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CHRONOLOGY

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This section is part seventy-nine 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 MAY

The **Israel Defense Forces (IDF)** continues operations in Bayt Hanun (see 5/15), where a roadside bomb explodes nr. an IDF tank, lightly injuring 1 soldier; fatally shoots a **mentally disabled Palestinian** nr. Nablus who refuses orders to halt; demolishes 1 **Palestinian home** in Nablus, 1 in Rafah. **Palestinians** fire 2 **Qassam rockets** at Sederot, inside Israel, causing damage but no injuries. In Umm al-Fahm, **100s of Israeli Arabs** attend a rally organized by the **Islamic Movement** to protest the 5/13 arrest of 15 senior mbrs. **Israel** also banishes a **West Bank Palestinian** to Gaza for 1 yr., accusing him of having aided his brother in committing “terrorist attacks” (see Quarterly Update in *JPS* 126). (HA 5/16; PMC, WT 5/17; HA 5/19; LAW, PCHR 5/22)

17 MAY

A **Hamas suicide bomber** detonates a device in Hebron, killing 2 **Jewish settlers**. Nr. Qalqilya, 2 **Palestinian gunmen** infiltrate a settlement, wound 2 **Jewish settlers** before being killed; no group takes responsibility. The **IDF** continues operations in Bayt Hanun, fatally shooting an **Islamic Jihad mbr.**, wounding 24, bulldozing land, firing on residential areas; demolishes 7 **Palestinian homes** in Rafah refugee camp (r.c.), 2 in al-Mughraqa; bulldozes 120 dunams (4 dunams = 1 acre) of Palestinian agricultural land in Khan Yunis. The **IDF** also fires flares e. of Khan Yunis, starting a fire in a wheat field; bars Palestinian firefighters fr. reaching the area, allowing 32 dunams to burn. In Hebron, **Jewish settlers** beat a pregnant **Palestinian**, causing her to suffer a miscarriage; set fire to a Palestinian home. (NYT, WP

5/18; MM 5/19; PR 5/21; LAW, PCHR 5/22; NYT 5/30)

Despite the Hebron bombing, new **Palestinian Authority (PA) PM Mahmud Abbas, Israeli PM Ariel Sharon** meet in Jerusalem regarding the **road map**, marking their 1st meeting and the 1st senior-level PA-Israeli talks since 9/26/00. Sharon says he cannot accept the road map but offers to redeploy the IDF from 1 (unnamed) West Bank Palestinian city and fr. n. Gaza in exchange for a commitment to crack down on militant groups. (NYT, WP, WT 5/18; MM 5/19; AYM 5/20 in WNC 5/23; NYT, PR 5/21; HA 5/23; *al-Musawwar* 5/23 in WNC 5/27; HA 5/28; MEI 5/30) (see Quarterly Update)

18 MAY

A **Hamas suicide bomber** detonates a device on a bus outside French Hill settlement in East Jerusalem, killing 6 **Jewish settlers, 1 West Bank Palestinian laborer**, wounding 12 settlers; as rescue workers arrive at the scene, a **2d Hamas suicide bomber** detonates a device in the area, killing only himself. (Reports indicate that the 2 bombers today and the 1 yesterday were friends fr. Hebron, possibly mbrs. of the same soccer team.) The **IDF** expels **Mahmud al-Safuri, brother of detained Islamic Jihad military cmdr. Haj ‘Ali al-Safuri**, fr. Jenin to Gaza for 2 yrs. for allegedly aiding his brother in staging attacks; this is the first such forced transfer since 9/4/02 (see Quarterly Update in *JPS* 126). The **IDF** also seals the West Bank, places closures on most villages, cities; continues operations in Bayt Hanun, fatally shooting 1 **Palestinian**, demolishing 3 **Palestinian homes**, bulldozing more land, tightening the closure; fatally shoots a **2d Palestinian** in Khan Yunis; chases, fires on a group of laborers on their way to work in Israel,

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causing **1 Palestinian** to suffer a fatal heart attack; bulldozes 120 dunams of land in Abasan; demolishes 10 **Palestinian homes** in Rafah r.c.. **Sharon** convenes a **cabinet** mtg. to discuss responses, overrules calls to expel **PA head Yasir Arafat**. **Palestinian gunmen** fatally shoot an alleged **collaborator** in Nablus. (WT 5/18; ITAR-TASS 5/18 in WNC 5/19; HA, MM, NYT, WP 5/19; MM, PCHR 5/20; HA, MM, PR 5/21; LAW, PCHR 5/22; HA 5/23; al-Haq 5/24; NYT 6/13)

In light of the Jerusalem bombing, **Sharon** postpones plans to leave for Washington today to meet with **Pres. George W. Bush** regarding implementation of the **road map**; convenes his **security cabinet** to discuss retaliation. (NYT, WP, WT 5/19; VOI 5/20 in WNC 5/21)

19 MAY

A **female suicide bomber**, Hiba Daraghma, detonates a device in an Afula mall, killing **2 Israeli Jews**, **1 Israeli Arab**, wounding 48; the **al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade (AMB)** and **Islamic Jihad** each claim responsibility, indicating they may have jointly planned the operation. In Gaza, a **2d Palestinian suicide bomber** on a bicycle detonates a device as he passes an IDF jeep outside Kefar Darom, lightly injuring **3 IDF soldiers**. The **IDF** fatally shoots a **13-yr.-old Palestinian boy** in Jabaliya r.c.; continues bulldozing land in Bayt Hanun (nearly 800 dunams have been razed since 5/15); demolishes 1 **Palestinian home** in Hebron, 1 in central Gaza; fires on a high school in Bayt Furik, wounding 1 student; conducts arrest raids in Bethlehem, Hebron, Nablus, Ramallah. **Palestinians** fire 2 **Qassam rockets** (1 at Sederot, 1 at a Jewish settlement in Gaza), causing no damage or injuries. **Israeli police** arrest **8 East Jerusalem Palestinians** for membership in **Hamas** and plotting to hijack a bus, kidnap an IDF soldier. (HA, MM 5/19; Interfax, MENA, VOI 5/19 in WNC 5/20; HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 5/20; HP 5/21; QA 5/21 in WNC 5/22; LAW, PCHR 5/22; MEI, NYT 5/30)

20 MAY

The **IDF** pulls some troops out of Bayt Hanun, where it has demolished 14 **Palestinian homes** since 5/16; some **600 Palestinians** demonstrate against **Hamas** for firing rockets fr. the Bayt Hanun area, prompting the IDF incursion on 5/15. The

IDF also tightens the closure, curfews on Hebron; reinforces troops around Qalqilya, closing the only entrance to the city; issues a confiscation order for 1,700 dunams of land in Nahalin and Husan, w. of Bethlehem, for construction of a new settler bypass road; confiscates a 3-story building, conducts arrest raids in Nahalin; arrests **senior PA intelligence official Ahmad Barqawi** in Ramallah on suspicion of having himself carried out several attacks on Israelis; delays transportation of a **Palestinian** heart attack victim to a Jenin hospital, allowing him to die; halts at a road block, beats **2 photo-journalists** in Bethlehem; demolishes 15 **Palestinian homes** in Rafah, 2 in Nablus; fires on residential areas of Tal al-Sultan. The **IDF** also raids the Hebron offices of the international peace group **Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT)**, checks passports and visas of all CPT volunteers, photographs several mbrs.; tells mbrs. they may not go near any **Jewish settlement**, may not operate in the PA-controlled H1 area of the city, must limit operations in Israeli-controlled H2 (where CPT offices are located), may not return to H2 if they leave. (CPT press release, HA, HP, MM 5/20; HP, WP, WT 5/21; VOI 5/21 in WNC 5/22; HA, LAW, PCHR 5/22; PR 5/28; MEI 5/30)

Bush phones **Abbas**, then **Sharon** to tell them that he is still committed to the **road map**, invites the leaders to send envoys to Washington to discuss implementation. (HA 5/20; HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 5/21)

21 MAY

The **IDF** sends troops, bulldozers back into Bayt Hanun, digging trenches across several main roads; opens fire on stone-throwing youths in Qarawat Bani Zaid, killing **2 Palestinians**; imposes a curfew on Bayt Furik, raids a mosque, confiscating computers; demolishes 1 **Palestinian home** in Dayr al-Balah, 1 in Nablus; conducts arrest raids in Askar r.c., Hebron, Jenin, Tubas. **Israel** also demolishes **2 bedouin homes** in the unrecognized village of Wadi al-Na'im. (HA, HP 5/21; HA, LAW, NYT, PCHR, WT 5/22; MEI 5/30)

In Washington, **National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice**, **Asst. Secy. of State for Near East Affairs William Burns** hold separate mtgs. with **Sharon chief of staff Dov Weisglass**, **PA Finance M Salam al-Fayyad** to try to reach an agmt.

on actions to reduce tensions and start talks. (HA, NYT 5/22; *al-Quds* 5/23 in WNC 5/27; HA 5/24) (see Quarterly Update)

22 MAY

The **IDF** reports that in the past 24 hrs., it arrested **1,300 Palestinians** for being inside Israel illegally, deported all but 19 to the occupied territories. Today, the **IDF** opens fire on stone-throwing youths in Yamun, killing a **15-yr-old Palestinian**, wounding 6 others ages 9–14; raids the only **emergency medical clinic** in the Old City of Nablus, vandalizing the building, destroying medicine; fires on residential areas of Bayt Hanun, injuring 7 children on their way to school; conducts arrest raids in Hebron (targeting **Hamas**), Silat al-Haratiyya, Silat al-Dahir, Tamun, Tubas, Yabad; digs trenches alongside roads in Araba, Yabad, bulldozes land in Khan Yunis, Rafah. The **IDF** seizes a boat off the northern coast manned by a **Hizballah mbr.** and 7 arms smugglers, carrying explosives detonators. **Israel** claims that the boat was bound for Egypt, the Hizballah mbr. intended to infiltrate Gaza from there, carrying arms ordered by **Arafat**; Arafat and Hizballah deny this. The **Israeli Housing Min.** issues tenders for construction of 502 new housing units in **Ma'ale Adumim settlement**. **Israel** announces plans to banish **2 West Bank Hamas mbrs.** being held in administrative detention to Gaza for 2 yrs., citing "security reasons." (HA, HP, UPMRC 5/22; HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 5/23; JP 5/23 in WNC 5/27; PR 5/28; LAW, PCHR, WJW 5/29)

Abbas opens talks with **Hamas, Islamic Jihad** leaders on a cease-fire. The groups say they would agree to halt attacks inside Israel if **Israel** stopped targeting militants. (HA 5/22; HA, WP, WT 5/23; JP, SA 5/23 in WNC 5/27)

23 MAY

Hamas detonates a roadside bomb nr. a Jewish settler bus in Gaza, lightly injuring **8 Jewish settlers**. The **IDF** fatally shoots a mentally disabled **Palestinian** in Bureij r.c.; shoots, wounds, captures a wanted **tanzim** mbr. in Tulkarm; demolishes a **Palestinian home** in Tubas; conducts arrest raids in Jenin. (HA, MM 5/23; al-Haq, WP 5/24; PR 5/28; LAW, PCHR 5/29)

In a carefully coordinated process (see Quarterly Update), **U.S. Secy. of State**

Colin Powell, Rice release a statement saying that **Israel** has explained its "significant concerns" regarding the **road map** and that the U.S. will take those concerns into consideration during implementation. **Sharon** says Israel "is prepared to accept the steps set out in the road map." (HA, NYT, WP 5/23; MENA 5/23, DUS, QA, *al-Quds* 5/24, JT, MA 5/25, AYM, SA 5/26 in WNC 5/27; HA, NYT, WP, WT 5/24; *al-Quds* 5/25 in WNC 5/28; MEI 5/30)

24 MAY

The **IDF** launches a major operation on Tulkarm city and refugee camp (r.c.), sending in 10s of tanks before dawn, imposing a closure, conducting house-to-house searches, arresting **3 International Solidarity Movement (ISM) activists, 2 AMB mbrs.** The **IDF** also fatally shoots an armed **Palestinian** attempting to sneak into Israel nr. Bayt Hanun; places curfews on Bayt Rima and Dayr Ghassana, begins demolishing caves there; bulldozes **5 Palestinian homes**, 56 dunams of land nr. Khan Yunis; demolishes **2 Palestinian homes** in Rafah; fires on residential areas of Balata r.c. Citing "security reasons," **Israel** announces plans to banish to Gaza indefinitely **3 West Bank Fatah mbrs.** being held in administrative detention. (HA 5/24; WT 5/25; HP 5/26; PR 5/28; LAW, PCHR 5/29)

25 MAY

The **IDF** continues operations in Bayt Hanun (demolishing 2 factories), Tulkarm r.c. and town; demolishes **1 Palestinian home** outside Gaza City, 1 in Hebron; bulldozes 25 dunams nr. Khan Yunis; conducts arrest raids in al-Khadir. Palestinians report that since 5/22, the **IDF** has bulldozed 232 dunams of land s. of Gaza City, btwn. al-Mintar crossing and Shuhada Junction. (HP 5/26; LAW, PCHR 5/29)

After 6 hrs. of debate, **Sharon's cabinet** narrowly approves (12-7, with 4 abstentions) "the steps set out in the **road map**," but attaches 14 reservations as conditions. (JT, MA 5/25, *Arab News*, AYM, QA 5/26 in WNC 5/27; NYT, WP, WT 5/26; AYM 5/26, QA 5/27 in WNC 5/28; HA, MM 5/27; SARR 5/27, THWR, TSHR 5/28 in WNC 7/1; MM, PR 5/28; *al-Quds* 5/28 in WNC 5/30; *Syria Times* 5/28 in WNC 7/2; WJW 5/29; MEI 5/30; THWR, TSHR 5/31 in WNC 7/10; JPI 6/6) (see Quarterly Update)

26 MAY

The **IDF** redeploys forces fr. Tulkarm, ending a 2-day operation; fires on stone-throwers in Bayt Furik (injuring 5), Qarawat Bani Zayd (killing an **11-yr.-old Palestinian**); fires on **2 Palestinian teenagers** who attempt to sneak across the Gaza border into Israel to look for work, killing 1, capturing the other; demolishes **2 Palestinian homes** in Dayr al-Balah, 2 in Hebron, 1 in Bayt Hanina; bulldozes 34 dunams in Dayr al-Balah; conducts arrest raids in Khan Yunis, Tamun, Tubas. (HP 5/26; YA 5/26 in WNC 5/27; HA, NYT, WT 5/27; LAW, PCHR 5/29; HA 6/14)

27 MAY

The **IDF** conducts a predawn raid on Jenin, placing the town under curfew, prompting an exchange of gunfire in which **1 IDF soldier** is wounded; fires on a **Swiss envoy's** diplomatic vehicle at Erez crossing for no apparent reason, causing damage but no injuries (Switzerland files a formal protest.); fires on stone-throwing youths in Tulkarm, killing **1 Palestinian**; demolishes **1 Palestinian home** in Bayt Furik, 1 outside Hebron, 1 in al-Til; confiscates 7 dunams of land in Habla, nr. Qalqilya; fires on residential areas of Bayt Furik, Khan Yunis, Tulkarm r.c.; conducts arrest raids in Abu Dis, Balata r.c., Bethlehem, Kafr Dan, Qalqilya, Tubas, Yamun; tightens roadblocks around Ramallah. In Hebron, **5 Palestinian children** are injured when they trigger unexploded munitions while playing. **Palestinians** fire **2 Qassam rockets** at Sederot, causing no damage or injuries; detonate a **roadside bomb** underneath an IDF vehicle in Gaza, causing damage but no injuries. **Extremist right-wing Jewish settlers** affiliated with the "hilltop youth" and the outlawed **Kach movement** announce plans to launch a "personal incitement campaign" against **Sharon** in light of his approval of the road map. (HA 5/27; AFP 5/27 in WNC 5/28; NYT, WT 5/28; MA 5/28 in WNC 5/29; LAW, PCHR 5/29)

28 MAY

The **IDF** bulldozes 14 dunams of land nr. Khan Yunis, 2 dunams nr. a **PA Preventive Security Force (PSF)** post in Hebron, some citrus groves outside Gaza City; con-

ducts arrest raids in Beitunia, Bethlehem, Hebron, Jenin, al-Khadir, Nablus, Qalqilya, Ramallah, Tulkarm; fires on residential areas of Beitunia, Ramallah, Tulkarm town and r.c.; demolishes **4 Palestinian homes** s. of Rafah, 1 in Bayt Furik, 1 in Tal. **Palestinians** fire **Qassam rocket** at Sederot, causing no damage or injuries. While driving in Ramallah, **Force 17 officer Mahmud Zayid** is fatally shot, possibly in an internal Palestinian dispute; the PA says it has no proof he was deliberately shot by the IDF, though he may have been hit by crossfire. Late in the evening, **Palestinian gunmen** fire on a Jewish settler bus in Hebron, lightly injuring **1 Jewish settler**. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received on 5/27. (HA, HP 5/28; YA 5/28 in WNC 5/29; HA, LAW, PCHR 5/29)

29 MAY

The **IDF** conducts overnight raids in Khan Yunis and Rafah areas, fatally shooting **Hamas mbr. Muhammad al-Qidra** in al-Qarara in an apparent assassination; continues major arrest raids in Jenin, rounding up all men ages 15 to 40 for questioning; assassinates a **wanted tanzim mbr.**, demolishes a **Palestinian home**; demolishes **8 Palestinian homes** in Rafah r.c., 1 in Khan Yunis. A **Reuters photographer** is shot, wounded in the leg apparently by Palestinian gunfire while covering a clash in Nablus. (PCHR 5/29; VOI 5/29 in WNC 6/2; AFP, HA, WP, WT 5/30; PCHR 6/5)

Israel's Jerusalem Municipality submits plans to the Interior Min. for construction of a **new Jewish settlement** on a hill on the **East Jerusalem** border with the West Bank, nr. Abu Dis. The settlement, to be called **Qidmat Tziyon**, would have 230 housing units built by several Jewish donors, primarily **American-Jewish millionaire Irvin Moscowitz**, who has been involved in numerous other settlement projects. (MA 5/29 in WNC 5/30)

In his 2d mtg. with **Abbas, Sharon** agrees to make several gestures easing restrictions on Palestinians. The PA says those steps would mark a "genuine effort" by Israel to improve the lives of Palestinians, but would not take the place of ending the occupation. (HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 5/30; SA 5/30 in WNC 6/2; *al-Quds* 6/1 in WNC 6/4; WT 6/2; MA 6/2 in WNC 6/3) (see Quarterly Update)

30 MAY

The **IDF** pulls out of Jenin, demolishing 1 **Palestinian home**; fatally shoots a **Palestinian** attempting to enter Israel fr. s. Gaza; conducts arrest raids in Bethlehem, Ramallah. In Rafah, the **IDF** blows up a **Palestinian home**, severely damaging 3 others; bulldozes 3 dunams of land; fires on residential areas. **Palestinian gunmen** fire on a car with Israeli license plates in the Jordan Valley, wounding an **Israeli Arab**. (HA 5/30; YA 5/30 in WNC 5/30; HA 5/31; PCHR 6/5)

31 MAY

The **IDF** fires on 2 **Palestinians** outside Jenin, killing 1; demolishes a **Palestinian home** outside Khan Yunis; bulldozes 46 dunams of land s. of Gaza City, 6 dunams in Khan Yunis, 6 dunams in Rafah. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received on 5/29. (AP, HA 5/31; PCHR 6/5)

1 JUNE

Israel begins implementing some of the 5/29 gestures, lifting the sealing of the West Bank and Gaza in effect since Passover, on 4/15, allowing some 25,000 Palestinian workers into Israel (if they can reach the border given internal closures and road-blocks still in place; only 4,500 of Gaza's 15,000 permit holders are able to reach a crossing into Israel today). The **IDF** fatally shoots 1 **Palestinian** for "acting suspiciously" nr. the Kissufim crossing in Gaza; fatally shoots a 2d **Palestinian** who walks in front of a tank in Bayt Hanun. **Palestinians** fire a **mortar** at Gush Katif, causing no damage or injuries. The Israeli **Housing Min.** authorizes construction of 2,000 **Jewish settlement** housing units to begin, says 10,000 units await approval. (HA 6/1; VOI, YA 6/1 in WNC 6/2; HP, JP, WT 6/2; WP 6/3; PCHR 6/5)

2 JUNE

The **IDF** imposes a curfew on Ramallah, closes Qalandia checkpoint based on security concerns; continues to surround all Palestinian cities, making it difficult for Palestinian workers to take advantage of eased permit restrictions for entering Israel (see 6/1). **Israel** releases **Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) head and PLO Exec. Comm. mbr.**

Taysir Khalid, detained without charge since 2/16. (HA 6/2; MM, NYT, WP 6/3; PR 6/4; PCHR 6/5)

3 JUNE

The **IDF** launches a predawn raid on Balata r.c. and Hebron, placing the area under curfew, sparking clashes that leave 30 **Palestinians** wounded. The **IDF** also fires on a PSF post outside Bayt Hanun, killing a **PSF officer**; imposes a closure on Nablus; lifts the closure on Ramallah; demolishes a **Palestinian home** in Tulkarm; conducts arrest raids in Jaba, Kafr Haris. 2 **Palestinians** die of injuries received earlier. **Israel** releases some 100 **Palestinian detainees**, including **Ahmad Jubara**, the longest-serving detainee, jailed in 1975 for staging a bombing that killed 14 Israelis. **Kach activists** set up 4 **new unauthorized settlement outposts** in the West Bank. (HA, MM 6/3; NYT, PR, WP, WT 6/4; MA 6/4 in WNC 6/8; PCHR 6/5)

In Sharm al-Shaykh, **Bush** meets with **Abbas** and the leaders of **Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia** for talks on "issues of common interest," including the peace process, Iraq, international efforts to combat terrorism, economic cooperation. (BBC, MM, WP 6/3; DUS, ITAR-TASS, MENA, XIN 6/3 in WNC 6/4; SARR, THWR 6/3 in WNC 7/10; MM, NYT, PR, WP, WT 6/4; QA, *al-Quds* 6/4 in WNC 6/7; DUS 6/6 in WNC 7/10; THWR 6/6, THWR, TSHR 6/7 in WNC 7/11; MM 6/10) (see Quarterly Update)

4 JUNE

The **IDF** demolishes 4 **Palestinian homes** in Rafah, 3 in Yatta; conducts arrest raids in Jenin. In Jerusalem, some 20,000 **Jewish settlers** demonstrate against the Aqaba summit. **Palestinians** fire a **mortar** at a Jewish settlement, a **rocket** at an IDF post, both in Gaza, causing no damage or injuries. In a move deliberately timed with the Aqaba summit, **Tourism M Benny Elon** begins work to set up offices of the pro-transfer **Moledet party** in 1 of the 2 **Palestinian homes** next to the U.S. consulate in **East Jerusalem's** Shaykh Jarrah neighborhood that Jewish settlers have been trying to seize for 1 yr. (see 4/27/03). (JP 6/4 in WNC 6/7; HA, MM, NYT, PCHR, WP, WT 6/5; PCHR 6/12; PR 6/25)

In Aqaba, **Bush** meets with **Abbas, Sharon, King Abdallah**; then meets with Abbas, Sharon only. Afterward, Abbas and

Sharon each give carefully worded statements reiterating their commitments to peace. (HA, MM 6/4; Interfax, ITAR-TASS, JT, MENA, QA, SA 6/4 in WNC 6/7; HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/5; DUS, JP, JT, MA, MENA, NHR, QA, *al-Quds*, *al-Ra'i*, SA, SFR, *Star*, YA 6/5 in WNC 6/8; *al-Quds* 6/5, DUS 6/6 in WNC 6/10; MM 6/6; THWR, TSHR 6/7 in WNC 7/11; JPI 6/13; PR 6/18; JPI 6/20) (see Quarterly Update)

5 JUNE

The **IDF** lifts the curfew on Jenin, leaving none of the 8 main Palestinian cities under curfew for the 1st time in recent memory, though closures and checkpoints remain in place; conducts arrest raids in Hebron; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis, Rafah; demolishes 6 **Palestinian homes** in Rafah. After dark, the **IDF** raids a house in Tulkarm, fatally shooting **wanted Hamas mbrs. 'Adil Abu Zaytun and Hani Kharyush** in what may be an assassination, arresting a 3d. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received on 5/27. (HA 6/5; HA, MM, NYT 6/6; *Gulf Times* 6/7 in WNC 6/10; LAW, PCHR 6/12)

6 JUNE

The **IDF** halts an ambulance nr. Bayt Iba, arrests a Palestinian being transported; bulldozes 2 dunams of land, conducts arrest raids s. of Khan Yunis; fires on stone-throwing Palestinians in Bayt Furik. **1,000s of Hamas supporters** rally against the road map after Friday prayers in Gaza City, Rafah. The **Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC)** fires 3 **mortars** at a Jewish settlement, 1 mortar at an IDF post in Gaza, causing no injuries. (HA 6/6; YA 6/6 in WNC 6/10; WP 6/7; LAW, PCHR 6/12)

7 JUNE

The **IDF** seals the West Bank, allowing only humanitarian cases into Israel; fires on stone-throwing Palestinians in Bayt Hanun; bulldozes 21 dunams of land e. of Khan Yunis, 5 dunams in Dayr al-Balah; demolishes a **Palestinian home** in Dayr al-Balah. (WP, WT 6/8; LAW, PCHR 6/12)

8 JUNE

The **AMB, Hamas, Islamic Jihad** take joint responsibility for an attack on Erez

Crossing in which **3 Palestinian gunmen** dressed in IDF uniforms open fire, killing **4 IDF soldiers**, wounding another 4 before being shot dead. In 2 attacks in Hebron, **2 Palestinian gunmen** fatally shoot an **IDF soldier**, wound another before being shot dead; no group claims responsibility for that attack. Meanwhile, the **IDF** fires on a car outside Yamun, wounding 2 Palestinians. Late in the evening, the **IDF** raids, imposes curfew on Balata r.c.; bulldozes Palestinian land around Askar r.c. (MENA 6/8 in WNC 6/10; MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/9; QA, SFR 6/9 in WNC 6/11; NYT 6/10; JP 6/11 in WNC 6/13; LAW, PCHR 6/12)

9 JUNE

The **IDF** dismantles **5 unauthorized settlement outposts** (all of them uninhabited), announces plans to remove another 9 (only 4 of them inhabited); more than **100 Jewish settlers** try to bar soldiers fr. removing a water tower at 1 unpopulated site. Meanwhile, the **IDF** demolishes 13 **Palestinian homes** in Bayt Hanun, 1 in the Old City of Hebron; fatally shoots **2 Palestinians** allegedly attempting to infiltrate Netzarim settlement; fires on residential areas of Bayt Hanun; raids, imposes a curfew on Tulkarm; conducts arrest raids in Balata r.c., Dayr al-Balah. **Jewish settlers** harass Palestinians in the East Jerusalem neighborhood of Shaykh Jarrah. **Israeli police** round up **1,370 Palestinians laborers** working inside Israel without permits. (HP 6/9; XIN 6/9 in WNC 6/12; NYT, WP, WT 6/10; PR 6/11; JP 6/11 in WNC 6/13; LAW, PCHR 6/12)

10 JUNE

The **IDF** attempts to assassinate, wounds **Hamas political leader and chief spokesman 'Abd al-'Aziz Rantisi**, firing missiles at his car as he drives through Shati' r.c., killing a **bodyguard** and a **Palestinian woman** walking nearby, wounding 27. In a rare acknowledgment, **Israel** confirms it targeted Rantisi, saying it took the decision after Rantisi called off Hamas cease-fire talks with the PA. Later in the day, **IDF** helicopters fire missiles at a 2d car in Jabaliya, allegedly targeting 2 Palestinians who fired 5 **Qassam rockets** at Sederot earlier, causing no damage or injuries; **3 Palestinian bystanders** are killed, 30 (including the 2 targets) are wounded. **Abbas** condemns the Rantisi attack as a "terrorist attack in the full

meaning of the word," saying it was aimed at sabotaging the road map; **Hamas** says it is a "declaration of war," vows to "commit operations that will shake Israel." The **IDF** also fatally shoots **wanted Palestinian Issam Ibrahim** in Jenin in what may be an assassination; fatally shoots **2 Palestinians** in s. Gaza; fires on, wounds a **Palestinian** nr. Morag settlement; fires on residential areas of Hebron, Khan Yunis; bulldozes 5 dunams of land in Jabaliya; conducts arrest raids in Battir, Bayt Iba, Dura, Haris, Hebron, Jericho, Nablus (targeting Hamas), Qatanna, Tulkarm, al-Walaja, Yatta; dismantles another **5 unauthorized settlement outposts**, all of them uninhabited. The **Israeli High Court** blocks the removal of 1 occupied outpost, Havat Gilad, which Israel attempted to dismantle in fall 2002. **Jewish settlers** rebuild 1 outpost taken down on 6/9. (BBC, HA, LAW, MM 6/10; ITAR-TASS, VOI, MENA 6/10 in WNC 6/12; MM, NYT, PR, WP, WT 6/11; AFP, AKH, DUS, HA, IDF Radio, JP, JT, MA, MENA, NHR, QA, *al-Quds*, VOI, YA, XIN 6/11 in WNC 6/13; JPI, LAW, PCHR, WP 6/12; AYM, JP 6/12 in WNC 6/14; PR 6/18, 6/25; MEI 6/27; MEI 7/11)

11 JUNE

A **Hamas suicide bomber** dressed as an Orthodox Jew detonates a device on a bus in Jerusalem, killing **15 Israelis, 1 Eritrean**, injuring more than 60. **Israeli DM Shaul Mofaz** immediately authorizes the **IDF** to use "whatever means necessary" to "completely wipe out **Hamas**," saying **Hamas spiritual leader Shaykh Yasin** is a viable target. Half an hr. later, an **IDF** helicopter fires on a car stuck in a Gaza City traffic jam, assassinating **senior Izzeddin al-Qassam mbrs. Titu Massud and Suhayl Abu Nahil**, also killing **6 Palestinian bystanders**, wounding 35 (including 14 children). In the evening, **IDF** helicopters strike another car in Gaza City, killing **Hamas mbrs. Muhammad Daghmarsh and Rawi Abu Kumayl**. The **IDF** also raids Hebron, imposing a curfew, building roads, blocking streets with sand barriers, concrete blocks; demolishes 3 **Palestinian homes** in Rafah (damaging another 11), 1 in Jaba; fires on a funeral procession outside Khan Yunis, wounding 1. (AP, BBC, HA 6/11; ITAR-TASS, MENA 6/11 in WNC 6/13; LAW, MM, NYT, PCHR, WP, WT 6/12; AFP, QA 6/12 in WNC 6/14; PR 6/18; LAW, PCHR 6/19; JPI 6/20; HA 6/25; MEI 6/27)

12 JUNE

The **IDF** assassinates **senior Hamas mbrs. Ibrahim Abu Srour, Yasir Taha**, firing missiles at their taxi as it drives through Gaza City, also killing **Taha's pregnant wife and infant daughter, the taxi driver, 3 passersby** (including 2 toddlers), wounding 29 bystanders. Late in the evening, **IDF undercover units** assassinate **wanted Islamic Jihad mbrs. Fadi Jaradat, Salih Jaradat** in Jenin. A **Israeli** wounded in the 6/11 bus bombing dies, bringing that toll to 17. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received in the IDF assassination on 6/11, bringing that toll to 9. **Palestinian gunmen** fatally shoot an **Israeli businessman** outside Jenin, fire on **Jewish settlers** in Hebron, causing no injuries; the **AMB, Hamas** each claim responsibility. The **IDF** obstructs streets in the Palestinian section of Hebron by digging trenches, creating rubble berms, also cutting water and electricity lines. (AP, BBC, HA, MM, PCHR 6/12; HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/13; PR 6/18; LAW, PCHR 6/19)

13 JUNE

The **IDF** assassinates **Izzeddin al-Qassam Brigades mbr. Fuad Lidawi**, firing missiles at his car as he drives in Gaza City, wounding 28 bystanders (including 11 children); later fires missiles at a warehouse in Gaza City that allegedly contains Qassam missiles, 50 yds. fr. the home of **Shaykh Yasin**. The **IDF** blows up a cave in Dayr Ghassana (see 5/24), burying **3 wanted Palestinians**, leaving them for dead; local residents dig out, save the men; in retaliation, the IDF raids, vandalizes the village medical clinic. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received in the IDF's 6/12 assassination of Abu Srour and Taha, bringing that toll to 7. An **AMB gunman** fires on an IDF patrol nr. Karmela Menashe settlement, outside Jenin, fatally shooting **1 IDF soldier**, wounding 2. The **IDF** also demolishes 1 **Palestinian home** in Dura, 1 in Hebron; bulldozes 3 dunams of land in Dayr al-Balah; places a curfew on, conducts arrest raids in Bayt Sahur; fires on residential areas of Rafah. **Palestinians** also fire a **Qassam rocket** at Sederot, damaging a house but causing no injuries. (AFP, HA 6/13; NYT, WP, WT 6/14; VOI 6/14 in WNC 6/17; HP 6/16; PR 6/14; LAW, PCHR 6/19)

In Umm al-Fahm, **100,000s of Israeli Arabs** attend a rally in support of **Islamic**

Movement mbrs. arrested by Israel on 5/13. (HA 6/13)

14 JUNE

The **IDF** opens fire on stone-throwing youths in Askar r.c., killing **1 Palestinian**; bars a **Palestinian heart attack victim** fr. crossing a checkpoint to reach a hospital, allowing him to die; places a curfew on villages northwest of Nablus, patrols streets, firing in the air; fires on stone-throwing youths in Askar r.c., injuring 2; fires on residential areas of Hebron, Tulkarm; fires at Palestinians at a roadblock outside Dayr al-Balah for no apparent reason, causing no injuries; demolishes **7 Palestinian homes** and 11 greenhouses, bulldozes 57 dunams of land in Rafah; demolishes **3 Palestinian homes**, a bird farm, and 3 greenhouses, bulldozes 52 dunams of land in Khan Yunis; conducts arrest raids outside Ramallah. (HA 6/14; VOI 6/14 in WNC 6/17; PM, WP 6/15; HP 6/16; LAW, PCHR 6/19)

Israeli DMin. security negotiations coordinator Amos Gilad, PA Security Affairs M Muhammad Dahlan meet in Ramallah to discuss Israel's proposal to turn over security control for n. Gaza to the PA. (NYT, WP 6/15; JP 6/15 in WNC 6/17; NYT 6/16; PR 6/18)

15 JUNE

The **IDF** raids Bayt Hanun, killing an **AMB mbr.**, wounding 7 Palestinians; reimposes a curfew on Palestinian areas of Hebron after lifting it for 3 hrs.; bulldozes 39 dunams of land in Bayt Hanun, 12 dunams in Dayr al-Balah; fires on residential areas of Brazil r.c.; conducts arrest raids in Araba, Bethlehem, Hebron. A **7-yr.-old Palestinian** dies of injuries received in Israel's attempted assassination of Rantisi on 6/10, bringing that toll to 3; a **2d Palestinian** dies of injuries received on 6/8. **Palestinians** fire **Qassam rockets** fr. Rafah for the 1st time, causing no damage or injuries. The **IDF** dismantles 1 uninhabited settlement outpost (possibly the same one dismantled on 6/9, reoccupied on 6/10). **Peace Now** says that **Jewish settlers** have set up **5 new unauthorized settlement outposts** in the past wk. (WT 6/15; HA, HP, MM, NYT, WP 6/16; PR 6/18; LAW, PCHR 6/19)

16 JUNE

The **IDF** fatally shoots **2 Palestinians** (including **AMB mbr. Rifat Azati**), fires on a funeral procession, bulldozes 20 dunams of land in Rafah; raids, imposes a curfew on, fires on residential areas of Faria r.c.; tightens the closure on Jenin; conducts arrest raids in Hebron, Qaddura, Qalqilya, Salfit; sets up more roadblocks around Nablus, Ramallah. A **Jewish settler bus** hits, injures a **4-yr.-old Palestinian** outside Bethlehem. **Jewish settlers** harass Palestinians, vandalize property in Yatta, throw stones at an ambulance nr. Nablus. (HA, HP 6/16; HP 6/17; LAW, PCHR 6/19)

17 JUNE

The **IDF** fires on stone-throwing Palestinians in Askar r.c., Balata r.c.; demolishes **2 Palestinian homes** in Rafah, 1 in Issawiyya; bulldozes 26 dunams of land in Rafah; conducts arrest raids in Dahaysha r.c., Nablus, Qabatiyya, Qalqilya, Tulkarm; searches homes in Dayr al-Balah, occupying 1 as an IDF post; conducts arrest raids in Hebron, Ramallah. **Palestinians** reportedly fire an **antitank missile** at an IDF post in Gaza, injuring 1 soldier, a civilian worker; fire **3 mortars** at Gush Katif, causing no damage or injuries. **IDF F-16s** break the sound barrier over the Gaza Strip throughout the day. Late in the evening, at least **1 Palestinian gunman** fires on an Israeli vehicle just inside the Israeli border nr. Qalqilya, killing a **7-yr.-old Israeli girl**, wounding 3; the **AMB, PFLP-GC** each claim responsibility. **Israeli police** detain **Mufti of Jerusalem Ikrima Sabri** for questioning as part of the investigation into whether the **Islamic Movement** laundered money for **Hamas**. The **IDF** says it has drawn up a list of another **19 unauthorized outposts** to be dismantled; of the original list, 10 uninhabited outposts have been removed, while 5 inhabited ones are slated for removal in the next few days. (AFP, AP, HA, HP 6/17; VOI, YA 6/17 in WNC 6/19; HA, MM, NYT, PR, WP, WT 6/18; HA, LAW, NYT, PCHR 6/19; JPI 6/27)

18 JUNE

The **IDF** fires on a Palestinian cell phone company car in Dayr al-Balah, wounding 2 company workers; demolishes 3

Palestinian homes nr. Rafah (also bulldozing 5 dunams of land), 1 in Jenin, 1 nr. Khan Yunis (also bulldozing 3 dunams of land), 1 nr. Nablus; bulldozes a Palestinian gas station in Silwan; conducts arrest raids in Askar r.c., Bayt Lahia, Bethlehem, Hebron; searches homes in Jenin, Qalqilya, Ramallah (including ransacking the home of a **Palestinian-American** family); fires on residential areas of Bayt Lahia; tightens the closure on Tulkarm. In Hebron, **6 IDF soldiers** reportedly severely beat a **Palestinian teenager**, kicking him, hitting him with their rifle butts. **Palestinians** fire a **Qassam rocket** at Native Haasara moshav inside Israel, causing damage but no injuries. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received in the 6/10 attempted assassination of Rantisi, bringing that toll to 4. A **Tel Aviv court** sentences a **17-yr.-old Israeli Arab** to 2 yrs. in jail for planning to carry out a suicide bombing; the court says the sentence is light because the boy turned himself in to authorities. (HA, HP 6/18; MENA 6/18 in WNC 6/20; LAW, PCHR, WT 6/19; PCHR 6/26)

19 JUNE

In a 7-hr. operation, the **IDF** evacuates the 1st inhabited **unauthorized settlement outpost**, Mitzpe Yitzhar, a particularly militant outpost nr. Nablus, housing 2 settler families: An initial contingent of around **25 unarmed soldiers** attempting to remove 2 tents, a few tin shacks, and 1 concrete block building is obstructed by around **100 Jewish settler youths**. The **IDF** calls in **unarmed reinforcements**, places closures on surrounding settlements, as **100s of settlers** converge on the outpost during the day, scuffling with troops, leaving 30 settlers and soldiers injured; settlers also set fire to Palestinian wheat fields, olive groves in the area in an attempt to disrupt the **IDF** operation. The **IDF** also bulldozes 15 dunams of land in Bayt Hanun, 5 dunams in Bayt Lahia, 1 dunam in al-Mughraqa. An **Islamic Jihad suicide bomber** detonates a device inside a small store in Baysan, inside Israel, killing **1 Israeli. Palestinians** fire a **Qassam rocket** at Seoderot, causing no damage or injuries. (HA, MM 6/19; VOI, YA 6/19 in WNC 6/21; MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/20; MM 5/23; PR 6/25; MM, PCHR 6/26; MEI 6/27; MA 6/11 in WNC 6/13) (see Settlement Monitor, Quarterly Update)

20 JUNE

Hamas gunmen fire on a vehicle driving nr. Ofra settlement, killing **1 Jewish settler**, wounding 3. A **bicycle** laden with explosives explodes nr. an **IDF** checkpoint in central Gaza, causing no damage or injuries; soldiers find, disarm a larger roadside bomb nearby. The **IDF** fatally shoots a mentally disabled **Palestinian** woman nr. Morag settlement in s. Gaza, later admitting the shooting was a mistake; demolishes a gas station, bulldozes 8 dunams of land nr. Khan Yunis; razes 1 **Palestinian home**, a poultry farm, 1 dunam of land in Dayr al-Balah; conducts arrest raids in Hebron. **Jewish settlers** reestablish an **unauthorized settlement outpost** nr. Neve Tzuf that was evacuated earlier in the wk. (HA, JP 6/20; NYT, WP, WT 6/21; PR 6/25; PCHR 6/26)

En route to a Quartet mtg. and a World Economic Forum conference in Jordan, **Powell** stops in Israel to meet with **Sharon**, then in Jericho to meet with **Abbas**. (HA, MM 6/20; AYM 6/20, MENA, NHR, SA 6/21, *Der Spiegel* [Hamburg] 6/23 in WNC 6/24; NYT, WP, WT 6/21; MM 6/23; MM, PR 6/25; MEI 6/27; THWR 6/27 in WNC 7/29) (see Quarterly Update)

21 JUNE

The **IDF** assassinates **senior Hamas mbr. Abdallah Qawasmi**, ambushing and shooting at his car as he drives through Hebron; Israel claims Qawasmi plotted the 6/11 Jerusalem bus bombing; **Sharon** calls the killing a "successful and very important act." The **IDF** also bulldozes a **Palestinian home**, a poultry farm, 3 dunams of land nr. Dayr al-Balah. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received during the **IDF** assassination of Lidawi on 6/13, bringing that toll to 1. (NYT, WP, WT 6/22; VOI 6/22 in WNC 6/24; MM, WP 6/23; AYM 6/23, *al-Ra'i* 6/24 in WNC 6/26; PR 6/25; PCHR 6/26; MEI 6/27)

22 JUNE

Nr. Bayt Hanun, **4 AMB mbrs.** are killed either when a roadside bomb they are planting explodes or when an **IDF** tank fires on them while they are planting a roadside bomb. In Gaza, a female **IDF soldier** forces a **Palestinian woman** to drink fr. a bottle of caustic liquid she is carrying in order to cross the checkpoint; the Palestinian is

taken to the hospital with severe burns and convulsions, files a complaint; the soldier is arrested by IDF military police. The **IDF** fatally shoots a **Palestinian** nr. Morag settlement; demolishes 6 **Palestinian homes** in Khan Yunis; conducts arrest raids, house searches and bulldozes 3 dunams of land n. of Khan Yunis; raids dormitories at Birzeit University, arresting 80 students; fires on residential areas of al-Brazil, Rafah. (ITV 6/22 in WNC 6/24; HA, NYT, WP 6/23; MM 6/24; PR 6/25; PCHR 6/26; AKH 6/26 in WNC 6/28)

23 JUNE

The **IDF** demolishes a **Palestinian home** in Jenin; conducts arrest raids in Nablus. Nr. the Negev village of Tal Arad, **5 Israeli policemen** attempt to arrest a **bedouin youth** for throwing stones at cars, sparking a riot by 10s of local bedouin in which the police shoot, wound **3 bedouin**; 2 bedouin, 5 policemen are also injured in scuffles. **Palestinians** fire a **Qassam rocket** at Sederot, lightly injuring 1 Israeli. **Jewish settlers** set up a **new unauthorized outpost**, nr. the site of 1 taken down last wk. **Israel** bars entry at the Ben-Gurion Airport to a delegation of **Belgian, Dutch doctors** on a mission to assess the damage to the Palestinian health care system in the West Bank, Gaza. (HA, Medical Fact Finding Mission–Palestine press release 6/23; PCHR, WJW 6/26)

24 JUNE

In a move that **Israel** claims will save the road map, the **IDF** arrests more than **130 alleged Hamas mbrs. and supporters** in Hebron (including women, elderly men, and 1 pregnant woman, who collapses, is taken to the hospital), **30 Palestinian “terror suspects and their helpers”** in Nablus. In its deepest incursion into PA areas in Gaza in recent wks., the **IDF** sends bulldozers into Khan Yunis and Rafah, firing on residential areas, demolishing 5 **Palestinian homes** in Rafah, 2 in Khan Yunis, also razing 13 dunams of land. The **IDF** also finds, disables a booby-trapped bicycle nr. a s. Gaza settlement, a bomb in a car in Ramallah; conducts arrest raids in Bethlehem, Nablus. **Palestinians** fire 4 **mortars** at Gaza settlements and 1 **Qassam rocket** toward the Negev, causing no damage or injuries. The **IDF** removes 2 tents comprising an **unauthorized outpost** erected in re-

cent days; meanwhile, **Jewish settlers** set up **2 new unauthorized outposts** elsewhere in the West Bank. A **PA general intelligence unit** raids, closes the **Voice of al-Aqsa** radio station in Gaza city. The move apparently aims to curb incitement, though the PA says the station was set up without a permit. (BBC, HA, MM 6/24; HA, NYT, WP, WT 6/25; PCHR, Palestine Information Center 6/26)

Israeli police charge **5 Islamic Movement leaders** with “service to an outlawed organization, holding funds belonging to an outlawed organization, and money-laundering,” for funneling some \$10 m. to Hamas charity groups in the occupied territories fr. abroad. At least 2 of the mbrs., including **Islamic Movement leader Ra’ad Salah**, are charged with membership in a terrorist organization and contact with a foreign agent (Nabil Mahzomah, an Israeli Arab who was deported to Lebanon in the mid-1980s and allegedly has worked as an agent for Iranian, Lebanese intelligence). The groups they reportedly had contact with were **Charity Coalition** (outlawed in 2/02), the **al-Aqsa Fund** (outlawed in 1992), **Interpal** (outlawed in 1997), the **Holy Land Fund** (outlawed in 1997). (HA, MM 6/24; HA, NYT, WT 6/25)

25 JUNE

The **IDF** assassinates **wanted Hamas mbr. Akram Abu Sarhana**, firing missiles at his taxi as he drives nr. Khan Yunis; of the 4 others in the taxi, **1 Palestinian woman** is killed, another wanted **Hamas mbr. Muhammad Siyam** (possibly the primary target) and 2 other passengers are wounded; around 10 other bystanders are injured; Israel claims the Hamas mbrs. were en route to stage an attack. In Bayt Hanun, **2 Hamas mbrs.** are killed, an **IDF soldier** is wounded in an exchange of gunfire. The **IDF** also demolishes 5 **Palestinian homes** in Rafah; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Dayr al-Balah, al-Qarara. Based on an intelligence tip, **Israeli police** in Kafr Qasim arrest **2 West Bank tanzim mbrs.** carrying a 5-lb bomb, apparently on their way to Petah Tikva to stage an attack. **Palestinians** fire a **Qassam rocket** at Sederot, fire on a **Jewish settler vehicle** nr. Nablus, fire 5 **mortars** at settlements in Gaza, causing no damage or injuries. **Israel** says it will begin having **fmr. South Lebanon Army (SLA) mbrs.** patrol on buses to prevent Palestinian attacks,

arguing that the SLA mbrs. "have special abilities that will help in the identification and apprehension of potential suicide bombers." (HA, MM 6/25; HA, MM, NYT, PCHR, WP, WT 6/26; PCHR 7/3)

26 JUNE

As PA-Israeli talks on an IDF redeployment fr. n. Gaza continue, the **IDF** demolishes 13 **Palestinian homes** in Bayt Hanun, bulldozes 54 dunams of land in Bayt Hanun and Jabaliya r.c.; fires on residential areas of Balata r.c., Bayt Hanun; fires on stone-throwing Palestinians in Tubas, Palestinians waiting to cross a checkpoint nr. Khan Yunis. A **Palestinian teenager** fatally shoots an **Israeli** telephone worker in Baqa' al-Gharbiyya, inside Israel, and is captured; **AMB** takes responsibility. Later, in the same area, **Israeli police** fatally shoot 2 **Palestinians**, arrest 2 others allegedly carrying explosives. A **Palestinian gunman** shoots, wounds a **Jewish settler** driving nr. Bethlehem. **Palestinians** fire 2 **Qassam rockets** at Sederot, causing no damage or injuries. The **IDF** attempts to evacuate settlers fr. 2 **unauthorized outposts** for the 4th time in 24 hrs. (HA, MM 6/26; NYT, WP 6/27; NYT, WP 7/1; PCHR 7/3)

27 JUNE

Overnight, the **IDF** raids Jenin, arresting **local Hamas cmdr. Wa'il Aljui**. The **IDF** also raids 2 Palestinian homes in Gaza City, fatally shooting 4 **Palestinians**, including **wanted Hamas mbr. Amran al-Gul** in an apparent assassination, also wounding 15 Palestinians, demolishing 3 **Palestinian homes**, partially destroying another 8. Hamas mbrs. respond with gunfire, killing 1 **IDF soldier**, wounding 1. (HA, MM, NYT 6/27; NYT, WT 6/28; PCHR 7/3)

Dahlan, Gilad finalize an agmt. for the **IDF** to redeploy fr. Bayt Hanun in n. Gaza, share security control of Gaza roads, turn over security control for most of Gaza (except settlements and security zones that make up roughly 35% of the Strip); discussions on an IDF pullout fr. Bethlehem continue. Meanwhile in Cairo, **Hamas, Islamic Jihad, Fatah** finalize a unilateral cease-fire agmt. Formal declarations of the 2 agmts. are expected to be made on 6/29, during **Rice's** visit. (*Forward*, HA, MM 6/27; NYT, WP, WT 6/28) (see 6/14; Quarterly Update)

28 JUNE

The **IDF** arrests an **ailing Palestinian** being transported by ambulance to Jordan (with the permission of Israeli, Jordanian authorities) for treatment. The **IDF** also fires on residential areas of Abasan, Khan Yunis; conducts arrest raids in Nablus, Tulkarm. **Palestinians** fire 5 **mortars** at Gush Katif, causing no damage or injuries. (HA, NYT 6/29; JP 7/2 in WNC 7/10; PCHR 7/3)

Rice holds talks with **Abbas, Dahlan** in Jericho on her 1st visit as Bush's personal envoy on the peace process. (HA 6/28; NYT, WT 6/29; MM 6/30; NYT 7/1; PR 7/2) (see Quarterly Update)

29 JUNE

The **IDF** conducts arrest raids in al-Bireh, Ramallah. (PM 6/30; PCHR 7/3)

Fatah, Hamas, Islamic Jihad formally announce cease-fires against all Israelis everywhere for a minimum of 3 mos. The **DFLP, Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP)** say they will abide by the truce. Hrs. after the announcement, the **IDF** begins redeploying fr. Bayt Hanun. (AYM 6/29, AYM, *al-Quds*, SFR 6/30, AFP, MENA, QA, *al-Ra'i* 7/1, AYM, MENA, NHR, SFR 7/2, AYM, HA, SFR 7/3, MA 7/4 in WNC 7/10; HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/30; PR 7/2; AYM 7/5 in WNC 7/11; MEI 7/11)

30 JUNE

The **IDF** completes its redeployment fr. Bayt Hanun, opens Gaza's main north-south road to joint patrols with the **PSF**, removes many roadblocks and checkpoints in n. Gaza. Nr. Nablus, **AMB gunmen** ambush, fatally shoot a **Bulgarian** who works at a nearby **Jewish settlement**; the AMB has not signed on to the Hamas-Islamic Jihad-Fatah cease-fire. **Israel** acknowledges that for several days, police have been escorting Jews on tours of the **Haram al-Sharif/Temple Mount**, despite the government's failure to reach an agmt. on such visits with the **Waqf**; the holy site was closed to non-Muslims after **Sharon's** controversial visit to the site in 9/01 that sparked the current intifada. **Israeli** authorities inform residents of **Bayt Iqsa**, northwest of Jerusalem, that 14,000 dunams of their communal land will be expropriated for construction of a **new Jewish settlement** to be called Alona. (BBC, HA, MM 6/30; MM,

WP 7/1; PR, WT 7/2; AYM 7/2, *al-Quds* 7/3, MENA 7/4 in WNC 7/10; PCHR 7/3; REU 7/4; PR 7/9; HA 7/14)

Dahlan, Gilad finalize details for an IDF redeployment fr. Bethlehem, which they set to begin on 7/2. (HA 6/30; HA, NYT, WP 7/1)

1 JULY

The **IDF** fatally shoots a **Palestinian** outside Tulkarm, saying the man fired on their post, causing no injuries; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis, wounding an 8-yr.-old Palestinian among others; conducts arrest raids in Jenin, Nablus. **Palestinians** fire **mortars** at Gush Katif, causing no damage or injuries. (BBC, HA 7/1; JP, NYT, WP 7/2; PCHR 7/3; VOI 7/3 in WNC 7/10)

In Nazareth, **Israeli** bulldozers tear down the foundation of a **mosque** on a site adjacent to the Church of the Annunciation over the tomb of a Muslim saint. Muslims, Christians have disputed the construction of the mosque for 6 yrs. In 4/99, PM Ehud Barak gave formal permission for the project, sparking riots and bringing formal protests fr. the Vatican. In 3/02, **Sharon** ordered a halt to construction. (MM 7/1; MM, NYT, WT 7/2; JP 7/2 in WNC 7/10; JPI 7/11, 7/25)

Abbas, Sharon hold their 3d mtg. to discuss road map implementation; agree to establish 4 comms. to oversee release of Palestinian political prisoners, a halt to Palestinian incitement, security, trade. Sharon says that **Arafat** may travel to Gaza "as long as he stays there" and if he asks Israel's permission. (HA, MM 7/1; AYM, MENA 7/1, Interfax, QA 7/2 in WNC 7/10; HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 7/2; MM 7/4; JPI, MEI 7/11)

2 JULY

Israel releases **9 administrative detainees**, all arrested during the 6/24 sweep of Hebron, as a goodwill gesture to the PA. The **IDF** redeploys to the outskirts of Bethlehem, turning security control over to the **PSF**; the IDF will continue to patrol Bayt Jala, control the area around **Rachel's Tomb** (an especially high separation fence around the tomb reportedly is planned), but otherwise vows not to enter the town unless the PA is unable to prevent an imminent attack on Israelis fr. the city. The **IDF** confiscates 283 dunams of land s. of Khan Yunis,

for a new settler bypass road for Morag; enters the offices of the **Hebron Rehabilitation Comm. (HRC)**, orders all HRC reconstruction projects to halt (see Vitullo article in this issue); demolishes a **Palestinian home** in East Jerusalem; moves the Ganei Tal settlement fence east, bringing 4 Palestinian homes within the settlement's zone of control. **Palestinian gunmen** fire on Israeli construction workers building the separation wall nr. Tulkarm, lightly injuring 1 Israeli security guard; fire on an **IDF** patrol in Nablus, causing no injuries. A **roadside bomb** explodes along the separation wall nr. Qalqilya, causing no damage or injuries. (HA, REU 7/2; MM, NYT, PCHR, WP, WT 7/3; *al-Quds* 7/7 in WNC 7/10; PCHR 7/10; MEI 7/11; HA 7/17)

3 JULY

As gestures to the PA, **Israel** announces a halt to deporting **families of West Bank Palestinian militants** to Gaza; releases **34 Palestinian prisoners**, including **senior Gaza PSF official Sulayman Abu Mutlak**, who was arrested in early 5/03 and is freed for lack of evidence. Overnight, **Palestinians** fire an **antitank rocket** at Kefar Darom, wounding **4 Jewish settlers**; the **Palestinian resistance comms. (PRCs)** and a Rafah-based Fatah offshoot called **Abu Rish**, neither of which agreed to the cease-fire, claim responsibility; meanwhile, the **PSF** arrests **4 PRC mbrs.**, an **AMB mbr.** in connection with the attack; the **IDF** shuts Gaza's main north-south road for 6 hrs. to search for the assailants, without success. **Abbas** condemns the rocket attack and the 6/30 fatal shooting of a Bulgarian worker as "acts of sabotage." The **PSF** also arrests **2 Palestinians** in Khan Yunis on charges of firing mortars at Gush Katif on 7/1. The **IDF** raids Qalqilya, arresting local **AMB head Ibrahim Mansur**, fatally shooting his aide **Mahmud Shawar** (reportedly 1st wounding him in the leg, then executing him with gunshots to the head); the **AMB** vows to respond within 24 hrs. The **IDF** also imposes a curfew on, conducts arrest raids in Tulkarm; fires on Palestinians waiting to cross a Khan Yunis checkpoint, wounding 1; bulldozes 8 dunams of Palestinian land nr. Dayr al-Balah. **Sharon** authorizes **Israeli police** to crack down on crime among **bedouin** in s. Israel. (HA, MM 7/3; MA, VOI 7/3, AYM 7/5 in WNC 7/10; NYT, WP, WT 7/4; NYT 7/6; MM 7/8; PR 7/9; PCHR 7/10)

4 JULY

In Gaza's Shati' r.c., **PSF officers** attempt to arrest **4 PRC mbrs.** responsible for rocket fire on 7/3, sparking an exchange of gunfire that leaves **1 PRC mbr.** dead, 3 under arrest, at least 1 PSF officer and 1 PRC mbr. wounded. **Palestinians** fire a mortar and an antitank rocket at a **Jewish settlement** in Gaza, causing no damage or injuries. (NYT, WT 7/6; PCHR 7/10)

5 JULY

The **IDF** fires on residential areas of Dayr al-Balah; bulldozes 14 dunams of land nr. Rafah. In s. Gaza, **3 Palestinians** apparently planting a **roadside bomb** trigger the device, killing 1, wounding the other 2. **Shin Bet** produces a list of **100 Palestinian prisoners**, out of the more than 5,500 (some say up to 8,000) currently held, that it says could be freed without harming Israeli security. (NYT 7/6; PCHR 7/10)

6 JULY

In Gaza City, **PA workers** begin white-washing graffiti praising Palestinian militants as part of the road map's requirements to halt incitement. The **PA** announces that as of 7/7 it will ban the firing of guns at wedding celebrations, confiscating guns of violators; will begin inspecting cars for licenses and ownership, reportedly in an effort to confiscate and return vehicles stolen fr. Israel. **Israel** approves the entry to Israel of 1,500 Palestinian workers, 1,500 Palestinian merchants fr. the Bethlehem area. The **Israeli cabinet** votes (13-9, with 1 abstention) to release **some 300 Palestinian prisoners** in the coming days; most will be administrative detainees who are children under age 18 or women over 60; none will be mbrs. of **Hamas, Islamic Jihad**; each prisoner's case will be reviewed by a monitoring comm. The **PA** says that the release would be too small to generate support for **Abbas**. **Mofaz** holds what he describes as "very positive" talks with **Dahlan** regarding further transfers of cities to PA control. **Dahlan** warns that if Israel blanketly excludes all prisoners fr. Palestinian opposition groups fr. release, it would undermine **Abbas**. **Mofaz** reportedly says that Israel agrees in principle to the PA rebuilding, reopening Gaza airport. Meanwhile, the **IDF** halts, searches an ambulance at a

checkpoint nr. Qalqilya, arrests a seriously ill **Palestinian patient** being transported to the hospital for emergency surgery. (MM, NYT 7/7; VOI 7/7, HJ 7/9 in WNC 7/11; NYT 7/8; AYM 7/8 in WNC 7/10; PR 7/9; PCHR, WJW 7/10; MEI, PRCS 7/11; JPI 7/18)

7 JULY

The **PSF** says it has released **9 PRC mbrs.** recently arrested after the comms. agreed to abide by the Hamas-Islamic Jihad cease-fire. The **IDF** begins construction of a permanent fence in the Old City of Hebron separating the Ibrahim Mosque/Tomb of the Patriarch fr. the Palestinian-controlled section of the city; shoots, wounds a Palestinian "acting suspiciously" in Tulkarm; fires on Palestinians who reportedly attack an IDF outpost in s. Gaza, wounding 1; conducts arrest raids in Jenin, detaining 15 Palestinians, including a local **Islamic Jihad** leader. Late in the evening, an **Islamic Jihad suicide bomber** detonates a device in a home in Kfar Yavetz, in central Israel nr. the West Bank, killing **1 Israeli**; a statement by **Islamic Jihad's Jenin cell** says it has broken the cease-fire since Israel has not complied with requirements to free all Palestinian prisoners, but senior Islamic Jihad officials, including **chief spokesman in Gaza Muhammad al-Hindi**, say the attack was not coordinated with the group's leadership, which reaffirms its adherence to the cease-fire. Unidentified **Palestinians** fire on, detonate a roadside bomb nr. workers building Israel's **separation wall** nr. Qalqilya, causing no injuries. In separate incidents, the **PSF** arrests **3 Palestinians** nr. the Gaza border with Israel. (BBC, MM, NYT, WT 7/8; MM, NYT, PR, WP 7/9; SFR 7/9 in WNC 7/12; PCHR 7/10; JPI 7/18)

8 JULY

The **IDF** bulldozes 100 dunams of land southwest of Rafah; detains **4 ISM mbrs.** at a "peace camp" set up in Arraboni as a non-violent demonstration against construction of the separation wall; fires on Palestinian residential areas nr. Morag settlement; conducts arrest raids in Hebron, Ramallah. **Palestinians** fire a mortar at Gush Katif settlement, causing no damage or injuries. (HA, ISM press release 7/9; PCHR 7/10)

9 JULY

IDF undercover units raid a house in Burkin, arrest **wanted *tanzim* cmdr. Iyad Shalayish**, fatally shooting his brother and critically wounding his sister-in-law, who live next door, when they come to the window to see what is going on. The **IDF** also detains, interrogates for 9 hrs. at a local Jewish settlement **3 Palestinian children** (ages 10, 11) caught throwing stones nr. Nablus; conducts arrest raids in Ramallah. **Shin Bet** says it has recently arrested **4 senior Islamic Jihad mbrs.** in West Bank raids. **Jewish settlers** stone a Palestinian car driving nr. Hebron, seriously injuring the driver. (HA, PR 7/9; VOI 7/9 in WNC 7/11; NYT, PCHR, WT 7/10; PR 7/16)

10 JULY

In Dayr al-Ghasun, **Palestinians**, accompanied by **ISM** volunteers, for the 1st time attempt to gain access to farmland newly cut off by Israel's separation wall to plant fall crops, but the **IDF** denies them passage; the wall cuts off 500 farmers fr. 3,000 dunams of village crop land. Nr. Nablus, the **IDF** arrests **6 ISM mbrs.** who remove 2 earthen roadblocks barring Palestinian traffic on a local road. The **IDF** also issues order for the confiscation of 424 dunams of land n. of Tulkarm (for construction of the separation wall), 100s of dunams of land in al-Khadir (reportedly to expand Ofra settlement); tightens roadblocks around Jenin, Nablus, Ramallah; fires on a **PSF** post in Rafah, causing no injuries; fires on residential areas of Dayr al-Balah; demolishes a **Palestinian home** in Rafah; conducts arrest raids in Hebron. **Palestinians** rally in Khan Yunis to call for Israel's release of Palestinian prisoners. **Jewish settlers** scuffle with **IDF soldiers** attempting to evacuate an **unauthorized settlement outpost** nr. Nablus. A **Palestinian boy** is hit and killed by a **Jewish settler** driving nr. Nablus. (AP, HP, ISM press release 7/10; NYT, PMC 7/12; PR 7/16; PCHR 7/24)

11 JULY

Some **3,000 Palestinians** attend a **Hamas** rally in Jabaliya r.c., demanding Israel's immediate release of Palestinian prisoners; Hamas warns that the cease-fire will not hold unless Israel is more forthcoming with concessions. In what the **PSF** terms a "misunderstanding," **Dahlan's**

bodyguards shoot, wound a **Hamas mbr.** they thought was about to shoot at Dahlan's car driving nr. Erez crossing. In response, some **Hamas mbrs.** set fire to PA cars outside a Gaza City **PSF** office. In the evening, the **PSF** sets up roadblocks nr. Gush Katif and Kefar Darom settlements, nr. Khan Yunis and confiscates several weapons found in vehicle searches, which began on 7/7 (see 7/6 announcement above). The **IDF** captures 4 Palestinians attempting to sneak into Israel to work, wounding 2; demolishes a **Palestinian home** in Rafah. **Armed Jewish settlers** halt, search an ambulance outside Nablus. (HA, MM, PRCS 7/11; HA, JP, NYT, WT 7/12; *al-Quds* 7/13 in WNC 7/16; PM 7/15; PCHR 7/24)

12 JULY

The **IDF** arrests a suspected **Real Irish Republican Army (Real IRA) mbr.** at a checkpoint outside Ramallah, alleging that he came to the West Bank to provide explosives training to militant Palestinians; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis (wounding 1 woman in her home), Rafah; conducts arrest raids in Bayt Furik. **Jewish settlers** establish a new **unauthorized outpost** nr. Nablus. (BBC, NYT, WP, WT 7/14; VOI 7/14 in WNC 7/16; PM 7/15; MM 7/18; PCHR 7/24)

13 JULY

Hamas, Islamic Jihad issue a joint statement saying that they will not surrender their weapons; they argue that they agreed to a cease-fire to support national unity efforts, a **PSF** attempt to disarm them would go against unity efforts, removing the basis of the cease-fire agmt. **Abbas** says he will not order the **PSF** to disarm the militant groups, though **PA police** will confiscate unlicensed weapons found during inspections of vehicles at **PSF** checkpoints. The **IDF, PSF** launch a joint search for a missing **Israeli taxi driver** feared kidnapped by Palestinians seeking a prisoner swap. The **IDF** fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis, wounding a woman in her home; conducts arrest raids in Ramallah. **Jewish settlers** in Hebron attack Palestinians, occupy a **Palestinian home** and surrounding land. (BBC, WP 7/14; PM 7/15; PR 7/16; PCHR 7/24)

In Ramallah, **10s of Palestinian refugees** attack, lightly injure **Palestinian pollster Khalil Shikaki**, vandalize his

office to prevent him fr. holding a press conference to release data showing that while 95% of refugees polled wanted Israel to recognize the right of return, only a minority (10% overall; 23% in Lebanon, 13% in the occupied territories, 5% in Jordan) percentage would want to return to their homes in what is now Israel, 54% overall would accept monetary compensation in lieu of return. (HA 7/13; JP, NYT, WP, WT 7/14; PR 7/16; MM 7/28)

14 JULY

The **IDF** imposes a curfew on Ramallah in its search for an **Israeli taxi driver** missing since 7/13; the **Palestinian prisoners association** calls on whoever is holding the man to release him. The **IDF** also fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis, Rafah; fires on a **PSF** post nr. Khan Yunis, causing damage but no injuries; bulldozes a tent, 2 rooms of a home, a bird farm s. of Khan Yunis. The BBC reports that **Irishman John Morgan**, arrested by the IDF on 7/12, is a journalist and peace activist; **Israel** acknowledges that he may not be a **Real IRA** bomb maker, but contends that he is "involved with terrorist organizations in the territories." (*Guardian*, HA, MM 7/14; BBC, HA, NYT, PM, WP, WT 7/15; PCHR 7/24)

15 JULY

An East Jerusalem **Palestinian** fatally stabs an **Israeli** on promenade in Tel Aviv, wounds 2 others, is wounded and captured by police; a statement faxed to Reuters takes responsibility in the name of the **AMB**, but **AMB** spokesmen say the group was not involved. **Israel** says it will release **Irishman Morgan**, whom it confirms is not a **Real IRA** mbr. The **IDF** fires on cars traveling on the main north-south road in Gaza, apparently to halt traffic for passage of a Jewish settler convoy fr. Gush Katif. More than **40 Israeli tour guides** file suit in Israeli court against the **PA** for earnings lost because of intifada violence. (BBC, HA, JTA, MM, WP 7/15; AFP 7/15 in WNC 7/18; NYT, PR, WP, WT 7/16; MM, NYT 7/17; MM 7/18; PCHR 7/24)

16 JULY

The **IDF** locates missing **Israeli taxi driver Eliyahu Goral**, bound but unharmed, in a house in Beitunia; says he was seized in East Jerusalem, the victim of

a robbery gone awry, not a kidnapping by militant Palestinians. The **IDF** fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis, Rafah. (HA, MM, NYT, PR, WP, WT 7/16; PCHR 7/24)

17 JULY

The **IDF** says that a 21-km section of the **separation wall** around the n. and s. of Jerusalem should be completed by the end of 7/03. The **IDF** sends tanks, troops into Ramallah, occupying buildings surrounding Arafat's headquarters, conducting searches, withdrawing after 2 hrs.; fires on residential areas of Rafah, wounding 1 woman; places a curfew on Tulkarm; bulldozes 2 **Palestinian homes** in Bayt Rima. **Shin Bet** arrests 2 **Jewish settlers** on charges of "security crimes against Palestinians," places a gag order on the case. (HA, PMC 7/17; HA 7/18; WT 7/19; MM 7/21; JP 7/23 in WNC 7/25; PCHR 7/24)

18 JULY

Israeli police acknowledge that they have begun letting obviously **religious Jews** (e.g., wearing kippas) join tours of the Temple Mount/Haram al-Sharif; say this is part of a gradual process to reinstate the status quo before the 9/00 Sharon visit to the site that sparked the al-Aqsa intifada. (HA 7/18; HA, MM 7/22)

19 JULY

Mbrs. of the **AMB's** Jenin faction pull **Jenin mayor Haidar Irshayd** fr. his car, beat and kidnap him, alleging he is corrupt and has collaborated with **Israel**, demanding the **PA** put him on trial; they release Irshayd after receiving a call fr. an aid to **Arafat**. Meanwhile, **Dahlan** announces that the **PSF** has begun "a large-scale campaign" to bring security to Gaza; the **DFLP** reports that the **PSF** has arrested 2 of its mbrs. The **IDF** fires at a **Palestinian farmer** who attempts to plant agricultural land previously bulldozed by the IDF, damaging his tractor, forcing him off the land. (XIN 7/19 in WNC 7/22; NYT, WP, WT 7/20; MM 7/21; PCHR 7/24)

20 JULY

An **Israeli** is stabbed, wounded in Jerusalem, possibly by a Palestinian. Late in the evening, **Islamic Jihad mbr. Rami Isleit** is killed apparently when a roadside

bomb he attempts to detonate nr. an **IDF** patrol outside Jenin malfunctions; no soldiers are injured. (HA 7/21; NYT 7/22; PR 7/23; PCHR 7/24)

Abbas, Sharon meet in advance of their visits to Washington. Abbas demands Israel quickly redeploy fr. 2 more Palestinian cities, make a significant prisoner release, step up removal of unauthorized settlement outposts. Sharon says Israel will not do more until the PA begins to disarm, dismantle militant groups. (HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 7/21; MM 7/22; MEI 7/25)

21 JULY

The **Knesset** approves (47-27) **Sharon's** decree authorizing the removal of all **unauthorized settlement outposts** constructed in the past 2 yrs. (NYT 7/22)

22 JULY

Israeli border police open fire on an Israeli Arab vehicle nr. the Green Line that they mistakenly believe to be a carload of "terrorists" infiltrating fr. the West Bank, killing **1 Israeli Arab**, wounding 1. The **IDF** conducts arrest raids in Jenin (targeting **Islamic Jihad**). **Israel's Jerusalem police** arrest **200 Palestinians** fr. Hebron, Nablus for being in Shu'fat r.c., in East Jerusalem, without permits. A group of **religious Jews** on an Israeli police-escorted tour of the **Temple Mount/Haram al-Sharif** attempt to perform rituals there; Israeli police remove the group when Waqf guards attempt to intervene; **Arafat** calls the tours "provocative," warns serious consequences may be unavoidable if Israel continues to permit such visits. (HA 7/22; HA, NYT, WP 7/23; PCHR 7/24)

23 JULY

At the entrance to Shu'fat r.c., **4 Palestinian youths** stab, lightly injure a **Jewish settler** on a bicycle. The **IDF** conducts arrest raids in Hebron, but allows the **HRC** to resume work halted on 7/2. (ITV, VOI, YA 7/23 in WNC 7/25; PCHR 7/24; HA 7/25)

24 JULY

The **IDF** conducts arrest raids in Hebron (targeting the **AMB**), Jenin (targeting **Islamic Jihad**), Ramallah (targeting the **AMB**). **Israeli border police** fatally shoot a **bedouin** driving in the Negev when

he refuses orders to stop; the Israelis suspected him of transporting illegal workers fr. the occupied territories; **10s of angry local residents** demonstrate, damage police cars, throw stones at police officers. Unidentified assailants attempt to assassinate **PA military intelligence chief Maj. Gen. Musa Arafat**, firing a rocket-propelled grenade at his office; the grenade misses, hits a prison, injuring 13 inmates. **Israel** announces that the **Jewish settler population** has increased by 5,415 during the 1st half of 2003. (HA, MM 7/24; AFP, WP 7/25; JP 7/27 in WNC 7/30; PR 7/30; PCHR 8/7)

25 JULY

An **IDF** soldier at a checkpoint opens machine-gun fire on a Palestinian vehicle for no reason, killing a **5-yr.-old Palestinian**, wounding his 6- and 7-yr.-old sisters; the **IDF** says it was "an operational error." The **IDF** imposes additional travel restrictions on residents of Gaza's **al-Mawasi area**, where all Palestinians are already required to have special magnetic cards to enter or leave; new restrictions bar men ages 16–25 fr. entering or leaving the areas without prior coordination with the **IDF**, bars all residents fr. carrying objects across checkpoints (foodstuffs will be allowed in 2 days/wk., metal goods 1 day/wk), requires back-to-back hauling of goods (meaning trucks are offloaded at a crossing and goods loaded onto another truck on the opposite side). (MM 7/25; VOI 7/25 in WNC 7/29; NYT, WP 7/26; PR 7/30; PCHR 8/7; MEI 8/8)

Bush meets with **Abbas**; praises his efforts to halt violence, but says that the onus is on the PA to halt violence. (MM 7/25; NYT, WP, WT 7/26; *al-Quds* 7/26, 7/27 in WNC 7/29; MM 7/28; AYM 7/28 in WNC 7/31; PR 7/30; WJW 7/31; TJT 8/1 in WNC 8/5; MEI 8/8)

26 JULY

Jewish settlers stone 3 **Palestinian homes** in Hebron, breaking windows but causing no injuries; the **IDF** does not intervene. (PR 7/30; PCHR 8/7)

27 JULY

On the eve of **Sharon's** 7/28 mtg. with **Bush** in Washington, the **IDF** removes 6 West Bank checkpoints (3 outside Bethlehem, 2 outside Ramallah, 1 outside

Hebron), in most cases adding roving checkpoints nearby to search cars, slowing traffic considerably; pledges to release 100 Palestinian prisoners. The **IDF** also bulldozes a greenhouse, some land in Rafah. (AYM 7/27 in WNC 7/31; MM, NYT, WP, WT 7/28; MM 7/29; UN Office for the Coordinator of Humanitarian Affairs press release 8/5; PCHR 8/7)

28 JULY

The **IDF** fires rubber bullets, tear gas at some **200 Palestinians** demonstrating against the separation wall w. of Jenin. (NYT, WP 7/29; PCHR 8/7)

29 JULY

The **IDF** fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis, Rafah. (PCHR 8/7)

Bush, Sharon meet in Washington. Bush urges Sharon to make gestures to bolster **Abbas**. Sharon pledges to free 540 Palestinian prisoners, remove a few road blocks, dismantle **unauthorized settlement outposts**; says he will not do more until the PA begins to dismantle militant groups; rejects Bush's appeal to halt construction of the **separation wall**, but says he will slow construction deep in Palestinian areas and add more crossing points. (JP, MM 7/29; BBC, MM, NYT, PR, WP, WT 7/30; AYM, HJ 7/30, IDF Radio, JP, MA, VOI 7/31 in WNC 8/1; HA, WJW 7/31; MM 8/1; TJT 8/1 in WNC 8/5; JPI, MEI 8/8)

30 JULY

The **IDF** conducts arrest raids in Hebron (targeting **Hamas, Islamic Jihad**); fires on farmers working their fields nr. Khan Yunis, forcing them to leave; makes incursions in Nablus; sends troops into Ramallah to halt a marked *al-Ayyam* vehicle, arrests **4 Palestinian journalists**; announces that it has arrested **3 PFLP mbrs.** in recent days for plotting an attack on IDF forces in the West Bank. **Hamas, Islamic Jihad** say their cease-fire may have to be reassessed if the **U.S.** fails to urge **Israel** to halt construction of the **separation wall**. (AP 7/30; PCHR 8/7)

Dahlan, Mofaz discuss IDF redeployment fr. Jericho (where the IDF has no presence) and Qalqilya (encircled by the separation wall, with 1 IDF checkpoint providing entry, exit). Dahlan rejects the offer as hollow. (HA, IDF Radio, MA, MM,

NYT, YA 7/31; VOI 7/31 in WNC 8/1) (see Quarterly Update)

31 JULY

A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received earlier. **Israel** issues tenders for construction of 22 new housing units in Gaza's Neve Dekalim settlement; since the beginning of 2003, Israel has issued 687 tenders for new settlement housing units. (HA, MM 7/31; NYT, WT 8/1; PCHR 8/7; AYM 8/7 in WNC 8/14)

The **Knesset** authorizes (53-25 with 1 abstention) a 1-yr. amendment of the citizenship law to deny citizenship, permanent residency status to Palestinians fr. the territories who marry Israeli citizens, forcing couples to live apart or leave Israel, preventing automatic citizenship of a child born of 1 Palestinian, 1 Israeli parent. Some 21,000 couples are affected. (HA, JP 5/27; PR 5/28; HA 6/18; MM 6/27; HA 7/30; HA, MM 7/31; JP 7/31 in WNC 8/1; NYT, WP 8/1; MM 8/4; AYM 8/4 in WNC 8/8; MM 8/5; WT 8/18)

The **World Zionist Organization (WZO)** plans **30 new Jewish settlements** in the Galilee and Negev to offset the rapid bedouin and Israeli Arab growth rates there and "ensure that Israel remains a Jewish state." (JTA 7/31)

1 AUGUST

The **IDF** fires rubber bullets, tear gas at **100s of Palestinian and international demonstrators** attempting to cut the **separation wall** nr. Tulkarm; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis. (WP 8/2; PCHR 8/7)

2 AUGUST

In Gaza, **1 Palestinian teenager** is killed, 6 are wounded in a mysterious explosion. The **IDF** searches Palestinian homes in Dayr al-Balah; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis. **Arafat** orders the **PSF** to detain **17 AMB mbrs.** who have taken refuge in his Ramallah compound to evade **Israeli** capture; the PA is negotiating with Israel to move the AMB mbrs. to a PA jail in Jericho; 5 AMB mbrs. agree to go, while the other 12 resist, saying they would resume attacks on Israel if the transfer occurs. (XIN 8/2 in WNC 8/5; NYT, WP, WT 8/3; MM 8/4, 8/5; PCHR 8/7)

Hizballah mbr. Ali Hussein Saleh, a driver for the **Iranian emb.**, and a passerby are killed by a car bomb in Beirut. Hizballah

blames **Israel**. (Islamic Republic News Agency, MENA 8/2 in WNC 8/5; NYT, WP, WT 8/3; HA 8/4; MEI 8/8; NHR 8/8 in WNC 8/12; HA, WT 8/11; MA 8/12 in WNC 8/14) (see Quarterly Update)

3 AUGUST

The **IDF** fatally shoots a **Palestinian** who allegedly fails to stop at a roadblock; places a curfew on Palestinian villages nr. a settler bypass road outside Dayr al-Balah. In apparent reaction to the IDF shooting of a car carrying 3 children on 7/25, **AMB gunmen** fire on a Jewish settler vehicle nr. Har Gilo settlement, nr. Bethlehem, injuring a **Jewish settler**, her **3 children**. **Arafat** releases the **17 AMB mbrs.** fr. detention in his compound (see 8/2) after they promise to adhere to the cease-fire; the PA says it was unwilling to risk a confrontation with the AMB over the men's arrest. (HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 8/4; IDF Radio, VOI, XIN 8/4 in WNC 8/6; MM 8/5; PCHR 8/7; MEI 8/8)

4 AUGUST

The **IDF** fatally shoots an **AMB mbr.** nr. Tulkarm who was allegedly planting a roadside bomb; fires on a taxi driving into Nablus, injuring 2 Palestinians; fires on residential areas of Balata r.c., Rafah; arrests 2 Palestinians in East Jerusalem for allegedly aiding suicide bombers who staged attacks in 5/03, 6/03; demolishes a **Palestinian home** in Masha to make way for the separation wall, arrests **46 ISM mbrs.** (including 4 Israelis, 3 Palestinians) protesting the construction. **Palestinians** fire an antitank rocket at an **IDF** post on the Rafah border, causing no damage or injuries. **Jewish settlers** shoot, wound a **Palestinian** nr. Nablus; begin work on a new **unauthorized outpost** e. of Hebron. (HA 8/4; NYT 8/5; PCHR 8/7)

Israel publishes a list of **342 Palestinian prisoners** it plans to free on 8/6. To protest the lower-than-promised number (see 7/29), **Abbas** cancels a mtg. with **Sharon** scheduled for 8/6. (BBC, HA, MM, NYT, WP 8/5; IDF Radio, VOI, XIN, YA 8/5 in WNC 8/7; NYT, WP 8/6; AYM 8/7 in WNC 8/14; MEI 8/8)

5 AUGUST

In Gaza City, a **Palestinian boy** is killed when he accidentally detonates unexploded **IDF** ordnance while searching through the

rubble of his family home, blown up by the IDF in 5/03. (WT 8/6; PCHR 8/7)

6 AUGUST

Israel releases **335 Palestinian prisoners** (see 8/4). The **IDF** makes a rare raid on Jericho, imposing a 5-hr. curfew, arresting **15 mbrs. of the Palestinian security services** for allegedly plotting an attack. **Palestinians** toss a grenade at **Neve Dekalim settlement** in Gaza, causing no damage or injuries. In Nazareth, **Israeli Jewish youths** throw stones at **Israeli Arab** vehicles, damaging 6 cars, lightly injuring 1 woman. (BBC, HA, MM, NYT 8/6; HA, MM, NYT, PCHR, WP, WT 8/7)

7 AUGUST

The **IDF** removes 3 roadblocks on the Jenin-Jerusalem road; fires on residential areas of al-Qarara. In Ramallah, **AMB** mbrs. abduct, execute an alleged **Palestinian collaborator**. (HA 8/7; NYT, WP, WT 8/8; PCHR 8/14)

8 AUGUST

IDF troops raid Askar r.c., accompanied by 4 armored personnel carriers, 14 military jeeps, 2 armored bulldozers, and 2 helicopters; surround the apartment building where **wanted Hamas mbrs. Hamis Abu Salam, Fayiz al-Sadar** live, sparking a fire fight that leaves at least 1 of the Palestinians, **1 IDF soldier** dead; shell the 4-story building by helicopter, destroying it; the body of the 2d Palestinian is found in the rubble. The attack, which Hamas considers an assassination, sparks demonstrations in Askar; the IDF fires live ammunition, rubber bullets, tear gas at the crowds, killing **1 Palestinian**, wounding 6; a **Palestinian**, overcome by teargas, dies at a hospital. Nr. Jenin, **3 Palestinian gunmen** fire on an **IDF** outpost, are wounded and arrested. **Israel** indicts **2 Jewish settlers**, arrested on 7/17, on charges of transporting explosives, membership in a "Jewish terror cell." (AFP, BBC, HA, MM 8/8; VOI, XIN 8/8, MENA, *al-Quds* 8/10 in WNC 8/12; NYT, WP, WT 8/9; AYM 8/10 in WNC 8/14; PCHR 8/14)

Hizballah, retaliating for the 8/2 car bombing, fires mortars, antitank rockets at an **IDF** post in the disputed Shaba' Farms area of the Golan. **Israel** responds by shelling Hizballah positions by

plane, artillery. No injuries are reported in the exchange. (BBC, HA, MM 8/8; NYT, WP, WT 8/9; Islamic Republic News Agency 8/10 in WNC 8/12) (see Quarterly Update)

9 AUGUST

The **IDF** conducts arrest raids nr. Nablus, targeting **Hamas**; fires on residential areas of Dayr al-Balah, Khan Yunis. **Palestinians** fire 2 **mortars** at Gush Katif settlement, causing no damage or injuries. (VOI 8/9 in WNC 8/12; PCHR 8/14)

10 AUGUST

The **IDF** conducts arrest raids in Bayt Furik, nr. Hebron; imposes a curfew on Hebron; fires on residential areas of Dayr al-Balah, Khan Yunis for the 2d night in a row; bulldozes 5 dunams of land in Bayt Hanun. **100s of Druze** protest outside the PM's office in Jerusalem against a government plan to unify local authorities, scuffle with police, leaving 14 police officers injured, 20 Druze under arrest. (HA 8/10; WT 8/11; HA 8/12; PCHR 8/14)

Hizballah directs anti-aircraft at **Israeli** planes violating **Lebanon's** airspace. Shrapnel fr. the missiles lands across the Israeli border in Shlomi, killing **1 Israeli boy**, injuring 4. Israeli warplanes strike Hizballah targets in response. (HA 8/10; VOI, YA 8/10 in WNC 8/12; HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 8/11; MM 8/12) (see Quarterly Update)

11 AUGUST

The **IDF** reports several incidents of Palestinian gunfire fr. Khan Yunis toward Gush Katif, but no injuries or damage are reported. The **IDF** also conducts arrest raids in Dayr al-Balah, al-Qarara. **Israel** commutes the sentences of **69 Palestinian prisoners** in preparation for their release; of the 69, all committed minor crimes, such as being in Israel illegally or theft; 48 were sentenced to terms of less than 1 yr., 13 were sentenced to 1–2 yrs. The **Israeli cabinet** approves a plan to accelerate construction activity in **Jewish settlements** along the seam line in Jerusalem by offering grants to apartment buyers and subsidizing builders' costs for the next 4 mos. (HA 8/11, 8/12; MM 8/13; PCHR 8/14)

12 AUGUST

An **AMB suicide bomber** fr. Nablus detonates a device in a supermarket in Rosh Ha'ayn, just across the West Bank border, inside Israel, killing **1 Israeli**, wounding 10; the area was already on alert after the **PA** informed **Israel** of reports of a pending attack. Soon after, a **Hamas suicide bomber** fr. Nablus, retaliating for the IDF killing of 2 Hamas mbrs. on 8/8, detonates a device at a bus stop outside Ariel settlement, killing **1 Jewish settler**, wounding 3. **Israel** freezes the release of another **76 Palestinian prisoners** who were to be freed today; seals Azun and Qalqilya to conduct searches for Palestinians who may have aided the bombers, arresting several persons; places a closure on Nablus; otherwise says it will not respond. **Abbas**, in Qatar, cuts short his visit to the Gulf, heads to Amman, where he condemns the bombings but also Israeli provocations. The **IDF** demolishes a **Palestinian home** in the Jabal Mukabir area of East Jerusalem. (BBC, HA, MM 8/12; Interfax, MENA, XIN 8/12 in WNC 8/14; HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 8/13; JP, MA, VOI, YA 8/13 in WNC 8/15; NYT, PCHR, WP 8/14)

13 AUGUST

The **IDF** demolishes the Askar r.c. **home** of 1 of the 8/12 suicide bombers; demolishes another 6 **Palestinian homes** in al-Walaja; conducts late-night arrest raids in Nablus, Qalqilya. The **IDF** also arrests **3 Jewish settlers** fr. Hebron on charges of committing "security crimes"; an Israeli judge places a gag order on the case. A **package bomb**, possibly placed by **Islamic Jihad**, explodes outside the **PSF** office in Shati r.c., causing damage but no injuries. (MENA 8/13 in WNC 8/15; HA, NYT, WP 8/14; HA 8/15)

14 AUGUST

The **IDF** surrounds, fires on, then shells a car workshop where **Islamic Jihad Hebron leader Muhammad Sidr** (whom Israel attempted to assassinate in 12/01) is staying, killing him in an apparent assassination; demolishes the Nablus **home** of the 2d 8/12 suicide bomber. The **PSF** raids Shati r.c. in Gaza in search of **Islamic Jihad mbrs.** suspected of detonating a bomb outside PSF offices on 8/13; the raid sparks an exchange of gunfire

that leaves **7 Palestinians**, including bystanders, wounded; 1 senior **Islamic Jihad** mbr. is arrested. Islamic Jihad accuses the PA of complicity in Sidr's assassination. (BBC, HA, MM, PCHR 8/14; NYT, WP, WT 8/15)

Mofaz meets with **Dahlan**, reiterates Israel's proposal to turn over control of Jericho, Qalqilya; says it will accelerate the transfer of another city if the PA accepts. (HA, MM 8/15) (see 7/30; Quarterly Update)

Israeli warplanes break the sound barrier over Lebanon's Biqa' Valley. **Hizballah**, after not responding for several days to the flights, fires anti-aircraft missiles at them, but directs the missiles northward, to ensure that no shrapnel falls in Israeli territory. (HA 8/15) (see Quarterly Update)

15 AUGUST

The **IDF** conducts overnight arrest raids in Qalqilya, targeting the **PFLP**, exchanging

gunfire with some wanted men, leaving 1 Palestinian injured; conducts other arrest raids in Nablus, Tamun; demolishes **1 Palestinian home** in Balata r.c.; arrests **Hebron's Shaykh Taysir Tamimi** after Friday prayers on charges of incitement. The **IDF** also releases **73 Palestinian prisoners**, including 1 woman, most of whom were convicted of being in Israel illegally. **Israel** eases restrictions on Bethlehem Palestinians' entry into Israel, says it will allow 2 colleges in Hebron to reopen. (HA, MM8/15; HA 8/18)

Dahlan accepts **Mofaz's** proposal to re-deploy fr. Jericho and Qalqilya. Israel agrees to consider redeployment fr. Ramallah, Tulkarm. (HA 8/15; HA, NYT, WP, WT 8/16) (see Quarterly Update)

Israeli warplanes fly low-level sorties over **Syrian pres. Bashar al-Asad's** summer palace in Latakia, on the Syrian coast, as a warning that he must curb **Hizballah** actions in **Lebanon**. (HA 8/17) (see Quarterly Update)

CHRONOLOGY SOURCE ABBREVIATIONS

AFP	(Agence France-Presse, Paris)
AKH	(<i>al-Akbbbar</i> , Cairo)
AP	(Associated Press [Internet])
AYM	(<i>al-Ayyam</i> , Ramallah)
BBC	(British Broadcasting Corporation World Service [Internet])
DUS	(<i>al-Dustur</i> , Amman)
HA	(<i>Ha'aretz</i> [Internet], Tel Aviv)
HJ	(<i>al-Hayat al-Jadida</i> , Ramallah)
HP	(Hear Palestine [Internet], Washington)
ITV	(Israel Television Network, Jerusalem)
JP	(<i>Jerusalem Post</i> [Internet], Jerusalem)
JPI	(<i>Jerusalem Post International Edition</i> , Jerusalem)
JT	(<i>Jordan Times</i> , Amman)
JTA	(Jewish Telegraphic Agency [Internet])
LAW	(Palestinian Society for the Protection of Human Rights and the Environment, Jerusalem)
MA	(<i>Ma'ariv</i> , Tel Aviv)
MEI	(<i>Middle East International</i> , London)
MENA	(Middle East News Agency, Cairo)
MM	(<i>Mideast Mirror</i> , London)
NHR	(<i>al-Nabar</i> , Beirut)
NYT	(<i>New York Times</i> , New York)
PCHR	(Palestinian Center for Human Rights, Gaza)
PM	(Palestine Monitor [Internet])
PMC	(Palestine Media Center [Internet])
PR	(<i>Palestine Report</i> , Jerusalem)
PRCS	(Palestine Red Crescent Society [Internet])
QA	(<i>al-Quds al-Arabi</i> , London)
REU	(Reuters [Internet])
SA	(<i>al-Sbarq al-Ausat</i> , London)
SARR	(Syrian Arab Republic Radio, Damascus)

- SFR (*al-Safir*, Beirut)
THWR (*al-Thawra*, Damascus)
TJT (*The Jerusalem Times*, East Jerusalem)
TSHR (*Tishrin*, Damascus)
UPMRC (Union of Palestinian Medical Relief Committees, Jerusalem)
VOI (Voice of Israel, Jerusalem)
WJW (*Washington Jewish Week*, Rockville, MD)
WNC (World News Connection [Internet], Washington)
WP (*Washington Post*, Washington)
WT (*Washington Times*, Washington)
XIN (Xinhua–New China News Agency, Beijing)
YA (*Yedi'ot Abaronot*, Tel Aviv)



A Palestinian boy absorbs (7/1) the damage to his family's orange grove, uprooted by the IDF during a six-week closure on Bayt Hanun. (Reuters/Reinhard Krause)