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## CHRONOLOGY

### 16 AUGUST–15 NOVEMBER 2001

*This section is part seventy-two of a chronology begun in JPS 13, no. 3 (Spring 1984). Chronology dates reflect Eastern Standard Time. For more detail on events related to the peace process, see the Peace Monitor in this issue.*

#### 16 AUGUST

**U.S. Pres. George W. Bush** phones **Israeli PM Ariel Sharon** to offer his condolences for recent Israeli casualties, to stress the importance of avoiding further escalations. Sharon says he is trying to ease the economic blockade on the Palestinians (see 8/14, 8/15), but adds that Israel will continue to protect its citizens, including via assassinations, which he terms “preventive actions.” Meanwhile, the **Israel Defense Force (IDF)** tightens the closures on Nablus, Qalqilya, Ramallah; bulldozes Palestinian agricultural land around Itamar settlement. **Jewish settlers** stone a Palestinian taxi passing Shilo settlement nr. Nablus, causing the car to crash, killing the driver, injuring 6 passengers. Elsewhere, settlers take over the small West Bank settlement of Sanur, abandoned by residents when the al-Aqsa intifada began, converts an old mosque into a synagogue; fire on Palestinian farmers nr. Itamar, injuring 5. In an apparent assassination attempt, **Palestinian Ibrahim al-Habisha** is critically injured when his cell phone explodes, 5 bystanders are lightly injured. **Palestinians** fire 2 mortars at Morag settlement in Gaza, causing no damage. The **IDF** directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Hebron. (HA 8/16; MA 8/16 in WNC 8/17; HP, NYT, WP, WT 8/17; PMC 8/18)

#### 17 AUGUST

The **IDF** says it averted a major bombing in Haifa, arresting 2 **Islamic Jihad** mbrs. The **IDF** also enters Brazil camp to demolish at least 1 house and fires on residents with live ammunition, injuring 10; shells, briefly enters Khan Yunis, exchanges gunfire with Palestinians, leaving 1 **Palestinian** dead; tightens the closures on Bethlehem, Qalqilya (cutting phone lines to the town), Ramallah. **Palestinians** throw 2 hand grenades at an **IDF** post nr. Jinin, causing no damage. (HP 8/17; NYT, WT 8/18; AP, HP, WT 8/19; LAW 8/22)

An Egyptian delegation led by **Osama Baz, senior adviser to Egyptian pres. Husni Mubarak**, holds its 4th and last day of mtgs. with U.S. officials, including **Secy. of State Colin Powell, National Security Adviser (NSA) Condoleezza Rice**. Baz says the sides exchanged ideas on “certain arrangements” for enabling implementation of the Mitchell Comm. recommendations but would not discuss details until they had studied each other’s proposals. (United Press International 8/17; MENA 8/17, MENA, *al-Quds* 8/18, MENA 8/19 in WNC 8/20; NYT, WP 8/18; WP 8/19; *al-Quds* 8/19, MENA 8/20 in WNC 8/21; HA 8/21; MM 8/22; *al-Musawwar* 8/24 in WNC 8/27) (see Peace Monitor in *JPS* 121)

#### 18 AUGUST

The **IDF** attempts to assassinate **Fatah tanzim mbr. Ahmad Bisharat** in Jinin, phoning him to set up a bogus mtg., attempting to shoot him when he leaves his home. The **IDF** also shells residential areas of Beitunia, Khan Yunis; fires on a taxi parked at an IDF checkpoint, seriously wounding a Palestinian infant. **Jewish settlers** fire on a Palestinian bus nr. Pisgat Ze’ev, injuring 2 Palestinians; stone a car nr. Hebron, causing an accident that kills the **Palestinian** driver. (*al-Quds* 8/18 in WNC 8/21; HP 8/19; LAW 8/22)

#### 19 AUGUST

**Israeli-Palestinian clashes** continue, leaving a total of 7 **Palestinians** dead. **IDF** forces in Rafah refuse to allow a **Palestinian Authority (PA)** delegation to cross the checkpoint into Egypt unless they consent to be strip searched, which they refuse. **Palestinians** throw grenades at, fire on IDF posts on the border with Egypt, causing no injuries. The **IDF** shells residential areas of Rafah in response, hitting a Palestinian home and killing **senior tanzim mbr. Samir Abd al-Az (Abu Zayd)**, his 2 young children in what may be an assassination. **Palestinians**

fire mortars at an Israeli settlement in Gaza, causing no damage; the **IDF** responds by shelling, destroying a **PA Preventive Security Force (PSF)** post, a **Force 17** office nr. Khan Yunis, injuring 3 PSF officers. **IDF troops** fatally shoot a 13-yr.-old Palestinian boy in Rafah, 2 Palestinians nr. Nablus; direct shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Hebron, Jinin, Khan Yunis. (HP 8/19; MENA 8/19 in WNC 8/20; AFP, HP, LAW, NYT, WP, WT 8/20; JT 8/20 in WNC 8/21; NYT 8/21; LAW 8/22; AYM 8/24 in WNC 8/27)

**Israeli FM Shimon Peres** says that Israel and the PA have had contacts "on different levels" regarding implementing a cease-fire, that he plans to meet with **PA head Yasir Arafat** soon. The **PA** says it supports holding an Arafat-Peres mtg. in principle. (MM, NYT 8/20; AYM 8/20 in WNC 8/21; *al-Quds* 8/21 in WNC 8/22; MA 8/23 in WNC 8/24)

## 20 AUGUST

The **IDF** demolishes a **Palestinian apartment building** under construction in Bayt Hanina, **East Jerusalem**, destroying 8 empty apartments, a kindergarten, and 6 stores; shells residential areas of Beitunia, Bethlehem, Rafah; bulldozes land along the Egyptian border nr. Rafah, in al-Arubb; places a closure on al-Jalma village on the Green Line nr. Jinin; reinforces the closures on Jinin, Qalqilya; flies low-level **F-16** sorties over Gaza. The **Temporary International Presence in Hebron** withdraws its forces fr. the Jewish enclave of the city because of ongoing attacks on their vehicles by **Jewish settlers** (see Doc. A2). **Jewish settlers** also place new caravans on Palestinian property nr. Yatta in the Hebron district. **IDF** soldiers occupy 2 **Palestinian houses** in the Hebron area, 3 nr. Netzarim Junction as observation points; bulldoze Palestinian land in al-Dura, west of Hebron. (HP 8/20; WT 8/21; LAW 8/22; HA 8/26)

**German FM Joschka Fischer**, in the region on a 3-day visit aimed at securing a cease-fire, discusses with **Peres** the idea of a phased truce, which would "eventually" be followed by implementation of the Mitchell Comm. recommendations. (HP 8/20; MENA 8/20 in WNC 8/21; NYT, WT 8/21; NYT, WT 8/22; AYM 8/22 in WNC 8/24)

## 21 AUGUST

After talks with German FM **Fischer**, **Arafat** says he is prepared to hold cease-fire

talks with **Peres**. Fischer also meets with **Sharon**, recommends that Peres and Arafat meet in Berlin. As Peres welcomes the idea, a small **bomb** explodes in West Jerusalem, causing no injuries; when **Israeli police** search the area, they find a much larger unexploded bomb. The **Popular Army Front-Return Battalions** claims responsibility. The **IDF** fires on residential areas of Hebron. (HA, MM 8/21; HA, LAW, MM, NYT, WP, WT 8/22; *al-Quds* 8/22, QA, SA 8/23 in WNC 8/24; MM 8/23; AYM 8/23 in WNC 8/27; JP 8/31)

Late in the evening, **Israeli-Palestinian violence** escalates sharply, further dimming prospects for a German-led cease-fire initiative. **IDF undercover units** ambush, kill a **Palestinian** planting a roadside bomb outside a Jewish settlement nr. Nablus, then open fire on Palestinians attempting to retrieve the body, killing another 3, wounding 3. (MEI 8/21; LAW 8/22; NYT, WP, WT 8/23; AYM 8/23, AN 8/26 in WNC 8/27)

## 22 AUGUST

In Gaza, **IDF helicopters** fire rockets at a car driven by **most-wanted Izzeddin al-Qassam Brigades leader Muhammad Dayif, his aide Adnan Ghul**; both escape unhurt but an accompanying vehicle is hit, killing Ghul's son and a bodyguard. Nr. Rafah, the **IDF** opens fire on Palestinians inspecting a building just bulldozed by Israeli soldiers; 1 **PSF officer** is killed. In response to Palestinian gunfire directed at Psagot settlement, which causes no injuries, the **IDF** enters PA-controlled Ramallah and bulldozes a **PSF** office. After **Palestinians** fire a mortar at a Jewish settlement in Gaza, damaging 1 home, the **IDF** fires 2 missiles at a **PSF** post, destroying it and wounding 7 **PSF** officers. **Palestinians** also fire on an Israeli truck leaving a Jewish settlement, wounding 2 **Israelis**. (LAW 8/22; NYT, WP, WT 8/23; MM, WT 8/24; MEI 8/31)

## 23 AUGUST

In Nablus, the **IDF** fires missiles at a car driven by **senior Fatah mbr. Jihad Mussaimi** in an apparent assassination attempt. Mussaimi and several bystanders are injured. Following a **Palestinian sniper** attack on the Jewish enclave of Hebron that wounds 2 **Jewish settler boys**, the **IDF** sends troops into the PA-controlled area of Hebron to blow up 2 **Palestinian homes** in the Abu Sunayna neighborhood. The 3-hr. raid, simi-

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lar to that on Jinin on 8/13–14, sparks an intense gun battle that leaves **2 Palestinians** dead and 10 Palestinians, 1 IDF soldier wounded; a **Palestinian woman** dies of a heart attack while waiting hrs. for an ambulance to reach her. In Gaza, the **IDF** fires on Palestinians throwing stones at a Jewish settlement, killing **1 Palestinian boy**; sends 3 tanks into Dayr al-Balah refugee camp, sparking a gun battle that leaves 4 Palestinians injured. (AFP 8/23; NYT, WP, WT 8/24; NYT, WT 8/25; HA 8/26)

**24 AUGUST**

In Nablus, where the **IDF** attempted to assassinate a **Fatah** mbr. on 8/23, some **20,000 Palestinians** attend a rally calling for increased attacks on Israel. The **IDF** shells residential areas of Bayt Sahur, setting fire to 1 Palestinian home. (WT 8/25)

As **Arafat, Peres** continue to express interest in holding a meeting to discuss a cease-fire, **Bush** suggests that the **PA** is not serious about talks, saying, "If they are that interested in peaceful dialogue, they ought to do everything they can to stop the terrorist activity that has accelerated in recent months." (NYT 8/25; AFP, *al-Quds* 8/25 in WNC 8/27; NYT 8/26; *al-Quds* 8/29 in WNC 8/30; WJW 8/30)

**25 AUGUST**

Late in the evening, 2 mbrs. of the **Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP)** infiltrate an **IDF** post nr. Gush Katif settlement in Gaza, attack the barracks with hand grenades and automatic weapons fire, killing 3 IDF soldiers and wounding 7 before they are killed. In response, the **IDF** sends 16 tanks, heavy equipment deep into Rafah to bulldoze the **PSF** headquarters, take over several small PSF posts, killing **1 PSF officer**, wounding 2 Palestinians; troops pull out after a few hrs. Earlier, mbrs. of the **al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade (AMB)** open fire on a car outside Givat Ze'ev in the West Bank, killing **3 Jewish settlers**, wounding 2 children. (BBC 8/25; HA, JP [Internet], NYT, WP, WT 8/26; HA 8/27; SA 8/27 in WNC 8/28; MEI 8/31; JP 9/7)

**26 AUGUST**

In response to the attack on a settler family on 8/25, the **IDF** dispatches **F-15s** and **F-16s** to bomb the **PA Military Intelligence** headquarters outside Gaza City and the **PSF** headquarters in Salfit, killing **1 PSF**

officer, wounding 18 Palestinians. Also in Gaza City, the **IDF** shells, destroys the **PSF** headquarters and bulldozes 2 PSF checkpoints; helicopters hover over Arafat's headquarters but do not fire. In the evening, after the **AMB** fatally shoots an **Israeli civilian** driving outside Tulkarm, the **IDF** shells PSF buildings and checkpoints in Tulkarm, al-Bireh, killing **1 PSF officer**. **Sharon** meets with **DM Benjamin Ben-Eliezer, Peres**; reportedly decides to step up retaliatory attacks on PA targets, shorten the time btwn. incident and retaliation, even if this means striking occupied buildings. (AP, NYT, WT 8/26; NYT, WP, WT 8/27; MA 8/27 in WNC 8/28; *al-Quds* 8/29 in WNC 8/30; *al-Quds, Star* 8/30 in WNC 8/31)

**27 AUGUST**

The **IDF** assassinates **Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) leader Abu Ali Mustafa (Mustafa Zibri)**, the most prominent Palestinian leader targeted to date, firing missiles at his office in al-Bireh. (**22 U.S. citizens** also live in the building where Mustafa worked; 3 are lightly injured in the attack.) In response, **1,000s of Palestinians** take to the streets in Bethlehem, Gaza City, Jinin, Nablus, Tulkarm to protest. The **U.S.** criticizes Israel for "inflaming an already volatile situation and making it much harder to restore calm"; says Israel must also take economic, security steps to alleviate pressure on the Palestinians. Also in response to the Mustafa killing, **Palestinian gunmen** fire on Gilo settlement; the **IDF** then sends tanks into neighboring **Bayt Jala** (area A). The **IDF** also sends tanks, bulldozers into **Rafah** in response to Palestinian gunfire; destroys **3 Palestinian houses**, sparking a fierce gun battle. Palestinians ambush a settler vehicle nr. Nablus, kill **1 Jewish settler**. (AP, CNN 8/27; AFP, Interfax, MENA 8/27 in WNC 8/28; BDL, LAW, MM, NYT, REU, WT 8/28; MA, XIN 8/28 in WNC 8/29; MM 8/29; AYM 8/28, ATL, IRNA, JT 8/29 in WNC 8/30; *al-Ra'i* 8/29, MENA, *al-Quds*, SA 8/30 in WNC 8/31; PMC 8/30; MEI, MM 8/31; AYM 8/31 in WNC 9/10; HA 9/1; JP 9/7; MEI 9/14)

**28 AUGUST**

**Israeli-Palestinian clashes** continue, leaving **4 Palestinians** dead. The **IDF** declares a curfew, reinforces its positions in **Bayt Jala**, saying forces will remain in the town indefinitely—marking Israel's 1st reoccupation of West Bank area A. **State Dept.**

spokesman **Richard Boucher** warns **Israel** that it is inflaming the conflict, urges **Syria** to keep a rein on **Hizballah**. Among the buildings taken over by the IDF are **5 Palestinian homes** and the **Evangelical Lutheran Church of America's** orphanage, where troops turn the upper floors into a firing base for heavy machine guns. Residents of the occupied homes, orphanage are confined to a single room of their homes; the **Lutheran bishop** accuses the IDF of using the 45 children in the home as human shields. Troops also level a number of **Palestinian houses**; skirmish with Palestinians at Aida refugee camp, nr. Bayt Jala. Fighting around Bayt Jala and Gilo intensifies throughout the day, leaving **1 Palestinian** dead, at least 6 injured. Palestinians fire 6 mortars at Gilo, causing damage but no injuries, marking the 1st sustained mortar attack in the West Bank. The **IDF** also sends undercover units into Hebron to capture **PSF Hebron cmdr. Abdallah Salim**; sends forces into **Rafah** refugee camp to demolish another 14 **homes**, wounding 12 Palestinians; sends troops into **Dayr al-Balah** camp, touching off gun battles; bulldozes part of a school, 50 olive trees in Abu Najim; shells residential areas of Dayr Samit, Dura, Kharsa; conducts arrest raids in Jalbun; seals a main north-south Gaza road. (AP, BDL, HA, LAW, MM, REU 8/28; XIN 8/28 in WNC 8/29; BDL, NYT, WP, WT 8/29; PMC, WJW 8/30; MEI, WT 8/31; JP 9/7)

In Ramallah, **10,000s of Palestinians** attend the funeral of PFLP leader Mustafa. In refugee camps in **Jordan, Lebanon, Syria**, **1,000s of Palestinian refugees** protest Mustafa's assassination. In Amman, 100s of demonstrators call for the Israeli amb. to be expelled. Outside the Israeli DMin. in Tel Aviv, **100s of Israelis** demonstrate against the IDF incursion into Bayt Jala, Bethlehem. (AP, GS, JP 8/28)

## 29 AUGUST

**Israeli-Palestinian clashes** in the Bayt Jala-Gilo area continue to escalate, spread to neighboring Aida refugee camp, leaving 13 Palestinians wounded. **European Union (EU) foreign policy dir. Javier Solana** shuttles btwn. **Arafat** and **Peres**, discussing the idea of a limited cease-fire that would incorporate an IDF withdrawal fr. the area. (Arafat, Peres speak directly by phone; Powell phones **Sharon**, Arafat.) In the afternoon, the **PSF** sets up new roadblocks around Bayt Jala to deter Palestinian gunmen fr. entering.

After 5 hrs. without gunfire, the **IDF** begins to leave Bayt Jala. Solana urges Arafat, Peres to discuss expanding the Bayt Jala-Gilo understandings into a full cease-fire. (BDL, HP, MM 8/29; MM, NYT, WP, WT 8/30; WJW 9/6)

Meanwhile, the **Committee for Road Safety** settler group fatally shoots a **Palestinian** in the West Bank. Nr. Tulkarm, **tanzim mbrs.** fatally shoot an **Israeli civilian**; the **IDF** fires on Palestinians, killing 1, wounding 4. The **IDF** also sends tanks into Rafah; bulldozes 2 **Palestinian homes**, agricultural land in Dayr al-Balah; reinforces tanks, bulldozers outside Khan Yunis; demolishes a PSF post, erects a new IDF checkpoint on the Rafah-Khan Yunis road. **15 Jewish settlers** (mostly women and children) attack **Palestinian vendors** in the Hebron market; **IDF soldiers** watch but do not intervene. (HP 8/29; HP, NYT, WP, WT 8/30)

## 30 AUGUST

The **IDF** apparently attempts to assassinate **DFLP West Bank head Qays Samurai (Abu Layla)** by planting an explosive device in his home in Ramallah, **tanzim mbr. Anwar Aliya** in an ambush by undercover units in Tulkarm. Samurai is not home at the time; Aliya is wounded. The **IDF** completes its withdrawal fr. Bayt Jala, taking up positions just outside the town and warning that it will reenter if shooting at Gilo resumes. Clashes in Hebron, Ramallah, Tulkarm leave a total of **1 Israeli civilian, 3 Palestinians** dead, 40 Palestinians wounded. The **IDF** directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at Qarni crossing and residential areas of Bayt Wazan, al-Bireh, Brazil refugee camp, Yatta; demolishes 6 **Palestinian homes** in Rafah; blocks a marked **UN** convoy fr. entering Rafah to inspect the demolished Palestinian homes; sets up new roadblocks at the entrance to Tulkarm, on 3 roads to Jerusalem; reinforces troops around Khan Yunis; conducts arrest raids in Ni'lin, confiscating papers fr. the local **Fatah** office, arresting 3 Palestinians; opens the main Gaza road that was sealed on 8/28. (HP, JP [Internet], MM, PMC 8/30; MENA 8/30 in WNC 8/31; HA, JT, NYT, WP, WT 8/31)

## 31 AUGUST

The **IDF** sends tanks into the Palestinian section of **Hebron** after a day of intense clashes, which leave 5 Palestinians seriously wounded. An **explosive device** detonates at the Golani Junction in the Galilee; **Israeli**

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**police** arrest **4 Israeli Arabs** for staging the attack in collusion with **tanzim mbrs.** fr. Jinin. (WT 9/1; JP [Internet] 9/5)

The wk.-long **UN World Conference Against Racism (WCAR)** opens in Durban, South Africa. Of the 166 countries participating, only **Canada, Israel, the U.S.** do not send high-level delegations to protest efforts by **Arab states** to condemn Israel's treatment of the Palestinians as racist. (HA 8/31; WP, WT 9/1; MENA, *al-Quds* 9/1 in WNC 9/4; WP 9/3; JP 9/7) (see Peace Monitor)

**1 SEPTEMBER**

In Gaza, **top PA intelligence official Col. Taysir Khattab** is killed when a remote-controlled bomb in his car explodes—an apparent **Israeli** assassination; his bodyguard is seriously injured. A bomb in a taxi in Tulkarm kills **1 Palestinian woman**, injures 4; no one claims responsibility. The woman reportedly is the wife of **senior tanzim leader Ahmad Tabuk**, who is currently held in a PA jail. (LAW 9/1; AP, NYT, WP, WT 9/2; AKH 9/3, *al-Quds* 9/5, SA 9/6 in WNC 9/7)

In Durban, **6,000 international NGOs** close 5 days of mtgs. on preventing racism, held on the sidelines of the **WCAR**. Their closing statement calls **Israel** a “racist, apartheid state,” calls on Israel to end its “systematic perpetration of racist crimes,” including segregation, separation, dispossession, restricted land access. (SAPA 9/1, 9/2 in WNC 9/4; WP 9/3; MM 9/5; AKH 9/5 in WNC 9/7; LAW 9/6)

**2 SEPTEMBER**

**IDF** troops fatally shoot **2 Palestinian gunmen** during a 6-hr. battle in PA-controlled Hebron. The **IDF** also demolishes a **Palestinian home** in Khan Yunis; directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Beitunia, Khan Yunis, Silat al-Tahir; seals Jinin. (AP, WP 9/2; PMC, WT 9/3)

**3 SEPTEMBER**

Severe **Israeli-Palestinian clashes** take place in Hebron, leaving **2 Palestinians** dead, 22 injured; **2 IDF** soldiers are injured by a small **bomb**. In response, the **IDF** rockets, destroys a **PSF** office in nearby Dura, injuring 3 Palestinians. The **PFLP** detonates **4 bombs** (2 in West Jerusalem, 2 in the settlements of Gilo, French Hill) lightly injuring 5. (MM 9/3; LAW, MM, NYT 9/4; HA 9/7)

As debate on the text of the **WCAR** final statement continues, **Israel, the U.S.** withdraw their delegations, saying the conference has been “hijacked” by the **Arab states** and converted into a forum for extremist diatribes against **Israel**. (MM 9/3; SAPA 9/3 in WNC 9/4; MM, NYT, WP, WT 9/4; AFP, MENA 9/4 in WNC 9/5; MM 9/5; AP, WJW 9/6) (see Peace Monitor)

**4 SEPTEMBER**

A **Palestinian suicide bomber** dressed as a Hasidic Jew detonates a device in Jerusalem, killing only himself, wounding **15 Israelis**, 1 seriously. No group takes responsibility. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 9/5; WJW 9/6)

**5 SEPTEMBER**

After **Palestinians** fire mortars at a **Jewish settlement** in Gaza, causing no damage, the **IDF** shells a **Force 17** office in Bayt Hanun, injuring 1 Palestinian. (WT 9/6)

**6 SEPTEMBER**

**Peres** announces that he, **Arafat** plan to hold the 1st of 3 mtgs. on implementing a cease-fire next wk., but that the exact time and location have not been agreed. (AFP, REU 9/7)

The **IDF** makes a failed attempt to assassinate **senior Fatah AMB mbr. Ra'id Karmi**, firing missiles at his car as he, 3 AMB mbrs. drive through Tulkarm; Karmi (wanted for kidnapping, killing 2 Israelis in Tulkarm on 1/23) is injured, **2 AMB mbrs.** are killed, 1 Palestinian bystander is seriously wounded. In response, other AMB mbrs. fire on an **IDF** patrol nr. Tulkarm, killing **1 soldier**, wounding 1. In Hebron, a group of **Jewish settler children** (ages 5–12) hit, throw stones at **2 foreign aid workers**; the **IDF** refuses to apprehend the children. (Christian Peace Team press release, LAW 9/6; HA, HP, WP 9/7; LAW 9/20)

**7 SEPTEMBER**

**Sharon** confirms reports that the **Israeli cabinet** secretly approved a plan in 6/01 to create a **buffer zone** along the Green Line. Though he claims implementation has been postponed indefinitely, the **IDF** seals an entrance to **Shu'fat**; digs ditches across roads along the Green Line, northwest of Jerusalem; reinforces roadblocks leading into Jerusalem. The **IDF** also enters Khan Yunis,



directs shells and heavy machine gun fire at residential areas; directs heavy machine gun fire on residential areas of al-Arubb, al-Qarara; shells, demolishes a cable factory in Gaza City. (HA, HP, MM 9/7; HP, NYT, WP 9/8; AYM 9/8 in WNC 9/12; AYM 9/10 in WNC 9/13; LAW 9/20)

## 8 SEPTEMBER

In an apparent assassination attempt on **senior Fatah official Muhammad Mansur**, the **IDF** fires rockets into the **Fatah** headquarters in a residential area of Ramallah, causing no injuries. Mansur left the building just before the attack. Nr. Rafah, an explosion in a building known to be used by *tanzim* mbrs. leaves **1 *tanzim* mbr.** dead, 1 injured; the *tanzim* accuses Israel of carrying out an assassination. **Israel** admits to the attempt on Mansur, but denies staging the Rafah incident. The **IDF** directs shells/heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Bayt Hanun, al-Bireh, Dura, Nablus, Rafah; closes roads around Khan Yunis, the al-Mawasi area; occupies a **Palestinian home** in al-Khadir; raids, shuts a secondary school in Baqa' al-Sharqiyya; conducts arrest sweeps in Burqa, Jinin, al-Khadir, Tulkarm, Yabid. **Armed Jewish settlers** fire on Palestinian shops in Hebron, causing serious damage but no injuries; **IDF** soldiers do not intervene. (HP 9/8; WP, WT 9/9)

The **WCAR** closes after agreeing on a final statement that expresses concern over the "plight of the Palestinian people under foreign occupation," endorses the right of **Israelis** and **Palestinians** to live in secure and independent states, recognizes the right of refugees to "freely return to their homes." **Israel** says it is "satisfied" with the text. (*Globe and Mail*, HP 9/8; NYT, WP, WT 9/9; MENA, *al-Quds*, SAPA 9/9 in WNC 9/10; WT 9/10; JP, MEI 9/14) (see Doc. A3)

## 9 SEPTEMBER

An **Israeli Arab suicide bomber** detonates a device at a train station in the n. Israeli town of Nahariya, killing **3 Israeli Jews**, injuring 63, most lightly. **Israel** blames the **PA**, saying the bomber crossed into Jinin to get explosives fr. **Hamas**, and the PA ignored requests to arrest him. In retaliation, the **IDF** attacks **5 PA security and political offices** in al-Bireh, Jericho, Jinin, Nablus, and Ramallah, injuring 5 Palestinians. In the Jordan Valley, **Islamic Jihad mbrs.** ambush a **Jewish settler minibus**, killing **2 Jewish**

**settlers.** Another **Palestinian suicide bomber** detonates a car bomb next to a bus in Bayt Lid, killing only himself, injuring 3 Israelis. **1 Palestinian** is killed in clashes with the **IDF** in Gaza. **Israel** also arrests **PA Jerusalem affairs adviser Ziad Abu Ziad**; expels him fr. the city, claiming he had entered without a permit. In the evening, **Sharon** meets with his **security cabinet**, which votes to step up attacks on Palestinian targets. (HA 9/9; AFP 9/9 in WNC 9/10; JP [Internet], MM, NYT, WP, WT 9/10; NYT 9/11; WJW 9/13; MEI 9/14; JP 9/24; MEI 9/28)

## 10 SEPTEMBER

At least 60 **IDF** tanks take up positions outside Jinin, shell residential areas, killing **1 PSF officer** and wounding 4 in what Palestinians fear is the 1st stage of a major retaliation for the 9/9 Nahariya bombing. The **IDF** also enters PA-controlled areas of Gaza City; shells residential areas of Rafah; reinforces positions outside Nablus, Tulkarm; conducts arrest raids in al-Arubb, Bayt Qad. **Jewish settlers** place caravans on a new site east of Kefar Darom; dig trenches, topple electricity poles in the Palestinian section of Hebron. Overnight, the **IDF** seals the **PA intelligence and security offices** in Azariyya, a **DFLP** office in Abu Dis. (HP 9/10; BBC, MM, NYT 9/11; MEI 9/14; LAW 9/20; MEI 9/28)

**Powell** phones **Peres** twice to press Israel to move ahead with cease-fire talks with **Arafat**. **Israel**, the **PA** discuss the issue throughout the day, agreeing that Arafat and Peres could meet as early as 9/11 but differing over the venue. Talks are suspend around midnight without agreement. (AFP, HP, MM 9/10; AFP, AN, MA, MENA 9/10, MENA 9/11 in WNC 9/12; NYT 9/12, 9/13)

## 11 SEPTEMBER

In the **U.S.**, **19 hijackers** commandeer 4 commercial jets bound from east coast airports to California. Minutes apart, 2 planes hit the **World Trade Center (WTC)** in New York City, destroying the twin towers and killing 1,000s of people. Within an hr., a 3d plane hits the **Pentagon** outside Washington, killing up to 200 people, and the 4th plane crashes in w. Pennsylvania, killing all aboard. **Bush** vows retaliation, saying, "We will make no distinction between those who committed these acts and those who harbored them." **Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT)**, a mbr. of the **Senate intelligence comm.**

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claims that the U.S. intercepted reports by associates of **Saudi dissident Osama Bin Laden** saying they had hit 2 targets; another intelligence official says, however, that the information was not so definitive. **Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, the PA, Hamas**, Afghanistan's ruling **Taliban** immediately condemn the attacks. (ATL, MENA 9/11 in WNC 9/12; JT 9/11, DUS, ITAR-TASS, JT, QA, *al-Quds, al-Ra'i* 9/12 in WNC 9/13; HP, MM, NYT, PR, WP, WT 9/12; AFP, HA, WJW 9/13; WP 9/15; MENA 9/16 in WNC 9/17; JP 9/21; JP, MEI 9/28) (see Docs. B1, C1)

Hopes for an Arafat-Peres mtg. fade as **Israel** steps up its attack on Jinin. Before dawn, **IDF** tanks encircle the town, cut electricity, shell residential areas of Jinin and a nearby refugee camp, killing **2 Palestinians**. A **3d Palestinian** is fatally shot when the **IDF** opens fire on a taxi in Gaza. The **IDF** also shells areas of Gaza City, hitting 2 factories, a **PSF** office. **Palestinian snipers** fatally shoot **2 IDF soldiers** nr. Tulkarm. **Israel's** Jerusalem Municipality demolishes **3 Palestinian homes** in Bayt Hanina, issues demolition orders for another 5 houses. (AP, BBC, LAW, MM, NYT, WP 9/11; MEZ, NYT, WP 9/12; LAW 9/20; MEI 9/28)

## 12 SEPTEMBER

The **U.S.** says it has more evidence linking **Bin Laden** to the 9/11 attacks. Laying the groundwork for a military response, **Bush** labels the attacks "acts of war," begins to rally "an international coalition to combat terrorism." The U.S. presses **Pakistan** in particular to cooperate with any U.S. military action against neighboring **Afghanistan**, Bin Laden's base of operations. **Congress** adopts (100-0 in the Senate, 408-0 in the House) a joint resolution that the admin. says frees the White House from having to seek a formal declaration of war to carry out military action. (AP 9/12; NYT, WP, WT 9/13; MENA, *al-Ra'i* 9/13 in WNC 9/14; *Dawn* [Islamabad] 9/17; MM 9/19; MEI 9/28)

**Israel** sends 22 tanks into Jinin and nearby Arraba and Tamun. Tanks shell targets while **F-15s, F-16s** drop bombs, killing **8 Palestinians**, wounding 50, leveling the **PSF** headquarters and **2 Force 17** offices in Jinin, 2 **PSF** offices in Arraba and Tamun. Among the dead are **3 suspected Islamic Jihad mbrs.** who barricade themselves in a building in Arraba during an IDF arrest sweep, killed when the IDF shells the building. **IDF** soldiers also open fire on 2 taxis nr. Gaza's al-Mahatin Junction, killing **2 Pales-**

**tinians**, injuring 8; arrest **Palestinian Council (PC) mbr. Ahmad Zagayr (Fatah)** in his Jerusalem office, take him to the Russian Compound prison; direct heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of al-Khadir, Khan Yunis; bulldoze Palestinian land for a new settler bypass road to Gush Katif; reinforces troops around Nablus; conduct arrest raids in Arraba, Hizma. A **Jewish settler** is killed by a Palestinian sniper nr. Qalqilya. (HP, MEZ, MM 9/12; AP, MM, NYT, WP, WT 9/13; MENA 9/13 in WNC 9/14; *al-Quds* 9/13, SA 9/14, *al-Majallah* 9/16 in WNC 9/17; WP 9/14; PMC 9/15; MEI 9/28)

## 13 SEPTEMBER

**IDF** continues shelling, bulldozing residential areas in and around Jinin, killing **3 Palestinians**, wounding 21. A **4th suspected Islamic Jihad mbr.** wounded in Arraba on 9/12 dies of his injuries. A **Palestinian suicide bomber** detonates a device nr. an IDF tank in Jinin, killing only himself. The **IDF** sends forces into Jericho to attack **PSF** posts; shells, destroys **1 Palestinian home**. Troops pull out of areas A in Jericho, Jinin by midafternoon. In Ramallah, **1 Palestinian** is shot dead by **IDF** troops who say he refused to stop at a checkpoint. A group of **Jewish settlers**, angry over the shooting death of a settler on 9/12, destroy and vandalize Palestinian cars, property, greenhouses in Qalqilya. (AP, GS, WP 9/13; WP, WT 9/14; AYM 9/15 in WNC 9/25; MEI 9/28; LAW 9/29)

## 14 SEPTEMBER

The **U.S.** identifies the **19 hijackers** (fr. **Egypt, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, the UAE**), including 7 trained pilots, who participated in the 9/11 attacks; 16 held valid U.S. visas, 12 had lived in Florida (some for yrs.), 2 were the sons of a high-ranking Saudi diplomat once posted to Washington, at least 3 had studied at the same college in Germany. (NYT, WP, WT 9/15; WP 9/18; CNN 9/21)

**Asst. Secy. of State for Near East Affairs William Burns** meets with **15 Arab envoys**, including the PLO rep., and tells them they must either declare their nations "mbrs. of an international coalition against terrorism or risk being isolated." Later, Arab envoys meet at the home of **Saudi Arabian amb. Prince Bandar Bin Sultan** to discuss U.S. plans. **Egyptian amb. Nabil Fahmy** warns the admin. to focus on finding and punishing those responsible for the 9/11 attacks and not to broaden the effort to in-



clude other geopolitical goals. (NYT 9/15; MM, WP 9/17; SA 9/17 in WNC 9/19)

**Sharon** rejects direct appeals by **Bush**, **Powell** to hold peace talks with the **PA**, which would facilitate **U.S.** efforts to form a coalition to strike at **Bin Laden**. Instead, he cancels tentative plans to hold an Arafat-Peres mtg. on 9/16, saying it would be "inappropriate" in light of the 9/11 U.S. attacks; tells Bush that Israel opposes the U.S. bringing the **PA**, **Syria** into its antiterrorism coalition. (AFP 9/14; AP, HP, NYT, WP 9/15; JP [Internet], WT 9/16; XIN 9/16 in WNC 9/17; WJW 9/27; JP, MEI 9/28)

Meanwhile, **3 Palestinians** are killed by **IDF** fire in Gaza. **Israeli authorities** detain **Mufti of Jerusalem Shaykh Ikrima Sabri** following Friday prayers for several hrs. of questioning regarding his recent visit to Beirut. In Gaza's Nussayrat refugee camp, **100s of Palestinians** protest against the **U.S.**'s threat to attack Afghanistan, fearing the U.S. "international campaign against terrorism" will be a campaign against Muslims; **undercover PSF officers** confiscate reporters' film. Some **40,000 Israeli Arabs** in Umm al-Fahm hold a similar rally, denouncing the killing of American civilians but also condemning U.S. support for Israel. (HP, WP, WT 9/15; WP 9/16; WT 9/17; *al-Quds* 9/18 in WNC 9/19; WJW 9/20; LAW 9/29)

## 15 SEPTEMBER

**Israel** initiates land, sea, air strikes against **PA** targets in the West Bank and Gaza, leaving **3 Palestinians** dead and destroying the PA intelligence headquarters in Gaza City, the naval headquarters in Nussayrat, a PA police station in Rafah. Israel claims the action is in response to mortar attacks staged fr. these areas. In East Jerusalem, **DFLP** gunmen ambush a Jewish settler vehicle, killing **1 settler**, wounding 1. **IDF** troops guarding Har Homa settlement direct shells, heavy machine gun fire at Bayt Sahur, injuring at least 8 Palestinians. Troops continue to bombard the town as **Red Crescent** medical workers attempt to reach the wounded, killing a **Palestinian paramedic**, destroying 3 ambulances. The **IDF** also arrests **PC vice chmn. Bishara Daoud** on his way to Jerusalem to participate in the coronation of the new Greek Orthodox patriarch, detain him for interrogation. (AP, HP, WP 9/15; LAW, PMC, WP, WT 9/16; NYT 9/20; LAW 9/29)

## 16 SEPTEMBER

**Bush** prepares the **U.S.** for a long, sustained "war on terrorism." Admin. officials say they are considering lifting the 25-yr.-old ban on U.S. involvement in foreign **assassinations**, loosening restrictions on **FBI** surveillance and detention of foreigners. **Iran**, **Hizballah spiritual leader Shaykh Fadlallah** denounce the 9/11 attacks. (NYT, WP, WT 9/17; WP 9/18; MM 10/4)

The **IDF** announces that it is establishing an 18-mi.-long "closed military area," or **buffer zone**, along the Green Line btwn. Jinin and Tulkarm (see Peace Monitor). In response to the 9/15 DFLP shooting, the **IDF** sends tanks into Bayt Hanun, al-Qarara, and Ramallah, shelling residential areas while helicopters fire missiles; **2 Palestinians** and **1 IDF soldier** are killed, 26 Palestinians and 1 IDF soldier are wounded before Israeli forces withdraw fr. areas A 4 hrs. later. In al-Qarara, the **IDF** confiscates 200 dunams of Palestinian land for a new settler bypass road to Gush Katif (see 9/12), confiscates a **Palestinian home** for use as a military post. The **IDF** also conducts an arrest sweep in Ramallah. (AFP, LAW, WP, WT 9/16; HP, NYT, PMC, WP, WT 9/17; NYT, WP, WT 9/18)

**Arafat** says he is ready to hold talks with Israel "any time, any place," but **Sharon** says he will allow cease-fire talks to resume only after 48 hrs. without a Palestinian attack. Sharon reiterates **Israeli** support for the **U.S.** effort to build a coalition but is "not prepared to pay the price" if it involves concessions to the **PA**. **Arafat** publicly reiterates his call on Palestinians to adhere to a cease-fire. (*al-Quds* 9/16, XIN 9/17 in WNC 9/18; MM 9/17; NYT, WT 9/18; AFP 9/18 in WNC 9/19; NYT 9/19; ATL 9/19 in WNC 9/20; MM 9/20; AYM 9/22 in WNC 9/26; MEI 9/28)

## 17 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Bayt Hanun, Dayr al-Balah, Hebron, Jinin, Rafah, and Ramallah, killing **1 Palestinian**, damaging several homes. **2 Palestinians** die of injuries received earlier. **Palestinians** reportedly throw hand grenades at an **IDF** post on the Rafah border, causing no injuries. Late in the evening, **IDF** troops evacuate **118 bedouin** fr. their tents and cave dwellings in the Hebron Hills. (AP, HP 9/17; NYT, WT 9/18; GS 9/23; LAW 9/29)

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## 18 SEPTEMBER

Under extreme pressure fr. the **U.S.**, **Israel** agrees to pull tanks, troops out of and away fr. PA-controlled areas (including Jinin), halt assassinations. **Arafat** orders the **PSF** to use "maximum self-restraint," hold their fire even if attacked; threatens opposition groups with harsh reprisals if they stage any attacks inside Israel. **Sharon** still demands 48 hrs. of complete quiet before he will authorize **Peres-Arafat** talks. **Israeli-Palestinian clashes** taper off dramatically, but incidents are still reported. The **IDF** fatally shoots **1 Palestinian** nr. Nablus; demolishes equipment, buildings in the Gaza port; fires on 6 Palestinian schools in Hebron, injuring 11 students, parents. (MM, NYT, PR, WP, WT 9/19; ATL, Interfax 9/19 in WNC 9/20; WJW 9/20; SA 9/20 in WNC 9/26; *Jerusalem Times*, WP 9/21; MEI 9/28; LAW 9/29)

## 19 SEPTEMBER

The Israeli-Palestinian temporary cease-fire generally holds, though scattered violence is reported. Despite personal appeals by **Arafat** envoys, **Hamas** and **Islamic Jihad** say that they will continue to target Israeli occupation forces (i.e., troops, settlers) in the territories, though they will halt attacks inside Israel as long as Israel continues to suspend its assassination policy. A **Force 17 mbr.** is shot dead in Hebron. A **2d Palestinian** dies of injuries received earlier. **Palestinian gunmen** fire on the Jewish enclave in Hebron; in response the **IDF** shells a residential neighborhood in the Palestinian section of the city, injuring 9. **Palestinians** throw 6 grenades at an **IDF** post on the Rafah border causing no injuries; the **IDF** fires on residential areas of Rafah in response. A roadside bomb explodes outside Oranit settlement, injuring **2 settlement security guards**. (AP 9/19; MM, NYT, WP, WT 9/20; WP 9/21; NYT, WT 9/23; HP 9/24; LAW 9/29)

## 20 SEPTEMBER

**Bush** vows to attack **Afghanistan** unless the **Taliban** immediately turns over **Bin Laden**, all other "terrorists" in the country, destroys Bin Laden training camps, allows U.S. inspections. He warns Americans to expect a long campaign against a network that he estimates involves 1,000s of people in more than 60 countries. He vows the fight will be waged overtly and through covert

operations and will not cease "until every terrorist group of global reach has been found, stopped, and defeated." (CNN 9/20; NYT, WP, WT 9/21)

Though Israeli-Palestinian clashes drop off significantly, sporadic violence continues. **AMB** mbrs. fire on a vehicle outside Tekoa settlement, killing **1 Jewish settler**, wounding 1. The **PSF** arrests 2 suspects in the attack. **Armed Jewish settlers** block roads in the area to **Palestinian** cars. The **IDF** fires on a taxi in Gaza, killing **1 Palestinian**. A **2d Palestinian** is found dead in the Jordan Valley. In Gaza, **Palestinians** throw 5 grenades at a Rafah border post, lightly injuring 5 **IDF** soldiers; shoot, wound another **settlement security guard**. The **IDF** shells residential areas of Gaza City; bulldozes agricultural land nr. Oranit settlement. (AP 9/20; MM, NYT, WP, WT 9/21; HP 9/24; WT 9/25; MA 9/25 in WNC 9/26; MEI 9/28)

**Sharon, Arafat** meet with their cabinets to discuss the temporary cease-fire. **Peres, PA Local Government M Saeb Erakat, PC Speaker Ahmad Qurai'** meet to discuss a Peres-Arafat mtg.; draft a joint statement that the pair could release. **Powell** phones **Sharon** twice to press for cease-fire talks. Sharon says the 48-hr. quiet period has not begun, therefore there will not be an Arafat-Peres mtg. until at least 9/23. (AP 9/20; MM, NYT, WP, WT 9/21; HP 9/24; WT 9/25; MA 9/25 in WNC 9/26; MEI 9/28)

## 21 SEPTEMBER

**Israeli-Palestinian violence** declines further. **Arafat** specifically orders **Fatah** mbrs. not to use arms. The **IDF** reports that **Palestinians** fired 3 mortars at a Gaza settlement, causing no damage, and threw grenades at an IDF post, causing no injuries. The **IDF** shells residential areas of Hebron. (NYT, WP 9/22; HP 9/24)

## 22 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** shells residential areas of Hebron; directs heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Bayt Jala, al-Dawha. (HP 9/24)

## 23 SEPTEMBER

Although the **IDF** says today has been the quietest day since the al-Aqsa intifada began a yr. ago, **Sharon** again blocks plans for an **Arafat-Peres** mtg., saying the **PA** has not provided 48 hrs. of "absolute quiet" and call-

ing **Arafat** a "terrorist" on the level of Bin Laden. Peres threatens to "disappear on vacation" if Sharon does not allow the mtg., whereas right-wing MKs threaten to leave the governing coalition if Sharon allows it. Peres boycotts the day's cabinet mtg.; holds preparatory talks for an Arafat mtg. with **PA officials**. **Powell** phones Sharon again to urge him to allow the mtg. (HA, JP [Internet], REU 9/23; HP, MM, NYT, WP, WT 9/24; *al-Quds* 9/24 in WNC 9/26; NYT 9/25; MEI 9/28; WJW 10/4)

**IDF** troops in Qalandia fire tear gas at Palestinians attempting to sneak around their checkpoint on foot; **1 Palestinian** dies of complications fr. inhaling the tear gas. A **2d Palestinian** dies of injuries received earlier. The **IDF** directs shells/heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Dayr al-Balah, Hebron, Khan Yunis, Salfit, Ziwata; razes agricultural land in the Hebron area; conducts arrest raids in Batayr. The **PSF** temporarily detains 5 Palestinians for instigating clashes with the IDF nr. Rafah on 9/20. (HP, PMC, REU 9/24)

## 24 SEPTEMBER

In response to **Islamic Jihad** gunfire in the Jordan Valley that leaves a **Jewish settler** dead, **Peres** sides with **Sharon** against holding a mtg. with **Arafat**. **Fatah tanzim** leaders, a senior mbr. of the Fatah-linked **AMB** state that, despite **Arafat's** recent calls, they will continue to view the **IDF** and **settlers** in the West Bank and Gaza as legitimate targets. **Palestinians** fire 1 mortar at a **Jewish settlement** in Gaza, causing no damage. **Israel's** new 18-mi. **buffer zone** along the Green Line n. of Jerusalem goes into effect. The **IDF** bulldozes 20 dunams of Palestinian land nr. Oranit settlement; declares the Hebron market a closed military zone; begins work on a new settlement bypass road to Kefar Darom, damaging agricultural land, water networks belonging to Dayr al-Balah residents; conducts arrest raids in villages around Bethlehem, Qalqilya, Salfit; confiscates **1 Palestinian home** in Harmala for use as an outpost; reinforces the closure on Jinin. (HP, *Los Angeles Times* [Internet], MM 9/24; CNN, HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 9/25; *al-Quds* 9/25 in WNC 9/26; MEI 9/28)

The **U.S.** freezes assets of 27 individuals, organizations with reported links to **Bin Laden**; threatens to freeze U.S. assets of foreign financial institutions that do not follow suit. Affiliates of **Hizballah**, **Palestinian op-**

**position groups** are not included. (NYT, WP, WT 9/25)

## 25 SEPTEMBER

**Arafat**, en route to Damascus for talks with **Syrian pres. Bashar al-Asad**, receives word that the visit has been postponed. Shortly thereafter, **Peres** announces that he will meet with Arafat on 9/26. Although **Israeli-Palestinian violence** increases, **Sharon** does not cancel the mtg. Acceding to Israeli demands to curb incitement, **Arafat** sends a photo and art exhibit on the uprising in Nablus that features a mock-up of the Jerusalem pizzeria bombed on 8/9. **Palestinians** fire 2 mortars in Gaza, 1 landing inside the Strip, the other inside Israel, neither causing damage. The **IDF** forcibly moves 16 bedouin fr. Hebron Hills into area A; opens fire on a Palestinian vehicle nr. Yatta, wounding 4 Palestinians. (AFP, AP, GS, HA, MM, PMC 9/25; Radio Monte Carlo 9/25 in WNC 9/26; HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 9/26; DUS, QA, SAF 9/26 in WNC 9/27; WJW 9/27; SAF 9/27 in WNC 9/28; *al-Quds* 9/30, *al-Majd* 10/8 in WNC 10/9) (see Peace Monitor)

## 26 SEPTEMBER

**Arafat**, **Peres** meet at Gaza airport; issue a joint statement (see 9/20) on restarting phased implementation of the Tenet ceasefire plan as the 1st step toward implementation of the Mitchell recommendations for resuming negotiations. A comm. led by Peres, PC Speaker **Quray'** is to oversee implementation. Arafat, Peres plan to meet in 1 wk. to assess progress. **Israel** also demands that the **PA** immediately arrest 108 wanted Palestinians. (AP, HA, JP [Internet], MM, WP 9/26; ATL, Interfax, ITAR-TASS, *al-Quds*, XIN 9/26 in WNC 9/27; MM, NYT, WP, WT 9/27; QA, *al-Quds* 9/27, MA 9/28, *al-Quds* 9/29, MA 9/30 in WNC 10/1; NYT 9/28, 10/2; JP 10/5; MEI 10/12) (see Peace Monitor)

Meanwhile, a large **bomb** explodes at an **IDF** post on the Gaza-Egypt border, lightly injuring 3 soldiers. In response, the **IDF** shells residential areas of Rafah throughout the day, damaging homes; sends tanks and bulldozers into Rafah in an overnight operation in which soldiers demolish 14 **Palestinian homes**, killing 3 **Palestinians**, wounding 31. The **IDF** also opens fire on Palestinian demonstrators nr. Gaza airport, killing **1 Palestinian**, wounding 9; shells residential areas of Hebron, Khan Yunis. In

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the evening, as it does annually, Israel seals the West Bank and Gaza for Yom Kippur; the closure is to be lifted on 9/28. A **PA court** sentences **3 Palestinians** to death for collaborating with Israel. (AFP, BBC, HA 9/26; AFP, HP, NYT, WP, WT 9/27; AFP, MM 9/28; MEI 10/12)

**27 SEPTEMBER**

In light of the **IDF's** overnight assault on Rafah, the **U.S.** calls on **Israel** to halt demolitions of Palestinian homes, incursions into PA-controlled areas. Meanwhile, the **IDF** fatally shoots **2 Palestinians** in Rafah. **PSF Gaza head Muhammad Dahlan** says the PSF will not conduct preventive arrests of suspected Palestinian militants, as Israel demanded on 9/26, without hard evidence. (HA 9/27; AFP, HP, MM, NYT, WP 9/28)

**28 SEPTEMBER**

The **IDF** kills a total of **6 Palestinians**, wounds more than 100 (at least 50% with live ammunition) in confronting demonstrations across the West Bank, Gaza marking the 1st anniversary of the al-Aqsa intifada. (In Nablus alone, 10,000 Palestinians rally.) A **7th Palestinian** dies in a mysterious explosion. The worst fighting is in Hebron (where the **IDF** shells residential areas, killing 2; and **Palestinians** fire on 2 vehicles, lightly injuring 2 **Jewish settlers**), Qarni crossing, Rafah (where an **IDF** tank reportedly fires into a crowd, killing 3 Palestinians). In Rafah, some **150 Palestinians** clash with **PSF** officers attempting to disperse demonstrators, vandalize 3 empty PSF offices. The **IDF** also conducts arrest raids in Bethlehem, Salfit. **Jewish settlers** destroy 100 dunams of Palestinian crop land, several greenhouses nr. Mihula. (HP, MM 9/28; HP, NYT, WP, WT 9/29; *Le Monde* 9/29 in WNC 10/2; HP, WP, WT 9/30; *al-Quds* 9/30 in WNC 10/1; MM 10/1; IRNA 10/3 in WNC 10/4; HA 10/21)

Despite increasing violence, **Israel**, the **PA** reconvene the **trilateral security comm.** for the 1st time since 7/25. **Arafat** issues another statement calling on Palestinians to adhere to the cease-fire. (AFP, MM 9/28; HP, NYT, WP, WT 9/29; MM 10/1)

**29 SEPTEMBER**

**Palestinians** across the West Bank, Gaza continue demonstrations to mark the 1st anniversary of the al-Aqsa intifada. The **IDF** clashes with protesters, killing **3 Palestini-**

**ans**, wounding more than 100. A **4th Palestinian** dies of injuries received earlier. The main hot spots are Hebron, Qarni crossing, Rafah. Inside Israel, **1,000s of Israeli Arabs** hold rallies in Arraba, Haifa, Jit, Kafr Manda, Kafr Qana, Nazareth, Sakhnin, Umm al-Fahm; demonstrations in Nazareth, Umm al-Fahm turn violent with protesters clashing with police, vandalizing stores, but no injuries are reported. The **IDF** directs shell, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of al-Bireh, Brazil camp, Hebron, Khan Yunis, Yibna; sets fire to a Palestinian orchard nr. a bypass road outside Nablus; conducts arrest raids in Nablus, Ramallah. **Jewish settlers** install a tower, water reserve, electricity hookup to a new settlement enclave btwn. Suisa, Ma'on settlements. (HP 9/29; NYT, WP, WT 9/30; *al-Quds* 9/30 in WNC 10/9; MM, WT 10/1; *Independent*, NYT 10/2; WJW 10/4; LAW 10/10)

**Israel**, the **PA** each complain that the other has not undertaken the steps required in the initial 48-hr. stage of the Tenet plan. **Sharon** meets with his **inner cabinet**, which agrees to allow **Peres** to continue truce talks with PA officials, but says it will resume "initiated actions" in 48 hrs. if violence continues. (HP 9/29; NYT, WP, WT 9/30; *al-Quds* 9/30 in WNC 10/9; MM, WT 10/1; *Independent*, NYT 10/2; WJW 10/4; LAW 10/10)

**30 SEPTEMBER**

**Peres** meets with PA Local Government M **Erakat**, PC speaker **Qurai'** in Tel Aviv to discuss the cease-fire implementation. Each side accuses the other of failing to fulfill agmts. PA, Israeli regional cmdrs. for Jericho, Qalqilya, Tulkarm also meet on security co-operation. (MENA 9/30 in WNC 10/1; JP [Internet] 10/1)

The **IDF** fatally shoots **3 Palestinians**. The **PSF** uses tear gas to disperse Palestinian demonstrators in Gaza. Late in the evening, the **IDF** sends troops into Khan Yunis, responding to reports (denied by the PA) that mortars were fired fr. the camp toward Netzarim. (HP, LAW, MM, WT 10/1; LAW 10/10)

**1 OCTOBER**

**Islamic Jihad** detonates a **car bomb** in a parking garage in Talpiot settlement in East Jerusalem, causing damage but no injuries. The **IDF** directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Jinin, Rafah; tight-

ens the closure on Jinin, Khan Yunis, Ramallah, Tulkarm; bars teachers, students fr. entering a school in Hawara; raids a 2d school in Nablus. **Jewish settlers** severely beat 2 Palestinian children en route to school in Nablus; bulldoze 350 dunams of Palestinian land nr. Mihula; raid Kafr Laqif village nr. Qalqilya, attack several Palestinians, set fire to an olive grove. The **IDF** bars a **pregnant Palestinian woman** in labor fr. crossing a checkpoint to reach a hospital, forcing her to give birth at the crossing. (AP, HP 10/1; GS, HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/2; MM 10/3; LAW 10/10; MEI 10/12)

**Senior Israeli, PA security officials** discuss cease-fire implementation. **Ben-Eliezer** authorizes the IDF to remove roadblocks around Jericho, reopen the Rafah crossing into Egypt, ease Palestinians' passage through checkpoints, withdraw tanks from areas "where quiet is maintained." (Israeli DMin. press release, JP [Internet] 10/1; AYM 10/1 in WNC 10/2; *al-Quds* 10/2 in WNC 10/3)

Inside Israel, **Israeli Arabs** observe a general strike, stage protests to mark the 1st anniversary of the 10/00 riots, which left 18 Israeli Arabs dead (13 killed by Israeli police; 5 by Israeli civilians). **Israeli police** keep a distance fr. demonstrators; no violence is reported. (MM 10/1)

## 2 OCTOBER

**Bush** for the 1st time publicly endorses the creation of a **Palestinian state**, saying it "has always been a part of our vision, so long as the right of **Israel** to exist is respected." The **State Dept.** says this does not mark a change in either U.S. or admin. policy. (MENA 10/2 in WNC 10/3; MM, REU, WP, WT 10/3; AFP, AN, DUS, MA, *al-Nabar*, QA, *al-Quds* 10/3 in WNC 10/4; MM 10/4; JT, MA, MENA 10/4 in WNC 10/5; *al-Quds*, *al-Ra'i* 10/4, SA 10/5, AKH 10/8 in WNC 10/9; *al-Quds* 10/9 in WNC 10/10; AN 10/10 in WNC 10/11; MEI 10/12; MENA, *al-Quds* 10/13 in WNC 10/15)

In Gaza, 2 **Hamas** mbrs. raid **Aley Sinai settlement**, tossing grenades into buildings and shooting IDF soldiers guarding the settlement as well as residents, killing **2 Jewish settlers**, wounding 7 soldiers and 8 settlers before being shot dead. **Arafat** orders the **PSF** to hunt for the assailants. **Sharon** calls an emergency mtg. of his cabinet. **Palestinians** also fire a mortar at a Jewish settlement in s. Gaza. The **IDF** fires tear gas, rubber bul-

lets at Birzeit University students, staff conducting a peaceful protest march to Surda checkpoint, injuring **3 journalists** covering the event, 1 marcher. (HA 10/2; MM, REU, WP, WT 10/3; MA, *al-Quds* 10/3 in WNC 10/4; MM 10/4; MM 10/8; LAW 10/10; JP, MEI 10/12)

## 3 OCTOBER

In response to the Aley Sinai raid on 10/2, the **Israeli inner cabinet** suspends cease-fire implementation, security coordination with the **PA**; cancels planned mtgs. of the **trilateral security comm.**, btwn. **Peres** and PC Speaker **Quray**; authorizes the **IDF** to resume initiated actions against Palestinians, possibly including assassinations; demands that **Arafat** immediately arrest "militants." The **State Dept.** says that to maintain calm and restore trust, the **PA** must take "preventive action" to preclude attacks, **Israel** must halt incursions into PA-controlled territory and house demolitions. **Ben-Eliezer** says Israel will not resume cease-fire talks until the PA has "reined in terror." (*al-Haq* press release, JP [Internet], MEZ, MM, REU 10/3; MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/4; HP 10/5; LAW 10/10; JP, MEI 10/12; LAW 10/13)

The **IDF** sends tanks, armored bulldozers into Gaza to carve out a 1-mi. buffer zone around Aley Sinai, flattening 100 dunams of Bayt Lahia's agricultural land, demolishing 7 **PSF** posts, and shelling a PSF jeep, killing **4 PSF officers, 2 Palestinian farmers**. Some **6,000 Palestinians** turn out for the funeral of 1 of the Hamas mbrs. who perpetrated the 10/2 raid. Elsewhere, **Palestinian gunmen** open fire on **Jewish settlers** celebrating Sukkoth in Hebron, wounding 2; fire on a vehicle nr. French Hill settlement in East Jerusalem, wounding 2 settlers. The **IDF** directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Hebron, Satih Marhaba; occupies the roof of a **Palestinian home** in Hebron as an observation post; sets up 3 new checkpoints in East Jerusalem. (*al-Haq* press release, JP [Internet], MEZ, MM, REU 10/3; MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/4; HP 10/5; LAW 10/10; JP, MEI 10/12; LAW 10/13)

The **PFLP** elects **Ahmad Saadat** as its new gen. secy., replacing Mustafa, who was assassinated by the IDF on 8/27. (PFLP press release 10/3)

**Hizballah** fires mortars at 2 **IDF** positions in Shaba' Farms, causing no injuries. (MM, WT 10/4; SAF 10/5 in WNC 10/9; MM 10/22).



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## 4 OCTOBER

A **Palestinian gunman** dressed in an IDF paratrooper uniform opens fire at the Afula bus station inside Israel, killing **3 Israelis**, wounding 7 before being fatally shot by police. In Hebron, the **IDF** fatally shoots **1 Palestinian**, wounds 3 others; shells residential areas of the PA-controlled section of the city. The **IDF** also directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Bayt Lahia, al-Qarara (where soldiers occupy a residential building as an outpost). In Bethlehem, a mysterious explosion seriously injures **senior Fatah mbr. Rami Kamel**. (HA, IGPO 10/4; HP, LAW, NYT, WP, WT 10/5; MEI 10/12; LAW 10/13)

Angered by continued **U.S.** pressure on **Israel** to exercise restraint toward the Palestinians while Washington builds its coalition against Bin Laden, **Sharon** accuses the U.S. of sacrificing Israel to "appease the Arabs." The **Israeli cabinet** authorizes the **IDF** to "take all necessary measures" to defend Israeli citizens. (BBC 10/4; AFP, MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/5; MA, NYT 10/6; JT, *al-Quds* 10/7, AKH 10/8 in WNC 10/9; MM 10/8; AN 10/10 in WNC 10/11; MM 10/11; MA 10/11 in WNC 10/12; MEI 10/12; MM 10/25; ITAR-TASS 10/24 in WNC 10/25) (see Doc. C2)

## 5 OCTOBER

In its largest military operation since the start of the al-Aqsa intifada (in terms of area, size of the force involved), Israel sends **IDF** infantry, tanks, armored bulldozers, and helicopters to occupy the PA-controlled sector of **Hebron**, leaving **6 Palestinians** dead, wounding at least 40, demolishing 3 homes, occupying 15 houses and 1 school. The **IDF** also sends tanks into areas A outside Netzarim to demolish 2 **Palestinian homes**; occupies 2 **Palestinian houses** in Kafr Dik, al-Khadir as military posts; bulldozes a **PSF** post nr. al-Sudaniyya; directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Bayt Hanun (destroying **8 Palestinian homes**), Khan Yunis, Rafah; conducts arrest raids in Azun, Dayr al-Ghasun, Kafr Dik; bars farmers nr. Bethlehem fr. harvesting their lands. **Jewish settlers** attack **Palestinians** harvesting olives outside Nablus, vandalize nearby Palestinian homes. A **Palestinian sniper** fatally shoots a **Jewish settler** nr. the Green Line nr. Tulkarm. The **PC** calls an emergency mtg., reiterates the call on Palestinians to adhere to the cease-fire. (AFP, AP, HP, LAW,

MM 10/5; AFP 10/5 in WNC 10/9; HP, NYT, WP, WT 10/6; *al-Quds* 10/6 in WNC 10/9; MEI 10/12; LAW 10/13)

The **White House** rebukes **Sharon** for his harsh statements of 10/4 saying they are "unacceptable"; urges Israel to resume peace talks and to refrain fr. invading PA-controlled areas, demolishing houses, conducting assassinations. (AP, MM 10/5; NYT, WP, WT 10/6; MM 10/8)

## 6 OCTOBER

The **IDF** continues to direct shells, heavy machine gun fire at Palestinian residential areas of **Hebron**, killing **2 Palestinians**. The **IDF** also directs heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of al-Bureij, Khan Yunis; bulldozes Palestinian agricultural land in Bayt Lahia, Khan Yunis, al-Qarara; sets up a new observation post outside Nablus. The **PSF** arrests at least 1 senior **Hamas** mbr., Abbas Sayid, and 1 senior **Islamic Jihad** mbr., Anan Shrata, in compliance with Israeli-U.S. demands for preventive arrests. (HP, WT 10/7; *al-Quds* 10/7 in WNC 10/9; LAW 10/13)

## 7 OCTOBER

An **Islamic Jihad suicide bomber** detonates a device outside Shluhot Kibbutz in **n. Israel**, killing **1 Israeli**. In Hebron, where the **IDF** remains in area A, soldiers fatally shoot **1 Palestinian**, wound 3. The **PSF** detains 2 more **Islamic Jihad** mbrs., says it is holding 6 Palestinians on Israel's wanted list. **Jewish settlers** set up a new enclave nr. Keddumim settlement, announce plans for a 2d enclave nr. Beit Hagai. (HP, WT 10/7; MENA 10/7 in WNC 10/9; JP [Internet] 10/8; MEI 10/12; LAW 10/13)

The **U.S.**, with the assistance of commando units fr. **Britain** and **France**, begins air strikes on **al-Qa'ida**, **Taliban** positions in **Afghanistan** aimed at disabling their air defense capability. The U.S. says this initial stage of the sustained "antiterror campaign" should last several days. **Bin Laden** releases a statement vowing that America will not have security until Palestinians have security and "not before all the infidel armies leave the land of Muhammad." The **PA** denounces Bin Laden's statement. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/8; NYT, WP 10/9; AYM, JT, *Milliyet*, *al-Ra'i* 10/9 in WNC 10/10; MM 10/10; *al-Quds* 10/10 in WNC 10/12; JP, MEI 10/12; XIN 10/12 in WNC 10/15) (see Doc. A4)



## 8 OCTOBER

In Gaza City, the **PSF** clashes with some **2,000 Palestinian students** protesting the U.S.-led strikes on **Afghanistan**, opening fire on the crowd with tear gas, rubber bullets, live ammunition. Anti-PA riots last into the night, with outraged Palestinians setting fire to PSF offices and vandalizing Palestinian Airlines offices, cars, stores. In total, **2 Palestinians** are killed; **1 Palestinian, 1 PSF officer** are left brain dead; 200 Palestinians, 20 PSF officers are injured; 120 Palestinians are arrested. The **PA** convenes an emergency mtg. with the **National and Islamic Higher Comm. for the Follow-up of the Intifada (NIHC)**, representing all Palestinian factions. Participants issue a joint statement calling for national unity, appealing to the public for calm. **Hamas** says that **Arafat** agreed to suspend arrests of Hamas, **Islamic Jihad** mbrs. in exchange for their cooperation in halting further demonstrations, observing the cease-fire. (AP 10/8; MEZ, NYT, WP, WT 10/9; QA 10/9, ABC [Madrid] 10/10 in WNC 10/11; MM, PR 10/10; MM 10/11; *al-Quds* 10/11, AYM 10/13 in WNC 10/15; JP, MEI 10/12; LAW 10/13; JP 10/19)

Meanwhile, the **IDF** fatally shoots **2 Palestinians**; occupies a **Palestinian home** in al-Qarara as a lookout post for several hrs.; demolishes a **Palestinian home**, bulldozes agricultural land nr. Bayt Lahia, where around 2,000 dunams have been leveled since 10/3. (MEZ, PMC 10/9; LAW 10/13)

## 9 OCTOBER

In Gaza and Nablus, **1,000s of Palestinians** angry over the **PSF's** excessive use of force against protesters on 10/8 defy the PA's ban on demonstrations, conduct protest marches, and clash with police again, setting **1 PSF office** on fire in Nussayrat camp. Meanwhile, the **IDF** directs shells, gunfire at residential areas of Gaza City; bulldozes 100 dunams of Palestinian land in al-Qarara, damaging 1 home, destroying 3 tents, plus water and electricity systems. **Jewish settlers** pour unidentified contaminants into the community drinking well of Yanon village, rendering the water unpotable. (AFP 10/9; JP [Internet], NYT, PMC, WP, WT 10/10; LAW 10/13)

## 10 OCTOBER

In Gaza, the **IDF** confiscates, evacuates, bulldozes an area of land where **9 Palestinian families** live in tents. The **PSF** releases

**50 Palestinians** arrested during the 10/8 Gaza clashes. **PC, NIHC** reps. meet again to discuss the 10/8 clashes, ways of preventing similar incidents in the future. The PC agrees to appoint an inquiry comm. to investigate **PSF** actions. (NYT 10/11; AYM 10/11 in WNC 10/15; LAW 10/13)

Fearing the case could set a precedent for the Palestinian right of return, the **Israeli inner cabinet** decides against upholding a 1951 **Israeli High Court** ruling to allow the return of **Arab families to 2 Palestinian villages**, Iqrit and Bir'am, fr. which they were "temporarily evacuated" by the Israeli government in 11/48. The families are all currently Israeli citizens. Today, the village lands, located in n. Israel, are owned and worked by Jewish farmers. (AP 10/10; BDL 10/11; HA 10/15)

## 11 OCTOBER

**Senior Hamas mbr. Mustafa Rawajba** is found dead in the West Bank. The **IDF** issues a statement that Rawajba was "killed . . . while trying to plant an explosive charge," raising speculation that he was assassinated. The **PSF** releases the last Palestinians detained during the Gaza protests on 10/8. The **IDF** conducts arrests raids in Hizma. (NYT, WP, WT 10/12; LAW 10/17)

In a briefing on the strikes on Afghanistan, **Bush** reiterates his support for creation of a **Palestinian state**, the boundaries of which would be negotiated, as long as it would recognize the right of **Israel** to exist; says he would meet with **Arafat** if he believed it would further the peace process; says "the world ought to applaud" Arafat for cracking down on "radical elements" as he did on 10/8. (NYT, WP, WT 10/12; MA 10/14 in WNC 10/15; MENA 10/22 in WNC 10/23)

## 12 OCTOBER

**Israel** announces that it has agreed to resume cease-fire implementation under pressure fr. the **U.S.**, even though it believes that the **PA** has not fulfilled its pledges to date. **Peres**, PC Speaker **Qurai'** meet and agree on steps to be taken over the next 2 wks. to ease restrictions on Palestinians, halt violence; say Israel will begin lifting closures within 2 days. Meanwhile, **Powell** praises **Arafat** for making "a bold choice" in demanding (10/8) that **Hamas** take part in the cease-fire. (*Chicago Tribune* [Internet] 10/13; NYT, WP, WT 10/14; MA 10/14 in WNC 10/15)

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In Ramallah, **100s of Palestinians** hold a peaceful demonstration against the continued Israeli occupation. **IDF** troops fire rubber bullets, tear gas to disperse the crowd, injuring 30 Palestinians, including 5 medical workers. (Union of Palestinian Medical Relief Committees press release 10/12)

**13 OCTOBER**

A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received when the **PSF** opened fire on demonstrators in Gaza on 10/8. (AP 10/16)

**14 OCTOBER**

The **IDF** assassinates **senior Hamas mbr. 'Abd al-Rahman Hamad**, shooting him at his home in Qalqilya. Israel admits to the killing, which the **U.S.** calls "unhelpful." Meanwhile, the **IDF** eases closures in some Palestinian areas where there has been no violence but also tightens access to Jerusalem, directs heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Dayr al-Balah, establishes a new police station in East Jerusalem, conducts arrest raids in Bayt Amin. **Jewish settlers** attack, seriously injure **3 Palestinian farmers** on the Nablus–Ramallah Road. (AP, WP, WT 10/15; *al-Quds* 10/15 in WNC 10/16; HP 10/15)

The **Israeli cabinet** meets to discuss the dramatic reduction in violence in recent days. Although the cabinet does not approve the decision, **Sharon** declares that the **IDF** is prepared to pull out of areas A in Hebron that the army seized on 10/4–5. (WP 10/14; MM, WP 10/15; *al-Quds* 10/15 in WNC 10/16; WT 10/16; WJW 10/18)

**Peres** and **Qurai'** meet again in Jerusalem along with **Israeli, PA security officials** to discuss cease-fire implementation. Israel agrees to open the main road in Khan Yunis, which has been closed for months; reopen Rafah crossing to Egypt, the Allenby Bridge crossing to Jordan for several hrs. every day; gradually remove **IDF** roadblocks, withdraw **IDF** troops over a 3-wk. period if calm remains; allow VIP passage btwn. the West Bank, Gaza for senior PA officials, security forces; allow family visits btwn. the West Bank, Gaza; allow entry of 2,000 Palestinian businessmen into Israel. (JP [Internet] 10/14; HP 10/15)

**15 OCTOBER**

The **IDF** withdraws fr. Palestinian areas of **Hebron**, vandalizing several homes, cars before leaving. The **National Union–**

**Yisrael Beitunia bloc** (led by **Tourism M Rehavam Ze'evi, Infrastructure M Avigdor Lieberman**) quits the governing coalition in protest, leaving Sharon with control of 76 of the Knesset's 120 seats. As troops withdraw, **Jewish settlers** attempt to storm the vacated Palestinian neighborhoods, also vandalize several homes and shops, but are halted by soldiers, who arrest 21 (all released later in the day). The **IDF** also eases passage through roadblocks in a handful of areas, including Ramallah, and expands fishing areas off Gaza, in keeping with cease-fire steps. (HA, MM, WP, WT 10/15; AFP, MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/16; MA 10/16 in WNC 10/17; LAW 10/17)

Meanwhile, however, **Hamas mbr. Hamad Marshud** is killed when a flechette device, apparently planted by the **IDF**, explodes in a car outside his Nablus office. The **State Dept.** reiterates the U.S.'s strong opposition to **Israel's** assassination policy. The **IDF** also maintains closures on most West Bank, Gaza areas; surrounds, seals Bayt Umar; conducts arrest raids in Dayr Istya; begins building a bridge to link the Gaza settlements of Gush Katif, Kissufim, confiscating 150 dunams of Palestinian land; hands eviction orders to 250 tradesmen at a market area nr. Tulkarm; conducts arrest raids in Bayt Surik, Dayr Istya. Nr. Ramallah, armed **Jewish settlers** bar **Palestinian farmers** fr. reaching their olive groves, firing on them, beating them, burning cars. In Jerusalem, **Israeli authorities** raid the offices of several **Palestinian lawyers, architects**; search, photograph, destroy company files. (HP 10/15; MENA 10/15 in WNC 10/16; HP, NYT, WP, WT 10/16; LAW, WT 10/17)

In London, **Arafat** meets with **British PM Tony Blair**, who calls for the creation of a "viable Palestinian state, as part of a negotiated and agreed settlement, which provides peace and security for Israel." (AP, NYT 10/15; London Press Association, MENA, SA 10/15 in WNC 10/16; MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/16; AN, MENA 10/16 in WNC 10/17)

**16 OCTOBER**

In Gaza, a **Hamas mbr.** is killed when a bomb in his house explodes in what may be an Israeli assassination. The **IDF** eases 1 roadblock on the Ramallah–Jerusalem road but tightens others around Badu, Bayt Hanina, Khan Yunis, al-Qarara, Tulkarm; sets up a new roadblock at the entrance to Qafin village; flies warplanes over Tulkarm. **Israeli police** issue evacuation orders to Palestinian

families living on 18 dunams of land in the East Jerusalem neighborhood of Shaykh Jarrah, where **Jewish settlers** want to establish a new enclave. **Israeli police** also dismantle a vegetable market nr. Damascus Gate in Jerusalem. **Jewish settlers** fatally stab a **Palestinian** waiter in East Jerusalem restaurant. (HP 10/16; LAW, WT 10/17)

**Sharon** says he would accept the creation of a **Palestinian state**, but it would have to be demilitarized, and **Israel** would have to control all borders, all of Jerusalem, security zones in the West Bank and Gaza. (MA 10/16 in WNC 10/17; HA, WP 10/17)

## 17 OCTOBER

At least 1 **PFLP** gunman assassinates Israeli tourism M **Ze'evi** in an East Jerusalem hotel, shooting him at point blank range, using a pistol equipped with a silencer, escaping undetected. The PFLP says it is retaliation for the assassination of PFLP Secy. Gen. **Mustafa** on 8/27; also takes responsibility for a **suicide car bombing** in Gaza that wounds 2 **IDF** soldiers. **Arafat** immediately condemns the assassination, orders the **PSF** to arrest the killers. The **PSF** quickly arrests 3 **PFLP** mbrs. but releases them after questioning. (AP, HA, HP, JP [Internet], MM, REU 10/17; AFP, ATL, XIN 10/17 in WNC 10/18; HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/18; *al-Quds* 10/18 in WNC 10/19; *Tehran Times* 10/20 in WNC 10/22; WJW 10/25)

Meanwhile, **Hamas mbr. Iyad al-Akhras** is killed in an explosion in his Gaza home in what may be an assassination. The **IDF** also fires a missile at a Palestinian car in Nablus, but the rocket misses, 3 Palestinians escape unharmed. The **IDF** makes a pre-dawn incursion into al-Qarara, firing heavy machine guns at homes, bulldozing 10s of dunams of cultivated land for construction of a settler bypass road; directs machine gun fire at residential areas of Gaza City, Jinin, Rafah; bulldozes secondary Palestinian roads around Ramallah. **Palestinian gunmen** reportedly fire at Neve Dekalim, wounding 2 **Jewish settlers**. In East Jerusalem, **Jewish settlers** angry over Ze'evi's murder attack, beat Palestinians. (HP 10/17; WT 10/18)

After a lengthy **Israeli inner cabinet** mtg., **Sharon** issues an ultimatum to the **PA**: arrest and extradite **Ze'evi's** killers and the **PFLP's** current leaders and "dismantle terror organizations" or face a response more severe than any recent reprisal. Sharon then convenes a special session of the **Knesset**

(boycotted by **Arab MKs**), where he declares, "We will wage all-out war on the terrorists" and "those who collaborate with them." **National Union-Yisrael Beitunia MKs** suspend their resignations to see how Sharon responds. The **IDF** sends tanks, troops 2.5 mi. into area A around Jinin; reimposes tight closures on, places 24-hr. curfews on, and directs shells and heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Azariyya, al-Bireh, Jinin, Nablus, Ramallah; deploys helicopters to hover over major Palestinian population centers; bars **Arafat** fr. using Gaza airport. (HP, MM 10/17; AFP, MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/18; JP [Internet], WP 10/29)

**Powell** phones **Sharon** to urge **Israel** to use restraint. The **White House** calls on the **PA** to "immediately find and bring to justice those who committed this murder," saying Arafat must "take vigorous action against terrorists." (MM, WP 10/18; Interfax, MENA, QA 10/18 in WNC 10/19)

## 18 OCTOBER

**Israel** cuts off all contact with the **PA**; gives **Shin Bet**, the **IDF** the "green light" to step up assassinations. Some **MKs** say Sharon should banish **Arafat** fr. the West Bank, Gaza. The **PA** arrests 3 **PFLP leaders**, but says it has not identified **Ze'evi's** assassins, will not extradite them to **Israel** once it does. Israel says if the killers are not extradited, it will treat the PA as a sponsor of terrorism. (The **State Dept.** refuses to back Israel's extradition demand.) **Sharon** declares that "**Arafat** has 7 days to impose absolute quiet in the territories. If not, we will go to war against him. As far as I'm concerned, the era of Arafat is over." (HP, MM 10/18; MENA, XIN 10/18 in WNC 10/19; NYT, WP, WT 10/19; MM 10/23)

The **IDF** reoccupies areas A in **Jinin, Nablus**, and **Ramallah**, sending in tanks and troops, shelling buildings, killing 3 **Palestinians**. In Bethlehem, 3 **Palestinians**, including **Fatah *tanzim* leader Atif Ubayyat**, one of **Israel's** most wanted, are killed when an explosion destroys their car. The deaths, which Palestinians claim are assassinations, spark a serious gun battle around the city; Palestinians in Bayt Jala also fire a mortar at Giló for the 1st time in 2 mos., causing no damage. **Palestinian gunmen** fire on a group of Jewish settlers hiking in the Jordan Valley, killing 1 **Jewish settler**, wounding 2. (HP, MM, PMC 10/18; AP, HP, NYT, WP, WT 10/19; WP 10/20; PCHR 10/24)

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## 19 OCTOBER

In response to the mortar attack on Gilo on 10/18, the **IDF** sends tanks, bulldozers into **Bethlehem, Bayt Jala**; occupies **10 Palestinian buildings** in Bethlehem (including 2 hotels to house troops), several in Bayt Jala. The incursions spark clashes, which leave **3 Palestinians** dead and at least 16 Palestinians, 1 IDF soldier injured. In Ramallah, **2 Palestinians** are killed by **IDF** shelling; a **6th Palestinian** is killed in Gaza. **IDF** tanks completely surround Bayt Sahur, Nablus, Qalqilya. The IDF also directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at Bayt Hanina, Hebron, Jinin, Khan Yunis, Tulkarm; occupies a Palestinian home nr. Qarni crossing. **Churches** in Jerusalem issue a statement calling on Israel to pull back, deescalate tensions, especially in Bethlehem. (BBC, HP, MM, REU 10/19; AP, NYT, WP, WT 10/20; PCHR 10/24) (see Doc. A6)

## 20 OCTOBER

The **IDF** sends tanks, troops into areas A in **Qalqilya** and **Tulkarm**, occupying a **PSF** office in Qalqilya, detaining 7 Palestinians, including 2 **Force 17** mbrs. A **senior IDF official** says it has no immediate plans to pull out of PA-controlled towns it has reoccupied since 10/18. The **IDF** continues to direct shells, heavy machine gun fire at areas in, around Bethlehem throughout the day, killing **8 Palestinians**, including an altar boy outside the Church of the Nativity. **Churches** in Jerusalem again demand **Israel's** withdrawal fr. Bethlehem. The **PA** says it has arrested **20 PFLP mbrs.** in connection with the Ze'evi assassination. (AP, LAW 10/20; WP, WT 10/21; JT 10/21 in WNC 10/22; NYT, WP 10/22; AYM 10/22, MENA 10/23 in WNC 10/24; MM 10/23; PCHR 10/24)

## 21 OCTOBER

The **IDF** reinforces positions inside Bethlehem, where **IDF** shelling kills **3 Palestinians** nr. a hospital; a **4th Palestinian** is fatally shot while harvesting olives outside Jinin; a **5th Palestinian** dies of injuries received earlier. Other IDF shells land within 50 yds. of the Church of the Nativity, injuring 2 Palestinians. The **IDF** also fires on a **UN ambulance** in Bethlehem, seriously injuring the driver; rockets a power station in Tulkarm; occupies 2 **Palestinian homes** in Qalqilya, 1 in Khan Yunis; reinforces positions in Ramallah and al-Bireh, destroying a **Force 17** office. **Sharon** says the **PA** must

meet 3 conditions for a return to talks: a complete halt to "terrorism and incitement," the arrests of "terrorists" and the disbanding of their organizations, the extradition of those involved in the Ze'evi assassination. The **PA** outlaws the armed wing of the **PFLP**, detains another **13 PFLP mbrs.** (AP 10/21; MENA 10/21 in WNC 10/22; AP, LAW, NYT, PMC, WT 10/22; MM 10/23; SA 10/23 in WNC 10/24; PCHR 10/24; HA 10/27)

The **Labor** party threatens to quit the governing coalition if **Sharon** expands the reoccupation of **PA**-controlled territories. (AFP 10/21; MM, WP, WT 10/22)

## 22 OCTOBER

The **U.S.** strongly condemns **Israel's** recent incursions into Palestinian towns, calls for Israel's immediate withdrawal. The **EU**, **Russia**, **UN**, and **U.S.** send a delegation of senior envoys to meet with **Arafat** to urge him to "address Israel's security concerns," to make "absolutely certain" that the PA arrests those responsible for the Ze'evi assassination. (NYT, WP, WT 10/23; MA, QA 10/23 in WNC 10/24; AYM 10/23, MA, *al-Quds* 10/24 in WNC 10/25; MM 10/24; NYT 10/27)

**Peres** arrives in Washington for 2 days of consultations with senior **U.S.** admin. officials. Peres is accompanied by a dozen senior Israeli officials, IDF officers, who plan to brief U.S. officials, Jewish leaders on the Israeli-Palestinian situation. (NYT, WP 10/23; HA 10/26)

Meanwhile, the **IDF** has entered or surrounded and cut off every major Palestinian population center in the West Bank. Fighting is especially heavy in Bethlehem. In East Jerusalem, a **Palestinian** opens fire on **Jewish settlers** in Talpiot settlement, wounding 4 before being shot dead by the IDF. In an apparent assassination, wanted **Izzeddin al-Qassam Brigades mbr. Ayman Abu Halawih** is killed, his 3 passengers are injured when his car explodes in Nablus. A **3d Palestinian** is fatally shot by IDF troops nr. Tulkarm. A **4th Palestinian** dies of injuries received on 10/21. A **Palestinian woman** in labor is denied passage through an **IDF** checkpoint to a Bethlehem hospital; she gives birth at the crossing, the baby dies. A **Palestinian**, detained since 10/18, dies in **PA General Intelligence** custody; the PA claims he committed suicide. The **IDF** bulldozes land in Rafah, demolishing 4 **Palestinian homes**, at least 9 stores. Israeli authorities also demolish 3 Palestinian homes

in Jerusalem. (LAW, MEZ, NYT, WP, WT 10/23; PCHR 10/24)

In Jerusalem, nearly **100,000 Israelis** demonstrate in favor of increased military attacks on the Palestinians, equating **Arafat** to **Bin Laden**, calling for the removal of Arafat and the PA. (NYT, WP 10/23; MM 10/24; JP 11/9)

**Hizballah** fires rockets at **IDF** positions in Shaba' Farms. Israeli warplanes, artillery strike Hizballah positions in response. No injuries are reported. The **U.S.** warns Hizballah, **Israel** against escalating tensions. (NYT, WP, WT 10/23; SAF 10/23 in WNC 10/24; SAF 10/24 in WNC 10/25; MM, WJW 10/25)

### 23 OCTOBER

**IDF** soldiers fatally shoot **3 Palestinians** in Tulkarm; a **4th Palestinian** dies of injuries received on 10/22. Heavy shelling, machine gun fire is reported in Bethlehem, Tulkarm. In Bethlehem, Christian and Muslim religious leaders lead **6,000 Palestinians** in a peaceful procession and prayer service, calling on Israel to evacuate the city. In Nablus, **1,000s of Palestinians** attend the funeral of assassinated Hamas mbr. **Halawih**. The **IDF** sends bulldozers, under cover of heavy machine gun fire, into Bayt Hanun; reinforces troops around Khan Yunis; bulldozes land in al-Qarara, demolishing 1 home, 1 workshop. (AP, MEZ 10/23; NYT, PCHR 10/24; AYM 10/24 in WNC 10/25)

In separate mtgs. with **Bush** and **Powell**, **Peres** rejects the U.S. demand for Israel's immediate withdrawal fr. PA-controlled areas. (AFP, AP, MM 10/23; NYT, WP 10/24; MA 10/24 in WNC 10/25)

### 24 OCTOBER

In a predawn raid on Bayt Rima (area A), the **IDF** kills at least **5 Palestinians**, wounds 10s, arrests 11, invades homes, interrogates residents, imposes a curfew, and seals the village, barring medics, ambulances, journalists fr. entering. One of the Palestinians bleeds to death awaiting medical treatment. The **IDF** cmdr. admits that at least 2 of those killed were armed but not firing and were attempting to flee. Soldiers bulldoze 2 **Palestinian homes** in the village; a 3d is destroyed by fire during the raid; 5 others are occupied by troops. Israel confirms it has arrested 2 of 4 Palestinians whom it is certain were involved in the 10/17 Ze'evi murder, but says 2 trigger men are still at large. Another **5 Palestinians** are killed elsewhere in

the West Bank in clashes with the **IDF**. Israeli attacks intensify in Bethlehem and nearby Aida, Aza refugee camps, which have been surrounded by **IDF** tanks, armored personnel carriers (APCs) for several days. The **IDF** demolishes shops at the entrance to Aza to ease the entry of tanks, APCs; deliberately fires tank shells at a **Palestinian home** in Aida destroying it. In an apparent assassination outside Bethlehem, an **IDF** tank and APC corner, open fire on a Palestinian car, killing **Issa Jiryis Elali**. **Jewish settlers** open fire on a Palestinian vehicle nr. Hebron, wounding 6 Palestinians. (AP, BBC, HP, NYT, PCHR, PMC 10/24; AYM 10/24 in WNC 10/25; JT, LAW, MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/25; MA 10/25 in WNC 10/26; MM, NYT, WP 10/26; see also AYM 10/23 in WNC 10/25)

### 25 OCTOBER

The **IDF** pulls out of Bayt Rima. Heavy clashes continue in Bethlehem and Tulkarm, leaving a total of **5 Palestinians** dead, including a **Hamas** mbr. killed by an **IDF sniper** in Bethlehem. The **IDF** also shells residential areas of Rafah; bulldozes a **Palestinian home** in Dayr al-Balah; conducts an arrest raid in Jinin. Journalists in Gaza report that the **IDF** bulldozing is "methodically creating free-fire [buffer] zones along the periphery of the Strip." (NYT, REU 10/25; HA, NYT, WP 10/26; LAW 10/31)

**Sharon** briefs his cabinet on **U.S.** demands for Israel to withdraw fr. areas A. Afterward, he reiterates that the **IDF** will only pull back if the **PA** adheres to stringent cease-fire demands, including the arrest and extradition of "terrorists." The cabinet declares that Israel "reserves the right to freedom of activity." In response, the **U.S.** convenes the **trilateral security comm.**, and envoys fr. the **EU**, **Russia**, the **UN**, and the **U.S.** meet with **Arafat**. After the **PA** pledges that areas A would not be used as staging areas for attacks on Israel after a withdrawal, Israel agrees to begin pulling out of reoccupied Palestinian towns by 10/28. (WP, WT 10/26; NYT, WP 10/27)

### 26 OCTOBER

Under further pressure fr. the **EU**, **Russia**, **UN**, and **U.S.**, **Israel** agrees to pull the **IDF** out of the Bethlehem area on 10/27, to consider expanding the pullout to 5 other major PA-controlled towns if the cease-fire in Bethlehem holds and the **PA** agrees to extradite



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suspects in the Ze'evi case. Throughout the day, however, heavy clashes continue in, around Bethlehem except for a brief period while a team of **EU officials** tour the area. The **IDF** fatally shoots **3 Palestinians, 1 Israeli Arab**; digs deep trenches in Jinin to keep Palestinians from sneaking into Israel; sets up new military outposts outside Nablus, Ramallah; enters Dayr Nitham village, opening fire on and damaging several Palestinian homes; shells residential areas of Khan Yunis, Rafah; conducts an arrest raid in Qalqilya. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/27; Interfax 10/27 in WNC 10/29; LAW 10/31)

**27 OCTOBER**

With **Israeli-Palestinian clashes** continuing unabated in Bethlehem, **Israel** postpones plans to withdraw fr. the area for at least 24 hrs. The **IDF** also directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Bayt Lahia (damaging a **PSF** post), Jinin, Khan Yunis, Qalqilya, Rafah, Tulkarm (killing **1 Palestinian**); temporarily occupies a Palestinian school in the PA-controlled section of Hebron; reinforces troops in Bayt Lahia, around Ramallah. **PFLP mbrs.** arrested by the **PSF** since the Ze'evi assassination begin a hunger strike to protest their detention. (AFP 10/27; HP, NYT, WP, WT 10/28; LAW 10/31)

**28 OCTOBER**

Under **U.S.** pressure, **Sharon** pulls the **IDF** out of Bethlehem, Bayt Jala. **Jewish settlers** assault journalists covering the pullout. **Islamic Jihad gunmen** kill **4 Israelis**, wound 30 in a drive-by shooting in Hadera, are fatally shot by **Israeli police**. **AMB gunmen** kill **1 IDF soldier** on the West Bank-Israeli border, escape into the West Bank. The **IDF** also conducts arrest raids in Nablus, al-Ubayat; reinforces positions in Jinin, Tulkarm; opens fire on 9 Palestinian schools in the PA-controlled section of Hebron, injuring 4 students with rubber-coated metal bullets, 15 with tear gas; directs heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Qalqilya. **Jewish settlers** stone Palestinian cars outside Silwad. (HP 10/28; MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/29; QA 10/29 in WNC 11/1; LAW 10/31)

**29 OCTOBER**

The **U.S.** convenes another **trilateral security comm.** mtg. to press **Israel** to withdraw fr. Jinin, Qalqilya, Ramallah, and

Tulkarm. No agmt. is reached. Israel says the U.S.'s repeated urgings are counterproductive, only encourage Palestinian obstinacy. (NYT, State Dept. briefing, WT 10/30)

Meanwhile, the **IDF** shells residential areas of al-Maghazi refugee camp, a **PSF** post in Tulkarm; bulldozes a **Palestinian home** in Dayr al-Balah; announces that a permanent fence will be build around **3 Jewish settlements** in n. Gaza, effectively annexing the area to Israel proper. (LAW 10/31; *al-Abram* 11/1)

The **Israeli General Security Service (GSS)** announces it has arrested **11 Israeli Arabs** on suspicion of planning "terrorist attacks," including kidnapping, murdering soldiers. This reportedly brings to 30 the number of Israeli Arabs detained by the GSS during the wk. (JP [Internet] 10/27; MA 11/12 in WNC 11/14)

**30 OCTOBER**

**Peres** says that he is preparing a personal peace initiative, that he will probably meet with **Arafat** on the sidelines of a 2-day economic conference that opens in Spain on 11/2. **Sharon**, expressing surprise, reminds Peres he must coordinate any mtgs. with Arafat with the PM's Office. (AP, MM 10/30; NYT, WP, WT 10/31; HA 11/6; HP 11/7; MENA 11/8 in WNC 11/9; JP 11/11 in WNC 11/14) (see Peace Monitor)

**Israel** demolishes **6 Palestinian homes** in **East Jerusalem**. The **U.S.** condemns the action as highly provocative. The **IDF** conducts raids into Bayt Hanun, Bayt Lahia under intense shelling and heavy machine gun fire, hitting electricity generators, cutting power to the area; also makes arrest raids in Araba, Tulkarm; directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Khan Yunis; fires on Palestinian fishermen off Dayr al-Balah; bulldozes 10s of dunams of Palestinian land in Wadi Qana, reportedly to expand **Ma'ale Shomron settlement**; bulldozes 6 dunams of Palestinian land nr. Netzarim settlement; reinforces troops on the Nablus-Qalqilya road (cutting power to the area), around Tulkarm. **Palestinians** fire several mortars at a **Jewish settlement** in Gaza, causing no damage. The **PA** says it has arrested **2 Islamic Jihad mbrs.** in connection with the Hadera attack on 10/28. Families of Palestinians placed under 6-mo. administrative detention by the **PSF** during the preceding 2 wks. hold a demonstration outside PSF offices in al-Bireh, Ramallah;



scuffle with PSF officers. (LAW 10/30; HP, LAW, NYT, WT 10/31)

In the Galilee, **400 Israeli police** clash with **1,000 Israeli Arab** residents of al-Tira and Taybeh protesting the government's expropriation of village lands for a highway, leaving more than 40 Israeli Arabs (including 3 MKs), 18 police officers injured. (JP [Internet] 10/30; HA 10/31)

### 31 OCTOBER

In a phone call with **Powell, Sharon** again refuses to withdraw troops fr. PA-controlled areas. Instead, the **IDF** overtly assassinates **senior Hamas mbr. Jamil Jadallah Qawasmi**, firing rockets at his Hebron home. In other apparent assassinations, the **IDF** fires tank shells at the car of **Hamas mbr. Abdallah Jarushi**, killing him; soldiers ambush a car nr. Nablus carrying 4 **PSF** officers, killing 2; **IDF special forces units** enter Qalqilya, attack a **PSF** post, killing 2 **PSF officers**, wounding 1. The **IDF** also directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Rafah, Tal al-Sultan; conducts arrest raids in Araba, shelling a **PSF** post (injuring 2 PSF officers), demolishing a **Palestinian home**, arresting 7 Palestinians, including 4 **Islamic Jihad** mbrs. allegedly plotting a suicide bombing. (HP, LAW, REU 10/31; NYT, WP, WT 11/1; AYM 11/1 in WNC 11/2; MM 11/2)

The **Israeli government** reaches an agmt. with **Israeli Arab residents** of al-Tira, Taybeh under which residents would be compensated with land of equal value to the land to be taken for the highway project. (HA 10/31) (see 10/30)

### 1 NOVEMBER

**IDF** helicopters fire rockets at a Palestinian taxi nr. Tulkarm, killing 2 **Hamas mbrs.**, wounding and capturing the taxi driver. The **IDF** also abducts a **3d Hamas mbr.** fr. Nablus; shells residential areas of Tulkarm; directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at a preparatory school in Rafah, trapping students inside, damaging the building. (LAW, MM 11/1; WP 11/2; PCHR 11/8)

### 2 NOVEMBER

**Israeli-Palestinian clashes** diminish overall, though sharp fighting is reported on the Gaza coast. (WP 11/4)

On the sidelines of a Euro-Mediterranean economic conference in Spain, **Spanish PM José María Aznar** hosts a working lunch

with **Arafat, Peres, Mubarak** to discuss the Israel-Palestinian conflict. Although Peres lacks a mandate fr. **Sharon** to conduct negotiations, the men reportedly hold "serious and intense" talks on the situation. (AFP, MM, REU 11/2; RNE 11/2 in WNC 11/3; MENA 11/2, EFE [Madrid], RNE 11/3 in WNC 11/5; WT 11/3) (see 10/30)

The **U.S.** widens its campaign to freeze "terrorist" assets to include all groups on the State Dept. list of "terrorist" orgs., including **Hamas, Hizballah, Islamic Jihad, the PFLP**. (NYT, WP 11/3; WJW 11/8; SAF 11/8 in WNC 11/9; MM 11/13; SA 11/13 in WNC 11/14; JT 11/19 in WNC 11/20) (see 9/24)

Based on new intelligence information, the **IDF chief rabbi** officially declares dead the **3 IDF soldiers** kidnapped by **Hizballah** in 10/00. (MM 11/2; WP 11/3)

### 3 NOVEMBER

The **IDF** fires on a **PSF** patrol operating btwn. Dayr al-Balah and Kefar Darom settlement, killing 1 **PSF officer**, seriously injuring a 2d. The **IDF** also demolishes 2 **Palestinian homes** in Brazil camp; bulldozes Palestinian land around Netzarim settlement. (PCHR 11/8)

In Spain, **Peres, Arafat** hold a brief 1-on-1 mtg. to discuss how to widen their cease-fire, restart peace talks. Arafat says that the **PA** has cracked down on **Hamas**, arrested more than 60 **PFLP mbrs.** since the Ze'evi assassination on 10/17. Peres tells Arafat he must arrest at least another 10–15 of Israel's most wanted. (RNE 11/3 in WNC 11/5; NYT, WT 11/4)

**Sharon** cancels plans to come to the **U.S.** on 11/11 for the opening of the **UN General Assembly (UNGA)** session, where he was expected to meet with **Bush**. (NYT, WP, WT 11/4; WP 11/5; NYT 11/6)

### 4 NOVEMBER

An **Islamic Jihad gunman** opens fire on a bus in French Hill settlement in East Jerusalem, killing 2 **Jewish settlers** and wounding around 50 before being shot dead by 2 border police officers, 1 **IDF** soldier, 1 armed settler. Despite the attack, **Sharon** agrees to continue the withdrawal fr. PA areas beginning with Qalqilya on 11/5. The **IDF** launches a predawn missile attack on **PSF** posts in Bayt Hanun, Bayt Lahia, Dayr al-Balah, and Jabaliya, which Israel claims housed mortar factories; 1 **senior PSF officer** is killed. The **IDF** also shells residential

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areas of Tulkarm; demolishes 1 **Palestinian home** in Shatti camp; shells, partially destroys a **PSF** roadblock nr. Hebron. (NYT, WP 11/4; NYT, WP, WT 11/5; PCHR 11/8; JP 11/16)

## 5 NOVEMBER

The **IDF** withdraws to the outskirts of Qalqilya, keeping a closure on the city, positioning itself to reinvade quickly if so ordered. The body of a **PSF** officer, missing since 10/20, is found in the area evacuated by the **IDF**; he had been shot 10 times. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received on 10/21. **Israel** tightens Palestinian access to **East Jerusalem**, deploying more border police, special forces units; placing new checkpoints nr. the "Greater Jerusalem" boundary at Anata, Bayt Hanina, Jaba', Shu'fat; closing the Bethlehem road checkpoint into the city; placing a closure on Azariyya. **IDF** troops, under cover of shelling and heavy machine gun fire, enter Rafah, demolish 2 **Palestinian homes**, damage 2 others. The **IDF** also reinforces troops in Jinin, Tulkarm; directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Hebron, Tulkarm; digs a trench across the main Jinin-Nablus road. **Jewish settlers** set fire to a Palestinian store, vandalize several other shops in the Israeli-controlled section of Hebron; shoot, wound a Palestinian teenager in Silat al-Dahir; stone Palestinian cars in East Jerusalem. **Egyptian officials** say that **1,200 Palestinians** are trapped on the Egyptian side of the Rafah border, that **Israel** is only allowing 200 Palestinians/day into Gaza. (AFP, HP, NYT, WP, WT 11/5; NYT, WP 11/6; *al-Quds* 11/6 in WNC 11/7; PCHR 11/8; MENA 11/19 in WNC 11/20)

On the sidelines of a Euro-Mediterranean economics conference in Brussels, **Arafat**, **Peres** hold informal talks with EU reps. on the Israeli-Palestinian situation. (AFP 11/5 in WNC 11/6; NYT, WT 11/6)

## 6 NOVEMBER

In an apparent assassination, a car explodes in Jinin, killing 2 **AMB mbrs.** wanted by Israel. The **IDF** reportedly executes 3 **Palestinians** following a clash in Tal nr. Nablus that leaves 1 **IDF soldier** dead. (Palestinian Red Crescent Society press release, PMC 11/6; NYT, PMC, WP, WT 11/7; MENA 11/7 in WNC 11/8; HP, PCHR, WP 11/8) (see Peace Monitor)

The **Knesset** revokes the parliamentary immunity of **Israeli Arab MK Azmi**

**Bishara**, clearing the way for his prosecution on charges of encouraging violence, supporting a "terrorist organization" (**Hizballah**), making statements against Israel's occupation of s. Lebanon, organizing illegal trips to Syria for Israeli Arabs to visit relatives. This marks the 1st time that an MK's immunity has been revoked for making political statements. (HP, WP 11/8; NYT 11/10; MM 11/13, 11/14; WJW 11/15; JP 11/16; HA 11/17) (see Doc. B3)

## 7 NOVEMBER

The **IDF** withdraws to the outskirts of Ramallah. Nr. Hebron, 1 **Palestinian** is shot dead, 2 are wounded allegedly by **Israeli undercover units**. The dead man, Issa Dababsa, reportedly had run-ins with local settlers over land he owned adjacent to their settlement. A 2d **Palestinian** is killed by heavy **IDF** gunfire in Khan Yunis. A 3d **Palestinian** dies of kidney failure at an **IDF** roadblock nr. Jinin after being denied passage to a hospital for dialysis. The **IDF** also fires on a **PSF** post outside Khan Yunis, injuring 1 officer; confiscates a **Palestinian home** in Tulkarm; reinforces troops outside Nablus. (AFP, HP, NYT, WP, WT 11/7; HP, PCHR 11/8)

The **PA High Court** orders the immediate release of 2 **PFLP mbrs.** arrested in connection with the 10/17 Ze'evi assassination, saying the PA had violated its own legal procedures in making the arrests, there is not enough evidence to hold the pair. The **PSF** does not release them. (*al-Abram* 11/15; AFP 11/18; MEI 11/23)

The **Israeli Interior Min.** demolishes **bedouin** homes in the Negev that housed 60 individuals. (HA 11/8)

## 8 NOVEMBER

In Baqa' al-Sharqiyya, a **Hamas suicide bomber** detonates a device as **IDF commandos** raid his hideout, wounding 2 commandos. A 2d **Palestinian** dies of injuries received on 11/6. The **IDF** tightens the closures on Jinin, Salfit, Tulkarm; directs gunfire at a **Jordanian** diplomatic vehicle traveling nr. the Erez crossing; bulldozes agricultural land in Bayt Lahia. In East Jerusalem, **Israeli authorities** evict, confiscate the home of a Palestinian family; give evacuation orders to 2 other families. **Israel** also bars **PA Telecommunications M Imad al-Faluji** fr. leaving the PA areas to attend an **Arab League** mtg. in Cairo. A **Jewish settler** driving nr. Bethlehem hits a 5-yr.-old Palestinian boy,

seriously injuring him; the IDF blocks his transportation to a hospital for more than 1 hr. In a similar incident, a 4-yr.-old Palestinian boy is hit, injured by a **Jewish settler** nr. Jinin; due to the closure, it takes the boy's father 2 hrs. to get him to a hospital less than 1 mi. away. (HP 11/8; MA, MENA, Voice of Israel 11/8 in WNC 11/9; PMC 11/10; AYM 11/14 in WNC 11/19; PCHR 11/15)

The **White House** says that **Bush** will not meet with **Arafat** on the sidelines of the upcoming **UNGA** session because the **PA** has not done enough to stop "terrorism." (WT 11/9; AN, QA 11/10 in WNC 11/13; AYM 11/11, *Le Monde* 11/13 in WNC 11/14)

**Israeli police** question **Israeli Arab MK Talib al-Sana** on suspicion of sedition for reportedly stating in an interview with Abu Dhabi TV that a Palestinian attack on the Israeli DMin. on 8/5 was legitimate since the target was military and not civilian. (JP [Internet] 11/9) (see 11/6)

## 9 NOVEMBER

A **Palestinian** is shot dead by **IDF** troops in Gaza. **AMB gunmen** fire on a Jewish settler vehicle nr. Jinin, killing **1 settler**. The **IDF** raids a Palestinian home in the PA-controlled section of Hebron, detaining 1 Palestinian, injuring 3, causing serious property damage; temporarily occupies a Palestinian home nr. Netzarim settlement. (WT 11/9; NYT, WT 11/10; PCHR 11/15)

## 10 NOVEMBER

The new **UNGA** session, postponed fr. 9/24 because of the 9/11 attacks, opens in New York. (**Arafat** attends; **Peres**, who is in town, does not because of the Jewish Sabbath.) In his address, **Bush** notes that the U.S. is working "toward the day when two states—Israel and Palestine—live peacefully together," marking the 1st time a U.S. pres. has used the word "Palestine" to refer to the future Palestinian state. He also warns against "trying to pick and choose . . . terrorist friends" in reference to his repeated calls on the PA to crack down on violence. At a closed-door diplomatic lunch hosted by **UN Secy.-Gen. Kofi Annan**, **Bush** refuses to greet or acknowledge **Arafat**. (HA 11/10; AP, WP 11/11; DUS 11/11 in WNC 11/20; AFP, MM, NYT, WP 11/12; AYM 11/12 in WNC 11/14; MM 11/13; NYT 11/15; MENA 11/18 in WNC 11/19; MEI 11/23) (see Doc. D1)

The **IDF** sends tanks, bulldozers into the PA-controlled village of al-Arqa nr. Jinin to

arrest 12 Palestinians, uproot an olive grove; bulldozes agricultural land in al-Mawasi area. **Jewish settlers** raid the Palestinian village of al-Sawiyya nr. Nablus, set a car on fire. (PMC 11/11; PHRC 11/15)

In Nazareth, **1,500 Israeli Arabs** demonstrate against the **Knesset** decision to lift **MK Bishara's** immunity. (AFP 11/10) (see 11/6)

## 11 NOVEMBER

Addressing the **UNGA**, **Arafat** welcomes **Bush's** 10/2 and 11/10 comments in support of a Palestinian state, reiterates the **PA's** desire to resume peace talks with **Israel** and willingness to confront "international terrorism," requests an international monitoring mechanism for the West Bank and Gaza. Powell meets separately with **Arafat**, **Peres**. (AFP, AP 11/11; MM, NYT 11/12; MM 11/14; MENA 11/18 in WNC 11/19)

A **Palestinian gunman** kills an **Israeli security officer** in the Israeli village Kefar Hess, nr. the West Bank border. A **Palestinian** dies in a mysterious explosion in Bethlehem. A **2d Palestinian** dies of injuries received on 11/9. A **Jewish settler** driving nr. Hebron hits, seriously injures an 82-yr.-old Palestinian man. Armed **Jewish settlers** fr. Hebron enter the Palestinian village of Halhul, vandalize property, fire in the air, throw stones at cars, assault residents. **Jewish settlers**, under **IDF** protection, move caravans and electrical generators to a new settlement site outside Jinin. The **IDF** confiscates, bulldozes 10s of dunams of land in Jabi', n. of Jerusalem, for annexation to Adam settlement. The **IDF** also bulldozes Palestinian agricultural land along the Gaza border, nr. Bayt Hanun; directs heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Bayt Lahia, Khan Yunis; tightens the closure on Hebron. (HP, PMC 11/11; AFP, NYT 11/12; MM 11/13; PCHR 11/15)

## 12 NOVEMBER

The **IDF** conducts a predawn arrest raid in Tal village, killing **most-wanted Hamas mbr. Muhammad Reihan**, arresting around 40. (PMC 11/12; MM, NYT, WT 11/13; PCHR 11/15)

## 13 NOVEMBER

The **State Dept.** announces that **Powell** will deliver a major address on the Middle East on 11/19 to lay out the Bush admin.'s principles on Israeli-Palestinian peace talks. Afterward, special envoys **Gen. (Ret.)**

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**Anthony Zinni**, Asst. Secy. of State **Burns** will head to the region to revive cease-fire talks. **Sharon** should then come to Washington to meet with Bush ca. 12/3. (JP [Internet] 11/13; MM, WP 11/14; MM, NYT 11/15; AYM 11/17 in WNC 11/19; HA 11/18)

The **IDF** fatally shoots a **Palestinian woman** in her Tulkarm home; reinforces positions in Jinin, Tulkarm; occupies a **Palestinian home** in Tulkarm; bulldozes Palestinian agricultural land nr. Dayr al-Balah, along the Green Line nr. Tulkarm and around Jerusalem; demolishes an aviary nr. Bayt Lahia; directs heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Bayt Hanun, al-Iktaba; closes 2 main north-south roads in Gaza. Palestinians report that in the past 2 days, the **IDF** has also bulldozed 400 trees, cultivated land, water works in the al-Mawasi area. (HP, REU 11/13; WP 11/14; PCHR 11/15)

**Israeli Arab Atallah Abu Aida** is arrested for smuggling arms to Palestinians in Hebron. (WT 11/14)

## 14 NOVEMBER

In Jinin, the **PSF** arrest **senior Islamic Jihad mbr. Mahmud Tawalbi**, who is wanted by Israel. The arrest sparks riots in Jinin, with some **3,000 Palestinians**, including local **Fatah tanzim mbrs.**, firing guns and throwing grenades at PSF offices, burning cars; 1 protester, 1 PSF officer are injured. A **Palestinian** in Tulkarm dies of kidney failure after the **IDF** bars him fr. crossing a checkpoint to reach a hospital. The **IDF** directs heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Khan Yunis. In a gesture

to mark the start of Ramadan, **Israel** extends the Palestinian fishing area to 12 mi. off the Gaza coast, releases 30 Palestinian prisoners, resumes prison visits in Israel for Palestinian families in the West Bank. (MM 11/14; HA, JP [Internet], NYT, PCHR, WP 11/15; WP 11/19; MEI 11/23)

## 15 NOVEMBER

In a predawn raid, the **IDF** send 12 tanks and armored vehicles, 6 bulldozers into Khan Yunis, firing shells and heavy machine guns at homes, killing **1 Palestinian**, injuring at least 13, completely demolishing 15 **Palestinian homes**, partially destroying 11. The IDF claims the action was in response to Palestinian gunfire aimed at Neve Dekalim. The **IDF** conducts a similar raid into Tulkarm, damaging several homes, uprooting an orchard, cutting electricity; sends tanks under helicopter cover into al-Shawawra village, damaging several homes, arresting 7 Palestinians; shells, fires on residential areas of Bayt Hanun, Bayt Lahia, Nablus; conducts arrest raids in Kafr al-Dik, Salfit. In Jinin, **100s of Palestinians** still angry over the arrest of Islamic Jihad's **Tawalbi** clash with **PSF** mbrs. The **PSF** releases **2 PFLP** mbrs. ordered freed by the **PA High Court** on 11/7. (AP, HP, JP [Internet], PCHR, WT 11/15; NYT 11/16; AYM 11/16 in WNC 11/19; AFP 11/18; MEI 11/23)

**Peres**, in his speech to the **UNGA**, says that there is support in Israel for a Palestinian state, Palestinian independence; the gap btwn. Israeli, Palestinian positions are more emotional than political. (HA, MM 11/15)

## CHRONOLOGY SOURCE ABBREVIATIONS

AFP	(Agence France-Presse, Paris)
AKH	( <i>al-Akbbar</i> , Cairo)
AN	(Arab News, Riyadh)
AP	(Associated Press [Internet])
ATL	(Anatolia, Ankara)
AYM	( <i>al-Ayyam</i> , Ramallah)
BBC	(British Broadcasting Corporation World Service [Internet])
BDL	(BADIL Resource Center, Bethlehem)
CNN	(Cable News Network [Internet])
DUS	( <i>al-Dustur</i> , Amman)
GS	(Gush Shalom, Tel Aviv)
HA	( <i>Ha'Aretz</i> [Internet], Tel Aviv)
HP	(Hear Palestine [Internet], Washington)
IGPO	(Israeli Government Press Office, Jerusalem)
IRNA	(Islamic Republic News Agency, Tehran)
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)
- MA (*Ma'ariv*, Tel Aviv)
- MEI (*Middle East International*, London)
- MENA (Middle East News Agency, Cairo)
- MEZ (al-Mezan Center for Human Rights, Jabaliya)
- MM (*Mideast Mirror*, London)
- NYT (*New York Times*, New York)
- PCHR (Palestinian Center for Human Rights, Gaza)
- PMC (Palestine Media Center [Internet])
- PR (*Palestine Report*, Jerusalem)
- QA (*al-Quds al-Arabi*, London)
- REU (Reuters [Internet])
- RNE (RNE Radio 1, Madrid)
- SA (*al-Sbarq al-Ausat*, London)
- SAF (*al-Safir*, Beirut)
- SAPA (South African Press Association, Johannesburg)
- VIRI (Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Tehran)
- WJW (*Washington Jewish Week*, Rockville, MD)
- WNC (World News Connection [Internet], Washington)
- WP (*Washington Post*, Washington)
- WT (*Washington Times*, Washington)
- XIN (Xinhua—New China News Agency, Beijing)

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**An IDF tank drives over a car during an incursion into Bayt Jala on 20 October. (AFP Photo/Musa al-Shaer)**