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# CHRONOLOGY

16 AUGUST–15 NOVEMBER 2000

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## 16 AUGUST

In Amman, **Israeli PM Ehud Barak** discusses the final status talks with **King Abdallah of Jordan**. (MENL 8/16; WP 8/17)

In the 1st senior-level talks since the Camp David summit ended on 7/25, **Israeli chief negotiator and acting FM Shlomo Ben-Ami** and **Barak adviser Gilead Sher** meet with **senior Palestinian Authority (PA) negotiators, Local Government M Saeb Erakat**, and **Preventive Security Force (PSF) head Muhammad Dahlan**. The 5-hr. talks focus on Jerusalem, but neither side expresses willingness to compromise on its position. (MENL 8/16; NYT, WP, WT 8/17)

Around 3 A.M. nr. Ramallah, in area B, an **Israel Defense Forces (IDF) patrol** fatally shoots a **73-yr.-old Palestinian American man** who had heard the troops operating nearby and thought they were burglars. When he ran to the roof of his house, shouted a warning, and shot a gun into the air to frighten them off, the soldiers returned fire, wounding him. The patrol prevented an ambulance fr. approaching the house for at least an hr., while they searched the area for other "attackers." The man dies en route to the hospital. (CSM, LAW, MA [Internet], NYT, WP, WT 8/17; NYT, WP 8/18; WJW 8/24; JP [Internet] 8/31)

The **Israeli Interior Min.** reports that nearly twice the usual number of **East Jerusalem Palestinians** applied for Israeli citizenship during the 1st half of 2000. Figures show that of 200,000 East Jerusalem Palestinians, only 3,300 have Israeli citizenship, 10,000 have applied. (JT [Internet], MENL 8/16; JT [Internet] 8/18)

## 17 AUGUST

**U.S. special envoy Dennis Ross** arrives in Israel to explore holding another round of Camp David talks; he meets with the heads of the **PA, Israeli** negotiating teams. U.S. officials say that **Pres. Bill Clinton** is not prepared to hold another session with **PA head**

**Yasir Arafat, Barak** unless they are ready to make decisions on Jerusalem. (MM, NYT, WT 8/17; WP, WT 8/18)

## 18 AUGUST

U.S. special envoy **Ross** meets separately with Israeli PM **Barak** and with PA negotiators **Erakat, Dahlan**. Neither Israel, the PA see a possibility for convening another summit mtg. soon. (NYT, WT 8/18)

**Lebanon** accuses **Israel** of committing 4 new violations of the blue line, the nonborder marking the UN certified IDF withdrawal fr. s. Lebanon (see Peace Monitor in *JPS* 117), including moving the separation fence into Lebanon at one point nr. Metulla. (RL 8/18 in WNC 8/21; MEI 9/1)

## 19 AUGUST

In Alexandria, U.S. special envoy **Ross** discusses the PA-Israeli impasse over Jerusalem with **Egyptian FM 'Amr Musa**, then returns to Israel to meet with Israeli chief negotiator **Ben-Ami**. Musa says Egyptian officials are drawing up proposals for a compromise on Jerusalem. (MENA 8/19 in WNC 8/21; WP 8/20; WJW 8/24; AYM 8/24 in WNC 8/28)

**10s of Jewish settlers**, angry over an accident in which a Palestinian motorist lightly injured a Jewish boy, rampage through the Hebron market, overturning **Palestinians'** stalls, sparking a riot. The **IDF** intervenes, injuring 3 Palestinians with rubber bullets, arresting 7 Palestinians and 3 settlers. (WT 8/20; WJW 8/24; MA [Internet] 8/25; VOI 9/10 in WNC 9/12)

## 20 AUGUST

In Jerusalem, U.S. special envoy **Ross** meets with PA negotiators **Erakat, Dahlan**. (MM, WP 8/21)

In a hasty attempt to forge a new secular coalition after losing his **Knesset** majority (see Peace Monitor in *JPS* 117), PM **Barak** announces plans for a "secular revolution."

(MM, WT 8/21; MM, NYT 8/22; MM, WJW 8/24; CSM, JP, MM 8/25; JP 9/1; NYT 9/17)

## 21 AUGUST

In Alexandria, **Egyptian pres. Hosni Mubarak** holds separate talks with **Arafat, Meretz MK Yossi Sarid** on the Jerusalem impasse; with **Syrian FM Faruq al-Shara'** on the Syrian, Palestinian tracks and possibly holding a mini-Arab summit on the peace process. (MENA 8/21 in WNC 8/22; MM 8/22; MENA 8/23 in WNC 8/24; WJW, WP 8/24)

## 22 AUGUST

**King Abdallah of Jordan** holds talks on the Jerusalem impasse with **Arafat** in Ramallah, **Barak** in Tel Aviv. (MM 8/22; MM, NYT, WP, WT 8/23; JT 8/23 in WNC 8/24; AYM, HJ, *al-Quds* 8/23 in WNC 8/28; WJW 8/24; DUS 8/26 in WNC 8/30; JP 9/1)

## 23 AUGUST

In the 1st 3-way mtg. since Camp David, U.S. special envoy **Ross** meets with the PA's **Erakat**, Israel's **Ben-Ami** in Jerusalem. (AYM 8/25 in WNC 8/28)

## 24 AUGUST

PM **Barak** says that if peace talks with the PA fail, he would ask the Likud party to join a national unity government. **Likud head Ariel Sharon**, who opposes Barak's peace policies, says he would reject the offer. (NYT 8/25; WP 8/31; MA 9/7 in WNC 9/8) (see 8/20)

In Alexandria, Israeli negotiator **Ben-Ami**, Egyptian pres. **Mubarak** discuss the Jerusalem impasse. Ben-Ami says Mubarak offered 2 compromise proposals, but Egypt does not confirm. (WP 8/24; MENA 8/24 in WNC 8/28; JP [Internet] 8/25; MENL, NYT 8/26; MM 8/29; MEI 9/1)

## 25 AUGUST

In Amman, **5,000 Jordanians** attend a rally calling for an Arab/Islamic summit in support of Palestinian and Muslim sovereignty over **East Jerusalem**. (JT 8/27 in WNC 8/28)

## 26 AUGUST

In Alexandria, **Arafat, Mubarak** discuss the Jerusalem issue, Arafat's planned mtg. with Pres. Clinton on the sidelines of the UN

millennium summit in New York on 9/6. (MENA 8/26 in WNC 8/28)

In area B outside Jerusalem, 3 **IDF** soldiers are killed, 1 is wounded by friendly fire in a botched raid on the hideout of Palestinian **Mahmud Abu Hanud**, wanted for allegedly staging a 1997 **Hamas** bombing in Jerusalem that killed 21 Israelis. Abu Hanud is wounded but escapes to Nablus, where he is arrested by the PSF. The **PA**, angry that Israel did not give it advance notice of the raid, says it will try Abu Hanud in a PA court, not extradite him to Israel. (NYT 8/27; CSM, LAW, NYT, WP, WT 8/28; MM, NYT 8/29; MM, *Palestine Report* [Internet] 8/30; JP [Internet], MM, WJW 8/31; JP, MEI, NYT, WP 9/1; WJW 9/7; JP, MM, NYT, WP 9/8; JP 9/15)

## 27 AUGUST

PA negotiators **Dahlan, Erakat** meet with Israeli negotiators **Ben-Ami, Sher** to discuss gaps on final status issues. (*al-Quds* 8/28 in WNC 8/30)

The **PA Local Government Min.** begins planning West Bank–Gaza municipal elections. (PA Ministry of Information press release 8/27)

**Lebanon** holds the 1st of 2 rounds of parliamentary elections, covering n. districts. Candidates opposed to **Pres. Emile Lahoud** take 33 of 63 seats. (WT 8/27; NYT 8/28; MM, NYT 8/29; *al-Safir* 8/29 in WNC 8/31; MM, WP 8/30; MM 8/31; MEI 9/1)

## 28 AUGUST

Morocco hosts a mtg. of the **Jerusalem Comm. of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC)** to discuss PA-Israeli final status talks on the city. (AYM 8/28 in WNC 8/29; MM, WP, WT 8/29; JT 8/29 in WNC 8/30; MM 8/31; JT 9/10 in WNC 9/12)

In Paris, **French FM Hubert Vedrine** briefs Israel's **Ben-Ami** on **Pres. Jacques Chirac's** talks with Syrian FM **Shara'** on 8/27. Afterward, Ben-Ami says Israel cannot hold talks with **Syria** now. (AFP 8/28 in WNC 8/29; *Globes* 8/28 in WNC 8/30)

## 29 AUGUST

On their way home fr. Africa, Pres. **Clinton**, special envoy **Ross** stop in Cairo to discuss with Pres. **Mubarak** ways to restart the PA-Israeli talks. Also in Cairo, Egyptian FM **Musa** receives **PA Planning M Nabil Shaath** for talks on the peace process. (MM

8/29; AYM, MENA 8/29 in WNC 8/30; WP 8/30; *al-Quds* 8/30 in WNC 8/31; MEI 9/1; AYM 9/9 in WNC 9/12)

The **IDF** bulldozes **3 Palestinian homes** in Shu'fat refugee camp. (LAW 8/29; WT 8/30)

### 30 AUGUST

**Israel** agrees that as of 10/1, **Jordanian** exporters may transport goods to the **PA** areas without switching haulers at the border. (JT [Internet], MENL 9/13; JT [Internet] 9/25)

### 31 AUGUST

In Washington, the **U.S.**, **Israel** open another round of talks toward drafting a memorandum of understanding codifying their strategic relationship. (WT 9/1; MA 9/1 in WNC 9/6) (see Peace Monitor in *JPS* 117)

### 1 SEPTEMBER

Egyptian pres. **Mubarak** flies to Paris to consult with Pres. **Chirac** on **PA-Israeli** final status talks, **Syrian-Israeli** track. (MM 9/4; MENA 9/5 in WNC 9/7; *al-Musawwar* 9/8 in WNC 9/14) (see 8/28)

**CIA Dir. George Tenet** arrives in Israel fr. Cairo for 2 days of consultations with **Barak**, **Arafat** advisers on security and the peace process in advance of Clinton's mtgs. with Arafat, Barak at the UN millennium summit in New York. (MM 9/1)

U.S. special envoy **Ross**, back in the region, holds separate mtgs. with **Arafat**, **Barak**, and PA negotiators **Erakat**, **Dahlan**. (MM 9/1; WT 9/3)

A **PA military court** sentences **Hamas mbr. Abu Hanud** to 12 yrs. for forming, arming military cells. (LAW, NYT, WP, WT 9/2; WJW 9/7; HJ 9/7 in WNC 9/12; JP, MM 9/8) (see 8/26)

### 2 SEPTEMBER

**Arafat**, his security advisers meet with CIA Dir. **Tenet** in Ramallah. Arafat then heads to Cairo for talks with Pres. **Mubarak**. (WT 9/3; MM 9/6)

The **PA** releases its 1st batch of new textbooks to replace decades-old Egyptian, Jordanian texts. **Israel** complains that the new books are biased. (WP 9/3)

### 3 SEPTEMBER

CIA Dir. **Tenet**, **Arafat** meet again. (MM 9/4, 9/6)

In Cairo, **Arab League** FMs open a 2-day mtg. focusing on final status arrangements for **Jerusalem**. **Arafat** briefs FMs on the Camp David summit, recent developments. (JT 9/10 in WNC 9/12; MEI 9/15)

**Lebanon** holds the 2d round of parliamentary elections, covering seats allotted to s. districts. Candidates allied with **fmr. PM Rafiq Hariri** (1992–98) win 18 of 19 seats in Beirut. Hizballah's parliamentary bloc increases fr. 9 to 12 seats. (NYT, WP 9/3; MM, NYT, WP, WT 9/4; MM, NYT, WT 9/5; MM 9/6, 9/7, 9/8, 9/11; MEI 9/15)

### 4 SEPTEMBER

**King Muhammad of Morocco** receives Israel's **Ben-Ami** for talks on the **Jerusalem** issue. (MM 9/5)

At the close of their mtg. in Cairo, **Arab League FMs** announce plans for heads of state to begin holding a full Arab summit every March beginning in 3/01. FMs will meet again in 10/00 to prepare. (MM 9/4; *al-Quds* 9/6, JT 9/10 in WNC 9/12)

### 5 SEPTEMBER

At a European Union (EU) mtg. in Strasbourg, **Palestinian Council (PC) Speaker Ahmad Qurai'**, **Knesset speaker Avraham Burg** offer their personal recommendations for Jerusalem, possibly as trial balloons. Qurai' proposes the whole city be placed under international control, "neither under Israeli nor Palestinian sovereignty," until the issue can be resolved. Burg calls for "divine sovereignty," under which Jerusalem "would be not only the capital of Israel . . . but would become the international capital of democracy." (AFP 9/5 in WNC 9/8; MA [Internet], MM 9/6; MM 9/7)

### 6 SEPTEMBER

On the sidelines of the UN summit in New York, **Clinton** meets separately with **Barak**, then **Arafat** to discuss ways of advancing the peace talks. The leaders propose various ideas for moving beyond the Jerusalem issue but agree on none. (MM 9/6; HJ 9/6 in WNC 9/7; MM, NYT, WJW, WP, WT 9/7; *al-Quds* 9/7 in WNC 9/8; CSM, MM, WP 9/8; *Arab News* [Jeddah] 9/11 in WNC 9/14; NYT 9/12; WJW 9/14; MEI 9/15) (see Peace Monitor)

**Lebanese** residents of Hula on the border with **Israel** report that the **IDF** has violated the blue line, confiscating 4,000 m<sup>2</sup> of land to build a road. (RL 9/6 in WNC 9/7)

## 7 SEPTEMBER

On the sidelines of the UN mtg. in New York, **Egyptian** FM Musa holds a 4-way mtg. with the FMs of **Jordan, Oman, Qatar** on the final status of **Jerusalem** and inter-Islamic coordination. (MENA 9/8 in WNC 9/12)

An **Israeli court** orders the arrest of **3 Israeli border policemen** for detaining, severely beating **3 Palestinian laborers** and taking "trophy photos" of the 9/6 assault. (NYT 9/8; WJW 9/14; WP 9/19)

## 8 SEPTEMBER

In advance of the **PLO Central Comm. (PLOCC)** mtg. 9/9-10, **10s of Palestinian refugees** in Beirut, Sidon attend demonstrations calling for the right of return. (*Daily Star* [Internet] 9/9)

In Bayt Furik in the West Bank, reps. of the **Arab Liberation Front (ALF), Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP), Fatah, Hamas, the Palestinian Popular Struggle Front** discuss the final status of Jerusalem; unanimously call on the **PA** to uphold the demand for Palestinian sovereignty over all of East Jerusalem. (AYM 9/9 in WNC 9/14)

In New York, **Egyptian** FM Musa holds a 2d 4-way mtg. on the final status of **Jerusalem** and inter-Islamic coordination with the FMs of **Iran, Qatar, Saudi Arabia**. Musa also discusses Jerusalem separately with FM Shara' of **Syria**, Pres. 'Abd al-Rahman Wahid of **Indonesia**. (MENA 9/8 in WNC 9/12)

## 9 SEPTEMBER

In Gaza, **Arafat** opens a 2-day **PLOCC** meeting on unilateral declaration of statehood, announces that talks with Israel will resume in the region on 9/11 and continue for 4 wks., per a request by Pres. **Clinton**. (WT 9/9; HJ, *al-Quds* 9/9 in WNC 9/12; AYM 9/9, *al-Quds* 9/10 in WNC 9/14; WP, WT 9/10; MM 9/11; JP, MEI 9/15) (see Doc. B1)

## 10 SEPTEMBER

For the 2d time in 16 mos., the **PLOCC** votes (58-15, with 3 abstentions, 53 absent) to postpone plans to declare **statehood** unilaterally after 9/13. (JT 9/10 in WNC 9/12; CSM, MM, NYT, WP, WT 9/11; AFP, ATL, AYM, Interfax, *al-Quds*, VOI, XIN 9/11, MENA, TT, VOI 9/12 in WNC 9/14; HJ, IRNA, *al-Quds* 9/12, AYM, RMC 9/13 in WNC 9/18; WJW 9/14; JP, MEI 9/15; *al-Quds* 9/15 in WNC 9/26) (see Peace Monitor)

Israeli negotiator **Sher**, PA negotiator **Erakat** agree on a timetable for negotiations in the coming wks. (MA, *al-Quds*, VOI 9/11 in WNC 9/14; MM 9/12; WJW 9/28)

## 11 SEPTEMBER

In Cairo, **Arafat** briefs **Mubarak** on the latest developments in the peace process. (MENA 9/11 in WNC 9/14; CSM, NYT 9/12)

**Israel's Housing Min.** reports that **Jewish settlement construction** is up 96% during the 1st half of 2000 as compared to the 1st half of 1999. Since **Barak** took office in 7/99 work has begun on 1,384 new settlement housing units in Jerusalem, 540 elsewhere. (MM 9/12)

**Lebanese** living along the blue line report that the **IDF** has moved new missile batteries into n. Israel since the Lebanese elections ended on 9/3. (*al-Nabarr* 9/12 in WNC 9/14; MM 9/14 in WNC 9/18)

## 12 SEPTEMBER

In New York, U.S. Secy. of State **Albright** meets with Israel's **Ben-Ami, Sher**. After this mtg. and a mtg. with Egyptian FM **Musa**, she phones **Arafat** to request he send negotiators to the U.S. to meet with the Israelis. The **PA** agrees but says it is surprised by the change of plans (see 9/9). (MENA 9/12, AYM 9/14 in WNC 9/18; MM 9/18)

**Barak** briefs **Labor/One Israel** mbrs. on his plans to try to stave off early elections by forming a coalition government with the **Am Ehad, Center, Democratic Choice, Meretz, One Israel, Shinui** parties, plus **Arab MKs**. If that fails, he will consider inviting **Likud, Yisrael Ba'Aliya** to join. (MM 9/12; VOI 9/12 in WNC 9/14; MM 9/13, 9/15)

**Israeli police** say they have recently arrested **41 Israeli Arabs** fr. Umm al-Fahm, **4 West Bank Palestinians** on suspicion of forming an illegal organization, arms trafficking, plotting attacks on police and soldiers. (MM, WT 9/13; MA [Internet], MM 9/14)

## 13 SEPTEMBER

PA negotiators **Erakat, Dahlan** leave for New York for 2 days of consultations with the **U.S. peace team** and Israeli negotiators **Ben-Ami, Sher**. (AYM 9/14 in WNC 9/18)

In Washington, **Ben-Ami** briefs **U.S. National Security Adviser (NSA) Sandy Berger**, the **Senate minority and majority leaders**, the **House Foreign Relations Comm.** on the latest developments in the PA-Israeli peace process; calls for upgrading

U.S.-Israeli strategic ties, which he stresses should not be conditional on progress on talks with the PA. (MM, WT 9/13; AYM 9/13, *Globes* 9/14 in WNC 9/18; MM, WP 9/14; MM 9/15, 9/25) (see Peace Monitor)

In Gaza, a dispute btwn. rival **Fatah** factions erupts into a demonstration, stone-throwing. (NYT 9/14; SA 9/14 in WNC 9/18; SA 9/17 in WNC 9/26) (see Peace Monitor)

Nr. **Netzarim settlement** in Gaza, **IDF soldiers**, **PA police** disperse **Palestinians** throwing stones at passing settler vehicles. No one is injured; 1 car is damaged. (VOI 9/13 in WNC 9/18)

#### 14 SEPTEMBER

Secy. of State **Albright** meets with Israel's **Ben-Ami**. U.S. special envoy **Ross** meets with the PA's **Erakat**, **Dahlan**. Talks focus on how to proceed now that the 9/13 deadline for a final status agmt. has passed without an accord or a unilateral Palestinian declaration of statehood. (WP 9/14; NYT, WT 9/15; AYM 9/16 in WNC 9/25; MM 9/19; WJW 9/21)

**Lebanon** reports that **Israel** is reinforcing troops in Shaba' Farms, now considered by the UN as part of the occupied Golan Heights. (RL 9/14 in WNC 9/18) (see Peace Monitor in *JPS* 117)

#### 15 SEPTEMBER

In Umm al-Fahm, **70,000 Israeli Arabs** attend a rally in support of Palestinian sovereignty over al-Aqsa Mosque in **Jerusalem**. (PASSIA 10/00)

#### 16 SEPTEMBER

In the West Bank, **2,000 Palestinian refugees** fr. Balata camp march in support of the right of return, in memory of the 18th anniversary of the Sabra-Shatila massacre in Lebanon. **300 Palestinian refugees** in Dahaysha camp hold a similar rally, after which 50 youths clash with **IDF** troops guarding Rachel's Tomb in Bethlehem, leaving 2 Palestinians injured. (AP, REU 9/16; JT [Internet], HA [Internet] 9/17)

In Washington, **4,000 supporters** of the **Palestinian refugees'** right of return stage a rally outside the White House. (REU 9/16; WP 9/17)

#### 17 SEPTEMBER

In Jerusalem, **PA**, **Israeli** teams resume informal talks but make no progress. Talks

are expected to continue for 4–5 wks., without **U.S.** participation. (WT 9/18; CSM 9/19)

In London, **2,000 supporters** of the **Palestinian refugees'** right of return stage a rally like that held in Washington on 9/16. (FOFONET Digest [Internet] 9/16; *Jewish Chronicle* [Internet] 9/22)

Some **150 Lebanese** residents of Kafr Shuba cross the blue line into **Israeli**-controlled territory to protest the occupation of their farm lands, which are part of the Shaba' Farms area. They are halted by the **IDF**, escorted back to Lebanon without incident. (MEI 9/29)

#### 18 SEPTEMBER

**Lebanese PM Salim al-Huss** announces the postponement of a donor conference set for 10/9 to secure aid for Lebanon's reconstruction. Lebanon estimates it needs \$260 m. in emergency aid for **s. Lebanon**, \$5 b. in grants and soft loans for the rest of the country. (MM, WP 9/19; WT 9/20)

**Lebanese troops** take up posts in **Jazzin** for the 1st time since it was evacuated by the **South Lebanon Army (SLA)** in 6/99. (MM 9/18, 9/19)

#### 19 SEPTEMBER

**Barak** cancels a scheduled mtg. btwn the **PA** and **Israeli** peace teams, calls for a "time-out" in peace talks, saying the PA is inflexible and is increasing its demands. **Arafat** phones **Clinton**, **Albright**, **Ross**, and the leaders of **Egypt**, **France**, **Jordan**, **Morocco** to complain. By the end of the day, **Barak** agrees to resume mtgs. on 9/20. (MM 9/19; HA [Internet], JP [Internet], MM, NYT, WT 9/20; *al-Quds* 9/20, MENA, *al-Quds* 9/21 in WNC 9/26; MM, WJW 9/21)

In Washington, Pres. **Clinton** meets with the **U.S. peace team** to discuss how to proceed. (MM 9/19; HA [Internet] 9/21; SA 9/19, AYM, RMC 9/20, *al-Quds* 9/21 in WNC 9/26; HJ, SA 9/21 in WNC 9/27; WP 9/22)

In Paris, Israel's **Ben-Ami** briefs Pres. **Chirac** on the latest developments on final status talks. The 2 men meet in private with no aides; no details are released. (YA 9/19; AFP 9/19 in WNC 9/26; MM 9/20; HA [Internet] 9/21)

#### 20 SEPTEMBER

**PA**, **Israeli** peace teams hold a "business-like" mtg. on the peace talks. (MM 9/20; MM, NYT 9/21)



French pres. **Chirac** phones **Arafat** to discuss the peace process, especially the Jerusalem impasse. (AFP 9/20 in WNC 9/26) (see 9/19)

PA Planning M **Shaath** forms a team to draft plans to transform the **Min. of Planning and International Cooperation** into a foreign ministry, to otherwise standardize the Palestinian diplomatic network. (*al-Quds* 9/21 in WNC 9/27)

## 21 SEPTEMBER

Separately, **PA, Israeli** officials say talks are on hold while the **U.S.** decides if it will offer bridging proposals. NSA **Berger** says the U.S. is also weighing the possibility of holding another round of summit talks or sending Secy. of State **Albright** to the region. (MM 9/21; MM, WP, WT 9/22)

The **IDF** confirms that the **Israeli DMin.** has approved a 250-acre expansion of the West Bank **settlement of Alfe Menashe**; work has already begun. (AP 9/21)

## 22 SEPTEMBER

**Arafat** rejects a request by **Barak** for a 1-on-1 mtg., saying there is no point in meeting unless there is a chance for progress. (WT 9/24)

The **State Dept.** announces that it has suspended the security clearance of Amb. to Israel **Martin Indyk** pending completion of an investigation into whether he mishandled classified material. (NYT, WP 9/23; MENA 9/23 in WNC 9/27; WT 9/24; MM, NYT, WT 9/25; MM 9/26; WJW 9/28; MEI, WT 9/29)

Just 4 mos. after fleeing to Israel during the IDF withdrawal fr. s. Lebanon, **118 SLA refugees**, mostly women and children, return to **Lebanon**. (RL 9/22 in WNC 9/27; NYT 9/23)

**IDF** troops fire at a **group of Lebanese and foreign journalists, Hizballah mbrs.** standing at the Kafr Shuba Gate on the blue line, injuring 1 Hizballah mbr. (RL 9/22 in WNC 9/27)

## 23 SEPTEMBER

Secy. of State **Albright** phones **Arafat** to urge him to meet with **Barak**. (WT 9/24)

French pres. **Chirac** phones Egyptian pres. **Mubarak** to discuss the final status of **Jerusalem**. (AFP 9/23 in WNC 9/27) (see 9/20)

## 24 SEPTEMBER

**Barak** says that he is prepared to sign a partial agmt. with the **PA** that would include a comprehensive agmt. on most final status issues, a time limit for agreeing on the rest. The PA rejects the idea of another interim agmt. (WP 9/25; MM 9/26; MEI 9/29)

## 25 SEPTEMBER

At Barak's home, **Arafat, Barak** meet for the 1st time since the Camp David summit. After the 3-hr. mtg., during which **Clinton** phones Arafat, Israel and the PA announce that their senior negotiators will go to Washington in the next few days to meet with the U.S. peace team, possibly to hold 3-way talks. (MM 9/25; MM, NYT, WP, WT 9/26; NYT 9/27)

Israel's **Ben-Ami** goes to **Jordan, Egypt** reportedly to promote the idea of entrusting the **UN Security Council (UNSC)** to resolve competing claims on Jerusalem. (JP [Internet], MM 9/25; NYT 9/26; MM 9/27)

A **Knesset comm.** approves a draft law that would require an absolute majority of 61 MKs to endorse a decision to turn over land within the present municipal borders of **Jerusalem** to "a foreign body." (NYT 9/26)

In the Galilee, **1,000 Israeli Arab residents** of 'Ayn Mahal strike to protest the seizure of 450 acres of their land for the expansion of **Jewish Upper Nazareth**. (AFP [Internet] 9/25)

## 26 SEPTEMBER

The **PA** peace team led by **Erakat** and **Dahlan**, the **Israeli** team led by **Ben-Ami** and **Sher** arrive in Washington; meet separately with U.S. special envoy **Ross**. Secy. of State **Albright** says the U.S. will not present bridging proposals. (MA [Internet] 9/27; WJW, WP 9/28)

## 27 SEPTEMBER

**Israeli police** inform **Waqf officials** that Likud MK **Sharon** has requested to visit the **Haram al-Sharif/Temple Mount** on 9/28, just before Rosh Hashanah on 9/29. The Waqf urges against the visit, warning it would be viewed as a political provocation and could spark violence. (MM 9/27)

In Washington, U.S. special envoy **Ross** holds separate mtgs. with **Israeli, PA** teams. The PA team asks the U.S. to urge **Barak** against allowing MK **Sharon** to visit the Haram al-Sharif/Temple Mount. (WP 9/28)

**Israel's Atty. Gen. Elyakim Rubenstein** throws out the bribery and corruption case against fmr. **Likud PM Benjamin Netanyahu** and his wife, clearing the way for Netanyahu's political comeback. (IsRN, MM 9/27; MM, NYT, WP, WT 9/28; MM 9/29; WJW 10/5; JP 10/6)

Nr. Netzarim Junction in Gaza, 2 roadside bombs are detonated as an **IDF** convoy escorting **Jewish settlers** passes, injuring 2 soldiers. (MM, NYT, WP 9/28) (see 9/13)

## 28 SEPTEMBER

In Washington, the **Israeli, PA** delegations end consultations with the U.S. peace team, return home. (REU 9/28; NYT 10/2; WP 10/22)

With the authorization of **Barak** and **Ben-Ami** (who is also Israel's internal security M), Likud MK **Sharon** leads a group of **Likud MKs** into the **Haram al-Sharif/Temple Mount** under heavy escort and police helicopter guard to assert Israeli sovereignty over the disputed site. **1,000 Israeli riot police** are deployed on the buildings surrounding the mosque compound. Sharon attempts to enter the Marwani Mosque (which some Jews consider to be the site of Solomon's stables) but is barred by **200 Palestinians**, including **several Israeli Arab MKs**, who sit peacefully in his path. After Sharon leaves, Palestinians scuffle with and throw stones at police, who fire tear gas, rubber bullets at them. 24 Palestinians, 25 policemen are injured. Rioting spreads throughout East Jerusalem and to Ramallah, where 6 Palestinians are injured. (IsRN, LAW, MA [Internet], MM 9/28; HJ 9/28, *al-Quds*, MENA 9/29 in WNC 10/2; CSM, NYT, WP, WT 9/29; WP 10/1; NYT 10/3; WJW 10/5; MEI 10/13)

In Gaza, another roadside bomb explodes nr. an **IDF patrol** causing no injuries. An **IDF soldier** injured by a roadside bomb on 9/27 dies. (WP, WT 9/29)

**Rachelim settlement** issues tenders for construction of 14 new housing units and related infrastructure. (IsRN 9/28)

## 29 SEPTEMBER

**Palestinian-Israeli clashes** sparked by Likud MK **Sharon's** visit to Haram al-Sharif/Temple Mount on 9/28 continue for a 2d day. **Palestinian worshippers** leaving Friday prayers at al-Aqsa Mosque throw stones at the estimated **2,000 Israeli sharpshooters** and **riot police** surrounding the site,

who in turn storm the mosque compound, shooting live ammunition and rubber bullets, killing **4 Palestinians**, wounding around 220. At least **2 Palestinians** are killed elsewhere in East Jerusalem, and other clashes are reported nr. Bethlehem, in Hebron.

**Barak** meets with his security cabinet to formulate a strategy to contain the violence, calls **Arafat** to say that "further violence will not be tolerated." Arafat calls Pres. **Clinton** to urge him to press Barak to pull back forces fr. the holy site. (LAW, MM 9/29; NYT, WP, WT 9/30; HJ, *al-Quds* 9/30 in WNC 10/2; CSM, HA [Internet], JP [Internet] 10/2; MENA 10/2 in WNC 10/3; MEI 10/13)

**PA-Israeli** security cooperation in the West Bank deteriorates. In Qalqilya, a **PA policeman** on a joint patrol shoots, kills an **IDF** colleague. **Arafat** phones **Barak** to express condolences, promise an investigation. (MM 9/29; NYT, WP, WT 9/30; WT 10/4)

In Wihdat camp in **Jordan**, **6,000 Palestinian refugees** attend a demonstration sponsored by the **Muslim Brotherhood** to protest **Israeli** actions in **Jerusalem**. (DUS 9/30 in WNC 10/2; JT [Internet] 10/1)

## 30 SEPTEMBER

On the 3d day of rioting, an effort to secure a cease-fire fails, and **Palestinian-Israeli clashes** spread to almost all Palestinian towns, most **IDF** checkpoints in the West Bank and Gaza, with the **Israeli forces** reportedly taking harsher actions than on 9/28 or 9/29. While only 8 **IDF** troops are lightly injured during the day, another **12 Palestinians** are killed, more than 500 wounded. The worst fighting takes place outside **Nablus**, where 8 Palestinians, including 2 PA police officers are killed; and in **Gaza**, where 200 Palestinians are injured, and 12-yr.-old **Muhammad al-Dura** and an ambulance driver who tries to rescue him are shot dead. Telephone calls are exchanged among U.S. Secy. of State **Albright**, **Arafat**, **Barak**, Israel's **Ben-Ami**, Egyptian pres. **Mubarak**, U.S. special envoy **Ross**, CIA Dir. **Tenet**, **Russian FM Igor Ivanov**, **EU officials**. Arafat flies to Cairo to meet with Mubarak, **EU special envoy Miguel Moratinos**. (MENA, RL 9/30, IRNA, ITAR-TASS, JT, MENA, *al-Quds* 10/1 in WNC 10/2; NYT, WP, WT 10/1; CSM, NYT, WT 10/2; SA 10/2 in WNC 10/3; MA 10/6 in WNC 10/10; *al-Quds* 10/12 in WNC 10/16; MEI 10/13)

In 'Ayn al-Hilwa refugee camp in **Lebanon**, **2,500 Palestinians** demonstrate against **Israeli** actions in **Jerusalem**. In



Cairo, **Egyptian students** block the train station in protest. (RL 9/30 in WNC 10/2)

## 1 OCTOBER

On the 4th day of **Palestinian-Israeli clashes**, another attempt to secure a cease-fire fails, and rioting spreads to Israeli cities, including **Acre, Jaffa, Nazareth, Tel Aviv**, and **Israeli Arab towns across the Galilee**. In **Umm al-Fahm**, **1 Israeli Arab** is shot dead by **Israeli police**, sparking massive rioting. In the West Bank and Gaza, the **IDF** rolls out heavy weapons—including tanks, antitank missiles, attack helicopters, grenades—to combat stone-throwing Palestinians, resulting in another **12 Palestinian fatalities**, over 200 Palestinians wounded. The **1st IDF soldier** is killed in street clashes (see 9/29). **Jewish settlers** in Jerusalem open fire on a Palestinian car, killing a toddler. The **1st confirmed incidents** of Palestinians shooting at IDF troops take place in Gaza and Ramallah, but no IDF injuries are reported. The IDF places a 24-hr. curfew on Palestinians in **Hebron**. **Israel** states that its troops have “exercised restraint,” accuses the **PA** of “orchestrating a campaign of spreading violence for political gain.” **Clinton** phones **Arafat** to urge him to halt the violence; says that once the fighting stops, he will convene PA, Israeli security officials for a fact-finding session “to figure out what went wrong.” (PCHR 10/1; IRNA, MENA 10/1 in WNC 10/2; AFP 10/1, IRNA 10/2 in WNC 10/3; AP, CSM, MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/2; HA [Internet], MM, NYT 10/3; MEI 10/13)

On his 1st official visit abroad as head of state, **Syrian pres. Bashar al-Asad** arrives in Cairo to meet with Pres. **Mubarak**. Talks touch on the peace process, Jerusalem. (MENA 10/1 in WNC 10/2, 10/3)

In Amman, **Jordanians, Palestinians** protest Israel's use of excessive force against Palestinians. (JT 10/5 in WNC 10/6)

## 2 OCTOBER

Despite another attempt to secure a cease-fire, **Israeli-Palestinian clashes** in Israel and throughout the West Bank and Gaza continue, leaving **10 Palestinians, 7 Israeli Arabs, 1 IDF soldier, 1 Jewish settler** dead and some 300 Palestinians injured; **3 Israeli Arabs** wounded on 10/1 also die. Israel closes roads in n. Israel, the West Bank, Gaza to civilian traffic. Around 30 exchanges of gunfire btwn. Israeli security forces and armed Palestinian civilians and

police are reported. Nr. Tulkarm, Palestinians set afire an industrial plant owned by Jewish settlers. Nr. Hebron, **Jewish settlers** fatally shoot a Palestinian. The **IDF Dep. Chief of Staff Moshe Ya'alon** warns that if Palestinians do not stop attacking troops guarding Joseph's Tomb in Nablus, the IDF will move in even though the area is under full PA control; the IDF has taken up positions around area A but has not crossed into them. **Barak** authorizes his forces to use “all necessary means” to protect Israeli lives, quell riots. (AP, MM 10/2; AFP, ANSA, EFE [Madrid], Interfax, RL, XIN 10/2 in WNC 10/3; RL, SAPA [Johannesburg] 10/2, JT, HJ, *al-Quds*, SA 10/3 in WNC 10/6; CSM, MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/3; HJ, *al-Quds*, *Sabah* 10/3, MA 10/6 in WNC 10/10; MM 10/9)

The **IDF** claims that **Muhammad al-Dura**, the 12-yr.-old killed at Netzarim Junction on 10/1, had been throwing stones at soldiers before he was shot, contradicting widely broadcast footage of the incident recorded by France 2 TV showing the boy and his father pinned down by gunfire for 45 minutes. The pair were returning from errands and had been dropped off by a taxi, which refused to take them across Netzarim Junction because of heavy IDF fire. (*Age* [Melbourne], HA [Internet], MM, WP 10/3; MA 10/6 in WNC 10/10) (see Doc. B3)

U.S. Secy. of State **Albright** announces that she will meet with **Arafat, Barak** in Paris on 10/4 to discuss the clashes, the peace process. All 3 will then meet with **Mubarak** in Sharm al-Shaykh on 10/5. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/3; Radio France International 10/3 in WNC 10/6)

In Amman, **Arafat, King Abdallah** discuss the Israeli-Palestinian clashes, call on **Israel** to pull back forces to restore calm, and urge Arab states to convene an emergency summit. In Cairo, **Mubarak**, Syrian pres. **Asad** also call for an Arab summit. Massive rallies protesting Israeli actions are held in **Amman, Cairo, Damascus, refugee camps in Lebanon, Yemen**. Protests are also held outside Israeli embassies and legations in many **European and North American cities**, including Ann Arbor, Austin, Brussels, Chicago, Detroit, Houston, London, Los Angeles, Montreal, New Haven, New York, Ottawa. (AP, BDL, UPI 10/2; MENA 10/2 in WNC 10/3; MENA 10/2, JT, MENA 10/3, JT 10/4 in WNC 10/6; NYT, WP, WT 10/3; AYM 10/3 in WNC 10/12; MM, WT 10/4; WJW 10/5; HJ 10/5, *al-Quds* 10/7 in WNC 10/10; JP 10/13)

In Paris, PA Planning M **Shaath** briefs French Pres. **Chirac** on the ongoing clashes. Chirac calls on both sides to deescalate the violence, calls for an international inquiry into the clashes. (AFP 10/2, 10/3, *Le Monde* 10/4 in WNC 10/6)

In New York, the **UNSC** begins closed-door mtgs. on several draft resolutions regarding the ongoing **Palestinian-Israeli clashes**. **Britain**, the **U.S.** lobby against issuing a resolution, saying, at most, a statement should be read. (UPI 10/3; HA [Internet] 10/4; WJW 10/5) (see Peace Monitor)

### 3 OCTOBER

This morning, the **IDF** begins pulling back reinforcements fr. the West Bank, Gaza after reaching a new agmt. with the **PA**. Initially, clashes abate, but fighting continues at old hot spots (e.g., Hebron, Nablus, Netzarim Junction, Ramallah, Tulkarm). Within hrs., the **IDF** sends reinforcements back in, firing anti-tank missiles and deploying helicopter gunships, tanks against Palestinians, killing 3, injuring 40. In Nablus, 27 Palestinians are injured when an **IDF** helicopter fires rockets at an apartment building. **1 Palestinian** injured last wk. dies. Inside Israel, massive demonstrations continue across the Galilee following 2 funerals for Israeli Arabs killed by the **Israeli police** earlier in the wk. (MM 10/3; AFP, IRNA, MENA 10/3, JT, *Le Monde* 10/4 in WNC 10/6; CSM, NYT, WP, WT 10/4; AYM 10/4 in WNC 10/10; MEI 10/13)

**Barak** meets with **Israeli Arab leaders** to "ease concerns about the neglect of their community," agrees to set up a special cabinet comm. to address Arab concerns. Under pressure fr. Israeli Arab MKs, he bans police fr. using live ammunition against Israeli protesters unless there is "clear and immediate danger to life." The **Israeli government** also releases plans to improve roads and schools in Israeli Arab towns, raise the standard of living of the Arab minority. (MM 10/3; NYT, WT 10/4; MEI 10/13)

In **Beirut**, **20,000 Palestinians, Lebanese** march to UN House to protest **Israeli** actions. Some **10,000 Palestinian refugees** demonstrate in camps in **Rashidiyya, Sidon**, and **Tyre**. In **Amman**, Jordanians observe a strike in solidarity with the Palestinians, and **Jordanian riot police** wield clubs against 100s of stone-throwing demonstrators marching on the **Israeli emb.** In **Norway**, some 100 Norwegians take part in a violent protest outside the Israeli emb. in Oslo, burning flags, throwing bottles,

breaking windows. Rallies are also reported in **Egypt, Greece, Oman, Pakistan**, the **UAE**. In the **U.S.**, anti-Israeli protests are held in Austin, Cleveland, Philadelphia, Raleigh, San Francisco, Washington, and outside the CNN offices in Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Tennessee, Canada. (JP [Internet], MM 10/4; JT 10/4 in WNC 10/6; *Daily Star* [Internet] 10/5; MM 10/6; MEI 10/13)

The **IDF** admits that its soldiers fired the shots that killed **Muhammad al-Dura** at Netzarim Junction on 10/1 but blames Palestinians for the "cynical use" of children in confrontations with **IDF** troops. (WP 10/4; NYT 10/5) (see 10/2)

### 4 OCTOBER

In Paris, U.S. Secy. of State **Albright**, CIA Dir. **Tenet** meet with **Arafat, Barak**. After 12 hrs. of talks, joined at times by UN Secy.-Gen. **Kofi Annan** and French Pres. **Chirac**, the sides reach an arrangement under which Barak agrees to withdraw troops to their positions before 9/28, Arafat agrees to try to curb Palestinian rioting, both sides agree to keep people away fr. 3 hot spots (Netzarim Junction in Gaza, Joseph's Tomb in Nablus, and the "circle area" nr. Ramallah). The U.S. wanted Arafat and Barak to sign a document outlining the agmts., but Arafat would do so only if the text provided for an international inquiry, which Barak rejects. After the mtg. Albright, Arafat leave for Sharm al-Shaykh. Barak returns to Israel, saying there is no point in meeting with **Mubarak**. (MM, REU 10/4; AFP, ATL, Interfax, IRNA, ITAR-TASS, MENA, Yonhap [Seoul] 10/4, AFP, IDF Radio, Interfax, JT, MA, MENA, *al-Quds*, SA, VOI 10/5 in WNC 10/6; AP, CSM, LAW, MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/5; *Arab News* 10/5, AYM, HJ, MENA 10/6, SA 10/7, MENA 10/9 in WNC 10/10; MM, WP 10/6; AYM, *Le Monde* 10/11 in WNC 10/12; MM, WP 10/12; JP, MEI 10/13) (see Peace Monitor)

Meanwhile, **Palestinian-Israeli clashes** continue in the West Bank, Gaza, and Israel, leaving **9 Palestinians** dead, 10s wounded; 2 Palestinians die of wounds received earlier. An **Israeli Arab** is killed in a clash with **Israeli police** in Kefar Manda in the Galilee. The **IDF** eases open-fire regulations, permitting soldiers to fire on any vehicles approaching checkpoints and continues to use heavy weapons, but overall the fighting is less intense than in previous days. The most serious clashes are nr. Bethlehem, Jaffa, Nablus, Netzarim Junction. (MM 10/4; ANSA, IRNA 10/4 in WNC 10/6; LAW, NYT, WP, WT

10/5; HJ, *Daily Star* 10/5 in WNC 10/10; MM 10/9)

Protests against **Israel's** actions are held in **Damascus**, where 1,000s of students demonstrate outside the **U.S.** emb.; in **Cairo**, where 1,500 students demonstrate outside the Israeli emb.; and in **Amman**, where riot police fire tear gas to disperse 800 protesters marching toward the Israeli emb., injuring 62. In **Copenhagen**, 5,000 attend a Palestinian solidarity rally. Smaller rallies are staged in **Istanbul**, **London**, **Rome**. In the **U.S.** rallies are staged in Dearborn, Detroit, Madison, Miami, New Haven, Portland. (MENA 10/4 in WNC 10/5; ATL 10/4, JT 10/5 in WNC 10/6; MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/5; MENA 10/5, HJ 10/6 in WNC 10/10; MENL 10/11)

The **PA** releases **12 Hamas political prisoners** who had been held without charge in PA jails. **Israel** says the PA is giving a "green light for terrorism." (HJ 10/5 in WNC 10/6; WP 10/6)

The **PC** convenes an emergency session in Ramallah, denounces Israel's aggression, calls for an Arab summit. (WP 10/5)

Citing "compelling national security interests," the **State Dept.** sends Amb. **Indyk** back to Israel to liaise with Israeli officials during the clashes. (WT 10/5) (see 9/22)

## 5 OCTOBER

In Sharm al-Shaykh, **Albright**, **Arafat** brief **Mubarak** on the 10/4 Paris talks. Israeli and PA officials meet with U.S. special envoy **Ross** on the sidelines. (MM, MENA, IRNA 10/5 in WNC 10/6; MM, WP, WT 10/6; AYM, *al-Quds*, XIN 10/6 in WNC 10/10; AYM 10/11 in WNC 10/12; MEI 10/13)

In the West Bank and Gaza, the **IDF** pulls back tanks and some troops fr. major Palestinian cities, and the **PSF** clears Palestinian protesters fr. major Israeli outposts, implementing the 1st steps of the Sharm al-Shaykh agmts. Some clashes still take place (including at Netzarim Junction), leaving **2 Palestinians** dead; a 3d Palestinian dies of wounds received earlier. (MM 10/5; MENA 10/5 in WNC 10/6; CSM, NYT, WP, WT 10/6; DUS, JT, MA, *al-Musawwar* 10/6 in WNC 10/10; AYM 10/6 in WNC 10/13)

At Wihdat camp, **Jordanian riot police** fire tear gas at **Palestinians** protesting Israeli violence to keep them fr. marching out of the camp. Anti-**Israeli**, anti-**U.S.** demonstrations are held in **Iran**, **Oman**, **Saudi Arabia**, **Sudan**. Rallies in solidarity with the Palestinians are held in **London**, **Princeton**, **St.**

**Louis**, **Toronto**. (MM 10/5; REU, UPI 10/6; REU 10/8; MEI 10/13)

The board of directors of the **Israel Broadcast Authority (IBA)** agrees to "not provide a stage for the leaders of the Palestinian inciters and rioters and not give excessive voice, exposure, or coverage to radicals" during the clashes. The IBA includes state-run and independent media. (MK Azmi Bishara press release 10/6)

**297 SLA mbrs. and dependents** who fled to **Israel** in 5/00 return to **Lebanon**. (*al-Nabar* 10/6 in WNC 10/10)

## 6 OCTOBER

Anticipating protests following Friday prayers, **Israel** seals the West Bank and Gaza, allows plainclothes **PA police** to deploy in the Haram al-Sharif/Temple Mount to form a cordon to prevent Palestinians fr. throwing stones. The PA police, **Waqf officials** largely succeed in restraining the crowd, but when a handful of the 8,000 Palestinian worshippers do throw rocks, **Israeli forces** open fire, killing 2 Palestinians, wounding 60. At sundown **IDF troops** raid the Haram al-Sharif to chase off Palestinians, lower a Palestinian flag. In total, **9 Palestinians** are killed, 450 injured during the day; a 10th dies of wounds received earlier. (AP, JP [Internet], LAW, MM 10/6; MENA 10/6, IRNA, TT 10/7 in WNC 10/10; NYT, WP, WT 10/7; AYM 10/7 in WNC 10/12)

The largest rally in support of the Palestinians is held in Amman, where **30,000 Jordanians, Palestinians** attempt to march on the **Israeli emb.** but are dispersed by **Jordanian police** firing tear gas. In Baqa' camp, Jordanian police fire on **2,000 Palestinian demonstrators**, killing 1, injuring at least 50. The incidents prompt the government to ban public protests. In Damascus, **Syrian police** use tear gas to disperse protesters attempting to march to the **U.S. emb.** In Tunis, **Arafat**, **Pres. Zine Abidine Ben Ali** participate in a rally attended by **10,000 Tunisians**. Crowds also demonstrate in **Egypt**, **Indonesia**, **Iran**, **Lebanon**, **Malaysia**, **Mauritania**, **Oman**, **Nigeria**, **Saudi Arabia**, **Turkey**, and **Yemen**, as well as in **Berlin**, **Canberra**, **Geneva**, **the Hague**, **London**, **Prague**, **Reykjavik**, and **Vienna**. In **Canada**, rallies are held in Calgary, Edmonton, Ottawa, Toronto, Waterloo, and Windsor. In the **U.S.**, protests are staged in Atlanta, Baton Rouge, Chicago, Cleveland, Columbus, Dearborn, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, Memphis, Miami, New York,

Oklahoma City, Orlando, Phoenix, Raleigh, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, Tampa, Washington. (BBC, MM, REU, UPI 10/6; AFP, CTK [Prague], EFE [Madrid] 10/6, JT 10/8 in WNC 10/10; *Toronto Star*, WP, WT 10/7; *al-Quds* 10/7; AFP 10/11 in WNC 10/12; REU 10/8; WP 10/10; MM 10/11; *Daily Star* 10/12 in WNC 10/13; MEI 10/13; SA 10/16 in WNC 10/18; *Le Monde* 11/7 in WNC 11/8)

## 7 OCTOBER

**Israeli-Palestinian fighting** in the West Bank and Gaza abates slightly but escalates again this evening, leaving at least **3 Palestinians** dead. The most serious incident is in Nablus, where the **IDF**, implementing the Sharm al-Shaykh agmts., turns over **Joseph's Tomb** to the **PSF**. Palestinians celebrating the IDF pullback overrun the PSF, destroy the tomb. In response, armed **Jewish settlers** roam areas around West Bank settlements, stoning and firing at Palestinian cars, killing 1 Palestinian. Inside Israel, **Jews** fr. Upper Nazareth rampage through Arab Nazareth throwing stones at **Israeli Arabs**, sparking a riot; when Israeli Arabs start to fight back, **Israeli riot police** intervene, using tear gas and live ammunition, shooting dead **2 Israeli Arabs**. In Tiberias, Jews vandalize a historic mosque. The IDF moves tanks into the West Bank to guard the **Jewish settlement of Psagot**, which has been the target of Palestinian sniping. At **Gaza airport**, **Palestinians** fire on a bus of Israeli airport workers, injuring 8. Israel shuts the airport. (LAW 10/7; MENA, RL 10/7, *al-Quds* 10/8, AFP, *Le Monde* 10/10 in WNC 10/10; ADM, NYT, WP, WT 10/8; MM, NYT, WT 10/9; AYM 10/9, MA 10/10, 10/11 in WNC 10/12; NYT 10/10; WJW 10/12; MEI 10/13; WJW 10/19; WP 10/28)

**Barak** calls up **IDF** reservists, sets an ultimatum of 48 hrs. for **Palestinians** to halt their assaults on **IDF outposts**, **Jewish settlements** or "we will regard this as a cessation by Arafat of the peace process, and we will order the army to use all means at its disposal." Barak also says he is considering forming a "unity government" with Likud MK **Sharon**. (AYM 10/7, *al-Quds* 10/9 in WNC 10/12; NYT, WP, WT 10/8; AYM 10/8 in WNC 10/13; MM 10/9; *Le Monde* 10/10 in WNC 10/10; MM 10/11; JP, MEI 10/13)

Nr. Shaba' Farms, **IDF** soldiers fire across the blue line into **Lebanon** at **100s of Palestinian refugees** staging a protest, killing 2, wounding 15. In response, **Hizballah**

guerrillas cross into the Golan Heights, kidnap **3 IDF soldiers**; fire rockets at the IDF's Shaba' outpost, injuring 6 soldiers. **Barak** reinforces the border area, sends Israeli warplanes and attack helicopters into Lebanon to strike Hizballah targets, injuring **4 Lebanese civilians**. U.S.'s **Albright** phones Lebanese pres. **Lahoud**, Syrian pres. **Asad** to urge them to intercede with Hizballah to release the IDF soldiers. **France**, **Germany**, the **Red Cross**, **Russia**, the **UN** open channels with Hizballah, which demands Israel release at least **19 Lebanese political prisoners** (kidnaped by the IDF in Lebanon, held without trial for as long as 20 yrs.) in exchange for the soldiers. (CNN [Internet] 10/7; RL 10/7, AYM 10/8, Interfax 10/9, *Le Monde* 10/10 in WNC 10/10; NYT, WP, WT 10/8; Manar TV [Internet], MM, NYT, WT 10/9; *al-Quds* 10/9, DUS, *al-Safir* 10/10 in WNC 10/12; MM, NYT, WP 10/10; NYT, WJW, WP 10/12; JP, MEI 10/13; JP 10/27, 11/3)

After 6 days of debate, the **UNSC** passes (14-to-0, with the **U.S.** abstaining) a watered-down resolution that condemns the "excessive use of force" against the Palestinians but does not mention **Israel** by name. **U.S.**

**Amb. Richard Holbrooke** threatened to veto stronger language. (AP 10/7; NYT, WP, WT 10/8; AYM 10/8 in WNC 10/13; MM, NYT, WT 10/9; CSM, WP 10/10; MEI 10/13) (see Doc. A1)

In Amman, **Jordanian police** open fire on **Palestinian refugees** demonstrating for the closure of the **Israeli emb.**, killing 1, arresting 97. Demonstrations condemning **Israeli violence**, **U.S.** support of Israel are held in **Bahrain, Canada, Egypt, France, Iraq, Kuwait, Lebanon, Mauritania, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Turkey**, the **UAE**, and **Yemen**. In the **U.S.**, rallies are held in Albuquerque, Dearborn, New York. (BBC, al-Jazeera TV [Internet] 10/7; AFP, ATL, MENA 10/7, JT 10/8 in WNC 10/10; *Daily Star* 10/12 in WNC 10/13; *Gulf News* [Internet], NYT 10/8; MM 10/11; AYM 10/11 in WNC 10/12; MEI 10/13)

## 8 OCTOBER

**Israeli-Palestinian fighting** continues as Israel marks Yom Kippur. **Barak** warns that if clashes continue, the IDF will begin targeting **Arafat's** offices, **PA police** stations, top cmdrs.; Israel may implement a "sanctions package" (including sealing the West Bank and Gaza, halting all monetary transfers). At Netzarim Junction, the **IDF** demol-

ishes 2 apartment buildings formerly used as PA police barracks, a factory, an office, several homes, a water well, and a 20-dunam orange grove. A **settler rabbi** is found shot to death in a West Bank cave. Armed **Jewish settlers** enter Palestinian areas of East Jerusalem and Hebron, Bidya, Husan, Salfit, Shu'fat camp, burning shops, beating Palestinians, shooting at houses, and wounding at least 8 Palestinians, 1 of whom bleeds to death as settlers hold off ambulances with gunfire. Inside Israel, **Jewish residents of Upper Nazareth** attack **Israeli Arabs**, property in Nazareth. (ADM, LAW, REU 10/8; Interfax 10/8 in WNC 10/10; Gush Shalom press release, MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/9; HA [Internet], MM, WP 10/10; MA 10/10 in WNC 10/12; HA [Internet] 10/11; MEI, NYT 10/13; LAW 10/19; *Globes* [Internet] 10/25)

**Lebanon** puts forces on alert as **Israel** reinforces troops on the blue line, conducts overflights of Beirut, and warns **Hizballah**, Lebanon, and **Syria** of "decisive action" if Hizballah does not release the 3 IDF soldiers kidnapped on 10/7. **Saudi Arabia** warns Israel that Arab states will not sit idly by if Barak follows through on his threat. (NYT, WP, WT 10/9; MM 10/10; MEI 10/13)

Pres. **Clinton** asks **Mubarak** to convene a summit where they could meet with **Arafat, Barak**. None of the 3 leaders immediately embraces the idea. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/9; MENA 10/9 in WNC 10/10; AYM 10/10 in WNC 10/12)

In Gaza, **Arafat** meets with the **Executive Authority** and reps. of **Hamas, Islamic Jihad** to coordinate a joint response to Barak's latest warnings. (NYT 10/9; HJ, MA 10/10 in WNC 10/12; MM 10/11)

The **PA** releases **5 Hamas mbrs.** fr. jail. Hamas says 23 mbrs. have been freed in recent days. (AYM 10/9 in WNC 10/12; AYM 10/12 in WNC 10/13) (see 10/4)

**Jordan** postpones sending its newly appointed amb. to **Israel** to protest Israel's excessive use of force against Palestinians. (WP 10/9; MM 10/10; HA [Internet] 10/11)

In **Morocco**, **500,000 people** march to protest **Israel's** recent actions. In Amman, **100s of Jordanian students** attempt a march to the **U.S.**, Israeli embs. but clash with riot police; at least 5 are injured, 10 arrested. In Beirut, **25,000 Lebanese and Palestinians** march in funeral processions for 2 Palestinians shot by the IDF on the blue line on 10/7. In Cairo, **9,000 Egyptian students** hold a rally. Demonstrations continue in **Australia, Greece, Jordan, Leba-**

**non, Syria, Yemen.** In the **U.S.**, protests are held in Albuquerque, Anaheim, Kansas City. (UPI 10/8; MENA 10/8, JT 10/9 in WNC 10/10; MM 10/9; *Daily Star* [Internet], NYT, WP 10/9; TT 10/10 in WNC 10/12; MEI 10/13)

## 9 OCTOBER

**Barak** extends indefinitely his 48-hr. deadline for **Arafat** to halt Palestinian riots in light of international mediation efforts. **Clinton, Albright** spend the day on the phone, discussing with Arafat, Barak, **Mubarak**, various **EU** leaders ways of halting the violence. UN Secy.-Gen. **Annan**, Russian FM **Ivanov** meet with Barak in Tel Aviv, Arafat in Gaza. Arafat goes to Cairo to confer with Mubarak. (MM, NYT, WT 10/9; Interfax, IRNA, MENA 10/9 in WNC 10/10; Interfax 10/9, *Le Monde* 10/10 in WNC 10/10; MENA 10/9, DUS 10/10, MA 10/11 in WNC 10/12; HA [Internet], CSM, MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/10; WJW 10/12; MEI 10/13)

Meanwhile, **Israeli-Palestinian clashes** continue throughout the West Bank and Gaza and inside Israel. The **IDF** extends the West Bank-Gaza closure indefinitely, cancels all permits issued to Palestinians working in Israel. **100s of Israeli Jews** fr. Upper Nazareth rampage through Arab Nazareth, firing automatic weapons and wielding clubs, injuring 50 **Israeli Arabs**, damaging homes and shops. Israeli police break up the ensuing riot, firing tear gas and rubber bullets. **2 Israeli Arabs** are shot dead with live ammunition either by Jewish civilians or the police. In **Tel Aviv**, **500 Israeli Jews** attack Arab apartment buildings, set Arab-owned stores on fire. In **Jaffa**, Israeli Jews set fire to 2 mosques, a number of Palestinian homes. In East Jerusalem, **Jewish settlers** attempt to vandalize the **Latin Patriarchate Church**. In the West Bank, **2 Palestinians** are found dead, both apparently killed by Jewish settlers avenging the murder of a rabbi on 10/8 (1 is later judged by international experts to have died in a car accident). **2 Palestinians** die of injuries received earlier. (Gush Shalom press release, MM 10/9; AYM 10/9, MA 10/10 in WNC 10/12; ADM, LAW, MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/10; WJW 10/12; MEI 10/13)

**10,000 Kuwaitis** rally in solidarity with the Palestinians. Smaller rallies are held in **Canada, Egypt, Italy**, and the **UK**, as well as in **Chicago**. (MENA 10/9 in WNC 10/10; MM, WP 10/10; MEI 10/13; MM 10/17)



## 10 OCTOBER

International mediation efforts continue, with UN Secy.-Gen. **Annan**, Russian FM **Ivanov**, EU foreign policy dir. **Javier Solana** each meeting separately with **Arafat, Barak**. Egypt's **Musa** flies to Damascus to confer with Syrian pres. **Asad**, who phones **Arafat** to express Syrian support. **Mubarak** also phones Arafat and rejects **Clinton's** proposal (10/8) for a summit in Egypt. (ATL, Interfax, ITAR-TASS, MENA, XIN 10/10 in WNC 10/12; CSM, MM, NYT, WP 10/11; *Milliyet* 10/11, *al-Quds* 10/12 in WNC 10/13; CSM, WJW 10/12)

Meanwhile, **Israeli-Palestinian clashes** abate somewhat. Inside Israel, **Israeli Jews** stab to death **2 Israeli Arabs** nr. **Tel Aviv**, set fire to 3 Arab apartment buildings in **Jaffa**, and set fire to 3 Palestinian homes and a Jewish-owned restaurant that employed Palestinians in Tel Aviv. Clashes btwn. Israeli Jews and Arabs are also reported in **Haifa**, **Tiberias**, and **Acre**, where **Israeli police** intervene, firing tear gas and live ammunition, wounding 1 Israeli Arab. (Israeli police say they have arrested some **400 Israeli Arabs**, **200 Israeli Jews** since clashes began.) Jews fr. **West Jerusalem** damage Palestinian property in **East Jerusalem**. In Gaza, the **IDF** demolishes another apartment building in Netzarim Junction, which was evacuated earlier because it had been hit by IDF shells. **Jewish settlers** reportedly attack Palestinians in Hebron, Khan Yunis, Rafah and outside Jinin, Nablus, Ramallah; some incidents involve settlers firing automatic weapons. In Rafah, a 12-yr.-old Palestinian is shot dead by the IDF. Nr. Ramallah, IDF soldiers shoot, wound a **Palestinian ambulance driver**. (ADM, BBC, MM 10/10; ADM, MM, NYT, WP 10/11; AFP 10/10, MA 10/11, *Le Monde* 10/12 in WNC 10/12; MM, WJW, WP 10/12; MEI 10/13; WP 11/30)

Protests in solidarity with the Palestinians are held in **Brussels**, **Cairo**, **Madrid**. In the **U.S.**, rallies are held in Ann Arbor, New Haven. (RL 10/10 in WNC 10/12; WT 10/11)

The **State Dept.** restores Amb. to Israel **Indyk's** security clearance. (NYT, WT 10/11; WJW 10/12) (see 10/4)

## 11 OCTOBER

**Israeli-Palestinian clashes** continue for the 13th straight day, leaving **3 Palestinians** dead, 185 injured. The most severe exchanges are outside Nablus, where a mosque is torched, allegedly by **Jewish settlers**, and

**Palestinians** throw stones at a funeral procession for a Jewish settler. **IDF** troops and helicopters escorting the funeral procession respond with gunfire, call in extra attack helicopters, tanks. The riot degenerates into a gunfight btwn. the **PA police** and **IDF** and **armed Jewish settlers**. The IDF also deploys attack helicopters against Palestinian gunmen nr. Bethlehem. In Hebron, 1 IDF soldier is shot, seriously wounded. **Israeli border police** prevent an ambulance fr. taking 4 seriously wounded Palestinians into **Jordan** for treatment. (ADM, LAW, REU 10/11; CSM, MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/12; JT 10/12 in WNC 10/16; JT 11/9 in WNC 11/13)

International mediation efforts continue. UN Secy.-Gen. **Annan** extends his stay in Israel to meet again with **Arafat, Barak**. **British FM Robin Cook**, Russian FM **Ivanov**, the EU's **Solana**, **Norwegian FM Thorbjørn Jagland** also meet with Barak, Arafat. Solana then holds talks with **Mubarak** in Cairo, **King Abdallah** in Amman. Russian FM **Ivanov** goes to Damascus to meet with Syrian pres. **Asad**, FM **Shara'**. Mubarak phones Arafat, King Abdallah; receives calls fr. Annan, **Turkish pres. Ahmet Necdet Sezer**. (Interfax, ITAR-TASS, LPA, MENA 10/11 in WNC 10/12; MENA 10/11, ATL, LPA, *al-Safir* 10/12 in WNC 10/13; WP, WT 10/12)

**Barak**, Dep. DM **Sneh** present the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Comm. with a detailed "disengagement plan" to be implemented if Israel determines that the peace process has totally collapsed. (MM, YA 10/12) (see Peace Monitor)

In Ramallah, **1,000s of Palestinians** take part in a candlelight vigil calling for a halt to the violence. In the **U.S.**, rallies in support of the **Palestinians** are held in Kalamazoo, New York. (ADM, LAW, REU 10/11)

## 12 OCTOBER

**Israeli-Palestinian clashes** escalate again. In Ramallah, **2 IDF reservists**—"at least partially in uniform," driving a private vehicle, most likely armed—stray deep into area A, cross paths with a funeral procession. The crowd, assuming the soldiers are on an undercover operation, attack them and set their car afire. (Some reports say a body burned beyond recognition, possibly a 3d IDF soldier, is found in the vehicle.) **PA police** intervene and take the 2 reservists into protective custody, removing them to a nearby police station. When news of the incident spreads, **1,000s of Palestinians** de-



scend on the station (manned by 21 officers), break in, and kill the soldiers, injuring 15 policemen in the process. Declaring that the **PA** has "crossed the line," **Barak** seals borders with Egypt and Jordan, authorizes IDF air strikes against **Arafat's headquarters in Ramallah and Gaza**, the **Palestinian Broadcasting Center** in Ramallah, the **Gaza port**, various PA police stations, including those in Hebron, Nablus, Ramallah. When the strikes occur, **Arafat** is in his Gaza office waiting for CIA Dir. **Tenet** to arrive to discuss the possibility of convening the **U.S.-Israeli-PA trilateral security comm.** (formed in 1998) to explore ways of halting the violence. Neither Arafat nor Tenet is injured, but 43 Palestinians are wounded. In **Gaza City**, Palestinians pack belongings into cars, prepare to flee. In **Jericho**, Palestinians set fire to a 6th-century synagogue. **Jewish settlers** attack, fire on Palestinian cars nr. Bethlehem, Jinin. In retaliation, IDF helicopters fire rockets at the PA police academy in Jericho. During the Israeli air strikes, the PA releases around **60 Hamas, Islamic Jihad prisoners** for their safety. (ADM, AP, LAW, MM, NYT 10/12; ATL, AYM, IRNA, LPA, MENA, XIN 10/12 in WNC 10/13; MENA, XIN 10/12, SA 10/13 in WNC 10/16; CSM, MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/13; WP, WT 10/14; MENA 10/16 in WNC 10/17; WJW 10/19; JP 10/20; MEI 10/27; MA 11/6 in WNC 11/9)

In **Yemen's** port of Aden, a small, explosive-laden boat rams the **USS Cole**, an Aegis destroyer in port for refueling, killing **17 U.S. service personnel**, injuring 35. (AP, MM 10/12; AFP [Internet], CSM, MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/13; NYT, WP, WT 10/14, 10/15, 10/16; MEI 10/27)

In the **U.S.**, the primary concern of the public, government, and media is the attack on the **USS Cole**, while **Israel's** attacks on the Palestinian infrastructure, PA offices are viewed as a limited military response to the death of Israeli soldiers in PA custody, if not at the hands of the PA. **Clinton, Albright** express outrage over the murder, call on both sides to halt the violence. Clinton says he appreciates Palestinian frustration, but "there can be no possible justification for mob violence." **96 senators** send Clinton a letter urging him to express solidarity with Israel "at this critical moment." (NYT, WP, WT 10/13; MEI, MM 10/27; MEI 11/10) (see Doc. D4)

**Mubarak** invites **Arafat, Barak, Clinton** to Sharm al-Shaykh for a summit. Mubarak also meets with **King Abdallah** of Jordan

on the escalating crisis, upcoming Arab summit. (MENA 10/12 in WNC 10/13; MM, NYT, WP 10/13)

In Biarritz, France, Pres. **Chirac** convenes an emergency **EU** mtg. to discuss the escalation of Israeli-Palestinian violence, implores both sides to halt the fighting. (MM 10/13; AFP, EFE [Madrid] 10/13 in WNC 10/16; WP 10/14; SA 10/15 in WNC 10/17)

UN Secy.-Gen. **Annan**, in **Lebanon** to discuss the **Hizballah** kidnapping of **3 IDF soldiers**, cuts short his visit, returns to **Israel** to try to calm the situation. (WP 10/13)

The **Arab League** denounces the **Israeli** air strikes, warns that "all options" are open to the Arab world if the escalation continues. In **Cairo**, angry crowds march through the streets demanding Egypt take military action against Israel. In **Beirut**, demonstrations break out on university campuses. Elsewhere in **Lebanon, Jordan**, and **Syria**—including in the **Palestinian refugee camps**—the streets are quiet; the governments release no official statements on events but heighten visibility of police, military. Anti-Israeli, anti-**U.S.** demonstrations are noted in **Indonesia, South Africa**. In the **U.S.**, demonstrations are held in Boston, Dearborn, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Raleigh, San Diego, Washington. In **France**, numerous acts of anti-Jewish vandalism, including attacks on synagogues, are noted in Lille, Paris, Rouen. (AP 10/12; AFP [Internet], WP 10/13; JT 10/13 in WNC 10/16; WP 10/14)

At the UN, U.S. Amb. **Holbrooke** warns **Arab, nonaligned diplomats** they may "jeopardize" relations with the U.S. if they push for a special session of the **UN General Assembly (UNGA)** to censure Israel, for a **UNSC** res. calling on **Israel** to cease hostilities. (TT 10/12 in WNC 10/13; MM 10/13; NYT, WP 10/14)

### 13 OCTOBER

**Israeli-Palestinian clashes** continue but are less severe, largely because overnight the IDF deployed tanks on access roads to and around PA cities, sealing area A, limiting movement. During the day, **2 Palestinians** are killed by Israeli gunfire, over 160 are injured. **Israel** prohibits **Palestinians** under 45 fr. attending Friday prayers in Jerusalem, prompting scuffles with those denied access but preventing the full-scale rioting of 9/29, 10/6. In Jerusalem, cameramen record footage of **Israeli police** disguised as Palestinians seizing 2 Palestinian youths, beating

them while holding them in a choke hold. Armed **Jewish settlers** rampage through Husan, fire on Palestinian homes in Artas, Bayt Inun, al-Khadir. In Gaza City and Shati camp, **100s of Palestinians** hold rallies denouncing the **PA** for the failed peace process. The rallies devolve into riots, with demonstrators torching cars, bars, hotels, restaurants. (AP, IsRN, LAW 10/13; ADM, LAW, NYT, WP, WT 10/14; HA [Internet] 10/15)

**Oman** closes its trade office in Tel Aviv, Israel's trade mission in Muscat. **Morocco** recalls its envoy to **Israel**. In Cairo, **10,000 Egyptians** hold anti-Israeli, anti-U.S. demonstrations. In **Lebanon**, the army keeps Palestinians away fr. the blue line, where they want to hold demonstrations. However, **6,000 Palestinians** in 'Ayn al-Hilwa camp, **3,000 in Beddawi** camp, **5,000 in Nahr al-Barid** camp, **7,000 in Rashidiyya** camp demonstrate against Israel. In Amman, **8,000 Jordanians** attend a government-sanctioned rally; a smaller, unauthorized demonstration takes place spontaneously following Friday prayers. In the **U.S.**, rallies are held in Ann Arbor, Atlanta, Austin, Chicago, Columbus, Detroit, Las Vegas, New York, Petaluma (CA), Philadelphia, Santa Ana (CA), San Francisco, Washington. Similar demonstrations are held in **Austria, Bahrain, Bosnia, Canada, Djibouti, Greece, Indonesia, Italy, Pakistan, Scotland, Sudan, Syria**. (AFP [Internet], BBC, *Los Angeles Times* [Internet], MM, Omani News Agency [Internet], REU, UPI 10/13; AFP, BETA [Belgrade], MENA 10/13, MENA 10/14 in WNC 10/16; *Daily Star* [Internet], NYT 10/14; HA [Internet], NYT 10/15; MM 10/17; WJW 10/19; WP, WT 10/20; MM 10/24, 10/25; WJW 10/26; MEI 10/27)

#### 14 OCTOBER

As **Israeli-Palestinian clashes** continue, UN Secy.-Gen. **Annan** announces that **Arafat, Barak** have dropped preconditions and agreed to meet with Pres. **Clinton, Mubarak, King Abdallah**, EU foreign policy dir. **Solana** on 10/16 in Sharm al-Shaykh. In Gaza, **1,000s of Hamas supporters** urge Arafat not to attend. (NYT, WP, WT 10/15)

Anti-**Israeli**, anti-**U.S.** protests are reported in **France, India, Indonesia, Scotland, South Africa, the UK**. In **U.S.**, rallies are held in Atlanta, Los Angeles, Pasadena, San Francisco. (*Times* [London; Internet] 10/14; AFP 10/14 in WNC 10/16; SAPA [Johannesburg; Internet], NYT, WP 10/15)

#### 15 OCTOBER

**Israeli-Palestinian clashes** continue at the same lower rate as they have since 10/12, causing no fatalities. **1 Palestinian** dies of injuries received earlier. The **IDF** begins digging trenches, installing barricades at crossing points btwn. Israeli-, PA-controlled areas. The **PA** reportedly arrests **34 Hamas mbrs.** in the West Bank, Gaza. (LAW 10/15; *Gulf News* [Internet], *Khalij Times* [Internet], NYT 10/16)

**Hizballah** announces it has taken a **4th IDF soldier** hostage. The IDF confirms that **Col. Elhanan Tennenbaum (res.)** was in **Switzerland** on business when he "disappeared on his own initiative on personal circumstances a wk. ago." (ADM, REU, WP 10/15; MM, NYT, WT 10/16; MM 10/17; MA 10/17 in WNC 10/18; *Daily Star* [Internet] 10/19; MEI 10/27)

**2 IDF soldiers** are lightly wounded by gunfire from across the Jordanian border. (WP 10/15)

In Sydney, **Australia**, a rally in support of the Palestinians turns violent when 20–50 of the 2,500 protesters attempt to storm the **U.S.** consulate. Rally organizers quickly get the crowd under control and the demonstration disperses without police intervention. Other pro-Palestinian rallies are held in **Madrid, San Diego, Washington**. (AFP 10/15 in WNC 10/16)

#### 16 OCTOBER

**Arafat, Barak, Clinton, Mubarak, King Abdallah**, the UN's **Annan**, the EU's **Solana** meet in Sharm al-Shaykh. Talks continue for 16 hrs., stretching past midnight, without success. A separate, very heated mtg. is held among Secy. of State **Albright**, Israel's acting FM **Ben-Ami**, the PA's Local Government M **Erakat**, Egyptian FM **Musa** to draft an outline of the rules of disengagement. (MM 10/16; ITAR-TASS, MENA, RL 10/16 in WNC 10/17; *al-Quds* 10/16, JT 10/17 in WNC 10/18; CSM, NYT, WP, WT 10/17; AYM 10/17 in WNC 10/9)

**Israeli-Palestinian clashes** continue at the same level of the past few days, with most clashes occurring on the outskirts of Palestinian cities, which are encircled by IDF troops. **2 Palestinians** are killed by Israeli gunfire; **1 Palestinian** dies of illness after being denied access to medical treatment by the IDF for 2 days because of the internal closure; 190 Palestinians are injured. The **IDF** expands its Netzarim Junction base, begins

clearing agricultural land along roads nr. Khan Yunis. (ADM, LAW 10/16; CSM, NYT, WP, WT 10/17; *Globes* [Internet] 10/25)

In Gaza, **Fatah, Hamas** stage demonstrations against **Arafat's** participation in the Sharm al-Shaykh talks. **Palestinian refugees** in **Lebanon** hold similar protests in 'Ayn al-Hilwa, Baalbek, Tyre. In **Iran**, 1,000s of students march to the local UN offices to urge UN support for the Palestinians, condemnation of Israel. Smaller rallies in solidarity with the Palestinians are held in **Amman, Ankara, Tokyo**. In the **U.S.**, demonstrations are held in Madison, San Francisco. (UPI 10/16; ATL, RL 10/16 in WNC 10/17; JT 10/17 in WNC 10/18)

The **UNGA**, citing a rule that allows it to take up matters of international peace and security when the **UNSC** proves unable or unwilling to do so, begins preparing for an emergency session to debate a resolution condemning recent **Israeli** violence. U.S. Amb. **Holbrooke** protests. (WT 10/17; WP 10/18; WJW 10/19; MEI 10/27) (see 10/12)

**Hizballah** says that **Col. Tenenbaum**, the 4th IDF soldier taken captive, approached Lebanese contacts in Europe, claiming to be an intelligence agent for a country other than Israel. He was lured to Beirut, traveling on a fake passport, on the pretense of meeting with a Hizballah official. **Israel** does not comment. At the request of **Shin Bet**, the **Israeli High Court** imposes a ban on publishing information about the affair. (NYT, WP 10/17; WJW 10/19) (see 10/15)

## 17 OCTOBER

After several more hrs. of talks among **Arafat, Barak, Clinton, Mubarak, King Abdullah, Annan**, and **Solana**, Clinton announces that Arafat, Barak have agreed on steps toward halting the clashes. No details are released. The agmts. are oral and reportedly are vague, not giving an order of who is to take what step 1st. The sides agree that Clinton will appoint an international inquiry comm. to investigate the recent clashes. The **U.S.**, for the 1st time acknowledges that Arafat "may not have control of everything" but still says it expects a cessation of violence "within hours." (AFP [Internet], MM, REU 10/17; ATL, Interfax, MENA, RL 10/17 in WNC 10/18; LAW, NYT, WP, WT, YA 10/18; JT, *al-Quds*, SA 10/18, *Le Monde* 10/19 in WNC 10/19; WJW 10/19; JP 10/20; MEI 10/27; MA 11/6 in WNC 11/9) (see Doc. D5)

Meanwhile, **Israeli-Palestinian clashes** escalate. Nr. Itamar settlement, **Jewish settlers** open fire on a **Palestinian family** harvesting their olive crop, killing 1, wounding 3. A **PA policeman** is killed by IDF fire in Gaza. A **3d Palestinian** dies of injuries received earlier. Palestinian gunmen fire at Gilo settlement, critically wounding an **Israeli border policeman**. **IDF** tanks fire on the neighboring Palestinian village of Bayt Jala in retaliation. Settlers fr. Itamar fire on Palestinian homes in neighboring Hawara village, attack a Palestinian ambulance driver. (ADM, LAW, MM, PCHR, REU 10/17; MENA 10/17, *al-Quds* 10/18, MA 10/19 in WNC 10/19; ADM, *Bahrain Tribune* [Internet], CSM, HA [Internet], LAW, NYT, WP, WT 10/18; WJW 10/19; HJ 10/24, MENA 10/25 in WNC 10/30)

**Hamas's** Shaykh Ahmad Yasin, West Bank **Fatah** leader Marwan Barghouti say their supporters will continue the uprising despite the Sharm al-Shaykh agmts. The **DFLP, Islamic Jihad, Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine** issue similar statements. Palestinians in **Bethlehem, Gaza City, Nablus, Qalqilya, Ramallah** demonstrate against the Sharm al-Shaykh mtg. **1,000s of Egyptian students** in Cairo, **7,000 Palestinian refugees** in Tripoli, Lebanon, hold similar demonstrations. A rally in solidarity with the Palestinian people is held in **New York**. (ADM, LAW, MM, PCHR, REU 10/17; RMC 10/17 in WNC 10/18; MENA 10/17, *al-Quds* 10/18, MA 10/19 in WNC 10/19; ADM, *Bahrain Tribune* [Internet], CSM, HA [Internet], LAW, NYT, WP, WT 10/18; WJW 10/19; HJ 10/24, MENA 10/25 in WNC 10/30)

## 18 OCTOBER

In implementation of the Sharm al-Shaykh agmts., the **PA** releases a statement, read on Palestinian TV, urging **Palestinians** to "refrain from anything that would lead to tension or violence and to work to calm down the situation." **Barak** orders **IDF troops** to do their utmost to avoid causing casualties. By the end of the day, Israel lifts the internal closure on areas A, pulls tanks back fr. Nablus, reopens border crossings with Egypt and Jordan, and reopens the Gaza airport (see 10/7). **Hamas** reports that the PA has rearrested all mbrs. released since 9/28, plus others. (MM, PCHR 10/18; NYT, WP, WT 10/19; MEI 10/27)

**Israeli, PA, U.S.** security officers meet to discuss implementing Sharm al-Shaykh

agmts. Although **Israeli** officials for the 1st time acknowledge that **Arafat** does not have “monolithic control” over Palestinian protesters, Israel expects “total tranquility” by the afternoon of 10/20, is still working on plans for a unilateral separation fr. the Palestinians. (REU 10/18; NYT, WP 10/19; HA [Internet] 10/20; MENL, NYT 10/22)

Despite these actions, **Israeli-Palestinian clashes** continue unabated, with the **IDF** continuing to fire live ammunition at Palestinians, but causing no fatalities. **1 Palestinian** dies of injuries received earlier. In a joint operation, **Shin Bet** and **IDF special forces** capture **8 Palestinians** suspected in the killing of the **IDF** reservists in Ramallah on 10/12. The **PA** says the 8 may have been taken in area A, which would be the 1st incursion into area A since clashes began. In Gaza, 2 roadside bombs explode as a convoy of **Jewish settlers** under **IDF** escort pass, causing no injuries. In Gaza, the **IDF** clears 35 dunams of woodland along the road to Erez checkpoint. (Abu Dhabi TV [Internet], ADM, BBC, MM, PCHR, UPMRC press release 10/18; HA [Internet], MM, NYT, WP, WT, YA 10/19; *Globes* [Internet] 10/25)

Rallies protesting Israeli actions are held in **Canada, Italy, Portugal**. In the **U.S.**, similar demonstrations are held in Providence, San Francisco. (*Diario de Noticias* 10/18 in WNC 10/19)

## 19 OCTOBER

**Israeli-Palestinian clashes** continue, dimming hopes that a cease-fire will take hold. The worst fighting is around Nablus, where the **IDF** escorts a group of **40 Jewish settlers** on a hike nr. **Aksar al-Balad refugee camp** to view, among other things, the remains of **Joseph's Tomb** (see 10/7). 4 of the settlers reportedly open fire on the camp, prompting **PA police** to fire back, sparking an exchange of gunfire. The **IDF** warns Palestinians to evacuate areas of Nablus, then sends attack helicopters to cover and extract the settlers. During the 7-hr. exchange, **1 settler, 1 Palestinian** are killed and 3 settlers, 15 Palestinians injured. In Bethlehem, an explosion at a Force 17 building, apparently caused by a gas leak, kills **3 Palestinians**, injures several others. Around **Gush Katif settlement**, the **IDF** bulldozes 72 dunams of land, 2 walls surrounding Palestinian homes. Under heavy **IDF** guard, **Israeli mayor of Jerusalem Ehud Olmert** and **New York City council mbr. Noach Dear** attend a

housewarming celebration for a **Jewish settler family** that just acquired property in Palestinian **East Jerusalem**. (AP 10/19; MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/20; NYT 10/21; *Globes* [Internet] 10/25; JP 10/27; MM, WJW 11/16)

Protests against Israeli actions are held in **Boston, Ottawa, Washington**. (al-Awda Internet news group 10/19)

The **UN Human Rights Commission** approves (19-16, with 17 abstentions) a resolution condemning **Israel** for the indiscriminate and disproportionate use of force and calling for an international inquiry into the violation of human rights during the clashes. (BDL 10/20; MEI 10/27) (see Peace Monitor)

## 20 OCTOBER

**Israeli-Palestinian clashes** escalate to the highest point in 2 wks., leaving **10 Palestinians** dead, some 400 wounded. **Barak** vows to halt the peace process officially on 10/23 if the violence has not ceased by the end of the 10/21–22 **Arab League** mtg. Israel again restricts Palestinian access to Friday prayers at al-Aqsa Mosque. The **IDF** fire shells fr. helicopter gunships and tanks, bars ambulances fr. reaching the injured, fires on at least 1 ambulance. The most severe clashes are around Nablus, Ramallah. Nr. Ma'ale Amos settlement nr. Bethlehem, **armed Jewish settlers** prevent Palestinian farmers fr. harvesting their crops. In Bayt Sahur, the **IDF** demolishes a **Palestinian home**. (ADM, MM, NYT 10/20; HA [Internet], NYT, WP, WT 10/21; MEI 10/27)

**IDF troops** fatally shoot 1 man, possibly 2, attempting to sneak across the blue line fr. **Lebanon**. (NYT, WT 10/22; MM 10/23; MEI 10/27)

Demonstrations in support of the Palestinians are reported in **Bahrain, Lebanon, Pakistan**. In the **U.S.**, similar rallies are held in Chicago, Omaha, Memphis, Minneapolis, New York, San Francisco. (*Newsday* [Internet] 10/21; Bahrain Freedom Movement press release 10/25)

The **UNGA** passes (92-6, with 46 abstentions) a resolution condemning **Israel's** “excessive use of force” against Palestinians. (WT 10/20; NYT, WP, WT 10/21; ANSA 10/25 in WNC 10/30; ANSA 11/7 in WNC 11/9; *Hurriyet* 11/9 in WNC 11/13) (see Doc. A3)

## 21 OCTOBER

**Israeli-Palestinian clashes** continue unabated, leaving **4 Palestinians** dead, more than 60 injured, mostly in Gaza. The **IDF**

bars an ambulance fr. taking a seriously wounded Palestinian into **Jordan** for treatment. **Jewish settlers** fr. Beitar Ilit assault **Palestinians** harvesting their olive grove; the **IDF** intervenes, forcing the Palestinians to leave. (ADM, LAW 10/21; NYT, WP, WT 10/22; JT 11/9 in WNC 11/13)

In Cairo, the **Arab League** opens a 2-day emergency session on the recent Israeli-Palestinian violence, the peace process. (WT 10/21; NYT, WP, WT 10/22; MM 10/23; MENA 10/24 in WNC 10/25; MEI 10/27; MM 11/7) (see Peace Monitor)

**1,000s of Palestinian refugees** in **Lebanon, Syria** stage demonstrations calling on Arab leaders to sever all ties with **Israel**. Demonstrations in solidarity with the Palestinian people are held in **Italy, Kenya, the UK, Yemen**. In the **U.S.**, rallies are held in Austin, Miami Beach, San Francisco. **Israeli Jews, Arabs** fr. the mixed community of Neve Shalom host a peace rally in **Haifa**, but barely 1,000 Israelis attend. (UPI 10/21; WP 10/22; WJW 11/9)

## 22 OCTOBER

The **Arab League** closes its 2-day emergency session, issuing a nonbinding resolution calling for a \$1 b. Palestinian aid fund, recommending Arab states postpone further normalization with **Israel**. **Tunisia** orders Israel to shut its representative offices in Tunis. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/23; MENA 10/23; HJ, IRNA 10/24 in WNC 10/25; HJ 10/24, 10/25, HJ, SA 10/26 in WNC 10/30; WJW 10/26; MEI 10/27) (see Doc. B4)

**Barak** formally suspends the peace process. In response, **Arafat** states that Palestinians have a right to an independent state with Jerusalem as its capital and "to accept it or not to accept—let [Barak] go to hell." Meanwhile, **Israeli-Palestinian clashes** escalate further, leaving **4 Palestinians** dead, over 100 injured; 2 others die of injuries received earlier. The most violent exchange is nr. Bethlehem, where the **IDF** orders residents of Aida camp, Bayt Jala, Bayt Sahur to evacuate their homes before ordering machine guns, tanks, and helicopter gunships to fire into the area, targeting buildings fr. which snipers shot into nearby **Gilo settlement** and destroying 2 Palestinian factories, several houses, a power plant. The gunfire continues overnight. In Gaza, the **IDF** bulldozes Palestinian agricultural land along roads leading to **Morag settlement**. Israel also recloses the **Gaza airport**, reinstates the internal closure on PA areas, shuts crossings into Egypt

and Jordan. (ADM 10/22; BDL, LAW, MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/23; MM 10/24; MA 10/24 in WNC 10/25; MEI 10/27; AYM 11/12 in WNC 11/13)

In Cairo, **1,000s of Egyptian students** protest the failure of the **Arab League** summit to cut ties with or to call for military action against Israel. There are also reports of at least 1 Palestinian protest in **Bethlehem** denouncing Arab leaders, especially **Mubarak**, for the weak Arab League statement. Other rallies in support of the Palestinians are held in **Bahrain, London, Ottawa**. (WP 10/23; HJ 10/24, SA 10/26 in WNC 10/30; Bahrain Freedom Movement press release 10/25; MM 10/26)

**Barak** announces an inquiry will be held into the deaths of **Israeli Arabs** during the recent clashes and a 4-yr. development plan for Israeli Arab areas. Israeli Arabs complain that the inquiry's recommendations will be nonbinding. (NYT 10/23; WJW 10/26; MM 10/30)

## 23 OCTOBER

**Israeli-Palestinian clashes** abate slightly overall, but increase around Bayt Jala, the Jewish enclave in Hebron. During the day, **1 Palestinian** is killed, 3 are wounded, 2 others die of injuries received earlier. The **IDF** continues to shell areas of Bayt Jala, damaging several homes and injuring several Palestinians. The **IDF** bulldozes large tracks of olive groves nr. Netzarim Junction, **Nisanit settlement**. IDF rocket attacks are reported nr. Rafah. (PCHR, MM 10/23; LAW, MM, NYT, WT 10/24; *Globes* [Internet] 10/25; JT 10/25 in WNC 10/30; MEI 10/27)

The **National and Islamic Higher Comm. for the Follow-up of the Intifada (NIHC)**—an umbrella group separate fr. the PA, representing all the Palestinian nationalist and Islamist factions—issues its 1st leaflet. **Palestinians in al-Maghazi refugee camp** in Gaza stage a small demonstration denouncing **Arab leaders** for the weak Arab League statement on 10/22. (HJ 10/23 in WNC 10/25) (see Peace Monitor)

**Morocco** severs ties with **Israel**, shutting its trade office in Tel Aviv, Israel's trade representation in Rabat. In **London, 7,000 people** stage a march in solidarity with the Palestinians. (MM, UPI 10/24; MM 10/25; MEI 10/27; MM 11/3) (see 10/13)

**Barak, Sharon** open talks on forming a coalition government. (MA [Internet], MM, NYT 10/23; MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/24; JT



10/24 in WNC 10/25; WJW 10/26; MEI 10/27; *al-Quds* 10/28 in WNC 11/1; JP 11/3)

## 24 OCTOBER

**Israeli-Palestinian clashes** abate further due to heavy rains, cold weather. During the day, **2 Palestinians** are killed; a 3d dies of injuries received earlier. **Barak** sends top security aide Yossi Ginnosour to Gaza to discuss security coordination with PSF head **Dahlan**. The **IDF** shells areas around Bayt Jala, Hebron, Jericho, Rafah, and Tulkarm, severely damaging more than 6 Palestinian homes, killing 1 man, wounding at least 8. The **IDF** uproots Palestinian olive groves nr. Netzarim Junction. **IDF** tanks in Psagot settlement fire into al-Bireh camp outside Ramallah in response to sniping. **Barak** allows **Jewish settlers** to go back to Mitzpe Hagit, one of the illegal settlement enclaves evacuated in 1999. (Gush Shalom press release 10/24; LAW, NYT, WT 10/25)

Pres. **Clinton** phones **Arafat** to urge him to halt Palestinian demonstrations, arrange a time to come to Washington to discuss resuming peace talks. Arafat gives no assurances. The White House says Clinton also phoned **Barak**, to invite him to a separate mtg. in Washington, but the leaders were "unable to speak." (MM, NYT, WT 10/25; NYT, YA 10/26; AYM 10/26 in WNC 10/30)

In Washington, Pres. **Clinton, King Abdallah of Jordan** sign a free trade agmt. (AP, BBC, MM 10/24; WJW 10/26; WP 10/27; JT 10/30, 10/31 in WNC 11/1; JT 11/8 in WNC 11/9; JT 11/9 in WNC 11/13; WP 11/10)

In a coordinated event, **groups of West Bank Palestinians, 10,000s of Jordanians** fr. across the kingdom march toward Jerusalem in a nonviolent demonstration of support for the right of return. While Palestinians are stopped at **IDF** checkpoints, the Jordanians are halted nr. Allenby Bridge by **Jordanian riot police** and **security forces**, with helicopter support. The Jordanian authorities beat back marchers with batons, water cannons, and tear gas, injuring 100s. (AP, BBC, MM 10/24; WJW 10/26; WP 10/27; JT 10/30, 10/31 in WNC 11/1; JT 11/8 in WNC 11/9; JT 11/9 in WNC 11/13; WP 11/10)

**100s of Yemenis** march in Sana' to protest **Israeli** violence against the Palestinians. In the **U.S.**, a Palestinian solidarity rally is held in Chicago. (Bernama-IINA [Internet] 10/24)

## 25 OCTOBER

**Israeli-Palestinian clashes** continue at a low level for a 3d day, as severe weather continues. In Gaza, **IDF, PA security officials** hold expanded talks on lowering friction and violence in the field; plan further talks btwn. West Bank security coordinators. In Gaza, a roadside bomb goes off nr. an **IDF** convoy, causing no injuries. In **Hebron**, the **IDF** evacuates a number of Palestinian residents bordering on the **Jewish settlement enclave**, confiscates their homes as new military posts. **Jewish settlers** chop down Palestinian olive groves nr. Nablus. The **IDF** again shells Bayt Jala. (ADM, MM 10/25; NYT, WT 10/26)

Demonstrations in solidarity with the Palestinians are held in **Montreal**, outside the U.S. emb. in **Jakarta**. (al-Awda Internet news group 10/25)

## 26 OCTOBER

**Israeli-Palestinian clashes** intensify slightly. A **Palestinian suicide bomber** on a bicycle lightly injures **1 IDF soldier** outside Gaza's Kissufim settlement. **Islamic Jihad** takes responsibility. The **IDF** blocks the main north-south road in **Gaza**, effectively dividing the Strip in half; bulldozes 7 dunams of Palestinian land nr. Kefar Darom. (MEZ, MM 10/26; NYT, PCHR, WP, WT 10/27; PCHR 10/29)

Pres. **Clinton** speaks to **Barak** about easing the violence, coming to Washington for talks on renewing negotiations. No agmt. is reached. (WP 10/27) (see 10/24)

In Washington, **Israeli amb. David Ivri** meets with officials fr. the **National Security Council, White House** to discuss Israel's supplemental aid request. (HA [Internet] 10/27; AYM 10/29 in WNC 11/1) (see Peace Monitor)

## 27 OCTOBER

**Israel** restricts **Palestinians'** access to Jerusalem for the 3d Friday in a row. **Israeli-Palestinian clashes** intensify again, leaving **4 Palestinians** dead, 250 injured. Main flash points are Bayt Jala, Bethlehem, Hebron, Jinin, Qalqilya, Qarni checkpoint, Ramallah, Tulkarm. **IDF** troops outside Ramallah open fire on an ambulance, severely injuring the driver. In Gaza, the **IDF** bulldozes another 3 dunams of Palestinian land nr. **Kefar Darom settlement**. At least 3 roadside bombs explode nr. Bethlehem, injuring 1 Israeli border policeman. A synagogue in Efrat is vandal-



ized, presumably by Palestinians, though how they entered the Jewish settlement is unclear. (ADM, LAW, MM, PCHR 10/27; IDF Radio [Internet], *Guardian* [Internet], NYT, WT 10/28; AYM 10/31 in WNC 11/1)

**Palestinian refugees** in 'Ayn al-Hilwa camp in **Lebanon** demonstrate against the weak Arab League statement issued on 10/22. In **Nairobi**, 1,000s of Kenyans march in solidarity with the Palestinians. In the **U.S.**, similar rallies are held outside the *New York Times* offices in New York, as well as in Hartford, Sacramento. (Panafican News Agency [Internet] 10/27; *al-Safir* 10/28 in WNC 10/31)

## 28 OCTOBER

Following the funerals for 4 Palestinians killed on 10/27, **Israeli-Palestinian clashes** intensify further, leaving 50 Palestinians injured. 2 Palestinians, including a journalist hit by live ammunition in Bethlehem on 10/19, die of wounds received earlier. In Bayt Jala, IDF shelling destroys a building housing 10 adults, 15 children. **Jewish settlers** move 4 caravans to **Havat Maon**, one of the illegal enclaves that Barak evacuated in 1999. (LAW 10/28; NYT, WP 10/29; AIC 11/2; JP 11/10)

**15,000 Mauritians** attend a rally calling on the government to sever ties with **Israel**. In the **U.S.**, **1,000s of Americans** rally outside the **White House** in support of the Palestinian people. Similar rallies are held in New York, Seattle. (WP, WT 10/29; MEI 11/24)

## 29 OCTOBER

With **Israeli-Palestinian clashes** showing no sign of abating, **IDF Chief of Staff Gen. Shaul Mofaz** announces that the army will begin initiating attacks on Palestinian targets, especially **Fatah** leaders, and using more force against demonstrators. During the day, **5 Palestinians** are killed, over 100 injured; a **6th Palestinian** dies of injuries received earlier. Nr. Qarni crossing in Gaza, **IDF** tanks fire on Palestinian demonstrators, killing 2, wounding 25. Also in Gaza, **Palestinian gunmen** fire on and detonate a small bomb nr. a bus carrying Jewish settlers under IDF escort, causing no injuries. In a drive-by shooting in East Jerusalem, **Jewish settlers** wound a Palestinian security guard outside Augusta Victoria hospital. Armed settlers also open fire on Palestinians in Haris, wounding 3. Nr. **Ariel settlement**, the **IDF** bulldozes Palestinian olive groves. (MM,

NYT, WP, WT 10/30; AYM 10/30 in WNC 11/1; NYT, WP 10/31; AIC 11/2; *al-Quds* 11/9 in WNC 11/13)

A day before the **Knesset** reconvenes, **Barak** and Likud Leader **Sharon** are still unable to reach an agmt. on forming a unity government despite 7 days of talks. The **Shas** party, which pulled out of Barak's coalition in 7/00, before the Camp David talks, says it will give Barak a 1-mo. safety net against no-confidence votes. In return, Barak suspends plans for secular social reforms (see 8/20). (MM, NYT, WT, YA 10/30; MM, WT 10/31; MM 11/1; WJW 11/2; MEI 11/10)

## 30 OCTOBER

**Israeli-Palestinian clashes** intensify after funerals for Palestinians killed on 10/29, the discovery in East Jerusalem of the body of a Jewish settler, and the fatal shooting of 2 guards outside an Israeli government building in East Jerusalem. In retaliation, **Barak** orders missile strikes on **Fatah** offices and **Force 17** buildings in al-Bireh, Khan Yunis, and Nablus, destroying them, damaging an adjacent Samaritan synagogue and at least 1 home. **Israel** warns it will send commandos to hunt down Palestinians firing on troops from behind crowds of stone throwers. During the day, at least **2 Palestinians** are killed, 40 are injured; a 3d dies of injuries received earlier; a 4th, seriously ill, dies when IDF detains his ambulance at a checkpoint. The main hot spots are around Jericho, Nablus, Ramallah (where the IDF reportedly uses grenade launchers), Tulkarm. Nr. Rafah, the **IDF** clears 100 dunams of Palestinian land, digs a trench across the main road to Gaza City.

Armed **Jewish settlers** fire on Palestinian homes, schools in Hebron and nr. Bethlehem, Tulkarm. Settlers also throw stones at Palestinian cars nr. Hebron; uproot Palestinian groves nr. Itzhar settlement, shooting and wounding a Palestinian who tries to stop them. (ADM, LAW, MEZ, MM 10/30; *International Herald Tribune*, LAW, MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/31; HA [Internet], NYT, WP 11/1; AIC 11/2; JT 11/3 in WNC 11/6; MEI 11/10)

The **Knesset** reconvenes after a 3-mo. recess. The session is calmer than expected due to the agmt. **Barak** reached with **Shas** on 10/29. (MM, NYT 10/30; MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/31; AYM 10/31 in WNC 11/1)

## 31 OCTOBER

**Israeli-Palestinian clashes** continue, leaving **5 Palestinians** dead, 45 injured. At

Qarni crossing, the **IDF** shoots a **CNN reporter** in the back with live ammunition. The most severe clashes are in Gaza, where Palestinians for the 1st time fire 3–4 antitank grenades at an IDF post, causing no injuries. The **PA** says it has not authorized its security forces to use their weapons to date but warns that could change depending on **Israel's** actions. Nr. Bethlehem, **IDF troops**, **Jewish settlers** reportedly fire on **Red Crescent ambulances** attempting to reach injured Palestinians. (ADM, LAW 10/31; LPA 10/31 in WNC 11/1; HA [Internet], MEZ, NYT, WP 11/1; see *Jane's Defence Weekly* 10/10)

This evening, **Israeli Transportation M Amnon Shahak**, Barak security aide **Ginosaur** secretly go to Gaza for talks with **Arafat**. No details are released. (NYT 11/2)

## 1 NOVEMBER

**Israeli-Palestinian clashes** increase sharply, leaving **3 IDF soldiers** dead, 4 wounded in gunfights with Palestinians and **6 Palestinians** dead, 140 wounded by the IDF. A small bomb explodes in **West Jerusalem**, lightly injuring **2 Israelis**. **Barak** orders missile attacks on the PSF training center nr. Jericho, Jericho's **Oasis Casino**, a marble factory in Bethlehem, residential areas around Bayt Jala and Bethlehem. The **IDF** also directs fire fr. tanks, heavy machine guns, grenade launchers at residential areas in Bayt Sahur, Beitunia, Jericho, al-Khadir, Qarni crossing, Tulkarm. **Jewish settlers** shoot, seriously wound 2 Palestinians nr. Nablus; open fire on Palestinian homes in al-Khadir. Israel, however, reopens the Rafah border crossing to individuals, though trade is still barred. (ADM, IsRN, LAW, MA [Internet], MM, PCHR 11/1; AFP [Internet], AIC, HA [Internet], NYT, REU, WJW, WP, WT 11/2; MENA 11/2 in WNC 11/3; MEI 11/10)

Following a mtg. with **Albright** in Washington, Israeli acting FM **Ben-Ami** says Israel must address the clashes "not as a civilian uprising but as a military confrontation." (PA negotiator **Erakat** was to have met with Albright as well but could not leave Jericho because of IDF air strikes.) With the violence escalating, **MK and fmr. PM Shimon Peres** makes a low-key trip to Gaza very late this evening to meet with **Arafat**. (ADM, IsRN, LAW, MA [Internet], MM, PCHR 11/1; *al-Quds*, RMC 11/1 in WNC 11/3; AFP [Internet], AIC, HA [Internet], NYT, REU, WJW, WP, WT 11/2; YA 11/5)

## 2 NOVEMBER

Early this morning, **Arafat, Peres** wrap up talks, and **Barak** announces that the sides have agreed to try again to implement the 10/17 Sharm al-Shaykh arrangements. The **Israeli cabinet** suspends punitive attacks on Palestinian targets. Differences quickly arise, however, over plans for Arafat, Barak to issue statements on ending the violence (see Peace Monitor). As the sides discuss how to resolve their differences, **2 Islamic Jihad activists** detonate a car bomb in **West Jerusalem**, killing 2 Israelis, wounding 9. (AFP [Internet], MM, NYT, REU, WP, WT 11/2; ATL, Interfax, MENA, XIN 11/2 in WNC 11/3; ATL, Cyprus News Agency 11/2, MENA, *al-Quds* 11/4, *al-Quds* 11/5 in WNC 11/6; JP [Internet], MM, NYT, WP, WT 11/3; MM 11/6; MEI 11/10)

**Israeli-Palestinian clashes** continue, leaving **2 Palestinians** dead, 80 wounded. Nr. Nablus, **Jewish settlers** uproot a Palestinian olive grove; attack Palestinian cars and property around Hawwara, Hebron, Tulkarm. The **IDF** confiscates and levels 70 dunams of Palestinian land to build a road linking **Morag, Gush Katif settlements**. However, **Israel** acknowledges that **PA police** are making more of an effort to halt stone throwers; Arafat unequivocally denounces the Islamic Jihad bombing; and Barak phones Arafat to express condolences over today's Palestinian fatalities. In Gaza, the **IDF** evacuates a position linking Qarni to **Netzarim settlement**, pulls tanks back fr. main roads. (AFP [Internet], MM, NYT, REU, WP, WT 11/2; JP [Internet], MM, NYT, WP, WT 11/3; MEI 11/10)

While in New York, Israel's **Ben-Ami** (promoted to FM today) reportedly sets up a public relations (PR) headquarters to aid in **Israel's** PR efforts in North America. The office head, **fmr. IBA dir. gen. Aryeh Mekel**, will coordinate among the **FMin.'s** PR dept., a special steering comm. of **senior officials of U.S. Jewish organizations**, and **6 major U.S. PR firms** that have been contracted. (MA [Internet] 11/8; HA [Internet] 11/13)

**Israel** begins reviewing a project for 4,000 new housing units in **Har Homa settlement** (Jabal Abu Ghunaym) in **East Jerusalem**. If approved, the site would be known as Har Homa B, would link Har Homa with **Gilo settlement**. (*al-Quds* 11/2 in WNC 11/3; LAW 11/4)

### 3 NOVEMBER

**Israeli-Palestinian clashes** abate slightly but leave **2 Palestinians** dead, over 275 injured (mostly in Ramallah). The **IDF** pulls back fr. some Palestinian towns, says the **PA** is attempting to calm the street. But **Israel** again restricts Palestinian access to al-Aqsa Mosque for Friday prayers. The **IDF** shells areas nr. Bethlehem in response to Palestinian machine-gun fire; demolishes 2 Palestinian homes, bulldozes 27 dunams of agricultural land in Rafah. (AFP [Internet], LAW, PCHR 11/3; NYT, WP, WT 11/4; WP, WT 11/5)

In Washington, PA negotiator **Erakat** meets with **Albright**. Israel's **Ben-Ami** meets with UN Secy.-Gen. **Annan** in New York and with **U.S.** officials in Washington, but there is no indication that he and Erakat meet. (JP [Internet] 11/3; NYT 11/4; MENA 11/4 in WNC 11/6; IsRN 11/5) (see 11/1)

Large anti-Israeli demonstrations are held in **Bahrain**. In the **U.S.**, a rally in support of the Palestinians is held in Boulder. (Bahrain Freedom Movement press release 11/5)

### 4 NOVEMBER

**Israeli-Palestinian clashes** continue at the same level as in recent days, leaving at least 87 Palestinians injured (almost half by live ammunition). In Hebron, where Palestinians have been under 24-hr. curfew since 10/1, the **IDF** refuses to allow a Palestinian family to transfer their ill newborn to the hospital, allowing her to die. **Jewish settler** attacks on Palestinians and their property are reported in Hebron, nr. Bethlehem and Nablus, and throughout Jerusalem. (ADM, LAW 11/4; AYM 11/6 in WNC 11/9; WP, WT 11/5)

In Tel Aviv, **50,000 Israelis** attend a rally marking the 5th anniversary of the assassination of **PM Yitzhak Rabin**. In comparison to previous yrs., fewer people attend and the event is less a peace rally and more a memorial. (NYT, WP 11/5; MM 11/8; WJW 11/9; JP 11/10)

Another antigovernment/anti-Israeli/anti-U.S. rally is held in **Mauritania**. In the **U.S.**, rallies in support of the Palestinian people are held in Carlisle, PA; North Bergen, NJ. (Free Arab Voice [Internet] 11/14)

### 5 NOVEMBER

**Israeli-Palestinian clashes** intensify slightly, leaving **2 Palestinians** dead. Palestinians ambush a car outside Ma'ale Levona

settlement nr. Ramallah, injuring **2 Jewish settlers**. (IsRN, MEZ 11/5; LAW, NYT, WP 11/6; HJ 11/6 in WNC 11/7; AYM 11/6 in WNC 11/9)

The **NIHC** issues leaflets in the West Bank and Gaza, calling on Palestinians to focus their confrontation on **IDF soldiers** and **Jewish settlers**, to form local committees to organize mass activities, to boycott **Israeli** and **U.S.** goods. (HJ 11/6 in WNC 11/7)

The White House announces that **Arafat**, **Barak** have accepted invitations to meet with Pres. **Clinton** in Washington—Arafat on 11/9, Barak on 11/12. (XIN 11/5 in WNC 11/6; HJ, IRNA 11/5, AYM, DUS, *al-Quds* 11/6 in WNC 11/7; MM, NYT, WP 11/6)

At Fatima Gate, **100s of Lebanese** throw stones across the blue line at **IDF** troops, who fire warning shots in return, causing no injuries. Rallies in support of the Palestinians are held in Ottawa, outside Senate candidate Rick Lazio's campaign headquarters in Babylon, NY. (AFP [Internet] 11/5, 11/10)

### 6 NOVEMBER

**Israeli-Palestinian clashes** continue, leaving **2 Palestinians** dead; a **3d Palestinian** dies of injuries received earlier. The **IDF** searches homes in villages around Bethlehem, arrests 3 Palestinians; directs tank, heavy machine-gun fire at residential areas of Aqabat Jabir camp, Jericho, Salbit. **Jewish settlers** assault Palestinians, damage property in Hebron, nr. Jinin. (LAW 11/6; ADM, IDF Radio [Internet], NYT, WP 11/7)

**Israel** leaks reports that the **U.S.** has raised the idea of posting international observers as a buffer in the West Bank, Gaza. **Barak** denounces the proposal. **Clinton** states the U.S. will not endorse it if Israelis are opposed. **Ben-Ami** says he has already met with **Albright**, **Holbrooke** to coordinate steps to block the proposal in the UN. (MM 11/6; NYT, WP, WT 11/7; AYM 11/7 in WNC 11/8; NYT, WP 11/8; MEI 11/10) (see Peace Monitor)

**IDF troops** capture a man armed with knives sneaking into the Israeli-occupied **Golan Heights** fr. **Syria**. (NYT 11/7)

In Tehran, **1,000 Iranian students** attend a rally in solidarity with the Palestinian people. A much smaller rally is held in **Baltimore**. (IRNA 11/6 in WNC 11/7)

With **Shas** support, **Barak** survives 5 no-confidence motions in the **Knesset**. (AFP [Internet] 11/6)

## 7 NOVEMBER

**Presidential elections** are held in the U.S., but the race btwn. **VP Al Gore** (D) and **Texas Gov. George W. Bush** (R) is too close to call. The election rests on some 1,500 votes in Florida, where ballot errors could swing results. At the least, Florida absentee ballots must be tabulated and regular votes recounted, meaning it could be weeks before the new president is declared. (MM 11/7; NYT, WP, WT 11/8; *al-Quds* 11/8 in WNC 11/9; MM, NYT, WP, WT 11/9; AYM, *al-Quds* 11/9, HJ 11/10 in WNC 11/13; MM 11/10)

**Israeli-Palestinian** clashes continue, leaving **1 Palestinian** dead, 150 injured. A **2d Palestinian** dies of wounds received earlier. **Jewish settlers** block roads, attack Palestinians, damage property in Hebron and nr. Nablus, Rafah, Tulkarm. Off Gaza, a fishing boat laden with explosives detonates nr. an Israeli patrol ship, killing the **suicide bomber**. The **IDF** shells areas of Bayt Jala in response to Palestinian sniping at Gilo settlement. IDF Chief of Staff **Mofaz** says the IDF is preparing contingencies for the evacuation of all 7,000 **Jewish settlers** in Gaza. **Barak** allows the **Gaza airport**, closed since 10/22, to reopen. (ADM, LAW 11/7; *al-Quds* 11/7 in WNC 11/9; NYT, WP 11/8)

In keeping with the 10/17 Sharm al-Shaykh agmts., the **White House** names **fmr. Senator George Mitchell (D-ME)** to lead an inquiry into the causes of the **Israeli-Palestinian clashes**. Also named to the panel are **fmr. Turkish pres. Suleyman Demirel**, **Norwegian FM Thorbjørn Jagland**, **fmr. Senator Warren B. Rudman (R-NH)**, EU foreign policy dir. **Solana**. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 11/8; AYM 11/9 in WNC 11/13; MEI 11/24)

## 8 NOVEMBER

**Israeli-Palestinian clashes** intensify, especially in Gaza. **4 Palestinians** are killed by IDF troops, 2 others die of injuries received earlier, and **1 Israeli customs official** is ambushed and killed in Gaza (both **Fatah Uprising**, **Islamic Jihad** claim responsibility). Blaming **Arafat** for the ambush, **Barak** shuts the **Gaza airport** and the Rafah border crossing to Egypt, reportedly sends more tanks and armored vehicles into the West Bank and Gaza. At Qarni crossing, a gun battle erupts btwn. **IDF** troops, **PA police**; the IDF shells a building "used as cover" by the policemen. IDF tank, heavy

machine-gun fire is reported in Aida refugee camp, Bayt Jala, Bayt Sahur, Beitunia, al-Bireh, Hebron, Salbit; in Bayt Jala, 1 house is completely destroyed, 6 homes and a school are damaged. The IDF also uproots a Palestinian olive grove in Qalqilya. (al-Haq press release, LAW, MM, PCHR 11/8; ADM, NYT, WP, WT 11/9; *al-Quds* 11/9 in WNC 11/13)

**Arafat** flies to Cairo to confer with **Mubarak**, EU special envoy **Moratinos** and then goes to London to meet with British PM **Tony Blair** before heading to Washington. After meeting with Arafat, Moratinos leaves for a 2-day visit to Israel. (LPA, MENA 11/8 in WNC 11/9; MENA 11/8 in WNC 11/13; WP 11/9)

**UN Human Rights Commissioner (UNHRC) Mary Robinson** begins a 1-wk. tour of Israel, the West Bank and Gaza, Egypt, Jordan to investigate the recent Israeli-Palestinian violence. (AP 11/8; NYT, WP 11/9; WP 11/11; *al-Quds* 11/11 in WNC 11/13; WP 11/28) (see Doc. A5)

The **UNSC** holds a closed-door mtg. on the ongoing clashes, the **PA's** request for international forces. The mtg. is adjourned until 11/10, so Arafat may address the council. (XIN 11/8 in WNC 11/9; SA 11/8 in WNC 11/13; MM, NYT, WT 11/9; MEI 11/10)

Under pressure fr. **Israeli Arab MKs**, **Barak** upgrades the inquiry comm. into the deaths of Israeli Arabs during the recent clashes to a state commission, which has more authority. (NYT, WP 11/9) (see 10/22)

## 9 NOVEMBER

Just before **Arafat** meets with **Clinton** in Washington, **Israel** assassinates **senior Fatah cmdr. Hussayn Ubayyat** in Bayt Sahur, tracking him by helicopter and shelling his car, also killing **2 Palestinian bystanders**, wounding his aide and at least 6 bystanders. After their mtg., neither Arafat nor Clinton express hope that **Israeli-Palestinian clashes** will end soon; the U.S. does not condemn the Israeli attack. (ADM, BDL, LAW, MM, REU 11/9; JT 11/9, AFP, *al-Quds* 11/10, 11/11, AYM, *al-Quds* 11/12 in WNC 11/13; MA [Internet], MM, NYT, WP, WT, YA 11/10; AYM, HJ 11/13 in WNC 11/16; MM 11/15; MEI 11/24)

**Israeli-Palestinian** clashes continue throughout the day. In addition to the fatalities fr. the Ubayyat assassination, a **4th Palestinian** is shot dead by the IDF. Nr. Rafah, the **IDF** bulldozes 100s of dunams of agricultural land, demolishes 2 Palestinian homes, evacuates a 3d to create a new IDF outpost.

The IDF also clears lands around the main road of Nazlit Issa village nr. Tulkarm, demolishes several greenhouses nr. Jinin. **Jewish settlers** set fire to 100 dunams of Palestinian crops outside Qalqilya, attack Palestinians and Palestinian property in Hebron and around Jinin. IDF heavy machine-gun fire is reported around Hebron, Jinin, Nablus. (ADM 11/9; NYT, WP, WT 11/10)

**Qatar** shuts the **Israeli** trade mission in Doha. (MM, SA, TT 11/9, IRNA, SA 11/10, HJ, IRNA 11/11 in WNC 11/13; MM, NYT 11/10; WJW 11/16; JP 11/17; JP, MEI 11/24) (see Peace Monitor)

More than **1,000 Palestinians** hold an anti-Israeli demonstration in Wihdat camp in **Jordan**. In the **U.S.**, a rally in support of the Palestinians is held in New York. (AFP [Internet] 11/10)

## 10 NOVEMBER

**Israeli-Palestinian clashes** continue, leaving **5 Palestinians, 1 Israeli Arab, 1 IDF soldier** dead, 300 Palestinians injured. Following the funeral for Fatah cmdr. **Ubayyat** (attended by 10,000 Palestinians), a **Palestinian sniper** fires on **IDF** troops outside Rachel's Tomb nearby, killing 1 soldier, wounding another. A small bomb explodes in **East Jerusalem**, slightly injuring an Israeli border policeman. More than 50 **IDF** shells fall in the Ramallah area, hitting the **PA civil administration building**, the **PA Central Bureau of Statistics headquarters**, the **Islamic Elementary School**, several apartment complexes and homes. IDF tank, heavy machine-gun fire are reported in and around Hebron, Jinin, Khan Yunis, Nablus, Qalqilya, Salfit. The IDF also bulldozes agricultural lands nr. Qalqilya. **Jewish settlers** uproot Palestinian olive trees nr. Ramallah, assault Palestinians in several locations around Nablus. Israel again restricts Palestinian access to al-Aqsa Mosque for Friday prayers. **Egypt** reports that **Israel** is barring medical goods, 30 ambulances donated by **Saudi Arabia** fr. entering Gaza via the Rafah crossing. (ADM, LAW 11/10; MENA 11/10 in WNC 11/13; NYT, PCHR, WP 11/11; HJ 11/15 in WNC 11/27)

**UNSC** resumes talks on an international buffer force for the West Bank, Gaza. **Arafat** lobbies for the UN to send 2,000 troops to the West Bank, Gaza, Jerusalem. The **UK, U.S.** vow to block the proposal as long as **Israel** disapproves. (XIN 11/10 in WNC 11/13; NYT, WP, WT 11/11; HJ 11/13 in WNC 11/15) (see Peace Monitor)

In Amman, **Jordanian security forces** peacefully disperse **1,000 Jordanians** attempting to march to the Israeli emb. **100s of Lebanese, Palestinian refugees** demonstrate at Fatima Gate on the blue line. The **IDF** shoots across the border, wounding a **Lebanese truck driver** approaching the border with a load of stones. (AFP [Internet] 11/10; DUS 11/10 in WNC 11/13; MEI 11/24)

## 11 NOVEMBER

**Israeli-Palestinian clashes** intensify, leaving **11 Palestinians, 1 IDF soldier** dead and over 200 Palestinians, 1 IDF soldier, 1 American wounded. 8 of the Palestinians and the IDF soldier are killed during a gun battle outside **Gush Katif settlement** in Gaza; the IDF confirms that the soldier was killed by IDF gunfire, 6 of the Palestinians are likely killed by settler gunfire. Nr. Rachel's Tomb, an **American photographer** is seriously wounded by live ammunition fired by the **IDF**. The **IDF** shells an unfinished building in al-Bireh, killing **2 Fatah mbrs**. The 11th Palestinian is fatally shot at Erez crossing. 3 Palestinians die of injuries received earlier. IDF shelling, heavy machine-gun fire is reported in Hebron, Nablus. The IDF clears more Palestinian land in the Rafah area. (LAW, PCHR 11/11; LAW, MEZ, NYT, WP, WT 11/12; MA 11/13 in WNC 11/14; NYT 11/19)

An **Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC)** summit opens in **Qatar**, focusing on the Palestinian situation. (ATL, MENA, RL 11/11, ATL, AYM, IRNA, MENA 11/12 in WNC 11/13; WP 11/12; HA [Internet], MM, NYT, WP, WT 11/13; IRNA, MENA, RL 11/13 in WNC 11/14; ATL, AYM 11/13, Iraq News Agency, DUS 11/14 in WNC 11/16; MM, NYT, WP 11/14; MM 11/15, 11/16; WP 11/22; JP, MEI 11/24) (see Peace Monitor)

In Rome, **30,000 Italians** protest against Israel's "massacre of innocent Palestinians." Similar, smaller rallies are held in **Oslo, Stockholm**. (ANSA 11/11 in WNC 11/13; IsraelWire [Internet] 11/12, 11/13)

## 12 NOVEMBER

**Israeli-Palestinian clashes** continue. **1 Palestinian** is shot dead by the **IDF** at Erez crossing. A **2d Palestinian**, suspected of aiding the Ubayyat assassination on 11/9, is shot dead by a Palestinian gunman. A **3d Palestinian** dies of injuries received earlier. **2 Egyptians** are wounded by Israeli gunfire



at the Rafah border. The convoy of UNHRC **Robinson** is fired on as she tours Hebron's Jewish enclave, damaging 1 vehicle. **IDF** tank fire, shelling are reported in and around Bayt Jala, Bayt Sahur, Bethlehem, Jericho, al-Khadir, Ramallah; the Jericho casino is severely damaged. In Gaza, several roadside bombs explode, causing no injuries; a **Jewish settler** opens fire on Palestinians, wounding 1. (AFP [Internet] 11/12; HA [Internet], NYT, WP, WT 11/13; MM 11/15)

The **Clinton-Barak** mtg. in Washington is delayed several hrs. when a Russian plane is hijacked to Israel in an incident unrelated to the Middle East crisis. When the pair finally meet, they make no progress toward halting the violence. Barak reportedly tells Clinton that Israel will not "sit idly on its hands" in the face of Palestinian actions, complains that the **PA** is trying to internationalize the conflict by getting the **UN** involved. Barak also raises the issues of supplemental U.S. aid, upgrading the U.S.-Israeli strategic relationship. (NYT, WP, WT 11/12; MM, NYT, WP, WT 11/13; HJ 11/14 in WNC 11/16; MM 11/15)

### 13 NOVEMBER

**Israeli-Palestinian clashes** continue, leaving 2 **Palestinians** dead. A 3d Palestinian dies of injuries received earlier. In Gaza, Palestinian snipers open fire on a convoy of Jewish settlers under IDF escort, killing 2 **IDF soldiers**, wounding 6 settlers. A **Jewish settler** driving in the West Bank, an **Israeli truck driver** carrying goods to a Jewish settlement in Gaza are also shot dead by Palestinian snipers, marking the highest 1-day toll for Israeli Jews since clashes began. The **IDF** seals area A, halts all traffic on and leading to the main north-south road in Gaza. IDF shelling is reported in Aqabat Jabir camp, Bayt Jala, Bethlehem, Jericho, Nablus, al-Qarara. In Gaza, the **IDF** levels another 112 dunams of Palestinian agricultural land, 1 Palestinian home, a livestock pen, and an irrigation system. (AP, LAW, MM, PCHR 11/13; LAW, MEZ, MM, NYT, WP 11/14; NYT 11/15; WJW 11/16, 11/23)

**Barak**, attending a fund-raiser in Chicago for the **United Jewish Communities General Assembly (UJCGA)**, lists 5 requirements of any final status agmt. with the **PA** (see Doc. C2). More than **1,000 Americans** rally outside the UJCGA venue to protest Israeli violence against the Palestinians. Similar rallies are held in New York, where Likud

Leader **Sharon** addresses a *New York Post* seminar, and in Philadelphia. (WP 11/14; WJW 11/16)

With **Shas** support, **Barak** survives another no-confidence vote in the **Knesset**. (AFP [Internet] 11/13) (see 11/6)

### 14 NOVEMBER

As **Israeli-Palestinian clashes** continue, **Israel** tightens its blockade of Palestinian towns in the West Bank. During the day, 3 **Palestinians** are shot dead by the **IDF**. A 4th Palestinian is killed by a **Jewish settler**. A 5th dies of complications fr. inhaling tear gas when the IDF bars an ambulance fr. taking him to a hospital. A 6th dies of injuries received earlier. Nr. Ramallah, several Palestinians are wounded by Jewish settlers in a drive-by shooting. Beginning this evening and continuing overnight, **IDF troops** search, ransack at least 20 homes in area B nr. Nablus, Qalqilya, and Ramallah, arresting 15 **Fatah** mbrs. "suspected of carrying out terrorist attacks." Nr. Qalqilya, the IDF bulldozes several greenhouses. In a closed mtg., **Arafat** tells his security officials to prevent individuals fr. firing fr. areas A and Palestinian-populated areas so as to reduce civilian casualties resulting fr. Israeli reprisals. (EU press release, LAW, MEZ 11/14; MENA 11/14 in WNC 11/16; LAW, MEZ, NYT, WP, WT 11/15; MA [Internet], MM, NYT 11/16; AYM 11/16 in WNC 11/17)

In Doha, the **OIC** issues a special non-binding resolution on the clashes, urging mbrs. to cut ties with **Israel**; the U.S. to revise its "biased stance" in favor of Israel; the UN to send a peacekeeping force to the West Bank, Gaza. (MA [Internet], MM, OIC press release 11/14; AYM, IRNA 11/14 in WNC 11/15; MENA 11/14 in WNC 11/16; MM 11/15, 11/16; IRNA 11/16 in WNC 11/17; MM 11/17; JP, MEI 11/24)

**Lebanon** reports that the **IDF** overflew Baalbek, Bint Jubayl, Iqlim al-Tuffah, Marja'ayun, Nabatiyya and reinforced troops in the Shaba' Farms area. **UNIFIL adviser Timur Goksel** says UNIFIL recorded 123 Israeli violations of Lebanese airspace btwn. 10/8 and 11/8, has protested to Israel to no avail. (AFP [Internet] 11/14; RL 11/14 in WNC 11/16)

The **Clinton administration** submits to **Congress** a request for a \$750 m. supplemental aid package for Egypt, Israel, Jordan. (WP 11/15; HA [Internet], WJW 11/16) (see Peace Monitor)



## 15 NOVEMBER

**Israeli-Palestinian clashes** intensify, leaving **8 Palestinians, 1 German doctor** dead, over 110 Palestinians injured. (1 Palestinian dies en route to the hospital when his ambulance is blocked by **Jewish settlers** for over an hr.) A **9th Palestinian** dies of injuries received earlier. The **IDF** shells **Fatah** headquarters in Hebron, Salfit, Tulkarm and an armory in Jericho. The IDF also shells residential areas of Bayt Jala, Bethlehem, Dayr al-Balah, Nablus, Tulkarm and bulldozes Palestinian agricultural lands in Rafah. IDF shelling in Bayt Jala damages a school and a cultural center, destroys an unfinished apartment complex. In Hebron, **Jewish settlers** vandalize Palestinian property, uproot trees, damage an irrigation system. (ADM, LAW 11/15; AP, HA [Internet], LAW, MM, NYT, WP, WT 11/16; NYT, WP 11/17)

A demonstration in support of the Palestinians is held at **New York University**, where 2 IDF soldiers speak as part of a national tour to present the Israeli position on the ongoing clashes. (al-Awda Internet news group 11/15)

On the anniversary of the PLO's 1988 declaration of independence in Algiers, the **PA** does not unilaterally declare a Palestinian state or reaffirm the Algiers declaration as Israel, the U.S. had feared. Due to the ongoing closure, the **PLOCC** is unable to meet as planned. (AP 11/15) (see 9/10)

**Senior Israeli, PA officials** reportedly hold a secret mtg. at the Egyptian mission to the **UN** in New York to discuss options for a UN buffer force in the West Bank, Gaza. (WP 11/16, 11/18)

First Lady **Hillary Clinton** (the senator-elect fr. NY), U.S. special envoy **Ross**, Russian FM **Ivanov** are among those who attend the funeral of PM Yitzhak Rabin's widow, **Leah Rabin**, who died on 11/12. **Arafat** sends his condolences via videotape, which is aired on Israeli TV. Afterward, Ross meets with **Barak**. (MA [Internet], MM 11/15; MM, NYT, WJW, WP, WT 11/16; JP 11/24)

In Marseilles, France, a 2-day **Euro-Mediterranean FMs mtg.** opens to review regional cooperation efforts over the past 5 yrs. The session focuses on the Israeli-Palestinian crisis as it affects regional stability. (AFP [Internet], JT [Internet] 11/15; see also JT 11/13 in WNC 11/14; AYM 11/14 in WNC 11/15; SA 11/15, ANSA, ATL 11/16 in WNC 11/17)

In Lebanon, PM **Hariri, Hizballah spiritual leader Shaykh Hassan Nasrallah** hold their 1st mtg. in 8 yrs. during which they reportedly agree not to give **Israel** a pretext to strike **Lebanon** while upholding Beirut's right to recover Shaba' Farms, to coordinate efforts to keep the issue of **Syria's** troop presence in the country out of the public domain. (MM 11/17) (see Peace Monitor)

## CHRONOLOGY SOURCE ABBREVIATIONS

ADM	(Addameer—Prisoners Support and Human Rights Association, Ramallah)
AFP	(Agence France-Presse, Paris)
AIC	(Alternative Information Center, Jerusalem)
ANSA	(Associated National Press Agency, Rome)
AP	(Associated Press, Internet)
ATL	(Anatolia, Ankara)
AYM	( <i>al-Ayyam</i> , Ramallah)
BBC	(British Broadcasting Corporation World Service, Internet)
BDL	(BADIL Resource Center, Bethlehem)
CSM	( <i>Christian Science Monitor</i> , Boston)
DUS	( <i>al-Dustur</i> , Amman)
HA	( <i>Ha'Aretz</i> , Tel Aviv)
HJ	( <i>al-Hayat al-Jadida</i> , Ramallah)
IRNA	(Islamic Republic News Agency, Tehran)
IsRN	(Israel Radio News, Internet)
JP	( <i>Jerusalem Post International Edition</i> , Jerusalem)
JT	( <i>Jordan Times</i> , Amman)
LAW	(Palestinian Society for the Protection of Human Rights and the Environment, Jerusalem)
LPA	(London Press Association, London)
MA	( <i>Ma'ariv</i> , Tel Aviv)
MEI	( <i>Middle East International</i> , London)

- MENA (Middle East News Agency, Cairo)  
 MENL (Middle East Newline, Internet)  
 MEZ (al-Mezan Center for Human Rights, Jabaliyya)  
 MM (*Mideast Mirror*, London)  
 NYT (*New York Times*, New York)  
 PCHR (Palestinian Center for Human Rights, Gaza)  
 REU (Reuters, Internet)  
 RL (Radio Lebanon, Beirut)  
 RMC (Radio Monte Carlo, Paris)  
 SA (*al-Sbarq al-Awsat*, London)  
 TT (*Tehran Times*, Tehran)  
 UPI (United Press International, Internet)  
 UPMRC (Union of Palestinian Medical Relief Committees)  
 VOI (Voice of Israel, Jerusalem)  
 WJW (*Washington Jewish Week*, Rockville, MD)  
 WNC (World News Connection [Internet], Washington, DC)  
 WP (*Washington Post*, Washington, DC)  
 WT (*Washington Times*, Washington, DC)  
 XIN (Xinhua–New China News Agency, Beijing)  
 YA (*Yedi'ot Abaronot* [Internet], Tel Aviv)

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**Israeli soldiers shoot at stone-throwing Palestinians in Khan Yunis, 24 October 2000. (Agence France-Presse/Thomas Coex)**