This section is part seventy-six of a chronology begun in JPS 13, no. 3 (Spring 1984). Chronology dates reflect Eastern Standard Time. For a more comprehensive overview of events related to the al-Aqsa intifada and of regional and international developments related to the peace process, see the Quarterly Update on Conflict and Diplomacy in this issue.

16 AUGUST

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) continue to reoccupy 7 Palestinian towns (Bethlehem, Hebron, Jenin, Nablus, Qalqilya, Ramallah, Tulkarm) and impose 24-hr. curfews on most population centers, tight restrictions on movement throughout the West Bank, Gaza. The IDF demolishes 5 Palestinian homes (2 Anabta, 1 Bayt Hanun, 2 Jenin); conducts arrest raids nr. Hebron. (NYT, WT 8/17; LAW, PCHR 8/21; PCHR 8/26)

17 AUGUST

The IDF conducts arrest raids in Hebron, occupying 1 Palestinian home as an IDF post; fires shells at a farm nr. Jabaliya r.c., killing a number of animals. The IDF suddenly reimposes the curfew on Tulkarm, opens fire on a number of Palestinians caught outside on their way home fr. food shopping, causing 1 Palestinian to have a heart attack; bars ambulances fr. reaching 1 Palestinian to have a heart attack; bars ambulances fr. reaching 1 Palestinian to have a heart attack; bars ambulances fr. reaching 1 Palestinian to have a heart attack; bars ambulances fr. reaching 1 Palestinian to have a heart attack; bars ambulances fr. reaching 1 Palestinian to have a heart attack; bars ambulances fr. reaching 1 Palestinian to have a heart attack; bars ambulances fr. reaching 1 Palestinian to have a heart attack; bars ambulances fr. reaching. (NYT, WT 8/18; AN 8/19 in WNC 8/21; LAW, PCHR 8/21; PCHR 8/26)

18 AUGUST

The IDF temporarily lifts the curfew on Hebron; shells residential areas of Khan Yunis, destroying 1 Palestinian home; bulldozes 3 Palestinian homes s. of Nablus; conducts arrest raids in Khan Yunis, Karabatha Bani Harith, Rafah (taking 8 Palestinians to Morag settlement for interrogation); temporarily detains, beats, confiscates the camera of a Palestinian journalist for Reuters. Israel's National Religious Party (NRP) reports that 4 new settler bypass roads are under construction in the West Bank. (Hatzofe 8/18 in WNC 8/20; LAW, PCHR 8/21; PCHR 8/26)

19 AUGUST

The IDF turns over control of Bethlehem, the main n.–s. road in Gaza to the PA Preventive Security Force (PSF), lifts the curfew on Bethlehem, keeps troops on the outskirts of the city, poised to reinvade if the PA fails to maintain security control; 400 PSF officers take up posts around the city. The IDF fatally shoots a 14-yr.-old boy in Jenin for no apparent reason; blows up a building in Nablus that it claims to be a bomb-making factory; raids a PSF post nr. Ramallah, detaining 6 PSF officers; bulldozes 9 dunams (4 dunams = 1 acre) of agricultural land, 1 Palestinian home in Satar al-Gharbiyya; conducts arrest raids in Jenin r.c. (MM 8/19; MM, NYT, WP, WT 8/20; LAW, PCHR, WP 8/21; AKH 8/22 in WNC 8/23; PCHR 8/26)

Fatah Revolutionary Council (FRC) head Sabri al-Banna (Abu Nidal), who
broke with the Fatah organization in the 1970s, is found dead in his Baghdad apartment. Iraqi officials say he committed suicide, but do not explain how he suffered multiple gunshot wounds. (HA 8/19; MM, NYT, WP, WT 8/20; NYT, WP, WT 8/21; DUS 8/21 in WNC 8/22; MA 8/29 in WNC 8/30; MM 9/20)

20 AUGUST

In Ramallah, IDF commandos assassinate senior Popular Front for the Libera-
tion of Palestine (PFLP) mbr. Muhammad Saadat, brother of PFLP head Ahmad Saadat; the IDF also raids Tulkarm r.c., fatally shoots wanted tanzim mbr. Af-
sam Salima in an apparent assassination. A Hamas sniper fatally shoots an IDF soldier nr. Gadid settlement in retaliation for the IDF sniper shooting of a Hamas mbr. a wk. ago; IDF forces in the area return fire killing a 15-
yr.-old Palestinian bystander. IDF also shells Khan Yunis, Tulkarm r.c. (killing 1 Pal-
estinian); raids Dayr al-Balah (conducting house-to-house searches), Jenin r.c. (firing live ammunition and tank shells at stone throwers, injuring 5), al-Yamun (occupying 2 Palestinian homes). (MM 8/20; HA, LAW, NYT, PCHR, WP 8/21; PCHR 8/26; MEI 8/30)

Israel's American PR consultants urge Israeli, American Jewish groups to adhere to a new PR strategy based on equating Israeli and U.S. values, not attacking PA head Yasir Arafat directly, being more hopeful. The changes come as a result of polls showing that Americans are increasingly blaming both sides in the conflict. (JTA 8/20)

21 AUGUST

Israeli police announce that they have broken up a Hamas cell operating in East Jerusalem that allegedly was responsible for the 7/31/02 Hebrew University bombing; say they have arrested 15 Palestinians in East Jer-
usalem, Ramallah connected to the cell but only identify 5, 4 of whom have Jerusalem ID cards. The IDF shells residential areas of Khan Yunis, sends 20 tanks and bulldozers in to blow up 2 Palestinian homes, damaging 10 others, bulldozing the surrounding area, killing 1 Palestinian, injuring 6; con-
ducts arrest raids in Jenin, detaining 3 Palestinians, blowing up their 3 cars, damaging 4 nearby homes; conducts arrest raids in Hebron, occupying an empty 3-story building as an IDF post. Israeli security denies entry to 52 French peace activists at Ben-Gurion Airport as part of Israel's ongoing effort to halt foreigners fr. making solidarity visits to Palestinians. Israel allows the group to enter after the French government intervenes, reminding Israel that the group was invited by an MK. (HA, LAW, MM, PCHR, REU 8/21; AFP 8/21 in WNC 8/22; MM, NYT, WP, WT 8/22; RFI 8/22 in WNC 8/23; PCHR 8/26; WJW 8/29; HA 10/2)

22 AUGUST

Israel's Interior M Eli Yishai says he has initiated steps to revoke the residency status of 4 East Jerusalem Palestinians arrested for participation in a Hamas cell (see r.c., 8/21); he says, “There is no need to wait for a trial because the evidence is clear and based on intelligence of their terrorist activ-
ity.” Israeli police detain senior Greek Or-
thodox Church official Atallah Hanna at his East Jerusalem home on charges of “ex-
pressing support for terrorist organizations,” “illegally entering an enemy country” (Leba-
on and Syria); release him after 5 hrs. of questioning. The IDF arrests the head of Hamas's Qalqilya political wing; bulldozes 7 dunams of olive groves in Dayr al-Balah; conducts arrest raids in Dura. (AFP, HA 8/22; MM, WT 8/23; MM 8/27; LAW, PCHR 8/28)

Israeli PM Ariel Sharon cancels plans to make a trip to the U.S. to attend a rally in support of Israel in Tallahassee with Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, brother of U.S. Pres. George W. Bush, on 9/9, a day before the Florida Democratic primary; also cancels plans to go to LA to attend another rally hosted by a Republican candidate in tight midterm elections there. Democrats had denounced the visit, which was arranged with Pres. Bush's sway, but Sharon says he de-
cided he would have to stay in Israel to pre-
pare for a budget battle which will take place in 10/02. Sharon canceled two previ-
ous trips to Florida when he cut short previ-
uous trips to the U.S. because of bombings in Israel. (NYT, WP 8/23; MA 8/23 in WNC 8/26)

23 AUGUST

The IDF fatally shoots 2 armed al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade (AMB) mbrs. attempting to infiltrate Gaza's Kfar Darom settlement; demolishes 2 Palestinian homes, 1 brick factory in Dayr al-Balah; razes 25 dunams of olive groves in Abasan nr. Khan Yunis; fires on residential areas nr. Rafah; arrests 4 hu-
manitarian workers (2 Palestinians, 2 for-

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eign nationals) in Nablus for no apparent reason, threatens to deport 2 foreigners. Jewish settlers establish a new settlement enclave nr. Shvut Rachel settlement. (WP, WT 8/24; PCHR 8/28; Peace Now press release 9/2)

Israeli, Palestinian security cmdrs. hold talks in Jerusalem on the Gaza First implementation, but Israel puts off discussion of expanding the arrangement to Hebron for at least a wk. (AYM 8/24 in WNC 8/26)

24 AUGUST

The IDF fatally shoots AMB Jenin cmdr. Muhammad al-Ott, wounds 5 in a shoot-out in Jenin; fires tank shells at stone throwers in Nablus, injuring 9 Palestinians; reimpuses the curfew on Hebron; shells residential areas of, razes 69 dunams of agricultural land in Abasan, Khuza; demolishes 3 Palestinian homes in Gaza allegedly used as cover by AMB mbrs. who attempted to infiltrate Kefar Darom on 8/23; confiscates an apartment building in Hebron as an IDF post; raids a Hebron police station, detaining 1 PSF officer. In Tulkarm, AMB gunmen fatally shoot a Palestinian woman who allegedly collaborated with Israel in the 8/7/02 assassination of local AMB cmdr. Ziad Da’as. (WP, WT 8/25; al-Quds 8/24, XIN 8/25 in WNC 8/26; NYT, WT 8/26; LAW, PCHR 8/28; NYT 9/2)

25 AUGUST

Israel says there will be no further IDF redeployments fr. PA areas at least until late 9/02, after the Jewish holidays. The IDF raids the home of, arrests PFLP politburo mbr. al’Alim Yunis Da’na; conducts arrest raids in Hebron, Salfit (demolishing several Palestinian homes); fires on residential areas of Jenin, Khan Yunis; bulldozes 13 dunams of agricultural land along the Shuhada Junction–Qarni settler bypass road. (XIN 8/25 in WNC 8/26; NYT 8/26; PCHR 8/28; MEI 8/30)

26 AUGUST

The IDF sends tanks into Jenin town, r.c. to arrest wanted Hamas mbr. Jamal Abu al-Hayja, demolish at least 1 Palestinian home; fires rubber-coated steel bullets at Palestinian stone throwers in Ramallah during a temporary lifting of the curfew, injuring 6 Palestinians (including a photographer for Reuters). Israel announces that 7 Israeli Arabs fr. the n. village of Bana were arrested

“some time ago” by Shin Bet for involvement in a Hamas bombing on 8/4/02; says it may run its buffer fence w. of some Israeli Arab towns as a result, effectively treating them as part of the West Bank. A Jewish settler kills a Palestinian child in a hit-and-run nr. Hebron. (NYT, WT 8/27; PCHR 8/28; MEI 8/30)

27 AUGUST

The IDF conducts arrest raids in Ramallah, detaining PFLP politburo mbrs. Bashir Khayri and Ali Jaradat. PFLP activist Sakir Hanacha (see 8/25); temporarily lifts the curfew on Hebron. Late in the evening, Palestinians fire a mortar at a Jewish settlement in Gaza, causing light damage but no injuries. Jewish settlers establish a new settlement enclave nr. Eli settlement. (PCHR, WT 8/28; JP 8/29; AFP, Peace Now press release 9/2)

28 AUGUST

The IDF fatally shoots 1 Palestinian biking too close to Gush Katif settlement. Nr. Shaykh Ajjin in Gaza, the IDF conducts an “intensive operation” to halt arms smuggling after seeing suspicious barrels in the sea; the DMIn. later says the barrels contained refrigerators. Late in the evening, the IDF fires 2 shells at a bedouin encampment in Shaykh Ajjin, killing 4 Palestinians, injuring 8, prevents ambulances fr. reaching the wounded for 40 mins. The IDF also fires on residential areas of Jenin r.c., killing 1 Palestinian inside his home. In the compound of the Beit El municipal court, 5 Israeli border policemen seriously beat 2 Palestinians, stopping only when they realize the prisoners’ families, lawyers, IDF soldiers have arrived; 1 Palestinian requires hospitalization. Jewish settlers establish 4 new settlement outposts (1 nr. Elon Moreh, 2 nr. Har Bracha, 1 nr. Itamar). Late in the evening, Palestinians fire 5 mortars at an IDF post, a Jewish settlement in Gaza, causing no damage. (AP, MM, PCHR 8/28; HA, NYT, PM, WP, WT 8/29; BBC, MM 8/30; Peace Now press release 9/2; MEI 9/13)

Citing the alleged arms smuggling operation today and the mortar fire on 8/27, Ben-Elizer indefinitely postpones a mtg. with Yahya set for today to discuss the stalled Gaza First proposal; says the PA must first assert security control in the Strip before the IDF would redeploy. (AP, MM 8/28; MM, NYT, WP 8/29)
29 AUGUST

The IDF shells and raids Rafah, fatally shooting a 7-yr.-old Palestinian boy, demolishing 21 stores, firing at a Reuters camera crew (damaging a video camera but causing no injuries); conducts house searches, arrests in al-Safaya nr. Bayt Lahia; fires rubber-coated steel bullets at a Palestinian stone thrower in Amari r.c., seriously wounding him; fires on residential areas of Jenin, Khan Yunis. In Nablus, the IDF announces a temporary lifting of the curfew, immediately opens fire on Palestinians in the streets, forcing them to go back into their homes; occupies, searches, blows up part of the local PA headquarters; surrounds the Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRCS) center, barring ambulances fr. moving. The IDF admits that the 8/28 Shaykh Ajlin attack was an error. Ben-Eliezer agrees to meet with Yahya, but Yahya cancels to protest the Shaykh Ajlin deaths. (HA, MM, PM 8/29; MM, WP, WT 8/30; LAW, PCHR 9/4)

The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington announces that its annual fund-raising campaign brought in $20.5 m., up 8% from last year. Of that amount $11.8 m. will be used for projects in the greater Washington area, such as Jewish day schools and community centers, and $7.8 m. will go to Israel and diaspora Jewish communities in Argentina and Ethiopia. The $20.5 m. does not include an additional $18.3 m. the federation has raised for its Israel Emergency Campaign since fall 2001. (WJW 8/29)

30 AUGUST

In Jenin r.c., 3 IDF soldiers, 5 Palestinians are wounded in an exchange of gunfire. The IDF directs heavy machine gun fire, shells at residential areas of Jenin r.c. (wounding with live ammunition 3 Palestinian children who broke curfew), Khan Yunis; fires rubber-coated steel bullets at stone throwers in Amari r.c., wounding 2. In Tulkarm, the AMB fatally shoots a Palestinian woman who allegedly collaborated with Israel in the 1/14/02 assassination of AMB leader Ra‘id Karmi; the woman is the niece of the woman killed by the AMB on 8/24. (HA, JTA 8/30; NYT, WT 8/31; WP 9/1; NYT 9/2; LAW, PCHR 9/4)

Israeli Labor and Social Welfare M Shlomo Benizri (Shas) convenes the Israel Council for Demography, which has been inactive for 5 yrs., to draw up "guidelines on how to formulate a policy that will preserve Israel’s Jewish character." The main topics discussed are the “need to encourage [Jewish] families to have more children,” the “problem of foreign workers in Israel.” The council has 37 mbrs., including public figures, lawyers, scientists, physicians. (HA 8/30; HA, MM 9/9)

31 AUGUST

The IDF assassinates wanted AMB mbr. Rafat Daraghma, firing 4 missiles at his car in Tubas, also killing 2 Palestinian teenagers in the vehicle; 1 missile misses the car, hits a house, killing 2 Palestinian children, injuring 7 others; the main target of the attack, local AMB leader Jihad Sawafha, escapes. The IDF also conducts arrest raids in al-Bireh, Ramallah; the AMB assassinates 2 Hamas spokesmen, including Hassan Yusuf, bulldozes agricultural land in al-Qarara; shells residential areas of Khan Yunis; conducts arrest raids in 'Ayn Arik nr. Ramallah. A PFLP gunman infiltrates Brakha settlement nr. Nablus, wounding 2 before being shot dead by Jewish settlers. In Jaba’, AMB gunmen kill an alleged Palestinian collaborator. (NYT, WP, WT 9/1; AFP, MM, NYT 9/2; LAW, PCHR 9/4; MEI 9/13)

1 SEPTEMBER

The IDF fatally shoots 4 Palestinians nr. Hebron; the IDF initially claims it ambushed armed “terrorists” attempting to infiltrate Kiriya Arba settlement, later admits the men were unarmed and shot 2 mi. fr. any settlement. Israeli pres. Moshe Katsav orders an investigation into the spate of IDF attacks on unarmed Palestinian civilians since 8/28. The IDF also shells a fuel station, electricity generator in Rafah, cutting electricity to parts of the city; fires on residential areas of Jenin; conducts arrest raids in Anza (nr. Jenin), al-Farah r.c. A 5th Palestinian dies of injuries received on 8/24. (MM, NYT, PM, WP 9/2; LAW, PCHR 9/4; HA, MEI 9/13)

2 SEPTEMBER

The IDF fatally shoots a Palestinian who throws a grenade at an IDF checkpoint in Gaza, lightly injuring 1 soldier; sends tanks into Jenin, firing on the central market, wounding 1 Swedish journalist; conducts arrest raids in, around Jenin r.c.; demolishes 6 Palestinian homes in Zayf, s. of Hebron, leaving 50 Palestinians, including 26 children, homeless; opens a road nr. Netzarim, closed
a wk. ago, to Palestinian traffic. (LAW, PR 9/3; LAW, PCHR 9/4)

Bush appoints the fmr. president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and past chair of Israel Bonds as chmn. of the board of trustees of the Woodrow Wilson International Center. (WJW 9/12)

3 SEPTEMBER

IDF tanks fire shells at 2 Palestinians “moving suspiciously” near Brakha settlement, killing them. The IDF raids a Palestinian radio station in Nablus, confiscating all equipment; demolishes a Palestinian house in Rafah without warning, while its residents are sleeping (6 are injured before they manage to flee); fires on residential areas of Ramallah; raids, demolishes an Islamic charitable society orphanage in Bayt Awla nr. Hebron that houses 300 children under 12.

Jewish settlers seize a Palestinian house in East Jerusalem, nr. Jabal Mukabir, claiming they own the structure, which will be the basis of a new enclave. (JTA 9/3; LAW, PCHR, Radio Tariq al-Mahabbeh [Ramallah], WP 9/4; MEI 9/13)

The Israeli High Court rules that the government can banish to Gaza the West Bank relatives of Palestinians accused of staging attacks on Israelis only in “extreme cases” where “that person, by his own deeds, constitutes a danger to the security of the state.” The ruling argues that such forced transfer constitutes “assigned residence” under Articles 41–43 of the Fourth Geneva Convention, is therefore legal under international law. The court thus upholds an 8/12 military court order to expel to Gaza for 2 yrs. the brother, sister of senior AMB mbr. Ali Ajuri (assassinated 8/6/02) for allegedly aiding in the staging of the 7/17/02 Tel Aviv bombing; overrides an order to expel another Palestinian for lending a car, food to his brother, Naseer Assida, without knowing he was (allegedly) plotting the 7/16/02 ambush of a settler bus; Assida has not been captured. (HA, JP, MM 9/3; MM, NYT, WP 9/4; MM, WJW 9/5)

4 SEPTEMBER

The IDF transfers Intisar and Kifah Ajuri to Gaza (see 9/3), giving them each around $215, a change of clothes, a bottle of water and leaving them in a field, in a dangerous area nr. Netzarin settlement. The IDF fires on residential areas, bulldozes 2 dunams of agricultural land in Dayr al-Balah; conducts arrest raids in al-Yamun; fires on Palestinian residential areas of Hebron. (HA, LAW, PCHR 9/4; WP, WT 9/5; MEI 9/13)

As a counterbalance to its “Victims of Terror” Web site honoring Israelis killed in Palestinian attacks, CNN launches a “Palestinian Fatalities” site with 10 pictures of Palestinian civilians killed since 8/29; all but 1 photo shows burial ceremonies, mass demonstrations, crowds around destroyed buildings or cars, whereas the “Victims of Terror” site has 100s of portraits of each Israeli. (PMWATCH press release 9/4)

5 SEPTEMBER

Israeli border police manning a West Bank crossing intercept a car carrying a 1,300-lb. fertilizer-gasoline bomb, with a cell phone rigged as a detonator; 2 Palestinians escape. No group claims responsibility, but the IDF suspects Islamic Jihad. The IDF conducts arrest raids in Balata r.c., Nablus, Surif; raids a clinic in Bayt Lahia, halts an ambulance, detains and beats 1 paramedic; fires on residential areas of Rafah, on Palestinians waiting to cross a Dayr al-Balah–Khan Yunis checkpoint. Late in the evening, Palestinians fire a Qassam rocket in Gaza, luring a Merkava tank to the scene, then detonating a large roadside bomb under the tank, killing 2 IDF soldiers, wounding 2 (marking the 2d fatal roadside bombing of a tank; see 5/14/02); the popular resistance comms. (PRCs) take responsibility. Nr. Bayt Lahia, a Palestinian gunman ambushes an IDF patrol, killing 1 IDF soldier, wounding 1 before being shot dead. The IDF issues evacuation orders to 4 Palestinian families in Ras al-Amud, Silwan. (AP, MM 9/5; NYT, WP, WT 9/6; NYT 9/7; LAW, PCHR 9/11)

In response to the 2 Gaza attacks, Ben Elizer formally calls off implementation of Gaza First agmt. (WP 9/6)

6 SEPTEMBER

Before dawn, IDF helicopters rocket, destroy a Khan Yunis foundry believed to be a bomb-making factory. The IDF raids Jenin town, fatally shooting 2 Palestinians; conducts arrest raids in Bayt Lahia. (NYT, WP 9/6; NYT, WP, WT 9/7; LAW, PCHR 9/11)

An IDF investigation finds that soldiers acted appropriately in 3 recent attacks that killed 12 Palestinians: the 8/28 shelling of a bedouin family, the 8/31 Daraghma assassination, the shooting of 4 Palestinian laborers on 9/1. The IDF says soldiers adhered prop-
erly to open-fire regulations, but refuses to explain the regulations. (NYT, WP 9/7; MEI 9/13) (see 9/1)

7 SEPTEMBER

Before dawn, the IDF sends up to 40 armored personnel carriers (APCs) into Dayr al-Balah, taking over the PSF headquarters; conducting house searches; arresting 4 Palestinians (including local Islamic Jihad leader Mahir Bashir); demolishing 1 Palestinian home, 1 workshop and damaging 9 adjacent houses; bulldozing 46 dunams of olive, date palm groves. The IDF fires live ammunition at some 200 Palestinian students in Jenin who defy the curfew to throw stones at soldiers, wounding 4; fires rubber-coated steel bullets at Palestinian stone throwers at the entrance to Amari r.c., injuring 3; fires tear gas, rubber bullets at stone-throwing Palestinian youths violating the curfew in Ramallah; searches homes in al-Wafa nr. Dugit settlement; shells residential areas of Rafah. (NYT, WT 9/7; WP, WT 9/8; LAW, PCHR 9/11)

8 SEPTEMBER

The IDF shells a car nr. Rafah, killing 2 unarmed Palestinians; fires live ammunition at a mentally handicapped Palestinian woman who disobeys orders to stop at a Khan Yunis–Rafah checkpoint, wounding her; bulldozes more than 100 dunams of olive groves nr. al-Maghazi r.c. in Gaza; conducts house searches, arrests in Nablus; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis. Jewish settlers vandalize several vehicles, attack several Palestinian homes in Hebron. (WP 9/9; LAW, PCHR 9/11; MEI, PCHR 9/13)

9 SEPTEMBER

Before dawn, 60 IDF tanks encircle and raid Bureij r.c., Dayr al-Balah, Nussayrat r.c. in Gaza, demolishing 2 workshops, a Palestinian home belonging to a suspected militant. The IDF also bulldozes more than 100 dunams of agricultural land in al-Fukhari nr. Khan Yunis; conducts arrest raids in Asira Shamaliyya. Israeli police announce that 3 wks. ago, they arrested 3 alleged Hamas mbrs. fr. East Jerusalem on charges of planning to poison food at a Jerusalem café. (WP 9/9; LAW, PCHR 9/11; MEI 9/13)

Israel’s Interior M Yishai strips the citizenship of Israeli Arab Nihad Abu Kishak, accused of aiding a suicide bomber and membership in Hamas, the 1st time such a measure has been taken against an Israeli accused of a security offense. (HA 9/9; NYT 9/10; LAW, MM 9/11; MEI 9/13; PR 9/18)

In Ramallah, Arafat opens the 1st full session of the Palestinian Council (PC) since 5/15/02 with an address restating the PA’s recognition of Israel, commitment to the peace process, condemnation of suicide bombings, opposition to “all types of terrorism, whether it is state terror or individual terror.” (Gazan PC mbrs. attend by video link after Sharon bars 12 fr. traveling to Ramallah for “security reasons,” citing their “involvement in terror.”) Israel dismisses the statement, saying he did not specifically condemn suicide bombings for harming civilians, did not call for a complete halt to violence. The U.S. says the speech is weak, “we’ve seen remarks like that before,” the Palestinians deserve a better leadership. (AP, HA, MM, WP, WT 9/9; MM, NYT, WP, WT 9/10; AYM, al-Quds 9/10 in WNC 9/11; AP, MM 9/11; MEI 9/13; JT 9/13 in WNC 9/16; MEI 9/27; Globe and Mail 11/12)

10 SEPTEMBER

The IDF raids Beitunia, imposes a curfew, fires on and raids the local PA General Intelligence office, killing wanted Palestinian Mahmud Harfush, wounding 2 General Intelligence officers; conducts arrest raids in Da’ahariyya, Nablus; fires on Palestinian stone throwers in Yatta nr. Hebron, injuring 11; demolishes 2 Palestinian homes in Jenin. (LAW, PCHR 9/11; MEI 9/13)

The PC opens debate on approving the new Executive Authority (EA or cabinet) appointed by Arafat in 6/02; the vote of confidence is not held for lack of time. Many PC mbrs. argue that they should reject the EA to underline the need for substantive change in PA policy and style and because several EA mbrs. have been cited for corruption. (HA, MM, WT 9/10; NYT, WT 9/11)

11 SEPTEMBER

The IDF makes a major incursion into Bayt Hanun, raiding houses, mosques, civilian institutions; damaging service networks, agricultural land, houses; detaining several Palestinians. The IDF conducts house-to-house searches in, shells residential areas of al-Maghazi r.c., demolishing 2 Palestinian homes, detaining 6 Palestinians. (PCHR 9/11)

PC mbrs. continue highly critical debate on the new EA. Just before the vote of confi-
dence is held. Arafat announces that he has accepted the EA’s resignation. (HA, JP, MM, NYT, WP 9/12; alQuds 9/12, AN 9/13, QA 9/14 in WNC 9/16; MM, WT 9/13; Le Monde 9/14 in WNC 9/19; PR 9/18; JPI 9/20; MEI 9/27; CSM 10/1)

12 SEPTEMBER

The IDF demolishes 2 Palestinian homes nr. Gaza City, damaging 8 others; halts an ambulance nr. Nablus, taking a relative of the patient into custody; fires tear gas at PRCS property, ambulances, paramedics in Nablus, Tulkarm. Palestinians fire 2 mortars, a rocket fr. Gaza into Israel, damaging 1 home, causing no injuries; the IDF believes the rocket was a new, larger Qassam-3, with a range of up to 12 km. Palestinian gunmen fire at a Jewish settler vehicle nr. Tulkarm, injuring 1 settler. A Palestinian dies of injuries received on 9/10. An Israeli court indicts 4 East Jerusalem Palestinians for murder for their alleged role in the 7/31/02 Hebrew University bombing. A Palestinian indicted in civilian court on terrorism charges on 7/30 is convicted, sentenced to 22 yrs. Israel announces that 6 wks. ago it arrested 10 bedouin IDF soldiers fr. the Galilee on charges of spying for Hizballah. (JTA 9/12; HA, WP 9/13; LAW, PCHR 9/18; PCHR 9/20; HA 10/23; MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/24; MM 10/29)

In a speech to the opening session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA) a day after the 1st anniversary of the al-Qa’ida attacks on the U.S., Bush warns the UN to take action quickly to force Iraq to “unconditionally accept” inspection, disarmament of its chemical and biological weapons and nuclear research facilities, intimating that the U.S. will take action unilaterally if the UN does not. Bush also reiterates his support for the creation of “an independent and democratic Palestinian living side by side with Israel in peace and security,” adding that “Palestinians deserve a government that serves their interests and listens to their voices.” (Jerusalem Times, NYT, WP, WT 9/12; HA, MM 9/13; AYM 9/13, MENA, alQuds 9/14, MENA 9/15 in WNC 9/16; NYT 9/14; JT, WP 9/15; MM 9/17; MEI 9/27)

The American Jewish Comm., Israel 21c (a Silicon Valley–based group supported by executives of high-tech companies) launch an ad campaign to run on cable TV news stations in 100 U.S. cities promoting Israel’s side in its conflict with the Palestinians, portraying Israel as the only democratic country and country sharing American values in the Middle East. (JTA 9/17; AP 9/18; WJW 9/19, 9/26)

13 SEPTEMBER

Before dawn, the IDF raids Brazil r.c. and Rafah, conducting house-to-house searches, raiding and destroying equipment in local Fatah offices, bulldozing 8 Palestinian homes, 6 suspected weapons factories, damaging 17 houses and 3 factories, sparking an exchange of gunfire with Palestinians, killing 1 AMB mbr., wounding 6 Palestinians. The IDF also conducts arrest raids in Tubas. A mysterious explosion destroys a house in Gaza, killing 3 Palestinians (including wanted Fatah mbr. Iyad Sharif), injuring 4; the IDF claims a bomb Sharif was preparing exploded prematurely. Palestinians fire a Qassam rocket (possibly a Qassam-3) at an IDF convoy escorting a settler bus nr. Netzarim, causing no damage. (AP, HA, PM, WP, WT 9/13; NYT, WP, WT 9/14; PCHR 9/17, 9/18)

14 SEPTEMBER

The IDF sends tanks into Jenin, fires on residential areas; bulldozes 23 dunams of agricultural land nr. Kefar Darom settlement; conducts an arrest raid in Bir al-Basha nr. Jenin. (LAW, PCHR 9/18)

15 SEPTEMBER

The IDF occupies 3 apartments in a Palestinian building in Ramallah; fires on residential areas of Jenin, Tulkarm; bulldozes 4 small olive groves nr. Kefar Darom settlement. (PCHR 9/18)

16 SEPTEMBER

The IDF fatally shoots an Egyptian man visiting Gaza at a checkpoint nr. Gush Katif settlement; the IDF claims he threw grenades at soldiers, Palestinians say he was a passenger in a taxi. The IDF bulldozes another 20 dunams of agricultural land nr. Kefar Darom (see 9/14, 9/15); fires tank shells at an ambulance nr. Nablus, damaging the vehicle. In Bayt Lahia, AMB, Hamas stage a rally against recent IDF incursions in the area. (HA, WP 9/17; PCHR 9/18, 9/20)

17 SEPTEMBER

In Nablus, 9 schools hold classes in violation of the ongoing curfew; the IDF blocks 3 other schools fr. opening. In Yatta, a nail
bomb explodes in the courtyard of an elementary school while classes are in session, lightly injuring 8 Palestinian children: a 2d bomb is found, defused by the IDF; the IDF believes Jewish settlers staged the attack. In Tulkarm, a 14-yr.-old Palestinian is killed in a mysterious explosion; the IDF claims he was making a bomb. The IDF demolishes 9 Palestinian foundries in Khan Yunis allegedly used to manufacture mortars; demolishes 1 Palestinian home in Rafah; conducts arrest raids in Khan Yunis, Nablus; fires on a group of Palestinian children in Askar r.c., wounding 3 teenagers. (HA, REU 9/17; AP, JP, LAW, NYT, PCHR, PM, PR, WP, WT 9/18; AYM 9/20 in WNC 9/23)

The Quartet (the European Union [EU], Russia, UN, U.S.), reps. of Israel and the PA meet in New York on the sidelines of the UNGA opening session. The EU presents the Quartet with a draft “road map” for creation of a Palestinian state with provisional borders in 2003 and full Palestinian statehood by 6/05, the plausible target date mentioned by Bush in his 6/24/02 speech. (REU 9/17; MM, PR, WT 9/18; WJW 9/19; AYM, al-Quds 9/19 in WNC 9/20; AYM 9/20 in WNC 9/23; JT 9/24 in WNC 9/24; MEI 9/27) (see Quarterly Update)

18 SEPTEMBER

In the 1st bombing since 8/4/02, an Islamic Jihad suicide bomber detonates a device at a bus stop in Umm al-Fahm, in Israel, killing 1 Israeli policeman, wounding a 2d policeman, 1 Israeli Arab. An AMB gunman ambushes a Jewish settler vehicle nr. Jenin, killing 1 Jewish settler, injuring a Rumanian worker; a 2d Jewish settler is found murdered in East Jerusalem; an alleged Palestinian collaborator is found murdered, apparently by Hamas. The IDF fatally shoots a Palestinian at a roadblock, claiming he attempted to run over soldiers; conducts house-to-house searches in Rafah, bulldozing 1 Palestinian home, firing on a UN delegation touring earlier damage; bulldozes 2 Palestinian homes in Abu Dis belonging to the families of suicide bombers; demolishes 34 residential units in a General Union of Palestinian Workers housing project in ‘Ayn Sinya nr. Ramallah; fires on residential areas of Bayt Hanun, banning an ambulance fr. retrieving at least 1 injured Palestinian; bulldozes, paves over 5 dunams of agricultural land nr. Khan Yunis for a new settler bypass road. According to the IDF, Palestinians fire 3 antitank missiles at an IDF post nr. Rafah, causing no damage. (AP, JTA, LAW, PCHR, REU 9/18; HA, NYT, WP, WT 9/19; QA 9/19 in WNC 9/20; MM 9/20; NYT 9/21; MM 9/24; PCHR, PR 9/25; MEI 9/27; WT 10/26)

19 SEPTEMBER

A Hamas suicide bomber detonates a device on a bus in Tel Aviv, killing 5 Israelis, injuring more than 50. Sharon convenes his cabinet, which unanimously decides to launch Operation Matter of Time to “isolate” Arafat, calls for the immediate extradition of around 20 wanted Palestinians (including Force 17 head Mahmud Damara, PA General Intelligence chief Tawfiq Tirawi) allegedly among the 200 Palestinians hiding in Arafat’s offices (8 surrender in the evening). The IDF immediately reimposes 24-hr. curfews on all West Bank areas except Hebron; sends tanks into Ramallah to surround Arafat’s offices (1 tank fatally shoots a 10-yr.-old Palestinian boy 6 times; troops shoot, wound 2 Arafat bodyguards in the PA headquarters compound); fires on “Palestinian schoolchildren challenging the army’s attempt to impose a curfew” in Amari r.c., killing an 11-yr.-old Palestinian; shells residential areas of Rafah; conducts arrest raids in Bayt Hanun (where an IDF tank runs over a roadside bomb, injuring 2 soldiers), Jenin r.c. (blowing up 1 Palestinian home), Nablus, Qalqilya, the Tulkarm area; bulldozes 19 dunams of agricultural land nr. Kefar Darom settlement Jewish settlers open fire on a Palestinian taxi nr. Tulkarm, seriously injuring the driver. (AP, HA, JTA, LAW, MM, PM 9/19; ATL, ITAR-TASS 9/19 in WNC 9/20; MM, NYT, WP, WT 9/20; Interfax, MA, Radio Monte Carlo 9/20 in WNC 9/23; MEZ, NYT 9/21; AYM 9/23 in WNC 9/25; LAW, PCHR, PR 9/25; MA 9/25 in WNC 9/26; WJW 9/26; MEI 9/27)

20 SEPTEMBER

In Ramallah, the IDF blows up 6 buildings (including the 4-story PA Interior Min.) in the PA compound, destroys 11 caravans that temporarily house PSF offices, leaving the building in which Arafat is taking shelter the only structure in the compound still intact; digs a trench around Arafat’s building and fires on, demolishes staircases inside to keep him confined to 1 floor; another 20 Palestinians surrender to the IDF, but Israel says none of them are among the wanted Palestinians; an IDF
sniper fatally shoots a PSF officer nr. the compound. The IDF makes a predawn raid on an area of Gaza City, fatally shooting 2 Palestinians, blowing up 6 metal workshops, damaging 2 nearby workshops, 5 stores, and 10s of houses. In response, Palestinians detonate a roadside bomb nr. an IDF patrol in Gaza, injuring 1 IDF soldier, 1 border policeman. The IDF also raids Rafah, firing live ammunition and tank shells at residential areas, killing 2 Palestinian boys; closes PLO Jerusalem offices; and advises Sari Nusseibeh’s offices in Jerusalem (see Quarterly Update in JPS 125) as well as offices of a Palestinian sports team union and the Jerusalem Society of Culture and Art, confiscating computers; conducts arrest raids in Burqa. A Scottish teenager injured in the 9/19 Tel Aviv bombing dies of his injuries, bringing that toll to 6. (HA, NYT, PM, WP 9/20; AFP, MENA 9/20, QA 9/21 in WNC 9/23; MEZ, NYT, WP, WT 9/21; LAW, PCHR, PR 9/25; MM 9/26; MEI 9/27)

21 SEPTEMBER

In Ramallah, the IDF continues demolition work at the PA compound, setting fire to storehouses, bulldozing the Ramallah governate building; says it now seeks the extradition of 50 Palestinians inside Arafat’s offices; warns those inside the remaining building to evacuate or risk being harmed when the IDF blows it up, prompting 1,000s of Palestinians to take to the street in protest, despite the curfew. The IDF fires stun grenades, live ammunition at the crowds, killing 2 Palestinians (including a journalist with Voice of Palestine). (After al-Jazeera TV broadcasts news of the spontaneous Ramallah demonstrations, 1,000s of Palestinians violate the curfews in Jenin, Nablus, Tulkarm and rally in Gaza to protest; the IDF kills 1 Palestinian protester in Nablus, a 2d Palestinian in Tulkarm and demolishes 2 Palestinian homes in Qabatya, Qalqilya.) None of the Palestinians in the Ramallah compound evacuates, the IDF does not blow up the building; unnamed Israeli officials suggest the threat was “psychological combat” aimed at making living conditions so unbearable for Arafat that he seeks refuge abroad. The IDF also conducts arrest raids in al-Fara’ r.c., Jenin, Rafah; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis, Rafah; fires on an ambulance in Nablus, damaging it, wounding 1 Palestinian bystander. (PM 9/21; MENA 9/21, ITAR-TASS, XIN 9/22 in WNC 9/23; NYT, PM, WP, WT 9/22; HA 9/23; alQuds 9/23 in WNC 9/24; MM 9/24; LAW, PCHR, PR 9/25; MEI, MM 9/27; PRCS press release 9/27)

22 SEPTEMBER

Under pressure fr. the U.S., Israel halts demolitions in the PA’s Ramallah compound, though soldiers maintain the siege and raise an Israeli flag atop the remaining building where Arafat and his men are holed up. 1,000s of Palestinians defy curfews across at residential areas, killing 2 Palestinians and their families nr. the Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron, allowing her to die; fires live ammunition at stone-throwing Palestinian youths in Khan Yunis, wounding 2; demolishes a Palestinian home in Bayt Wazzan; conducts arrest raids in Beitunia, Burqa. A Palestinian gunman opens fire on Jewish settlers nr. the Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron, killing 1 Jewish settler, wounding 3. Palestinians in Ramallah defy the curfew for a 3d day to protest the IDF’s ongoing siege of Arafat’s headquarters. (HA 9/23; AFP, al-Quds 9/23 in WNC 9/24; MM, NYT, WP 9/24; LAW, PCHR 9/25; PRCS press release 9/27)

23 SEPTEMBER

The IDF bars the transportation of an ailing Palestinian infant to a hospital in Hebron, allowing her to die; fires live ammunition at stone-throwing Palestinian protesters in Tulkarm, wounding 2; demolishes 2 Palestinian homes in Qabatya, Qalqilya.) None of the Palestinians in the Ramallah compound evacuates, the IDF does not blow up the building; unnamed Israeli officials suggest the threat was “psychological combat” aimed at making living conditions so unbearable for Arafat that he seeks refuge abroad. The IDF also conducts arrest raids in al-Fara’ r.c., Jenin, Rafah; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis, Rafah; fires on an ambulance in Nablus, damaging it, wounding 1 Palestinian bystander. (PM 9/21; MENA 9/21, ITAR-TASS, XIN 9/22 in WNC 9/23; NYT, PM, WP, WT 9/22; HA 9/23; alQuds 9/23 in WNC 9/24; MM 9/24; LAW, PCHR, PR 9/25; MEI, MM 9/27; PRCS press release 9/27)

24 SEPTEMBER

Before dawn, the IDF launches a major incursion (90 tanks, bulldozers, helicopter cover) into Gaza City and Bayt Lahia, killing 9 Palestinians (including wanted local AMB leader Muhammad Kishku, senior Izzeddin al-Qassam Brigades mbr. Yasin Nassar in what may be assassinations), wounding 24, blowing up 1 Palestinian home, 13 metal workshops. Palestinians detonate a roadside bomb underneath 1 of the 20 tanks entering Gaza City, disabling it, injuring 2 IDF soldiers (see 9/5). Israel says the incursions are the start of a major campaign in the Gaza Strip targeting Hamas, though troops withdraw fr. Gaza City by the end of the day. The IDF also fires live ammunition at stone-throwing children in Bayt

After 2 days of debate, the UN Security Council (UNSC) passes (14-0, with the U.S. abstaining) Res. 1435 on the siege in Ramallah, which expresses grave concern over the Palestinians’ humanitarian plight and reoccupation of Palestinian cities, “demands” Israel’s immediate halt of attacks on the PA headquarters. The IDF says its operations will continue “until their objectives are met.” (HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 9/24; ATL, MENA 9/24 in WNC 9/25; HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 9/25; *al-Quds*, XIN 9/25 in WNC 9/26; DUS 9/25 in WNC 10/1; AP, HA, MM, NYT, WJW, WT 9/26; JT 10/7 in WNC 10/8; MEI 10/11)

**25 SEPTEMBER**

The IDF demolishes 3 Palestinian homes in Dura; bulldozes 3 homes and farm land nr. Netzarim settlement in Gaza; fires on stone-throwing Palestinian youths nr. Bayt Hanun and Kefar Darom, wounding 13; fatally shoots 1 Palestinian in his Jenin home;Balah, Jenin. 100s of Palestinians defy curfews in West Bank cities to hold peaceful marches marking the 2d anniversary of the 3 Qassam rockets into the Negev, lightly injuring 4 Israelis, damaging 1 house; fire on a settler vehicle nr. Ramallah, injuring 2 Jewish settlers. Jewish settlers announce the completion of 14 permanent housing units in Rehelim nr. Nablus. The PA says it has arrested 11 Palestinian collaborators who aided Israel in various assassinations. (HA, LAW, PCHR 9/25; *al-Quds* 9/25 in WNC 9/26; CNN, HA, LAW, NYT 9/26; UN press release 10/1; LAW, PCHR 10/2)

**26 SEPTEMBER**

IDF helicopters fire 2 missiles at 2 cars in Gaza City in its 4th attempt to assassinate most-wanted Izzeddin al-Qassam Brigades mbr. Muhammad Dayif. 2 Hamas mbrs. are killed, Dayif escapes with moderate wounds, some 30 bystanders (including 15 children) are injured. The IDF intercepts an explosives-packed Palestinian car at al-Ram checkpoint nr. Tulkarm, allegedly en route to stage a car bombing in Jerusalem. In Kefar Labid nr. Tulkarm, IDF commandos conduct an arrest raid, prompting an exchange of gunfire that leaves senior Hamas mbr. Nashat Abu Jabara. 1 IDF officer dead; then demolish Abu Jabara’s home. The IDF also arbitrarily imposes a curfew in Hebron, then fires tear gas, rubber bullets at Palestinians in Hebron’s market, killing a Palestinian infant; fatally shoots another Palestinian in Gaza; demolishes 1 Palestinian home, bulldozes more than 60 dunams of agricultural land nr. Bayt Hanun; demolishes 1 Palestinian home in Qabatya; bulldozes 20 dunams of agricultural land nr. Bayt Lahia; directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Khan Yunis. Palestinian gunmen fire on a settler vehicle nr. Hebron, injuring 4 Jewish settlers. Jewish settlers dedicate the new HaGefen neighborhood of 1,150 housing units in Beitar Illit; then demolishes Abu Jabara’s home. The new enclave of Migron nr. Psagot, comprising 30 families. (AP, CNN, HA 9/26; HA, LAW, MM, NYT, PCHR, PR 9/26; AP, HA, MM, NYT, WJW, WT 9/27; NYT 9/28; MM 9/30; QA 9/30 in WNC 10/1; LAW, PCHR, PR 10/2; PCHR 10/3; MEI 10/11)

**27 SEPTEMBER**

The IDF fatally shoots wanted Palestinian Muhammad Yaghmur nr. Hebron in an apparent assassination; shells residential areas of, conducts arrest raids in Dayr al-Balah, Jenin. **100s of Palestinians** defy curfews in West Bank cities to hold peaceful marches marking the 2d anniversary of the al-Aqsa intifada. In Gaza City and Khan Yunis, **1,000s of Palestinians** protest against the 9/26 IDF missile strike targeting Dayif. The IDF fires tear gas, rubber-coated steel bullets at stone-throwing youths in Khan Yunis (seriously injuring a Palestinian boy), Ramallah. Israeli police arrest 3 Israeli Arabs in Ramla on suspicion of plotting an attack for Hamas; bar Palestinians under age 40 fr. attending Friday prayers at al-Aqsa Mosque. (NYT, WP 9/28; LAW, PCHR, PR 10/2; HA 10/7)

U.S. Amb. to Israel Daniel Kurtzer delivers a personal message fr. Bush to Sharon, asking the PM to quickly end the IDF siege on Arafat’s Ramallah offices, noting that Israel’s continued defiance of the 9/24 UNSC res. is hurting U.S. efforts to build a coalition against Iraq; Secy. of State Colin Powell, National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice follow up with phone calls.
Sharon sends his bureau chief Dov Weiss footage of clashes from a Reuters cameraman. The IDF also fires on residential areas of Hebron, Gaza City, (killing 1 Palestinian); conducts arrest raids in Beitunia, Burkin, Hebron (reportedly detaining 5 mbrs. of a cell that has staged roadside bombings in the area), Qabatiyya, Tulkarm, al-Yamun; fires tank shells at residential areas of Gaza, leaving 1 Palestinian woman clinically dead (the IDF claims it was responding to mortar fire). In Ramallah, the IDF surrounds, shells a building where it claims some of the wanted Palestinians who hid in Arafat’s offices during the siege are located; demands their surrender. (HA 9/30; HA, NYT, WP, WT 10/1; LAW, MM, PCHR 10/2; PCHR 10/3; MEI 10/11)

Bush signs the FY 2003 Foreign Relations Authorization Act, which requires the admin. to identify Jerusalem as Israel’s capital. Bush says that he interprets the wording on Jerusalem as a “sense of Congress,” not as binding on U.S. policy. The bill also urges the pres. to impose sanctions on the Palestinians if they do not comply with signed agreements; withholds $10 m. of $35 m. in economic aid to Lebanon for failing to assert its Ramallah authority over Hizballah; provides an additional $300 m. in aid to Israel, including $100 m. for munitions; rejects equivalent aid for Egypt. (Israel says the other $200 m. is going to be used to cover shortfalls in the defense budget.) (HA, JP, LAW, NYT, WP, WT 10/1; MM, NYT, PR, WT 10/2; Gulf Times [Doha], MENA, al-Quds 10/2 in WNC 10/3; MM 10/3; MENA 10/4 in WNC 10/7; PR 10/9; MEI 10/11) (See Docs. D1, D2)

The IDF snipers occupy buildings overlooking Arafat’s Ramallah compound, including at least 1 Palestinian home and the PA Culture Min., Ben-Eliezer says the purpose is “to put [our] hands on all those inside who are suspects if they try to come out.” After allowing visits twice in the past 2 wks., Ben-Eliezer orders the IDF to bar Jewish worshipers fr. Joseph’s Tomb in Nablus for safety reasons. (HA 10/1; NYT, WT 10/2)

1 OCTOBER

The IDF demolishes 1 Palestinian home in Tamun; clashes with Palestinians in Silat al-Haratiyya, injuring 9; fires on residential areas of Jenin; conducts house-to-house searches in Juhur al-Dik nr. Gaza City, de-
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taining more than 100 Palestinians, taking
them to Neve Dekalim settlement for interro-
gation (all but 6, who are taken to jail in
Israel, are released after 9 hrs.). 

IDF soldiers
discover a package bomb at a gas station in
Afula; the device is disarmed; no group
claims responsibility. 

Palestinians throw
an explosive device at an 

IDF vehicle nr. Askar
r.c., lightly injuring 1 soldier. 

Jewish settlers
fr. Tapuach nr. Hebron harvest 

Palestinian olive trees
while Palestinian residents are
under curfew, shoot at international peace
activists who attempt to intervene. 

Israel
says it has arrested 

alleged West Bank
Arab Liberation Front (ALF)
leader
Rakad Salim
on charges of paying families of Palestinian suicide bombers, other Palest-

inians wounded or killed during the intifada
on behalf of 

Iraq. (HA, LAW, PCHR, Rabbis
for Human Rights press release 10/2; HA
10/3; PCHR 10/9)

3 OCTOBER

The IDF fires on Palestinians in Jenin,
killing 1 Palestinian vendor in the central
market; conducts arrest raids in Satar al-
Gharbiyya. 

Palestinians fire on workers
building Israeli security fence nr. Baqa’ al-
Gharbiyya, killing 1 Israeli Arab laborer. 

Nr. Hebron, 

Palestinian, Jewish peace activists, local 

Palestinians attempt to harvest Palestinian olive groves, keep 

Palestinian settlers away
(see 10/2); when settlers become increas-
ingly hostile, the 

IDF intervenes, ordering 

peace activists, Palestinians to leave, then
leaving the area themselves, allowing settlers
to move in. 

Palestinian settlers also confiscate a 

Palestinian home
in Hebron’s old city. 

(HA, JTA, NYT, PM 10/3; MA 10/3 in WNC
10/4; AP 10/4; PCHR, PR 10/9)

An Israeli security delegation
(comprising DMin. dir. gen. Amos Yaron, IDF pol-
icy planning head Maj. Gen. Giora Eiland)
arrives in Washington to consult with 

U.S. officials
(including Dep. Defense Secy. Paul
Wolowitz, Dep. Secy. of State Richard Armit-
age) ahead of a possible attack on 

Iraq. (HA
10/3; MM 10/4; HA 10/8)

4 OCTOBER

After Friday prayers

Palestinians inside the al-Aqsa Mosque compound pelt of-

IDF officers outside the complex with stones in
protest of 

Bush’s decision to sign legislation
requiring U.S. recognition of 

united Jerusalem
as Israel’s capital. Some 50 Israeli po-

lice storm the 

Haram al-Sharif/Temple

Mount, fire tear gas and sun grenades at
Palestinian worshipers leaving al-Aqsa
Mosque. The IDF fatally shoots

Palestinian
at a checkpoint in Barata nr. Hebron;

fires on residential areas of Jenin, wounding
at least 3, including a 15-yr.-old Palestinian
hit inside his home, barred evacuation to a
hospital, bleeds to death (the IDF admits that
soldiers violated open-fire regulations); 

fires on a Palestinian taxi breaking curfew in Na-
blus, seriously injuring the driver, a 12-yr.-
old Palestinian bystander; conducts arrest
raids in Dura, Hebron; bulldozes a PSF
post, says it has arrested

alleged West Bank
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for Human Rights press release 10/2; HA
10/3; PCHR 10/9)

5 OCTOBER

The IDF fires on stone-throwing Palestin-
ian youths violating the curfew in Nablus,
killing 1 Palestinian teenager; sends an APC
into the demolished areas of 

Arafat’s Ramal-
lah compound for the 1st time since the IDF
pulback on 9/29 (pulls it out by the end of
the day); arbitrarily reimposes a curfew on
Jenin, immediately firing on a taxi, seriously
wounding the driver. 

Palestinian settlers attack 

Palestinians picking olives in Aqraba, pistol
whipping several, stealing the day’s harvest.

(PM 10/5; XIN 10/5 in WNC 10/7; NYT, WP,
WT 10/6; NYT 10/8; PCHR 10/9)

6 OCTOBER

In Jenin r.c., Islamic Jihad mbrr. Samir
Nursi is fatally shot in an exchange of gun-
fire with an IDF soldier. 

Palestinian settlers fire on Palestinians harvesting olive groves in
Aqraba village, killing 1 Palestinian,
wounding another. A Palestinian taxi
driver dies of injuries received on 10/5. 

IDF soldiers fire on a herd of cows on a Palestinian
farm nr. Jabaliya r.c., killing 3 cows,
wounding several others. (NYT, WP, WT
10/7; PCHR, Radio Tariq al-Mahabbeh
[Ramallah] 10/9)

7 OCTOBER

Before dawn, the IDF sends 40 tanks and
helicopters into Khan Yunis, occupying and
blowing up buildings, firing on residential
areas, killing a total of 

Palestinians, in
one incident a missile fired by an IDF heli-
copter at a Palestinian crowd kills

Palest-
tinians, wounds more than 100; in a 2d incident, troops fire on a hospital where 100s of Palestinians are gathered to check on the status of relatives, leaving a hospital worker clinically dead, seriously injuring 3 (including a child shot in the neck), and firing grenades at the admin., office, equipment and supplies dept., training dept., and other facilities. The IDF says the raid is part of its new strategy to put pressure on Hamas (see 9/24), calling Khan Yunis a “nest of terror.” The IDF lifts the day curfew on w. Nablus; shoots at, mortally wounds a Palestinian motorist on the Nablus–Qalqilya road, blocks an ambulance fr. reaching him, allowing him to bleed to death; shells around an elementary school in Jenin while class is in session, causing damage to the school but no injuries; raids a school in the al-Mawasi area of Gaza, arresting 1 staff mbr.; bulldozes 78 dunams of olive groves nr. Jabaliya r.c. In Gaza City, masked Palestinian gunmen kidnap, murder PSF riot police chief Raghib Abu Lahiya. An attempt by PSF officers to arrest the assailants sparks a clash that leaves 5 Hamas mbrs., dead, 30 other Palestinians injured; Hamas denies involvement, says one of its mbrs. whose brother was killed by Abu Lahiya on 10/1/01 arranged the murder as a personal vendetta. (AP, HA, JTA, MM, PM, WP, WT 10/7; AFP 10/7 in WNC 10/8; MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/8; AFP, MENA, al-Quds, XIN 10/8 in WNC 10/9; AP, MM, NYT, PCHR, PR, WP, WT 10/9; AKH, SA 10/9 in WNC 10/15; NYT, PM, WP 10/10; MEI 10/11; JPI 10/18; MEI 10/25; JPI 11/8)

8 OCTOBER

The IDF fires on stone-throwing Palestinian youths in Bayt Lahia, Jenin, Rafah r.c. (killing a 12-yr.-old Palestinian girl inside her house); kills 1 Palestinian nr. Tulkarm who was allegedly en route to stage a suicide bombing; fires on a busload of university students in Jenin, wounding 8; conducts arrest raids in Hebron, Nablus, Ramallah, Tulkarm. 2 Palestinians die of injuries received in the 10/7 IDF attack on Khan Yunis, which Sharon describes as a “success” despite the fact that the IDF failed to capture or kill 2 Hamas mbrs. targeted in the attack. Palestinians fire on a settler vehicle nr. Hebron, wounding 4 Jewish settlers. Jewish settlers assault Palestinians on the street, break windows of Palestinian cars; the IDF reinforces troops in the city, reimposes a curfew, but does not intervene to stop settler attacks. (HA, NYT, PCHR, PM, WP, WT 10/9)

9 OCTOBER

The IDF makes a predawn raid on Salfit, imposing a curfew, blowing up 2 Palestinian homes; fires on Palestinian protesters in Rafah, killing 2 Palestinian teenagers, wounding 25 others (including a 1-yr.-old boy); lifts the day curfew on e. Nablus (see 10/7); fires on residential areas and 2 schoolyards in Khan Yunis, injuring 8 Palestinians (at least 4 of them children). The IDF removes caravans fr. 2 unoccupied settler outposts in the West Bank; Jewish settlers dismantle 2 other unoccupied outposts. Jewish settlers block, attack a group of 5 international peace activists, 100 Palestinians attempting to reach Palestinian olive groves btw. Elon Moreh and Tamam settlements, injuring 6 Palestinians; the IDF intervenes, orders Palestinians to leave. Israel releases Reuters journalist Yussry al-Jamal whom the IDF has held without charge since arresting him 5 mos. ago during Operation Defensive Shield; 3 other Palestinian journalists detained in 4/02, a reporter for al-Quds and 2 photographers for Agence France-Presse, are still being held. Israel also links Tubas, injured; Hamas denies involvement, says 21 surrounding villages to the Israeli electricity grid; the PA funded the $517,000 cost of the link-up. (HA, MM, PCHR 10/9; HA, NYT, PM, WP, WT 10/10)

10 OCTOBER

A Hamas suicide bomber, prevented fr. getting on a bus nr. Israel’s Bar Ilan Junction, detonates his device nearby, killing 1 Israeli, injuring 16. The IDF sends tanks into Rafah, fatally shoots 2 Palestinians, demolishes 9 Palestinian homes; conducts arrest raids in 20 villages around Ramallah, detaining 55 Palestinians; places a curfew on Hebron after Palestinian gunmen in the area fire on nearby Tal Rumayda settlement, causing no injuries; bulldozes 100 acres of olive groves, 5 wells nr. Jabaliya. 2 Palestinians die of injuries sustained earlier (1 in the IDF shelling of Khan Yunis on 10/7, bringing the toll of that incident to 17). The IDF evacuates 1 inhabited, 1 uninhabited settler outpost, says it plans to dismantle 24 such outposts (only 3 of them thought to be occupied) within the next 6 wks. Jewish settlers dismantle 6 unoccupied outposts themselves. The PA calls on Hamas to turn over mbrs. involved in the 10/7 Abu Lahiya murder, 20,000 attend Abu Lahiya’s funeral in Gaza. (HA, MM 10/10; HA, MM, NYT, PM, WP, WT 10/11; In-

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11 OCTOBER

Israel security forces guarding the U.S. emb. in Tel Aviv capture a Palestinian suicide bomber when he bolts fr. the entrance of a nearby café after his explosives belt set off a metal detector; no one is injured. Jewish settlers fire on Palestinians harvesting olives nr. Nablus, causing no injuries; the IDF intervenes, arresting 6 Palestinians, barring others fr. continuing the harvest. Jewish settlers set fire to an olive grove nr. Ramallah, destroying around 2,000 trees. (HA, MM 10/11; NYT, WP 10/12; WT 10/13; MM 10/14; LAW, PCHR, PR 10/16)

Some 5,000 Palestinian evang. hold a rally in solidarity with Israel on the sidelines of a Christian Coalition conference in Washington. Addressing the rally, Christian Coalition founder Pat Robertson states that “Palestine has been occupied by Yasir Arafat and his thugs … [and] we cannot turn it over to them.” House majority whip Tom DeLay (R-TX) declares that when he visited the Jewish state, “I didn’t see any occupied territory—what I saw was Israel.” (WJW 10/17; JPI 10/25; Guardian 10/28)

Senate passes (77-23) a concurrent res. approved by the House (296-133) on 10/10 giving Bush the authority to strike Iraq uni-laterally, meaning he needs no further congressional approval to deploy troops, order air strikes, wage a ground war with Iraq. The Pentagon issues orders for the army’s V Corps, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force to deploy headquarters staffs, which would coordinate an attack on Iraq, to Kuwait, marking the 1st official nonroutine dispatch of conventional ground forces to the Gulf. (NYT, WP, WT 10/11; NYT 10/12)

12 OCTOBER

The IDF fatally shoots a Palestinian farmer and demolishes a chicken farm, irrigation system in Abasan; bulldozes 6 dunams of Palestinian land nr. Kefar Darom; uses an ambulance carrying patients as cover for firing on stone-throwing Palestinians in Nablus. In Hebron, Jewish settlers bar the muezzin at the Ibrahimi Mosque/Tomb of the Patriarchs fr. giving the call to prayer; invade Waqf offices, vandalizing equipment, making a bonfire out of documents (including deeds to all Waqf property in the city); break into a local Palestinian school, spray painting walls with “Death to Arabs;” Stars of David. Jewish settlers fire on Palestinians harvesting olives nr. Nablus, causing no injuries; the IDF intervenes, arresting 6 Palestinians, barring others fr. continuing the harvest. Jewish settlers set fire to an olive grove nr. Ramallah, destroying around 2,000 trees. (HA, MM 10/14; LAW, PCHR 10/16)

13 OCTOBER

AMB mbr. Muhammad Ubayyat is killed when a bomb in a pay phone he is using explodes; the IDF apparently intended to assassinate Ubayyat’s brother, Bethlehem tanzim cmdr. Nassir Ubayyat, and killed Muhammad in error. The IDF makes a pre-dawn raid on Rafah r.c., demolishing 6 Palestinian homes allegedly hiding tunnels to Egypt, killing 2 Palestinians (including a 4 yr. old crushed by a falling wall), wounding 25, bulldozing 10 dunams of land; fatally shoots 2 Palestinians nr. the Rafah border; fires on a Palestinian vehicle nr. Jenin, killing 1 Palestinian woman, injuring 2 others; fatally shoots a stone-throwing Palestinian teenager in Tulkarm; bulldozes 3 bird farms, a water network in Abasan; demolishes a Palestinian home in Jenin; conducts arrest raids in Hebron, Jenin, Ramallah. (LAW, NYT, PM, WP, WT 10/14; LAW, PCHR 10/16)

14 OCTOBER

The IDF fatally shoots 2 Islamic Jihad mbrs., Wassim Saba’na and Muhammad Musa, in Nablus in what is likely an assassination; shoots at a “suspicious figure” nr. a Jewish settlement nr. Nablus, wounding 1 Palestinian; demolishes 1 Palestinian home in Jenin; fires on a Birzeit University dormitory; shells residential areas of Bayt Hanun, Khan Yunis; conducts arrest raids in Jenin, Rantis; lifts curfews on Nablus, Tulkarm, Ramallah for several hrs. Late in the evening, the IDF raids Dayr al-Balah, bulldozes 25 dunams of agricultural land. Palestinians detonate a roadside bomb nr. an IDF APC in Nablus, another device nr. Qalqilya, neither causing damage. In Hebron, Jewish settlers assault Israeli police investigating complaints of settler violence on 10/12. Following the funeral in Bethlehem for Muhammad Ubayyat, assassinated by the IDF on 10/13, several mourners seriously beat Fatah pris-
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15 OCTOBER

Ben-Eliyzer says Israel may pull forces out of Hebron by 10/18 if the situation there remains calm. The IDF fatally shoots a Palestinian in Tulkarm; conducts arrest raids, partially destroys a Palestinian home in Jenin; demolishes a Palestinian home in Qabatiyya; occupies, searches a hospital in Yatta for 5 hrs. Israeli police detain, question Jerusalem’s chief Muslim cleric Shaykh Ikrima Sabri regarding an interview with a Dubai-based newspaper in 6/02 in which he allegedly “incited violence” by saying he did not see any religious prohibition against suicide bombings. Sabri denies making the comment, is freed after several hrs. Israeli police also raid a Palestinian home in Jerusalem’s Old City; detain, question, release 1 Palestinian. (XIN 10/15 in WNC 10/16; LAW, NYT, PCHR, PM, PR, WP, WT 10/16; MENA 10/16 in WNC 10/17; REU 10/22)

16 OCTOBER

The IDF directs machine gun fire at residential areas of Rafah r.c. to disperse stone-throwing youths, hitting several homes and a school, killing 1 Palestinian bystander, wounding 14, including 9 children; conducts arrest raids in Hebron; bulldozes 100 dunams of olive groves s. of Hebron. Some 2,000 Jewish settlers gather at Havat Gilad to protest the IDF’s removal of the unauthorized settler outpost, the 1st inhabited enclave (2 families) to be removed by the IDF in the past wk.; 10s of settlers throw stones at, slash tires of reporters’ vehicles, Palestinian vehicles, a PRCS truck but do not assault soldiers; most settlers leave in the evening, saying the IDF agreed to allow settlers to stay at the site during daylight hrs. (LAW, MM, PCHR 10/16; HA, NYT, WT 10/17; HA, MM 10/18)

In Washington, Bush receives Sharon for talks on Iraq, the Palestinians; gives Sharon a U.S. draft road map for creation of a Palestinian state that the U.S. plans to submit to the Quartet as an alternative to the EU draft discussed on 9/17. (HA, MM 10/16; AP, HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/17; AYM 10/17 in WNC 10/21; HA, MM 10/18; HA 10/19; al-Quds 10/20 in WNC 10/22; MM 10/22; MEI 10/25) (see Quarterly Update Doc. D3)

17 OCTOBER

The IDF directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Rafah r.c., killing 6 Palestinians (including 2 women, 2 teenagers, a 9-yr.-old girl) and wounding 50; the IDF says it was responding to Palestinian gunfire on an IDF bulldozer working to build an observation tower with an overview of the camp, causing no injuries. The IDF also bulldozes 2.5 dunams of Palestinian land and an irrigation system nr. Tulkarm; conducts arrest raids in Tal; shells, destroys a closed Palestinian summer resort nr. Aley Sina and the IDF removes Jewish settlers, trailers fr. Havat Gilad; late in the evening, some 300 Jewish settlers retake the site. Settlers voluntarily leave a 2d enclave, allowing the IDF to dismantle it, bringing to 22 the number of enclaves removed in recent days. Jewish settlers assault Palestinians, Israeli peace activists attempting to harvest olives nr. Yasuf village; the IDF presses settlers to leave the area, allow harvesting to continue. Jewish settlers nr. Hebron confiscate 90 dunams of Palestinian land. A PA security court sentences 1 Palestinian, a fmr. Hamas mbr., to death for collaborating with Israel. (REU 10/17; HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/18; AFP, al-Quds 10/18 in WNC 10/21; WP 10/19; LAW, PCHR 10/23; MEI 10/25; JPI 11/8)

A fmr. U.S. defense official corroborates rumors that Israeli special forces recently conducted a covert reconnaissance mission in w. Iraq to determine Iraq’s capacity to protest the IDF’s removal of the unautho- rized settler outpost. Baghdad is estimated in the past week to have only 12–25 Scuds; by comparison, during the 1991 Gulf War, Iraq fired 39 Scuds at Israel alone. (WP 10/18) (see 9/29)

18 OCTOBER

After a yr. of gunfire, stone-throwing, physical assaults, vandalism by local Jewish settlers, 150 Palestinian residents of Yanun in the West Bank evacuate their village, move to neighboring Aqraba, marking the 1st time that harassment by settlers has forced out an entire village; Yanun’s mayor says he has protested settler violence to the Israeli authorities for 4 yrs. without results.
The IDF withdraws to the outskirts of Jenin; sends tanks, bulldozers into Gaza City to demolish the Gaza harbor offices, a road linking Gaza City to the central Gaza Strip; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis; bulldozes 10 dunams of Palestinian land nr. Aley Sinai settlement, 2.5 dunums in Dayr al-Balah. A Hamas mbr. detonates a roadside bomb, throws grenades at an IDF post nr. Dugit settlement in Gaza, injuring 2 IDF soldiers before being shot dead. Some 200 Jewish settlers return to Havat Gilad, which the IDF has begun dismantling; troops do not attempt to disperse them. Jewish settlers uproot 92 olive trees in al-Khadir. (HA 10/21; AP, GS, HA, NYT 10/19; NYT, PM 10/21; AYM 10/21 in WNC 10/23; MA 10/21 in WNC 10/25; LAW, PCHR, PR 10/23; MEI, MM 10/25)

19 OCTOBER

The IDF conducts arrest raids, house searches in Jenin, Nablus; bulldozes 35 dunums of land in Bayt Hanun. As IDF troops enter Jenin, Palestinians detonate roadside bombs, causing no injuries. At Havat Gilad, IDF soldiers continue dismantlement work, scuffle with Jewish settlers, leaving 30 settlers, 12 soldiers lightly injured; after dark, settlers begin re-erecting trailers on the site. Jewish settlers fire in the air in an attempt to scare off Palestinians, Israeli peace activists harvesting olives nr. Aqraba; the IDF intervenes, forcing the olive pickers to move to another grove to “reduce tensions.” A PA security court sentences a 2d Palestinian, also a fmr. Hamas mbr., to death for collaborating with Israel (see 10/17). (GS 10/19; NYT, WP 10/20; alQuds 10/20 in WNC 10/21; MM, WP 10/21; AYM 10/21 in WNC 10/23; LAW, PCHR 10/23; WJW 10/24; JPI 11/8)

20 OCTOBER

The IDF redeploys fr. 2 Palestinian neighborhoods in Hebron; shells residential areas of Khan Yunis; confiscates 2,600 dunums of Palestinian land in Izbat Salman and Izbat Jilad for construction of the security fence; bulldozes 200 olive trees in Qalqilya for the security fence, 31 dunums of land in Dayr al-Balah, 7 dunums in al-Mughrara in s. Gaza (also destroying 3 cars, partially demolishing 2 Palestinian homes); raid the al-Sultan Cultural Center in Hebron, arresting 1 employee, photocopying the center’s files; bars Palestinian fire trucks fr. fighting a blaze nr. Askar r.c. The IDF clashes with some 1,000 Jewish settlers who refuse to evacuate Havat Gilad, leaving 8 soldiers injured; troops clear the area, dismantle trailers, but 100s of settlers return after dark to reoccupy the site. In Gaza, Palestinians reportedly fire 2 antitank grenades at an IDF convoy nr. Netzarim, several mortars at Gush Katif, causing no damage or injuries. (HA, MM, NYT, WT 10/21; MA 10/21 in WNC 10/22; LAW, PCHR 10/23)

Across the U.S., evangelical Christian churches observe a day of prayer for Israel. (WP 10/21)

21 OCTOBER

Outside Hadera, 2 Islamic Jihad suicide bombers detonate a car bomb next to a bus, killing 14 Israelis, wounding 40. The IDF fatally shoots 2 Palestinians nr. Kefar Darom; bulldozes a Palestinian home in Qabatiyya, some agricultural land nr. Aley Sinai settlement; conducts arrest raids in Bethlehem, Qalqilya; bars an ambulance fr. crossing an IDF checkpoint, allowing an ailing Palestinian to die. Another Palestinian dies of injuries received on 12/10/01. Palestinians reportedly fire a mortar in Gaza, causing no damage or injuries. At Havat Gilad, Jewish settlers again try to rebuild sites demolished by the IDF. Jewish settlers fr. Shvut Rachel attack Palestinians harvesting olives nr. Nablus, setting 7 Palestinian cars and 50 trees afire, uprooting another 54 trees; in response, some 200 Palestinians start marching toward the settlement, but the IDF turns them away. Jewish settlers fr. Shilo fire on Palestinian farmers n. of Ramallah, wounding 4. (HA, MM, WP 10/21; Interfax 10/21 in WNC 10/22; MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/22; AFP, ATl, ITAR-TASS 10/22 in WNC 10/23; LAW, MM, PCHR 10/23; WJW 10/24; MEI 10/25)

22 OCTOBER

Israel says it will delay its military response to the 10/21 Hadera bombing in deference to U.S. regional concerns, but will reimpose curfews, blockades across the Palestinian territories and suspend steps to ease restrictions. The IDF bars Palestinians across the West Bank fr. harvesting olives, saying troops cannot protect pickers fr. Jewish settlers; the ban is lifted late in the evening after Arab MKs file a petition with the Israeli High Court opposing the order. Israel’s Infrastructure M Efi Eitam orders
a halt to all drilling for water by West Bank Palestinians, freezes the issue of permits for future drilling. The **IDF** bars a **Palestinian** heart attack victim fr. crossing an IDF checkpoint to reach a hospital, allowing him to die; demolishes 3 **Palestinian homes** (Balata r.c., Nablus, Rafah); demolishes 4 barracks, 3 **Palestinian homes**, 3 bakeries, several cattle sheds in Yatta; bulldozes 10 dunams of land in Bayt Lahia; conducts arrest raids in Khan Yunis, Rafah. **Israel** re-releases AFP photographer Hussam Abu Alan, detained without charge on 4/24/02. (HA, PM, REU 10/22; LAW, NYT, PCHR, PR, WP 10/23; WT 10/24; AYM 10/24 in WNC 10/28; al-Quds 10/30 in WNC 10/31)

**23 OCTOBER**

The **IDF** moves troops back into Jenin, after withdrawing to the outskirts of the city on 10/18; fires on Palestinian farmers in Jenin; bulldozes 18 **Palestinian homes** (15 in Jiftlik, 1 in ‘Ayn Bayt al-Ma’ r.c., 1 in Balata r.c., 1 in Rafah, 1 in Salim); bars a **Palestinian** heart attack victim fr. crossing an IDF checkpoint to reach a hospital for 2 hrs., allowing him to die; raids 2 homes in Hebron, sets fire to residents’ belongings. **IDF commandos** raid Balata r.c., arrest 2 Palestinians, leave behind their van, booby trapped with explosives; the van later explodes, injuring 10 Palestinians. With the **IDF**’s pledge of protection, **Palestinian residents of Yanun** return to their homes (see 10/18). The **PA** complaIns that btwn. 9/4 and 10/16, the **IDF** has taken 750 single-bed truckloads, 250 double-bed truckloads of sand out of Gaza for use in construction projects inside Israel. (LAW, PCHR 10/23; AYM 10/23 in WNC 10/28; NYT, WT 10/24; HA 11/15)

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The **Knesset** rejects (23-51) a proposed bill that would ban fr. the parliament any party trying to incite the expulsion of **Palestinians**, **Israeli Arabs**. (AFP 10/23)

**24 OCTOBER**

The **IDF** opens fire on stone-throwing Palestinian youths in Jenin, killing a **16-yr.-old Palestinian**, seriously injuring 2 others; fires on residential areas of Rafah, killing **1 Palestinian** in his home; demolishes **4 Palestinian homes** in Bayt Hanina; conducts arrest raids in Bayt Jala (arresting wanted Hamas mbr. Fawaz Amru), Qalqilya. A **3d Palestinian** dies of injuries received on 10/13. A **PA security court** sentences a **Palestinian** to death for collaborating with Israel. **Israel** formally charges 1 of 10 dunams of land in Bayt Lahia; conducts arrest raids in Khan Yunis, Rafah.

**25 OCTOBER**

The **IDF** launches Operation Vanguard in response to the 10/21 Hadera bombing, sending 100s of troops (including 90 snipers), heavy vehicles into Jenin town and r.c., where the bombers lived. Troops occupy 50 buildings; conduct house-to-house searches, arrest raids; meet some resistance in the r.c., exchanging gunfire with residents, leaving **6 Fatah mbrs.** seriously wounded. The **IDF** says the incursion is expected to last several days, troops are prepared to stay indefinitely. The **IDF** also shells residential areas nr. Erez checkpoint to return a hospital for 2 hrs., allowing him to die; raids 2 homes in Hebron, sets fire to residents’ belongings. **IDF commandos** raid Balata r.c., arrest 2 Palestinians, leave behind their van, booby trapped with explosives; the van later explodes, injuring 10 Palestinians. With the **IDF**’s pledge of protection, **Palestinian residents of Yanun** return to their homes (see 10/18). The **PA** complains that btwn. 9/4 and 10/16, the **IDF** has taken 750 single-bed truckloads, 250 double-bed truckloads of sand out of Gaza for use in construction projects inside Israel. (LAW, PCHR 10/23; AYM 10/23 in WNC 10/28; NYT, WT 10/24; HA 11/15)

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27 OCTOBER

A Hamas suicide bomber is discovered outside a café in Ariel settlement, captured and pinned down by 3 IDF soldiers, fatally shot by 2 Jewish settlers: the gunfire triggers the bomber’s explosives, killing the 3 soldiers restraining him, wounding 18 soldiers and settlers. After hearing news of the bombing, Jewish settlers fr. Itamar attack Palestinians, international peace activists harvesting olives outside Yanun, injuring 6 activists, including 2 Americans (ages 68 and 74), 2 Israelis. IDF troops fatally shoot 2 Islamic Jihad mbrs., in an apparent assassination in Nablus, wounding a 7-yr-old boy; fatally shoot 1 Palestinian checking the water tank on his roof in Jenin during the curfew; fatally shoot a Palestinian youth standing outside his home in Jenin r.c.; bulldoze 7 Palestinian homes in Rafah; bulldoze water wells, greenhouses in Muraj. A PA security court sentences a Palestinian to life with hard labor for collaborating with Israel. (al-Quds 10/27 in WNC 10/31; MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/28; MA 10/28 in WNC 10/28; LAW, PCHR 10/30; JPI, MEI 11/8)

28 OCTOBER

The IDF fatally shoots a 16-yr-old Palestinian boy in Tulkarm r.c.; halts an ambulance outside Jenin, detains 2 Palestinian dialysis patients returning fr. treatment (1 blind; 1 paraplegic, wheelchair bound) on suspicion of being wanted men, releases them after 10 hrs.; fires on Palestinians nr. Bayt Hanun, wounding 2; demolishes 7 Palestinian homes (1 in Jenin, 3 in Jenin r.c., 3 in Rafah); bulldozes greenhouses in Rafah; raids a school in Jenin, arresting a school guard for not having an ID (confiscated by IDF in 6/02); digs trenches around Jenin, Nablus to prevent Palestinians fr. leaving or entering except through 3 IDF checkpoints. Palestinians fire a rocket fr. Gaza into Israel, causing minor damage outside a school, no injuries. Jewish settlers at Havat Gilad attack and chase off nearby Palestinian olive pickers, steal what olives they have picked, harvest the grove for themselves. Late this evening, the IDF raids, shuts down Havat Gilad outpost again (see 10/25). (JTA 10/28; MA 10/28 in WNC 10/29; NYT, WP, WT 10/29; LAW, NYT, PCHR 10/30; HA 11/2; HA 11/6)

Labor leader Ben-Eliezer says he would vote against Sharon’s proposed 2003 budget unless $150 m. in funds for Jewish settle-
17.5 dunams of Palestinian land s. of Khan Yunis. Some 40 prominent Israelis outraged by recent Jewish settler attacks on Palestinian olive pickers travel to the West Bank to participate in a Palestinian olive harvest, (GS, LAW, PCHR 10/30; PCHR, PR 11/6; MEI 11/8)

DM and Labor party head Ben-Elizeer resigns fr. the government hrs. before Sharon’s FY 2003 budget passes (67-45) in the Knesset, with all 25 Labor party MKs voting against. Afterward, the 5 other Labor MKs, including FM Shimon Peres, resign. (HA, MM 10/30; MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/31; JT 10/31 in WNC 11/1; al-Quds 11/2, MENA 11/3 in WNC 11/5; AYM 11/2 in WNC 11/8; JPI, MEI 11/8)

**31 OCTOBER**

The IDF continues Operation Vanguard in Jenin, conducting arrest raids, house-to-house searches, blowing up 4 Palestinian homes; fatally shoots a mentally handicapped Palestinian who strays too close to the Rafah border fence; fires on Palestinians who stray too close to Beit El settlement, killing 1 Palestinian, wounding 2; fires on Palestinians waiting at a Khan Yunis checkpoint (injuring 1), residential areas nr. Neve Dekalim settlement (injuring 8, including 1 woman, 4 children), a group of children at the entrance to Tulkarm r.c. (injuring 1), Palestinians outside the Qabatiyya municipal building (injuring 4, 3 of whom are detained for several hrs. without medical attention); conducts arrest raids in Hebron, Tulkarm; demolishes a Palestinian home nr. Kefar Darom settlement; bulldozes 13 dunams of land nr. Aley Sinai settlement. In Gaza City, 3 Hamas mbrs. are killed in an explosion;

Hamas spokesman ‘Abd al-Aziz Rantisi acknowledges the men were probably making a bomb. Hamas mbrs. attack journalists who arrive to cover the scene, destroying 2 cameras, lightly injuring a Reuters cameraman and reporter; the main Palestinian journalists union in Gaza orders a boycott of coverage of all Hamas activities in protest; Hamas apologizes. Some 22 Jewish settlers attack the Zatara mayor, municipal surveyor, and a surveying team, destroying their equipment, maps, documents. A Jewish settler confiscates Palestinian land nr. Dayr al-Balah, razes the area, sets up greenhouses. (HA, NYT, WT 11/1; LAW, PCHR 11/6; PR 11/13)

**1 NOVEMBER**

The IDF continues Operation Vanguard in Jenin, arresting Islamic Jihad mbr. Fayiz Tubasi, wanted for plotting the 10/21 suicide bombing; conducts arrest raids in Ramallah, Tulkarm (where troops search a school); shells residential areas of Khan Yunis; razes 219.5 dunams of land nr. Bayt Hanun. An AMB gunman fires on an IDF patrol nr. Beit El, is fatally shot by the soldiers. IDF soldiers nr. Tulkarm bar an ambulance fr. transporting a patient to the hospital, search the vehicle, order paramedics to return fr. where they came. (HA 11/1; LAW, PCHR 11/6; PRCS press release 11/10)

After the mandatory 48-hr. waiting period, Labor party resignations take effect, leaving Sharon with a right-wing minority coalition of 55 of 120 Knesset seats. Sharon invites Likud party rival and fmr. PM Benjamin Netanyahu to take the position of FM, fmr. IDF Chief of Staff Shaul Mofaz to take the position of DM. (HA 11/1; NYT, WP 11/2)

**2 NOVEMBER**

The IDF arrests 2 Palestinians with explosives at an IDF checkpoint in the West Bank, apparently averted a suicide bombing; conducts arrest raids in Jenin; blows up a “suspicious looking” Palestinian car in al-Khadir; invades Mighraqa, destroying a number of electricity towers, cutting power to the village, bulldozing the roads inside the village, digging trenches across the main road, damaging the water network; conducts arrest raids in al-Qarara; shells residential areas of Khan Yunis. IDF soldiers at a checkpoint outside Jenin break the windshield of an ambulance transporting a patient to the hospital. (NYT, PM, WP 11/3; LAW, PCHR 11/6; PRCS press release 11/10)

**3 NOVEMBER**

The IDF opens fire on residential areas of Khan Yunis (killing 1 Palestinian), Rafah (killing a 2d Palestinian); demolishes 3 Palestinian homes, car repair shop, and a cattle pen in 3 villages n. of Jerusalem, killing 150 cows, razing surrounding land in the process; blows up 2 Palestinian homes in Jenin; bulldozes 30 dunams of Palestinian land nr. Dayr al-Balah; bars an ambulance fr. transporting a dialysis patient to the hospital for treatment; conducts arrest raids in Hebron, Ramallah (including arresting 4 PSF officers manning a security post in a hospital, 5 PSF officers guarding the Education Min.),
4 NOVEMBER

An Islamic Jihad suicide bomber detonates a device in a store in Tel Aviv, killing 1 Israeli security guard. 1 Israeli civilian, wounding 30. The IDF assassinates wanted Hamas mbr. Hamid Sidi, firing a missile at his car as he drives nr. Nablus, also killing his passenger. Hamas mbr. Firas Abu Ghazala, and injuring 2 bystanders; fires shells, heavy machine guns at a car traveling 800 m. fr. the border fence nr. Jabaliya, killing all 3 Palestinians inside; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis; bulldozes a hardware store, shelter, tour company parking lot for 50 buses in al-Tur quarter of Jerusalem. 2 Palestinian homes under construction (1 in Yabad), 2 existing Palestinian homes (in Bayt Marsam, Dura), a 3-story building in the Nablus industrial zone, 67 dunams of agricultural land nr. Bayt Hanun; conducts arrest raids nr. Bethlehem. Jewish settlement security guards block Palestinians, international activists fr. picking olives in Falami, cut down 10–15 olive trees as IDF soldiers look on. (GS, PM 11/4; NYT, WP, WT 11/5; Interfax, QA 11/5 in WNC 11/6; LAW, PCHR, PR 11/6; MEI 11/8; JPI 11/15)

Israel releases its annual poverty report, showing that the poverty rate has stayed steady at 17.7% for the past 5 yrs. Unofficial estimates show that of the nearly 320,000 poor families, an estimated 90,000 families are Arab. Nearly 50% of Arab families are below the poverty line, compared to 1 in 7 Jewish families; 50,000 of the 75,000 children in poverty are Arab. (MM 11/5)

5 NOVEMBER

The IDF makes an incursion into Rafah r.c., demolishing 3 Palestinian homes, directing shells and heavy machine gun fire at residential areas, killing 2 Palestinian teenagers, injuring 12 others (ages 14–72); holds an ambulance transporting an ill child at an army checkpoint for 90 mins. (the child eventually reaches the hospital); bulldozes 66 dunams of land s. of Khan Yunis, additional land nr. the Egyptian border with Rafah. 4 Palestinian residents of East Jerusalem plead guilty to direct involvement in a series of bombings in the city, including the 7/31/02 Hebrew University attack. (LAW, PCHR, PR, WP, WT 11/6; PRCS press release 11/10)

After failing to bring the right-wing National Union–Yisrael Beitunia faction into his coalition, Sharon dissolves the Knesset, calls early elections for 2/03. (HA, MM 11/5; al-Quds 11/5 in WNC 11/8; MM, NYT, WP, WT 11/6; MEI 11/8; MA 11/8 in WNC 11/12; MM 11/9; JPI 11/15)

6 NOVEMBER

A Hamas gunman opens fire in Gush Katif settlement in Gaza, killing 2 Jewish settlers, injuring 1 before being shot dead. The IDF conducts arrest raids, house-to-house searches in Dayr al-Balah, Silat al-Dahir. 2 junior IDF cmdrs. are sentenced to 28 days in jail for authorizing the use of Palestinians as human shields. Protesting the verdict, another IDF officer says that similar events have taken place in the past “and now soldiers are being tried for what once was permissible.” (HA, LAW, PCHR 11/6; JP, MM, NYT, WP 11/7)

The Israeli FMin. reports that Jewish settlers received $27.6 m. in income tax benefits in 2001. The government’s tax discount for settlers in the West Bank was 7%, in Gaza 10%. The average tax benefit per settler was $1,369 in the West Bank, $1,895 in Gaza. (HA 11/7; PR 11/13)

7 NOVEMBER

According to the IDF, soldiers foil a suicide bombing when they stop a Palestinian taxi at a checkpoint nr. Nablus; one passerger emerges fr. the vehicle wearing an explosive belt; soldiers fire on the man, detonating the belt, killing the bomber, another Palestinian passenger. In Khan Yunis, 4 masked Palestinian gunmen kidnap German International Comm. of the Red Cross (ICRC) rep. Nikolai Panke as he is distributing food to Palestinians; Panke is released unharmed 11 hrs. later; 1 of the kidnappers reportedly is a fmr. PSF officer who was “frustrated” over the loss of his job, wanted to be rehired. The IDF bars an ambulance transporting a wounded Palestinian across a checkpoint, allowing the man to die; fires rubber-coated steel bullets at Palestinian schoolchildren on their way to classes in Jenin r.c., wounding 5; directs tank fire at a 12-yr.-old Palestinian boy playing in a field, seriously injuring him; bulldozes 15 dunams of land in Dayr al-Balah; fires on residential areas of Rafah; conducts arrest raids in Tubas. (HA 11/7; NYT, WP 11/8; PRCS press release 11/10; LAW, PHRC, PR 11/13)
8 NOVEMBER

The IDF fatally shoots a wanted Palestinian in Tulkarm in what may be an assassination; opens fire on stone-throwing Palestinians in Tal, killing a PSF officer; conducts arrest raids in, fires on residential areas of, demolishes 1 Palestinian home in Khan Yunis. (NYT 11/9; LAW, PCHR 11/13)

After 3 wks. of debate, the UNSC (including Syria, which is a rotating mbr.) votes unanimously for a tough resolution (UN Res. 1441) giving Iraq the “final opportunity” to disarm, allow inspectors in, and fully comply with all UN demands or face “serious consequences.” (MM, NYT, WP, WT 11/9; MENA, QA, al-Quds 11/9, JT, MENA 11/10, SA 11/11 in WNC 11/12; MM 11/12; JT 11/13 in WNC 11/14; MM 11/14; MEI 11/22)

9 NOVEMBER

The IDF assassinates Islamic Jihad military leader Iyad Sawalha in a predawn raid of his home in Jenin. In retaliation, Islamic Jihad detonates a roadside bomb nr. an IDF convoy in Gaza, killing 1 IDF soldier (a bedouin tracker), wounding a 2d. The IDF also conducts arrest raids in Dura, Nablus, al-Qarara; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis, Nablus; bulldozes 19 dunams of land s. of Khan Yunis. (JPI, LAW 11/9; GS, NYT, WP, WT 11/10; LAW, PCHR 11/13; B’Tselem press release 11/14)

10 NOVEMBER

The IDF pulls back to the outskirts of Jenin, ending its 2-wk.-old Operation Vanguard (see 10/25); bulldozes 8 Palestinian homes in Rafah; directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Khan Yunis, al-Qarara, al-Rabwat al-Gharbiyya, Rafah, Tal al-Sultan; bulldozes 7 dunams of land s. of Khan Yunis. Just inside Israel nr. Hadera, an IDF patrol halts a suspicious Palestinian vehicle; the 2 occupants, apparently en route to stage a suicide bombing, detonate an explosive device in the car, killing themselves. In the same area late in the evening, an AMB gunman sneaks into a kibbutz in n. Israel, fires on residents, killing 5 Israelis before escaping. (GS, MEZ, MM, PM, NYT, WP, WT 11/11; Interfax 11/11 in WNC 11/12; MM, WP 11/12; LAW, PCHR 11/13)

11 NOVEMBER

Before dawn, IDF helicopters fire at least 8 missiles at a car repair shop in a crowded area of Gaza City, seriously damaging it but causing no injuries; conducts arrest raids, bulldozes 21 dunams of land in al-Qarara; fires on residential areas of Tal al-Sultan (killing a 2-yr.-old Palestinian child), Tulkarm r.c.; blows up a Palestinian home, fires on stone-throwing Palestinians in Tulkarm city. Late in the evening, the IDF fires on residential areas of Rafah, killing a 3-yr.-old Palestinian chasing a balloon. An 8-yr.-old Palestinian dies of injuries received during the IDF shelling of Rafah r.c. on 10/17. (MEZ, WP 11/11; MM, WT 11/12; LAW, NYT, PCHR 11/13; WT 11/14)

U.S. Dep. Asst. Secy. of State David Satterfield arrives in Israel to present a revised version of the U.S. draft road map to Israel and the PA, based on their comments on the plan. (HA, WP 11/11; HA, MM, WT 11/13; AYM 11/13 in WNC 11/14; JP, WP 11/14; MM, NYT 11/15) (see Quarterly Update)

12 NOVEMBER

In retaliation for the 11/10 AMB kibbutz attack, the IDF launches a predawn raid on Tulkarm town and r.c. and Nur al-Shams r.c., sending in at least 30 tanks and APCs, firing on residential areas, conducting house-to-house searches, arresting 2 Palestinians, blowing up 1 Palestinian home. The IDF also halts an ambulance at a checkpoint nr. Nablus, arrests a patient being transported to the hospital for heart trouble; bulldozes 1 Palestinian home, 3 dunams of land n. of Rafah; conducts arrest raids nr. Dayr al-Balah. (NYT, WP 11/12; LAW, NYT, PCHR, WT 11/13; PRCS press release 11/17)

13 NOVEMBER

Before dawn, in retaliation for the 11/10 AMB kibbutz attack, the IDF sends 150 tanks, APCs into Nablus and its surrounding r.c.’s (Asfar r.c., ‘Ayn Bayt al-Ma’ r.c., Balata r.c.), conducts house-to-house searches, occupies schools and buildings as outposts, surrounds Nablus’s Old City, fires on residential areas of adjacent Balata r.c. In another predawn attack, IDF helicopters fire missiles at the same car repair shop targeted on 11/11, destroying it, killing a 2-yr.-old Palestinian child, damaging several surrounding homes. The IDF also arrests 30 Hamas mbrs. across the West Bank, 11 of
them in Nablus, some in Birzeit; fires on residential areas of Tal al-Sultan. (LAW, MM, NYT, PCHR, PR, WP, WT 11/13; MM, NYT, WT 11/14)

Israeli atty. gen. Eliyakim Rubinstein announces that the government intends to press charges against Greek Orthodox spiritual head Father Theodosis Atallah Hanna for “unauthorized contact with the enemy,” meeting with “terrorists,” inciting violence for recent travels to Lebanon, Syria to visit Greek Orthodox communities there. Father Theodosis notes that the atty. gen. has not charged rabbis who visit Jewish communities in Iraq, Syria, or Yemen. (Father Theodosis press release 11/13)

Iraq accepts UN Res. 1441 unconditionally, opening the door for arms inspectors to return to Iraq beginning on 11/18 for the 1st time since UN arms experts left in 1998. (AP 11/13; MENA 11/15 in WNC 11/14; MM, NYT, WP, WT 11/14; MM 11/15)

14 NOVEMBER

Before dawn, the IDF sends 50 tanks and APCs, backed by helicopters, into Gaza City, arrests a PSF officer, his 3 brothers before quickly withdrawing. The IDF also fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis, Nablus, Rafah (killing 1 Palestinian); bulldozes 18 dunams of land in Dayr al-Balah; demolishes 1 Palestinian home in Tulkarm. (WP, WT 11/14; HA, NYT 11/15; PCHR 11/20)

15 NOVEMBER

In retaliation for the IDF assassination of its military head Sawalha on 11/9, Islamic Jihad gunmen ambush a detail of IDF soldiers, border police, Jewish settler security officials nr. the Ibrahimi Mosque/Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron, killing 4 IDF soldiers, 5 border police, 3 settler guards. injuring 15 soldiers, police, guards in what the IDF terms a “well-planned ambush” that included positioning snipers on nearby hilltops; during the 3-hr. exchange of gunfire at least 3 Islamic Jihad mbrs. are also killed. The IDF, Israeli government initially claim that all of those killed and injured were civilian worshipers en route fr. Sabbath prayers at the holy site; later admit that the group targeted was all military or paramilitary, that Islamic Jihad mbrs. allowed the group of Jewish worshipers to pass without incident mins. before the ambush. The attack comes barely 5 wks. after the Shin Bet warned (10/7) that tensions were high around the Ibrahimi Mosque/Tomb of the Patriarchs, that a cell of 15-20 Jewish settlers might be preparing an attack on Palestinians similar to the 1994 Baruch Goldstein shooting at the site; among those warning of a new Goldstein was IDF Hebron cmdr. Col. Dror Weinberg. killed in today’s attack. IDF undercover units assassinate senior Hamas mbr. Mahmud Obeid, arrest a 2d Hamas mbr. in Tulkarm; fire rockets at a workshop in Gaza City, destroying it; demolish 3 Palestinian homes in Bayt Lahia; conduct arrest raids in Dayr al-Balah. During the 3d day of sweeps in Nablus, the IDF arrests another 14 suspected Hamas mbrs., fires on a group of stone-throwing youths, killing 1 Palestinian. (HA 11/15; HA, NYT, WP, WT 11/16; JP, NYT, WP 11/17; HA, PCHR 11/20; MEI 11/22; see also HA 10/7)
A Palestinian youth looks for help to carry bodies of two women killed by IDF tank fire in Rafah r.c., 17 October 2002. (Adib Katib/Getty Images)