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16 MAY 2017

In the **n. Jordan Valley**, **Israeli forces** confiscate 2 Palestinian water pumps in Khirbat al-Dayr and demolish a new well in Bardala.

Israeli settlers throw stones at Palestinian vehicles outside Huwwara nr. Nablus, seriously injuring 1 Palestinian before Israel Defense Forces (IDF) disperse the crowd. IDF troops also arrest 13 Palestinians during late-night raids in and around Bethlehem, Hebron, and Nablus; and patrol during the day nr. Nablus and Hebron. **Palestinian activists** gather on a main road nr. Tulkarm and set tires on fire in solidarity with the 1,500-plus hunger-striking Palestinian prisoners observing the Dignity Strike in Israeli prisons. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 1 Palestinian during a raid in al-Tur. (WAFA 5/16; MNA 5/17; PCHR 5/18)

17 MAY 2017

In the **West Bank**, an **Israeli settler** shoots and injures a Palestinian after Palestinian youths throw rocks at passing vehicles outside Ramallah. The **IDF** then arrests the injured Palestinian and closes the entrance to nearby

Silwad village. Palestinian businesses in Tulkarm hold a 1-day strike and Palestinian protesters shut down the **United Nations (UN) office** in Ramallah in solidarity with the 1,500-plus Palestinian prisoners observing the Dignity Strike and to protest the organization's alleged inaction on their behalf (see Update). **Israeli forces** demolish the inner walls of a home nr. Hebron. IDF troops arrest 8 Palestinians and confiscate 1 car during late-night raids in and around Hebron, Tubas, and Bethlehem; and patrol nr. Hebron during the day. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** violently disperse Palestinians demonstrating in Qalandia and Sheikh Jarrah in solidarity with the Dignity Strikers; 1 Palestinian is injured and arrested. They also arrest 27 Palestinians during late-night raids in Silwan, Shu'fat, Abu Dis, Issawiyya, and Hizma. In **Israel**, **Israeli forces** demolish the Bedouin village of al-'Araqib for the 113th time since 2010. (HA, MNA, WAFA 5/17; MNA, PCHR 5/18; PCHR 5/25)

18 MAY 2017

An **Israeli settler** shoots and kills 1 Palestinian and injures another outside

Huwwara village nr. Nablus. A video of the incident shows that he drove his car into a group of Palestinians who then surrounded him, brandishing stones, and he opened fire. The shooting occurs amid clashes between **IDF troops** and Palestinians marching in solidarity with the 1,500-plus hunger-striking Palestinian prisoners observing the **Dignity Strike** (see Update). The IDF decides not to investigate the ramming and shooting as a criminal incident. Later in the day, the IDF shuts down the nearby Huwwara checkpoint while dozens of settlers gather to “show their presence” to Palestinians in the area. **IDF troops** violently disperse Palestinians protesting the Huwwara killing in Qalandia refugee camp (r.c.), al-Bireh, and Qalqilya; 5 Palestinians are injured by live ammunition and 1 is arrested. They also arrest 3 Palestinians during raids nr. Ramallah and Nablus, and patrol during the day nr. Hebron and Salfit. Late at night, **Israeli settlers** set fire to a Palestinian tractor and spray price-tag graffiti on walls outside Burin village. (EI, HA, MNA 5/18; MNA 5/19; PCHR 5/25)

Elsewhere in the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** conduct raids in Silwad village nr. Ramallah, sparking clashes; 1 Palestinian is seriously injured and 2 are arrested. **Israeli forces** demolish 8 coal production buildings and 2 sheds nr. Jenin. (HA, MNA, WAFA 5/18)

19 MAY 2017

IDF troops violently disperse Palestinians, Israelis, and international activists at Friday protests against the settler killing of a Palestinian nr. Nablus on 5/18, and in solidarity with Palestinian prisoners on hunger strike in 5 areas nr. Ramallah (Qalandia checkpoint, Abud, Nabi Salih, Bil'in, and Ni'lin), 2 nr. Nablus (Beita and Bayt Dajan), Kafr Qaddum nr. Qalqilya,

Hebron and nearby Bayt Umar, Bethlehem, Dayr Istya nr. Salfit, along Gaza's border nr. Jabaliya r.c., and Gaza City; at least 11 Palestinians are injured and 12 are arrested. The IDF also arrests 5 Palestinians during raids nr. Tulkarm, Bethlehem, and Ramallah; and patrols nr. Qalqilya and Hebron. (HA, MNA, WAFA 5/19; PCHR 5/25)

20 MAY 2017

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** violently disperse Palestinian youths throwing stones at an IDF post nr. Ramallah; 1 Palestinian is injured. They also arrest a Palestinian girl at the Qalandia checkpoint allegedly found to be carrying a knife. They arrest 3 more Palestinians during late-night raids in Ramallah and nr. Hebron and Bethlehem, and patrol nr. Hebron and Nablus. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** escort Joint List member of Knesset (MK) Masud Ganaim from **Haram al-Sharif** after he violates the ban on Israeli MKs and ministers visiting the sanctuary. (MNA, TOI, WAFA 5/20; PCHR 5/25)

A **Palestinian youth** succumbs to injuries sustained in a confrontation with IDF troops on 3/15 nr. Bethlehem. (MNA, TOI 5/21; PCHR 5/25)

U.S. pres. Donald Trump meets with **Saudi king Salman bin Abdulaziz** in Riyadh on the first day of his first international trip as president. They discuss the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, among other regional issues, and sign a joint “strategic vision,” including \$110 b. in U.S. arms sales to Saudi Arabia over 10 years (see Update). (AP, REU 5/20)

21 MAY 2017

IDF troops raid a protest camp nr. Hebron where approx. 175 Palestinian and Israeli activists are protesting the eviction of an entire

Palestinian community in the area. The IDF tears down the activists' tents and confiscates their generator and sound system; there are no serious injuries. IDF troops also violently disperse Palestinians nr. Ramallah (Silwad and Nabi Salih) and Jericho rallying in solidarity with the hunger-striking prisoners; at least 11 Palestinians are injured. Elsewhere in the **West Bank, IDF troops** shoot stun grenades and tear gas at Palestinian students in al-Khadir nr. Bethlehem, seriously injuring 1. They also arrest 5 Palestinians during late-night raids nr. Bethlehem and Nablus, and patrol nr. Hebron and Nablus. **Israeli settlers** attempt to cut the power supply to Burin village nr. Nablus, sparking clashes with stone-throwing Palestinians; 1 Palestinian is injured. In **East Jerusalem, Israeli forces** arrest 2 Palestinians during late-night raids in al-Thawri. Off **Gaza's coast, Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Gaza City, causing no damage or injuries. (MNA, WAFA 5/21; PCHR 5/25)

A Gaza court sentences 3 men to death for the 3/24 killing of **senior Hamas military cmdr. Mazen Fuqaha** (see *JPS* 46 [4]). (TOI 5/21; MNA 5/22)

Israel's security cabinet approves a package of measures designed to facilitate economic growth in **Area C** of the West Bank (see Update for details). The package is explicitly meant as a confidence-building gesture of good faith ahead of U.S. pres. Trump's visit to Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories (oPt) on 5/22–23. (HA, JP, MNA, NYT 5/21; TOI 5/22)

Israel's security cabinet creates a comm. to address unregulated settlement outposts and the implementation of the so-called regulations law that the Knesset passed in 12/2016 (see *JPS* 46 [3]). The comm. is set to work on the issue for 3 years, with **PM Benjamin**

Netanyahu and **DM Avigdor Lieberman** receiving updates every 3 mos. (JP 5/21)

22 MAY 2017

Palestinians in the West Bank, Israel, and across the world join in a general strike in solidarity with the 1,500-plus Palestinian prisoners' Dignity Strike (see Update). IDF troops violently disperse protesters at the Qalandia checkpoint, Nabi Salih nr. Ramallah, 'Azun nr. Qalqilya, outside Dayr Sharaf nr. Nablus, and along Gaza's border nr. al-Bureij r.c.; at least 10 Palestinians are injured. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** shoot and kill a Palestinian at a checkpoint nr. Bethlehem. No Israelis are injured. They also arrest 5 Palestinian youths throwing stones at an Israeli settlement nr. Jericho; and patrol nr. Hebron during the day. Approximately 4,000 Jewish settlers, as well as former Arkansas gov. Mike Huckabee, visit Joseph's Tomb nr. Nablus overnight, sparking clashes between their IDF escort and stone-throwing Palestinians; 2 Palestinians are arrested. IDF troops also conduct raids in Bayt Umar nr. Hebron, sparking clashes with stone-throwing Palestinians; there are no serious injuries. In **East Jerusalem, Israeli forces** arrest 7 Palestinians during late-night raids nr. Jabal Mukabir, Silwan, and Ras al-Amud. Along **Gaza's border, IDF troops** open fire on Palestinian farmers working nr. Khan Yunis and agricultural areas nr. al-Maghazi r.c. Off Gaza's coast, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Rafah twice, causing no damage or injuries. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI, WAFA 5/22; PCHR 5/25)

Upon his arrival in Israel, **U.S. pres. Trump** gives a short speech on the tarmac at Ben Gurion Airport to a crowd of Israeli leaders, including PM Netanyahu. (The Israeli PM

reportedly orders his ministers to greet Trump on the tarmac after many, including several party heads, said they were not planning to attend). “We have before us a rare opportunity to bring security and stability and peace to this region and to its people, defeating terrorism and creating a future of harmony, prosperity, and peace,” Trump says, referencing the peace initiative he hopes to advance during his visit to Israel. “But we can only get there working together. There is no other way.” Trump then meets with Israeli pres. Reuven Rivlin and visits the Western Wall, the first time a sitting U.S. pres. has done so. In his major policy speech of the day, Trump links the fight against Iran with Israeli-Palestinian peace, saying that the Arab states are willing to work with Israel to normalize relations, if Israel ends its occupation of Palestinian lands. (HA, NYT, TOI 5/22; HA 5/23)

23 MAY 2017

Israeli forces shoot and seriously injure a Palestinian after he allegedly stabs and lightly injures an **Israeli police officer** in **Netanya**. They arrest the man, a resident of Tulkarm, and take him to a hospital (he will succumb to his injuries on 5/25). In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and injure a Palestinian youth allegedly throwing stones at them outside Silwad nr. Ramallah. They also arrest 1 Palestinian during late-night raids in and around Hebron and Nablus, and patrol nr. Hebron. Along **Gaza’s border**, **IDF troops** violently disperse Palestinians nr. al-Bureij r.c. and nr. Khan Yunis protesting in solidarity with the prisoners on hunger strike; 1 Palestinian is seriously injured. (HA, JP, MNA 5/23; PCHR 5/25)

On the 2d and final day of his visit to Israel and the oPt, **U.S. pres. Trump** meets briefly with **Palestinian Authority (PA) pres.**

Mahmoud Abbas in Bethlehem before returning to Israel for a short tour of Yad Vashem. According to a White House statement released in the evening, Abbas tells Trump he is ready to “begin negotiating [with Israel] immediately,” without mentioning any preconditions (see Update). In a joint press conference with Abbas, Trump says, “I truly believe if Israel and the Palestinians can make peace, it will begin a process for peace in the Middle East. Abbas assures me he is ready to work toward that goal in good faith, and [Israeli PM] Netanyahu has promised the same.” He then says, “Peace can never take root in an environment where violence is tolerated, funded, and even rewarded,” referring to allegations that the PA is fostering anti-Israeli incitement. Later, on Trump’s flight from Israel to Rome, a **senior U.S. official** says that the pres. is hoping to reach a “common set of principles” on which to restart peace talks. (HA, JP, MNA, NYT, TOI, WHPO 5/23; HA, JP, TOI 5/24; TOI 5/25)

Armed fighters in the Sinai Peninsula fire a rocket into s. Israel overnight. It lands in an open space, causing no damage or injuries. No group claims responsibility. (JP, TOI 5/23)

24 MAY 2017

Approximately 60,000 Israelis march through the Old City of Jerusalem in commemoration of **Jerusalem Day**, a celebration of the IDF’s 1967 capture of the city. Hundreds of left-wing activists and Palestinians participate in a counter-demonstration outside the Old City, sparking minor clashes (there are no serious injuries). Approximately 700 Jewish settlers visit **Haram al-Sharif**; Israeli forces arrest 15 of them for praying at the sanctuary, along with 3 Islamic Waqf guards. Elsewhere in **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest

1 Palestinian during a raid in Shu‘fat r.c. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest 2 Palestinians nr. Nablus when they are discovered to be carrying pipe bombs. They also assault and arrest 2 Palestinian youths walking home from school in Aida r.c. nr. Bethlehem, and arrest 11 Palestinians during late-night raids nr. Qalqilya, Tulkarm, Nablus, and Ramallah. In **Gaza**, 5 Palestinians are injured in an explosion at an unspecified “resistance site” nr. Rafah, according to medical sources. Along **Gaza’s border**, **IDF troops** open fire on Palestinian agricultural fields nr. Gaza City, causing no damage or injuries. In **n. Israel**, **unidentified assailants** torch 2 cars and spray price-tag graffiti on a Palestinian building. (MNA, TOI, WAFA 5/24; PCHR 5/25; PCHR 6/1)

25 MAY 2017

In the **West Bank**, an **Israeli settler driver** allegedly rams a Palestinian youth nr. Hebron, causing serious injuries. **Israeli settlers** and **IDF troops** surround a Palestinian school in Tuqu‘ village nr. Bethlehem. The soldiers arrest 2 teachers and 1 student who allegedly threw rocks at the settlers. **IDF troops** raid a printing shop in Ramallah, seizing \$18,000 worth of equipment. They also arrest 2 Palestinians during a late-night raid nr. Ramallah, patrol during the day nr. Hebron and Qalqilya; and violently disperse Palestinian and international activists at a protest encampment outside Yatta village nr. Hebron; there are no serious injuries. The IDF injures 4 Palestinians in further clashes at a checkpoint nr. Qalqilya. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 6 Palestinians during violent raids in Issawiyya and Hizma. Off **Gaza’s coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Bayt Lahiya and Gaza City; there are no serious injuries or damage. (MNA 5/25; PCHR 6/1)

The Palestinian man seriously injured on 5/23 in a confrontation with Israeli forces in Netanya succumbs to his injuries. (MNA 5/25)

PA pres. Abbas meets with **U.S. special rep. for international negotiations Jason Greenblatt** in Ramallah to discuss the Dignity Strike. “We asked the American side to intervene in guaranteeing [our] prisoners’ rights and achieving their humane demands,” Abbas later tells the Fatah Central Comm. (JP, TOI 5/25)

Greenblatt also meets with **Israeli PM Netanyahu** to follow up on U.S. pres. Trump’s visit to the region on 5/22–23. The PM’s office then denies a report that the U.S. is pushing for Israel to transfer parts of Area C to Area B, increasing Palestinian control of the West Bank, as a goodwill gesture. (JP 5/26)

The IDF’s **Coordinator of Govt. Activities in the Territories (COGAT)** Yoav Mordechai says that the **Israeli govt.** will acquiesce to the PA’s 4/27 request to reduce the electricity supply to Gaza (see Update and *JPS* 46 [4]). The PA, which typically pays NIS 40 m. (approx. \$11.2 m.) per mo. for Israel to transfer electricity to Gaza, will reduce its monthly payments to NIS 25–30 m. (BBC, JP, MNA, TOI, YA 5/25; AP 5/31)

Hamas forces execute the 3 Palestinians convicted of crimes related to the assassination of senior Hamas cmdr. Fuqaha on 3/24 (see *JPS* 46 [3]). (JP, NYT 5/25; EI 5/26)

26 MAY 2017

IDF troops violently disperse Palestinians, Israelis, and international activists at Friday protests in solidarity with the 1,500-plus Palestinian prisoners on hunger strike in 5 areas nr. Ramallah (Qalandia checkpoint, Abud, Nabi Salih, Bil’in, and Ni‘lin), Beita nr. Nablus, Kafr Qaddum nr. Qalqilya, Hebron and

nearby Bayt Umar, and along Gaza's border nr. Jabaliya r.c. and al-Bureij r.c.; at least 8 Palestinians are injured. Meanwhile, the IDF patrols nr. Hebron and Nablus. **Israeli settlers** throw stones at Palestinian shops in c. Hebron, causing minor damage. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Bayt Lahiya, causing no damage or injuries. (MNA, WAFA 5/26; PCHR 6/1)

In response to COGAT's 5/25 announcement of a reduction in Israel's **electricity supply** to Gaza, **Hamas** releases a statement threatening "consequences" if the reductions are implemented. Meanwhile, **UN special coordinator Nickolay Mladenov** says that the energy crisis in Gaza is affecting water supplies and health services, which could spark another war. (AFP, MNA 5/26)

27 MAY 2017

In the **West Bank**, **Israeli settlers** assault and moderately injure a Palestinian shepherd nr. Nablus. **IDF troops** arrest 2 Palestinians and issue 1 arrest summons during late-night raids nr. Hebron. In **Israel**, more than 10,000 Israelis and Palestinians gather in Tel Aviv's Rabin Square in support of a **2-state solution**. (HA, JP, MNA 5/27; MNA 5/28; PCHR 6/1)

Following almost 20 hours of negotiations between their leaders and representatives of the PA, the **International Comm. of the Red Cross**, and the **Israel Prison Service**, Palestinian prisoners end the **Dignity hunger strike** they launched on 4/17 (see Update for details). In the wake of the deal, the prisoners celebrate a slew of reported concessions, including new sports equipment for some prison yards, while the Israeli authorities deny making any. (EI, HA, MNA, NYT, TOI, WAFA 5/27)

28 MAY 2017

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest 5 Palestinians during late-night raids nr. Nablus, Hebron, and Qalqilya; and patrol nr. Hebron and Nablus during the day. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 16 Palestinians during late-night raids in Shu'fat r.c. and Issawiyya. (PCHR 6/1)

29 MAY 2017

Israeli forces violently disperse Palestinian and international activists at a protest camp nr. Hebron, injuring 3 Palestinians before dismantling the camp. The activists rebuilt the camp after it was first dismantled on 5/21. The **IDF** patrols nr. Hebron and Nablus throughout the day. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 3 Palestinians during raids in Silwan and the Old City. Along **Gaza's n. border**, IDF troops shoot and injure a Palestinian walking nr. the beach. They also fire on Palestinian farmers working nr. Gaza City. Off Gaza's coast, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Bayt Lahiya, causing no damage or injuries. Separately, IDF troops stationed at a coastal watchtower open fire on Palestinian fishermen working along the waterline nr. Jabaliya r.c.; 1 fisherman is injured. (MNA 5/29; MNA 5/30; PCHR 6/1)

30 MAY 2017

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest a Palestinian youth in c. Hebron when she is found to be carrying a knife. They also patrol nr. Hebron throughout the day. Meanwhile, thousands of Palestinian students gather at PA-sponsored sit-ins across the West Bank to "send a message to the world" about Israel's occupation, according to a PA spokesperson.

Off **Gaza's coast, Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Gaza City, injuring 1 fisherman. (JP, MNA, WAFA 5/30; PCHR 6/1)

PA PM Rami Hamdallah meets with **Israeli finance min. Moshe Kahlon** in Ramallah, and agree to expand the PA's authority in certain Israeli-controlled areas of the West Bank. A PA spokesperson says that they also agreed to the "cessation of home demolitions under the pretext of not being licensed" and to increasing the openings of the Allenby Bridge border crossing (a full schedule will be announced on 6/1). The agreements, designed to facilitate Palestinian economic growth and freedom of movement, come in the context of **U.S. pres. Trump's** push for a resumption of peace talks. (MNA 5/31; JP, TOI, WAFA 6/1)

31 MAY 2017

In **East Jerusalem**, dozens of Jewish settlers march through Silwan overnight, vandalizing vehicles and shouting insults at Palestinian residents. **Israeli forces** arrest 3 Palestinians during raids in Issawiyya. In the **West Bank, IDF troops** arrest 1 Palestinian during a late-night raid nr. Ramallah. (MNA 5/31; PCHR 6/1; PCHR 6/8)

1 JUNE 2017

IDF troops shoot and critically injure a Palestinian youth outside a settlement nr. Jenin after she allegedly attempts to stab 1 of them (she will succumb to her injuries on 6/2). They also arrest 1 Palestinian during a late-night raid nr. Qalqilya and patrol nr. Hebron and Nablus. Along **Gaza's border, Israeli forces** conduct a limited incursion to level land nr. Rafah. In **s. Israel, Israeli forces** demolish a

Bedouin's home nr. Beersheba under the pretext that it was not properly licensed. (MNA 6/1; WAFA 6/2; WAFA 6/4; PCHR 6/8)

U.S. pres. Trump signs a waiver delaying the relocation of the **U.S. Embassy** in Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, upholding longstanding U.S. policy (see Update). "Trump made this decision to maximize the chances of successfully negotiating a deal between Israel and the Palestinians, fulfilling his solemn obligation to defend America's national security interests," according to a White House statement. "But, as he has repeatedly stated his intention to move the Embassy, the question is not if that move happens, but only when." (BBC, EI, HA, JP, MNA, NYT, TOI, WHPO, YA 6/1; HA, TOI 6/2)

2 JUNE 2017

IDF troops violently disperse Palestinians, Israelis, and international activists at Friday protests against Israel's occupation, settlements, and separation wall in 3 villages nr. Ramallah (Nabi Salih, Bil'in, and Ni'lin), Kafr Qaddum nr. Qalqilya, and along Gaza's border nr. al-Bureij r.c. and Gaza City; at least 3 Palestinians are injured. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** arrest a Palestinian youth at Qalandia checkpoint, claiming that she was planning to carry out an attack against Israelis; and patrol nr. Hebron. In **East Jerusalem**, 10,000 Palestinians pray at **Haram al-Sharif**, marking the first Friday of Ramadan. Among them are 100 elderly Gazans who were permitted to travel to East Jerusalem for the first time in 6 mos. (see *JPS* 46 [4]). Off **Gaza's coast, Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Jabaliya r.c., causing no damage or injuries. (MNA, TOI 6/2; PCHR 6/8)

The Palestinian critically injured in a confrontation with Israeli forces nr. Jenin on 6/1 succumbs to her injuries. (MNA 6/2)

3 JUNE 2017

Palestinian Authority Security Forces (PASF) troops conduct a late-night raid in Balata r.c. nr. Nablus, sparking clashes with armed residents of the camp; 2 residents are injured. Elsewhere in the **West Bank, IDF troops** set fire to a Palestinian greenhouse during a raid nr. Qalqilya, arrest 3 Palestinians, and issue 1 arrest summons during late-night raids nr. Bethlehem; and patrol during the day nr. Qalqilya and Nablus. In **East Jerusalem, Israeli forces** arrest 3 Palestinians during raids in Silwan, Issawiyya, and the Old City. Off **Gaza's coast, Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Dayr al-Balah and Khan Yunis, causing no damage or injuries. (MNA 6/3; MNA 6/4; PCHR 6/8)

4 JUNE 2017

Along **Gaza's border, Israeli forces** conduct a limited incursion to level land nr. Khuza'a, and open fire on Palestinian agricultural fields nearby. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** violently disperse Palestinians protesting along the border fence nr. Gaza City and Rafah; 1 Palestinian is injured. Seven more Palestinians are injured when an unidentified piece of unexploded ordnance detonates nr. Gaza City. In the **West Bank, IDF troops** arrest 6 Palestinians during late-night raids nr. Ramallah, Bethlehem, Hebron, and Nablus; and patrol nr. Hebron and Nablus. Israeli forces assault and seriously injure a Palestinian taxi driver nr. Nabi Salih. Palestinian youths throw stones at an IDF post nr. Ramallah, sparking minor clashes; 2 Palestinians are injured. In **East Jerusalem**, unidentified assailants vandalize a number of Palestinian vehicles and spray-paint one with price-tag graffiti s. of Shu'fat. **Israeli forces** conduct raids in

Issawiyya, sparking minor clashes with stone-throwing Palestinians; 1 Palestinian journalist is injured. They arrest 2 Palestinians on further raids in the Old City and Shu'fat r.c. (MNA, WAFA 6/4; JP, MNA, WAFA 6/5; PCHR 6/8)

Hamas's new 2d-in-command, Yahya Sinwar, leads a delegation to **Egypt** for talks on the humanitarian situation in Gaza and the status of the Rafah border crossing (see Update). (AP 6/4)

5 JUNE 2017

Israeli forces shoot and kill a Palestinian citizen of Israel (PCI) and injure 2 others amid late-night clashes sparked by an arrest raid in Kafr Kassim. In the **West Bank, IDF troops** conduct raids in Nabi Salih nr. Ramallah, sparking minor clashes with stone-throwing residents (1 Palestinian is injured); arrest 7 Palestinians, and issue 2 arrest summons during additional raids nr. Hebron, Bethlehem, and Salfit; and patrol nr. Qalqilya and Hebron. In **East Jerusalem, Israeli forces** arrest 4 Palestinians during late-night raids in Shu'fat r.c. and the Old City. Along **Gaza's border, Israeli forces** conduct limited incursions to level land nr. Jabaliya r.c. and Juhur al-Dik. They also violently disperse Palestinians protesting the Israeli blockade nr. Jabaliya r.c., Khan Yunis, and Rafah; 3 Palestinians are lightly injured. In 3 separate incidents off Gaza's coast, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Bayt Lahiya and Jabaliya r.c., causing no damage or injuries. (JP, MNA 6/5; HA, MNA, WAFA 6/6; PCHR 6/9)

Bahrain, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates sever economic and diplomatic ties with Qatar, citing Doha's support for so-called terrorist groups, including Hamas, inter alia. The Qatari Foreign Ministry calls

the diplomatic break “unjustified” and “based on claims and allegations that have no basis in fact” (see Update). (AJ, ALM, HA, JP, MNA, REU, TOI 6/5; EI 6/6)

6 JUNE 2017

IDF troops violently disperse Palestinians protesting the Israeli blockade along the border fence nr. Khan Yunis, Jabaliya r.c., and Rafah; 1 is killed and at least 7 are injured. Off **Gaza’s coast, Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Bayt Lahiya, causing no damage or injuries. In the **West Bank, IDF troops** conduct late-night raids in Qalqilya, sparking clashes with stone-throwing youths; 5 Palestinians are injured. They also patrol nr. Ramallah and arrest 3 Palestinians and issue 3 arrest summons during further raids nr. Hebron, Tubas, and Nablus. **Israeli settlers** erect what appears to be an illegal outpost on Palestinian lands nr. Salfit. (The Israeli press will report, on 6/8, that the outpost is, in fact, a temporary set for an Israeli children’s TV show). (MNA, WAFA 6/7; EI 6/8; MNA, PCHR 6/8)

A **Jordanian govt. spokesperson** announces that Jordan will join Saudi Arabia and 3 other Arab states in severing diplomatic and economic ties with Qatar on 6/5 (see Update). (HA, JP, REU, TOI 6/6; AJ, MNA 6/7)

7 JUNE 2017

A **senior Hamas military cmdr.** is seriously injured in an explosion at a “resistance site” in s. Gaza, according to the Gaza-based Ministry of Health. He succumbs to his injuries later in the day. Along **Gaza’s border, IDF troops** violently disperse Palestinians protesting the Israeli blockade nr. Jabaliya; 1 Palestinian is moderately injured. In the **West Bank,**

IDF troops assault 2 Palestinians and confiscate a tractor during a raid nr. Nablus. They also arrest 5 Palestinians during late-night raids nr. Bethlehem, Nablus, and Hebron. Israeli forces bulldoze Palestinian land and establish a mobile checkpoint nr. Jenin. Meanwhile, Palestinians across Israel observe a general strike to mourn the Palestinian killed in Kafr Kassim on 6/5. (MNA, WAFA 6/7; HA, MNA, PCHR, WAFA 6/8; PCHR 6/16)

The **Higher Planning Council of Israel’s Civil Admin.** meets for a 2d day in a row to discuss and debate plans for settlement growth in the West Bank. Over the course of 2 days, the council advances plans for more than 2,000 new settler units, including 102 in Amichai, the new settlement that will house residents of the illegal Amona outpost, which was demolished earlier this year (see *JPS* 46 [3, 4]). (PCN, USSD 6/8; JP 6/11)

8 JUNE 2017

Along **Gaza’s border, IDF troops** violently disperse Palestinians protesting the Israeli blockade nr. Khan Yunis and al-Bureij r.c.; 1 Palestinian is injured. Off **Gaza’s coast, Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Bayt Lahiya, causing no damage or injuries. In the **West Bank, IDF troops** arrest 2 Palestinians and confiscate 2 cars during late-night raids in Hebron, and patrol nr. Hebron and Nablus during the day. (MNA 6/8; PCHR 6/16)

9 JUNE 2017

IDF troops violently disperse Palestinians, Israelis, and international activists at Friday protests against the Israeli occupation, separation wall, and settlements in 3 villages nr. Ramallah (Bil’in, Ni’in, and Nabi Salih),

Kafr Qaddum nr. Qalqilya, and along Gaza's border nr. Jabaliya r.c., Rafah, and al-Bureij r.c.; 1 is killed in Gaza and at least 18 other Palestinians are injured. **IDF troops** also arrest 6 Palestinians during late-night raids nr. Hebron and patrol nr. Qalqilya and Hebron during the day. Meanwhile, thousands of Palestinians visit **Haram al-Sharif**, marking the 2d Friday of Ramadan. A group of Jewish settlers disguised in religious Muslim garb visit the sanctuary in a reported attempt to pray at the holy site. Islamic Waqf guards escort them out when they respond to questions in Hebrew. Elsewhere in **East Jerusalem**, unidentified assailants slash the tires of 9 Palestinian cars and leave anti-Arab graffiti in Bayt Safafa overnight. (HA, MNA, WAFA 6/9; PCHR 6/16)

Turkish and Palestinian officials reveal that Ankara has sent a cargo ship full of humanitarian aid, which will arrive in Gaza by the end of Ramadan. It will be the 3d shipment of Turkish aid since the Israeli-Turkish rapprochement of 6/2016 (see *JPS* 46 [1]). (MNA 6/9)

10 JUNE 2017

IDF troops arrest 1 Palestinian during a late-night raid in Hebron and patrol nr. Qalqilya and Nablus during the day. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli settlers** enter Silwan en masse after an Israeli settler vehicle is found burned in the neighborhood overnight, leading to minor clashes between the Israeli forces escorting them and Palestinian residents of the neighborhood (there are no serious injuries). Separately, **Israeli forces** arrest a Palestinian student during a raid in Bayt Hanina late at night. (PCHR 6/16)

COGAT confirms that, beginning today and ending on 9/10, the **Allenby Bridge border crossing** between Jordan and the West Bank

will be open 24 hours a day, 5 days a week (see Update). (MNA 6/10)

11 JUNE 2017

In **East Jerusalem**, Israeli forces briefly lock down **Haram al-Sharif** after an unidentified assailant throws a stone at Jewish settlers touring the sanctuary; 4 Palestinians are arrested and banned from Haram al-Sharif for various lengths of time in connection with the incident. Israeli forces also arrest 5 Palestinians during late-night raids in Silwan and Wadi al-Juz. In the **West Bank**, **Israeli forces** deliver a stop-work order to a Palestinian home under construction nr. Jericho; arrest 6 Palestinians during late-night raids nr. Hebron, Ramallah and Jenin; and patrol nr. Hebron and Nablus during the day. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Jabaliya r.c., causing no damage or injuries. Along **Gaza's border**, **IDF troops** open fire on Palestinian farmers working nr. Khan Yunis, causing no injuries. (JP, MNA, WAFA 6/11; MNA 6/12; PCHR 6/16)

Israel's security cabinet approves a 40% reduction in the transfer of electricity to Gaza, acquiescing to the PA's 4/27 request (see Update and *JPS* 46 [4]). The security cabinet also discusses a proposal to build an artificial island off **Gaza's coast** to host a port to facilitate economic growth and alleviate the region's humanitarian crisis. DM Lieberman reportedly opposes the proposal, and no decision is made. (TOI 6/11; EI, JP, MNA 6/12; HA 6/13)

The **Israeli Knesset's Ministerial Comm. for Legislation** approves a bill to deduct from Israel's monthly transfers of **tax revenues** to the PA a sum equal to the amount the PA pays to Palestinians convicted of serious crimes against Israelis and their families. The bill is

modeled after similar legislation introduced in the U.S. Congress in 2/2017 (see H.R. 1164 of 2/16/2017 and S. 474 of 2/28/2017 at congressionalmonitor.org, as well as H.R. 1164 of 2/16/2017). The sum deducted would be an estimated NIS 1 b. (approx. \$280 m.) per year. (JP, MNA, TOI 6/11)

12 JUNE 2017

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** detain and interrogate 2 Palestinians during a raid in Rantis village nr. Bethlehem. Hours later, **PASF troops** arrive to arrest 1 of the men. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** arrest a Palestinian at a checkpoint in c. Hebron after she is found to be carrying a knife. They arrest 6 more Palestinians during late-night raids in and around Hebron, Ramallah, and Tulkarm; and patrol nr. Hebron during the day. **Israeli forces** level Palestinian lands outside Bayt Dajan in the n. Jordan Valley. Along **Gaza's border**, **Israeli forces** conduct a limited incursion to level land nr. Khan Yunis. They also arrest a Palestinian attempting to cross into Israel nr. Rafah. (MNA, TOI, WAFA 6/12; MNA 6/13; PCHR 6/16)

Hamas-affiliated media report that the high-level delegation to **Egypt** led by Hamas's new 2d-in-command **Sinwar** has returned to **Gaza** without reaching any major agreement on the Rafah border crossing or other issues. "All the shared issues have been studied in a serious and deep way with our Egyptian brothers," a Hamas source says. However, there is speculation in the Arab press that Hamas and the Egyptian govt. did, in fact, reach an agreement to ease points of tensions (see Update). (TOI 6/12; MNA, TOI 6/13)

13 JUNE 2017

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** conduct a raid in Dahaysha r.c. nr. Bethlehem late at night,

arresting 2 Palestinians and sparking clashes; 4 Palestinians are injured. They arrest 5 more Palestinians during late-night raids nr. Bethlehem and Ramallah; patrol nr. Hebron and Nablus. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** assault and arrest a Palestinian during a raid in Silwan overnight. They arrest 6 more Palestinians during raids in Silwan and Issawiyya. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Rafah and Bayt Lahiya, causing no damage or injuries. (MNA, WAFA 6/14; PCHR 6/16)

14 JUNE 2017

Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Jabaliya r.c. and nr. Gaza City, causing no damage or injuries. Along Gaza's border, **IDF troops** open fire on Palestinian lands nr. Khan Yunis, causing no damage. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest 8 Palestinians during late-night raids in and around Hebron, Ramallah, and Bethlehem. In **Israel**, **Israeli forces** demolish the Bedouin village al-'Araqib for the 114th time since 2010. (MNA, WAFA 6/14; PCHR 6/16; PCHR 6/22)

The Israeli press reports that the Israeli PM's office approved a plan to increase the municipal boundaries of **Qalqilya**, which would allow the construction of **approximately 14,000 new Palestinian homes** in Area C of the West Bank. (It will be reported that only approximately 5,000 new homes could be built in the space allotted.) PM Netanyahu's office later confirms that the plan was presented in 2016 and approved by the cabinet. The Samaria Regional Council pledges to file a formal petition against the plan. (HA, JP, TOI 6/14)

Israel's Knesset advances a bill that would deduct from the monthly transfers of **tax**

revenues to the PA a sum equal to the amount that the PA pays to Palestinians convicted of serious crimes against Israelis and their families. It will now be sent to the Knesset Comm. on Foreign Affairs and Defense to prepare it for its 1st reading. (JP, MNA, TOI 6/14)

15 JUNE 2017

In the **West Bank, IDF troops** arrest 3 Palestinians during raids nr. Hebron, and patrol nr. the city throughout the day. In **East Jerusalem, Israeli forces** arrest 4 Palestinians and assault 1 during raids in Silwan, Issawiyya, and the Old City. (PCHR 6/22)

PA atty. gen. Ahmad Barrak blocks 11 websites affiliated with **Hamas** and exiled Fatah leader **Mohammad Dahlan**. He says the sites violate “rules of publications” banning defamation and misinformation (see Update for more on the PA’s efforts to undermine Pres. Abbas’s rivals). (AJ, JP, MNA 6/16)

16 JUNE 2017

Israeli police shoot and kill 3 Palestinian youths outside the Old City of East Jerusalem after they attack Israeli guards at Damascus Gate with knives and guns: 1 Israeli police officer is lightly injured and 1 is fatally wounded, succumbing to her injuries later in the day. After the attack, **IDF troops** conduct raids in the alleged attackers’ village of Dayr Abu Mash’al nr. Ramallah, imposing a lockdown on the village and sparking clashes with residents; 2 Palestinians are injured (see Photos from the Quarter for more). **Israeli PM Netanyahu** then rescinds all **250,000 permits** issued to Palestinians for Ramadan. (HA, MNA, NYT, TOI, WAFA 6/16)

While the Israeli authorities ramp up their crackdown, thousands of Palestinians visit

Haram al-Sharif on the 3d Friday of Ramadan, and Israeli police deploy additional battalions throughout East Jerusalem. IDF troops shoot and injure 2 Palestinian youths attempting to cross into Jerusalem from Bethlehem to pray at the sanctuary. Separately, **IDF troops** also violently disperse Palestinians, Israelis, and international activists at Friday protests against the Israeli occupation, separation wall, and settlements in 3 villages nr. Ramallah (Bil’in, Ni’lin, and Nabi Salih), Kafr Qaddum nr. Qalqilya, and along Gaza’s border nr. Jabaliya r.c., al-Bureij r.c., Rafah, and Khan Yunis; 7 Palestinians are injured. They arrest 7 Palestinians during late-night raids in and around Hebron and Tulkarm, and patrol nr. Hebron throughout the day. Along **Gaza’s border, IDF troops** open fire on Palestinian youths approaching the border fence; there are no serious injuries. (HA, MNA, NYT, TOI, WAFA 6/16; MNA 6/17; WAFA 6/19; PCHR 6/22)

17 JUNE 2017

In the **West Bank, IDF troops** conduct raids in Dayr Abu Mash’al for the 2d day in a row, confiscating 40 cars, threatening punitive demolitions, and sparking clashes; 3 Palestinians are injured. They also arrest a Palestinian outside the **Gush Etzion** settlement bloc after he allegedly stabs and injures an Israeli settler, arrest 1 Palestinian during a raid in Bethlehem, and patrol nr. Ramallah and Hebron. **Israeli settlers** throw stones at Palestinian cars driving nr. Ramallah, causing minor damage and no injuries. In **East Jerusalem, Israeli forces** arrest at least **350 Palestinians** in the city for Ramadan, putting them on buses and sending them back to the West Bank. The campaign follows Israeli PM Netanyahu’s 6/16 order

rescinding Ramadan permits. Meanwhile, **Israeli forces** arrest 8 Palestinians during raids in Abu Dis and the Old City. Off **Gaza's coast, Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Bayt Lahiya, causing no damage or injuries. (HA, MNA, TOI, Wafa 6/17; MNA, Wafa 6/18; PCHR 6/22)

18 JUNE 2017

Amid heightened tensions at **Haram al-Sharif**, Israeli police enter the sanctuary to disperse hundreds of Muslim worshippers protesting the Israeli crackdown following the deadly attack on 6/16; 3 Israelis are injured and several Palestinians are arrested. Meanwhile, Israeli forces arrest 2 Palestinians during late-night raids in Shu'fat r.c. and Kafr 'Aqab. In the **West Bank, IDF troops** conduct raids in Dayr Abu Mash'al nr. Ramallah for the 3d day in a row, arresting at least 3 Palestinians and sparking minor clashes; 2 Palestinians are injured. The IDF arrests 11 Palestinians and issues 2 arrest summons during late-night raids in and around Qalqilya, Bethlehem, Nablus, and Jenin. Off **Gaza's coast, Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Gaza City, causing no damage or injuries. (HA, MNA, Wafa 6/18; MNA 6/19; PCHR 6/22)

Following days of complaints from Israeli ultranationalists, **Israeli PM Netanyahu** says that his security cabinet will reconsider the plan, 1st reported on 6/14, to allow **Qalqilya** to expand into Area C with 5,000 new housing units. He claims to not remember the cabinet's approval of the plan back in 2016. (JP, TOI 6/18)

19 JUNE 2017

IDF troops conduct a raid in c. Hebron, sparking clashes with stone-throwing residents; 1 IDF vehicle is set on fire and there are no

serious injuries. Elsewhere in the **West Bank**, they arrest 5 Palestinians on further raids nr. Bethlehem and Hebron; and patrol nr. Nablus and Qalqilya. **Israeli settlers** throw stones at Palestinian vehicles nr. Nablus, causing minor damage to some. In **East Jerusalem, Israeli forces** arrest 1 Palestinian during a raid in the Old City. Along **Gaza's border, Israeli forces** conduct limited incursions to level land nr. **Bayt Hanun** and **Rafah**. Off Gaza's coast, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Bayt Lahiya, causing no damage or injuries. (MNA 6/19; MNA, Wafa 6/20; PCHR 6/22)

The **Israeli authorities** begin implementing their 6/11 decision to cut the **electricity** supply to Gaza. (They will continue daily cuts through 6/22, fully implementing the 6/11 decision; see Update.) (EI, MNA, TOI 6/19; MNA 6/20)

20 JUNE 2017

IDF troops shoot and kill a Palestinian at al-Jaba' checkpoint nr. **Ramallah** after he allegedly attempts to stab 1 of them. After the incident, the IDF raids the alleged attacker's home in al-'Izzariya and arrests his father. Elsewhere in the **West Bank, Israeli forces** begin leveling land nr. **Nablus** to expand settlement infrastructure in the area. **IDF troops** arrest 2 Palestinians during late-night raids nr. Hebron. In **East Jerusalem, Israeli forces** briefly detain an Islamic Waqf guard at **Haram al-Sharif** and summon 3 other guards for interrogation. (HA, MNA 6/20; EI, MNA 6/21; PCHR 6/22)

A day after the Israeli authorities began cutting the electricity supply to **Gaza**, a **Hamis-affiliated source** says that the **Egyptian govt.** has agreed to ship diesel fuel into the region via the **Rafah** border crossing to allow Gaza's sole power plant to resume operations

for a limited time. It's unclear if the shipments are linked to a rumored agreement between Egypt and Hamas earlier this mo. (see Update). (HA, TOI 6/20)

Israeli forces begin construction on **Amichai**, a new settlement to house residents of the illegal **Amona** outpost, which was demolished in early 2/2017 (see *JPS* 46 [3, 4]). Amichai is reportedly the 1st settlement built officially by the Israeli govt. in 25 years. (HA, MNA, TOI 6/20)

21 JUNE 2017

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** conduct raids in Dayr Abu Mash'al nr. Ramallah for the 4th time this week, confiscating about 20 vehicles and arresting 2 relatives of the 3 Palestinians killed in a confrontation with Israeli forces on 6/16. They also arrest 2 Palestinians during late-night raids nr. Hebron and Nablus, and patrol during the day nr. Hebron. **Israeli forces** level land nr. Nablus for a 2d day in a row. In **East Jerusalem**, around 300,000 Muslims pray at **Haram al-Sharif** late at night, marking Laylat al-Qadr, the night Muslims observe to mark the revelation of the Qur'an to the Prophet Muhammad. (MNA, WAFA 6/21; HA, PCHR, WAFA 6/22; PCHR 7/6)

Son-in-law and senior advisor to U.S. pres. Jared Kushner arrives in Israel and meets with **Israeli PM Netanyahu** to discuss U.S. efforts to restart Palestinian-Israeli peace talks. According to the White House, the 2 sides reaffirmed their desire to make peace and acknowledged the need for "economic opportunities for Palestinians and major investment in the Palestinian economy." Kushner and **U.S. rep. Greenblatt** then travel to Ramallah to meet with **PA pres. Abbas**. No further details are made available. (HA, TOI, WHPO, YA 6/21; WAFA 6/22)

Netanyahu meets with several top defense and security officials to approve a new "security strategy" for **Damascus Gate, the main entrance to Jerusalem's Muslim Quarter**, following the 6/16 attack in East Jerusalem. The new strategy reportedly includes new "surveillance points," increased numbers of cameras, and other measures. (They will announce it on 6/22; see Update.) (MNA 6/22; TOI 6/23)

22 JUNE 2017

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shut down the main entrance to a Palestinian industrial area nr. Hebron. They also arrest 1 Palestinian during a raid nr. Ramallah and patrol during the day nr. Hebron. **Israeli settlers** assault 5 Palestinians in **West Jerusalem**. The Israeli police then arrest the Palestinians. Along **Gaza's border**, **Israeli forces** conduct a limited incursion to level land nr. Jabaliya r.c. (MNA 6/22; PCHR 7/6)

Following **PA pres. Abbas's** meeting with senior **U.S. advisor Kushner** on 6/21, some **Palestinian officials** express disappointment with the **Trump admin.'s** failure to condemn recent reports of Israeli settlement construction, adding that they are especially concerned about this as the U.S.-led effort to restart peace talks begins. One official says, "It is impossible to speak about [bringing the sides] to serious negotiations as long as Israel continues massive construction in the settlements with a green light . . . or thunderous silence [from the U.S.]" (HA 6/22)

Using diesel fuel shipped from **Egypt** over the past few days, **Gaza's power plant** resumes operations for the 1st time since 4/2017 (see *JPS* 46 [4]). The Egyptian authorities are set to ship another 1 m. L of fuel into Gaza on 6/24. (MNA, TOI 6/22; MNA 6/24)

Israeli PM Netanyahu approves a project to add 300 new housing units to the **Beit El settlement** in the West Bank. On 6/19, he reportedly told Beit El's mayor that plans will be formally advanced in 9/2017 in a private meeting. The mayor had been publicly criticizing Netanyahu for holding up the plan. (TOI 6/22)

23 JUNE 2017

IDF troops violently disperse Palestinians, Israelis, and international activists at Friday protests against the Israeli occupation, separation wall, and settlements in 3 villages nr. Ramallah (Bil'in, Ni'in, and Nabi Salih), Kafr Qaddum nr. Qalqilya and along Gaza's border nr. Jabaliya r.c.; at least 4 Palestinians are injured. They also arrest 6 Palestinians during late-night raids in Jenin and Bethlehem, and patrol nr. Hebron and Nablus during the day. (MNA 6/23; TOI 6/25; PCHR 7/6)

24 JUNE 2017

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest 20 Jewish settlers attempting to enter **Joseph's Tomb** nr. **Nablus** late at night. They also arrest 4 Palestinians during late-night raids nr. Bethlehem and Ramallah. **Jewish settlers** cut down 10 Palestinian olive trees nr. Ramallah. (Wafa 6/24; MNA, TOI 6/25; PCHR 7/6)

After approximately 10 errant projectiles fired from **Syria** land in the **Israeli-occupied Golan Heights**, **Israeli fighter jets** launch air strikes on the supposed sites of origin, reportedly killing 2 Syrian soldiers. (HA, MNA, TOI, YA 6/24)

25 JUNE 2017

PASF troops violently disperse dozens of **former Palestinian prisoners** outside a govt.

building in Ramallah; there are no serious injuries. The former prisoners were protesting the fact that the PA suspended payments to 277 former prisoners at the beginning of the mo. They vow to maintain pressure on the PA, insisting that Pres. Abbas not relent to Israeli and U.S. pressure to end the payments. The PA does not make any official statements on the protests or the payments. (MNA 6/26; EI 6/27; PCHR 7/6)

An **Israeli settler** stabs and injures a Palestinian youth at an IDF checkpoint nr. **Bethlehem**. Witnesses say they were having a personal dispute. Elsewhere in the **West Bank**, settlers shout anti-Arab insults at residents of Sanur village nr. **Jenin** and cut down 30 Palestinian olive trees nr. Nablus. **Israeli human rights workers** discover 45 Palestinian-owned olive trees destroyed outside Burin village nr. Nablus, as well as the Hebrew word for "revenge" scrawled in spray paint on a nearby stone. Hours later, **Israeli settlers** attack Israeli forces dismantling an illegally built structure nr. Nablus, sparking minor clashes; 3 settlers are arrested. **IDF troops** arrest 1 Palestinian during a late-night raid nr. Hebron. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 5 Palestinians during late-night raids in Silwan. (MNA, TOI 6/25; MNA 6/26)

For a 2d day in a row, errant projectiles fired from **Syria** land inside the **Israeli-occupied Golan Heights**, causing no damage or injuries. The IDF fires missiles at a Syrian army truck and 2 artillery guns in the Golan Heights in response. "The IDF is not a side to the internal fight in Syria and isn't involved in it," an IDF statement on the incident reads. "However, it views with severity any attempt to harm the sovereignty of Israel and the safety of its citizens and considers the Syrian regime responsible for what transpires in its territory." (AP, HA, MNA, TOI, YA 6/25)

26 JUNE 2017

Unidentified assailants fire a rocket from Gaza into s. Israel; it lands in an open area, causing no damage or injuries. Late at night, the **Israeli Air Force** launches air strikes on 2 Hamas military sites nr. **Gaza City** and **Rafah**, causing damage to a number of Palestinian homes. Israeli artillery positioned along the border fence fire on agricultural lands nr. Gaza City as well, causing no serious damage or injuries. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** clash with stone-throwing Palestinians during late-night raids in Dahaysha r.c. nr. Bethlehem, Bayt Umar and Bayt Awa nr. Hebron; at least 8 Palestinians are injured. They also arrest 8 Palestinians and issue 1 arrest summons during late-night raids nr. Hebron and Ramallah; and patrol nr. Hebron and Nablus during the day. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 2 Palestinians during raids in Abu Dis. (TOI 6/26; HA, JP, MNA, WAFA, YA 6/27; PCHR 7/6)

For a 3d day in a row, errant fire from **Syria** crosses into the **Israeli-occupied Golan Heights**. The IDF says it was only a few bullets, and that they caused no damage or injuries. (HA, YA 6/26)

27 JUNE 2017

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** deliver demolition notices to several homes in al-Mughayyir nr. **Ramallah**, sparking clashes with stone-throwing residents; 1 Palestinian is injured. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Bayt Lahiya on 3 separate occasions, causing no damage or injuries. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 4 Palestinians during raids in al-Ram and Anata r.c. (WAFA 6/27; PCHR 7/6)

Hamas accuses **Israel** of fabricating claims of rocket fire on 6/26 to justify air strikes on

the group's military sites. "The Israeli claim of a rocket being fired from Gaza . . . justify[ing] the escalation and an attack of resistance positions are part of a dangerous and transparent Israeli game," a statement reads. (MNA 6/27)

After 3 days of cross-border violence in the **Golan Heights**, the **IDF** declares an area along the border a closed military zone, barring most civilians from entering (farm workers are allowed to continue their work). The move comes in response to the growing crowds of tourists, both local and foreign, at an observation point overlooking **Qunaytra**. One business owner in the area calls it "war tourism." (HA 6/27)

28 JUNE 2017

IDF troops shoot and kill a Palestinian during a late-night raid of his home in c. **Hebron**. An IDF spokesperson says that the man pulled a gun on the soldiers, prompting them to open fire. Elsewhere in the **West Bank**, **Israeli soldiers** arrest a Palestinian at a checkpoint outside Bethlehem when she is found to be carrying a knife. The **IDF** conducts raids in **Bil'in** village nr. **Ramallah**, sparking clashes with stone-throwing Palestinians; 2 Palestinians are injured. They also arrest 7 Palestinians and issue 2 arrest summons during raids nr. Ramallah, **Nablus**, and **Jenin**, as well as in **Tulkarm**. **Israeli settlers** set fire to an olive grove outside Burin village nr. Nablus, destroying approximately 400 olive trees. Along **Gaza's border**, **Israeli forces** conduct a limited incursion to level land nr. al-Bureij r.c. and open fire on agricultural lands nr. the **Erez border crossing**, causing no major damage. (HA, MNA, TOI 6/28; WAFA 6/29; PCHR 7/6)

Hamas announces that it is constructing a new security barrier along Gaza's border with

Egypt, including new guard posts, lighting, and cameras. A Hamas official says that the barrier was specifically provided for in a recent Hamas-Egypt agreement (see Update and Photos from the Quarter). “These continuing measures are for the sake of achieving control of the s. border and to completely prevent infiltration and smuggling,” he adds. (MNA, TOI 6/28; HA 6/30)

The **IDF** reopens the area in the **Israeli-occupied Golan Heights** it declared a closed military zone on 6/27. Hours later, errant fire from **Syria** crosses the border for the 4th time this week. The **IDF** launches air strikes on Syrian army targets nr. the border, causing damage and a number of injuries. (HA, TOI, YA 6/28)

29 JUNE 2017

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** escort a small group of settler rabbis to visit a mosque in Bayt Umar village nr. **Hebron** early in the morning, sparking clashes with stone-throwing residents of the village; 3 Palestinians are injured. They also arrest a Palestinian in c. Hebron when he is found to be carrying a knife, and assault a Palestinian girl during a raid in Hebron. The **IDF** arrests 3 Palestinians during late-night raids nr. **Jenin** and **Nablus**, and patrols nr. Nablus and Hebron during the day. **Approximately 500 Israeli settlers** gather on a road between Nablus to Ramallah, blocking traffic. In **East Jerusalem**, approximately 123 Jewish settlers tour **Haram al-Sharif**. (MNA, TOI, WAFA 6/29; MNA 6/30; PCHR 7/6)

30 JUNE 2017

IDF troops violently disperse Palestinians, Israelis, and international activists at Friday protests against the Israeli occupation, separation wall, and settlements in 3 villages

nr. Ramallah (Bil'in, Ni'lin, and Nabi Salih) and Kafr Qaddum nr. Qalqilya; at least 1 Palestinian is injured. Elsewhere in the **West Bank**, an **armed Palestinian** opens fire on **IDF troops** conducting a late-night operation in **Jenin**, causing no injuries. (The Israeli soldiers were removing a memorial for Khaled Nazzal, a **Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine [DFLP]** leader assassinated by Israeli Mossad agents in 1986.) Meanwhile, **IDF troops** arrest 4 Palestinians and issue 2 arrest summons during late-night raids in and around **Jenin** and **Bethlehem**; and patrol nr. Nablus and Hebron during the day. Along **Gaza's border**, a former resident of Gaza who moved to Israel 5 years ago under family unification law crosses back into Gaza. Hamas security forces take him into custody. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Bayt Lahiya, causing no damage or injuries. In **Israel**, a deceased Palestinian from East Jerusalem washes ashore at **Lake Tiberias**. The cause of his death is not known. (HA, MNA, TOI 6/30; PCHR 7/6)

For the 5th time this week, errant mortar fire from Syria lands in an open area in the **Israeli-occupied Golan Heights**, causing no damage. The **IDF** returns fire at the source of the mortar. (MNA, TOI 6/30)

1 JULY 2017

In the **West Bank**, **DFLP activists** erect a new memorial in **Jenin** to Khaled Nazzal, the party leader assassinated by Mossad agents in 1986, hours after **IDF troops** came under fire while removing the original on 6/30. Late at night, **IDF troops** rearrest **Khalida Jarrar**, a leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) and **Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC)** mbr.,

during a raid of her home in **Ramallah**. She was released from Israeli prison on 6/3/2016, having served 12 mos. on charges related to her PFLP membership. **IDF troops** arrest 6 more Palestinians during late-night raids in and around Hebron and Ramallah. In **East Jerusalem**, a Palestinian family demolishes its own home in Issawiyya to avoid paying Israeli demolition fees. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Bayt Lahiya for the 2d day in a row, causing no damage or injuries. Along **Gaza's border**, **Israeli forces** arrest a Palestinian reportedly attempting to cross into Israel in search of a job. Meanwhile, **Hamas forces** bar a **Fatah Central Comm.** mbr., Ahmad Halas, from leaving Gaza. Fatah then accuses Hamas of acting "against national [Palestinian] values." (MNA, WAFA 7/1; HA, MNA, TOI 7/2; MDW 7/4; PCHR 7/6)

For the 6th time this week, errant mortar fire from **Syria** lands in an open area in the **Israeli-occupied Golan Heights**, causing no damage. The **IDF** returns fire at the source of the mortar. (MNA, TOI 7/1)

2 JULY 2017

Hundreds of Palestinians march through al-Suwana, **East Jerusalem**, to mourn Ali Abu Gharbiyeh, the Palestinian whose body washed ashore at **Lake Tiberias** on 6/30. Israeli forces fire stun grenades at protesters "shouting slogans" and "acting disorderly," according to an Israeli police spokesperson. At least 35 Palestinians are lightly injured in the ensuing clashes. It is still unclear how Abu Gharbiyeh died. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** conduct a raid in al-Mughayyir village nr. **Ramallah**, sparking clashes with stone-throwing youths; 1 Palestinian is injured. They also arrest

9 Palestinians during raids in and around **Qalqilya**, **Hebron**, and **Nablus**; and patrol nr. Hebron. Along **Gaza's border**, **IDF troops** violently disperse Palestinian protesters gathering nr. Jabaliya r.c. and Khan Yunis; there are no serious injuries. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Bayt Lahiya for the 3d day in a row, causing no damage or injuries. (MNA, WAFA 7/2; WAFA 7/3; PCHR 7/6)

Israeli PM Netanyahu announces a temporary suspension of his ban on Israeli MKs and ministers visiting **Haram al-Sharif**, following a petition from MK Yehuda Glick, leader of the messianic Temple Mount movement and ultranationalist mbr. of Likud (see Update). The trial period is set to span 7/23–27. Netanyahu 1st implemented the ban amid rising tensions at the site and across the oPt in 10/2015. (MNA, TOI, WAFA 7/2; JTA 7/3)

A delegation of **senior Hamas officials** departs **Gaza** for **Cairo** to build on previous negotiations that the delegation held in the Egyptian capital 6/4–12. The trip comes amid signs of growing ties between **Hamas** and the **Egyptian govt.** (see Update). (MNA 7/2)

3 JULY 2017

Along **Gaza's border**, **Israeli forces** conduct a limited incursion to level land nr. Bayt Lahiya. An **Israeli drone** crash lands in s. Gaza, causing no major damage or injuries. In **East Jerusalem**, a Palestinian man demolishes 2 homes he owns in Sur al-Bahir to avoid paying Israeli demolition fees. Israeli forces arrest 14 Palestinians during late-night raids in **Issawiyya**, **Qalandia**, and **al-Suwana**. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest 7 Palestinians, confiscate 1 car, and injure 2 Palestinian youths

in brief clashes during raids in and around **Hebron, Nablus, and Tubas**; and patrol nr. **Qalqilya** and **Hebron**. They also raid the Dayr Abu Mash'al homes of the 3 Palestinians who were killed in East Jerusalem on 6/16, threatening punitive demolition. (MNA 7/3; MNA 7/4; PCHR 7/6)

4 JULY 2017

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest 6 Palestinians at a checkpoint nr. **Bethlehem**, accusing them of planning a large-scale attack in Jerusalem. They also arrest 11 Palestinians during late-night raids in and around **Qalqilya, Bethlehem, Hebron, Jenin, Nablus, and Ramallah**; and patrol nr. Nablus and Hebron. **Israeli settlers** assault a Palestinian in c. Hebron, then Israeli soldiers arrest him. In **East Jerusalem, Israeli forces** demolish 3 Palestinian homes in Bayt Hanina. Off **Gaza's coast, Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Bayt Lahiya, causing no damage or injuries. (HA, MNA, WAFA 7/4; MNA 7/5; PCHR 7/6)

In its latest effort to pressure **Hamas** into giving up control of the region, the **PA** sends 6,145 of its employees in **Gaza** into early retirement. A PA spokesperson says that the move and any "previous procedures and any possible future procedures in this regard" are only temporary, and that the PA cabinet has agreed to roll back all of them if Hamas "retracted" its moves against the PA (see Update). (MNA, TOI, WAFA, YA 7/4)

The PA cabinet approves the formation of the **National Team for the Demarcation of Palestine's Maritime Border** to work with neighboring countries to clarify Palestine's maritime borders. In 2015, Palestine became a mbr. of the **UN Convention on the Law of the Sea**. (WAFA 7/4)

The **UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) World Heritage Comm.** passes a Palestinian-backed res. retaining the **Old City of Jerusalem** on the comm.'s **List of World Heritage in Danger** and condemning "the failure of the Israeli occupying authorities to cease the persistent excavations, tunneling, works, projects, and other illegal practices in East Jerusalem, particularly in and around the Old City of Jerusalem" (see Update). Ten countries vote in favor, 3 oppose, and 8 abstain. (JP, TOI, YA 7/4; WAFA 7/5)

5 JULY 2017

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest 3 Palestinians during raids nr. Nablus, and patrol nr. Nablus and Hebron. In **East Jerusalem, Israeli forces** assault 6 Palestinians during an arrest raid in Silwan, 2 of whom they arrest. They arrest 3 more Palestinians during a late-night raid in Abu Dis. **Israeli settlers** assault several Palestinian children in Silwan as well, causing no serious injuries. In Israel, **Israeli forces** demolish the Bedouin village al-'Araqib for the 115th time since 2010. (MNA, TOI 7/5; MNA, PCHR, WAFA 7/6; PCHR 7/13)

The **Jerusalem Municipality** approves the construction of **800 new settler units** in East Jerusalem over the next mo. Hours later, the **White House** releases a statement: "Pres. Trump has publicly and privately expressed his concerns regarding settlements, and the administration has made clear that unrestrained settlement activity does not advance the prospect for peace. At the same time, the administration recognizes that past demands for a settlement freeze have not helped advance peace talks" (see Update). (AP, TOI, WHPO 7/6)

6 JULY 2017

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest 1 Palestinian during a raid nr. Salfit, and patrol nr. Hebron and Qalqilya. In **East Jerusalem**, a **Palestinian** refuses to allow Israeli forces to search him outside the Old City, then allegedly “attacks” the soldiers, lightly injuring 1, according to an Israeli police spokesperson. The Palestinian is arrested and found to be carrying no weapons. Meanwhile, **Israeli forces** assault 2 Palestinians and arrest 2 during raids in Silwan. **Israeli settlers** assault Palestinian youths in Silwan, causing minor injuries and sparking clashes between their Israeli police escort and residents of the neighborhood; there are no serious injuries. Along **Gaza’s border**, **Israeli forces** conduct a limited incursion to level lands nr. Gaza City. (MNA, TOI 7/6; PCHR 7/13)

The day after approving 800 new settler homes in East Jerusalem, the **Jerusalem Municipality** advances 2 construction plans for **Israeli settlements** in East Jerusalem, including 500 new housing units on one side of Ramat Shlomo and 152 on the other. (HA 7/7)

7 JULY 2017

An **Israeli settler driver** runs over a Palestinian motorcyclist nr. **Bethlehem**, causing fatal injuries. The Israeli police describe the incident as a “road accident,” though it is not clear whether the collision was intentional. **Israeli settlers** throw stones at Palestinians driving nr. **Jenin**, breaking the windshield of 1 vehicle. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** violently disperse Palestinians, Israelis, and international activists at Friday protests against the Israeli occupation, separation wall, and settlements in 3 villages nr. Ramallah (Bil’in, Ni’lin, and Nabi Salih), Kafr Qaddum nr. Qalqilya, and along Gaza’s border nr. Jabaliya r.c. and Gaza City;

8 Palestinians and 1 Korean activist are injured. The **IDF** arrests 3 Palestinians and issues 1 arrest summons during late-night raids nr. Tulkarm and Bethlehem, and patrols nr. Hebron. (MNA, WAFA 7/7; MNA 7/8; PCHR 7/13)

A **Palestinian infant** succumbs to injuries sustained amid clashes in Abud village nr. **Ramallah** on 5/19/2017, when **IDF troops** fired tear gas canisters at Palestinian homes during the clashes. The infant inhaled an ultimately fatal amount of gas. (MNA, WAFA 7/8)

A suicide bomber detonates a car at an Egyptian checkpoint in Rafah in **n. Sinai**, killing at least 10 Egyptian soldiers and injuring 26 others. In clashes sparked by their search for accomplices, **Egyptian security forces** kill 40 armed fighters affiliated with the Sinai Province of the Islamic State and other Islamist groups in the area, and destroy 6 vehicles (see Update). (MNA 7/7)

Despite Israeli and U.S. opposition, **UNESCO’s World Heritage Comm.** approves a res. inscribing **Hebron’s Old City**, including **al-Ibrahimi Mosque**, on its List of World Heritage in Danger (see Update for details). Twelve countries vote in favor of the measure, 3 oppose it, and 6 abstain. (BBC, GDN, HA, MNA, TOI, WAFA 7/7; MNA 7/9)

8 JULY 2017

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** conduct raids in Bayt Rima nr. Ramallah, confiscating 1 car and sparking minor clashes with stone-throwing Palestinian youths; there are no serious injuries. They also arrest 2 Palestinians during a raid nr. Hebron. A Palestinian construction worker is injured when IDF troops open fire on him as he attempts to climb Israel’s separation wall nr. Bethlehem (he fractures both his feet falling off the wall).

In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 1 Palestinian during a late-night raid in Issawiyya. (MNA, Wafa 7/8; PCHR 7/13)

The **Gaza Electricity Distribution Company** announces that Egyptian power lines feeding s. Gaza were damaged during the 7/7 clashes in n. Sinai, exacerbating the ongoing **electricity crisis** across the region (see Update). Meanwhile, the Hamas-run energy authority in Gaza reports that the PA recently “stopped all the financial transaction through Palestinian banks to Egypt to buy fuel,” which halts fuel delivery from Egypt on 7/6. A PA spokesperson does not comment on the energy authority’s report of blocked payments except to say, “the main reason for the worsening situation in Gaza is Hamas as they rejected [PA pres. Abbas’s] initiative . . . to end the split [between Palestinian factions]” (see Update). (AFP, MNA 7/8)

9 JULY 2017

Israeli forces arrest an East Jerusalem Palestinian at the c. bus station in West Jerusalem when he is found to be carrying a knife. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** patrol in Issawiyya after reports of a violent family dispute in the area. Their presence sparks clashes with stone-throwing Palestinians; 1 Palestinian bystander is shot in the eye with a sponge-tipped bullet (he later loses the eye). In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** conduct a late-night raid in **Dahaysha r.c.** nr. Bethlehem, arresting 3 Palestinians and sparking minor clashes with stone-throwing Palestinians; there are no serious injuries. They arrest 4 more Palestinians and issue 1 arrest summons during further raids nr. **Hebron** and **Qalqilya**, and patrol nr. Hebron and Salfit. Along **Gaza’s border**, **IDF troops** arrest 2 Palestinian youths attempting to cross into Israel. (MNA 7/9; HA 7/10; PCHR 7/13)

The **Hamas-run energy authority in Gaza** announces that it is exploring alternative means of paying for Egyptian fuel transfers, since the PA is blocking Hamas’s fuel payments (see 7/8). **PA pres. Abbas** meets with **Egyptian pres. Abdel Fattah al-Sisi** in Cairo to discuss Israeli settlement activity and bilateral relations, including Cairo’s improving ties with Hamas. A PA source later says that al-Sisi supports the “legitimate Palestinian leadership” and that the meeting was “successful.” (MNA, TOI 7/9)

10 JULY 2017

IDF troops shoot and kill a Palestinian driver outside Tuqu’ village nr. **Bethlehem** after he allegedly rams his vehicle into a group of Israeli soldiers, injuring 1. An IDF spokesperson says that the troops opened fire when the driver exited his vehicle brandishing a knife. Elsewhere in the **West Bank**, **Israeli settlers** visit a holy site outside Kafr Haris nr. Salfit, sparking clashes between their IDF escort and Palestinian youths in the village; there are no serious injuries. IDF troops arrest 3 Palestinians and confiscate NIS 2,000 (approx. \$600) during raids nr. Nablus and Ramallah, and patrol nr. Nablus and Hebron. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** escort **Israeli settlers** on their way to take over a Palestinian-owned building in Silwan. When Palestinians in the area confront the group, Israeli forces violently disperse them; there are no serious injuries. Along **Gaza’s border**, **IDF troops** open fire on Palestinians approaching the border fence nr. Jabaliya r.c., injuring 2. (HA, MNA, TOI, Wafa, YA 7/10; MNA 7/11; PCHR 7/13)

U.S. rep. Greenblatt returns to Israel for more talks with Israeli and Palestinian officials on restarting peace negotiations. The White House said, on 7/9, that he is also set to meet

with **U.S. amb. to Israel David Friedman**, “now that the amb. is on the ground and fully installed in his position.” (HA, WAFA 7/10)

The **Hamas-run energy authority in Gaza** announces the resumption of fuel deliveries from Egypt as of today, allowing Gaza’s sole power plant to begin operating a 2d turbine. The transfers were suspended on 7/6 after the PA began blocking Hamas’s payments for fuel to Egypt. (EI, MNA 7/10)

At the inauguration of a new electricity substation nr. Jenin, the **Israel Electric Corporation** and the **PA** sign an agreement setting new parameters for Israel’s power supply to the West Bank that builds upon their previous agreement, made on 9/3/16 (see Update and *JPS* 46 [2]). (MNA, REU, TOI 7/10; WAFA 7/11)

11 JULY 2017

An **Israeli civilian** shoots and kills a Palestinian and seriously injures a 2d outside his home nr. Netanya, Israel. An Israeli police spokesperson says that the man opened fire when he saw the 2 men in his yard carrying tools that could be used to break into his house. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** conduct raids in Tuqu’ village nr. **Bethlehem**, interrogating the family of the Palestinian driver killed on 7/10. They tell the family that his body will be returned only if the village remains calm. Later in the day, thousands of Palestinian mourners march through the village for his funeral. Separately, **IDF troops** conduct raids in Dura village, arresting 2 Palestinians. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** demolish a 4-story building under construction in Issawiyya, and open fire on a Palestinian vehicle driving erratically in Shu’fat r.c., causing damage but no injuries (the driver is arrested). (MNA, WAFA 7/11; PCHR 7/13)

A **senior Hamas official** says that the Hamas delegation that went to Cairo on 7/2 has returned after reaching a number of new agreements with Egyptian officials. “The coming days will see improvements in power and fuel supplies in the Gaza Strip,” he says, without providing any details about the agreements. (MNA 7/11)

12 JULY 2017

IDF troops shoot and kill 2 Palestinians and injure at least 2 more in clashes sparked by an early morning raid in **Jenin** r.c. An IDF spokesperson alleges that the clashes began when armed Palestinians opened fire on Israeli soldiers conducting an unspecified operation in the camp. Afterward, IDF troops arrest 3 Palestinians during raids in and around Jenin. Later in the day, hundreds of Palestinian mourners march through Jenin at a funeral for the 2 men. Separately, the IDF arrests 4 Palestinians and issues 1 arrest summons during late-night raids nr. Jenin and **Hebron**; and patrols in and around **Qalqilya**, **Tulkarm**, and **Hebron**. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** demolish 1 home each in **Jabal Mukabir** and **Silwan**. They assault a Palestinian youth in Silwan during the operation and arrest 3 Palestinians during late-night raids in Qalandia r.c. **Israeli forces**, including 1 soldier wearing an Israeli flag draped over his shoulder, raid **Haram al-Sharif**, increasing tensions at the sanctuary. (EI, HA, MNA, WAFA, YA 7/12; HA, PCHR 7/13; PCHR 7/20)

Gaza’s power plant shuts down because of a fuel shortage, instantly worsening Gaza’s electricity crisis (see Update). The 4 m. L of fuel that Egypt has shipped to Gaza in recent weeks is gone and the power lines feeding Gaza’s electricity grid are not supplying electricity, according to Gazan officials. (DPA 7/12; EI, HA 7/13)

The military court at Ofer Prison issues imprisoned **PFLP leader and PLC mbr. Jarrar** a 6-mo. administrative detention. **IDF troops** arrested her at her home in Ramallah on 7/1. (MNA, WAFA 7/12)

Israel's security cabinet decides to temporarily suspend **Qalqilya's expansion** into Area C of the West Bank, which was set to include 5,000 new Palestinian homes by 2035. After the plan was 1st reported on 6/14, ultranationalist mbrs. of Israel's ruling coalition complained that the move would undermine the settlement enterprise. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI, YA 7/13)

13 JULY 2017

A **3-year-old Palestinian** dies of heart complications in **Gaza**, becoming the 16th Palestinian from Gaza to die this year of an illness that could have been treated in an Israeli hospital if the PA had delivered a medical referral faster. The Palestinian Center for Human Rights has reported that the PA issued 2,190 medical referrals in 3/2017, which decreased to 1,756 in 4/2017, 1,484 in 5/2017, and 500 in 6/2017 (see Update). (HA, MNA 7/14)

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** raid the **Hebron** offices of al-Quds TV and Ramsat News Agency, seizing equipment and damaging property. They accuse the media outlets of incitement. **IDF troops** arrest 1 Palestinian during a late-night raid nr. **Bethlehem**, and patrol nr. **Hebron** and **Nablus** during the day. In **East Jerusalem**, Israeli forces arrest 1 Palestinian during late-night raids in Shu'fat r.c. Along **Gaza's border**, **IDF troops** open fire on Palestinian shepherds and farmers working nr. Juhur al-Dik, causing no serious injuries. (TOI, WAFA 7/13; PCHR 7/20)

U.S. rep. Greenblatt announces that the Palestinians and the Israeli govt. have reached a **water agreement** related to the planned Red Sea–Dead Sea pipeline project. Under the deal, Israel will provide 32–33 m. m³ of water per year to Palestinians in the West Bank at a reduced rate. A desalination plant, planned as a part of the Red Sea–Dead Sea project, will provide the water. Palestinians, Israelis, and Jordanians signed a memorandum of understanding about this project in 2013. **Greenblatt** refuses to answer any questions about the U.S. efforts to restart peace talks, but he calls the agreement announced today a “harbinger of things to come.” (HA, MNA, NYT, REU, TOI, WAFA 7/13)

14 JULY 2017

Three Palestinian citizens of Israel open fire on Israeli police officers in the **Old City of Jerusalem**, critically injuring 3 (2 succumb to their injuries later in the day). The attackers seek refuge at **Haram al-Sharif**, and Israeli forces shoot and kill all 3. Israeli police deploy heavily across the Old City, block off all entrances to Haram al-Sharif, and cancel Friday prayers at the sanctuary, forcing Muslim worshippers to pray in the streets. They also detain and interrogate 58 **Islamic Waqf** employees. With tensions running high across the city, an unidentified assailant throws a Molotov cocktail at an Israeli settler family driving through Silwan; 3 of the settlers are injured, including an infant. **Israeli forces** conduct raids in **Abu Dis**, sparking minor clashes with stone-throwing Palestinians; at least 25 are arrested. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** conduct raids in **Dahaysha r.c.** nr. Bethlehem, arresting 3 Palestinians and sparking clashes; 1 Palestinian is killed. **Israeli settlers** throw stones at Palestinian cars driving

nr. **Bethlehem**, causing no injuries or major damage. **IDF troops** violently disperse Palestinians, Israelis, and international activists at Friday protests against the Israeli occupation, separation wall, and settlements in 3 villages nr. Ramallah (Bil'in, Ni'lin, and Nabi Salih), Kafr Qaddum nr. Qalqilya, and along Gaza's border nr. al-Bureij r.c. and Jabaliya r.c.; 2 Palestinians are injured. The **IDF** also patrols in and around **Qalqilya** and **Hebron**. (EI, HA, MNA, NYT, PNN, TOI, WAFA, YA 7/14; MNA 7/15; PCHR 7/20)

PA pres. Abbas phones **Israeli PM Netanyahu** to condemn the morning's attack in Jerusalem and to denounce violence on both sides, particularly at holy sites. He also calls for Netanyahu to reopen **Haram al-Sharif**. Netanyahu reportedly tells Abbas that he will uphold the status quo at the sanctuary, but that Israeli forces will maintain security at all costs. Abbas later calls on Jordan to intervene, and the **Jordanian govt.** releases a statement calling on Israel to reopen the sanctuary. (HA, TOI, WAFA 7/14; HA 7/16)

After shutting down on 7/12, the **Gaza power plant** resumes operations, with 3 of its turbines supplying 70 MW to the local grid. It's unclear if the fuel required came from Egypt or somewhere else. (MNA 7/15)

15 JULY 2017

Israeli forces keep **Haram al-Sharif** closed for a 2d day in a row, following the deadly attack in the Old City on 7/14. **Islamic Waqf officials** say that Israeli troops are stationed at all the sanctuary's entrances. The atmosphere outside the sanctuary becomes increasingly tense, with intermittent confrontations and violent incidents. In nearby Silwan, Palestinians throw Molotov cocktails at Israeli forces on patrol, lightly injuring 1. In the **West Bank**,

unidentified assailants open fire on an Israeli-plated vehicle driving nr. Ramallah, lightly injuring the Palestinian driver. **IDF troops** arrest 1 Palestinian and confiscate a car during late-night raids nr. **Hebron**; and patrol in and around Qalqilya, Salfit, and Hebron. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Bayt Lahiya, causing no damage or injuries. (MNA, PNN, TOI, WAFA 7/15)

Following the 7/14 deadly attack at **Haram al-Sharif**, **Israeli PM Netanyahu** announces a series of security measures to be implemented at the sanctuary: metal detectors will be installed at every entrance, surveillance cameras will be installed around the perimeter, and "more security measures will be taken . . . later on." He also says that the sanctuary will be "gradually reopened" beginning at noon on 7/16. **Jordan's King Abdullah** then phones Netanyahu to stress the importance of maintaining the status quo at Haram al-Sharif. (HA, MNA, TOI 7/15; HA 7/16)

16 JULY 2017

After the **Israeli police** install new security cameras, turnstiles and metal detectors at 3 entrances to **Haram al-Sharif** (which was closed after the deadly attack on 7/14), the **Islamic Waqf** calls for a Muslim boycott of the sanctuary as long as the new security measures are in place. Muslim worshippers then refuse to enter the sanctuary throughout the day and pray outside; 10 protesters are injured and 3 are arrested during scuffles with Israeli forces late at night. Meanwhile, **senior Palestinian officials** convene in **Ramallah** and reaffirm that the status quo at **Haram al-Sharif** should not change after the deadly attack nr. the sanctuary on 7/14. **Israeli PM Netanyahu** insists that the new security measures do not

change the status quo. “Changing the status quo would be a wrong move,” he says. “It would lead to unforeseeable consequences in the world and regional order.” (HA, MNA, PNN, TOI, WAFA 7/16; MNA, WAFA 7/17; PCHR 7/20)

IDF troops shoot and kill a Palestinian during a raid on his home in Nabi Salih village nr. **Ramallah**. An IDF spokesperson says the soldiers opened fire after the man trained a gun on them, alleging that the deceased was responsible for the shooting attack nr. Ramallah on 7/15. Elsewhere in the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest 9 Palestinians during late-night raids in and around Qalqilya, Hebron, Ramallah, Bethlehem, and Nablus; and patrol nr. Hebron. Off **Gaza’s coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Khan Yunis and Bayt Lahiya, injuring 2 fishermen. (HA, MNA, WAFA 7/16; PCHR 7/20)

Israel’s Ministerial Comm. for Legislation approves a bill, dubbed the “**United Jerusalem Law**,” that would require a supermajority of the Knesset, 80 MKs, to agree to any concession of land within Jerusalem’s current city limits. It would also stipulate that a simple majority, 61 MKs, could approve a shift in Jerusalem’s borders, which would allow land outside the city to be ceded in the context of a peace agreement with the Palestinians. The bill now goes to the full Knesset for a 1st reading. (HA, KNE 7/16)

17 JULY 2017

Dozens of Muslim worshippers gather in the streets outside **Haram al-Sharif** for predawn prayers and to protest the new Israeli security measures at the sanctuary. They refuse to pass through the new metal detectors installed on 7/16, honoring the **Islamic Waqf’s** 7/16 call

for a boycott. Later, Israeli forces violently disperse Muslims gathering outside the sanctuary for evening prayers, lightly injuring at least 15, including Palestinian National Initiative chair **Mustafa Barghouti**. Elsewhere in **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** demolish a Palestinian home in al-Za’ayem. They also conduct a raid in Silwan, sparking clashes with stone-throwing Palestinian youths; 1 Palestinian is injured. Late at night, Israeli forces raid **al-Makassed Islamic Charitable Society Hospital**, attempting to arrest the Palestinian injured in Silwan earlier in the day. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest 4 Palestinians and issue 3 arrest summons during late-night raids nr. Tubas, Hebron, Nablus, and Salfit; and patrol nr. Hebron during the day. (HA, MNA, TOI, WAFA 7/17; MNA, WAFA, YA 7/18; PCHR 7/20)

The **Israeli authorities** seize 70 dunams (approx. 17 acres) of Palestinian land nr. **Bethlehem** for “military purposes,” according to a local anti-settlement activist. (WAFA 7/17; MNA 7/18)

Israel’s Knesset passes the 1st reading of a bill that would add the **Ministry of Strategic Affairs**, which oversees efforts to counter the **Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement**, on the list of bodies exempt from Israel’s **Freedom of Information Law** that permits citizens to obtain information from the govt. Should the bill pass, the ministry’s ability to keep its anti-BDS activities and methods secret from the public would be ensured. (KNE, MNA 7/18; MDW 7/19)

18 JULY 2017

IDF troops shoot and kill a Palestinian driver n. of **Hebron** after he allegedly rams a group of Israeli soldiers, injuring 2, according to the IDF. The IDF later raids the driver’s

home nearby and interrogates his brother. Elsewhere in the **West Bank**, **Israeli forces** deliver stop-work orders to 2 Palestinian families building homes in al-‘Arub r.c. nr. Hebron. **IDF troops** conduct raids in Bayt Umar village nr. Hebron, sparking minor clashes; there are no serious injuries. They also arrest 8 Palestinians during raids in and around Qalqilya, Bethlehem, Hebron, Ramallah, and Nablus; and patrol nr. Qalqilya and Hebron. (HA, JP, MNA, PNN, TOI, WAFA, YA 7/18; PCHR 7/20)

Amid heightened tensions at **Haram al-Sharif** (see Update), **Israeli forces** violently disperse Muslim worshippers gathered outside the sanctuary to protest the new Israeli security measures; at least 2 Israeli police officers and 14 Palestinians are injured (1 seriously). The Israeli police remove 1 Jewish settler from the sanctuary after he starts to pray. Elsewhere in **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 6 Palestinians, including 1 **Islamic Waqf employee**, during raids in Silwan and other areas of the city. (HA, MNA, TOI, WAFA 7/19; PCHR 7/20)

The Saudi press reports that **King Salman** has sent a message to the Israeli govt. via the U.S. calling for Israel to reopen **Haram al-Sharif** to Muslim worshippers without the new security measures. **Israeli PM Netanyahu** reportedly sent a message back to Salman saying that the status quo would remain at the sanctuary, and inviting Saudis to inspect it for themselves. (HA, JP, TOI, WAFA, YA 7/28)

19 JULY 2017

Tensions remain high at **Haram al-Sharif** (see Update), as Palestinians hold a “**day of rage**” across the oPt. Muslim worshippers clash with **Israeli forces** after midday prayers at the **Lion’s Gate to the Old City**; 2 Palestinians

are injured and arrested. Elsewhere, Palestinian, Israeli, and international protesters clash with Israeli forces at Qalandia checkpoint, Shu‘fat, Ramallah, and Bethlehem; at least 8 Palestinians are injured. Protests in Nablus and Tubas are without incident. Meanwhile, after a number of Jewish settlers perform religious rituals at **Haram al-Sharif**, the **Israeli police** temporarily suspended Jewish visitation rights to the sanctuary. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI, WAFA, YA 7/19; PCHR 7/20)

In the **West Bank**, **Israeli forces** confiscate water pumps and tanks from Bedouin villages in the **n. Jordan Valley**. **IDF troops** arrest 8 Palestinians during late-night raids nr. Hebron, Nablus, and Tulkarm; and patrol nr. Hebron during the day. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 10 Palestinians during raids in Silwan, al-Tur, Issawiyya, and Shu‘fat r.c. Off **Gaza’s coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Bayt Lahiya, causing no damage or injuries. (HA, MNA, TOI, WAFA 7/19; PCHR 7/20; PCHR 7/27)

After consulting with top security officials, **Israeli PM Netanyahu** says, “We want to solve this crisis in the quietest way possible and to bring back the calm.” Israel’s security agencies reportedly support removing the new metal detectors. Separately, a **White House spokesperson** says that the U.S. is “very concerned” about the situation and calls on “the State of Israel and the **Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan** to make a good faith effort to reduce tensions and to find a solution that assures public safety and the security of the site and maintains the status quo.” (TOI 7/19; SA, TOI 7/20)

Israel’s Knesset passes a preliminary reading of the “**United Jerusalem Law**,” which the **Ministerial Comm. for Legislation** approved on 7/16. (KNE, MNA, TOI 7/19; HA 7/20)

20 JULY 2017

The atmosphere at **Haram al-Sharif** remains tense (see Update); Muslim worshippers continue praying and protesting outside the sanctuary throughout the day. **Israeli forces** violently disperse them after the 5th prayer of the day, injuring at least 37 (3 seriously). Separately, **IDF troops** shoot and kill a Palestinian in **Tuqu'** village nr. Bethlehem after he allegedly attempts to stab 1 of them at a checkpoint; no Israeli soldiers are injured. The killing sparks minor clashes in the village (there are no serious injuries). The IDF returns late at night to interrogate the alleged killer's family, and threatens punitive demolition of their home. **IDF troops** also arrest 1 Palestinian during a raid nr. Salfit and patrol during the day nr. Hebron and Qalqilya. Israeli forces issue stop-work orders to 3 homes under construction in Dura village nr. Hebron. In **Israel**, **Israeli forces** demolish a home in the Bedouin village Wadi al-Na'am nr. Beersheba. (HA, MNA, TOI, Wafa 7/20; MNA 7/21; PCHR 7/27)

In **Gaza City**, more than 2,000 Palestinians rally in support of **exiled Fatah leader Dahlan**, lending further credence to rumors that **Egypt** has facilitated an agreement between Dahlan and **Hamas** (see Update). (AP 7/20)

21 JULY 2017

Tensions stemming from new Israeli security measures at **Haram al-Sharif** boil over, with mass protests and clashes erupting across the oPt throughout the day; 3 Palestinians are killed (all in **East Jerusalem**), 235 are injured, and 27 are arrested (at least 2 Israelis are injured as well). The **Islamic Waqf** calls on all imams in Jerusalem to conduct their sermons outside Haram al-Sharif, and thousands of Muslim worshippers gather at the sanctuary. The

Israeli police deploy heavily across **Jerusalem** and bar Palestinian men under the age of 50 from the Old City. In the evening, they cut off electricity to a large swathe of East Jerusalem and close the sanctuary to all visitors (it will remain closed through 7/23). (EI, MNA, NYT, Wafa 7/21; HA, MNA 7/22; Wafa 7/23; HA 7/24; PCHR 7/27)

In light of the crisis at **Haram al-Sharif**, **PA pres. Abbas** suspends all PA contacts with **Israel**, including security coordination (see Update). He also calls on **Hamas** to dismantle its new administrative comm. in Gaza and to turn the collective Palestinian struggle toward Israel. Abbas also phones **senior U.S. advisor Kushner** urging the **U.S.** to intercede and push Israel to remove the new security measures at the sanctuary. (MNA, TOI, Wafa, YA 7/21; HA 7/22)

In the evening, a **Palestinian** enters the **Halamish** settlement nr. Bethlehem and stabs 4 Israeli settlers, killing 3 and seriously injuring the 4th. An off-duty **IDF soldier** hears the attack, then shoots and moderately injures the Palestinian assailant. Hours before the attack, the alleged assailant had posted to Facebook, "I'm going to die for al-Aqsa." Late at night, the **IDF** raids the alleged attacker's hometown, Kobar nr. Ramallah, detaining and interrogating his family and imposing a lockdown on the village. Elsewhere in the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest 3 Palestinians during raids in Jenin and nr. Bethlehem, and patrol in and around Hebron. (EI, MNA 7/21; HA 7/22; PCHR 7/27)

22 JULY 2017

Tensions remain high in **East Jerusalem** after the widespread and deadly clashes on 7/21; 1 Palestinian is killed and 14 are injured in clashes in al-'Izzariya, Wadi al-Juz, Issawiyya,

and al-Tur. Clashes also break out outside **Haram al-Sharif** throughout the day, but there are no serious injuries. Meanwhile, Palestinians across the city largely observe a commercial strike to commemorate the 3 Palestinians killed on 7/21. Meanwhile, Israeli forces arrest 16 Palestinians during raids in Silwan, al-Tur, and the Old City. In the **West Bank**, a Palestinian youth is killed when he accidentally triggers a piece of unexploded Israeli ordnance nr. Tubas. **IDF troops** conduct raids in Kobar, the Ramallah-area village of the Palestinian who allegedly stabbed 4 Israeli settlers at the Halamish settlement on 7/21, threatening punitive demolition of his home and sparking minor clashes (there are no serious injuries). Hundreds of settlers from **Halamish** set up a new outpost nr. their settlement to protest the 7/21 attack. Settlers protest and throw stones at Palestinian vehicles across the West Bank in response to the attack, damaging several cars and causing no serious injuries. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** arrest 25 Palestinians during late-night raids in and around Hebron, Bethlehem, Jenin, Salfit, Tubas, Qalqilya, and Nablus; and patrol throughout the day nr. Hebron. Along **Gaza's border**, Israeli forces conduct a limited incursion to level land nr. al-Bureij r.c. (HA, MNA, TOI, WAFA 7/22; MNA 7/23; PCHR 7/27)

COGAT Mordechai says that Israel is “willing to examine alternatives to the metal detectors” installed at **Haram al-Sharif** “as long as the solution of alternative[s] ensures the prevention of the next attack.” (YA 7/22)

Sweden, France, and Egypt call for the **UN Security Council (UNSC)** to hold an emergency meeting to address the escalating tensions at **Haram al-Sharif**. UN diplomats say they will discuss the situation on 7/24.

The **Middle East Quartet** releases a statement of concern about the “escalating tensions and violent clashes.” (WAFA 7/22; TOI 7/23)

23 JULY 2017

Tensions in **East Jerusalem** remain high as **Israeli forces** mount new security cameras at the entrances to Haram al-Sharif to supplement the new metal detectors installed in the wake of the deadly attack on 7/14. They also reopen the sanctuary, allowing more than 100 Jewish settlers to tour it in the morning. Palestinians protest and pray outside the sanctuary throughout the day; approximately 21 are injured during the ensuing clashes with Israeli forces. Meanwhile, Israeli forces arrest 3 Palestinians during raids in al-Tur. In the **West Bank**, **armed Israeli settlers** march through a Palestinian village nr. Jenin in protest of the deadly attack on 7/21. Other settlers throw stones at Palestinian vehicles nr. Nablus and Hebron, causing no serious damage. **IDF troops** shoot and injure 3 Palestinians: 1 attempting to cut through a fence nr. Qalqilya, another evading arrest in the n. Jordan Valley, and a 3d driving “suspiciously” at a checkpoint nr. Nablus, according to an IDF spokesperson. Meanwhile, the IDF violently disperses Palestinians protesting in solidarity with the Muslim worshippers outside Haram al-Sharif in Jayyus village nr. Qalqilya (2 Palestinians are injured), arrests 4 Palestinians and issues 1 arrest summons during late-night raids nr. Bethlehem and Hebron, and patrols nr. Hebron and Salfit throughout the day. An arrest raid in Nablus sparks minor clashes with stone-throwing youths; 1 Palestinian is injured. (HA, MNA, TOI, WAFA, YA 7/23; PCHR 7/27)

Unidentified Palestinians fire 2 rockets from **Gaza** into s. Israel; 1 explodes in midair, and the other lands in an open area nr.

Ashqelon, causing no damage or injuries. Late that night, Israeli tanks positioned along Gaza's border shell a Hamas post nr. Dayr al-Balah and an open area nr. Khan Yunis, causing an unknown amount of damage. (TOI 7/23; HA, MNA, WAFA, YA 7/24)

At the **Israeli Embassy in Amman**, an Israeli security guard shoots and kills 2 Jordanians, the property owner and a teenage worker, in disputed circumstances. The attack exacerbates Israeli-Jordanian tensions, which are already running high given the ongoing crisis at **Haram al-Sharif**. The Israeli authorities refuse to allow the Jordanian police to question the guard, and the Jordanian authorities refuse to allow the Israeli Embassy staff to leave the country until the guard submits to questioning. (MNA, TOI 7/23; HA, YA 7/24)

The Israeli press reports that the **IDF** has barred Palestinian workers from entering Halamish and a number of other **Israeli settlements** following the deadly attack on 7/21 and the settler protests on 7/22. Meanwhile, **Israeli PM Netanyahu** says that the home of the Palestinian who stabbed 4 Israeli settlers on 7/21 will be demolished soon. (MNA, TOI, WAFA, YA 7/23)

24 JULY 2017

After yet another day of heightened tensions at **Haram al-Sharif**, the **Israeli security cabinet** decides to remove the metal detectors installed at the entrances to the sanctuary after the deadly attack, on 7/14 in the evening. A senior Israeli official says that some cameras installed on 7/23 will be removed as well. In a statement, the cabinet says it has "accepted the recommendation of all of the security bodies to incorporate security measures based on advanced technologies and other measures instead of metal detectors to ensure the security

of visitors and worshippers in the Old City and [at Haram al-Sharif]." According to the Israeli press, the new measures include heat-sensing "smart cameras" with facial recognition technology, and that their installation will be part of a NIS 100 m. (approx. \$28 m.) plan that could take as long as 6 mos. to implement. (MNA, WAFA, YA 7/24; TOI 7/25)

Elsewhere in **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** clash with Palestinians in Hizma n. of Jerusalem; 1 Palestinian is seriously injured (he will succumb to his injuries on 7/27). In the **West Bank**, **Birzeit University students** march toward a checkpoint outside the Beit El settlement nr. Ramallah to protest the 7/21 killings. IDF troops violently disperse them, injuring 4. IDF troops also patrol in Nablus, Sa'ir nr. Hebron, and al-Khadir nr. Bethlehem, sparking clashes with stone-throwing Palestinians; 2 Palestinians are injured. The **IDF** arrests 19 Palestinians during late-night raids in and around Bethlehem, Nablus, Jenin, Qalqilya, Jericho, and Ramallah; and conducts further patrols nr. Hebron and Nablus. Along **Gaza's border**, **IDF troops** arrest a Palestinian allegedly attempting to sneak into Israel armed with a knife. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Bayt Lahiya twice, causing no damage or injuries. (MNA, TOI, WAFA 7/24; MNA 7/25; PCHR 7/27)

Following a day of **Israeli-Jordanian** tensions and negotiations over the deadly attack in Amman on 7/23, the Jordanian authorities allow the staff of the Israeli Embassy in Jordan, including the security guard who killed the 2 Jordanians, to return to Israel (see Update). The Israeli authorities first allow Jordanian police to hear the guard's description of the incident. With rumors to the contrary circulating on social media, the Israeli press reports that Jordan did not condition the

release of the guard on the removal of the metal detectors at **Haram al-Sharif**. (HA, MNA, TOI 7/24; MNA 7/25)

U.S. rep. Greenblatt arrives in Israel to “support efforts to reduce tensions in the region,” according to a senior Trump admin. official. “Pres. Trump and his administration are closely following unfolding events in the region,” the official adds. “We are engaged in discussions with the relevant parties and are committed to finding a res. to the ongoing security issues.” Meanwhile, the **UNSC** holds a closed-door meeting on the **Haram al-Sharif** crisis. No details of the discussion are reported. (HA, TOI 7/24)

25 JULY 2017

Implementing the security cabinet’s 7/24 decision, Israeli forces overnight remove the metal detectors they installed at **Haram al-Sharif** after the deadly attack on 7/14. The **Islamic Waqf** then meets in the morning and announces its decision to “reject any changes [to the status quo at Haram al-Sharif], including technological measures,” such as replacements for the metal detectors that the Israeli cabinet approved on 7/24. The **Waqf** also calls for the sanctuary to be “opened to Muslim worshippers in a completely free manner to ensure freedom of worship.” A Waqf official says that a comm. will enter the sanctuary, review the situation, and issue a report before the Waqf decides whether to call on Muslims to resume prayers at the site or to continue the boycott. Later, **PA pres. Abbas** reiterates his plan not to resume relations with the Israeli govt., including security coordination, until all the new Israeli security measures at Haram al-Sharif “cease to exist”; he also reaffirms his support for the Waqf. In response to the Israeli security cabinet’s decision to replace the metal

detectors with “advanced technology,” he says, “There are new developments, which we must study so that we can say our word and decide where to go from here.” Meanwhile, tensions remain high across East Jerusalem, with clashes erupting outside the sanctuary and in various other locations across the city (1 Palestinian is seriously injured and 5 are arrested). (HA, MNA, TOI, Wafa, YA 7/25; PCHR 7/27)

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** patrol in Nablus, sparking clashes in and around the city; 2 Palestinians are injured. Further raids in Aida r.c. nr. Bethlehem lead to more clashes; 2 Palestinians are arrested. The IDF also arrests 8 Palestinians and issues 1 arrest summons during late-night raids nr. Hebron, Nablus, and Jenin; and patrols nr. Hebron throughout the day. Approximately 15 **Israeli settler** families take over a building in c. Hebron in the evening to protest the Israeli govt.’s “zigzagging” on **Haram al-Sharif**, according to a spokesperson for the group. Along **Gaza’s border**, **Israeli forces** conduct a limited incursion to level land nr. Khan Yunis. Off Gaza’s coast, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Gaza City, causing no damage or injuries. Meanwhile, thousands of Palestinians rally in Gaza City to protest the new Israeli restrictions at Haram al-Sharif. (HA, MNA, NYT, TOI, Wafa 7/25)

26 JULY 2017

The atmosphere surrounding **Haram al-Sharif** remains tense as **Israeli forces** remove more of the security measures implemented in the wake of the deadly attack on 7/14, and Muslim worshippers continue praying outside the sanctuary. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** conduct raids in Qalqilya, sparking minor clashes with stone-throwing Palestinians (there are no serious injuries). They arrest

13 Palestinians, issue 1 arrest summons, and confiscate 1 car during further raids nr. Hebron, Nablus, and Qalqilya; and patrol nr. Hebron and Jenin. **Israeli settlers** begin moving furniture into the building they occupied in c. Hebron on 7/25. The IDF then declares the building a closed military zone to halt escalating tensions. Along **Gaza's border, Israeli forces** conduct a limited incursion to level land nr. Bayt Hanun and open fire on agricultural lands nr. Jabaliya r.c., causing no damage or injuries. **Off Gaza's coast, Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Bayt Lahiyah twice, causing no damage or injuries. (HA, MNA, WAFA 7/26; PCHR 7/27; EI 7/28; PCHR 8/3)

Two days after **Israel's security cabinet** decided to remove the new metal detectors at **Haram al-Sharif**, and 1 day after the **Islamic Waqf** decided to continue protests at the sanctuary, the Israeli press reports that **PM Netanyahu** has ordered that security checks at the sanctuary be performed with handheld metal detectors only, as they were prior to the deadly attack on 7/14. The Waqf then decides to meet again on 7/27 to discuss developments. Meanwhile, Waqf officials meet with Israeli police and reiterate their demands for all the new security measures to be removed and for conditions at the sanctuary to "return to what they were before." They specifically asked for the removal of 5 new cameras and several metal railings at the site, and a reduction in police presence. The Israeli police deny that they are in contact with the Waqf. (HA, TOI 7/27)

The Israeli authorities return to their families in Umm al-Fahm the bodies of the 3 Palestinians who allegedly perpetrated the deadly attack in East Jerusalem on 7/14. (MNA 7/27)

Israel's Knesset passes the first reading of the "**United Jerusalem Law**," which the

Ministerial Comm. for Legislation first approved on 7/16. (KNE, TOI 7/26; MNA 7/27)

27 JULY 2017

After nearly 2 weeks of tensions at **Haram al-Sharif**, the **Israeli police** overnight remove the last of the new security measures installed in the wake of the deadly attack on 7/14. Top Muslim figures, including the **mufti of Jerusalem**, Mohammed Hussein, certify that the situation at the sanctuary has returned to what it was prior to the attack, and call on Muslims to resume prayers at the sanctuary. They then meet with **PA pres. Abbas**, who says that the Palestinian leadership will continue discussing the situation before he makes a decision on resuming contacts with Israel. Meanwhile, tens of thousands of Muslims pray at the sanctuary. As the crowds enter the sanctuary, clashes break out (the **Israeli police** say that Palestinians threw stones at them and they responded with riot-control methods. Palestinians say that Israeli forces started firing tear gas and stun grenades unprovoked). According to the **Palestinian Red Crescent**, at least 94 worshippers are injured to some degree. More than 100 Palestinians are arrested. The Israeli authorities then reopen the sanctuary entrance. In the **West Bank, Israeli forces** install an iron gate at the entrance to Janata nr. Bethlehem and shut down the Beit El checkpoint in the wake of the unrest in Jerusalem, according to the IDF. After receiving reports of stones thrown at an Israeli settler outside Tuqu' nr. Bethlehem, IDF troops conduct raids in the village; there are no arrests. They arrest 2 Palestinians during further raids nr. Jenin, and patrol nr. Hebron, Qalqilya, and Salfit. **Off Gaza's coast, Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing

boats nr. Jabaliya r.c., causing no damage or injuries. (EI, HA, MNA, NYT, TOI, WAFA 7/27; HA, MNA 7/28; PCHR 8/3)

A Palestinian man succumbs to injuries sustained in clashes with Israeli forces in Hizma on 7/24. (MNA 7/27)

28 JULY 2017

Ahead of Friday prayers, the Israeli police announce that Palestinian men younger than 50 will be barred from **Haram al-Sharif** today. They also specifically bar 21 Palestinians from the site and deploy heavily across East Jerusalem. In response to these new restrictions, thousands of young Palestinian men and others pray on the streets of the Old City outside the sanctuary in the morning. Meanwhile, Israeli forces violently disperse Palestinians protesting the recent restrictions to access at the sanctuary across the oPt; 1 Palestinian is killed in Gaza and at least 20 are injured. Amid reports of violence across the region, the Israeli police lift their restrictions on young Palestinian men entering Haram al-Sharif in the early afternoon. (EI, HA, MNA, TOI, WAFA 7/28)

IDF troops shoot and kill a Palestinian at the **Gush Etzion junction** nr. Bethlehem claiming that he attempted to stab an Israeli soldier. No Israelis are injured in the incident. A Palestinian witness says that the victim had no knife or any other kind of weapon. Elsewhere in the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and injure a Palestinian farmer tending to his lands nr. Salfit. They also arrest 4 Palestinians during raids nr. Bethlehem and in Qalqilya, and patrol in and around Qalqilya and Hebron. (HA, MNA, TOI 7/28; HA, MNA 7/29)

In Amman, **hundreds of Jordanians** gather outside the Israeli Embassy to protest the fatal shooting of 2 Jordanians by an Israeli security

guard on 7/21 and the Israeli embrace of the guard in the wake of the killing. Meanwhile, **Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs** announces that it has opened an investigation of the 7/21 incident. (HA, IFM, MNA, TOI 7/28; MNA 7/29)

29 JULY 2017

In the **West Bank**, **Israeli settlers** throw stones at Palestinians nr. Hebron, causing no serious injuries. The **IDF** raids **Palmedia's office** in al-Bireh overnight, destroying equipment and materials allegedly used to disseminate inciting material. IDF troops conduct late-night raids in Jenin r.c., arresting 2 Palestinians and sparking clashes with stone-throwing Palestinian youths; 2 Palestinians are injured. They also arrest 5 Palestinians during late-night raids in and around Hebron, and patrol nr. Nablus and Hebron. In **Israel**, a **Palestinian citizen of Israel (PCI)** is shot and killed and another is moderately injured during a police chase in Jaffa. Hundreds of Palestinian mourners and protesters march through Jaffa throughout the rest of the day, and Israeli police violently disperse them (8 Palestinians are arrested). (HA, MNA, TOI, WAFA 7/29; MNA 7/30; PCHR 8/3)

30 JULY 2017

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and injure a Palestinian youth after he allegedly attempts to cross into Israel nr. Qalqilya. **Israeli forces** shut down the main entrance to Kobar, the Ramallah-area hometown of the Palestinian who stabbed 4 Israeli settlers at the Halamish settlement on 7/21. They also raid several homes in the village; arrest 4 Palestinians during late-night raids nr. Jenin and Bethlehem, and patrol nr. Salfit and Hebron. In **East Jerusalem**, approximately 140 **Jewish settlers** tour **Haram**

al-Sharif in the morning. Israeli forces arrest 29 Palestinians in late-night raids in the Old City, Wadi al-Juz, Qalandia r.c., Issawiyya, and Silwan. Off **Gaza's coast, Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Bayt Lahiya, causing no damage or injuries. (HA, MNA, WAFA 7/30; MNA, TOI, WAFA 7/31; PCHR 8/3)

31 JULY 2017

In the **West Bank, Israeli settlers** park 10 trailers outside a settlement nr. Nablus on land the **Israeli forces** have been leveling in recent weeks. Separately, Israeli forces level a plot of Palestinian land outside Dura village nr. Hebron where they reportedly intend to build an IDF watchtower and checkpoints. **IDF troops** arrest 3 Palestinians, issue 1 arrest summons, and confiscate 1 car during raids nr. Hebron and Bethlehem; and patrol nr. Hebron and Salfit. In **East Jerusalem**, Israeli forces arrest 2 Palestinians during raids in al-'Izzariya. Off **Gaza's coast, Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Bayt Lahiya, causing no damage or injuries. In **Israel, Israeli police** arrest 5 Palestinian citizens of Israel alleging that they set fire to trash cans and 2 vehicles in Jaffa overnight. The arrests come amid heightened tensions in the wake of the police killing on 7/29. (MNA, YA 7/31; PCHR 8/3)

1 AUGUST 2017

In the **West Bank, Israeli forces** confiscate a Palestinian garbage truck during a raid nr. Nablus. IDF troops arrest 4 Palestinians during late-night raids nr. Nablus and patrol nr. Hebron during the day. In **East Jerusalem**, at least 700 **Jewish settlers** tour **Haram al-Sharif** in the morning to commemorate Tisha B'Av. Israeli police remove 9 who attempt to pray at

the sanctuary. **Israeli forces** conduct an arrest raid in Shu'fat, sparking minor clashes with stone-throwing Palestinians; there are no serious injuries. Off **Gaza's coast, Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Bayt Lahiya and later nr. Jabaliya r.c., causing no damage or injuries. In **s. Israel, Israeli forces** demolish the Bedouin village al-'Araqib for the 116th time since 2010. (HA, MNA, TOI, WAFA 8/1; MNA 8/2; PCHR 8/3)

PA pres. Abbas meets with a **Hamas delegation** in Ramallah to discuss national reconciliation. Earlier in the day, the Arab press reports that **Abbas** has put together a new framework, essentially a broad outline of an agreement in which the PA would increase the electricity supply in **Gaza** to precrisis levels, and allow banks in Gaza to trade in foreign currency again in exchange for Hamas dismantling its new administrative comm. and publicly renouncing its power-sharing agreement with exiled **Fatah leader Dahlan**. Hamas responds, demanding that the PA take responsibility for paying all employees of the Hamas-run govt. in Gaza and allowing a new leadership group, including representatives of Hamas and the **Islamic Jihad Movement in Palestine**, to take control on an interim basis until a new round of elections can be held (see Update). (TOI 8/1; MNA, WAFA 8/2)

2 AUGUST 2017

In **c. Israel, Israeli police** arrest a West Bank Palestinian after he allegedly stabs and seriously injures an Israeli in Yavne. The IDF then raids the alleged attacker's Yatta home and imposes a lockdown on the village, blocking all entrances and exits. Elsewhere in the **West Bank, Israeli forces** raid a civil investigations office in c. Hebron, confiscating equipment and detaining the 30-odd employees. The

office reportedly opened following a recent agreement between local Palestinian and Israeli authorities (see Update). **IDF troops** arrest a Palestinian allegedly armed with a knife at the Gush Etzion junction; arrest 8 more Palestinians, and issue 1 arrest summons during late-night raids in and around Hebron, Ramallah, Nablus, Bethlehem, Qalqilya, and Tubas. During raids in Wadi al-Juz, Ras al-Amud, Bayt Hanina, and al-Tur in **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 15 Palestinians in connection with the violence at the sanctuary (48 Palestinians are still reportedly being held in connection with the clashes). They also ban an **Islamic Waqf** employee from **Haram al-Sharif**. Palestinian youths throw stones at an Israeli police officer outside **Damascus Gate**, lightly injuring him. Meanwhile, approximately 1,000 **Jewish settlers** tour the sanctuary. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Bayt Lahiya, causing no damage or injuries. (HA, MNA, TOI, WAFA, YA 8/2; HA, MNA, PCHR, TOI 8/3; PCHR 8/10)

The Israeli press reports that the **IDF** has completed construction of a 26-mile segment of the **separation wall** nr. Hebron, which they had resumed in 2/2017 after Palestinians from nearby Yatta village carried out a deadly shooting in 6/2016 in Tel Aviv. (MNA 8/3)

3 AUGUST 2017

Late at night, **Israeli settlers** enter Kobar, the Ramallah-area hometown of the Palestinian who stabbed **4 Israeli settlers** at the **Halamish** settlement on 7/21. When Palestinians throw stones at the group, **IDF troops** escort the settlers out of the village and violently disperse the Palestinians, injuring 1. IDF troops also arrest 1 Palestinian during

a raid in Qalqilya, and patrol nr. Hebron and Nablus during the day. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 1 Palestinian during a late-night raid in Qalandia r.c., sparking clashes with residents; 1 Palestinian is injured. They arrest 5 more Palestinians during raids in Silwan and the Old City. Along **Gaza's border**, **Israeli forces** conduct a limited incursion to level land nr. Khan Yunis. In **Israel**, **Israeli police** clash with Palestinians in **Jaffa** protesting the police killing of a Palestinian in the area on 7/29; 2 protesters are arrested. (MNA 8/3; MNA, TOI, YA 8/4; PCHR 8/10)

4 AUGUST 2017

Thousands of Palestinians pray at **Haram al-Sharif**, celebrating the success of their 2-week campaign against the Israeli authorities' attempt to impose new security measures at the sanctuary. Israeli forces arrest 9 worshippers on their way to the sanctuary and 1 Palestinian during a late-night raid in nearby Qalandia r.c. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** violently disperse Palestinians, Israelis, and international activists at Friday demonstrations against Israel's occupation, settlements, and separation wall in 3 villages nr. Ramallah (Bil'in, Ni'lin, and Nabi Salih) and along Gaza's border nr. Jabaliya r.c.; at least 5 Palestinians are injured. In c. Hebron, the IDF violently disperses Palestinians participating in a sit-in protest against the planned construction of a new IDF watchtower outside nearby Dura village (Israeli forces leveled land for the project on 7/31); there are no serious injuries. **Israeli settlers** throw stones at Palestinians and Palestinian homes in c. Hebron late at night; 3 Palestinians and 1 settler are injured. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire

on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Bayt Lahiya, causing no damage or injuries. (MNA, TOI 8/4; MNA, YA 8/5; PCHR 8/10)

The **Israeli authorities** release to their families the corpses of 4 Palestinians killed during confrontations with Israeli forces in 7/2017. (MNA 8/4; YA 8/5)

Israel's Min. of Justice announces that the state prosecutor's office has opened an investigation into the killing, by an Israeli, of 2 Jordanians at the **Israeli Embassy in Amman** on 7/23. A **Jordanian govt. spokesperson** calls it a step in the right direction, but adds that Amman still expects a full and orderly inquiry (see Update for details). (HA 8/4; GH, MNA, YA 8/6)

5 AUGUST 2017

In the **West Bank**, **Israeli settlers** throw stones at Palestinian homes in c. Hebron for the 2d night in a row, causing no damage or injuries. Late at night, hundreds of **Jewish settlers** visit Joseph's Tomb nr. Nablus, sparking minor clashes between their IDF escort and Palestinians from nearby Balata r.c.; there are no serious injuries. **IDF troops** conduct a raid in Yabad village nr. Jenin, arresting 5 Palestinians and sparking clashes with stone-throwing youths; there are no serious injuries. They arrest 6 more Palestinians during late-night raids nr. Bethlehem, Ramallah, and Hebron; and patrol nr. Hebron. The IDF violently disperses Palestinians demonstrating against the Israeli occupation in Kafr Qaddum nr. Qalqilya; 2 Palestinians are injured. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 1 Palestinian during a raid in the Old City. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Bayt Lahiya, causing no damage or injuries. (MNA, WAFA 8/5; MNA 8/6; PCHR 8/10)

6 AUGUST 2017

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest 11 Palestinians and issue 1 arrest summons during raids in and around Bethlehem, Hebron, Salfit, and Qalqilya; and patrol nr. Hebron and Nablus during the day. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** assault and arrest 9 Muslim worshippers at **Haram al-Sharif**; arrest 11 Palestinians during raids in the Old City, Wadi al-Juz, and Silwan. Along **Gaza's border**, **IDF troops** arrest a Palestinian attempting to cross into Israel nr. Jabaliya r.c. (MNA, TOI, WAFA 8/6; MNA 8/7; PCHR 8/10)

7 AUGUST 2017

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest 19 Palestinians and issue 1 arrest summons during late-night raids in and around Nablus, Jenin, and Qalqilya; and patrol nr. Hebron and Nablus. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 4 Palestinians during raids in Wadi al-Juz and Jabal Mukabir. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Bayt Lahiya 4 times, causing no damage or injuries. (PCHR 8/10)

Jordan's King Abdullah meets with **PA pres. Abbas** in Ramallah to discuss the recent tension at **Haram al-Sharif**, the **U.S.-led peace efforts**, and regional developments. (HA, MNA, TOI, WAFA, YA 8/7)

8 AUGUST 2017

Unidentified fighters fire a projectile from Gaza into s. Israel, which lands in an open area nr. Ashqelon, causing no damage or injuries. Late at night, Israeli forces carry out air strikes on 2 Hamas military sites in n. Gaza, injuring 4 Palestinians. (HA, MNA 8/8; TOI, WAFA, YA 8/9; PCHR 8/10)

A **Palestinian woman** dies of cancer in Rafah. On 8/10, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights will state that Israeli authorities are responsible for her death because they delayed granting her a permit to travel from Gaza to Jerusalem for treatment. (MEZ, WAFA 8/10)

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** confiscate a Palestinian's car during a raid nr. Hebron; arrest 21 Palestinians during further raids in and around Hebron, Ramallah, Bethlehem, Tulkarm, Jenin, Bethlehem, and Nablus; and patrol nr. Hebron and Nablus. **Israeli settlers** set fire to a large swathe of Palestinian land nr. Nablus, damaging hundreds of citrus trees. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** demolish a home in Jabal Mukabir, displacing a Palestinian family of 4. They also arrest 4 Palestinians during raids in Silwan and the Old City, and shut down a main road leading to villages n. of the city, which will remain closed until 8/10. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Dayr al-Balah and again nr. Khan Yunis, causing no damage or injuries. (MNA, WAFA 8/8; MNA 8/9; PCHR 8/10; MNA 8/11)

9 AUGUST 2017

IDF troops conduct raids in Dahaysha r.c. nr. Bethlehem overnight, sparking clashes with stone-throwing Palestinians; 2 Palestinians and 1 Israeli soldier are injured. An IDF raid in Kobar nr. Ramallah sparks further clashes; 15 Palestinians are injured and 5 are arrested. IDF troops arrest a Palestinian in c. Hebron found to be carrying a knife, arrest 2 more Palestinians during late-night raids nr. Hebron, and patrol nr. Hebron and Jenin during the day. **Israeli settlers** set fire to 2 Palestinian vehicles and leave price-tag graffiti in Umm Safa nr. Ramallah overnight. Hundreds of Israeli settlers march through Hebron to the Abu Rajab

building in which settler families have been squatting since 7/25. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** demolish a residential structure and a surrounding fence in Bayt Hanina, and arrest 6 Palestinians during raids in Shu'fat r.c., al-Tur, and the Old City. (HA, MNA, TOI, WAFA, YA 8/9; PCHR 8/10; PCHR 8/17)

10 AUGUST 2017

Israeli forces impose an overnight curfew and **punitively demolish** 2 homes and seal a 3d in Dayr Abu Mash'al nr. Ramallah. (The homes belong to the families of the Palestinians allegedly responsible for the deadly 6/16 attack in East Jerusalem.) Clashes break out despite the curfew; 3 Palestinians are injured. Meanwhile, Israeli forces also carry out the punitive demolition of a home in Silwad nr. Ramallah, which belongs to the family of the man allegedly responsible for the car ramming attack nr. Ramallah on 4/6. Elsewhere in the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** interrogate several PA employees during a raid on a govt. office in Hebron. Another IDF raid in Bayt Rima nr. Ramallah sparks clashes with Palestinian youths; 5 Palestinians are injured. IDF troops also patrol nr. Hebron and Qalqilya during the day. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli police** arrest 5 Palestinians in al-'Izzariya allegedly on their way to carry out an attack on Israelis; and arrest 3 more Palestinians during late-night raids in Shu'fat r.c. and Qatanna. **Undercover Israeli police** assault and arrest a number of Palestinian youths in Bayt Hanina. (HA, MNA, TOI 8/10; MNA 8/11; PCHR 8/17)

11 AUGUST 2017

IDF troops violently disperse Palestinians, Israelis, and international activists at Friday protests against the Israeli occupation,

separation wall, and settlements in 3 villages nr. Ramallah (Bil'in, Ni'lin, and Nabi Salih) and along Gaza's border nr. al-Bureij r.c. and Jabaliya r.c.; at least 8 Palestinians are injured. Elsewhere in the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** patrol nr. Hebron during the day. **Israeli settlers** chase a Palestinian child and throw stones at her home in Hebron. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** arrest 2 Palestinian fishermen working nr. Bayt Lahiya overnight. (MNA 8/11; MNA 8/12; PCHR 8/17)

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Israeli settlers set up 29 mobile homes in and around settlements nr. Nablus and Tulkarm. Elsewhere in the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest 2 Palestinians during late-night raids nr. Ramallah and Bethlehem, and patrol nr. Hebron and Qalqilya during the day. Israeli forces violently disperse Palestinians at protests against the occupation in Kafr Qaddum nr. Qalqilya; 2 Palestinians are injured. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest a Palestinian woman outside the Old City after she allegedly stabs and injures an Israeli security guard. (HA, MNA, WAFA, YA 8/12; MNA 8/13; PCHR 8/17)

13 AUGUST 2017

In the **West Bank**, Palestinians throw stones at an IDF unit conducting a raid in 'Aqabat Jabir r.c. nr. Jericho, lightly injuring 1 soldier. **IDF troops** arrest 7 Palestinians and issue 3 arrest summons during late-night raids in and around Hebron, Tulkarm, Ramallah, and Bethlehem; and patrol nr. Salfit and Hebron. They also confiscate a bus nr. Nablus, alleging that it was transporting "rioters" to Israeli checkpoints. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** shoot and injure a Palestinian as they are detaining him in Bayt Safafa. They also arrest

5 Palestinians during late-night raids in Silwan and al-'Izzariya. (MNA 8/13; PCHR 8/17)

14 AUGUST 2017

IDF troops shoot and injure a Palestinian as he attempts to cross the separation wall into Israel nr. Bethlehem. Elsewhere in the **West Bank**, the IDF arrests 14 Palestinians during late-night raids in and around Hebron, Nablus, Tulkarm, and Qalqilya; and patrols nr. Hebron. Israeli soldiers also assault and arrest a Palestinian attempting to stop them from arresting his mentally handicapped daughter. **Israeli forces** demolish 3 homes and a livestock barn in a small Bedouin village nr. Hebron. In **East Jerusalem**, dozens of **Jewish settlers** tour **Haram al-Sharif**. **Israeli forces** arrest 2 Palestinians and issue 1 arrest summons during raids in Silwan and the Old City. Along **Gaza's border**, **Israeli forces** conduct a limited incursion to level land nr. al-Bureij r.c. (MNA, WAFA 8/14; PCHR 8/17)

The **Egyptian** authorities open the **Rafah border crossing** for a limited period, allowing 800 Palestinians from Gaza to embark on the pilgrimage to Mecca. (WAFA 8/14; OCHA 8/17)

15 AUGUST 2017

Late at night, **Israeli forces** carry out the **punitive demolition** of the Kobar home of the Palestinian who killed 3 settlers at the nearby **Halamish** settlement on 7/21. The demolition sparks clashes with stone-throwing Palestinians in the area; 12 Palestinians are injured. Separately, **IDF troops** arrest 5 Palestinians and issue 1 arrest summons during raids nr. Hebron, Ramallah, and Bethlehem; and patrol nr. Nablus. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** demolish a 2-story building in Issawiyya, a makeshift home in Silwan, a car

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wash in Bayt Hanina, and a commercial structure in Jabal Mukabir. They also arrest 5 Palestinians during raids in al-Tur and Abu Dis. In **Israel**, the police arrest **Shaykh Raed Salah**, the head of the **Islamic Movement's outlawed Northern Branch**, on charges related to incitement. (MNA, WAFA, YA 8/15; HA, MNA, TOI, WAFA 8/16; PCHR 8/17)

The **Egyptian** authorities open the **Rafah border crossing** for a 2d day in a row, allowing only **Gazans** embarking on the pilgrimage to Mecca to pass. (TOI, WAFA 8/15; OCHA 8/17)

CHRONOLOGY SOURCE ABBREVIATIONS

AFP	(Agence France-Presse)
AJ	(Al Jazeera)
ALM	(Al-Monitor)
AP	(Associated Press)
BBC	(British Broadcasting Corporation World Service)
DPA	(Deutsche-Pressre Agentur)
EI	(Electronic Intifada)
GDN	(Guardian)

GH	(al-Ghad)
HA	(Haaretz)
IFM	(Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
JP	(Jerusalem Post)
JTA	(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)
KNE	(Israeli Knesset)
MDW	(Mondoweiss)
MEZ	(Al Mezan Center for Human Rights)
MNA	(Ma'an News Agency)
NYT	(New York Times)
OCHA	(UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Biweekly Protection of Civilians Reports)
PCHR	(Palestinian Center for Human Rights)
PCN	(Peace Now)
PNN	(Palestine News Network)
REU	(Reuters)
SA	(Asharq al-Awsat)
TOI	(Times of Israel)
USSD	(U.S. State Department)
WAFA	(Palestine News Agency)
WHPO	(White House Press Office)
YA	(Yedioth Ahronoth)