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16 AUGUST 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, Palestinians continue to undertake emergency relief efforts, uncovering many bodies of people killed earlier during Israel's Operation Protective Edge (OPE), while many more Palestinians succumb to injuries. The **Israel Defense Forces (IDF)** and the **armed Palestinian groups** continue to hold to the 5-day cease-fire. In the **West Bank**, a group of Israeli settlers in Hebron throws stones at Palestinian houses on al-Shuhada Street and **IDF troops** arrest 1 Palestinian in the clashes that follow. The **IDF** conducts raids on several houses in Dayr Istya, and patrols in 2 villages n. of Jenin. During the day, the **IDF** conducts 13 other incursions into various areas of the West Bank. (MNA 8/16; PCHR 8/21)

There are no talks held today between Egyptian mediators, the Palestinian delegation, and Israeli negotiators. **Hamas head of foreign affairs Usama Hamdan** responds to the Egyptian proposal of 8/15, saying Israel must accept the demands of the Palestinian people or face a long war, and that the proposal was, therefore, insufficient. **Head of the Palestinian delegation and senior Fatah official Azzam**

al-Ahmad says that he is quietly optimistic that a long-term agreement can be reached before the 5-day cease-fire expires on 8/18. Meanwhile, in a televised speech from Ramallah, **Palestinian Authority (PA) Pres. Mahmud Abbas** says that the "goal is to stop the fighting and to stick to the Egyptian initiative, and no other," in an implicit reference to efforts by Qatar and Turkey to serve as alternative diplomatic channels. **PLO chief negotiator Saeb Erakat** meets with **Hamas political office chief Khalid Mishal** and urges him to continue talks with Israel based on the Egyptian initiative. The pair also reportedly discuss the possibility of Palestine becoming a mbr. of the International Criminal Court (ICC). (AFP, HA, MNA, REU 8/16)

In **Tel Aviv**, thousands of demonstrators gather in Rabin Square to protest the ongoing assault on Gaza with the slogan "Changing direction: toward peace, away from war." Counterprotesters also congregate in Rabin Square, but Israeli police keep the groups separate. (HA, JP 8/16)

Meanwhile, the **Qatari govt.** announces that it will donate \$1,000 to each Palestinian family

whose home has been destroyed during the Israeli assault, of which there are reportedly 797. The funds will be disbursed through the **Qatari Comm. for Rebuilding the Gaza Strip**. (JP 8/17)

17 AUGUST 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, Palestinians continue emergency relief efforts, with many more bodies found in the rubble and many people succumbing to their injuries. In **East Jerusalem**, right-wing Jewish activists, accompanied by **MK Moshe Feiglin**, tour Haram al-Sharif with Israeli security forces escorting them. Israeli police close the main gates into the area while the group is inside. They also bar access to all women and men under 50 years of age. Separately, leader of the messianic Temple Mount movement **Yehuda Glick** tours **Haram al-Sharif** with a group of settlers. (MNA 8/17; PCHR 8/21)

The Palestinian delegation and the Israeli negotiators return to **Cairo** to restart talks on extending the current 5-day cease-fire, which is set to expire on 8/18. Upon landing at Cairo International Airport, an **anonymous Palestinian negotiator** says that his side is “less optimistic than we were earlier” about reaching a deal in time and that the final point of contention is Hamas insistence that Israel agree to lift the blockade on Gaza before the talks conclude. The parties meet for 9 hours of negotiations. Meanwhile, at the start of a cabinet meeting, **Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu** says that he has given the Israeli negotiators a “very clear mandate to stand firmly on Israel’s security needs.” **Hamas spokesperson Sami Abu Zuhri** responds, saying that lifting the blockade on Gaza would be the only way to ensure Israeli security. **U.S. Pres. Barack Obama** calls several foreign leaders to discuss the Israeli assault on Gaza, among other things. (AJ, AP, BBC, JP, MNA 8/17; MNA 8/18)

In a goodwill gesture aimed at facilitating the negotiations in Cairo, **Israeli authorities** lift the fishing ban on **Gaza**, allowing **Palestinian fishermen** to sail 3 naut. mi. offshore. (HA 8/17)

The **Qatari Comm. for Rebuilding the Gaza Strip** says that it will double the previously reported donation to each Palestinian family whose home was destroyed, following up on the 8/16 announcement. (JP 8/17)

18 AUGUST 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, **armed Palestinian groups** and the **IDF** maintain the 5-day cease-fire on its final day. Palestinians in Gaza continue emergency relief efforts and, as more bodies are found in the rubble and more people succumb to their injuries, the Palestinian death toll since the beginning of OPE rises above 2,000. Overnight in the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** enter Hebron overnight and destroy the homes of the 3 Palestinians they hold responsible for the kidnapping and killing of 3 teenage Israeli settlers in 6/2014, demolishing 2 and sealing 1 with concrete. During the demolitions, local residents clash with Israeli soldiers, and several Palestinians are injured with rubber-coated metal bullets. The **IDF** also conducts house searches and raids in 2 villages s. of Jenin, Jenin refugee camp (r.c.), Hebron, and Ramallah, arresting or detaining 9 Palestinians. In **East Jerusalem**, **IDF troops** demolish an unlicensed home in al-Tur. (HA, JP, MNA, YA 8/18; PCHR 8/21)

Palestinian and Israeli negotiators, as well as **Egyptian mediators**, conduct 6 hours of talks in Cairo during the day, with the goal of extending the 5-day cease-fire that is set to expire at midnight. They also work on the outline of an agreement, based on the 8/15 Egyptian proposal, that reportedly includes the opening of some crossings between Israel and Gaza, the

importation of construction materials with international supervision, and the extension of the permitted fishing area to 12 naut. mi., with larger points of disagreement being deferred to future negotiations. The Israeli negotiators leave Cairo to brief PM Netanyahu and senior defense officials in the evening. **PA Pres. Abbas** travels to **Doha**, Qatar, for talks with **Hamas leader Mishal** and **Qatari emir Shaykh Tamim Bin Hamad al-Thani**. Late at night, Palestinian and Israeli negotiators confirm that the cease-fire will be extended an additional 24 hours, at the request of the Egyptian mediators. (AFP, AJ, HA, JTA, MNA 8/18)

The **Norwegian Foreign Ministry** announces that it plans to cohost a conference with **Egypt** in Cairo for reps. of donor countries to attend so they can coordinate the reconstruction of Gaza. The conference will be held on 10/12. (HA, REU 8/18)

19 AUGUST 2014

In the **Gaza Strip** around midday, an armed Palestinian group launches 3 rockets into Israel that land in an open area nr. Beersheba, breaking the 24-hour extension to the previous 5-day cease-fire. The **IDF** responds with air strikes, hitting approximately 25 targets across Gaza, killing 2 Palestinians and injuring over 50. In 1 incident late at night, IDF troops launch 6 missiles at a house in Gaza City in an attempt to assassinate **Mohammed Deif, Izzeddin al-Qassam Brigades commander**. Deif's wife and 7-mo.-old son, as well as 3 other Palestinians, are killed in the attempt. The **armed Palestinian groups** fire over 50 projectiles into Israel, with 1 rocket hitting a highway nr. Tel Aviv and around 14 intercepted by **Iron Dome** batteries. At a hospital in Turkey, 1 Palestinian succumbs to injuries sustained earlier in the assault. Overnight in the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts

house searches and raids in Dayr Istya, Hebron, 3 villages nr. Nablus, 1 village s. of Hebron, and 1 village n. of Tulkarm, arresting 13 Palestinians. In **East Jerusalem**, Israeli security forces raid a home and arrest 1 Palestinian. (AP, CNN, HA, MNA, WP 8/19; PCHR 8/21)

In the morning in Cairo, **Palestinian and Israeli negotiators**, as well as **Egyptian mediators**, conduct talks on a long-term cease-fire agreement, specifically the Israeli demands for Hamas's disarmament and the Palestinian demands for lifting the blockade. **Head of the Palestinian delegation al-Ahmad** says "maybe we will reach an agreement and maybe not." **Palestinian negotiator Qais Abdel Karim** says the Israelis have proposed measures that would comprise "not removing the blockade but easing it." **Hamas spokesperson Fawzi Barhoum** says, in an email to CNN, that "if Netanyahu does not understand our message and people's demands in Gaza through political language, we know a way to make him understand." After hostilities resume in Gaza, both **Israel** and the **Palestinian factions** accuse the other of violating the cease-fire and instruct their reps. to end the negotiations. (AP, Guardian, HA, MNA 8/19)

German, French, and British diplomats begin circulating a document containing principles for a new **United Nations Security Council (UNSC) res.** at the UN's New York headquarters. The principles include a return of PA control to Gaza, reconstruction under international supervision, and a return to Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations. **U.S. and Israeli diplomats** have been briefed on the initiative. (HA 8/21)

20 AUGUST 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, the **IDF** continues its assault, launching air strikes on approximately

65 targets, killing at least 30 Palestinians and injuring over 100. The **armed Palestinian groups** fire more than 150 rockets and mortars into Israel, primarily toward Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and areas in the s. One rocket lands in the Israeli settlement Mod'in Ilit in the West Bank, causing damage but no injuries, and 23 are intercepted by Iron Dome batteries. In the **West Bank, IDF troops**, accompanied by bulldozers, enter areas nr. Nablus, the Jordan Valley, and Ramallah to demolish 3 homes and confiscate 6 tents, leaving 63 Palestinians homeless. Late at night, the **IDF** conducts house searches and raids in Ramallah, Hebron, 2 villages nr. Hebron, and 1 village nr. Jenin, arresting 7. (AA, AFP, HA, REU, YA 8/20; PCHR 8/21)

In the evening, **Israeli PM Netanyahu** says in a press conference that the assault on Gaza will continue, but alludes to a new, regional “diplomatic horizon.” He calls on **PA Pres. Abbas** to play a “significant part” in his long-term plans. Earlier in the day, a **Hamas spokesperson** says that the Palestinian delegation has not been instructed to return to talks in **Cairo** and that “the Egyptian offer was a stillborn, and it was buried today.” (AFP, AP, HA, NPR, REU 8/20)

21 AUGUST 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, the **IDF** continues its assault, launching air strikes on approximately 47 targets, killing 38 Palestinians and injuring dozens. Among the 38 are 3 high-ranking commanders in **al-Qassam Brigades**, who are killed overnight by Israeli fighter jets in Rafah. Five Palestinian civilians are also killed in the strike and at least 40 are injured. The **armed Palestinian groups** fire 109 rockets and mortars into Israel, with 7 landing in built-up areas and 13 intercepted by Iron Dome batteries. One Israeli man is injured with mortar shrapnel nr.

Eshkol. Meanwhile, Hamas executes 3 alleged collaborators with Israel, and arrests 7 others. In the **West Bank, IDF troops** level land nr. Salfit to clear space for an Israeli settlement to expand. Also, the **IDF** conducts house searches and raids in 4 villages nr. Hebron, Dayr Istya, ‘Askar r.c., al-Bireh, and Bayt Liqya, arresting 9 and issuing summons to 2. Clashes break out with Palestinians in Bayt Liqya, and the **Israeli soldiers** open fire with live ammunition, tear gas canisters, and sound bombs. Separately, the **IDF** conducts 4 separate incursions into Hebron and 3 villages n. of Jericho. In **East Jerusalem**, Israeli forces and municipal officials enter Silwan to hand demolition notices to the owners of 2 apartment buildings where 19 Palestinians live. (MNA 8/21; HA 8/22; PCHR 8/28)

There is no major diplomatic progress as disagreements that led to the breakdown of talks on 8/19 remain between the Palestinian factions and the Israeli negotiators. **Mishal** says in an interview with Turkish Anadolu News Agency that Hamas will keep fighting until Israel meets its terms for a permanent truce, while **Israel’s Maj. Gen. Yoav Mordechai** says that Israel will not hold cease-fire negotiations as long as rocket fire from Gaza continues. **PA Pres. Abbas** travels again to Doha where he will meet with **Qatari emir Bin Hamad al-Thani** and **Hamas leader Mishal** to discuss the continued Israeli assault and possible future cease-fire negotiations. Also present are head of the Palestinian delegation in Cairo **Azzam al-Ahmad**, PLO chief negotiator **Saeb Erakat**, and PA intelligence chief **Majid Faraj**. (AA, HA 8/21; MEMO, MNA 8/22)

22 AUGUST 2014

The **IDF** continues its aerial assault on the **Gaza Strip** with strikes on 46 targets, killing

5 Palestinians and injuring dozens more. The **armed Palestinian groups** launch approximately 130 projectiles into Israel, killing 1 Israeli child nr. Sderot, wounding 8, and causing damage across s. Israel. (One of the wounded Israelis, an IDF sgt., will succumb to his injuries on 8/29.) Meanwhile, **Hamas** executes 18 suspected collaborators with Israel, as the group's crackdown on informants continues. **PA Pres. Abbas's office** denounces the execution, calling it "extrajudicial." In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and wound a **Palestinian** as they violently disperse Palestinians protesting OPE in Bethlehem. Additional clashes break out at demonstrations across the West Bank, including Qalandia, Ofer prison, Jalazun r.c., and Bayt Furik, where 10 Palestinians are injured. **IDF troops** conduct house searches and raid in Qalqilya, 1 village nr. Qalqilya, 2 nr. Hebron, 2 nr. Ramallah, and 1 nr. Dura, arresting 3, including a mbr. of the Palestinian Legislative Council. **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 Nil'in), 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**, clashes break out in al-Tur when **Israeli forces** patrol the neighborhood. No injuries or arrests are reported. (YA 8/22; HA 8/23; PCHR 8/28)

For a 2d day of talks, **PA Pres. Abbas** meets with **Qatari emir Bin Hamad al-Thani** and **Hamas leader Mishal** to discuss the continued Israeli assault and possible future cease-fire negotiations. The 2 Palestinian leaders make a statement calling on the UN to create a "timetable" for an end to the Israeli occupation. (MEMO, Yahoo! 8/22; AFP, HA, MNA 8/23)

Following the death of the Israeli boy early in the day, **PM Netanyahu** says that "**Hamas** will pay a heavy price" and that the "**IDF** and the **Shin Bet** will intensify their operations." (HA 8/23)

23 AUGUST 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, the **IDF** continues its assault with attacks on 41 targets, killing 11 Palestinians and injuring dozens. **Israeli fighter jets and drones** strike targets in n. Gaza, as well as nr. Gaza City, Khan Yunis, and Rafah, while **IDF troops** fire smoke bombs and live ammunition across the Israel-Gaza border in 1 location and Israeli artillery shelling hits 2 others. The **armed Palestinian groups** fire over 100 projectiles into Israel; of which, 3 land in urban areas, 73 land in open areas, and 17 are intercepted by **Iron Dome** batteries. Meanwhile, **Hamas** executes 4 alleged collaborators with Israel in the courtyard of a mosque in Jabaliya r.c. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts patrols in Hebron and 2 nearby villages, as well as 1 village nr. Ramallah. In **East Jerusalem**, Israeli forces clash with a group of Palestinian youth outside a checkpoint nr. Shu'fat, and 1 Palestinian is wounded when the soldiers open fire with tear gas and rubber-coated metal bullets. (AFP, AP, HA, MNA 8/23; PCHR 8/28)

Following talks between **Hamas leader Mishal** and **PA Pres. Abbas** in Doha on 8/21 and 8/22, Hamas publicly agrees to support Abbas's application to join the ICC. According to **PLO chief negotiator Erakat**, only **Islamic Jihad** has not yet approved the document Abbas is asking all Palestinian factions to sign before he moves forward. (AFP, AP, MNA 8/23)

On the diplomatic front, **Abbas** travels to Cairo for talks with **Egyptian pres. Abdel Fattah al-Sisi**. After their meeting, Abbas says

“my main goal is for the truce talks to resume in Egypt as soon as possible.” In an interview on Egyptian television, Abbas says that he is planning a major diplomatic initiative and that he will present the plan to U.S. Secy. of State John Kerry, who is scheduled to visit the region in the coming days. The plan reportedly includes asking the UN to set a timetable for the Israeli occupation and signing the **Rome Statue** on behalf of the PA, which would give the ICC jurisdiction over cases relating to the occupation. For its part, the **Egyptian Foreign Ministry** releases a statement after the Abbas/al-Sisi meeting inviting the Israelis and Palestinians to return to Cairo for further cease-fire negotiations. (AJ, HA, WSJ 8/23)

Israeli PM Netanyahu holds talks with **UN Secy.-Gen. Ban Ki-moon**. Netanyahu compares Hamas to ISIS, in reference to the group’s 8/22 execution of collaborators, and blames the group for the latest escalation in violence. (AJ, HA, REU 8/23)

In the evening, 2 rockets are fired from **Lebanon** into n. **Israel**. No group claims responsibility for the attack, though Lebanese military officials suspect a small, local Palestinian group. Late at night, 5 rockets are fired from **Syria** into the **Israeli-occupied Golan Heights**. Israeli military officials say that a Palestinian group, not Syrian govt. forces, is responsible. Between the 2 sets of rocket attacks, 8 Israelis are lightly injured. (DS, JP, REU 8/23; AFP, HA, YA 8/24)

24 AUGUST 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, the **IDF** continues its assault with air strikes on over 50 targets, killing 18 Palestinians and injuring dozens more. Also, **IDF troops** stationed nr. the border shell areas across the fence with artillery in 3 incidents. The **armed Palestinian groups** launch approximately

135 projectiles into Israel; of which, 125 land in open areas, 5 in urban areas, and 10 are intercepted by **Iron Dome** batteries. Israeli authorities temporarily close the **Erez border crossing**, except for humanitarian cases, in response to a mortar shell wounding 3 Israelis nearby, which is claimed by **al-Qassam Brigades**. In the **West Bank**, approximately **400 Israeli settlers**, escorted by IDF troops, enter a village nr. Salfit to visit religious monuments. In a village w. of Ramallah, **IDF troops** open fire with live ammunition and tear gas on a group of stone-throwing Palestinian youth, injuring 1. Separately, **IDF troops** fire tear gas at Palestinian children on their way to school in a village s. of Hebron; establish 5 mobile checkpoints around Ramallah; and conduct patrols in Hebron and 2 villages nr. Jericho. Late at night, the **IDF** conducts 1 house search and arrest raid in a village nr. Hebron. In **East Jerusalem**, Israeli security forces enter Wadi al-Juz to set up a mobile checkpoint and raid 2 houses. (JP, JTA, YA 8/24; HA 8/25; PCHR 8/28)

Israeli PM Netanyahu says that **OPE** will continue until its goals are reached, in comments to the press ahead of a special cabinet meeting at the Israeli Defense Ministry. Also, the Israeli govt. calls up 10,000 additional reserve troops. (AP, HA 8/24; AFP, HA 8/25)

After meetings with **Arab League secy.-gen. Nabil al-Arabi** and reps. of several Palestinian factions, **PA Pres. Abbas** returns to Ramallah from Cairo. Abbas will meet with senior Palestinian officials to further develop his new diplomatic initiative before **U.S. Secy. of State Kerry** visits in the coming days. Meanwhile, **Hamas leader Khalid Mishal** says in an interview with Iranian TV that **Hamas** would not return to negotiations in Cairo. (JP 8/24; HA, ToI 8/25)

25 AUGUST 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, the **IDF** continues its assault with strikes on around 53 targets, killing 12 Palestinians and injuring dozens more. Also, **IDF troops** stationed nr. the border shell areas across the fence with artillery in 2 incidents. The **armed Palestinian groups** launch over 120 projectiles into Israel; of which, 102 land in open areas, 4 in urban areas, and 16 are intercepted by **Iron Dome** batteries. Also, Israeli authorities reopen the **Erez border crossing**, after closing it on 8/24. In the **West Bank**, a Palestinian teenager dies from injuries sustained in clashes with **IDF troops** on 8/15. The **IDF** conducts house searches and raids in 2 neighborhoods in Ramallah, Tulkarm r.c., and 1 suburb of Tulkarm, arresting 4. During the day, **IDF troops** conduct patrols in al-Fawar r.c., Hebron, and 1 village nr. Hebron; establish mobile checkpoints in 1 village nr. Hebron and 2 villages nr. Ramallah. In a village nr. Salfit, **PA security forces** detain 3 armed Israeli settlers and turn them over to **IDF troops**. In **East Jerusalem**, Israeli security forces enter **Silwan** to set up a mobile checkpoint and raid several houses. Stone-throwing Palestinian youth clash with the soldiers, but there are no arrests or injuries. (HA 8/25; PCHR 8/28)

Israeli and Palestinian negotiators return to Cairo and reports appear in the press of a potential breakthrough. Senior **Islamic Jihad** officials Khalid al-Batsh and Ziad Nakhleh are quoted saying they believe an agreement will be made within hours. Lebanon-based Hamas official Usama Hamdan says “there has been positive and fast progress.” An **anonymous Palestinian official** says that the Palestinian delegation would accept the **new Egyptian proposal** that would open the crossings into Gaza for aid and construction material, and defer disputed points to further negotiations to

be held in 1 mo. Notably, Egypt requires the Rafah crossing to be negotiated with the Palestinians directly, separate from the indirect negotiations with the Israelis. Later in the day, however, **senior Hamas official Musa Abu Marzuq** says that there has been no progress in talks. (HA, JP, MNA, ToI, Yahoo! 8/25)

In closed meetings at the **UN** headquarters in **New York**, U.S. diplomats present principles for a **UNSC res.** that would call for a cease-fire in Gaza and conduct meetings with their German, French, and British counterparts, as well as Jordanians, in the hope of reconciling the 3 different proposals. The **U.S.** has sent **Israel** and **Egypt** a draft of the principles in the past 2 days. The Jordanian draft includes an international monitoring mechanism and the other 2 do not. (JP, REU 8/25)

26 AUGUST 2014

The **Palestinian and Israeli negotiators** agree on an open-ended cease-fire deal, which **PA Pres. Abbas** confirms in a brief televised address. The agreement contains 3 points: Israel will permit humanitarian aid and construction material to enter Gaza; Israel will restore the fishing zone from 3 to 6 naut. mi. away from the shore, and gradually extend it to 12 by the end of 2014; and indirect negotiations will continue within 1 mo. in **Cairo** to deal with the remaining disputes, including **Hamas's** demand for sea and airports in Gaza, and the release of recently rearrested prisoners who were released in the Shalit deal. Additionally, talks between **Palestinian officials** and **Egyptian authorities** are scheduled to take place soon with the goal of opening the Rafah crossing permanently. **Israeli PM Netanyahu** agrees to the cease-fire deal without putting it to a vote in the security cabinet, a move reportedly opposed by **Economy Minister Naftali Bennett**. *Haaretz*

reports that over half of the security cabinet would have voted against the deal. (AFP, AJ, AP, HA, JP, MNA, NYT, WP 8/26)

In the **Gaza Strip**, the **IDF** continues its assault and armed Palestinian groups continue firing projectiles into Israel until the new cease-fire goes into effect in the evening. The **Israeli air force** hits approximately 32 targets, while **IDF troops** stationed along the border fence open fire on 3 occasions, 2 with artillery and 1 with live ammunition. Six Palestinians die in the attacks, and dozens are injured. Among the targets in Gaza is the so-called **Italian building**, a 13-story residential and commercial complex. Though the building is mostly empty at the time of the Israeli strikes, its destruction leaves around 70 families homeless. Prior to the cease-fire, the **armed Palestinian groups** launch more than 180 projectiles into Israel, killing 2 Israelis and wounding 5. In the **West Bank**, 7 **Israeli settlers** attack a Palestinian nr. Jerusalem with knives and stones, leaving him unconscious. The **IDF** conducts house searches and raids in Nablus, 3 villages nr. Hebron, 3 villages nr. Ramallah, Jenin, 1 village nr. Jenin, and Tulkarm, arresting 17; patrols in 2 villages nr. Hebron and 2 villages nr. Salfit. In **East Jerusalem**, dozens of Palestinians gather in Bayt Hanina, al-Tur, and Wadi al-Juz to celebrate the cease-fire announcement and Israeli security forces disperse the celebrations with waste water, sound bombs, and tear gas. One Palestinian is arrested in Wadi al-Juz. (MNA, REU, YA 8/26; HA 8/27; PCHR 8/28)

27 AUGUST 2014

In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 2 villages nr. Ramallah, Hebron and 1 nearby village, 1 village nr. Nablus, and in Tulkarm; patrols in 3 villages

nr. Salfit, and in Hebron and 2 nearby villages. (AFP, HA 8/27; PCHR 8/28)

Syrian opposition forces take control of the **Qunaytra border crossing** between **Syria** and the **Israeli-occupied Golan Heights**, prompting Israel to close off the surrounding area. Two Israelis are injured by stray fire in separate incidents caused by the intense fighting in Syria: an officer is shot and wounded and a civilian is injured by a tank shell. Earlier, 2 mortar shells land in the Golan Heights, causing damage but no injuries. The **IDF** responds by targeting 2 Syrian army positions. (AFP, AP, HA, JP, YA 8/27)

28 AUGUST 2014

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and injure 3 **Palestinians** with rubber-coated metal bullets in Bayt Umar nr. Hebron, during clashes with residents. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village nr. Ramallah and in Hebron; patrols in 2 villages each nr. Hebron and Salfit and 1 village nr. Jericho. In **East Jerusalem**, a **Palestinian** baby dies after inhaling tear gas fired by **Israeli forces** at her family's home on 8/26. (MNA 8/28; PCHR 9/4)

29 AUGUST 2014

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and wound 1 **Palestinian** nr. Bayt Umar in the s. West Bank, during clashes with residents. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 3 villages nr. Qalqilya; patrols in 4 villages nr. Ramallah, 2 villages nr. Jenin, and 1 village nr. Hebron. **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 Nil'in), and 1 village nr.

Qalqilya (Kafr Qaddum). There are no serious injuries, except in Bil'in, where 1 person is struck by a tear gas canister. (PCHR 9/4)

30 AUGUST 2014

In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village each nr. Hebron and Nablus; patrols in 3 villages nr. Hebron, Jericho and 2 nearby villages, 2 villages nr. Ramallah, and 1 village nr. Qalqilya. (PCHR 9/4)

31 AUGUST 2014

In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in al-Fara'a r.c. nr. Tubas, Dahaysha r.c. nr. Bethlehem, and 1 village nr. Hebron; patrols in 4 villages nr. Salfit and in Jenin. **Unknown assailants** throw 2 improvised pipe bombs at Israeli settlers' vehicles nr. Nablus, causing no injuries. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** shoot and seriously injure a **Palestinian** with a sponge-tipped bullet during clashes nr. the Old City. The teenager's relatives deny he was involved. (MNA 8/31; PCHR 9/4)

Israeli authorities announce the expropriation of 988 acres of private Palestinian land nr. Bethlehem. **PLO chief negotiator Erakat** urges diplomatic action against Israel in response to the announcement. (MNA 8/31)

1 SEPTEMBER 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 but arresting 2 fishermen. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and wound 1 Palestinian during a raid in al-Fara'a r.c. Also, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Jenin and 1 nearby village, 1 village nr.

Nablus and al-Am'ari r.c. nr. Ramallah; patrols in 3 villages and al-'Arub r.c. nr. Hebron, 4 villages nr. Tulkarm, 2 villages nr. Ramallah, and 1 village nr. Jericho. Furthermore, **IDF troops** demolish 7 structures used for residential and agricultural purposes nr. Hebron. Meanwhile, **Palestinians** throw a Molotov cocktail at a bus of **Israeli settlers** in the c. **West Bank**, causing minor injuries to the driver. (MNA, YA, WAFA 9/1; PCHR 9/4)

The **British and French govts.** condemn the 8/31 Israeli announcement to expropriate 988 acres of land in the Gush Etzion settlement bloc. **UN Secy.-Gen. Ban** also criticizes the expropriation, saying the "seizure of such a large swathe of land risks paving the way for further settlement activity." (REU, UN 9/1)

An **anonymous Palestinian officials** tells the media that **Israel** seized 200 m. Israeli shekels (around \$55 m.) from monthly tax revenues it collects on behalf of the PA, to cover unpaid debts (such as those of the Palestinian electricity company). (MNA 9/1)

2 SEPTEMBER 2014

Off the coast of the **Gaza Strip**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on **Palestinian fishing boats** on 2 separate occasions (nr. Rafah and nr. al-Sudaniyya), causing no injuries or damage. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and wound a **Palestinian** driving through a checkpoint nr. Qalqilya. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village each nr. Jenin and Tulkarm, and in Nablus, where clashes break out with residents, and 2 Palestinians are injured with live ammunition. During the day, the **IDF** patrols in 3 villages nr. Ramallah, and 1 village each nr. Jericho, Salfit, and Jenin. **IDF troops** also demolish a dairy factory in Hebron owned by the Islamic Charitable Society. (MNA, WAFA 9/2; PCHR 9/4)

Wael Atiyeh, Egypt's amb. to Palestine, says that no date has yet been set for a return to indirect negotiations between Israel and Hamas, and that an agenda for the meetings in Cairo also needs to be finalized. Meanwhile, **Qais Abdel Karim**, a mbr. of the Palestinian delegation, says that Israel's shunning of talks would "render the cease-fire null and void," responding to reports in the Israeli media that Netanyahu does not intend to resume cease-fire talks. (JP, MNA 9/2)

The **U.S. State Dept.** and the **EU foreign affairs office** both condemn Israel's recent expropriation of 988 acres in the West Bank on 8/31. (HA, WAFA 9/2)

A roadside bomb kills **11 Egyptian police officers** nr. **al-Wifaq** in the **Sinai Peninsula** close to the Gaza border. (AP 9/2)

3 SEPTEMBER 2014

Off the coast of the **Gaza Strip** nr. **al-Sudaniyya**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on **Palestinian fishing boats**, causing no injuries or damage, but arresting 2 fishermen. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and wound a wanted Fatah activist during a raid in Nablus, then arrest him. The **IDF** patrols in Tulkarm and the nearby Nur Shams r.c., as well as 1 village nr. Hebron. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** demolish a Palestinian home in Bayt Hanina. (MNA 9/3; PCHR 9/4)

U.S. Secy. of State Kerry meets with **PLO chief negotiator Erakat** and **senior PA official Faraj** for 2 hours in Washington to discuss the Israeli expropriation of 988 acres of West Bank land, the planned negotiations in Cairo, and other issues. Later, Kerry speaks with **Israeli PM Netanyahu** over the phone regarding the 8/31 expropriation announcement. (AFP, AJ, YA 9/3)

4 SEPTEMBER 2014

In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village nr. Nablus and 1 nr. Hebron; patrols in 2 villages each nr. Hebron and Jenin. (HA 9/5; PCHR 9/11)

The **PA Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction** releases a report with initial estimates for the cost of rebuilding the Gaza Strip. The council, which coordinates the implementation of donor projects, concludes that the project will cost \$7.8 b., which includes \$4.4 b. of "direct losses" and \$3.02 b. set aside for "development needs." (MNA, REU 9/4)

U.S. and Iranian officials begin bilateral talks in Geneva on Iran's disputed nuclear program. Meanwhile, **EU officials** say that reps. of **Iran** and the **P5+1 group** (the U.S., UK, China, France, Russia, and Germany) will hold new talks in New York on 9/18, to continue efforts at reaching a comprehensive deal before their 11/24 deadline. (AFP, REU 9/4)

A projectile attributed to "errant fire" by the Israeli military hits the **occupied Golan Heights** from inside Syrian territory, causing no injuries. In response, the **IDF** hits an unspecified target in Syria, which opposition sources claim is a Syrian army base. There are no reports of casualties. (REU 9/4)

5 SEPTEMBER 2014

In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Hebron and 2 nearby villages, and 1 village each nr. Ramallah and Salfit; patrols in 4 villages nr. Ramallah, 2 villages nr. Hebron, 1 village nr. Jericho and in Salfit. Also, **IDF troops** violently disperse **Palestinian, Israeli, and international protesters** at weekly demonstrations against Israel's separation wall, settlements, and

occupation in 4 villages nr. Ramallah (Bil'in, Nabi Salih, Nil'in, and Wadi Fukin), and 1 village nr. Qalqilya (Kafr Qaddum). There are no serious injuries. At an anti-occupation protest in Silwad nr. Ramallah, **IDF troops** shoot and injure 4 Palestinians with live ammunition. (PCHR 9/11)

Israel publishes tenders for 283 new homes in Elkana settlement in the n. West Bank. Expansion of the settlement was approved in 1/2014. (AFP, JP 9/5)

U.S. and Iranian officials meet for a 2d day of talks in Geneva, with the teams led by Dep. Secy. of State William Burns and Under Secy. of State Wendy Sherman, and Iran's Dep. FM Abbas Araghchi, respectively. Separately, a report by the **International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)** leaked to the press says that Iran has failed to address concerns about suspected atomic bomb research. Tehran has reportedly only implemented 3 out of 5 agreed transparency steps. (AFP, AP, REU 9/5)

An Israeli surveillance device is remotely detonated in Adlun village, s. Lebanon, killing a **Hizballah** mbr. as he attempts to dismantle it. (AFP, AP 9/5)

6 SEPTEMBER 2014

In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Hebron and 2 nearby villages late at night; patrols in 1 village each nr. Hebron, Ramallah, and Salfit. In **East Jerusalem**, Israeli security forces raid a number of houses in Issawiyya, arresting 2 Palestinians. (PCHR 9/11)

Israeli soldiers deliver land confiscation orders to **Palestinians** nr. Yatta s. of Hebron, declaring the seizure of 2,000 dunams (around 500 acres) of Palestinian-owned land for military purposes. (MNA, Wafa 9/7)

PA Pres. Abbas arrives in **Cairo** for a 3-day visit. On arrival, Abbas says that **Hamas** is jeopardizing the PA unity govt. "There are 27 under secys. of ministries who are running the **Gaza Strip**, and the national unity govt. cannot do anything on the ground," he says.

Meanwhile, ahead of a meeting with Abbas, **Arab League secy.-gen. Nabil al-Arabi** says that the Palestinian leader is ready for "real negotiations" with Israel in line with "the principles established in international resolutions." (HA, ToI 9/6)

7 SEPTEMBER 2014

In **East Jerusalem**, a 16-year-old Palestinian dies of wounds sustained during clashes on 8/31. In the immediate aftermath of his death, the IDF says that his injuries were incurred when he was hit in the leg with a sponge-tipped bullet and then fell, hitting his head on the ground, while the youth's family says that he was shot in the head at close range. (A Palestinian autopsy will contradict the IDF and corroborate the family's story on 9/14.) In response to his death, Palestinians protest in several neighborhoods, including **Wadi al-Juz**, where Israeli police respond to stone-throwing with rubber-coated metal bullets. In the **French Hill** settlement, Palestinian demonstrators throw Molotov cocktails at a gas station, causing damage. Off the coast of the **Gaza Strip**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on **Palestinian fishing boats** in 2 separate incidents, causing no injuries or damage. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** patrols in 4 villages nr. Ramallah, 2 villages nr. Salfit, and 1 village each nr. Hebron and Jenin. (HA, JP 9/7; PCHR 9/11; JP 9/15)

PA PM Rami Hamdallah says that the "govt. and the banks operating in the Palestinian territories were warned that if they make

payments to former Hamas govt. employees in Gaza then the govt. and the people will be boycotted.” Separately, **PA Pres. Abbas** tells Palestinian media that “we will not accept the situation with Hamas continuing as it is at the moment.” Meanwhile, **PA Dep. PM Muhammad Mustafa** says that the PA is “looking for a temporary solution” to the problem of salaries for Hamas-appointed civil servants in the Gaza Strip, like sending money “through nongovernmental organizations such as the UN or any other entity.” He adds, “We want to avoid any legal confrontation with the U.S. whose law prohibits channelling money to Hamas because it’s blacklisted as a terrorist organization.” (AFP, MNA, WAFA 9/7)

8 SEPTEMBER 2014

In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 2 villages nr. Ramallah, Jenin r.c., and in 1 village each nr. Hebron, Jericho, Ramallah, Salfit, and Tulkarm; patrols in 1 village nr. Jenin. In **East Jerusalem**, clashes between **Palestinians** and **Israeli security forces** continue for a 2d day, including in neighborhoods like Ras al-Amud and Issawiyya. Dozens of injures are reported, including 2 Palestinians hit in the head by sponge-tipped bullets. (HA, JP, MNA 9/8; PCHR 9/11)

An unknown gunman from inside **Syria** shoots and lightly injures an **IDF soldier** in the **Israeli-occupied Golan Heights** with a stray bullet during clashes between govt. forces and rebels. (JP 9/8)

9 SEPTEMBER 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 but arresting 4 fishermen. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village and al-‘Arub r.c. nr. Hebron; patrols in 6 villages nr. Jenin during the day. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** and **Palestinians** clash in al-Ram and Abu Dis, causing no serious injuries. (MNA 9/9; PCHR 9/11)

Palestinian prisoner Raed al-Jabari dies in an **Israeli hospital**. The Israeli authorities report that Jabari hanged himself in a bathroom, and Jabari’s father blames Israel for his son’s death. Following an autopsy conducted on 9/12, Palestinian pathologists will find that Jabari was subjected to “severe” torture, which led to his death. Jabari was detained on 7/26 after running into several Israeli settlers with his car nr. the Gush Etzion settlement bloc in the West Bank. (MNA 9/9; MEMO 9/19)

10 SEPTEMBER 2014

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and kill an unarmed Palestinian in al-Am‘ari r.c. nr. Ramallah during clashes with residents that were prompted by an arrest raid. **IDF troops** demolish 5 structures in a village nr. Yatta. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 5 villages nr. Hebron. Off the coast of the **Gaza Strip** nr. Bayt Lahiya, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on **Palestinian fishing boats**, causing no injuries or damage. (MNA 9/10; PCHR 9/11)

Hamas announces that indirect talks with Israel are set to resume in Cairo in mid-9/2014. (AFP 9/10)

A ship sailing to Italy from Egypt full of around **500 migrants**—including Palestinians fleeing Gaza, Egyptians, and Sudanese—capsizes in the Mediterranean after another ship of human traffickers rams their vessel. Approximately 450 of the passengers are killed or unaccounted for, and the survivors are

picked up by various vessels and taken to Sicily, Crete, and Egypt. The Egyptian govt. releases few details about the incident and the Egyptian media largely ignores the story. (NYT 9/15; AP, NYT 9/19)

U.S. Pres. Obama authorizes air strikes in **Syria**, for the 1st time, and further attacks in **Iraq** targeting the so-called Islamic State in Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS) group. The new target list will include ISIS's "leadership, logistical, and operational capability," in an attempt to "deny [the group] sanctuary and resources to plan, prepare and execute attacks." (AP, REU 9/10)

11 SEPTEMBER 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, **IDF troops** conduct a limited incursion close to the border fence nr. al-Qarara to level land. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village nr. Hebron; patrols in 2 villages nr. Ramallah and 1 village nr. Hebron. (MNA 9/11; PCHR 9/18)

The **Hamas-run govt. in the Gaza Strip** begins paying a backlog of salaries to around 50,000 of its employees. These people, who were hired by Hamas after the group took power in 2007, have not been paid since the PA unity govt. took de jure control of Gaza on 6/2, and were only paid sporadically since Egypt began cracking down on the tunnels into Sinai in 10/2013. Anonymous Hamas officials say that recent tax revenues enabled the payment of salaries from 10/2013–5/2014, though there is speculation in the media that the money was donated from a regional partner, like Qatar. (JP 9/10; AFP 9/11)

An Israeli delegation, led by **Strategic Affairs Minister Yuval Steinitz**, meets with U.S. officials in Washington for their semiannual "Strategic Dialogue." Topics of discussion include regional changes, the Israeli-Palestinian

conflict, and OPE, as well as Iran's nuclear program. (JP 9/12)

Al-Nusra Front releases **45 Fijian UN peacekeepers** nr. a crossing at the border with the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights. (AP, REU 9/11)

12 SEPTEMBER 2014

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**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village nr. Ramallah. **IDF troops** violently disperse an anti-occupation demonstration in Silwad nr. Ramallah, seriously injuring 1 Palestinian with live ammunition. 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 Nil'in), and 1 village nr. Qalqilya (Kafr Qaddum). There are no serious injuries. In **East Jerusalem**, **Palestinians** clash with **Israeli security forces** around **Haram al-Sharif** after Friday prayers. There are also violent clashes in Silwan. (JP, MNA 9/12; PCHR 9/18)

The *Guardian* and *Yedioth Ahronoth* publish a letter from 43 active reservists and veterans of Israel's **Unit 8200**, an elite intelligence gathering division. It announces their collective refusal of service in protest of Israel's oppressive policies toward the Palestinians. (Guardian, YA 9/12) (See Docs. C1 and C2 in *JPS* 174 for more.)

A mortar shell fired from inside **Syria** lands in the **Israeli-occupied Golan Heights**, likely a misfire during battles between Syrian govt. forces and rebels, causing no damage or injuries. (HA, YA 9/12)

13 SEPTEMBER 2014

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**, the **IDF** patrols in 2 villages nr. Ramallah. (PCHR 9/18)

14 SEPTEMBER 2014

Off the coast of the **Gaza Strip** nr. Shati' r.c., **Israeli naval forces** open fire on **Palestinian fishing boats**, causing no injuries or damage. **IDF troops** stationed along the border fence nr. c. Gaza detain a Palestinian man who is armed with a knife and trying to enter Israel. Meanwhile, the Israeli authorities deny the **PA education minister** entry into Gaza, where she was going to officially inaugurate the new school year. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** fire rubber-coated metal bullets and tear gas to disperse Palestinian protesters in Aida r.c. in Bethlehem, causing no serious injuries. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village nr. Hebron and Aida r.c.; patrols in 3 villages and al-'Arub r.c. nr. Hebron, Jenin and 3 nearby villages, Tulkarm and 3 nearby villages, 2 villages nr. Ramallah, and 1 village nr. Jericho. (MNA 9/14; PCHR 9/18)

15 SEPTEMBER 2014

In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village each nr. Ramallah and Salfit, and in Nablus; patrols in 2 villages nr. Ramallah, and 1 village each nr. Hebron, Salfit and Tulkarm. (PCHR 9/15)

At a rally in Jenin marking the anniversary of the Sabra and Shatila massacre, **PA Pres. Abbas** reiterates that the Palestinians will head to the UN to "achieve our goals." Meanwhile, **PA FM Riyad al-Maliki** says that Abbas will use his upcoming meeting with **French pres. François**

Hollande on 9/19 in Paris to ask for official recognition of Palestinian statehood and French support for a proposed UNSC res. demanding Israel's withdrawal from the occupied Palestinian territories. (MNA, Wafa 9/15)

UN peacekeepers withdraw from their posts along the Syrian side of the border with Israel. The relocation of hundreds of mbrs. of the **UN Disengagement Observer Force** (UNDOF) occurs following recent clashes between Syrian govt. forces and opposition groups in the area (see 9/4, 9/8, 9/11, 9/12). (AFP, REU 9/15)

16 SEPTEMBER 2014

Unidentified **Palestinians** fire a single mortar shell from the **Gaza Strip** into **s. Israel**, causing no damage or injuries. It is the 1st such attack since the 8/26 open-ended cease-fire and no faction claims it. **Hamas authorities** reportedly arrest those responsible. Off the coast nr. Bayt Lahiya, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on **Palestinian fishing boats**, causing no injuries or damage. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 2 villages nr. Hebron and Tulkarm at night; patrols in al-'Arub r.c. nr. Hebron, and 1 village each nr. Jenin and Tulkarm. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli security forces** arrest 22 **Palestinians** on charges of throwing stones and Molotov cocktails. (AFP, MNA, REU 9/16; JP 9/17; PCHR 9/18)

UN Coordinator for Middle East Peace Robert Serry announces that the UN has brokered a deal to enable reconstruction work in the **Gaza Strip**, satisfying Israel's conditions that materials would not be diverted to Hamas. The agreement entails a strict, UN-enforced monitoring system, and gives the PA and the private sector lead roles in the rebuilding. (HA, REU 9/16)

17 SEPTEMBER 2014

Off the coast of the **Gaza Strip** nr. Bayt Lahiya, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishermen, wounding 1. Separately, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on **Palestinian fishing boats** nr. Bayt Lahiya, causing no injuries or damage. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 2 villages each nr. Hebron and Jenin, and 1 village nr. Ramallah at night; patrols in 2 villages nr. Hebron and 1 village nr. Ramallah during the day. In **East Jerusalem**, **Palestinians** throw stones at an Israeli's car in Bayt Hanina, wounding the driver. (MNA 9/18; PCHR 9/25)

Hamas official Musa Abu Marzuq says that indirect cease-fire talks with Israel will restart within the next week, and also confirms the UN's 9/16 announcement that it will take the lead in the reconstruction efforts. (AFP, MNA 9/17)

18 SEPTEMBER 2014

In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 2 villages nr. Bethlehem, al-'Arub r.c. nr. Hebron, and in Tulkarm; patrols in 3 villages each nr. Hebron and Jenin. (PCHR 9/25)

Ahead of talks between reps. of **Iran and the P5+1 group** resuming in New York on 9/19, **Iranian FM Mohammad Zarif** and **EU foreign affairs chief Catherine Ashton** meet to discuss the negotiations. Separately, **U.S. Dep. Secy. of State William Burns** and **Under Secy. of State Wendy Sherman** hold bilateral talks with **Iranian** officials. (AP, REU 9/18)

19 SEPTEMBER 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, unexploded Israeli ordnance kills 3 **Palestinians** and injures

2 others in e. Gaza City. **IDF troops** open fire at gravel collectors nr. the border fence e. of Bayt Lahiya, injuring 2. Separately, **Israeli forces** conduct a limited incursion to level land close to the border fence nr. Khan Yunis. The **IDF** patrols in Jericho and 2 nearby villages, 2 villages nr. Ramallah, and 1 village nr. Hebron. Also, **IDF troops** violently disperse **Palestinian, Israeli, and international protesters** at weekly demonstrations against Israel's separation wall, settlements, and occupation in 4 villages nr. Ramallah (Bil'in, Nabi Salih, Nil'in, and Wadi Fukin), 1 village nr. Bethlehem (al-Ma'sara) and 1 village nr. Qalqilya (Kafr Qaddum). There are no serious injuries. (MNA 9/19; PCHR 9/25)

French Pres. Hollande meets with **PA Pres. Abbas** in Paris to discuss Abbas's plans to go to the UN and ICC. In a joint press conference, Hollande says that a "solution to the conflict" between the Israelis and Palestinians will be put to the UNSC. (AFP, HA 9/19)

Reps. of **Iran** and the **P5+1 group** meet in New York for talks on Iran's disputed nuclear program, with just weeks to go until the 11/24 deadline for a deal over Iran's nuclear program to be reached. It is the 1st round of talks since the 7/20 deadline was extended. Participants suggest that the parties are close, but with difficult final issues still to resolve. Meanwhile, the **IAEA** reports that Iran is continuing to take action in compliance with the interim agreement. (AFP, AP, REU 9/19)

20 SEPTEMBER 2014

Off the coast of the **Gaza Strip** nr. Bayt Lahiya, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on **Palestinian fishermen**, causing no damage or injuries. **IDF troops** open fire on gravel collectors nr. the Gaza border fence, injuring 2. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** patrols in Hebron and 2 villages and al-Fawar r.c. nearby, in Salfit

and 1 nearby village, and in 1 village nr. Jenin during the day. (PCHR 9/25)

An **anonymous Israeli official** tells the media that indirect cease-fire talks will recommence in **Cairo** on 9/23. Egyptian media, meanwhile, report that **Hamas** and **Fatah** will hold talks over national reconciliation before the joint Palestinian delegation opens negotiations with the Israelis in Cairo. (HA, REU, WAFA 9/20)

An **Israeli drone** crashes inside **s. Lebanon**. The IDF says a technical malfunction, rather than a targeted attack, caused the crash. (AFP, JP 9/20)

21 SEPTEMBER 2014

In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 3 villages nr. Nablus and 1 village each nr. Hebron, Jenin, and Salfit; patrols in 1 village and 'Ayn al-Sultan r.c. nr. Jericho, and in 1 village each nr. Hebron, Ramallah, and Salfit. (PCHR 9/25)

22 SEPTEMBER 2014

Off the coast of the **Gaza Strip** nr. al-Zahra, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats, causing no damage or injuries but arresting 5 fishermen. In a separate incident nr. Bayt Lahiya, **Israeli 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 nr. Jenin, and in 1 village each nr. Hebron and Ramallah; patrols in 3 villages nr. Ramallah, 2 villages nr. Hebron, 1 village nr. Jericho, and Tubas. (PCHR 9/25)

On his way to New York, **PA Pres. Abbas** says that the Palestinian leadership is close to deciding if it will file complaints against Israel at UN institutions and courts. When he arrives, he meets with **Arab League secy.-gen. Nabil**

al-'Arabi and gives a speech at Cooper Union college, in which he calls on U.S. youth to "rethink Palestine." (See Doc. B1 in *JPS* 174 for more on the speech.) (MNA 9/21)

A **Palestinian delegation** travels to **Cairo** ahead of planned indirect talks on 9/23 with Israel. The talks will be exploratory in nature, with the goal of establishing parameters for future talks in 10/2014, and mediated by Egypt. Mbrs. include **Fatah leader and delegation head Azzam al-Ahmad**, **Hamas senior official Abu Marzuq**, and **Islamic Jihad leader Khalid al-Batsh**. Meanwhile, **Fatah** and **Hamas** officials meet in Cairo to discuss issues facing the unity govt., such as paying salaries and rebuilding the Gaza Strip. They will continue their talks on 9/24. (AP, MNA 9/22; MNA 9/23)

23 SEPTEMBER 2014

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and kill 2 of the 3 **Palestinians** suspected of kidnapping and killing 3 Israeli settler teenagers in 6/2014. They are killed during a gun battle in Hebron. Separately, **IDF troops** shoot and wound a **Palestinian** at a checkpoint nr. Nablus. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village and al-'Arub r.c. nr. Hebron at night. (MNA, REU 9/23; PCHR 9/25)

Israeli officials and the Palestinian delegation hold mediated talks on extending the 8/26 cease-fire and other remaining issues. Israel seeks to ensure the demilitarization of Gaza and a tightly controlled reconstruction process, while the Palestinians seek a broader opening up of Gaza to the outside world, including air and seaports. They present their positions and adjourn, agreeing to meet again at the end of 10/2014. (MNA 9/23)

U.S. Secy. of State Kerry announces a more than \$71 m. U.S. contribution toward

humanitarian assistance in the Gaza Strip, most of which will be spent on UNRWA projects. The U.S. previously pledged \$47 m. to the effort on 7/12. (MNA 9/23)

Israeli forces shoot down a **Syrian** fighter jet after it enters Israeli airspace. The plane is destroyed after it turns back toward the border, so the wreckage lands in Syrian territory. The crew safely ejects prior to impact. This is the 1st time the IDF has shot down a Syrian jet since the 1982 war in Lebanon. (AP, HA 9/23)

24 SEPTEMBER 2014

In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village nr. Jenin in the morning. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli security forces** clash with Palestinians at **Haram al-Sharif**, leaving 15 worshippers injured. (HA, MNA 9/24; PCHR 9/25)

Hamas and **Fatah** officials meet in **Cairo** to discuss further implementation of the national reconciliation agreement signed in 4/2014. They discuss the possible obstacles to the return of the PA unity govt. to the Gaza Strip. (AFP, REU 9/24)

U.S. Secy. of State Kerry meets with **PA Pres. Abbas** in **New York**, as world leaders convene for the UN General Assembly (UNGA). (MNA 9/24)

25 SEPTEMBER 2014

In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village nr. Hebron at night. (PCHR 10/2)

After holding talks on 9/22 and 9/24, **Hamas** and **Fatah** reach an agreement. The PA unity govt. will take control of the **Gaza Strip** and thus also assume responsibility for postwar reconstruction. (HA, REU 9/25)

26 SEPTEMBER 2014

In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Hebron at night; patrols in 1 village nr. Hebron in the morning, in Aida r.c. in Bethlehem in the afternoon. **IDF troops** violently disperse **Palestinian, Israeli and international protesters** at weekly demonstrations against Israel's separation wall, settlements and occupation in 4 villages nr. Ramallah (Bil'in, Nabi Salih, Nil'in, and Wadi Fukin), 1 village nr. Bethlehem (al-Ma'sara), and 1 village nr. Qalqilya (Kafr Qaddum). There are no serious injuries. In **East Jerusalem**, Israel bars men under 50 years old from entering **Haram al-Sharif**. (MNA 9/26; PCHR 10/2)

PA Pres. Abbas addresses the **UNGA**, announcing that the PA, in coordination with the Group of Arab States at the UN, is working on a **draft UNSC res.** that will call for immediate recognition of Palestinian statehood and a specific timetable for the end of the Israeli occupation, with bilateral negotiations on key issues to be held over the course of that time. Several Palestinian officials later elaborate on the plan, saying that the exact timetable is not set, though it will be either 2 or 3 years. Abbas also uses unprecedentedly strong language to condemn Israel's most recent assault on Gaza, calling it a "genocidal crime." The **U.S.** and **Israel** are both critical of Abbas's rhetoric and his proposals. (See Docs. B2 and B3 in *JPS* 174 for excerpts of the speech and a copy of the draft res. that the Associated Press published on 10/1.) (HA, JP, MNA, REU 9/26; AP, HA 9/27)

After a week of negotiations, reps. of **Iran and the P5+1 group** conclude this round of talks in New York. They do not make any significant agreements or compromises ahead of the 11/24 deadline, with the key sticking points being Iran's uranium enrichment capacity and the pace at which the U.S. will

lift its sanctions. (State Dept., special briefing 9/26; Bloomberg 9/27)

27 SEPTEMBER 2014

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** patrol in 3 villages nr. Hebron and, separately, arrest 1 Palestinian at a checkpoint in Dura nr. Hebron. (PCHR 10/2)

PA PM Hamdallah says that an international body is willing to pay the salaries of civil servants who were employed by the Hamas-run govt. in **Gaza**. He does not elaborate. (HA, MNA 9/27)

28 SEPTEMBER 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, **Israeli forces** stationed along the border fence open fire on Palestinian farmers and gravel-collectors nr. Bayt Lahiya, wounding 1. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 3 villages nr. Hebron, 1 village nr. Salfit, Jalazun r.c. nr. Ramallah, Jenin, and Tulkarm; patrols in 2 villages nr. Hebron. An Israeli settler runs over a Palestinian girl with a car nr. Hebron, moderately injuring her. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** demolish 3 floors of a Palestinian residential building in Abu Dis. (MNA 9/28; PCHR 10/2)

29 SEPTEMBER 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, **Israeli forces** stationed along the n. border open fire on gravel-collectors nr. Bayt Lahiya, wounding 1. In the **West Bank**, **Israeli soldiers** at a checkpoint in s. Hebron shoot a sound bomb at a group of Palestinian children on their way home after school, injuring 1. Later, **IDF troops** destroy an electricity network in a village nr. Nablus. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in

2 villages and al-‘Arub r.c. nr. Hebron and Salfit; patrols in 2 villages nr. Ramallah. (MNA 9/29; PCHR 10/2)

Israeli PM Netanyahu addresses the **UNGA** in New York City. In a speech about the global threat of radical Islam, Netanyahu draws a connection between **Hamas** in Gaza and **ISIS**. (HA, REU 9/29)

30 SEPTEMBER 2014

In the **West Bank**, a **Palestinian** child is wounded by unexploded Israeli ordnance in a village nr. Bethlehem. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in al-Fara‘a r.c. nr. Tubas, and 1 village nr. Jenin; patrols in 3 villages nr. Ramallah, 2 villages nr. Jericho, and 1 village nr. Hebron. Overnight in **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli police and private security officers** accompany a group of **Israeli settlers** into Silwan, where the settlers move into 25 residences, sparking minor confrontations with Palestinians in 2 separate incidents. The residences were purchased with the support of the right-wing Israeli organization Elad. During the day, hundreds of **Jewish activists** enter **Haram al-Sharif**. (HA, JP, MNA 9/30; PCHR 10/2)

1 OCTOBER 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 al-‘Arub r.c. nr. Hebron. (PCHR 10/2)

Israeli nongovernmental organization Peace Now reports that the **Jerusalem municipality** is going ahead with the proposed construction of 2,610 new settler homes in **Givat Hamatos**, a settlement in **East Jerusalem**. Tenders can now be published for the project, soliciting

construction of the units. The U.S. is “deeply concerned” with the news and the announcement overshadows a meeting in the **White House** between **Pres. Obama** and **Israeli PM Netanyahu**. (AFP, WP 10/1)

2 OCTOBER 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, **Israeli forces** open fire at agricultural land close to the border fence nr. Khan Yunis, causing no injuries. (Wafa 10/2)

Israeli PM Netanyahu responds to U.S. criticism over the planned 2,610 new settlement housing units in **Givat Hamatos**, alleging that the Obama administration is unfamiliar with “the facts.” He also criticizes Peace Now for intentionally publishing the news ahead of his meeting with Obama to undermine their talks. (AFP, YA 10/2)

3 OCTOBER 2014

The EU condemns the recent announcement of settlement growth in East Jerusalem (see 10/1) and says that the development “calls into question Israel’s commitment to a peaceful negotiated settlement with the Palestinians.” Meanwhile, **Sweden’s incoming PM**, Stefan Löfven, announces his intention to recognize the state of Palestine in his inauguration speech. (Sweden will recognize Palestine on 10/30.) (AP, REU 10/3)

4 OCTOBER 2014

In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village nr. Hebron at night. (PCHR 10/16)

5 OCTOBER 2014

In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** patrols in al-Fawar r.c. nr. Hebron during the day. (PCHR 10/16)

Israeli FM Avigdor Lieberman says that **Sweden’s amb. to Israel** will be summoned for a reprimand, following the Swedish PM’s announcement on 10/3 that his govt. intends to recognize the state of Palestine. (HA, YA 10/5)

Israeli soldiers shoot and wound a **Lebanese soldier** across the border nr. Shaba’ Farms. The Israeli army says its troops targeted suspects crossing the border, while the Lebanese army says an army outpost came under fire. The **United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL)** condemns the incident and urges restraint. (AFP, UNIFIL, YA 10/5)

6 OCTOBER 2014

In the **West Bank**, **Jewish settlers** chop down more than 100 olive trees belonging to Palestinians nr. Nablus. (MNA 10/6)

7 OCTOBER 2014

Off the coast of the **Gaza Strip** nr. al-Sudaniyya, **Israeli 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 Nablus and the nearby ‘Ayn Bayt al-Ma’ r.c. at night. **Israeli settlers** attack a Palestinian nr. Nablus, injuring him. (Wafa 10/7; PCHR 10/16)

Responding to the 9/5 killing nr. Adlun village and the 10/5 attack nr. Shaba’ Farms in s. Lebanon, **Hizballah fighters** attack an Israeli military position along the border, injuring 2 IDF soldiers with an explosive. In response, the IDF fires at Hizballah positions, with no reports of damage or casualties. (AFP, AP 10/7; REU 10/8)

8 OCTOBER 2014

In the **West Bank**, **Israeli settlers** torch some 30 olive trees in Nahalin village nr. Bethlehem. In **East Jerusalem**, Israeli forces enter **Haram**

al-Sharif ahead of visits by right-wing Jewish activists, sparking violent clashes with Palestinians, which leave dozens of worshippers injured. (JP, MNA, WAFA 10/8)

9 OCTOBER 2014

In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** patrols in 1 village and al-‘Arub r.c. nr. Hebron, and in 1 village nr. Ramallah during the day. (PCHR 10/16)

PM Hamdallah and the rest of the West Bank-based cabinet ministers visit the **Gaza Strip** and the PA unity govt. holds its 1st full meeting since its inauguration on 6/2. They discuss the reconstruction of Gaza and further reconciliation measures, including elections. Hamdallah also meets with **senior Hamas official Ismail Haniyeh**, and tours areas of devastation in the territory. **Fatah spokesperson Osama al-Qawasmi** says that the meeting was an important step for maintaining unity, while **Islamic Jihad** also welcomes the cabinet ministers. (AFP, HA, MNA 10/9)

10 OCTOBER 2014

Off the coast of the **Gaza Strip** nr. Bayt Lahiya, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on **Palestinian fishermen** on 3 separate occasions, causing no damage or injuries. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Nablus and 1 nearby village and 1 village nr. Hebron; patrols in 3 villages nr. Hebron, 2 villages nr. Jericho, and 1 village nr. Ramallah. **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 Nabi Salih) and 1 village nr. Qalqilya (Kafr Qaddum). There are no serious injuries, except in Nabi Salih, where 1 person is struck by a tear

gas canister. Meanwhile, **Israeli settlers** set fire to around 100 trees nr. Salfit. (MNA 10/10; PCHR 10/16)

PM Hamdallah and other ministers from the Palestinian unity govt. head from Gaza to **Cairo** ahead of the Gaza reconstruction conference on 10/12. Separately, the **PA** releases its plan for the recovery and reconstruction of the Gaza Strip. It estimates that the whole process will cost \$4 b., along with an additional \$500 m. for the PA to administer the efforts. (MNA 10/10) (See Doc. B4 in *JPS* 174 for more on the plan.)

11 OCTOBER 2014

Off the coast of the **Gaza Strip** nr. Bayt Lahiya, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on **Palestinian fishing boats** on 3 separate occasions, causing no damage or injuries. Israeli forces shoot and wound a Palestinian collecting gravel close to the border fence in the n. Gaza Strip. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Hebron, 2 villages and al-Fawar r.c. nearby, and 3 villages nr. Ramallah; patrols in 2 villages each nr. Hebron and Jericho, and 1 village nr. Ramallah during the day. **Israeli settlers** attack a Palestinian family of farmers nr. Salfit, injuring 1. In **East Jerusalem**, **Palestinians** attack the Jerusalem Light Rail with stones on 5 separate occasions in the evening, causing damage but no injuries. (YA 10/11; PCHR 10/16)

12 OCTOBER 2014

In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Hebron and 2 nearby villages and al-‘Arub r.c, 1 village each nr. Jenin and Tulkarm. (PCHR 10/16)

International donors pledge \$5.4 b. in reconstruction aid to rebuild the battered Gaza Strip at a conference in **Cairo** cohosted by Egypt

and Norway. **Qatar** pledges \$1 b., while **Kuwait** and the **UAE** pledge \$200 m. each. U.S. Secy. of State Kerry and Abbas meet on the sidelines. (AFP, MNA, REU 10/12)

13 OCTOBER 2014

Off the coast of the **Gaza Strip** nr. Rafah, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on **Palestinian fishermen** on 3 separate occasions, causing no damage or injuries. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 3 villages nr. Hebron, 1 village nr. Ramallah, and in Tubas and the nearby al-Fara'a r.c.; patrols in 2 villages nr. Qalqilya and 1 village each nr. Hebron and Ramallah. In Hebron, **2 Jewish settlers** are injured when **Palestinians** throw stones at their car. In **East Jerusalem**, hundreds of **Israeli security troops** enter **Haram al-Sharif**, deploying stun grenades and rubber-coated metal bullets to disperse stone-throwing Palestinian worshippers. (AFP, MNA 10/13; PCHR 10/16)

UN Secy.-Gen. Ban meets with **Israeli PM Netanyahu** in **Jerusalem** and **PA PM Hamdallah** in **Ramallah**. The senior UN official discusses the Gaza war, tensions in Jerusalem and the need to restart peace talks with the Israeli premier; Gaza reconstruction, the Palestinian unity govt., and the need to realize a negotiated 2-state solution with Hamdallah. (AFP, MNA 10/13)

14 OCTOBER 2014

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and wound a **Palestinian** with a rubber-coated metal bullet in al-Fara'a r.c. nr. Tubas during clashes sparked by a raid in the camp. Separately, 3 **Palestinian children** nr. Bayt Umar n. of Hebron are wounded by an unexploded Israeli sound bomb. Meanwhile, an

Israeli border police officer is lightly injured when **Palestinians** throw a Molotov cocktail at an army post in n. Bethlehem. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village nr. Jenin; patrols in 3 villages nr. Jenin and 2 villages nr. Ramallah. **Israeli settlers** torch a mosque in Aqraba village nr. Nablus and leave "price tag" graffiti. In **East Jerusalem**, **hundreds of Israelis** tour **Haram al-Sharif** for the festival of Sukkoth, while **Palestinians** under 50 and all women are prevented from entering for morning prayers. (JP, MNA, REU 10/14; PCHR 10/16)

UN Secy.-Gen. Ban makes a brief visit to the **Gaza Strip**, meeting mbrs. of the PA unity govt. and seeing some of the devastation firsthand. **Hamas spokesperson Sami Abu Zuhri** issues a statement calling on Ban to take "serious actions" to end the suffering of Palestinians in Gaza, and claiming that the UN official "took part in providing cover for the Israeli massacres in Rafah." Meanwhile, truckloads of cement and steel enter Gaza for the 1st time in a year (600 tons of cement, 50 trucks of construction materials, and 10 trucks of metal), while Israeli authorities allow 15 tons of produce, mainly dates and sweet potatoes, to be sent for sale in the West Bank. (MNA, JP 10/14)

15 OCTOBER 2014

Off the coast of the **Gaza Strip** nr. Gaza City, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on **Palestinian fishermen**, causing no damage or injuries. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** patrols in 2 villages nr. Tulkarm. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli security forces** violently disperse **Palestinian worshippers and protesters** at and around **Haram al-Sharif**, injuring 1 woman with a rubber-coated metal bullet, and arresting at least 17. The authorities' crackdown comes as **religious Jews** visit the compound to mark

Sukkoth. There are also clashes in Issawiyya and Jabal Mukabir. (AFP, MNA 10/15; PCHR 10/16)

U.S. Secy. of State Kerry joins **EU foreign affairs chief Catherine Ashton** and **Iranian FM Zarif** in Vienna for 6 hours of trilateral talks as part of ongoing efforts to achieve a comprehensive agreement on Tehran's nuclear program. (AFP 10/15)

16 OCTOBER 2014

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and kill a 13-year-old Palestinian in Bayt Liqya village nr. Ramallah during a patrol. Meanwhile, PA security forces kill a man in Hebron during a raid. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village nr. Hebron at night; patrols in 2 villages nr. Hebron during the day. Off the coast of the **Gaza Strip** nr. Gaza City, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on **Palestinian fishermen**, sinking 1 boat. (MNA, REU 10/16; PCHR 10/23)

Senior Hamas official Musa Abu Marzuq confirms that indirect cease-fire talks with Israel will resume at the end of 10/2014 in Cairo. Meanwhile, **U.S. Secy. of State Kerry** calls for a resumption of the peace negotiations during remarks at a State Dept. event for *'Id al-Adha*. (AFP, REU, YA 10/16)

EU foreign affairs chief Ashton and **Iranian FM Zarif** hold a 2d day of talks in **Vienna**, and also meet with senior diplomats from the P5+1 group. The focus of the talks are remaining differences related to lifting sanctions and Iran's uranium enrichment levels. (REU 10/17)

17 OCTOBER 2014

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** violently disperse Palestinians gathered to protest outside Ofer prison, injuring 2 with live ammunition.

The **IDF** patrols in 2 villages nr. Ramallah and in 1 village and al-'Arub r.c. nr. Hebron. Meanwhile, **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 Nil'in), and 1 village nr. Qalqilya (Kafr Qaddum). There are no serious injuries, except in Bil'in, where 2 are struck by a tear gas canister and sound bomb. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli authorities** bar men under the age of 50 from praying at **Haram al-Sharif**. **PA Pres. Abbas** urges **Palestinians** to defend the holy site "by any means necessary," speaking at a meeting in al-Bireh on threats to Jerusalem and the holy sites. (MNA 10/17; PCHR 10/23)

18 OCTOBER 2014

In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 2 villages nr. Hebron and in Qalqilya; patrols in 3 villages nr. Ramallah, 1 village each nr. Jericho and Qalqilya, and in al-Bireh. (PCHR 10/23)

The Fatah Central Comm. issues a statement supporting PA Pres. Abbas's plans to go the UNSC for a res. establishing a time line to end occupation. During the meeting, Abbas thanks Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the UAE, Kuwait, and Egypt for supporting his plan. Meanwhile, **PLO chief negotiator Erakat** says that "it is really difficult to convince at least 9 mbrs. in the UNSC to vote in favor." Unnamed Palestinian officials say that 7 mbrs. of the council have already agreed to support such a res. (JP, YA 10/18)

19 OCTOBER 2014

In the **West Bank**, an **Israeli settler** hits a 5-year-old **Palestinian girl** with his car nr.

Sinjal, and she later dies of her injuries at a nearby hospital. **IDF troops** shoot and wound 1 **Palestinian** during a patrol in Salfit. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village nr. Ramallah and al-Fawar r.c. nr. Hebron; patrols in 2 villages each nr. Hebron, Jericho and Ramallah, and in al-Bireh. (MNA 10/19; PCHR 10/23)

Israel's DM Moshe Ya'alon departs for **Washington** for a 5-day visit. In a pre-departure statement, Ya'alon says that no dispute should "cast a shadow" over the U.S.-Israel relationship, one "based on shared interests and values." However, Ya'alon's requests for meetings with VP Joe Biden, Secy. of State Kerry and National Security Adviser Susan Rice are denied. (AFP 10/19; JP 10/24)

20 OCTOBER 2014

In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** demolishes 5 **Palestinian**-owned structures in the Jordan Valley; conducts house searches and arrest raids in Hebron and 3 nearby villages; patrols in 2 villages each nr. Jericho and Ramallah, and 1 village each nr. Hebron and Jenin. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli settlers** move into 2 residential buildings in Silwan, having purchased them through proxies. (MNA, REU 10/20; PCHR 10/23)

21 OCTOBER 2014

In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** closes the entrance to Burin village nr. Nablus after Palestinians throw Molotov cocktails at Israeli settlers' cars nearby. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Jenin, 2 nearby villages, and Hebron; patrols in 2 villages each nr. Jenin and Ramallah, and in 1 village nr. Jericho. **Israeli settlers** set up 2 new outposts nr. Aqraba in the n. West Bank. In **East Jerusalem**,

Israeli forces demolish 6 Palestinian structures in al-Tur, including 3 homes. (AFP, MNA 10/21; PCHR 10/23)

PLO chief negotiator Erakat says that if the U.S. vetoes the Palestinians' draft UNSC res. for a timetable to end Israeli occupation, then the Palestinian leadership will seek membership in hundreds of international organizations, in addition to the ICC. (MNA 10/21)

22 OCTOBER 2014

Off the coast of the **Gaza Strip** nr. al-Sudaniyya, **Israeli naval forces** detain 5 Palestinian fishermen and confiscate their boat. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Jenin and 2 nearby villages in the morning, and in 2 villages each nr. Hebron and Nablus, and in Salfit; patrols in 1 village nr. Tulkarm and 1 village nr. Hebron. **Israeli settlers** from Yitzhar torch about 100 olive trees in Hawara nr. Nablus. In **East Jerusalem**, a **Palestinian** drives his car into a light rail station, killing a baby and injuring another 8 people. (An Ecuadorian citizen will succumb to her injuries on 10/26.) The driver is immediately shot and killed by police. Israeli PM Netanyahu says that PA Pres. Abbas is responsible for inciting such acts. Separately, **Palestinian protesters** in Issawiyya and Silwan clash with Israeli security forces. (HA, JP, MNA, REU 10/22; PCHR 10/23; HA 10/26)

Unknown assailants in the **Sinai Peninsula** fire small arms and an antitank missile across the border into Israel at **IDF troops**, injuring 2. The IDF returns fire, killing 3. (AFP, HA, REU 10/22)

23 OCTOBER 2014

Off the coast of the **Gaza Strip** nr. Rafah, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on **Palestinian**

fishermen, causing damage but no injuries. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 2 villages each nr. Hebron and Salfit; patrols in 2 villages each nr. Jericho and Ramallah, in Tulkarm and 1 nearby village, and in 1 village each nr. Hebron and Salfit. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli security forces** shoot and wound 2 **Palestinians** in separate incidents during protests and clashes in Wadi al-Juz and Shu'fat. (PCHR 10/30)

24 OCTOBER 2014

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and kill a 14-year-old Palestinian during a weekly protest in Silwad nr. Ramallah. The **IDF** says that the youth, also a U.S. citizen, was holding a Molotov cocktail, but Palestinian witnesses deny the claim. **State Dept. spokesperson Jen Psaki** calls for a "speedy and transparent investigation." **IDF troops** violently disperse protests outside Ofer detention center and in Jalazun r.c. nr. Ramallah, injuring 7 with live ammunition. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village nr. Tulkarm; patrols in Jericho, as well as 1 village and 'Aqabat Jabir r.c. nearby, 2 villages nr. Ramallah, Jenin and 1 nearby village, and 1 village each nr. Hebron and Qalqilya. 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 Nil'in) and 1 village nr. Qalqilya (Kafr Qaddum). There are no serious injuries. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli authorities** deny men under 40 entry to **Haram al-Sharif**. Meanwhile, **Palestinians** clash with **Israeli security forces** in Wadi al-Juz, Ras al-Amud, Silwan and Issawiyya. (AFP, AP, HA, MNA, REU 10/24; PCHR 10/30)

Ansar Bayt al-Maqdis attacks **Egyptian soldiers** nr. Shaykh Zuwayd and in al-Arish in the **Sinai Peninsula**, killing 31 with a car bomb, rocket-propelled grenades, and small arms. It is the deadliest single attack on Egyptian security forces in Sinai since the escalation of violence began after the 7/2013 military ouster of then-pres. Mohamed Morsi. In response, **Pres. al-Sisi** convenes an emergency meeting of his senior defense advisers, declares a state of emergency in some parts of n. Sinai, and closes the Rafah border crossing. (AP, JP 10/24; MNA 11/15)

25 OCTOBER 2014

Off the coast of the **Gaza Strip** nr. al-Waha, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on **Palestinian fishing boats**, causing damage but no injuries. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and wound a Palestinian outside of Jalazun r.c. nr. Ramallah during a protest. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Hebron and 4 nearby villages, and in 1 village each nr. Jenin, Nablus, Ramallah, and Tulkarm; patrols in 4 villages nr. Ramallah, and 2 villages each nr. Hebron and Qalqilya. (PCHR 10/25)

26 OCTOBER 2014

In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Tulkarm; patrols in 3 villages nr. Ramallah, 1 village nr. Qalqilya, and al-Bireh. (PCHR 10/30)

Egyptian officials notify Israel and the various Palestinian factions that the indirect negotiations scheduled for 10/27 to continue discussions left from the 8/26 open-ended cease-fire will be postponed to late 11/2014. The postponement comes in response to the 10/24 attack in Sinai and the closure of the Rafah border crossing. Egypt will be responsible for

setting a specific date for the talks to resume. (HA, MNA 10/26)

27 OCTOBER 2014

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and wound 2 **Palestinians** in clashes sparked by a patrol in Bayt Furik village nr. Nablus. **Israeli soldiers** also shoot and wound 1 Palestinian nr. Kafr Ya'bid, after several Palestinians throw stones at Israeli settlers' vehicles nearby. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village each nr. Hebron, Ramallah, and Tulkarm; patrols in 2 villages each nr. Ramallah and Salfit; demolishes 4 structures nr. Hebron. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** raid Issawiyya, Silwan, and Bayt Hanina, sparking clashes with residents. (HA, MNA 10/27; PCHR 10/30)

Israeli PM Netanyahu approves plans for 1,060 new housing units in **East Jerusalem settlements** Ramat Shlomo and Har Homa. The **EU foreign affairs office** and **U.S. State Dept.** both criticize the move. (AFP, HA 10/27)

28 OCTOBER 2014

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and wound 4 **Palestinians** in a village nr. Jenin during a patrol. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 2 villages nr. Jenin and 1 village nr. Salfit at night. (PCHR 10/30)

Israeli PM Netanyahu says that condemnations by the international community of settlement construction announcements are "disconnected from reality," referring in particular to criticism from the **U.S. State Dept.** the previous day. (HA 10/28)

The **PA** transfers millions of dollars to the **Gaza Strip** for the partial payment of salaries to

civil servants hired under the Hamas govt. after 2007. **Minister of Social Affairs Shawqi al-Aissa** tells the media that each civil servant would receive an initial payment of \$1,200. On 9/11, Hamas began partially paying the employees of its govt. a portion of salaries they are owed. (MNA 10/28)

Egyptian forces begin demolishing hundreds of homes and buildings along the 13 km border between Sinai and Gaza, advancing the creation of a "**buffer zone**" that will be as wide as 500 m in some places. The demolitions come as a surprise to the area's residents, though Egyptian officials have conducted meetings regarding fair compensation for the past 2 weeks and early work on the buffer zone began on 2/15. Following the 8/24 attack that killed 31 Egyptian soldiers, the Egyptian govt. began increasing the severity of its countermeasures in the Sinai, including expediting work on the buffer zone. Around 800 homes are set to be demolished, which will displace up to 10,000 people, and their owners will receive commensurate compensation or replacement housing. (MNA 10/28; NYT 10/29)

29 OCTOBER 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, **IDF troops** stationed along the border nr. Bayt Lahiya shoot and wound a **Palestinian** hunting for birds. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Jenin and Jenin r.c., and 1 village each nr. Hebron and Ramallah. In **East Jerusalem**, **right-wing Jewish activist Yehuda Glick** is shot and wounded by an unknown assailant nr the Old City. (HA, MNA 10/29; PCHR 10/30)

The **UNSC** holds an emergency session at the request of **Jordan** to discuss Israel's plans for

further settlement construction in East Jerusalem. (AFP, REU 10/29)

An **anonymous U.S. official** is quoted in the *Atlantic* describing **Israeli PM Netanyahu** as a “chickenshit prime minister” who only cares about his political survival. In response, Netanyahu’s office releases a statement saying that the PM “will continue to uphold the security interests of Israel and the historical rights of the Jewish people in Jerusalem, and no amount of pressure will change that.” The **White House** quickly distances itself from the comments quoted in the article. (AM, WP 10/29; Guardian 10/30)

30 OCTOBER 2014

In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli security forces** shoot and kill a **Palestinian** in Abu Tor suspected of the attempted assassination of **Yehuda Glick** on 10/29. During the day, Israeli authorities close **Haram al-Sharif** to everyone and increase police and border police patrols in the city. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 2 villages nr. Hebron, and in 1 village each nr. Jenin and Tulkarm; patrols in 1 village each nr. Hebron and Jenin. (AFP, JP, MNA, REU 10/30)

Sweden officially recognizes the state of **Palestine**. In response, the Israeli govt. recalls its **amb. to Sweden**, Yitzhak Bachmann, for consultations. (He will be returned to Sweden on 11/29.) (AFP, HA 10/30; JP 11/20)

Fatah receives approval from **Hamas** authorities in the Gaza Strip to mark the 10th anniversary of the death of Yasir Arafat with a rally in Gaza City, which they schedule for 11/11. This is the 1st time Fatah activists are permitted to hold such a commemoration in Gaza since 2007. (MNA 10/30)

31 OCTOBER 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, **Palestinians** fire 1 rocket into **s. Israel**, causing no damage or injuries. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and injure 3 **Palestinians** with rubber-coated metal bullets in Silwad nr. Ramallah, during a weekly demonstration, and clash with Palestinians at Qalandia checkpoint, injuring 8. The **IDF** patrols in 2 villages nr. Ramallah, al-‘Arub r.c. nr. Hebron, 1 village nr. Dura, and 1 village nr. Jenin. **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 Nil’in), and 1 village nr. Qalqilya (Kafr Qaddum). There are no serious injuries, except in Nabi Salih, where 2 people are struck by rubber-coated metal bullets. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli security forces** repress demonstrations in Silwan, Issawiyya, al-Tur, and Wadi al-Juz, injuring 28 Palestinians. **Israeli police** ban men under 50 from entering **Haram al-Sharif**. (MNA 10/31; PCHR 11/6)

1 NOVEMBER 2014

In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Hebron, 2 nearby villages, and 2 villages nr. Ramallah; patrols in 1 village and al-Fawar r.c. nr. Hebron, and 1 village each nr. Nablus, Ramallah, and Salfit. (PCHR 11/6)

2 NOVEMBER 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, **Hamas security forces** arrest 5 Palestinians on charges relating to the 10/31 rocket fire. Also responding to the incident, Israel closes the **Erez** and **Kerem Shalom** border crossings. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrests in

1 village each nr. Hebron, Jenin, and Ramallah; patrols in 2 villages nr. Ramallah, and 1 village each nr. Bethlehem, Hebron, and Tulkarm.

Palestinians throw a Molotov cocktail at an **Israeli settler bus** outside Hawara village nr. Nablus, and in response the **IDF** imposes an overnight curfew on the village. **Israeli soldiers** shoot and injure 19 **Palestinians** during a protest at Qalandia checkpoint, 2 with live ammunition and 17 with rubber-coated metal bullets. (HA, MNA 11/2; PCHR 11/6)

Jordan's King Abdullah says that his country will confront Israel's "unilateral policies" and work to protect "Muslim and Christian holy sites," in response to the 10/30 closing of **Haram al-Sharif** and the escalating tensions in Jerusalem. Meanwhile, **Dep. Secy.-Gen. of the Arab League Ben Hilli** says that Israel has reached a "red line" with regard to "violations" in Jerusalem. **Netanyahu**, meanwhile, says that "Islamic extremist elements" are trying "to stir up unrest" and that Israel will maintain the status quo at Haram al-Sharif. (AFP, HA, JP 11/2)

3 NOVEMBER 2014

In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village each nr. Hebron and Ramallah, and in Jenin r.c. at night; patrols in 1 village each nr. Hebron and Salfit. The **IDF** demolishes 3 homes in Aqraba village nr. Nablus. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli authorities** continue restrictions on access to **al-Aqsa mosque compound**, denying entry to Palestinian men under 40. (MNA, JP 11/3; PCHR 11/6)

An **Israeli govt. comm.** advances plans for 500 residences in the **East Jerusalem settlement** Ramat Shlomo. PM Netanyahu approved the move on 10/27. The **U.S. State Dept.** criticizes the move, as it did on 10/28. In Washington along with **PA intelligence chief Majid Faraj**,

PLO chief negotiator Erakat meets with **U.S. Secy. of State Kerry** and urges the U.S. to support the PA's plan to seek a UNSC res. that will set a timetable for the end of the Israeli occupation. (AP, HA, JP 11/3)

4 NOVEMBER 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, **Israeli authorities** reopen the **Kerem Shalom border crossing**, after 4 days of closure. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village each nr. Ramallah and Tulkarm; patrols in 2 villages nr. Hebron. (MNA 11/4; PCHR 11/6)

Midterm elections are held in the **U.S.**, and Republicans win enough seats to control both chambers of the 114th Congress—9 in the Senate, for a total of 54, and 13 in the House, for a total of 247. The 114th Congress, which will be convened on 1/6/15, is widely expected to pass new legislation adding restrictions and oversight to the ongoing negotiations between Iran and the P5+1 group, among other issues. (NYT, WP 11/4; POL 11/11)

5 NOVEMBER 2014

In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** shoots and wounds 2 **Palestinians** during a protest nr. Ramallah. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 2 villages nr. Nablus and 1 village each nr. Hebron and Jenin at night; patrols in 1 village and al-ʿArub r.c. nr. Hebron during the day. A **Palestinian** drives his car into **Israeli soldiers** positioned at a checkpoint nr. al-ʿArub, injuring 3 of them. In **East Jerusalem**, a **Palestinian** drives his car into a light rail station, killing 1 border policeman and injuring 13. The driver, a resident of Shuʿfat, is shot and killed at the scene. **Israeli security forces**, meanwhile, clash with **Palestinian worshippers at Haram**

al-Sharif, injuring dozens of protesters. (HA, MNA, REU 11/5; PCHR 11/6)

The **Jerusalem Local Planning and Building Comm.** renews 278 previously approved housing permits for **East Jerusalem settlement** Ramot Shlomo and Har Homa, and approves 28 new ones for Ramot. (JP 11/5)

Jordan recalls its **amb. to Israel** in protest of an increase in Israeli “violations,” including the 10/30 closure of **Haram al-Sharif**. This is the 1st time it has done so since the countries signed a peace treaty in 1994. (REU 11/5)

6 NOVEMBER 2014

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and wound 7 **Palestinians** with rubber-coated metal bullets during clashes that follow a protest by Birzeit University students outside Ofer detention center nr. Ramallah. (MNA 11/6; PCHR 11/13)

7 NOVEMBER 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, small explosive devices are detonated by unknown parties at the entrances of 15 Fatah mbrs.’ homes and under their cars, causing damage but no injuries. An additional blast occurs on a stage set up for a demonstration scheduled for 11/11 marking the commemoration of Yasir Arafat’s death (an event approved by Hamas authorities on 10/30). The attacks take place the day before a planned visit to Gaza by PM Rami Hamdallah, senior Fatah official Azzam al-Ahmad and Civil Affairs Minister Hussein al-Sheikhwe, but they cancel their trip as a result of the attacks.

In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village nr. Bethlehem; patrols in Hebron, 3 nearby villages, and Aida r.c. nr. Bethlehem. **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 Nil’in), and 1 village nr. Qalqilya (Kafr Qaddum). There are no serious injuries, except in Bil’in, where 3 people are wounded by rubber-coated metal bullets. In **East Jerusalem, Israeli security forces** and **Palestinians** clash in Shu‘fat r.c., with no serious injuries reported. (HA, MNA, REU 11/7; PCHR 11/13)

Israeli PM Netanyahu orders the demolition of homes belonging to the families of the Palestinians who hit Israelis with their cars in Jerusalem in recent weeks (see 10/22 and 11/5). (AFP 11/7)

8 NOVEMBER 2014

In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 2 villages nr. Hebron, and 1 village each nr. Bethlehem, Nablus, and Ramallah; patrols in 2 villages and al-Fawar r.c. nr. Hebron. (PCHR 11/13)

An **Israeli police officer** shoots and kills a Palestinian citizen in Kafr Kanna village in the **Galilee** region. The Israeli police allege that the man threatened the officer with a knife, but CCTV footage released immediately after the incident shows the man being shot without any warning shots being fired. The killing prompts large-scale protests in the village and surrounding area. (HA, JP, YA 11/8)

9 NOVEMBER 2014

Off the coast of the **Gaza Strip** nr. Rafah, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on **Palestinian fishing boats** on 2 separate occasions, causing damage and injuring 2 fishermen. In the **West Bank, IDF troops** shoot and wound a Palestinian during a patrol in a village nr.

Tubas. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village nr. Tulkarm, Hebron, and 1 nearby village at night; patrols in 3 villages nr. Qalqilya and 1 village nr. Tulkarm. In **East Jerusalem, Israeli settlers** and **Palestinians** clash in Silwan, causing no serious injuries. (MNA 11/9; PCHR 11/13)

Fatah officials in **Gaza** cancel the planned commemoration of Yasir Arafat's death scheduled for 11/11. **Hamas** authorities confirm the cancellation, citing security concerns related to the series of explosions that targeted Fatah figures on 11/7. (AFP, MNA 11/9)

10 NOVEMBER 2014

Off the coast of the **Gaza Strip** nr. Rafah, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on **Palestinian fishing boats**, causing damage but no injuries. **Israeli forces** conduct a limited incursion to level land close to the border fence nr. Khan Yunis. In the **West Bank**, a **Palestinian** stabs to death an **Israeli settler** and injures 2 others nr. Alon Shvut settlement. The attacker is shot and wounded by a private settlement security guard. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village each nr. Hebron, Nablus, Qalqilya, and Ramallah; patrols in 2 villages each nr. Hebron and Ramallah, and 1 village each nr. Jenin and Qalqilya. **Israeli settlers** clash with Palestinian villagers in Hawara nr. Nablus, causing no serious injuries. Separately, **Israeli settlers** nr. Nablus vandalize more than 30 Palestinian vehicles. In **Tel Aviv**, a **Palestinian** stabs and kills an **Israeli soldier** at a train station. The assailant is arrested. (HA, JP, MNA, YA 11/10; PCHR 11/13)

11 NOVEMBER 2014

In the **Gaza Strip**, hundreds of **Fatah** supporters gather in al-Katiba Square in Gaza

City to mark the 10th anniversary of the death of **Yasir Arafat**, despite the cancellation (11/9) of the official ceremony. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** violently disperse a group of Palestinians throwing rocks and Molotov cocktails at passing Israeli settlers' cars outside al-'Arub r.c. nr. Hebron, killing 1 with live ammunition. On separate patrols nr. Hebron and Nablus, **IDF troops** shoot and wound 3 **Palestinians**. Also, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in Hebron. Across the West Bank, Palestinians mark the anniversary of Arafat's death with demonstrations, and clashes of differing intensity break out with Israeli troops in some 30 villages, mostly nr. **Bethlehem** and **Hebron**. **Israeli settlers** attack **Palestinian homes** nr. Hebron and, separately, **settlers** vandalize industrial equipment nr. Nablus. Off the coast of the **Gaza Strip** nr. al-Sudaniyya, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on **Palestinian fishing boats**, causing damage but no injuries. Israeli forces conduct a limited incursion to level land close to the border fence e. of Dayr al-Balah. (MNA 11/11; HA, MNA, REU 11/12; PCHR 11/13)

Israeli PM Netanyahu announces a series of measures to be taken to combat Palestinian violence, including reinforcing the presence of security forces, the punitive demolition of attackers' homes, and fines for the parents of children involved. (JP, YA 11/13)

12 NOVEMBER 2014

Off the coast of the **Gaza Strip** nr. Rafah, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on **Palestinian fishing boats**, causing damage but no injuries. A **Palestinian** is killed by unexploded Israeli ordnance in Khan Yunis. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and wound a Palestinian during an arrest raid in Beitunia nr. Ramallah. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest

raids in 2 villages nr. Tulkarm, 1 village nr. Hebron, and 'Askar r.c. nr. Nablus. **Israeli settlers** set fire to a mosque nr. Ramallah, causing damage but no injuries. (MNA 11/12; PCHR 11/13)

A **Jerusalem planning comm.** approves the construction of 200 residences in the East Jerusalem settlement **Ramot**. (HA, REU 11/12)

13 NOVEMBER 2014

In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 2 villages nr. Hebron, and 1 village each nr. Nablus and Ramallah; patrols in 2 villages nr. Jericho. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** shoot and injure a **Palestinian** child with a sponge-tipped bullet during clashes in Issawiyya, leaving the boy blind in 1 eye. (MNA 11/13; PCHR 11/20)

U.S. Secy. of State Kerry meets with **Jordan's King Abdullah** and **Israeli PM Netanyahu** in **Amman** to discuss the recent tensions in Jerusalem. They agree to a series of practical measures designed to restore calm, and they do not announce them to the press. The Jordanian govt. will consider returning its amb. to Tel Aviv based on Israel's implementation of its share of the measures. Kerry meets **PA Pres. Abbas** earlier in the day, but the Palestinian leader did not attend the 3-way meeting. (BBC, HA, MNA, REU, ToI 11/13)

14 NOVEMBER 2014

In the Gaza Strip, Israeli soldiers shoot and injure 2 Palestinians close to the border fence nr. Jabaliya r.c. In the **West Bank**, **Israeli soldiers** shoot and injure 20 Palestinians with rubber-coated metal bullets during clashes that break out in al-Ram, Sinjil nr. Ramallah, and Hebron. **IDF troops** confront 2 Palestinians nr. Hawara village, s. of Nablus, search their car,

then injure 1 by beating him with the butt of a gun. The **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 1 village nr. Hebron; patrols in 3 villages nr. Jericho and 2 villages nr. Hebron. 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 Nil'in), and 1 village nr. Qalqilya (Kafr Qaddum). There are no serious injuries, except in Bil'in, where 1 person is struck by a tear gas canister. Israeli forces also violently disperse a demonstration against land confiscation in a village nr. Hebron, causing no serious injuries. **Israeli settlers** attack a village nr. Ramallah, shooting live ammunition and damaging property, but causing no serious injuries. In **East Jerusalem**, **Palestinians** clash with **Israeli security forces** in Silwan, injuring 1 border police officer. Israeli forces conduct house searches and arrest raids in Jabal Mukabir and al-Tur neighborhoods overnight. **Palestinians** conduct Friday prayers at **Haram al-Sharif** without Israeli-imposed age restrictions. **Israeli forces** shoot and seriously injure a **Palestinian** child nr. Shu'fat r.c. (HA, MNA 11/14; PCHR 11/20)

15 NOVEMBER 2014

Off the coast of the **Gaza Strip** nr. Rafah, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on **Palestinian fishing boats**, causing severe damage but no injuries. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts house searches and arrest raids in 2 villages nr. Ramallah and 1 village nr. Hebron; patrols in Salfit and 2 nearby villages, as well as 2 villages and al-Fawar r.c. nr. Hebron. Meanwhile, 1,000s of Palestinians march in Bethlehem to mark 2 anniversaries: the death of Yasir Arafat, as well as the signing of the Palestinian declaration of independence in 1988. In the **Galilee**, Druze

and Muslim Palestinians clash in Abu Snan, leaving 37 injured. The fighting is born from tensions related to the 11/8 killing of a Palestinian by an Israeli police officer in Kafr Kanna. (MNA 11/15; PCHR 11/20)

CHRONOLOGY SOURCE ABBREVIATIONS

AA	(Al Arabiya [Internet])	JTA	(Jewish Telegraphic Agency [Internet])
AFP	(Agence France-Presse, Paris)	MEMO	(Middle East Monitor [Internet])
AJ	(Al Jazeera)	MNA	(Ma'an News Agency, Bethlehem)
AM	(<i>Atlantic</i> [Internet], Washington)	NPR	(National Public Radio [Internet])
AP	(Associated Press [Internet])	NYT	(<i>New York Times</i> , New York)
BBC	(British Broadcasting Corporation World Service [Internet])	PCHR	(Palestinian Center for Human Rights, Gaza)
Bloomberg	(<i>Bloomberg</i> [Internet])	POL	(<i>Politico</i> [Internet], Washington)
CNN	(Cable News Network [Internet])	REU	(Reuters [Internet])
DS	(<i>Daily Star</i> , Beirut)	ToI	(<i>Times of Israel</i> , Jerusalem)
Guardian	(<i>Guardian</i> , London)	UNIFIL	(United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon)
HA	(<i>Haaretz</i> [Internet], Tel Aviv)	Wafa	(Palestine News Agency [Internet])
JP	(<i>Jerusalem Post</i> [Internet], Jerusalem)	WP	(<i>Washington Post</i> , Washington)
		WSJ	(<i>Wall Street Journal</i> , New York)
		YA	(<i>Yedioth Ahronoth</i> , Tel Aviv)
		Yahoo!	(Yahoo! News [Internet])