/14; MM, NYT 11/15) (see Quarterly Update)

## 12 NOVEMBER

In retaliation for the 11/10 AMB kibbutz attack, the **IDF** launches a predawn raid on Tulkarm town and r.c. and Nur al-Shams r.c., sending in at least 30 tanks and APCs, firing on residential areas, conducting house-to-house searches, arresting 2 Palestinians, blowing up 1 **Palestinian home**. The **IDF** also halts an ambulance at a checkpoint nr. Nablus, arrests a patient being transported to the hospital for heart trouble; bulldozes 1 **Palestinian home**, 3 dunams of land n. of Rafah; conducts arrest raids nr. Dayr al-Balah. (NYT, WP 11/12; LAW, NYT, PCHR, WT 11/13; PRCS press release 11/17)

## 13 NOVEMBER

Before dawn, in retaliation for the 11/10 AMB kibbutz attack, the **IDF** sends 150 tanks, APCs into Nablus and its surrounding r.c.'s (Askar r.c., 'Ayn Bayt al-Ma' r.c., Balata r.c.), conducts house-to-house searches, occupies schools and buildings as outposts, surrounds Nablus's Old City, fires on residential areas of adjacent Balata r.c. In another predawn attack, **IDF** helicopters fire missiles at the same car repair shop targeted on 11/11, destroying it, killing a **2-yr.-old Palestinian child**, damaging several surrounding homes. The **IDF** also arrests 30 **Hamas mbrs.** across the West Bank, 11 of

them in Nablus, some in Birzeit; fires on residential areas of Tal al-Sultan. (LAW, MM, NYT, PCHR, PR, WP, WT 11/13; MM, NYT, WT 11/14)

**Israeli atty. gen. Eliyakim Rubinstein** announces that the government intends to press charges against **Greek Orthodox spiritual head Father Theodosios Atallah Hanna** for “unauthorized contact with the enemy,” meeting with “terrorists,” inciting violence for recent travels to Lebanon, Syria to visit Greek Orthodox communities there. Father Theodosios notes that the atty. gen. has not charged rabbis who visit Jewish communities in Iraq, Syria, or Yemen. (Father Theodosios press release 11/13)

**Iraq** accepts UN Res. 1441 unconditionally, opening the door for arms inspectors to return to Iraq beginning on 11/18 for the 1st time since UN arms experts left in 1998. (AP 11/13; MENA 11/13 in WNC 11/14; MM, NYT, WP, WT 11/14; MM 11/15)

#### 14 NOVEMBER

Before dawn, the **IDF** sends 50 tanks and APCs, backed by helicopters, into Gaza City, arrests a **PSF officer**, his **3 brothers** before quickly withdrawing. The **IDF** also fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis, Nablus, Rafah (killing **1 Palestinian**); bulldozes 18 dunams of land in Dayr al-Balah; demolishes **1 Palestinian home** in Tulkarm. (WP, WT 11/14; HA, NYT 11/15; PCHR 11/20)

#### 15 NOVEMBER

In retaliation for the IDF assassination of its military head Sawalha on 11/9, **Islamic Jihad gunmen** ambush a detail of IDF

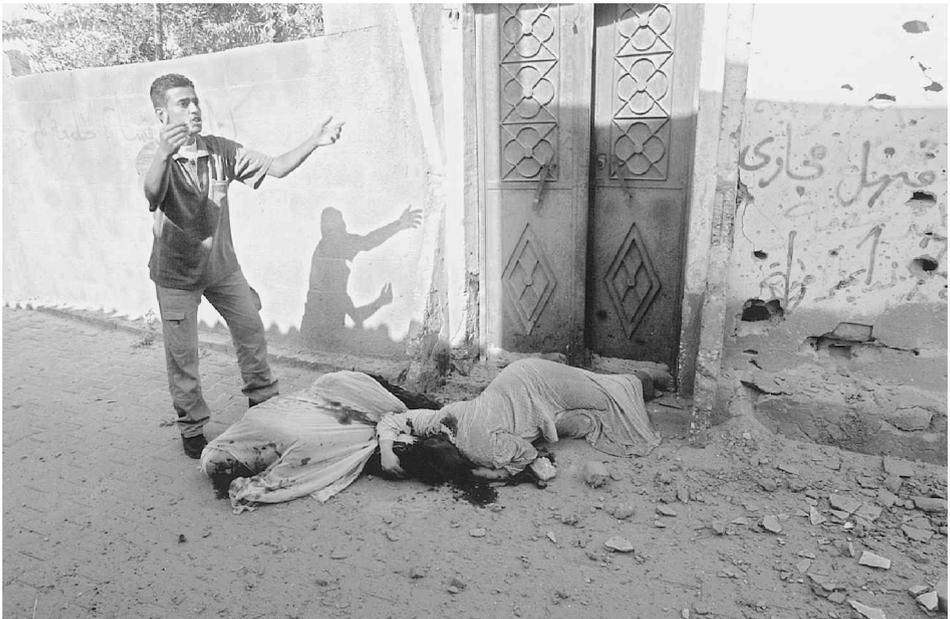
soldiers, border police, Jewish settler security officials nr. the Ibrahimi Mosque/Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron, killing **4 IDF soldiers, 5 border police, 3 settler guards**, injuring 15 soldiers, police, guards in what the IDF terms a “well-planned ambush” that included positioning snipers on nearby hilltops; during the 3-hr. exchange of gunfire at least **3 Islamic Jihad mbrs.** are also killed. The IDF, **Israeli government** initially claim that all of those killed and injured were civilian worshipers en route fr. Sabbath prayers at the holy site; later admit that the group targeted was all military or paramilitary, that Islamic Jihad mbrs. allowed the group of Jewish worshipers to pass without incident mins. before the ambush. The attack comes barely 5 wks. after the Shin Bet warned (10/7) that tensions were high around the Ibrahimi Mosque/Tomb of the Patriarchs, that a cell of 15–20 Jewish settlers might be preparing an attack on Palestinians similar to the 1994 Baruch Goldstein shooting at the site; among those warning of a new Goldstein was **IDF Hebron cmdr. Col. Dror Weinberg**, killed in today’s attack. **IDF undercover units** assassinate **senior Hamas mbr. Mahmud Obeid**, arrest a 2d Hamas mbr. in Tulkarm; fire rockets at a workshop in Gaza City, destroying it; demolish **3 Palestinian homes** in Bayt Lahia; conduct arrest raids in Dayr al-Balah. During the 3d day of sweeps in Nablus, the **IDF** arrests another 14 suspected Hamas mbrs., fires on a group of stone-throwing youths, killing **1 Palestinian**. (HA 11/15; HA, NYT, WP, WT 11/16; JP, NYT, WP 11/17; HA, PCHR 11/20; MEI 11/22; see also HA 10/7)

#### CHRONOLOGY SOURCE ABBREVIATIONS

AFP	(Agence France-Presse, Paris)
AKH	( <i>al-Akbbar</i> , Cairo)
AN	(Arab News, Riyadh)
AP	(Associated Press [Internet])
ATL	(Anatolia, Ankara)
AYM	( <i>al-Ayyam</i> , Ramallah)
BBC	(British Broadcasting Corporation World Service [Internet])
CNN	(Cable News Network [Internet])
CSM	( <i>Christian Science Monitor</i> , Boston)
DUS	( <i>al-Dustur</i> , Amman)
GS	(Gush Shalom, Tel Aviv)
HA	( <i>Ha’Aretz</i> [Internet], Tel Aviv)
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])

- LAW (Palestinian Society for the Protection of Human Rights and the Environment, Jerusalem)
- MA (*Ma'ariv*, Tel Aviv)
- MEI (*Middle East International*, London)
- MENA (Middle East News Agency, Cairo)
- MEZ (al-Mezan Center for Human Rights, Jabaliya)
- MM (*Mideast Mirror*, London)
- NYT (*New York Times*, New York)
- PCHR (Palestinian Center for Human Rights, Gaza)
- PM (Palestine Monitor [Internet])
- PR (*Palestine Report*, Jerusalem)
- QA (*al-Quds al-Arabi*, London)
- REU (Reuters [Internet])
- RFI (Radio France Internationale, Paris)
- SA (*al-Sharq al-Awsat*, London)
- WJW (*Washington Jewish Week*, Rockville, MD)
- WNC (World News Connection [Internet], Washington)
- WP (*Washington Post*, Washington)
- WT (*Washington Times*, Washington)
- XIN (Xinhua–New China News Agency, Beijing)

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**A Palestinian youth looks for help to carry bodies of two women killed by IDF tank fire in Rafah r.c., 17 October 2002. (Adib Katib/Getty Images)**