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16 MAY 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, **Israel Defense Forces (IDF) troops** open fire on **Palestinians** throwing stones at their position nr. the border fence, causing no injuries. In the **West Bank**, **IDF** soldiers open fire on demonstrators in Hebron, wounding 2 with rubber-coated metal bullets, including a 14-year-old child who was blinded as a result. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Aida refugee camp (r.c.), Dahaysha r.c., and 1 village nr. Bethlehem at night; patrols in Qalqilya and 1 village nr. Hebron in the afternoon, and in 3 villages nr. Jericho, 2 villages nr. Ramallah, and 1 village nr. Hebron at night. **Israeli settlers** destroy 58 trees nr. Bethlehem. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** demolish an unauthorized structure in the Jewish settlement outpost Givat Assaf nr. Beit El. **IDF troops** violently disperse **Palestinian, Israeli, and international protesters** at a weekly demonstration against Israel's separation wall, settlements, and occupation in 3 villages nr. Ramallah (Bil'in, Nabi Salih, and Ni'lin), and 1 village nr. Qalqilya (Kafr Qaddum). There are no serious injuries, except

in Kafr Qaddum, where 1 is wounded by a rubber-coated metal bullet. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** violently disperse a group of **Palestinians** in Issawiyya protesting the killing of 2 teenagers the previous day. Fifteen are injured with rubber-coated metal bullets. (MNA, YA 5/16; PCHR 5/22)

Talks between reps. of **Iran** and the **P5+1** powers in **Vienna** end with no results. **Senior Iranian nuclear negotiator Iran's and Dep. FM Abbas Araghchi** says that the meeting made "no progress." An unnamed **U.S. official** claims there was "great difficulty" in moving toward a consensus, and reports "significant" differences in positions. Due to the lack of progress, **Iran's FM Mohammad Zarif** and **EU foreign affairs chief Catherine Ashton** did not hold a concluding press conference as on previous occasions. Araghchi says there are further meetings planned in 6/2014, but gives no further details. Meanwhile, in comments given after a meeting with **Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu** in Jerusalem, **U.S. Defense Secy. Chuck Hagel** says that the U.S. is committed to "ensuring Iran does not get a nuclear weapon." (AP, HA 5/16)

17 MAY 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, **IDF troops** open fire on agricultural lands nr. Khan Yunis close to the border fence, wounding 1 child collecting grass. Meanwhile, **Israeli soldiers** open fire on a Palestinian fisherman on the beach nr. al-Sudaniyya, wounding him. In the **West Bank**, a **Palestinian** man dies of a heart attack following a raid of his home in Hebron by **Israeli soldiers**. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Aida r.c., 3 villages nr. Bethlehem, Hebron, 2 villages nr. Hebron, and 1 village nr. Jenin at night. Also, the **IDF** patrols in 1 village nr. Jericho in the morning, 1 village nr. Ramallah in the afternoon, 2 villages each nr. Hebron and Jenin, ‘Ayn al-Sultan r.c. nr. Jericho, and 1 village each nr. Ramallah and Salfit at night. (MNA 5/17; PCHR 5/22)

Israeli FM Avigdor Lieberman says that **PA Pres. Mahmud Abbas** is not a partner for peace, and also that the U.S. administration is “wrong about the settlements,” in comments to Israeli television reporters. Lieberman frames the latter dispute as a fallout between “good friends,” but says that the Israeli govt. must present an “alternative” to the current framework for talks. (HA, ToI 5/17)

Senior Hamas official Musa Abu Marzuq announces that Hamas and Fatah have reached an agreement on the ministers who will make up the PA’s new unity govt. Abu Marzuq says that **Fatah official Azzam al-Ahmad** is expected to return to the Gaza Strip within days for further discussions. Separately, **Hamas spokesperson Fawzi Barhoum** urges Abbas not to give in to Israeli pressure with regard to the unity govt. (JP 5/17)

18 MAY 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, **IDF troops** open fire on **Palestinians** collecting gravel close to the

border fence nr. the Erez crossing, wounding 1 with live ammunition. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 2 villages nr. Hebron and 1 village nr. Ramallah at night; patrols in 1 village each nr. Bethlehem and Ramallah in the morning, 2 villages nr. Qalqilya in the afternoon, and in 2 villages nr. Hebron and 1 village nr. Jericho at night. (MNA, WAFA 5/18; PCHR 5/22)

Senior Iranian nuclear negotiator and Dep. FM Araghchi says that the next round of talks between reps. of Iran and the P5+1 powers in Vienna will take place from 6/16 to 6/20. (IRNA, REU 5/18)

19 MAY 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, **IDF troops** open fire on **Palestinians** collecting raw materials close to the border fence nr. Bayt Hanun, injuring 1. Off the coast nr. Rafah, **Israeli naval vessels** open fire on **Palestinian fishermen**, causing no damage, and arrest 2. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** demolishes 9 Palestinian-owned structures in Issawiyya and the E1 area nr. Jerusalem. Meanwhile, **IDF soldiers** uproot an estimated 600 almond trees nr. Nahalin village nr. Bethlehem. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 2 villages and al-Fawar r.c. nr. Hebron and in Jenin at night; patrols in 1 village each nr. Ramallah and Tulkarm in the morning, in 4 villages nr. Jenin and in Tulkarm in the afternoon, and in 2 villages nr. Ramallah and 1 village nr. Hebron at night. **Israeli settlers** set fire to Palestinian-owned land nr. Salfit, damaging around 20 fruit trees. (MNA, UNOCHA 5/19; PCHR 5/22)

In his 1st public comment on the subject since 1/20, **Iran’s Pres. Hassan Rouhani** says that “in spite of the existing difficulties” he remains hopeful for a comprehensive deal with the P5+1 group over Iran’s disputed nuclear program. (AFP, IRNA 5/19)

20 MAY 2014

Off the coast of the **Gaza Strip** nr. Rafah, **Israeli naval vessels** arrest 2 fishermen and confiscate their boats. In a separate incident off the coast nr. Khan Yunis, **Israeli naval vessels** open fire on **Palestinian fishermen**, causing no damage or injuries. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** clash with Palestinians in Yatta village nr. Hebron during a morning arrest raid, wounding 1 Palestinian with a tear gas canister. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village nr. Hebron in the afternoon, and in 1 village each nr. Jenin and Tulkarm at night; patrols in 2 villages nr. Ramallah and 1 village nr. Tulkarm in the morning, and in 2 villages each nr. Hebron, Jenin, and Tulkarm at night. (MNA 5/20; PCHR 5/22)

21 MAY 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, **IDF troops** conduct a limited incursion close to the border fence nr. Khan Yunis to level land. They are targeted by an explosive device which damages a vehicle but causes no injuries. In response, the soldiers open fire, wounding 1 Palestinian farmer, and fire mortar shells into an open field, causing no injuries. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** demolish 20 Palestinian-owned structures in n. Jordan Valley village Jiftlik. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 3 villages nr. Ramallah, 1 village each nr. Hebron and Nablus and Aida r.c. in Bethlehem at night; patrols in Hebron in the afternoon, and in 2 villages nr. Jericho and al-'Arub r.c. at night. (MNA 5/21; PCHR 5/22)

The **International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)** announces that it has agreed on 5 new transparency measures with **Iran**, including an investigation into alleged previous efforts to develop atomic weapons. The news follows

2 days of talks in Tehran between an IAEA team and Iranian officials. (AFP, AP 5/21)

In the **Sinai Peninsula**, a bomb attack targeting a security services' vehicle kills 1 Egyptian and injures 6 others. (AP, REU 5/21)

22 MAY 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, **IDF troops** conduct a limited incursion to level land close to the border fence nr. Khan Yunis. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village each nr. Hebron, Qalqilya, and Salfit at night; patrols in 1 village nr. Hebron in the afternoon, and in 2 villages nr. Hebron, and 1 village each nr. Nablus, Ramallah, and Salfit at night. **Israeli settlers** use bulldozers to level Palestinian-owned land nr. Salfit. (MNA 5/22; PCHR 5/29)

Israeli PM Netanyahu says that "the idea of taking unilateral steps is gaining ground" among Israel's political class, particularly in light of the collapse of U.S.-led negotiations, in an exclusive interview published by Bloomberg View. (See document C1 for excerpts.) Netanyahu's office subsequently clarifies that this is not a reference to any intention to evacuate settlements. **Economy Minister Naftali Bennett** welcomes the remarks and urges the adoption of his plan, which would include the annexation of parts of the West Bank. Meanwhile, **senior Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) official Hanan Ashrawi** condemns talk of unilateral steps as a way to bypass talks, while **U.S. State Dept. spokesperson Marie Harf** responds to Netanyahu's remarks by emphasizing that "no one should take any steps that undermine trust, including unilateral." (Bloomberg, HA, YA 5/23)

China and **Russia** veto a **UN Security Council (UNSC)** res., drafted by **France**, referring the **Syrian** crisis to the International Criminal Court (ICC) for an investigation into

possible war crimes. The 13 other mbrs. of the UNSC vote in favor. It is the 4th time that China and Russia have blocked Western-drafted resolutions on Syria since spring 2011.

Meanwhile, the **Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)** says that the last 100 tons of Syria's declared stockpile of precursors for poison gas and nerve agents are ready for transport, but Syrian authorities say it is too dangerous to move them for the time being. (AFP, AP 5/23)

Gunmen kill **Shadi al-Manaei**, leader of **Ansar Bayt al-Maqdis**, along with 3 other mbrs. of the Egypt-based militant group, in a drive-by shooting in c. **Sinai**. Egyptian officials say that the attack is likely revenge for the group's killing of local tribesmen as "collaborators." (AP 5/22)

Lawmakers allied with **Hizballah** boycott a session of Lebanon's parliament, blocking the body from electing a new pres. This is the 5th failed attempt in the past mo. Lebanon's current pres., Michael Suleiman, is scheduled to leave office on 5/24, the last day of his 6-year term. (AP 5/22)

23 MAY 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, **IDF troops** open fire on armed **Palestinians** close to the border fence nr. Bayt Lahiya, wounding 1. Subsequently, a rocket is fired from Gaza into s. Israel, causing no damage or injuries. In 3 further, separate incidents, **IDF troops** open fire on **Palestinians** collecting straw close to the border fence nr. Dayr al-Balah, wounding 1; violently disperse **Palestinians** throwing stones nr. Jabaliya, causing no injuries; and, open fire on **Palestinians** collecting raw materials nr. Bayt Hanun, causing no injuries. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** open fire on **Palestinians** demonstrating outside Ofer prison nr. Ramallah in solidarity with prisoners on hunger strike,

wounding 3. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Tubas and 1 village nr. Nablus at night; patrols in Hebron, and 1 village each nr. Qalqilya and Ramallah in the afternoon, and in 3 villages nr. Ramallah, 2 villages and al-'Arub r.c. nr. Hebron, 1 village nr. Jericho, and in Qalqilya at night. Also, **IDF troops** violently disperse **Palestinian, Israeli, and international protesters** at weekly demonstrations against Israel's separation wall, settlements, and occupation in 3 villages nr. Ramallah (Bil'in, Nabi Salih, and Ni'lin), and 1 village nr. Qalqilya (Kafr Qaddum). There are no serious injuries. Meanwhile, **Israeli settlers** attack 2 **Palestinians** on a road nr. Ramallah, causing moderate injuries. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** enter Issawiyya and lightly injure 6 **Palestinians** during a raid on a bakery. (MNA 5/23; PCHR 5/29)

The **IAEA** announces in a quarterly report that **Iran** has cut its stockpile of higher-enriched uranium by around 80%, in compliance with earlier agreements. The report also says Iran is meeting its other obligations. (AP, REU 5/23)

In the **n. Sinai Peninsula nr. al-Arish**, unknown persons blow up a gas pipeline, disrupting the natural gas supply to an industrial zone. (AP 5/23; MNA 5/24)

24 MAY 2014

Off the coast of the **Gaza Strip** nr. Bayt Lahiya, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on **Palestinian fishing boats**, causing no injuries or damage. Meanwhile, 2 mbrs. of **Islamic Jihad's armed wing, Saraya al-Quds Brigades**, die in an accidental explosion nr. Khan Yunis. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** open fire on **Palestinian** children gathered on agricultural lands nr. the UNRWA school for boys in al-Jalazun and close to Beit El settlement, wounding 1 seriously. Separately, at al-Fawar

junction nr. Hebron, **IDF troops** violently disperse **Palestinian protesters** who are demonstrating in solidarity with prisoners, causing no injuries. The **IDF** patrols in 1 village nr. Ramallah in the afternoon, and in 3 villages and al-Fawar r.c. nr. Hebron, and 1 village and 'Ayn al-Sultan r.c. nr. Jericho at night. (MNA, WAFA 5/24; PCHR 5/29)

Pope Francis arrives in **Amman** at the beginning of a 3-day trip to the region that will also take him to Israel and the oPt. (REU 5/24)

25 MAY 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, **IDF troops** open fire on **Palestinians** collecting raw materials close to the border fence nr. Bayt Hanun, wounding 1. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** level land nr. Salfit and distribute confiscation orders. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in al-Fawar r.c. nr. Hebron at night; patrols in 2 villages nr. Salfit and 1 village nr. Hebron in the afternoon, as well as in 2 villages nr. Salfit and 1 village nr. Hebron at night. (MNA 5/25; PCHR 5/29)

Pope Francis visits the **West Bank** and then **Israel**, conducting a mass in **Bethlehem** where he refers directly to the "state of Palestine." The pope also makes an unscheduled stop at the separation wall in Bethlehem and spends a few moments praying there. (HA, REU 5/25)

26 MAY 2014

In the **n. Gaza Strip**, **IDF troops** open fire on **Palestinian** civilians on the shore nr. the border fence, wounding 1. Off the coast of the **Gaza Strip** nr. **al-Sudaniyya**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on **Palestinian fishing boats**, causing no injuries or damage. In the **West Bank**, a **Palestinian** man dies from excessive tear gas inhalation. He was hospitalized after sustaining injuries in his own home while the **IDF** was raiding Abu Dis on 5/23.

The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Tulkarm, Tubas, and 1 village each nr. Hebron and Jenin at night; patrols in Hebron and 1 nearby village, and 1 village nr. Bethlehem in the afternoon, and in 2 villages and al-'Arub r.c. nr. Hebron at night. **Jewish settlers** cut down 30 almond and olive trees nr. Nablus. (MNA, WAFA 5/26; PCHR 5/29)

Jerusalem municipality approves 50 new housing units in 5 buildings in **Har Homa**, East Jerusalem. **PA spokesperson Nabil Abu Rudayna** says the decision is "immoral, illogical, and uncivilized." (AFP, JP 5/26)

In Egypt, polls open on the 1st of 2 days scheduled for the presidential election. Former head of the Egyptian armed forces **Abdel Fattah al-Sisi**, who resigned from the military in 3/2014, is widely expected to win a clear majority. (AJ 5/26)

27 MAY 2014

Off the coast of the **Gaza Strip** nr. Rafah, **Israeli naval forces** arrest 3 fishermen. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Hebron and 2 nearby villages, in Aida r.c. in Bethlehem, in Jenin, and 1 village each nr. Nablus and Tulkarm at night; patrols in 1 village nr. Bethlehem in the morning, 1 village nr. Hebron in the afternoon, and in 1 village nr. Hebron at night. **Israeli settlers** assault a **Palestinian** on a road nr. Ramallah, causing serious injuries. (MNA, WAFA 5/27; PCHR 5/29)

The Hamas-run cabinet in the **Gaza Strip** holds its 343d and last meeting, and releases a statement saying it is ready to hand over "full responsibility" to a PA unity govt. According to **Fatah official al-Ahmad**, reps. of the various Palestinian factions are close to agreeing on the composition of the new govt., as they continue their discussions. (AP, MNA 5/27)

The office of EU foreign affairs chief Ashton confirms that reps. of Iran and the P5+1 powers have agreed to meet in Vienna on 6/16 to begin a new round of talks. (AP 5/27)

28 MAY 2014

Off the coast of the Gaza Strip nr. Rafah, Egyptian naval forces open fire on Palestinian fishermen, injuring 1. In the West Bank, IDF troops raid the offices of Palestinian newspaper *al-Ayyam* in Ramallah, and order its staff to stop using their presses to print pro-Hamas publications *Filastin*, *al-Risala* and *al-Istiqlal*. The PA permitted the 3 publications to be distributed in the West Bank starting in late 4/2014, in accordance with the Hamas-Fatah reconciliation deal of 4/23. The IDF conducts house searches and arrest raids in Hebron and 2 nearby villages, 1 village and Aida r.c. nr. Bethlehem, and 1 village and al-Jalazun r.c. nr. Ramallah; patrols in 1 village nr. Jenin in the morning, 1 village nr. Jenin in the afternoon, and in 2 villages each nr. Hebron and Jericho at night. In East Jerusalem, groups of right-wing Jewish activists march through the Old City to celebrate “Jerusalem Day,” leading to clashes with Palestinians at Haram al-Sharif. In the clashes, Israeli security forces injure 4 Palestinians with rubber-coated metal bullets, and Palestinians injure 1 security officer with a thrown stone. Israeli police later arrest 2 Palestinian youth in connection with a clash involving several Jewish Israelis elsewhere in the Old City. (AFP, HA, MNA, YA 5/28; PCHR 5/29)

In response to low voter turnout in the Egyptian presidential election, polls are kept open for a 3d day. Following their close, provisional results indicate that al-Sisi won between 89% and 93.4% of the vote, with al-Sisi’s campaign and judicial sources

estimating leftist candidate Hamdeen Sabahi won 2.9% and 5%. Judicial sources estimate turnout to be 44.4% of Egypt’s 54 m. eligible voters. Meanwhile, gunmen shoot and kill an Egyptian border guard in Rafah. (AP, MNA, REU 5/28)

29 MAY 2014

Off the n. coast of the Gaza Strip, Israeli naval forces detain 4 Palestinian fishermen. In the West Bank, the IDF conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village nr. Jenin at night; patrols in 3 villages nr. Jenin, 2 villages nr. Ramallah, and 1 village each nr. Bethlehem, Hebron, and Salfit at night. (MNA 5/29; PCHR 6/5)

PA Pres. Abbas announces that PM Rami Hamdallah will serve as the head of a new national unity govt. Meanwhile, a dispute over the composition of the cabinet delays the announcement of the new govt., with Hamas reportedly rejecting Abbas’s insistence on Riyadh al-Maliki as FM. In addition, Hamas spokesperson Sami Abu Zuhri says that there is a dispute over the proposed dissolution of the Ministry of Prisoners’ Affairs, which Hamas opposes. Meanwhile, an unnamed Israeli official tells the media that Abbas will be “accountable” for “violence” by Hamas following a reconciliation agreement, while U.S. Secy. of State Kerry says, in an interview on PBS, that Israel’s approach of “waiting to see what happens” with the unity govt. is the “appropriate thing to be doing.” (HA, JP, MNA, REU 5/29; JTA 5/30)

30 MAY 2014

In the Gaza Strip, IDF troops open fire on Palestinian farmers close to the border fence nr. Khan Yunis, causing no injuries. Off the coast nr. al-Sudaniyya, Israeli naval vessels

open fire on **Palestinian fishermen**, injuring 1. In the **West Bank**, a **Palestinian man** is arrested at Tapuach Junction nr. Nablus while wearing an explosive belt. Reports in the Israeli media suggest the individual was acting alone. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village nr. Jenin in the morning, and in 1 village each nr. Hebron and Tulkarm at night; patrols in 1 village nr. Ramallah in the afternoon, and in 3 villages each nr. Hebron and Ramallah at night. **IDF troops** violently disperse **Palestinian, Israeli, and international protesters** at weekly demonstrations against Israel's separation wall, settlements, and occupation in 3 villages nr. Ramallah (Bil'in, Nabi Salih, and Ni'lin), and 1 village each nr. Bethlehem (al-Ma'sara), Qalqilya (Kafr Qaddum), and Salfit (Kafr al-Dik). There are no serious injuries, except in Bil'in, where 1 is hit with a tear gas canister, and Ni'lin, where 1 is hit by a bullet. Meanwhile, a car driven by an **Israeli settler** nr. al-Ram is hit by small arms fire, according to the Israeli army, causing no injuries. (HA, MNA, REU 5/30; PCHR 6/5)

U.S. State Dept. spokesperson Jen Psaki says that the U.S. has not invited PA PM Hamdallah to Washington, contrary to a claim made by **senior Fatah official al-Ahmad**. Al-Ahmad reportedly says also that the Obama administration plans to recognize the new PA unity govt., but Psaki denies the comments. Meanwhile in Gaza, **Hamas PM Ismail Haniyeh** says that the final disputes about the formation of the unity cabinet are "under control" and there is "no turning back." (JP, MNA 5/30; JP 5/31)

31 MAY 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, **IDF troops** open fire on **Palestinian farmers** close to the border fence nr. Khan Yunis, causing no injuries. In a

separate incident, **IDF troops** fire a shell at farmland nr. Khan Yunis, starting a fire. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village and al-Jalazun r.c. nr. Ramallah, and 1 village nr. Hebron at night; patrols in Hebron and Tulkarm in the afternoon, and in 3 villages and 'Ayn al-Sultan r.c. nr. Jericho, 2 villages nr. Jenin, and 1 village nr. Hebron at night. Meanwhile, Palestinian land owners and activists build a tent village s. of Bethlehem in an area threatened with confiscation. (Wafa 5/31; PCHR 6/5)

PA Pres. Abbas says he expects the unity govt. to be announced on 6/2, in remarks he makes to a group of French peace activists in Ramallah. He also says the govt. will be composed of independents and technocrats, and will maintain existing PA policies. Meanwhile, the Israeli media reports that Israeli officials have informed Abbas all contact with the PA will be severed once the unity govt. is sworn in, though security coordination will continue. (HA, MNA, REU 5/31)

Gunmen kill 6 **Egyptian soldiers** during a routine patrol in the western desert area of al-Wahat. Authorities say the attackers were smugglers and "outlaws." Meanwhile, **Abbas** telephones **Egyptian pres.-elect al-Sisi** to congratulate him for his election victory. (REU, Wafa 5/31)

1 JUNE 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, **IDF troops** conduct 2 separate, limited incursions close to the border fence nr. Rafah to level land. Meanwhile, **Palestinians** fire 1 rocket into s. Israel, which lands in a field causing no injuries. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 3 villages nr. Ramallah, and in Hebron and 1 nearby village and al-Fawar r.c. at night; patrols in Tulkarm and 3 villages nr.

Jenin in the morning, 2 villages nr. Jenin in the afternoon, and in Tulkarm, 2 villages nr. Jenin and 1 village nr. Hebron at night. **Jewish settlers** attack Palestinians in Hebron, injuring 1. In **East Jerusalem, Israeli security forces** open fire on Palestinians celebrating the release of 2 prisoners, wounding 2 with rubber-coated metal bullets. (AFP, MNA, ToI 6/1; PCHR 6/5)

Israeli PM Netanyahu urges the international community not to “rush to recognize a Palestinian govt., which has Hamas as part of it and is dependent on Hamas,” a reference to the expected announcement of a new PA unity govt. **PA spokesperson Abu Rudayna** responds by saying that the international community had “already encouraged and welcomed **Pres. Abbas’s** move aimed at the unification of the country and the Palestinian people.” (HA, MNA, REU, WAFA 6/1)

2 JUNE 2014

In the **West Bank, IDF troops** shoot and kill a **Palestinian** at a checkpoint s. of Nablus. According to the Israeli military, the man 1st opened fire on soldiers, wounding 1, but his family denies the claim. **IDF troops** demolish a car wash in Hizma village nr. Jerusalem, and barns in Silwan, East Jerusalem. They also demolish a small house nr. Bethlehem. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Jenin and in 2 villages nr. Tulkarm. In the **Gaza Strip, IDF troops** target 2 military training sites, one nr. Gaza City and the other nr. Khan Yunis, causing no injuries. (HA, MNA, REU, WAFA 6/2; PCHR 6/5)

PA Pres. Abbas swears in the new national unity govt. in Ramallah, after final disagreements between **Fatah** and **Hamas** are resolved. The 18 ministers, including a secy. with ministerial rank but no portfolio, take an oath of office in a televised ceremony, though 4

are participating via teleconference from the Gaza Strip because Israel denied their entry into the West Bank. **Abbas** announces that the govt.’s principal task is to organize elections within 6 mos., and that preparations will begin immediately. Following a meeting of **Israel’s security cabinet**, which was called to coordinate a response, Netanyahu’s office issues a statement that says Israel will work against the inclusion of Hamas candidates in the planned Palestinian elections, while refusing to negotiate with the Palestinians as long as a Hamas-backed unity govt. is in power. **U.S. State Dept. spokesperson Psaki** announces that the Obama administration intends to work with the new PA unity govt. She cites a phone call between **U.S. Secy. of State Kerry** and **Abbas** over the weekend, in which Abbas assured Kerry that the new govt. would be committed to the principles of nonviolence, recognition of the state of Israel, and acceptance of previous agreements. (AFP, HA, JP, MNA, REU, YA 6/2)

A mortar shell fired from **Syria** lands in the **occupied Golan Heights**, causing no injuries. In response, **IDF troops** fire an antitank missile back into Syrian territory. No damage or casualties are reported. (AP, HA, MNA 6/2)

3 JUNE 2014

In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** patrols in 2 villages nr. Tulkarm in the morning, and in 3 villages nr. Hebron and 2 villages nr. Jenin at night. (PCHR 6/5)

Israeli PM Netanyahu says he is “deeply troubled” by the U.S. decision to maintain ties and aid to the PA unity govt. In response, **U.S. State Dept. dep. spokesperson Harf** says that the unity govt. is not “backed by Hamas” and contains “no mbrs. of Hamas.” Further endorsement of the new PA govt. comes from **Russia, China, India, Turkey, France**, and the

UK. EU foreign affairs chief Ashton calls the formation of the unity govt. “an important step.” **UN Secy.-Gen. Ban Ki-moon** also welcomes the move. Meanwhile, PLO executive comm. mbr. Hanna Amira says that Israel has notified the PA that it is imposing sanctions in response to the unity govt.’s formation. These include the invalidation of VIP cards of PA officials, reduction of tax revenues, which Israel collects and delivers to the PA, and prevention of visits between the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. (AP, HA, MNA, REU 6/4)

A presidential election is held in Syria, and Pres. Bashar al-Asad is expected to win a majority of the vote. Opponents of the pres. dismiss the election because al-Asad’s 2 rival candidates, **Hassan al-Nouri** and **Maher Hajjar**, were both approved by a parliament dominated by al-Asad’s supporters. **State Dept. dep. spokesperson Harf** says the U.S. sees the election as “a disgrace” and that Pres. al-Asad “has no more credibility today than he did yesterday.” **French FM Laurent Fabius** calls it “a tragic farce.” (AP, REU 6/3)

Egypt’s election commission reports its official results, announcing that **al-Sisi** won 96.91% in the presidential vote, with a turnout of 47% of 54 m. voters nationwide. (AP, REU 6/3)

4 JUNE 2014

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** violently disperse a protest nr. Ofer detention center outside Ramallah in solidarity with Palestinian prisoners and administrative detainees on hunger strike, shooting rubber-coated metal bullets and wounding 3. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 2 villages nr. Hebron and 1 village nr. Jenin at night; patrols in 3 villages nr. Jericho, and 1 village each nr. Hebron and Ramallah at night. Jewish settlers

set fire to dozens of olive trees in 2 Palestinian villages nr. Nablus. (MNA 6/4; PCHR 6/5)

Secy. of State Kerry says that the U.S. will work with the new Palestinian unity govt. “as is appropriate” and will monitor it “very closely” to make sure it upholds its commitments to cooperate with Israel and the peace process. Meanwhile, **Quartet Rep. Tony Blair** calls **PA PM Hamdallah** to congratulate him on the formation of the govt. **Pres. Abbas** officially informs the head of the central elections commission to start preparing for presidential and legislative elections in 6 mos. **Hamdallah** urges the international community to pressure Israel to allow elections in East Jerusalem. (MNA, YA, WAFA 6/4)

Syria’s parliament speaker Jihad Lahan announces that **Pres. al-Asad** won 88.7% of the vote, winning him another 7-year term. **Al-Nouri** and **Hajjar** won 4.3% and 3.2%, respectively. Voter turnout was recorded at 73.42%. (AP, REU 6/4)

In a statement, the **White House** urges **Egyptian pres.-elect al-Sisi** to adopt democratic reforms and expresses concern about the “restrictive political environment.” (AP 6/4)

5 JUNE 2014

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** violently disperse protesters at numerous demonstrations marking the 1967 war and the beginning of military occupation. Hundreds of Palestinians attend protests at Hebron, Qalandia checkpoint nr. Ramallah, where 4 are injured by rubber-coated metal bullets, and other locations around the West Bank. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village each nr. Jenin, Ramallah, and Salfit. (MNA 6/5; PCHR 6/12)

Israeli PM Netanyahu unfreezes plans for 1,800 settlement housing units and **Housing Minister Uri Ariel** publishes tenders for a

separate 1,500 housing units in East Jerusalem and the West Bank. Ariel describes the move as an “appropriate Zionist response to the Palestinian terror govt.” **Palestinian chief negotiator Saeb Erekat** warns of Israeli efforts to annex areas of the West Bank and calls on the international community to boycott settlement products and hold Israel accountable. **PLO official Ashrawi** says the Palestinians will address the latest settlement expansion at the **UNSC. State Dept. dep. spokesperson Harf** says that the U.S. is “deeply disappointed” by Israel’s announcement and says “it is hard to see how these settlements contribute to peace.” The **EU** expresses “deep disappointment” about the moves, and calls on the Israeli authorities “to reverse this decision.” (AFP, AP, HA, MNA, REU, ToI 6/5)

Two mortar shells fired from within **Syria** land in the **Israeli-occupied Golan Heights**, causing no damage or injuries. The **IDF** says the fire is likely inadvertent. (ToI 6/5)

6 JUNE 2014

In the **West Bank**, the body of a Palestinian engineering student is discovered nr. al-Jaba’ checkpoint. According to the man’s friends, he was attempting to bypass the checkpoint on 6/4 when they lost sight of him and heard the sounds of gunfire. The **IDF** returns the man’s effects to his family, but not his body, which is kept at the Institute of Forensic Medicine in Abu Kabir. Meanwhile, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Hebron and 2 nearby, 2 villages nr. Qalqilya, and in 1 village each nr. Jenin and Nablus at night; patrols in al-‘Arub r.c. nr. Hebron, where clashes leave 1 resident wounded by live ammunition, in the afternoon, and in 2 villages nr. Ramallah, and in 1 village each nr. Hebron and Qalqilya at night.

IDF troops violently disperse **Palestinian, Israeli, and international protesters** at weekly demonstrations against Israel’s separation wall, settlements and occupation in 3 villages nr. Ramallah (Bil’in, Nabi Salih, and Ni’lin), and 1 village nr. Qalqilya (Kafr Qaddum). There are no serious injuries, except in Bil’in, where 2 are wounded by rubber-coated metal bullets, and Ni’lin, where 1 is wounded by live ammunition. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli police** raid the **Palestine TV** studios and detain 3 mbrs. of staff. (AFP, MNA 6/6; MNA 6/10; PCHR 6/12)

7 JUNE 2014

In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Nablus and 2 nearby villages, 2 villages nr. Ramallah, al-Fawar r.c. and 1 village nr. Hebron, in 1 village nr. Jenin and in Tulkarm at night; patrols in 1 village nr. Ramallah in the afternoon, and in 4 villages nr. Hebron and in 1 village each nr. Jenin, Ramallah, and Tulkarm at night. (PCHR 6/12)

8 JUNE 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, a **Palestinian fisherman** shot by **Israeli naval forces** off the coast on 5/26 dies of his wounds. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Tulkarm and 1 nearby village, and al-‘Arub r.c. nr. Hebron at night; patrols in 1 village each nr. Jenin and Ramallah in the morning, and in 3 villages nr. Hebron, 2 villages nr. Jericho, and 1 village nr. Ramallah at night. (MNA 6/8; PCHR 6/12)

Pope Francis holds a peace prayer in the Vatican with **Israel’s Pres. Shimon Peres** and **PA Pres. Abbas**, a symbolic gesture proposed by the pontiff during his recent trip to the region on 5/24–26. (AFP 6/8)

Al-Sisi is sworn into office after his victory in **Egypt's** presidential elections. During his speech at the inauguration ceremony, the head of the Egyptian military says that “there will be reconciliation between the sons of our nation except those who had committed crimes against them or adopted violence.” **Abbas** attends the ceremony and holds separate meetings with **Secy.-Gen. of the Arab League Nabil al-‘Arabi**, **Egyptian FM Nabil Fahmi**, and **Moroccan FM Salaheddine Mezouar**. (AP, WAFA 8/6)

9 JUNE 2014

Off the coast of the **Gaza Strip** nr. Bayt Lahiya, **Israeli naval vessels** open fire on **Palestinian fishermen**, causing no damage or injuries. Separately, **IDF troops** open fire from the border fence nr. Karni crossing, causing no injuries. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** demolish a **Palestinian** house in a village nr. Tulkarm and clash with residents, causing no injuries. Separately, **IDF troops** demolish 4 commercial stalls in the n. Jordan Valley. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Hebron at night; patrols in 2 villages nr. Ramallah in the morning, and in 3 villages each nr. Hebron and Ramallah, and in 1 village each nr. Jericho and Salfit at night. (MNA 6/9; PCHR 6/12)

Iranian and U.S. officials meet in **Geneva** and hold their 1st official, bilateral talks since the beginning of the Vienna negotiations between reps. of Iran and the P5+1 powers on 1/20. Attended by **Iran's Dep. FM Araghchi** along with **U.S. Dep. Secy. of State William Burns**, and **Under Secy. of State Wendy Sherman**, the discussions are intended to overcome the impasse reached in Vienna and make it possible to reach a comprehensive agreement by the 7/20 deadline. The 5th round of talks is scheduled to begin on 6/16. Araghchi

tells Iranian media that it is “too early to judge whether an extension will be needed.” (AFP, AP, HA, REU 6/9)

10 JUNE 2014

The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Nablus and Balata r.c. at night; patrols in Hebron and 3 villages and al-‘Arub r.c. nearby, and in 2 villages nr. Ramallah at night. In **East Jerusalem**, **Palestinians** demonstrate at **Haram al-Sharif** against Israeli restrictions on worshippers' access. (MNA 6/10; PCHR 6/12)

Reuven Rivlin is elected pres. of Israel by a vote in the Knesset of 63–53, defeating Meir Sheerit. The 74-year-old mbr. of Likud replaces Peres. (REU 6/10)

Iranian pres. Rouhani says that Tehran will “do its best” to secure a deal over its disputed nuclear program. After further U.S.-Iranian discussions in Geneva on 6/9, **Iran's chief negotiator and dep. FM Araghchi** says that the talks were “fruitful” but that “divergences remain and the consultations are going to continue.” (AFP, REU 6/10)

11 JUNE 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, **armed Palestinians** fire a rocket into s. Israel, causing some damage but no injuries. Afterward, an **Israeli air strike** in the n. Gaza Strip kills 1 mbr. of an armed group, and wounds 3, including a 10-year-old boy. **PA Pres. Abbas** calls on the Palestinian factions to hold their fire and “not give Israel any pretext” to strike the Gaza Strip. **Mark Regev**, spokesperson for the Israeli PM's office, describes Abbas's comments as “nothing but empty rhetoric.” The **IDF** patrols in 1 village, al-Fawar r.c. and al-‘Arub r.c. nr. Hebron at night. (HA, JP, MNA, REU, YA 6/11)

Gunmen shoot and kill an **Egyptian soldier** and wound 2, including 1 civilian, in an attack in al-Arish. (MNA 6/11)

12 JUNE 2014

In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** patrols in 1 village nr. Hebron in the afternoon. In the Gaza Strip, Israeli authorities close the Kerem Shalom crossing. (PCHR 6/19)

Three teenage Israeli settlers—Eyal Yifrach (19), Gilad Shaar (16), and U.S.-Israeli national Naftali Frenkel (16)—are kidnapped while hitchhiking home from a yeshiva in the Gush Etzion settlement bloc nr. Jerusalem. The affiliation and identity of the perpetrators is immediately a subject of much speculation, and it is later confirmed to be low-level, Hebron-based Hamas activists operating without direction from the political leadership. According to Israeli media reports, security forces suspect a burned out car found nr. Hebron is linked to the kidnapping, with the perpetrators rumored to be trying to leave Israeli-controlled territory via Jordan. In response, the **IDF** initiates Operation Brother's Keeper (OBK), a campaign of arrests, raids, and detentions targeting Hamas in the West Bank. (HA, MNA 6/13)

13 JUNE 2014

Off the shore of the **Gaza Strip** nr. Bayt Lahiya, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on **Palestinian fishermen**, causing no damage or injuries. In the **West Bank**, an unknown gunman opens fire on **Israeli forces** at Beitunia checkpoint nr. Ofer prison, causing no injuries. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village nr. Hebron in the afternoon, and in Hebron and 4 nearby villages, and 2 villages nr. Salfit at night; patrols in 1 village nr.

Ramallah in the morning, and in Hebron and 3 nearby villages and 4 villages nr. Ramallah at night. **IDF troops** violently disperse **Palestinian, Israeli, and international protesters** at weekly demonstrations against Israel's separation wall, settlements, and occupation in 3 villages nr. Ramallah (Bil'in, Nabi Salih, and Ni'lin), and 1 village nr. Qalqilya (Kafr Qaddum). There are no serious injuries, except in Bil'in, where 2 are wounded by tear gas canisters. In **East Jerusalem, Israeli security forces** storm **Haram al-Sharif** to suppress a post-prayers demonstration in support of Palestinian prisoners, wounding 28. (MNA 6/13; PCHR 6/19)

In response to the kidnapping of 3 Israeli teenagers on 6/12, the **IDF** erects numerous roadblocks and begins intensive raids in the Hebron region. **PA security services spokesperson Adnan Dmeiri** says that the PA is not responsible for the safety of settlers and that the area in question is under Israeli security control. **Hamas spokesperson Husam Badran**, meanwhile, calls on Palestinians to return the West Bank to its "natural place as the focal point of the struggle and resistance." **U.S. Secy. of State Kerry** calls **Pres. Abbas** to discuss several issues, including the missing teenagers, and asks the Palestinian leader to help in the search. Kerry also speaks with **PM Netanyahu**. (HA, MNA 6/13)

14 JUNE 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, **armed Palestinians** fire 4 rockets into s. Israel, causing no damage or injuries. The **IDF** responds with 8 air strikes in the Gaza Strip, targeting military training sites belonging to **Hamas's Izzeddin al-Qassam Brigades, Islamic Jihad's al-Quds Brigades**, and the **Popular Resistance Comms. (PRC)** in the c. Gaza Strip, Rafah, and Khan Yunis.

Damage is sustained, and 2 civilians are wounded when they are hit by shrapnel in separate attacks. Off the coast nr. Bayt Lahiya, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on **Palestinian fishermen**, causing no damage or injuries. Meanwhile, a 10-year-old boy dies, succumbing to injuries sustained in an Israeli air strike on 6/11. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Ramallah and 8 villages nearby, Nablus and 4 villages and 'Askar r.c. nearby, Tulkarm and 3 villages and Nur Shams r.c. nearby, Tubas and 1 village and al-Fara'a r.c. nearby, Jenin and 1 nearby village, Jericho and 'Ayn al-Sultan r.c. nearby, 1 village each nr. Qalqilya and Jerusalem, and al-Bireh at night; patrols in 2 villages nr. Jericho, 1 village nr. Ramallah at night. **Jewish settlers** stone **Palestinian vehicles** nr. Nablus, injuring 3 and causing damage. Separately, **Jewish settlers** throw stones at Palestinians and their homes in Susia nr. Hebron. (HA, JP, MNA 6/14; PCHR 6/19)

Israeli PM Netanyahu announces that the Israeli govt. holds the **PA** responsible for the fate of the 3 missing Israeli teenagers, since "the terrorists originated from Palestinian territory." **Anonymous PA officials** tell the media that Abbas has instructed his security services to help in the manhunt. Meanwhile, the **IDF** continues intensive sweeps of the s. **West Bank**, and wide-ranging arrest raids, which pick up 80 Palestinians, including 4 mbrs. of the Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC). The **IDF** also imposes a closure on the s. West Bank, from Bethlehem to the Hebron region. **IDF** sources tell the media that the working assumption is that the youth are alive. (HA, JP, MNA, YA 6/15)

15 JUNE 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, Palestinians fire 4 rockets toward Ashqelon: 2 are intercepted by Iron Dome missile defense batteries and 2 hit open

areas causing no damage or injuries. In response, the **IDF** launches air strikes on 5 military targets in the n. and s. Gaza Strip, wounding 3. The **IDF** says Islamic Jihad is responsible for the rocket fire. In the West Bank, gunmen open fire on an Israeli military post nr. Bethlehem, causing no damage or injuries. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Hebron and Dayr al-'Arund r.c. and 3 nearby villages, Nablus and 1 nearby village, Jenin and 1 village nearby, 2 villages nr. Qalqilya, Tulkarm, and 1 nearby village, 1 village nr. Salfit; patrols in 2 villages nr. Hebron and 1 village nr. Ramallah in the morning, 2 villages nr. Hebron and 1 village each nr. Ramallah and Salfit in the afternoon, and in 2 villages nr. Jericho. **Israeli settlers** throw stones at Palestinian vehicles nr. Salfit, causing no injuries. Separately, settlers throw stones at cars nr. Nablus, causing damage and 1 injury. (HA, JP, MNA 6/15; PCHR 6/19)

Israeli PM Netanyahu reiterates the accusation that **Hamas** was behind the suspected kidnapping and that the **PA** is responsible for the fate of the teenagers. **U.S. Secy. of State Kerry** condemns what he calls a "despicable terrorist act" and says "many indications point to Hamas's involvement." The **IDF** detains dozens more in the West Bank, including parliament speaker 'Aziz Dwayk, with an estimated 150 Palestinians arrested so far during OBK. **Israel's Coordinator of Govt. Activities in the Territories Yoav Mordechai** tells the media that the **IDF** is not coordinating with **PA** security forces in the search, and believes **Hamas** is behind the kidnapping. **IDF Chief of Staff Benny Gantz** tells senior officers that "we're heading towards an extensive operation." He says the objective is to "find the 3 teens, bring them home, hit **Hamas** as hard as possible and move forward." The **Executive Comm. of the PLO** meets in Ramallah and

issues a statement condemning the campaign in the **West Bank**, while **PA spokesperson Ehab Bseiso** says that the PA condemns Israel's "collective punishment of the Palestinian people." (AFP, HA, JP, MNA, WAFA, YA 6/15)

16 JUNE 2014

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and kill 1 Palestinian in al-Jalazun r.c. nr. Ramallah, in clashes with residents during an arrest raid. **IDF troops** also shoot and wound 1 Palestinian during a raid in Jenin, and wound 3 with rubber-coated metal bullets during clashes with Bayt Umar residents nr. Hebron. At Qalandia checkpoint, **Israeli troops** violently disperse demonstrators, wounding 6, including 1 critically, with live ammunition. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Hebron and 3 nearby villages, Balata r.c. and 1 village nr. Nablus, and 2 villages nr. Qalqilya, 1 village nr. Ramallah, Bethlehem, and Jenin at night; patrols in Hebron in the afternoon, and in 4 villages nr. Ramallah, 3 villages nr. Hebron, and 1 village each nr. Qalqilya, and Salfit, and al-Bireh at night. **Israeli settlers** open fire on a Palestinian car nr. Ramallah, causing no injuries. In the **Gaza Strip**, **IDF troops** open fire from the border fence nr. Jabaliya, causing no damage or injuries. Israeli authorities briefly open the Kerem Shalom crossing, which was closed on 6/12. (MNA, WAFA 6/16; PCHR 6/19)

Israeli PM Netanyahu delivers a televised statement and says that the military is "in the middle of a complex operation" in the search for the missing teens. **Netanyahu** also calls **PA Pres. Abbas** and tells him he expects help in ensuring the safe return of the youth, their 1st telephone conversation in almost a year. Subsequently, Abbas releases a statement condemning the kidnapping as well as the Israeli crackdown that has followed. Meanwhile,

Hamas releases a statement condemning the Israeli operation in the West Bank, and also calls on the PA to stop security coordination with Israel. (AFP, HA, JP, MNA 6/16)

Talks between reps. of **Iran** and the **P5+1 powers** on the disputed Iranian nuclear program resume in Vienna, with discussions scheduled to last until 6/20. The 2 sides aim to resolve final differences, including the number of centrifuges Iran will operate, and begin drafting a final deal. (REU 6/17; AA 6/17)

17 JUNE 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, the **IDF** launches 6 air strikes, destroying a blacksmith workshop and causing damage to vacant training sites belong to various armed groups. There are no injuries. In the **West Bank**, **OBK** continues. **IDF troops** open fire on **Palestinians** in Haris village nr. Salfit during a raid, wounding 1. During separate raids, **Israeli soldiers** shoot at residents in al-Fara'a r.c. nr. Tubas, wounding 2, and shoot 1 in Balata r.c. nr. Nablus. **IDF troops** also demolish a house nr. Hebron because it was built without a permit. Also, **IDF troops** raid and confiscate property from 5 Hamas-linked charities. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Hebron in the afternoon, and in Hebron and 8 nearby villages, Jenin and 6 nearby villages, Tulkarm and 4 nearby villages, Nablus and 8 villages, 'Askar r.c. and Balata r.c. nearby, Salfit and 1 nearby village, 1 village nr. Qalqilya, al-Bireh, Tubas, at night; patrols in Hebron at night. (MNA, WAFA 6/17; PCHR 6/19)

Israeli PM Netanyahu meets with **Quartet Rep. Blair** in Tel Aviv and tells him that the 6/12 kidnapping "exposes the real face of Hamas." Blair says that Hamas "cannot choose the political path on one hand and violence on the other." Meanwhile, reps. from a number of factions, including **Fatah and Hamas**, hold a

press conference in Gaza City. No group claims responsibility for the kidnapping of the teenage settlers. The reps. say they are prepared to confront any Israeli “aggression.” **EU foreign affairs chief Ashton** issues a statement condemning the abduction and urges “close cooperation between the Israeli and Palestinian security services.” (HA, JP, MNA 6/17)

Talks between reps. of **Iran** and the **P5+1 powers** on the disputed Iranian nuclear program continue in Vienna. Discussions last an hour and a half and cover “elements of the text that could be part of an agreement,” according to Michael Mann, an EU spokesperson. (AA, REU 6/17)

18 JUNE 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, **Palestinians** fire 2 rockets into s. Israel, causing light damage but no injuries. Subsequently, the **IDF** launches 5 air strikes, targeting military sites used by **PRC** and **al-Qassam Brigades**, in which 1 man is injured. In addition, **IDF troops** conduct a limited incursion to level land alongside the border fence nr. Khan Yunis, while separately, the **IDF** says that an explosive device is uncovered nr. the border fence. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and wound 1 Palestinian in ‘Askar r.c. nr. Nablus during a raid. Separately, **IDF troops** shoot and wound 1 nr. Nablus during a raid. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** demolish 7 houses across the s. **West Bank**: 3 in al-Khadir nr. Bethlehem and 4 nr. Hebron, leaving 7 families homeless. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Hebron and 8 nearby villages, Nablus and nearby ‘Ayn Bayt al-Ma’ r.c. and 5 villages, 3 villages nr. Ramallah, and Jenin r.c. at night. (HA, MNA, YA 6/18; PCHR 6/19)

Israeli PM Netanyahu praises the security forces for the arrest of **53 former prisoners**, who were released in the Shalit exchange deal in

2011 and recaptured as a part of OBK. An estimated 240 Palestinians have now been detained since the start of the operation, 180 of them affiliated with Hamas, according to Israeli media reports. **Pres. Abbas** condemns those behind the kidnapping, comments denounced by **Hamas spokesperson Abu Zuhri**. **U.S. State Dept. spokesperson Psaki** praises Abbas’s remarks, saying the administration is calling on Israelis and Palestinians to “show restraint during this difficult period.”

19 JUNE 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, **Palestinians** fire 2 rockets into s. Israel. The 1st lands without causing damage or injuries, and the 2d is intercepted by an Iron Dome missile defense battery. Later in the day, **IDF troops** target 5 **Islamic Jihad** and **Hamas** sites across the Gaza Strip, injuring 6. Off the coast of the **Gaza Strip** nr. Bayt Lahiya, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on **Palestinian fishing boats**, causing no injuries or damage, and arrest 2 fishermen. Meanwhile, 5 mbrs. of **Hamas’s al-Qassam Brigades** and 1 firefighter die in an explosion in a tunnel nr. Gaza City. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Jenin and 1 nearby village, Qalandia r.c. nr. Jerusalem, Dahaysha r.c. nr. Bethlehem, Qalqilya, Hebron and 3 nearby villages, 2 villages nr. Nablus, 1 village nr. Ramallah, Tulkarm and Nur Shams r.c. and 1 village nearby and Salfit at night. (HA, JP, MNA, ToI 6/19; PCHR 6/26)

Israeli PM Netanyahu says that he expects the Palestinian unity govt. to dissolve, and that authorities are moving closer to finding the missing Israeli settler teenagers. **Hamas senior official Salah Bardawil** says, at a solidarity rally in Gaza, that Hamas is “capable of igniting a 3d intifada,” while **Hamas spokesperson Abu Zuhri** condemns continued security

coordination between the PA and Israel. Meanwhile, **PA Pres. Abbas** issues a statement denouncing Israel's West Bank operation as "the most severe punitive reprisals." (JP, MNA, ToI, WAFA 6/19)

20 JUNE 2014

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and kill 1 **Palestinian teenager** in Dura nr. Hebron, in clashes with residents during a raid. Separately, **IDF troops** also shoot and kill 1 **Palestinian resident** of Qalandia r.c. nr. Ramallah, in clashes during another raid. **IDF troops** also wound 5 **Palestinians** in Dahaysha r.c. in Bethlehem during an arrest raid. Israeli forces demolish the home of Turkey-based **Hamas official Saleh al-Arouri** in 'Aroua village nr. Ramallah. The **IDF** patrols in 1 village nr. Bethlehem in the afternoon; conducts house searches and arrest raids in 6 villages nr. Hebron, in Nablus and in 3 villages, 'Askar r.c., 'Ayn Bayt al-Ma' r.c. and Balata r.c. nearby, 3 villages nr. Salfit, Jenin and 1 nearby village, 1 village nr. Bethlehem, al-Bireh, Ramallah, and Qalqilya at night. (HA, IMEMC, MNA, REU 6/20; PCHR 6/26)

In Vienna, reps. of Iran and the P5+1 group end the round of talks that began on 6/16. **Iranian FM Zarif** says "there has been progress, but major disputes remain." The diplomats began drafting a final agreement during this 5-day round of talks. A 6th and final round of talks in Vienna is scheduled to begin on 7/2, ahead of the 7/20 deadline. Separately, the **IAEA** releases a report saying that Iran has eliminated almost all of its most sensitive stockpile of enriched uranium. (AJ, BBC 6/20)

21 JUNE 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, **Palestinians** fire 3 rockets into s. Israel, causing no damage or injuries. **IDF troops** subsequently launch

attacks on 4 targets in s. **Gaza**, causing no injuries. Separately, a **Palestinian** in possession of a grenade is arrested by **Israeli soldiers** after entering Israel through the perimeter fence. In the **West Bank**, a **17-year-old** Palestinian is killed when he steps on a landmine in the n. Jordan Valley. Separately, **an elderly Palestinian** dies of a heart attack in Haris nr. Salfit during an IDF raid of the village. In al-Bireh, **IDF troops** clash with residents during a raid, causing no serious injuries. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Hebron and 4 nearby villages, Nablus and Balata r.c., 'Askar r.c. and 3 villages nearby, Bethlehem and 3 villages nearby, 3 villages nr. Jenin, 1 village each nr. Ramallah and Tulkarm, and in al-Bireh. (AFP, HA, JP, MNA, YA 6/22)

22 JUNE 2014

In the **West Bank**, **Israeli border police** shoot and kill a 26-year-old Palestinian in 'Ayn Bayt al-Ma' r.c. nr. Nablus, during an overnight raid. Meanwhile, a group of Palestinians in Ramallah gather to protest PA-Israel security collaboration, leading to clashes with PA security forces in which 1 bystander is killed and 2 protesters are wounded. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Nablus, Balata r.c., 'Askar r.c. and 1 nearby village, 3 villages nr. Jenin, Hebron and al-'Arub r.c. and 1 village nearby, and Tulkarm at night. **Israeli settlers** open fire on **Palestinians** nr. Ramallah, causing no injuries. Separately, **settlers** open fire on Palestinians gathered in al-Bireh for a funeral, injuring 1. (HA, MNA 6/22; HA 6/23; PCHR 6/26)

The **PA** issues a statement announcing it has begun official procedures to request an emergency session of the **UNSC** in response to the ongoing Israeli operation in the West Bank,

citing “collective punishment,” 5 Palestinian deaths to date, and more than 400 arrests. Meanwhile, **Russia’s UN Amb. Vitaly Churkin** proposes a statement to the UNSC that would condemn the Israeli operation, but it is not agreed on. **Jordan’s UN reps.** insist on stronger language, and **U.S. Amb. to the UN Samantha Power** says that agreeing to any statement criticizing Israel would be a “red line” for the U.S. (JP, MNA 6/22; AP 6/23; PCHR 6/26)

In the **Israeli-occupied Golan Heights**, an antitank projectile fired from inside **Syrian territory** kills **1 Israeli civilian**, a 13-year-old child, and wounds 2 others. The targeted vehicle was delivering water for the Israeli Ministry of Defense. In response, **Israeli tanks** fire at **Syrian army positions**. Later, **Israeli forces** launch land and air strikes at 9 Syrian army positions, killing 4 and injuring 9, according to the Syrian Foreign Ministry. **Israeli DM Moshe Ya’alon** says that the Syrian govt. is responsible for the attack, adding that Israel will “respond aggressively and harshly against any provocation and violation of our sovereignty.” (AP, HA, JP, REU 6/22; AP, HA, REU, YA 6/23)

23 JUNE 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, **IDF troops** conduct a limited incursion close to the border fence nr. e. Gaza City, and fire shots without causing injuries. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village nr. Ramallah in the morning, 1 village nr. Hebron in the afternoon, and in Hebron and 2 nearby villages, 3 villages nr. Nablus, Aida r.c. nr. Bethlehem, and 1 village nr. Qalqilya at night. In **East Jerusalem**, **Jewish Israeli activists** vandalize Palestinian-owned cars in Bayt Hanina, and leave “price tag” graffiti. (MNA 6/23; PCHR 6/26)

24 JUNE 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, **Palestinians** fire 3 rockets into s. Israel, 2 are intercepted by Iron Dome missile defense batteries and 1 causes minor damage, but no injuries. A 4th rocket fired by **Palestinians** lands inside the Gaza Strip, killing a **child** in Bayt Lahiya and injuring 3 other family mbrs. In response to the rocket fire, the **IDF** attacks 7 sites in the **Gaza Strip**, causing damage and injuring 2 police officers. Israeli military sources say that **Islamic Jihad’s al-Quds Brigades** are responsible for some of the rocket fire, along with smaller groups that operate independently, and often contrary to, Hamas’s authority. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** scales back OBK, removing some of the mobile checkpoints set up in the Hebron area. **Israeli DM Ya’alon** says that “a large part of the operation against Hamas has been exhausted.” Meanwhile, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village nr. Hebron in the morning, 1 village nr. Jenin in the afternoon, and in 5 villages nr. Hebron, in Jenin, and Tulkarm at night. **Jewish settlers** chop down olive trees and grapevines nr. Nahalin village west of Bethlehem. (HA, JP, MNA, PCHR, WAFA 6/24)

PA Pres. Abbas tells **Egypt’s al-Watan** newspaper that “we completely reject” the kidnapping of the Israeli youth and “are sorry it happened.” Abbas also says that Israel wants a PA “without authority or power.” **Israeli PM Netanyahu** praises Abbas’s condemnation of the abduction. (AFP, MNA 6/24)

25 JUNE 2014

In the **West Bank**, a **22-year-old Palestinian** dies, succumbing to injuries sustained when **IDF troops** shot him during clashes in Qalandia r.c. on 6/20. A 62-year-old **Palestinian** dies on her way to hospital after being delayed by

Israeli forces at a checkpoint outside Bayt Dajan village nr. Nablus. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** shoot and injure 1 **Palestinian** during clashes with residents in a village nr. Hebron. At night, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Nablus, 1 village nr. Nablus, Hebron, 3 villages nr. Hebron, al-‘Arub, and 3 villages nr. al-‘Arub; patrols in 7 villages nr. Hebron and 1 village nr. Ramallah. In **East Jerusalem**, 30 right-wing Jewish activists enter Haram al-Sharif, and in the ensuing clashes with Palestinian worshippers, **Israeli security forces** injure 2 Palestinians. (MNA, WFA 6/25; PCHR 6/26)

Israeli media reports that **Hamas’s security forces** have made arrests of several mbrs. of a small splinter group in connection with the previous days’ rocket fire. IDF officials say approximately 20–30 rockets have been fired into s. Israel in the past 2 weeks. At a rally in Gaza, **Hamas official and dep. head of the PLC Ahmad Bahr** says that though no faction has claimed responsibility for kidnapping the Israeli teenagers, “we support and bless it, because it is the right of our people to do it for the country, the prisoners, and Jerusalem.” (MNA, ToI 6/25)

26 JUNE 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, **IDF troops** shoot and injure a **Palestinian** close to the border fence nr. al-Bureij r.c. as he is collecting gravel. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and injure 1 Palestinian nr. Hebron while arresting him. Meanwhile, an elderly Palestinian dies of a heart attack during an **IDF** raid of her home in al-‘Arub r.c. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 2 villages nr. Hebron at night; patrols in 1 village nr. Ramallah in the morning, and in 2 villages nr. Ramallah, and 1 village each nr. Hebron, Jericho, and Nablus at night. (MNA 6/26; PCHR 7/3)

27 JUNE 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, **Palestinians** fire 6 rockets and 2 mortar shells into s. Israel, causing no damage or injuries. Two of the rockets are intercepted by Iron Dome batteries. In addition, an explosive device detonates nr. **IDF troops** adjacent to the border fence, causing minor damage but no injuries. An **IDF drone** strikes a car nr. Shati’ r.c., killing 2 senior mbrs. of the **PRC** and injuring 1. The **IDF** conducts air strikes on 3 other targets across the **Gaza Strip**, causing no injuries. Also, **IDF troops** fire tank shells toward Khuza village close to the border fence, injuring 8. In a separate incident, **IDF troops** shell agricultural lands close to the border fence nr. Khan Yunis, causing no injuries. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and wound 3 Palestinians during clashes with residents outside Balata r.c. nr. Nablus. Meanwhile, during an arrest raid in Bethlehem, **IDF troops** shoot and wound 1 Palestinian in Dahaysha r.c. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village nr. Hebron in the afternoon, and in 2 villages and al-Am‘ari r.c. nr. Ramallah, 2 villages nr. Hebron, and 1 village nr. Bethlehem at night; patrols in 1 village nr. Ramallah in the morning, in 1 village nr. Ramallah in the afternoon, and in 3 villages nr. Jericho, 2 villages nr. Hebron, and 1 village nr. Nablus at night. **IDF troops** violently disperse **Palestinian, Israeli, and international protesters** at weekly demonstrations against Israel’s separation wall, settlements, and occupation in 2 villages nr. Ramallah (Bil‘in and Ni‘lin), and 1 village nr. Qalqilya (Kafr Qaddum). There are no serious injuries. (HA, MNA, REU 6/27; PCHR 7/3)

Martin Indyk resigns as **U.S. special envoy**, though he will remain an adviser to the Obama administration. Indyk will return to his role as director of the foreign policy program at the Brookings Institution. (HA 6/27)

28 JUNE 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, **Palestinians** fire 5 rockets into s. Israel. No damage or injuries are caused, except nr. Sderot, where a rocket hits a factory and injures 2 workers. The **IDF** conducts an air strike on a site nr. al-Bureij r.c., causing damage but no injuries. **IDF troops** also open fire on agricultural lands close to the border fence nr. **Khan Yunis**, injuring 2 civilians. Off the coast nr. Khan Yunis, **IDF naval forces** open fire on **Palestinian fishermen**, causing no damage or injuries. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 2 villages each nr. Bethlehem, Qalqilya, and Ramallah, and in Hebron and 2 villages and al-‘Arub r.c. nearby; patrols in 2 villages each nr. Qalqilya and Ramallah, and 1 village each nr. Hebron and Ramallah. (HA, JP, MNA, YA 6/28; PCHR 7/3)

29 JUNE 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, an **IDF** drone strikes a target nr. Dayr al-Balah, killing a mbr. of Hamas’s armed wing, **al-Qassam Brigades**. Meanwhile, the **IDF** strikes 12 other, separate targets across the **Gaza Strip**, causing damage and 3 injuries to civilians. The air strikes hit military training facilities belonging to **al-Qassam Brigades**, **Islamic Jihad**, and the **PRC**, as well as a concrete factory. In addition, **IDF troops** shell agricultural lands close to the border fence nr. Khan Yunis, causing no damage or injuries. Off the coast of Khan Yunis, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on **Palestinian fishermen**, causing no damage or injuries. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** level land nr. Salfit and destroy dozens of olive trees. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village nr. Bethlehem; patrols in 2 villages nr. Ramallah and 1 village each nr. Bethlehem and Jericho at night. **Israeli settlers** attack Palestinian-owned agricultural land nr. Beitar

Ilit, destroying crops. (HA, JP, MNA, REU, WAFA 6/29; PCHR 7/2)

Israeli PM Netanyahu says his country is “ready to expand” the operation in Gaza, in comments at the weekly cabinet meeting. Meanwhile, the **PRC** in Gaza claims responsibility for rocket fire, which it describes as “retaliation to the Israeli crimes against our Palestinian people in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and the ongoing violations against prisoners.” (AFP, MNA, ToI 6/29)

30 JUNE 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, **Palestinians** fire 18 rockets into s. Israel, causing no damage or injuries except where 2 houses are hit by shrapnel. Two of the rockets are intercepted by Iron Dome missile defense batteries. According to Israeli officials, **Hamas activists** were involved in this barrage, making it the 1st time the organization has participated in rocket fire since the 11/2012 cease-fire. **IDF troops** conduct air strikes on 34 targets across the Gaza Strip, hitting training sites of **al-Qassam Brigades**, **Islamic Jihad**, and the **PRC**, and agricultural areas, killing 1, injuring 4, and causing damage. Off the coast nr. Bayt Lahiya, **Israeli naval forces** shell an open area on the coast, causing no damage or injuries. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Hebron and 1 nearby village at night; patrols in 2 villages nr. Ramallah and 1 village nr. Hebron at night. **Israeli settlers** attack a Palestinian in Hebron, wounding him. Separately, **settlers** vandalize 12 olive trees nr. Hebron. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli security forces** shoot and wound 2 **Palestinians** with rubber-coated metal bullets during clashes nr. **Haram al-Sharif**. The confrontations begin after restrictions are placed on worshippers’ access to the area

while right-wing Jewish activists are allowed to enter. (AP, HA, IMEMC, JP, MNA 6/30; PCHR 7/3)

Israeli security forces locate the bodies of the 3 Israeli settler teenagers nr. Hebron, not far from where they were kidnapped (on 6/12) and killed. **PM Netanyahu** and **DM Ya'alon** propose that the response to the killing of the teens should include a wave of settlement construction. Netanyahu also addresses the increased tensions in Gaza and s. Israel, saying "either Hamas will stop the rocket fire or we will." **Hamas spokesperson Abu Zuhri** says that if Israel attacks Hamas in Gaza, "they will open the gates of hell on themselves," adding that Hamas does not "want any military confrontation with Israel, but if it will be forced on us it will look like in previous rounds." Meanwhile, **U.S. Pres. Barack Obama** issues a statement expressing his condolences to the families of the murdered Israeli youth, calls on Israel and the PA to cooperate to bring the guilty parties to justice, and urges all sides to exercise restraint to prevent further destabilization. (AFP, HA, JP, MNA, REU 6/30)

1 JULY 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, **Palestinians** fire 5 mortar shells into s. Israel, causing no damage or injuries. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and kill a 16-year-old civilian during an arrest raid in Jenin r.c. In Hebron, **IDF troops** demolish parts of houses belonging to 2 of the named suspects in the case of the kidnapped and murdered Israeli youths. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Nablus and 'Ayn Bayt al-Ma' r.c., 'Askar r.c., Balata r.c. and 3 villages nearby, Ramallah and 4 villages nearby, al-Jalazun r.c., Hebron and 2 villages nearby, Jenin and 2 villages nearby, and

al-Bireh; patrols in 1 village each nr. Hebron and Salfit and al-Bireh at night. (MNA, REU 7/1; PCHR 7/3)

State Dept. dep. spokesperson Harf says that the U.S. has strong evidence Hamas was "involved" in the killing of 3 Israeli settler teenagers whose bodies were discovered on 6/30, but does not directly say the group is responsible. The **UNSC** issues a statement unanimously condemning the killings, urging Israel and the PA to cooperate in bringing those responsible to justice. Meanwhile, Israel's security cabinet meets for the 2d time in 2 days. Ministers are reportedly divided over the nature of any further action in the Gaza Strip or West Bank. (HA, JP, REU 7/1)

2 JULY 2014

In **East Jerusalem** at night, **Israeli settlers** kidnap 16-year-old **Mohammed Abu Khdeir** from Shu'fat, burn him alive, and leave his body in the Jerusalem Forest. **PA Pres. Abbas** states that **Israel** "bears full responsibility for this incident" and "must bring those responsible to justice." **Israeli PM Netanyahu** urges police "to swiftly investigate who was behind the loathsome murder" and calls on all sides "not to take the law into their own hands." In a statement, **Secy. of State Kerry** condemns the killing as a "sickening" act of "vengeance," adding that the U.S. looks "to both the govt. of Israel and the PA to take all necessary steps to prevent acts of violence and bring their perpetrators to justice." **UN Middle East envoy Robert Serry** also condemns the killing. During the day, there are protests and clashes in **Jerusalem**, especially in Shu'fat, and 170 Palestinians are wounded. Meanwhile, **Jewish settlers** attack Palestinian-owned vehicles in Jaba', causing damage to dozens. In the **Gaza**

Strip, Palestinians fire 9 mortars into s. Israel, causing no damage or injuries. The **IDF** attacks 15 targets across **Gaza**, injuring 11, including at least 3 civilians. Targets include a number of **al-Qassam Brigades** training camps.

Palestinians fire 2 rockets at Ashqelon, with 1 intercepted by an Iron Dome battery and 1 falling in an open area. Later, 10 rockets are fired into s. Israel, causing no damage or injuries (1 is shot down). Meanwhile, off the coast nr. al-Sudaniyya **IDF naval forces** open fire on **Palestinian fishermen**, causing no damage or injuries. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** destroy a house nr. Hebron. It belonged to Ziad Awad, who is charged by Israeli authorities with the killing of an Israeli police officer in 4/2014. The **IDF** says that the demolition is intended to serve as a deterrent. During the demolition, **IDF troops** clash with residents and wound 6 with live ammunition. The **IDF** also conducts house searches and arrest raids in Hebron at night. **Israeli settlers** set fire to a sheep farm nr. Nablus, causing damage, and leaving “price tag” graffiti. (AFP, HA, JP, MNA, REU, YA, Wafa 7/2)

Reps. of Iran and the P5+1 group begin the 6th and final scheduled round of talks ahead of the 7/20 deadline for agreeing to a deal on Iran’s disputed nuclear program. Talks are scheduled to take place between 7/3 and 7/15, but may continue up to the deadline. Both sides say that progress has been made, but major differences remain. (BBC 7/3)

3 JULY 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, **Palestinians** fire an estimated 40 projectiles into s. Israel, causing no casualties, but rockets strike 2 houses in Sderot and cause damage. **IDF troops** launch air strikes against 3 **al-Qassam Brigades** training

facilities, injuring 15. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** clash with **Palestinian** residents in Qalandia r.c., injuring 5. The **IDF** patrols in 1 village nr. Ramallah and in Salfit in the morning, in 1 village nr. Hebron in the afternoon, and in Hebron and 5 nearby villages, 3 villages nr. Ramallah, and 2 villages nr. Jericho at night. A **Jewish settler** opens fire on a **Palestinian** nr. Hebron, injuring him. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli troops** clash with **Palestinian protesters** in al-Ram, Shu’fat, Silwan, and Issawiyya. The troops deploy stun grenades and rubber-coated metal bullets, injuring 6 in al-Ram and 13 in Shu’fat. (HA, MNA, REU, ToI 7/3; PCHR 7/10)

Israeli PM Netanyahu says that if rocket fire from **Gaza** halts, then the **IDF** will also stop its attacks on Gaza. Specifically, the Israeli govt. issues **Hamas** a 48-hour period to either halt the projectile fire or face a significant Israeli strike. A **spokesperson for al-Qassam Brigades** says that an Israeli escalation will lead to an “hour of vengeance.” (HA, REU, ToI 7/3)

4 JULY 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, **Palestinians** fire approximately 20 projectiles into s. Israel, causing no injuries and minor damage to several buildings in 1 kibbutz. Two projectiles are intercepted by Iron Dome batteries. The **IDF** launches air strikes on 3 **Hamas**-related targets in the s. **Gaza Strip**. **IDF troops** on the border fence nr. Rafah fire tank shells at the remains of the Gaza international airport, causing no casualties. Later, **IDF troops** open fire on farmers close to the border fence nr. Dayr al-Balah, wounding 1. Off the coast nr. Bayt Lahiya, **IDF naval forces** open fire on **Palestinian fishermen**, causing no damage or injuries. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** injure

8 **Palestinians** with live ammunition and rubber-coated metal bullets during clashes with demonstrators at Qalandia checkpoint nr. Ramallah. There is also a demonstration in Surayf village nr. Hebron protesting Israeli settlements, and **IDF troops** open fire during the ensuing clashes, wounding 5 **Palestinians**. The **IDF patrols** in 1 village nr. Ramallah in the morning, in al-Fawar r.c. nr. Hebron in the afternoon, and in 2 villages nr. Ramallah at night. **IDF troops** violently disperse **Palestinian, Israeli, and international protesters** at weekly demonstrations against Israel's separation wall, settlements and, occupation in 3 villages nr. Ramallah (Bil'in, Nabi Salih, and Ni'lin), and 1 village nr. Qalqilya (Kafr Qaddum). There are no serious injuries. In **East Jerusalem, Israeli security forces** deploy in large numbers and restrict worshippers' access to **Haram al-Sharif**. Two days after his death on 7/2, Abu Khdeir's funeral is held in Shu'fat, after which there are violent clashes with Israeli police, who use rubber-coated metal bullets and injure 20. (HA, JP, MNA, REU 7/4; PCHR 7/10)

Israeli media reports that **Egyptian intelligence officials** are mediating a truce between **Israel** and **Hamas**, on the basis of "quiet for quiet." **Israeli FM Lieberman** criticizes talk of a possible cease-fire and urges the IDF to target the Hamas leadership. **Hamas spokesperson Abu Zuhri**, meanwhile, says the group is "not interested in a confrontation" and holds Israel "responsible for the escalation." (REU, ToI, YA 7/4)

5 JULY 2014

In the **Gaza Strip, Palestinians** fire 11 projectiles into s. Israel, causing no damage and lightly injuring 1 soldier with mortar shell shrapnel. Iron Dome batteries intercept 4 of the rockets. In the **West Bank, IDF troops** use rubber-coated metal bullets against **Palestinian**

protesters nr. Qalandia, injuring 1. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** injure 6 **Palestinians** with tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets at the entrance of al-'Arub r.c. nr. Hebron. The **IDF** patrols in 1 village nr. Ramallah in the morning, and in 2 villages nr. Jericho and 1 village each nr. Ramallah and Salfit at night. **Jewish settlers** assault a **Palestinian** in Hebron, causing moderate injuries, while separately, settlers set fire to tires and agricultural land at a road junction nr. Jenin. In Israel, **Palestinian citizens** demonstrate in the c. and n. of the country as protests previously concentrated in **East Jerusalem** spread. Clashes with Israeli police break out in Qalansuwa, Taibe, and Jaljulia, as well as Nazareth, where hundreds block roads and throw stones at police officers. Dozens of demonstrators are arrested. (AFP, HA, JP, MNA, ToI, Wafa 7/5; PCHR 7/10)

IDF Chief of Staff Gantz says that **Hamas** bears responsibility for ongoing rocket fire from Gaza and that the army will "know how to respond with much force if quiet isn't returned to the area." Meanwhile, the **PRC** in Gaza rejects any cease-fire that does not include an end to the siege of Gaza and "bring back life" to the West Bank and Jerusalem." (JP, MNA 7/5)

6 JULY 2014

In the **Gaza Strip, Palestinians** fire 25 rockets into s. Israel, causing no damage or injuries. Attacks are claimed by 4 groups: the **PRC, al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, and al-Mujahidin Brigades**. The **IDF** strikes 9 targets across the **Gaza Strip** throughout the day. A strike in al-Bureij r.c. kills 2 mbrs. of **Islamic Jihad's al-Quds Brigades**. Later, during the night, the **IDF** strikes 14 more targets, killing 9 fighters from **al-Qassam Brigades** and

wounding 4. Six of the fighters are killed in a tunnel collapse, which the **IDF** says is unrelated to air strikes. One Israeli air strike in Bayt Hanun wounds 5 civilians, including a child. Separately, **IDF troops** open fire from the border nr. Rafah, causing no damage or injuries. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** clash with **Palestinians** in al-‘Arub r.c. nr. Hebron, injuring 15 residents with rubber-coated metal bullets. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 2 villages nr. Ramallah, 1 village nr. Salfit and Jenin at night; patrols in 2 villages nr. Ramallah in the morning, and in 1 village nr. Ramallah at night. **Israeli settlers** throw stones at Palestinian cars nr. Bethlehem, damaging 1. In a separate incident, **settlers** assault a priest nr. Ramallah. In **East Jerusalem**, around 100 **Palestinian youths** clash with **Israeli security forces**, and there are similar clashes in Abu Tur and Hizma. **Israeli police** detain **6 Jewish men** in connection with the murder of **Palestinian teenager Abu Khdeir** on 7/2. In Israel, meanwhile, a group of **bedouin** in Tel Sheva nr. Beersheba throw Molotov cocktails and stones at passing cars nr. the Jewish town of Omer, causing damage. There are further violent protests in Shafa ‘Amr, in the Galilee, as well as in Nazareth and nearby town Iksal. Some 200 protesters try to block Route 70 at Yavor Junction in the n. (AP, HA, MNA, REU, YA 7/6; PCHR 7/10)

In the weekly Israeli cabinet meeting, **PM Netanyahu** and **FM Lieberman** disagree about how to deal with the escalating situation in Gaza and s. Israel. Netanyahu criticizes Lieberman and **Economy Minister Bennett** for their repeated public calls for a full ground invasion of the Gaza Strip, and urges ministers to be “level-headed and responsible.” Meanwhile, **Israeli authorities** decide to reduce the fishing zone open for **Gaza fishermen** from 6 naut. mi. to 3. (HA, JP, MNA 7/6)

7 JULY 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, **Palestinians** fire around 80 rockets into s. Israel, injuring 1 soldier and 1 civilian in separate incidents. Iron Dome batteries intercept 12 of the rockets. An evening barrage of around 40 rockets in an hour is claimed by **al-Qassam Brigades**, who say it is in revenge for the killing of its fighters the previous day. Separately, an antitank missile is fired at **IDF troops** on the **s. Gaza border**, causing no injuries. The **IDF** strikes targets in n. **Gaza**, causing damage and injuring 1 child. Off the coast of Khan Yunis, **IDF naval forces** open fire on **Palestinian fishermen**, causing no damage or injuries. In the **West Bank**, **Palestinians** throw Molotov cocktails at an **IDF base** nr. Ramallah, causing no injuries. The **IDF** patrols in Hebron at night. In Israel, **police officers** arrest 110 **Palestinian citizens** across Arab towns and villages (HA, JP, MEMO, MNA, REU, YA 7/7; PCHR 7/10)

Israel’s security cabinet decides to escalate attacks against **Hamas** and other armed factions in the **Gaza Strip**, following a 3-hour meeting, and agrees to launch an assault on the Gaza Strip, code-named Operation Protective Edge (OPE). The cabinet orders the army to prepare for a significant expansion of operations. Also, **FM Lieberman** announces that the official partnership between his party, **Yisrael Beytenu**, and **Likud** is over, but his party will remain in the coalition. Lieberman says the move is not meant as an attack on Netanyahu but a reflection of their genuine differences. Meanwhile, **State Dept. spokesperson Psaki** tells reporters that the U.S. supports Israel’s right to defend itself against attacks from Gaza, and urges restraint against escalation of the conflict. (HA, JP, MNA 7/7)

A mortar shell is fired from inside **Syrian territory** into the **Israeli-occupied Golan Heights**, causing no damage or injuries. **IDF troops** respond by shooting at suspicious targets on the Syrian side. (AP, JP 7/7)

8 JULY 2014

The **IDF** launches OPE, a major assault on the **Gaza Strip**. **Israeli air strikes** hit 150 targets across Gaza, killing 23 **Palestinians** and wounding more than 100. One attack in Khan Yunis kills 8 mbrs. of the same family when their home is bombed. **Hamas fighters** infiltrate **Israel** by sea nr. Kibbutz Zikim and are all killed, according to the **IDF**. **Al-Qassam Brigades** says the operation goes as planned. **Palestinians** fire approximately 130 rockets into **Israel**, with Iron Dome batteries intercepting at least 23 of them. Some rockets reach c. Israel, though most fall in the s. Warning sirens are heard in **Tel Aviv**, where an Iron Dome battery intercepts 3 rockets. The rockets cause damage to 2 houses, and lightly injure 2 people. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and injure 3 **Palestinians** during clashes nr. Qalandia checkpoint, and also shoot and injure 2 **Palestinians** in clashes in n. Bethlehem. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Nablus, 2 nearby villages, and Balata r.c. at night. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli security forces** detain 31 **Palestinians** in relation to the recent protests. (AFP, HA, JP, MNA, REU, YA 7/8; PCHR 7/10)

The **Israeli govt.** authorizes a call-up of some 40,000 reserve troops, in preparation for a possible ground invasion. **Israeli DM Ya'alon** says it is likely to be a protracted campaign that will "exact a very heavy price from Hamas." **Al-Qassam Brigades spokesperson Abu Ubayda** says that Israel must cease its offensive and commit to the 2012 cease-fire agreement.

PA Pres. Abbas, meanwhile, demands that Israel immediately halt its offensive and asks the international community to intervene to halt the escalation. (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, PCHR, REU, YA 7/8)

9 JULY 2014

The **IDF** strikes targets across the **Gaza Strip** on the 2d day of OPE, killing 39 **Palestinians**. Fatal strikes take place in al-Maghazi r.c., Bayt Hanun, Gaza City, Nussayrat r.c. and Bayt Lahiya. Among the dead is an Islamic Jihad commander, killed in a strike on his home in Bayt Hanun along with 5 civilians. **Palestinians** fire 82 rockets and mortar shells into **Israel**, with 48 rockets striking Israel and 21 intercepted by Iron Dome batteries. There are no injuries directly caused by projectile fire, but there is some damage to property. Rockets land in and around Dimona, Tel Aviv, Haifa, and Jerusalem. M-75 rockets are fired at Tel Aviv, as well as Nevatim military airport, 44 mi. away from Gaza City. **Al-Qassam Brigades**, **al-Quds Brigades**, and **Ali Abu Mustafa Brigades (PFLP)** all claim responsibility for rocket and mortar fire. **Al-Qassam Brigades fighters** attempt an attack via the sea, emerging close to Kibbutz Zikim for the 2d day in a row. (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, YA, WAFA 7/9; PCHR 7/10)

Israeli PM Netanyahu says that "we have decided to further intensify the attacks on Hamas and the terror organizations in Gaza" and that "Hamas will pay a heavy price for the firing of rockets at Israeli civilians." **Hamas leader Khalid Mish'al**, in a press conference in Doha, Qatar, says that calm can be achieved through "an immediate halt to the aggression and bombings." He also reiterates that he does not know who carried out the killing of the 3 Israeli settler teenagers in the West Bank.

Meanwhile, **PA Pres. Abbas** accuses Israel of a “genocide” in Gaza and “a war against the Palestinian people as a whole.” He also describes diplomatic efforts at avoiding further hostilities, saying that Palestinian officials are talking to **Egypt’s Pres. al-Sisi** and **UN Secy.-Gen. Ban. Egyptian foreign ministry spokesperson Badr Abdelatty** says that “there is no mediation, in the common sense of the word,” but that Cairo is making “diplomatic efforts” aimed “at immediately stopping Israeli aggression and ending all mutual violence.” (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, YA, Wafa 7/9)

10 JULY 2014

The **IDF** launches dozens of air strikes across the **Gaza Strip**, killing 28 **Palestinians** and wounding approximately 550. There are fatal strikes in Gaza City, Rafah, Dayr al-Balah, Jabaliya, Khan Yunis, and Bayt Lahiya, among others. **Palestinians** fire dozens of projectiles into Israel, with 1 rocket hitting a house in Ashdod, causing damage. Other targeted towns include Beersheba, Ashqelon, and Sdot Negev in the s., and Rehovot, Yavne, Lod, Ramle, and Gadera in the c. Iron Dome batteries intercept 2 rockets fired at the Jerusalem area and 2 others fall in open areas. A mortar shell injures 2 Israeli soldiers close to the border. (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU 7/10; PCHR 7/11)

Israeli PM Netanyahu says that attacks will continue to “expand and continue until the fire on our communities is over and the quiet returns.” The PM also tells mbrs. of the **Knesset Foreign Affairs** and **Defense Comms.** that a cease-fire with Hamas is not on the agenda. **Islamic Jihad spokesperson Abu Ahmad** says the “factions in Gaza are not going to surrender.” At an emergency meeting of the **UNSC** in New York, **UN Secy.-Gen. Ban** says that “it is now more urgent than ever to try to

find common ground for a return to calm and a cease-fire understanding,” and that he has been in contact with Israel, the PA, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Egypt, the Arab League, the U.S., and the EU. **Palestinian UN amb. Riyad Mansour** tells the meeting that the international community is obliged to ensure protection of Palestinian civilians, and accuses Israel of violating its responsibility as an occupying power. **Israeli UN amb. Ron Prosor** says Hamas is “committing a double war crime: targeting Israeli civilians while hiding behind Palestinian civilians.” Pres. Obama telephones PM Netanyahu and tells him that the U.S. is willing to help negotiate a cease-fire. **State Dept. spokesperson Psaki** says that Kerry has been “reaching out to countries in the region” including **Qatar** and **Egypt**, which “can play a role in bringing an end to the rocket fire from Hamas.” (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU 7/10)

11 JULY 2014

IDF air strikes and shelling of the **Gaza Strip** continues for a 4th day, killing 16 **Palestinians** as 230 targets are hit. The attacks cause widespread damage to houses, infrastructure, and public buildings. There are fatal strikes in al-Shuja’iya, elsewhere in Gaza City, Jabaliya, and Rafah, among others. **Palestinians** fire 90 rockets into **Israel**, causing damage and injuring 10 in Beersheba and Ashdod, including 1 seriously. Iron Dome batteries intercept 25 of the rockets. **Two IDF soldiers** are lightly injured by an antitank missile nr. the Gaza border, damaging their jeep. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and injure 9 **Palestinians** with live fire and rubber-coated metal bullets during clashes nr. Rachel’s Tomb in n. Bethlehem. In Kafr Qaddum, **Israeli soldiers** shoot and injure 5 **Palestinians** with live ammunition during clashes, and there are less

intense confrontations after Friday prayers in Hebron and nearby al-Fawar r.c. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli authorities** prevent **Palestinian** men under 50 years old from entering **Haram al-Sharif**, and 20 **Palestinians** are injured by stun grenades and rubber-coated metal bullets during clashes in Issawiyya. (AP, HA, MNA, REU, YA 7/11; PCHR 7/12)

Israeli PM Netanyahu says that “no amount of international pressure will prevent Israel from continuing its operation in the Gaza Strip,” and that he has held phone calls with leaders of **the U.S., Germany, Britain, France, Canada, and Russia**. **Israeli DM Ya’alon** speaks with **U.S. Defense Secy. Hagel**, with the latter expressing concern about the risk of further escalation. The **U.S. House of Reps.** agrees to a nonbinding res. in support of Israel’s right to defend itself against rocket fire from the Gaza Strip. (See H. Res. 657 of 7/8/14 on congressionalmonitor.org for a full summary.) Meanwhile, **Egyptian authorities** close the **Rafah** crossing after opening it briefly to allow 11 wounded Palestinians to leave for treatment. (AP, HA, MNA, REU, YA 7/11)

Unknown persons fire 2 rockets into **n. Israel** from **Lebanon**, causing no damage or injuries. **IDF troops** respond with artillery fire, also causing no reported casualties. (REU 7/11)

12 JULY 2014

On the 5th day of OPE, the **IDF** strikes multiple targets across the **Gaza Strip**, killing approximately 48 **Palestinians**, including 21 in a single strike on the home of a senior police commander in Gaza City. Air strikes also hit a center for the disabled, killing 2. The **IDF** warns Palestinians in the n. Gaza Strip to “leave their homes for their own safety,” adding that “it’s unsafe to be nr. Hamas.” Israel’s targets expand to include civilian institutions with suspected

Hamas ties. **Israeli naval forces** raid the beach at al-Sudaniyya in the n. Gaza Strip, and clash with **al-Qassam Brigades** fighters. **Palestinians** fire some 70 rockets into Israel, and at least 6 are intercepted by Iron Dome batteries. In the evening, al-Qassam Brigades launches 10 rockets toward Tel Aviv, but they cause no damage or casualties. Overall, 2 Israelis are injured nr. Beersheba in the day’s barrage. In addition to s. and c. areas, rockets also land nr. Efrat settlement in the **West Bank**, causing no damage. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli security forces** clash with **Palestinian** youth in Issawiyya, al-Tur, and Qalandia. (AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU 7/12; PCHR 7/13)

Addressing the crisis in Gaza, the **UNSC** issues a presidential statement calling for a “de-escalation of the situation, restoration of calm, and reinstatement of the 11/2012 cease-fire.” It also expresses “serious concern regarding the crisis related to Gaza and the protection and welfare of civilians on both sides” and calls for “respect for international humanitarian law.” Media reports suggest that a cease-fire proposal is being drawn up at the initiative of the **Palestinians** with the involvement of **Egypt** and **Qatar**, but **Islamic Jihad dep. head Ziad al-Nakhleh** dismisses this as a rumor. (AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU 7/12)

Unknown persons fire 3 rockets from inside **Lebanon** that land into **n. Israel**, causing no damage or injuries. The **IDF** responds with artillery fire toward “the source of fire.” (AP, REU 7/12)

13 JULY 2014

The **IDF** continues attacks across the **Gaza Strip**, killing 18 **Palestinians**. Also, the **IDF** drops leaflets over Bayt Lahiya that tell residents to evacuate ahead of intensified attacks. In response, around a quarter of Bayt Lahiya’s

population, approximately 70,000 people, flees and seeks shelter in **UNRWA** facilities.

Palestinians fire more than 70 rockets into Israel, causing some damage and injuring 1 with shrapnel. Meanwhile, **Palestinian gunmen** execute an alleged collaborator with Israel in Rafah. (AP, HA, JP, MNA, PCHR, REU 7/13)

While in Vienna for talks on Iran's nuclear program, **U.S. Secy. of State Kerry** speaks with **PM Netanyahu** on the phone, and says that the U.S. is ready to help broker a cease-fire along the lines of the 11/2012 agreement. Also, Kerry discusses the crisis with his French, British, and German counterparts. Speaking in **Vienna**, **French FM Fabius** and **British foreign secy. William Hague** both urge a return to the cease-fire agreement of 11/2012. **Israeli PM Netanyahu** says at his weekly cabinet meeting that "we don't know when the operation will end" and that "it might take a long time." (AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU 7/13)

For the 3d day in a row, 2 rockets fired from inside **Lebanon** land in **n. Israel**, causing no damage or injuries. **IDF troops** reply with artillery fire. There is no claim of responsibility for the rocket attack. (AP, HA, REU 7/13)

Unknown persons fire 1 rocket from inside **Syria** and into the **Israeli-occupied Golan Heights**, causing no damage or injuries. **IDF troops** respond with artillery fire toward **Syrian military bases**, and claim direct hits, though there are no reports of damage or casualties. (HA 7/13)

14 JULY 2014

The **IDF** conducts approximately 100 strikes on targets across the **Gaza Strip**, killing 14 **Palestinians** in Bayt Hanun, Rafah, Khan Yunis and Dayr al-Balah. Hospitals in Gaza report a serious shortage of medicines and equipment, particularly for trauma injuries. **Palestinians**

fire around 100 rockets and mortar shells into **Israel**, causing damage and seriously wounding 2 children in the bedouin village of Lakia. Iron Dome batteries intercept 15 of the projectiles. In addition, **al-Qassam Brigades** fly a drone into **s. Israel** along the coast nr. Ashdod, and the Israeli Air Force (IAF) shoots it down. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and kill a 22-year-old Palestinian civilian in clashes nr. Hebron. In Bayt Umar nr. Hebron, **IDF troops** shoot and injure 2 **Palestinians** in another confrontation. Separately, **IDF troops** detain 11 **Hamas parliamentarians** in Nablus, Jenin, and Salfit. (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU 7/14; PCHR 7/15)

Following a meeting of Arab League FMs in the evening, **Egypt's Foreign Ministry** proposes a cease-fire to start the next day, followed by talks in Cairo. The Arab League welcomes the proposal. An Israeli official says that **PM Netanyahu** will discuss the proposal the following day with his security cabinet. (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU 7/14)

A rocket launched from inside **Lebanon** hits **n. Israel**, causing no damage or injuries, the 4th such attack in recent days. **IDF troops** respond with artillery shells. (REU 7/14)

15 JULY 2014

IDF strikes in the **Gaza Strip** continue, except in the hours following the govt.'s acceptance of the Egyptian cease-fire, killing 13 **Palestinians**. The **IDF** warns 100,000 residents of the al-Zaytun and al-Shuja'iya neighborhoods to evacuate before morning on 7/16. **Palestinians** fire more than 120 rockets into **Israel**, including dozens directed at Tel Aviv, in a barrage claimed jointly by **al-Qassam Brigades** and **al-Quds Brigades**. Nr. the Erez crossing, 1 **Israeli civilian** is killed by a mortar shell while distributing food supplies to **IDF**

soldiers. Nine rockets are intercepted by Iron Dome, and the rest caused no damage or injuries. (AFP, AP, HA, MNA, REU, WAFA 7/15)

Israel's security cabinet votes 6–2 in favor of accepting the Egyptian cease-fire proposal from the previous day, and the IDF stops all strikes for several hours. **PM Netanyahu** says that if Hamas rejects the initiative, Israel will have “legitimacy” to take further action “to restore quiet.” **PA Pres. Abbas**, in Cairo for talks with **Egyptian pres. al-Sisi**, calls for the acceptance of the proposal. However, **Hamas** rejects the text, describing it as “an initiative of kneeling and submission,” and both the armed Palestinian groups and the IDF continue hostilities. **Hamas spokesperson Abu Zuhri** says that the group was ignored by Egyptian mediators, with **Islamic Jihad official Khalid al-Batsh** commenting that “initiatives shouldn’t be proposed through media outlets, but rather through the obvious channels, which are resistance factions and their leaders.” An **unnamed senior PLO official** says that “the Egyptians coordinated the initiative with Abbas and ignored Gaza,” and thus “Hamas leaders felt humiliated by the fact that the proposal was released without them being consulted about its contents ahead of time.” (AFP, AP, HA, MNA, REU, WAFA 7/15; PCHR 7/16)

After Hamas rejects the deal, Netanyahu vows to “significantly expand our offensive,” saying that the group “will pay for its decision.” Meanwhile, **Dep. DM Danny Danon** describes the Israeli govt.’s response to the Gaza crisis as a “failure” and Netanyahu fires him. (AFP, AP, HA, REU 7/15)

Suspected Salafi jihadists fire 3 rockets from the **Sinai Peninsula, Egypt**, into Israel, wounding 4 civilians in Eilat. (REU 7/15)

In **Vienna**, reps. of **Iran** and the **P5+1 powers** continue their negotiations leading up to the 7/20 deadline for a comprehensive agreement

on Iran’s disputed nuclear program. **U.S. Secy. of State Kerry** says they “have made progress . . . but there’s still more work to do.” **Iranian FM Zarif** says that Iran wants to “arrive at a solution everyone can be happy about.” The key issues remaining are Iran’s centrifuges and its uranium enrichment capacity over the next 10 years. (ALM, NYT 7/15)

16 JULY 2014

The **IDF** strikes over 50 targets across the **Gaza Strip**, including the Interior Ministry building and a hospital, killing 23 **Palestinians**. Among these are 4 children, who are killed when **IDF troops** shell a beach nr. Gaza City, an attack witnessed by a number of international journalists. **IDF troops** also destroy the house of a high-ranking Hamas political figure. **Palestinians** fire more than 60 rockets into Israel, including rockets aimed at Ashqelon and Ashdod. Iron Dome batteries intercept 4 of the projectiles. Rockets cause damage in Ashdod and Tel Aviv, and 1 soldier is injured. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Hebron and 1 nearby village at night. (AFP, AP, HA, MNA, NYT, REU 7/16; PCHR 7/17)

UNRWA says that the Gaza Strip’s health system is on the brink of collapse, with 600,000 people facing water shortages and 22,000 seeking refuge in school shelters. (AP, HA, MNA, NYT 7/16)

Israeli DM Ya’alon asks Netanyahu’s security cabinet to authorize the mobilization of another 8,000 reserve troops, adding to the approximately 30,000 that have already been called up since 7/8. (AP, HA, NYT, REU 7/16)

After Hamas rejected the Egyptian cease-fire proposal the previous day, **Dep. Hamas leader Abu Marzuq** meets **Egyptian officials** and offers terms Hamas seeks in a cease-fire deal,

such as “fully lifting the blockade on Gaza, including opening all the crossings and releasing the rearrested prisoners.” (See the Quarterly Update in *JPS* 173 for more on Hamas’s terms.) **Pres. Abbas** meets with **Abu Marzuq** in Cairo, and separately with **Egypt’s Pres. al-Sisi** and **FM Sameh Shoukri**, as well as **Arab League chief al-‘Arabi**. He also speaks with **Hamas leader Mish‘al** by telephone. Meanwhile, Secy. of State Kerry says that the U.S. is doing “everything in our power” to end the violence, in remarks he makes on an official visit to Luxembourg. Kerry speaks with the FMs of **Egypt, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates**. Pres. Obama says that the U.S. supports Egypt’s efforts to secure a cease-fire and restoration of the 11/2012 agreement. (AFP, AP, HA, MNA, REU, YA 7/16)

17 JULY 2014

During the day, the IDF launches multiple strikes on targets across the **Gaza Strip**, killing 21 Palestinians, except during a 5-hour humanitarian cease-fire. After the humanitarian pause, **Palestinian groups** resume rocket fire into Israel, launching 105 projectiles, 20 of which are intercepted by Iron Dome batteries. One Israeli soldier nr. the border is wounded by a mortar shell just before the end of the pause. Meanwhile, 13 armed Palestinians enter Israel through a tunnel, but their attack is halted by **IDF troops**. Reports differ on whether or not 1 Palestinian is killed during the attack. **Palestinians** also launch a drone into s. Israel, which **IDF troops** shoot down nr. Ashqelon. **UNRWA** announces that 20 rockets were discovered in an unused school in Gaza, and condemns those responsible for a “flagrant breach” of international law. (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU 7/17; AJ, PCHR 7/18)

At approximately 10:30 P.M., the **IDF** launches a **ground invasion** of the **Gaza Strip**, beginning with heavy artillery shelling of Bayt Hanun and Bayt Lahiya in the n. and incursions nr. the border fence to expand the buffer zone. IDF spokesperson Peter Lerner says the invasion has 2 objectives: “to strike Hamas . . . so they do not have the motivation to continue” and “to strike the terrorist infrastructure, the rockets, the tunnels.” During the invasion, 1 Israeli soldier is killed by friendly fire. Israeli media report that the ground invasion is initiated largely in response to the tunnel attack early in the day. (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU 7/17; AJ, PCHR 7/18)

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot a **Palestinian** farmer nr. Nablus, shoot and injure 1 resident during clashes in al-Fara’a r.c. nr. Tubas, and shoot and injure 2 residents during clashes nr. Ramallah. **IDF troops** also shoot and injure 7 **Palestinians** during a demonstration at Qalandia checkpoint. The **IDF** conducts house searches, arrest raids in 1 village nr. Qalqilya at night; patrols in 3 villages and al-‘Arub r.c. nr. Hebron and 1 village nr. Salfit in the afternoon. Meanwhile, **armed Palestinians** open fire on **IDF troops** at a checkpoint nr. Ramallah, causing no injuries. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli security forces** raid **Haram al-Sharif** and assault worshippers protesting a visit by **right-wing Jewish activists**. **Israeli forces** also detain approximately 36 **Palestinians**. Meanwhile, police charge 3 **Jewish Israelis** with the murder of **Abu Khdeir**. (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU 7/17; AJ, PCHR 7/18)

UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process Serry requests a 5-hour humanitarian cease-fire and it is observed. An unnamed Israeli defense official tells the media that the cease-fire is for Palestinians in Gaza to see the damage wrought by Israel thus far. (AFP, AP, HA, REU 7/17)

Hours before the ground invasion starts, the **U.S. Senate** agrees to a nonbinding res. condemning the rocket fire against Israel and reiterating Israel's right to defend itself. The res. has 78 cosponsors and the support of many U.S.-based, pro-Israel groups, including AIPAC. (AFP, AP, JP 7/17; AJ 7/18)

18 JULY 2014

The **IDF** continues its ground invasion, as well as air strikes in the **Gaza Strip**, killing 53 **Palestinians**, including 8 mbrs. of a single family killed in Bayt Hanun. **IDF troops** face resistance on the ground, in particular from fighters in **al-Qassam Brigades** and **al-Quds Brigades**, with both groups claiming attacks on **IDF soldiers** and positions inside the Gaza Strip. **Palestinians** fire more than 40 rockets into Israel, and Iron Dome batteries intercept several over Tel Aviv while 25 land in open areas, with no reports of casualties. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and injure dozens of **Palestinians** in a number of protests in solidarity with Gaza, including at Qalandia checkpoint, outside Ofer prison, in Biddu village nr. Jerusalem, and in Shuqba village nr. Ramallah. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Hebron at night; patrols in 3 villages each nr. Jericho and Ramallah, and 1 village nr. Salfit in the afternoon. **IDF troops** violently disperse **Palestinian, Israeli, and international protesters** at weekly demonstrations against Israel's separation wall, settlements, and occupation in 3 villages nr. Ramallah (Bil'in, Nabi Salih, and Ni'lin). There are no serious injuries, except in Nabi Salih, where 1 is hit by a bullet, and Ni'lin, where another is hit by a bullet. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli security forces** clash with **Palestinians** at **Haram al-Sharif**, 9 are taken to the hospital,

including at least 4 injured by rubber-coated metal bullets. (AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU, YA 7/18; PCHR 7/19)

The **Israeli security cabinet** meets to discuss expansion of the ground operation, with Netanyahu saying that "since there is no way to deal with the tunnels only from the air, our soldiers are doing it now from the ground." Meanwhile, **Pres. Abbas** asks France to lobby Hamas's regional allies **Turkey** and **Qatar** to pressure the Palestinian group to accept a cease-fire. **French FM Fabius** meets Abbas in Cairo after flying out specifically to boost efforts at reaching a cease-fire. Abbas then heads to Turkey for talks with **PM Recep Tayyip Erdogan**. **U.S. Pres. Obama**, meanwhile, speaks with PM Netanyahu, underscoring Israel's right to defend itself, but also stressing the risks of "further escalation." In New York, the **UNSC** holds an emergency meeting at the request of **Jordan**, where it is announced that **Secy.-Gen. Ban** will head to the region the next day. Separately, **EU foreign affairs chief Ashton** publishes a statement, saying she is "very concerned" about the violence, "including the resumption of rocket fire into Israel and the Israeli ground operation." (AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU, YA 7/18)

After concluding a 6th round of talks since the beginning of the 6-mo. interim period began on 1/20, reps. of **Iran** and the **P5+1 powers** agree to extend talks on Iran's disputed nuclear program until 11/24. (REU 7/18)

19 JULY 2014

Israeli attacks by land, air, and sea on the **Gaza Strip** continue, killing 47 **Palestinians**. A unit of **al-Qassam Brigades** fighters enters Israeli territory through a cross-border tunnel and kills **Israeli soldiers** nr. Sufa, e. of Rafah. The Hamas armed wing says that 5 soldiers are

killed while the IDF says it is only 2. In fighting in Gaza City, **Palestinian fighters** wound **3 Israeli soldiers**. The **armed Palestinian groups** fire around 90 rockets into Israel, killing 1 and wounding 3 in a bedouin village in the Negev. The **IDF** says that its forces have unearthed and destroyed 34 “terror tunnels,” 5 of which crossed the Gaza border fence. The IDF says that Palestinian factions have used up or lost around half of their rocket supplies, with 30–40% destroyed by Israeli attacks, and 10–20% fired into Israel. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** clash with **Palestinian** youth in n. Bethlehem, injuring 3 with live ammunition. There are also clashes in Hebron, where **IDF troops** shoot and injure 1 Palestinian, and in al-‘Arub r.c., where 5 are injured. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village nr. Hebron at night; patrols in Hebron and 1 village, al-‘Arub r.c. and al-Fawar r.c. nearby, in 5 villages nr. Ramallah, and 2 villages nr. Jericho during the day. (AFP, AP, HA, MNA, REU, YA 7/19; PCHR 7/20)

Meanwhile, **French FM Fabius** holds talks with Netanyahu about a cease-fire. After the meeting, Fabius tells reporters that “the call for a cease-fire has not been heard, and on the contrary, there’s a risk of more civilian casualties.” **Senior Hamas official Usama Hamdan** says that **Turkey** and **Qatar** are trying to help secure an end to the violence. (AFP, AP, HA, MNA, REU, YA 7/19)

20 JULY 2014

The **IDF** continues its assault on the **Gaza Strip** by air and sea, and intensifies its ground offensive, especially in the Shuja‘iya neighborhood in e. Gaza City, killing 149 **Palestinians**. **Palestinian fighters** kill 13 **Israeli soldiers** and injure 53 others. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** open fire on **Palestinians** gathered

to demonstrate in Hebron, Ramallah, and the surrounding areas, injuring dozens in Hebron, Qalandia, and Jalazun r.c. The rallies are celebrating the reported capture by Palestinians in Gaza of a live Israeli soldier. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 2 villages nr. Jenin in the morning, and in 1 village each nr. Hebron and Ramallah at night; patrols in al-‘Arub r.c. nr. Jenin during the day. (AFP, AP, JP, MNA, REU, YA 7/20; PCHR 7/21)

In Tel Aviv, **PM Netanyahu** says that the IDF is carrying out “complex, deep, intensive activity” in the Gaza Strip, for which there is “very strong support within the international community.” At the same press conference, **DM Ya‘alon** says that in his “assessment,” the “lion’s share of the tunnels” will be destroyed “in another 2 or 3 days.” In the evening, the **UNSC** holds an emergency meeting, at the request of Jordan’s reps., and expresses “serious concern about the growing number of casualties.” Mbrs. call “for an immediate cessation of hostilities.” In Doha, **UN Secy.-Gen. Ban** meets with **Qatari emir Shaykh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani** and **PA Pres. Abbas**. While there, Ban condemns what he calls the “atrocious action” of the IDF in killing “dozens more civilians.” **Hamas leader Mish‘al** visits **Kuwait** for talks with the emir, whose country currently holds the rotating presidency of the Arab League. The latter issues a statement describing Israel’s attacks on al-Shuja‘iya as a “war crime.” (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU, YA 7/20)

21 JULY 2014

The **IDF** continues its attacks on the **Gaza Strip** from land, sea and air, killing 78 **Palestinians**, including 25 people from a single family nr. the border with **Egypt** and 10 who die in Khan Yunis after shells hit their home repeatedly as they try to flee. An air strike on a

tower in c. Gaza City kills 11, including 5 children. **IDF troops** shell al-Aqsa Hospital in c. Gaza, killing 4 and wounding 70. **Palestinian fighters** kill 9 Israeli soldiers during the fighting on the ground. **Al-Qassam Brigades** target Haifa, Tel Aviv, and Ashdod with rocket fire, with over 50 rockets fired into **Israel**, causing no injuries. In an **al-Qassam Brigades operation**, 12 Palestinian fighters enter Israel by a tunnel nr. Bayt Hanun and attack an IDF site, killing 4 and destroying a jeep with an RPG shell. Ten of the Palestinian fighters are killed in the operation and the other 2 return through the tunnel. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Hebron, 1 nearby village and al-Fawar r.c., and 1 village nr. Qalqilya at night; patrols in 2 villages nr. Jericho and 1 village each nr. Hebron and Ramallah during the day. (AFP, AP, JP, MNA, REU, YA 7/21; PCHR 7/22)

Speaking in a televised address, **former Hamas PM Haniyeh** says that “Gaza has decided to end the blockade by its blood and its heroism,” adding, “We cannot go back to the silent death” of the siege. **Israeli DM Ya’alon** tells a parliamentary comm. that the operation will continue “as long as necessary until the completion of the task.” However, Ya’alon mentions that the Israeli govt. would welcome the PA unity govt. exercising authority in Gaza, in an apparent reversal of policy. In Doha, **Hamas leader Mish’al** meets with **Pres. Abbas for the 1st time** since the war began. **PA spokesperson Abu Rudayna** reiterates the PA leadership’s call for an immediate cease-fire as a way of realizing “the national goals of the Palestinian people.” In Cairo, **UN Secy.-Gen. Ban** holds talks with **Egyptian FM Shoukri** aimed at pressing for an immediate truce. **Secy. of State Kerry** also arrives in **Cairo** to facilitate the cease-fire talks. Kerry announces that the U.S. will send \$47 m. in humanitarian aid to

Gaza. Meanwhile, the **IDF** requests access to the U.S. War Reserves Stockpile based in Israel to resupply its munitions. (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU, YA 7/21)

22 JULY 2014

The **IDF** continues its assault on the **Gaza Strip**, killing 61 **Palestinians**. Local officials say targets struck include 5 mosques and a soccer stadium, in addition to other Palestinian infrastructure and multiple tunnels. Prolonged **Israeli shelling** of Khan Yunis kills at least 6 and wounds more than 20. Also, the **IDF** strikes a **UNRWA**-run school in c. Gaza. **Palestinian fighters** kill 2 Israeli soldiers overnight and fire approximately 67 rockets and mortar shells into **Israel**, with 18 projectiles intercepted by Iron Dome batteries. In the **West Bank**, an **Israeli citizen** shoots and kills a Palestinian man between al-Ram and Hizma checkpoint n. of Jerusalem, reportedly after the Palestinian man threw stones at the Israeli’s car. **IDF troops** shoot and injure 5 Palestinians in ‘Askar r.c. nr. Nablus, during clashes in an arrest raid. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Nablus and 2 villages nr. Ramallah at night. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli security forces** clash with **Palestinians** in at-Tur, Shu’fat r.c., and Issawiyya, causing no serious injuries. (AFP, AP, JP, MNA, REU, YA 7/22; PCHR 7/23)

After 1 rocket lands nr. Ben Gurion Airport, the **U.S. Federal Aviation Authority (FAA)** bans flights to and from Israel for at least 24 hours, and the **European Aviation Safety Agency** advises all carriers to avoid Tel Aviv “until further notice.” **Israel’s Transportation Minister Yisrael Katz**, in a statement, says “there is no need for U.S. carriers to suspend flights and reward terrorism.” **U.S. Secy. of State Kerry** and **PM Netanyahu** later discuss

the FAA ban on a phone call. (AFP, AP, JP, MNA, REU, YA 7/22)

At a monthly meeting of the **EU Council**, the 28 **EU FMs** issue a statement that “strongly condemns the indiscriminate firing of rockets into Israel by Hamas and militant groups in the Gaza Strip” and also “condemns calls on the civilian population of Gaza to provide themselves as human shields.” Meanwhile, **Secy. of State Kerry** meets with **Egypt’s Pres. al-Sisi** in Cairo to discuss Gaza, and afterward, affirms that “there is a framework available to end the violence, and that framework was the Egyptian initiative.” **Senior Fatah official al-Ahmad** flies in to Cairo to also meet with **Kerry**. In Israel, **UN Secy.-Gen. Ban** meets with **PM Netanyahu** and at a Tel Aviv press conference, Ban condemns the rocket attacks, while the Israeli leader accuses Hamas of committing a “double war crime” of targeting Israeli civilians while using Palestinian civilians as human shields. (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU, YA 7/22)

23 JULY 2014

The **IDF** continues its assault of the **Gaza Strip**, killing 64 Palestinians, primarily in the s. Khan Yunis area. The **IDF** says that it is hitting “concealed rocket launchers, terror tunnels, militant compounds, and terror activity posts located within the premises of al-Wafa hospital.” Severe shortages in electricity, water, and medical supplies continue to affect Palestinians in Gaza, with the UN estimating that the total number of displaced has risen to 118,300. **Palestinians** kill 3 Israeli soldiers inside the Gaza Strip, and severely wound another 2, in an attack claimed by **al-Quds Brigades**. **Armed Palestinian groups** fire rockets into s. Israel at a diminished rate relative

to previous days, causing no damage and killing 1 Thai worker nr. the border fence. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and kill 1 Palestinian man during clashes that break out after a protest in Husan village nr. Bethlehem. Clashes also break out in Silwad, and **IDF troops** injure 2 Palestinians with rubber-coated metal bullets. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 2 villages nr. Nablus. (AFP, AP, JP, MNA, REU, YA 7/23)

The **FAA** extends the previous day’s ban on U.S. airline flights to Ben-Gurion Airport for an additional 24 hours. (AFP, AP, JP 7/23)

In a televised speech from Doha, **Hamas leader Mish’al** responds to the international calls for a cease-fire, saying that Hamas “cannot accept any proposal that does not include the lifting of the siege.” Mish’al also calls for a “humanitarian truce” of a few hours “to evacuate the wounded and assist in the relief.” (AFP, AP, HA, MNA 7/23)

In response to an Israeli request on 7/20, the **U.S. Defense Dept.** agrees to resupply the **IDF** with arms from the War Reserves Stockpile based in Israel. Details of the sale are not reported until 7/30. (AFP, AP 7/23; Guardian 7/30)

U.S. Secy. of State Kerry holds talks with **UN Secy.-Gen. Ban** in Jerusalem, their 2d meeting of the week. Kerry says afterward that “we have certainly made some steps forward, but there is still work to be done.” Kerry also meets with **Pres. Abbas** in Ramallah and then with Israeli PM Netanyahu in Tel Aviv, before returning to Cairo with no sign of an imminent breakthrough that might enable a cease-fire. (HA, JP, MNA, YA 7/23)

The **UN Human Rights Council** in Geneva passes a res., 29-1-17, condemning Israel’s occupation and the current assault on Gaza, as well as commissioning an investigation into potential war crimes committed during the

current Gaza conflict, with the U.S. casting the sole “no” vote. (See document A2 for the full text of the res.) Israeli PM Netanyahu calls the vote a “travesty,” while **Israel’s Justice Minister Tzipi Livni** responds on Facebook with the comment: “Get lost.” **UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay** says that there is a “strong possibility” Israel is committing war crimes in the Gaza Strip. (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, YA 7/23)

24 JULY 2014

The **IDF** continues its assault on the **Gaza Strip** by land, air, and sea, attacking over 90 targets and killing 104 **Palestinians**. One **IDF** strike on a UN-run school in Bayt Hanun kills at least 15, and wounds 200, mostly women and children seeking shelter. The Israeli army says it is investigating the incident and that “terrorists” opened fire at IDF personnel from the area of the school. **Palestinians** fire around 60 rockets into **Israel**, 15 of which are intercepted by Iron Dome, causing no damage or injuries (including 5 over Tel Aviv). On the ground in Gaza, **al-Quds Brigades** and **al-Qassam Brigades** claim to have killed 4 and 8 Israeli soldiers, respectively. In the **West Bank**, a reported 10,000 Palestinians gather in protest of the assault on Gaza and march from c. Ramallah to Qalandia checkpoint, where clashes with **IDF troops** break out. **IDF troops** kill 2 and injure more than 200 protesters, including 60 with live ammunition. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Nablus in the morning. In **East Jerusalem**, Israeli security forces set up checkpoints to restrict access to **Haram al-Sharif**, leading to clashes and the arrest of 12 Palestinian youth. (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU, YA 7/24; PCHR 7/25)

Secy. of State Kerry meets with **UN Secy.-Gen. Ban** in Cairo once more. Meanwhile, in **Amman**, **PA Pres. Abbas** meets with **Jordan’s King Abdallah** and says “there is hope for a cease-fire” along the lines of “the Egyptian initiative” before fuller negotiations about wider demands. **Kerry** reaches out to **Turkish** and **Qatari** diplomats in an effort to garner support from Hamas’s regional allies for his cease-fire initiative. (AFP, AP, JP, MNA, REU, YA 7/24)

Rivlin is sworn in as the new pres. of Israel, succeeding Peres. (HA 7/24)

25 JULY 2014

The **IDF** continues its assault on the **Gaza Strip** by land, sea, and air, killing 66 **Palestinians**. **Armed Palestinian groups** fire more than 80 rockets into **Israel**, with 16 intercepted by Iron Dome batteries. **Palestinian fighters** kill 2 **Israeli soldiers** in Gaza. Across the **West Bank**, there are large demonstrations against the attack on Gaza in Bethlehem, Jenin, Nablus, Ramallah, Salfit, Tulkarm, and other locations. **IDF troops** kill 7 **Palestinians** as clashes break out during the protests. In one of the clashes, at Hawara checkpoint, an **Israeli settler** kills a **Palestinian**, bringing the day’s total to 8. In addition, **IDF troops** violently disperse **Palestinian, Israeli, and international protesters** at weekly demonstrations against Israel’s separation wall, settlements, and occupation in 3 villages nr. Ramallah (Bil’in, Nabi Salih, and Ni’lin), and 1 village nr. Qalqilya (Kafr Qaddum). There are no serious injuries, except in Bil’in, where 1 is injured by a bullet, and Ni’lin, where 2 are injured by bullets. In addition, **Jewish settlers** attack 2 **Palestinians** in Bayt Hanina, seriously injuring 1. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli security forces** clash with **Palestinians** after worshippers under the age of 50 are banned from entering **Haram al-Sharif**,

injuring around 40. (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, YA 7/25; PCHR 7/26)

Meanwhile, in the early afternoon the Israeli cabinet rejects a draft of cease-fire principles proposed by **U.S. Secy. of State Kerry**, which he based partly on consultations with reps. of Qatar and Turkey. A senior Israeli official reportedly later described the proposal as a “strategic terrorist attack.” Later, Secy. Kerry meets with the **UN’s Ban and Arab League Secy.-Gen. al-‘Arabi** to discuss the latest developments in Gaza. Kerry also meets with **Egyptian FM Shoukri**. (AFP, AP, HA, JP, JP 7/25; HA 7/28)

In the evening, the **UN, U.S., Egypt, and the Arab League** call for an extendable 12-hour humanitarian cease-fire. **PM Netanyahu** tells **Secy. of State Kerry** that Israel will observe the humanitarian pause the following day, but the IDF will continue working to locate “terror tunnels.” **Hamas spokesperson Abu Zuhri** says that **al-Qassam Brigades** and other factions will observe the humanitarian pause. (AFP, AP, JP, MNA, YA 7/25)

26 JULY 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, the **IDF** continues its assault on the **Gaza Strip**, killing 151 **Palestinians**, except during a 12-hour humanitarian cease-fire. There are no Israeli strikes during the pause, but IDF troops continue to destroy tunnels. During the pause, residents of Gaza stock up on supplies and inspect the damage done to property. The **armed Palestinian groups** fire rockets into **Israel** both before the 12-hour humanitarian cease-fire and immediately after, causing no serious damage or injuries. The **IDF** announces that 2 soldiers died of their wounds. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** clash with Palestinians nr. Hebron, at the funeral for a man killed the

previous day in al-‘Arub r.c., causing no serious injuries. **IDF troops** shoot and wound 6 **Palestinians** with live ammunition in n. Bethlehem, during clashes nr. Rachel’s Tomb. In Bayt Furik nr. Nablus, **IDF troops** injure 5 with live ammunition during clashes with residents. The **IDF** also conducts house searches and arrest raids in al-Bireh in the morning. (AFP, AP, MNA, REU, WAFA 7/26; PCHR 7/27)

In the morning, **U.S. Secy. of State Kerry** and **senior European diplomats**, including the FM’s of **France, Britain, Germany, and Italy**, as well as their counterparts from **Qatar** and **Turkey**, meet in Paris and call for an extension of the 12-hour humanitarian cease-fire. **French FM Fabius**, speaking for the group, says that they all “want to obtain, as quickly as possible, a durable, negotiated cease-fire that responds both to Israeli needs in terms of security and to Palestinian needs in terms of the social-economic development and access to the territory of Gaza.” (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU, WAFA 7/26)

In the evening, the **Israeli security cabinet** responds to the calls from the international community and decides to unilaterally extend the humanitarian cease-fire for 4 hours, then an additional 24 hours, though **IDF troops** will continue seeking out and destroying tunnels. **Al-Qassam Brigades** and other Palestinian groups do not agree to the extension, and fire rockets into Israel, causing no damage or injuries. (AFP, AP, MNA, REU, WAFA 7/26)

27 JULY 2014

After the conclusion of the humanitarian cease-fire, which Israeli unilaterally extended on 7/26, the **IDF** resumes its assault on the **Gaza Strip**, killing 16 **Palestinians**. **Armed Palestinian groups** fire around 20 rockets into

Israel in the early morning. (AFP, AP, HA, MNA, REU, YA 7/27; PCHR 7/28)

U.S. Pres. Obama speaks to **Israeli PM Netanyahu** on the telephone, saying it is “strategically imperative” to reach a humanitarian cease-fire that “leads to a permanent cessation of hostilities based on the 11/2012 cease-fire agreement.” Obama also expresses support for the Egyptian diplomatic efforts and affirms that the PA must be part of the solution for the Gaza Strip. Meanwhile, **Hamas leader Mish’al** says on U.S. television that a lasting cease-fire must be based on lifting the blockade. Also, Hamas calls for a 24-hour humanitarian cease-fire to mark *‘Id*. Late at night, the **UNSC** agrees on a presidential statement drafted by **Jordan** calling for “an immediate and unconditional humanitarian cease-fire.” (See document A3 for the full text.) Israel, however, rejects the calls from Hamas and the UNSC. (AFP, AP, HA, MNA, REU, YA 7/27)

28 JULY 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, the **IDF** continues its ground offensive as well as air strikes, killing 53 **Palestinians**, around 10 of whom die in a strike on a park in al-Shati r.c., which the eyewitnesses blame on an IDF drone strike and the IDF army says was a misfired Palestinian rocket. In the evening, the **IDF** sends text messages and phone calls to residents in n. and e. neighborhoods of Gaza City, telling them to evacuate their homes and leave for c. Gaza City. **Palestinians** continue to fire rockets and mortar shells into **Israel**, with a mortar shell killing 4 **IDF soldiers** nr. the Gaza border. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and injure 3 **Palestinians** outside Yatta nr. Hebron during a protest against the attack on Gaza. The **IDF**

conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village each nr. Nablus and Ramallah at night. In **East Jerusalem**, **Palestinian protesters** clash with **Israeli security forces** in Jabal Mukabir and Issawiyya, causing no serious injuries. (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU, WAFA 7/28; PCHR 7/30)

In **New York City**, **UN Secy.-Gen. Ban** says that both Israelis and Palestinians have expressed interest in a further 24-hour truce but no deal has been reached. Ban also raises concerns about the proportionality of Israel’s actions, saying that the destruction in Gaza had been described by some as a “man-made hurricane.” Meanwhile, in Washington, **U.S. Secy. of State Kerry** says that efforts to secure a truce between Israel and Hamas must ultimately include the disarmament of the latter. **U.S. Pres. Obama**, **French pres. Francois Hollande**, **German chancellor Angela Merkel**, **British PM David Cameron**, and **Italian PM Matteo Renzi** hold a teleconference to discuss various issues, including the escalation of violence in Gaza. (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU, WAFA 7/28)

29 JULY 2014

The **IDF** continues its assault on the **Gaza Strip**, conducting air strikes and advancing its ground offensive. Israeli attacks kill 144 **Palestinians**. In air strikes on 3 homes in Khan Yunis, 13 Palestinians from the same family are killed. Israeli tank fire hits Gaza’s only power plant, partially destroying it and further cutting electricity to **Gaza City** and other parts of the territory. The plant’s director says that it is “finished.” Meanwhile, the **IDF** gives evacuation orders to more than 400,000 **residents of n. Gaza**. **Armed Palestinian groups** fire rockets into **Israel**, with air raid

sirens in Ashqelon and nr. Jerusalem, among other places. **Iron Dome** batteries intercept 1 rocket above the Gush Etzion settlement bloc nr. Bethlehem, a projectile claimed by **al-Quds Brigades**. In the **West Bank**, a Palestinian dies in Hebron, succumbing to injuries he received in clashes with **IDF troops** on 7/20. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids into 1 village nr. Nablus and Tulkarm at night. (AFP, AP, JP, MNA, REU, YA 7/29; PCHR 7/30)

PLO official Yasir 'Abid Rabbuh announces that the various factions agreed to a 24-hour truce, but his claim is subsequently denied by Hamas. **Al-Qassam Brigades head Mohammed Deif** says in an audio address that there will be no long-term cease-fire without “the stop of the aggression and the end of the siege.” (AFP, AP, Guardian, HA, JP, MNA, REU, YA 7/29)

30 JULY 2013

The **IDF** continues its assault on the **Gaza Strip** by air, land, and sea, killing 132 **Palestinians**. In one attack, **Israeli artillery** fire hits an **UNRWA** school serving as a shelter for the displaced, killing at least 16. Following the attack on the power plant on 7/29, electricity in **Gaza City** is only available for 2 hours a day and large areas of c. Gaza have no electricity at all. In the **West Bank**, an armed **Palestinian** opens fire at **IDF troops** during a raid in Qublan village nr. Nablus, causing 1 injury. The **IDF** conducts raids during the day in Hebron and 2 villages and al-‘Arub r.c. nearby, and 1 village nr. Salfit. (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU 7/30; PCHR 7/31)

In response to the attack on the UNRWA school, **White House dep. press secy. Eric Schultz** says that the Obama administration expects “a full, prompt and thorough

investigation” into the shelling, but does not mention Israeli strikes in the area. **UN Secy.-Gen. Ban** condemns the Israeli attack on the UNRWA school “in the strongest possible terms” as “outrageous” and “unjustifiable.” **PA Pres. Abbas** says in a letter to **Ban** that Gaza has become a “humanitarian disaster area” and urges the UN to use “all tools available” to “provide relief and help to the Palestinian people.” (AFP, AP, HA, REU, YA 7/30)

Abbas continues talks with officials from Egypt, the U.S., and others, along with **Hamas** and **Islamic Jihad**, to work toward a cease-fire. Two Israeli officials visit **Cairo** for a few hours to discuss proposals for a truce with **Egyptian officials**. (JP, MNA, REU, YA 7/30)

31 JULY 2014

The **IDF** continues its assault on the **Gaza Strip** by land, air, and sea, killing 79 **Palestinians**. In the most deadly incident of the day, an Israeli air strike hits a family home in Nussayrat r.c., killing 11 **Palestinians**. **Armed Palestinian groups** fire over 90 projectiles into **Israel**, with **Iron Dome batteries** intercepting 17 projectiles. The rocket fire injures 2 Israeli civilians. In the **West Bank**, **armed Palestinians** open fire on **Israeli settlement Shavei Shomron** nr. Nablus, causing no casualties. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village nr. Jenin and in Tubas at night. **Jewish settlers** shoot and injure a **Palestinian** nr. al-Khadir in the Bethlehem region. (AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU, YA 7/31; PCHR 8/1)

During the day, **White House spokesperson Josh Earnest** says the shelling of a UN school the previous day is “totally indefensible” and that “it does not appear there is a lot of doubt about whose artillery was involved in this incident.” (AFP, AP, MNA, 7/31)

In **Cairo**, a Palestinian delegation including **Hamas** and **Islamic Jihad** reps. discuss a cease-fire agreement with Fatah reps. and Egyptian authorities. (AP, HA, JP, MNA, 7/31)

In the evening, **U.S. Secy. of State Kerry** and **UN Secy.-Gen. Ban** release a joint statement announcing a 72-hour cease-fire agreed to by all parties, to begin 8/1 at 8:00 A.M. local time. During that time, negotiators from all sides will discuss a longer-term agreement in Cairo. The **IDF** intends to continue searching for and destroying tunnels during the truce. Also, they call up a further 16,000 reservists. (AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU, YA 7/31)

1 AUGUST 2014

Soon after the planned 72-hour cease-fire takes effect, it breaks down and the **IDF** continues its assault on the **Gaza Strip**, killing 160 Palestinians. **Armed Palestinian groups** resume rocket fire, launching 38 into Israel. **IDF troops** are primarily active in **Shuja'iyah** in e. Gaza City, **Bayt Hanun** in the n. Gaza Strip, and **Khan Yunis** in the s. Gaza Strip. The cease-fire breaks down after both sides accuse the other of violating it during an incident in s. Gaza. According to the **IDF**, 2 hours after the cease-fire began, **al-Qassam Brigades** fighters attacked **IDF troops** demolishing a tunnel, killing 2 and capturing 1. The Hamas armed wing denies reports of the capture, saying that the soldier might have been killed in clashes before the cease-fire began. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and kill 2 **Palestinians** in separate incidents. The 1st dies in clashes nr. Tulkarm during protests against the assault on Gaza, and the 2d dies in Safa nr. Ramallah in similar circumstances. In the clashes in Safa, 5 are injured by live ammunition and 10 by rubber-coated metal bullets. At Hawara checkpoint nr. Nablus, **IDF troops** shoot and

injure 6 Palestinians with live ammunition during protests. In Hebron, meanwhile, around 50,000 residents protest the assault on Gaza, leading to clashes with **IDF troops** in which 90 Palestinians are injured with live fire and rubber-coated metal bullets. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village nr. Salfit and al-Jalazun r.c.nr. Ramallah at night. **IDF troops** violently disperse **Palestinian, Israeli, and international protesters** at weekly demonstrations against Israel's separation wall, settlements, and occupation in 3 villages nr. Ramallah (Bil'in, Nabi Salih, and Ni'lin), and 1 village nr. Qalqilya (Kafr Qaddum). In Ni'lin, 1 is seriously injured by a rubber-coated metal bullet; in Nabi Salih, 2 are seriously injured by rubber-coated metal bullets; and in Kafr Qaddum, 4 are wounded by rubber-coated metal bullets. In **East Jerusalem**, **Palestinians** clash with **Israeli security forces** in ongoing demonstrations against the Gaza offensive, causing dozens of injuries. The clashes happen in Shu'fat r.c., Issawiyya, Silwan, al-Tur, al-Suwana, Abu Dis, al-'Izzariya, al-Ram, Qalandia, and Anata. (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU, YA 8/1; PCHR 8/2)

U.S. officials express outrage and disappointment at the breakdown of the cease-fire. **U.S. Pres. Obama** calls for the release of the soldier that was reported kidnapped and says it will be "very hard to put a cease-fire back together again if Israelis and the international community can't feel confident that Hamas can follow through on a cease-fire commitment." **White House spokesperson Earnest** says that the U.S. "would encourage those who have influence with Hamas to get them back on to the terms of the cease-fire and to get them to abide by the agreements that they struck just yesterday." Meanwhile, **Kerry** calls **Qatari FM Khalid bin Mohammed al-Attiyah** and **Turkish FM Ahmet Davutoğlu** and urges them

to use their influence with Hamas to release the soldier. Davutoğlu tells reporters that Turkey would do what it can. Kerry also speaks with **PM Netanyahu** and **Pres. Abbas**. Talks planned in Cairo are postponed until further notice. (AFP, AP, Guardian, HA, JP, MNA, REU, YA 8/1)

Saudi Arabia's King Abdallah speaks for the 1st time in public on the Gaza violence and accuses Israel of "state-sponsored terrorism" in a televised speech. (Guardian, HA, MNA, REU 8/1)

2 AUGUST 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, the **IDF** continues its aerial, naval, and ground assault, attacking numerous targets across the territory and killing 112 Palestinians. **Armed Palestinian groups** fire projectiles into **Israel**, injuring 1 civilian seriously from mortar shrapnel in the s. **Iron Dome** batteries intercept 4 rockets fired at Ashqelon and 1 over Sderot. The **IDF** redeploys ground troops from urban areas to areas nr. the border fence. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village nr. Salfit at night; patrols during the day in 2 villages and 'Ayn al-Sultan r.c. nr. Jericho and 1 village nr. Ramallah. (AFP, AP, HA, REU, YA 8/2; PCHR 8/3)

In a televised address, **Israeli PM Netanyahu** says that the assault will continue to complete the demolition of tunnels under the Israel-Gaza border. **Unnamed Israeli officials** reiterate the PM's statement, telling the media that a new cease-fire agreement is off the table, and that the country will act unilaterally. Meanwhile, the **UN** announces that the **Gaza public health system** is "on the verge of collapse," with 5 hospitals and 39 clinics "shut down due to damage and insecurity." (AFP, AP, HA, JP, REU, YA 8/2)

3 AUGUST 2014

The **IDF** continues its assault on the **Gaza Strip** by land, sea, and air, killing 92 **Palestinians**. In one strike, 10 mbrs. of one Palestinian family in the Rafah area are killed. In another incident, an Israeli air strike on a UN-run school in the s. Gaza Strip kills 10 and wounds 30. **Armed Palestinian groups** continue firing projectiles into Israel, with **al-Qassam Brigades** firing 119 rockets and mortar rounds, causing no serious injuries. In the **West Bank**, **IDF** troops shoot and injure a **Palestinian** child during clashes nr. Hebron. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village each nr. Hebron, Jenin, and Salfit, and al-Jalazun r.c. nr. Ramallah at night. (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU 8/3; PCHR 8/4)

UN Secy.-Gen. Ban denounces the Israeli attack that damages the UN school as a "moral outrage and a criminal act." **State Dept. spokesperson Psaki** says in a statement that the U.S. is "appalled by today's disgraceful shelling" and urges Israel to do more to prevent civilian casualties. The **IDF** says the strike was targeting **Islamic Jihad** operatives in the vicinity of the school. (AFP, AP, HA, JP, REU, YA 8/3)

Meanwhile, the **IDF** confirms that in the incident on 8/1 that led to the breakdown of the cease-fire, the soldier was killed in action rather than kidnapped, as was originally reported, and says that it is preparing for the final stage of the destruction of Hamas's tunnels. (AFP, AP, HA, JP, REU 8/3)

A delegation of reps. from **Hamas** and **Islamic Jihad** arrives in **Cairo** to prepare for indirect cease-fire talks with Israeli officials, to be mediated by **Egyptian** and **U.S. officials**. Israel does not send envoys as scheduled. The Palestinian delegation, joining officials from the PA, presents joint demands for a cease-fire. (HA, JP, MNA, REU, YA 8/3)

4 AUGUST 2014

The **IDF** continues its assault on the **Gaza Strip** by air, land, and sea, killing 64 **Palestinians** with strikes on approximately 100 targets. Attacks occur before and after a humanitarian cease-fire running from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. local time. The cease-fire is not observed in areas of **Rafah** where **IDF ground troops** are targeting and destroying tunnels. **Armed Palestinian groups** fire rockets over Ashdod and Ashqelon, causing no injuries. Other rockets land nr. the Gaza border, also causing no injuries. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and injure a **Palestinian** nr. Tulkarm. The **IDF** patrols during the day in 2 villages nr. Jericho and al-Bireh. In **East Jerusalem**, a **Palestinian** man kills an **Israeli** when he drives an excavator into pedestrians on the sidewalk. Israeli police shoot and kill the driver on the spot and later describe the incident as a “terrorist attack.” In a separate incident, **armed Palestinians** open fire on an **Israeli soldier** nr. Hebrew University, injuring him. In Issawiyya, dozens of **Palestinians** clash with **Israeli security forces**, causing no serious injuries. At **Haram al-Sharif**, Israeli security forces enter to escort right-wing Jewish activists out of the area. Clashes break out with Palestinian worshippers, 10 of whom are injured by rubber-coated metal bullets and stun grenades. (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU, YA 8/4; PCHR 8/5)

In **Cairo**, reps. of Israel and Hamas agree to a 72-hour humanitarian cease-fire to begin on 8/5 at 8:00 A.M. local time, with Egyptian officials urging reps. of all sides to attend further talks to negotiate a longer term cease-fire. Reps. of **Hamas** and **Islamic Jihad** meet with **Egyptian intelligence officials** to discuss a plan to end the violence. (AFP, AP, HA, JP, REU 8/4)

U.S. Pres. Obama signs into law a joint res. appropriating \$225 m. in supplemental funding

for Israel’s **Iron Dome** missile defense system. The Senate and House previously passed this res. on 8/1 in 2 of the final actions taken before the 2 chambers adjourned for a 1-mo. recess in 8/2014. (AP 8/4; REU 8/5)

5 AUGUST 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, a 72-hour cease-fire begins at 8:00 A.M. local time. The **IDF** withdraws ground forces, which are, according to the **IDF**, “redeployed in defensive positions outside the Gaza Strip.” Shortly before the cease-fire begins, **al-Qassam Brigades** fires a salvo of rockets, with 1 hitting a house in Bayt Sahur nr. Bethlehem, causing damage but no injuries. During the day, the cease-fire holds. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Jenin r.c. in the morning. (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU, YA 8/5; PCHR 8/6)

Additional **Islamic Jihad** and **Hamas** reps. join the Palestinian delegation in Cairo. Israel sends officials to join the discussions. **Israel’s Foreign Ministry spokesperson Ofer Gendelman** says that Israel is willing to agree to the rebuilding of the Gaza Strip in exchange for the disarmament of the armed groups. Meanwhile, **Palestinian FM al-Maliki** visits the **ICC** in The Hague to meet with prosecutors concerning evidence of war crimes committed by Israel in Gaza. **Al-Maliki** tells reporters that he had discussed a timeline with prosecutors for the PA to sign the Rome Statute. (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU, YA 8/5)

6 AUGUST 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, the **IDF** and **armed Palestinian groups** largely maintain the cease-fire for a 2d day. However, in one incident, **IDF troops** open fire in the direction of a group of civilians inspecting a destroyed park nr.

Shuja'iya, causing no injuries. Palestinians conduct search and rescue efforts around Gaza and around 12 bodies are recovered from the rubble. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 3 villages nr. Jenin in the morning, and in 1 village nr. Nablus at night. (AFP, AP, JP, MNA, REU 8/6; PCHR 8/7)

In **Cairo**, indirect, mediated talks continue between Israel and the Palestinian delegation, with the goal of extending the cease-fire. There are no signs of progress, and **Hamas official Izzat al-Rishq** tells journalists that the group will continue to insist on ending the siege, the release of rearrested prisoners, an airport and seaport for Gaza, and safe passage between the West Bank and Gaza. (AFP, AP, MNA, REU 8/6)

In the evening, an **Israeli official** says that there is an agreement to extend the existing cease-fire by a further 72 hours, which is scheduled to end on 8:00 A.M. on 8/8. However, **Hamas official Abu Marzuq** contradicts this report and says there is no such agreement on an extension. (AFP, AP, JP, REU 8/6)

7 AUGUST 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, the **IDF** and most **armed Palestinian groups** maintain the cease-fire for a 3d day. In one incident, **Palestinians** fire 1 rocket, which is intercepted by an Iron Dome battery, and a few mortar rounds, causing no injuries. Throughout the 72-hour cease-fire, 25 Palestinians died, succumbing to injuries sustained in earlier attacks. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village each nr. Qalqilya, Ramallah, and Salfit at night; patrols during the day in 3 villages nr. Ramallah and in Qalqilya. (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU, YA 8/7; PCHR 8/8)

Acting **U.S. special envoy for Palestinian-Israeli negotiations Frank Lowenstein** lands in

Cairo to meet with **Egyptian officials** to discuss a truce extension. In the evening, **Hamas officials** say that Israel is not responding to the group's proposal and threaten an escalation if hostilities resume. The Palestinian delegation meets with Egyptian officials, while the Israeli envoys return to Israel to meet with **PM Netanyahu** and **DM Ya'alon** before returning to Egypt. **Egyptian authorities** say that Cairo will agree to permanently open the Rafah crossing on the condition that the PA's national unity govt. runs the terminal. Overall, the Egyptian authorities are warning that the talks are making no progress. (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU, YA 8/7)

8 AUGUST 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, the 72-hour cease-fire ends at 8:00 A.M. local time and hostilities resume. The **IDF** continues its assault with aerial and naval bombardment, killing 5 **Palestinians**. The IAF strikes around 50 targets across Gaza. **Armed Palestinian groups** fire dozens of rockets into **Israel**, attacks claimed by **Islamic Jihad** and the **PRC**, injuring 3. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and kill a **Palestinian** during clashes nr. Psagot settlement close to Ramallah. **IDF troops** also shoot a **Palestinian** in clashes nr. Hebron, who later dies of his injuries. In the clashes, 25 are injured with live ammunition and 15 with rubber-coated metal bullets. There are further clashes in Safa village nr. Ramallah, where **IDF troops** shoot and injure 7 **Palestinians**, as well as outside Ofer prison, where **IDF troops** injure 6 **Palestinians**. **IDF troops** violently disperse **Palestinian, Israeli, and international protesters** at weekly demonstrations against Israel's separation wall, settlements, and occupation in

3 villages nr. Ramallah (Bil'in, Nabi Salih, and Ni'lin), and 1 village nr. Qalqilya (Kafr Qaddum). There are no serious injuries, except in Kafr Qaddum, where 4 are injured by live ammunition. The **IDF** patrols in 3 villages nr. Ramallah and 2 villages nr. Jericho during the day. (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU, YA 8/8; PCHR 8/9)

Egyptian officials call for a resumption of the cease-fire, saying that only a few points remain to be agreed, but Israeli officials say that they are unprepared to negotiate under fire. Israeli officials accuse **Hamas** of firing a few rockets before the cease-fire even ended. (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU, YA 8/8)

9 AUGUST 2014

The **IDF** continues its assault on the **Gaza Strip** attacking over 30 targets with aircraft, tanks, and naval vessels, killing 17 **Palestinians**. **Palestinians** fire some 30 rockets into **s. Israel**, causing no damage or injuries. In the **West Bank**, **Palestinian gunmen** open fire on **Israeli soldiers** nr. Nablus, causing no injuries. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village each nr. Ramallah and Salfit, and 'Ayn al-Sultan r.c. nr. Jericho at night; patrols during the day in 8 villages nr. Ramallah, Jericho, and Salfit. (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU, YA 8/9; PCHR 8/10)

Egyptian and **Palestinian officials** reportedly reach a new draft cease-fire agreement to present to Israel, which stipulates that the PA would take control of the Rafah crossing. **Anonymous Israeli officials** tell the media that their negotiators will not return to Cairo "as long as the shooting goes on." **Senior Hamas official Abu Marzuq** says that the Palestinian delegation will leave Cairo on 8/10 unless Israel agrees to return to Egyptian-mediated

negotiations. (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU, YA 8/9)

10 AUGUST 2014

Israeli attacks on the **Gaza Strip** continue, killing 24 **Palestinians**. **Palestinians** fire rockets into Israel, with 2 hitting Sderot and starting a small fire. There are no injuries. Iron Dome intercepts 2 rockets over Ashdod. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and kill a **Palestinian** child in al-Fawar r.c. nr. Hebron. There are no significant clashes at the time, and the Military Police Corps announces it is opening an investigation. (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU, YA 8/10; PCHR 8/11)

Via mediators, reps. of Israel and the Palestinian delegation agree to a new 72-hour cease-fire to begin at midnight local time. **Israeli officials** tell the media that a delegation will head to Cairo to discuss a long-term cease-fire if the 72-hour truce holds. **Hamas leader Mish'al** reiterates Hamas's demand that ending the blockade must be a part of any long-term deal and **Hamas spokesperson Abu Zuhri** says that the new talks will be the "last chance" for a deal. (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU, YA 8/10)

11 AUGUST 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, a new 72-hour cease-fire begins at midnight local time, and holds throughout the day. A 1-mo.-old Palestinian dies, succumbing to injuries sustained in earlier attacks. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and kill a Palestinian in a raid on Qabalan village nr. Nablus. The **Israeli soldiers** attack a building with grenades and heavy arms fire, before entering and shooting the man, according to residents. A **Palestinian teenager** is killed by **Israeli ordnance** nr. Tubas while tending sheep. The **IDF** conducts house

searches and arrest raids in 1 village nr. Tulkarm in the morning, in 2 villages nr. Qalqilya and 1 village nr. Salfit in the afternoon; there are also 9 patrols. (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU, YA 8/11; PCHR 8/12)

In **Cairo, Israeli and Palestinian negotiators** resume indirect talks mediated by Egyptian officials, with the Israeli delegation flying in and out in the same day. **Hamas official al-Rishq** says that his group is not opposed to placing the Rafah terminal under the control of the **PA unity govt.**, as offered by Egypt and agreed to by Abbas. Israel reportedly agrees to several terms, including a gradual expansion of the fishing zone and easier passage for goods and people between the Gaza Strip and Israel and the West Bank. Palestinian negotiators reportedly say that they are willing to delay discussions over Gaza's air and sea ports as long as the rest of their terms are met. (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU, YA 8/11)

12 AUGUST 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, the **IDF** and armed Palestinian groups maintain the new 72-hour cease-fire. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 2 villages nr. Jenin, and 1 village each nr. Jericho and Salfit at night; patrols in 2 villages nr. Ramallah and 1 village nr. Jenin during the day. In **East Jerusalem, Israeli security forces** conduct widespread raids in the Old City, Silwan, Issawiyya, al-Tur, Suwana, and Shu'fat, detaining 57 **Palestinians**. There are clashes in al-Tur and Issawiyya, and **Israeli security forces** injure 26 **Palestinians** with rubber-coated metal bullets.

During negotiations between reps. of Israel and the Palestinian delegation in Cairo, **Israeli officials** brief the media that there are large gaps

remaining between the sides. These include disagreements over the opening of Gaza's border crossings, including Rafah, and how the crossings will be supervised. According to a Palestinian source, **Hamas** insists on a total end to the blockade, rather than an "easing," and objects to limitations on the entry of construction materials like cement and steel. Anonymous Egyptian sources express optimism about the possibility of reaching an agreement before the end of the cease-fire at midnight. **Hamas official Ihab al-Ghossein** says he is optimistic as "this time at least it is a real negotiation." **Islamic Jihad official Hassan Abdu** says there have been "positive developments." (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU, YA 8/12; 8/13)

13 AUGUST 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, the **IDF** launches strikes on several targets, killing 10 Palestinians. The attacks come shortly after the announcement of an extension to the 72-hour cease-fire. Meanwhile, unexploded ordnance kills 6 **Palestinians** in Bayt Lahiya, including a reporter with the Associated Press. **Israeli naval forces** open fire on **Palestinian fishermen** off the s. coast of the Gaza Strip, causing no injuries. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village nr. Tulkarm in the morning; and in Hebron and 3 villages and al-'Arub r.c. nearby, and in 1 village nr. Ramallah at night. (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU, YA 8/13; PCHR 8/4)

In **Cairo** overnight, reps. of **Israel** and the **Palestinian** delegation agree to extend the cease-fire by 5 days, shortly before the previous 72-hour cease-fire expires. Meanwhile, **State Dept. spokesperson Harf** tells reporters that the U.S. wants a "more sustainable, longer-term

cease-fire,” with one of the goals being the disarmament of Hamas. **Harf** also says the U.S. is committed to the reconstruction of Gaza.

Pres. Obama speaks with Netanyahu on the telephone and urges him to make a deal to end the hostilities. (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU, YA 8/13)

14 AUGUST 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, the **IDF** and **armed Palestinian groups** largely hold to the new 5-day cease-fire, though **Palestinians** fire 8 rockets into Israel and **IDF troops** conduct a number of air strikes. Meanwhile, 3 **Palestinians** die of injuries sustained earlier in the Israeli assault. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and injure a **Palestinian** in Aida r.c. in Bethlehem during an arrest raid. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village each nr. Hebron and Salfit at night; patrols in 3 villages nr. Hebron and al-Fara'a r.c. nr. Tubas during the day. A **Jewish settler** runs over a **Palestinian** nr. Salfit and kills him. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli security forces** arrest dozens of **Palestinians** in Silwan, Shu'fat, and the Old City, taking the number of those detained since the murder of Abu Khdeir to more than 600. (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU, YA 8/14; PCHR 8/15)

Upon his arrival in Gaza from Cairo, **Hamas official Khalil al-Hayya** says that there is “still a real chance to clinch an agreement” for a longer-term deal. An **unnamed Egyptian official** tells *Haaretz* that “the emerging agreement will be the most detailed that has been signed between Israel and the Palestinians since the Oslo accords” and that, if successful, it “would set up a new framework of relations between Israel and a Palestinian govt., because without it there will be no way to implement the agreement’s clauses.” **Islamic Jihad official**

Ziad al-Nahla, in **Cairo** for the talks, says that the long-term cease-fire is a “done deal.” (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU, YA 8/14)

In **Tel Aviv**, approximately 10,000 Israelis gather in Rabin Square to demonstrate support for the assault on Gaza and call on the govt. to stop rocket attacks. (AFP, AP 8/15)

15 AUGUST 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, health officials say that the death toll is rising as dozens of Palestinians die from injuries sustained during the Israeli assault and more bodies are recovered from the rubble of homes. (66 Palestinians die during the 5-day cease-fire, succumbing to injuries sustained in earlier attacks.) In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and injure 8 **Palestinians** with rubber-coated metal bullets in n. Bethlehem during clashes outside Rachel’s Tomb. In the afternoon, the **IDF** enters Qalqilya, where a group of Palestinian children throw stones at them. The soldiers detain 2 children. The **IDF** conducts 5 patrols in various areas of the **West Bank** during the day. After the Friday afternoon prayer, hundreds of Palestinians attend protests nr. Bayt Furik and Qalandia against the Israeli assault on Gaza. Clashes break out with **IDF** troops in both places and 9 Palestinians are wounded (6 nr. Bayt Furik and 3 at Qalandia). In the evening, more clashes break out during demonstrations in Silwad village and at Ofer Prison. Two Palestinians are wounded by rubber-coated metal bullets at each demonstration. (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU, YA 8/15; PCHR 8/21)

Israeli authorities release 3 Palestinian men that **IDF troops** captured during the ground invasion of **Gaza**. (MNA 8/16)

The Egyptian press reports that mediators in **Cairo** have offered a “final proposal” for a long-term agreement to extend the 5-day cease-fire.

The agreement will reportedly end Israel's military offensive, ease the siege, expand the fishing zone, and increase imports into Gaza. In addition, subsequent talks will deal with other issues such as prisoner swaps and establishing an airport and seaport for Gaza. **Islamic Jihad spokesperson Yousef al-Hasayneh** says that a truce agreement will be signed with Israel once the 5-day cease-fire ends. **Israel's security cabinet** meets in Tel Aviv to discuss the cease-fire agreement and ongoing negotiations, their 2d such meeting in 24 hours. (AFP, AP, HA, JP, MNA, REU, YA 8/15)

CHRONOLOGY SOURCE ABBREVIATIONS

AA	(Turkish Anadolu News Agency, [Internet])	Guardian	(<i>Guardian</i> , London)
AFP	(Agence France-Presse, Paris)	HA	(<i>Haaretz</i> [Internet], Tel Aviv)
AJ	(Al Jazeera)	IMEMC	(International Middle East Media Center, Bayt Sahur)
ALM	(<i>Al-Monitor</i>)	IRNA	(Islamic Republic News Agency, Tehran)
AP	(Associated Press [Internet])	JP	(<i>Jerusalem Post</i> [Internet], Jerusalem)
BBC	(British Broadcasting Corporation, London)	JTA	(Jewish Telegraphic Agency [Internet])
Bloomberg	(<i>Bloomberg</i> [Internet])	MEMO	(Middle East Monitor [Internet])
		MNA	(Ma'an News Agency, Bethlehem)
		NYT	(<i>New York Times</i> , New York)
		PCHR	(Palestinian Center for Human Rights, Gaza)
		REU	(Reuters [Internet])
		ToI	(<i>Times of Israel</i> , Jerusalem)
		UNOCHA	(United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs)
		Wafa	(Palestine News Agency [Internet])
		YA	(<i>Yedioth Aharonoth</i> , Tel Aviv)