**CHRONOLOGY**

16 August–15 November 2001

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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)

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-Arub; 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 D0C: 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 8/25; AYM 8/25 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-
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 Zee’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 b/wn. 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 homes; 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 FPLP 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 DM 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 Waizin, 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
police arrest 4 Israeli Arabs for staging the attack in collusion with tanzim mbtrs. 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. Tayser 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, 9/5 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 AMB mbtrs. drive through Tulkarm; ... WP 9/3; MM 9/5; AKH 9/5 in WNC (wanted for kidnapping, killing 2 Israelis in 9/7; LAW 9/6) Tulkarm on 1/23) is injured, 2 AMB mbtrs. are killed, 1 Palestinian bystander is seriously wounded. In response, other AMB mbtrs. fire 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)

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 IDFrockets, 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 convened into a forum for extremist diasposties 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. (WT 9/1; JP [Internet] 9/5) draw their delegations, saying the conference has been “hijacked” by the Arab states andThe wk-long UN World Conference Against Racism (WCAR) opens in Durban, tribes against Israel. (MM 9/3; SAPA 9/3 in South Africa. Of the 166 countries participat- 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)

5 SEPTEMBER

After Palestinians fire mortars at a Jewish settlement in Gaza, causing no damage, the IDF shelled 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 mbtr. Ra’id Karmi, firing missiles at his car as he, 3 AMB mbtrs. drive through Tulkarm; Karmi (wanted for kidnapping, killing 2 Israelis in Tulkarm on 1/23) is injured, 2 AMB mbtrs. are killed, 1 Palestinian bystander is seriously wounded. In response, other AMB mbtrs. 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,
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, Nabulus, 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, Nabulus, 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; JWJ 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 Nabulus, Tulkarm; conducts arrest raids in al-Arub, 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.
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 Talib an 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 DOCI S. 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 Palesti-nians, 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 Arrraba 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 Af-fairs 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 at-tacks 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; WNW 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; WNW 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, Hizbullah 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 Tulker (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; AP, WP 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)
18 SEPTEMBER

Under extreme pressure fr. the U.S., Israel agrees to pull tanks, troops out of and away fr. PA-controlled areas (including Jenin), 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 mbrr. 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; WP 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 mbrrs. 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 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 mbrrs. 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, Salit, Ziwwata; 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, Salit; 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-
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 Palestinians, 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 brwn. Suissa, Ma’on settlements. (HP 9/29; NYT, WP, WT 9/30; al-Quds 9/30 in WNC 10/1; 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 agreements. PA, Israeli regional cmdrs. for Jericho, Qalqilya, Tulkarm also meet on security cooperation. (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 bullets at Birzeit University students, staff conducting a peaceful protest march to Sufa 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., bwn. Peres and PC Speaker Qura’i; 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 dunums 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).
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; 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 houses; 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)

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 Shlhuhot 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. The PC calls an emergency mtg., reiterates the call on Palestinians to adhere to the cease-fire. (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; MEI 10/12; MM 10/25; ITAR-TASS 10/24 in WNC 10/25) (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 ceasefire. (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 10/15)

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. 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 Afghanistand, 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 Beit 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. N. 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 predawn 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; shelling buildings, killing at least 1 Palestinian gunman 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; re imposes 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 assailants, 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 tanzin 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 Gilo 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

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. Halawi. 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)

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, barricading 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, Gaza 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 envos 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...
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 postpones plans to withdraw fr. the area for 11/12 in WNC 11/14; 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)

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;

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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 overly 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 Arabia, 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 Marjía 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)

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 bwn. 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 ceasefire, 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
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, Jab'a', 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-Daher; 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-Sharqiyia, 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 10 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’, nr. 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.)
Anthony Zinni, Asst. Secy. of State Burns will head to the region to revive cease-fire talks. Sharon should then come to Washing- 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 Janin, Tulkarm; occupies a Palestinian home in Tulkarm; bulldozes Palestinian agricultural land ca. 12/3. 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. Palestinian reports 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 Janin, the PSF arrest senior Islamic Jihad mbr. Mahmud Tawalbi, who is wanted by Israel. The arrest sparks riots in Janin, 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 15. 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 Janin, 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 bwn. Israeli, Palestinian positions are more emotional than political. (HA, MM 11/15)
An IDF tank drives over a car during an incursion into Bayt Jala on 20 October. (AFP Photo/Musa al-Shaer)