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16 MAY

As Israeli-Palestinian tensions continue to run high in Gaza, the **Israel Defense Forces (IDF)** fatally shoots **3 Palestinians** who enter a closed military zone nr. Gaza's border with Israel; fires missiles at 3 sites in Gaza City (the local **Fatah** headquarters, **Hamas's al-Risala** newspaper, an electrical transformer), cutting electricity to part of the city, wounding at least 3 Palestinian children. Gaza crossings into Israel remain closed for the 8th consecutive week. Rejecting a 5/15 petition by a Palestinian human rights group, the **Israeli High Court** says the IDF may widen the Philadelphi Route buffer zone along the Gaza border with Egypt, potentially demolishing 100s of Palestinian homes, ruling that the army has a "real, imminent need" to do so. The **IDF** announces over loudspeakers in Rafah's Bloc O section, where much bulldozing has occurred, that Palestinians have 24 hrs. to evacuate their homes; fires on residential areas to encourage Palestinians to leave. The **International Comm. of the Red Cross** begins setting up a tent camp in Rafah able to provide emergency housing for 1,500 Palestinians left homeless by IDF bulldozing operations in the past wk. and those fleeing in fear of further demolitions. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in Dahaysha refugee camp (r.c.) nr. Bethlehem, begins bulldozing 45 dunams (4 dunams = 1 acre) of Palestinian land nr. Jerusalem for a new segment of the **separation wall**. (AFP, NYT, WP, WT 5/16; AFP, MM, NYT 5/17; VOP 5/17 in WNC 5/19; PCHR 5/20)

17 MAY

The **IDF** seals Rafah as the 1st step in what the government says will be a major

military offensive against Palestinian militants, dubbed **Operation Rainbow**. Tanks, armored personnel carriers, armored bulldozers, helicopters, troops ring the city, firing on any traffic attempting to enter or exit. Many residents nr. the Philadelphi Route evacuate their homes, taking their belongings with them. IDF troops also fire on the area to encourage Palestinians to leave. In Gaza City, the **IDF** fires missiles at offices of **Fatah**, the **Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine**, causing damage but no reported injuries. The **IDF** also imposes a curfew on Silwad nr. Ramallah, fires on stone-throwing youths, killing **1 Palestinian**; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Balata r.c. nr. Nablus, Bethlehem, Yatta nr. Hebron; demolishes **3 Palestinian homes** nr. Hebron for construction of the **separation wall**; evacuates the **unauthorized settlement outpost** Mitzpe Yitzhar nr. Nablus; arrests an **Israeli Arab** fr. Um al-Fahm for allegedly plotting with **Hamas** to stage attacks inside Israel. (AFP, HA, MM, WP 5/17; VOI, VOP 5/17 in WNC 5/19; NYT, PCHR, WP, WT 5/18; PR 5/19; PCHR 5/20; JPI, MEI 5/28)

18 MAY

In the pre-dawn hours, the **IDF** imposes a 24-hr. curfew, begins house-to-house searches in the Tal al-Sultan neighborhood of Rafah bordering the Philadelphi Route, occupies some buildings as observation posts; begins digging a trench to separate a section of Rafah r.c. fr. the rest of the camp, demolishing at least **3 Palestinian homes**, cutting water and electricity supplies. Around daybreak, the **IDF** begins bulldozing operations, launches 3 missile strikes inside Rafah: the 1st killing **3 Hamas mbrs.**, wounding

5 gunmen and bystanders; the 2d killing 1 **Hamas mbr.** laying a roadside bomb nr. a mosque where Palestinians are leaving dawn prayers, also killing 5 **bystanders**, wounding several others, starting a fire that severely damages the mosque; the 3d hitting a residential area, killing 7 **Palestinians** (many in their homes), wounding at least 16. The **IDF** reports killing at least 3 **more Palestinians**, demolishing at least another 9 **Palestinian homes** during the day. A 20th **Palestinian** reportedly dies when explosives he is handling detonate. At least 2 **ambulances** are deliberately targeted by **IDF** snipers. The **IDF** also fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis. In the West Bank, the **IDF** ambushes, assassinates **wanted al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade (AMB) mbr. Muhammad Obeid** as he drives nr. Sanur nr. Jenin, also wounding his passenger; raids Jenin r.c., fatally shoots **wanted AMB mbr. Ahmad Judah** in an apparent assassination, wounding a 2d **Palestinian**; fatally shoots an **AMB mbr.**, a **Palestinian gunman** in separate incidents in Nablus; conducts arrest raids targeting **Hamas** in Tulkarm; orders the confiscation of 380 dunams of **Palestinian** land nr. Bethlehem for construction of the **separation wall**. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received in 4/04. (BBC, HA, MM, NYT, PCHR, PRCS, PM, WP 5/18; ITAR-TASS, ITV, MENA, PSCT, VOL, VOP, XIN 5/18 in WNC 5/20; HA, NYT, PR, WP, WT 5/19; PCHR 5/20; NYT 5/21; PR 5/26)

19 MAY

IDF expands operations in Rafah to Brazil r.c. and al-Salam neighborhood. **IDF** helicopters fire 4 missiles at some 3,000 **Palestinians**, mostly school children, staging a peaceful march fr. neighboring Shabura to Rafah's Tal al-Sultan neighborhood in protest against the incursion, killing at least 8 **Palestinians**, wounding more than 60; Israel apologizes for the deaths, saying "warning shots" went astray, but says Operation Rainbow will continue. Also in Rafah, the **IDF** fires a missile at 5 **Palestinian gunmen**, killing them all; fatally shoots a 13-yr.-old **Palestinian boy** who leaves his home under curfew to get water for his family; continues house-to-house searches; orders all **Palestinian** males between ages 16 and 50 to gather in a local school, transfers them to bases at nearby Jewish settlements for interrogation, releases most by sunset; demolishes at least 5 **Palestinian homes**. In the West Bank, the **IDF** shells an apartment building in Askar r.c. nr.

Nablus, claiming that wanted **Palestinians** were hiding inside but finding none. (HA, MM, YA 5/19; HA, MM, NYT, PCHR, REU, WP, WT 5/20; HJ, Interfax, XIN 5/20 in WNC 5/22; CSM, MM, NYT 5/21; WP 5/25; PR 5/26; PCHR 5/27)

20 MAY

The **IDF** continues Operation Rainbow, moving deeper into Rafah, killing 8 **Palestinians** (including **Izzeddin al-Qassam Brigades local cmdr. Khalid Abu Azna**, who is assassinated in a helicopter air strike), detaining 70, bulldozing at least 1 **Palestinian home**, knocking down a small zoo (killing some animals, freeing others); the **IDF** admits it has found no smugglers' tunnels since the start of the operation. The **IDF** also assassinates **Qalqilya Izzeddin al-Qassam Brigades leader Mazin Yasin**; opens fire on stone-throwing youths in Hebron (killing a 13-yr.-old **Palestinian**), Qalqilya; conducts arrest raids in Jenin, Khan Yunis, Qalqilya. Another 13-yr.-old **Palestinian** dies of injuries sustained during the 5/11 **IDF** raid on Gaza City. An **Israeli court** convicts **West Bank Fatah secy., Palestinian Council (PC) mbr., and tanzim leader Marwan Barghouti** on 5 counts of murder in connection with 3 **AMB** shooting attacks in 2001-2, acquits him on 21 other counts for lack of evidence; Barghouti was detained in 4/02. (MM, REU 5/20; HA, ITAR-TASS, JP, MA, VOI, VOP, YA 5/20 in WNC 5/22; MM, NYT, WP, WT 5/21; PR 5/26; PCHR, WJW 5/27; MEI 5/28; PR 6/2)

21 MAY

The **IDF** begins redeploying troops to the outskirts of parts of Rafah (Brazil r.c., Tal al-Sultan), but bulldozes 298 dunams of agricultural land and 1 **Palestinian home** in the Tal al-Sultan area. The **UN** begins moving 10,000 gallons of emergency water supplies into Rafah. The **IDF** also conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Bethlehem and in Nablus, Qalqilya; bulldozes a road, 4 dunams of land nr. Khan Yunis; fires on residential areas nr. Khan Yunis, Qalqilya, Tulkarm. An 18-yr.-old **Palestinian** dies of injuries received during the 5/12 **IDF** raid on Gaza City. A 2d **Palestinian** dies of injuries received during the 5/15 **IDF** raid on Rafah. (AP, MM, WP 5/21; VOI 5/21 in WNC 5/25; WT 5/22; PCHR 5/27)

22 MAY

The **IDF** sends reinforcements into Rafah, fatally shoots **3-yr.-old Palestinian girl**, bulldozes 311 dunams of agricultural land along Salah al-Din Street, demolishes **4 Palestinian homes** completely, damages 5, finds its 1st smugglers' tunnel since operations resumed on 5/17. The UN now estimates that as many as **60 Palestinian homes** have been demolished since 5/17. Tanks continue to surround Tal al-Sultan; troops allow an **UNRWA** convoy to bring in emergency food supplies, water, blankets into the neighborhood, but bar private relief groups. In the West Bank, the **IDF** raids Yabad nr. Jenin, imposes a curfew, fires on residential areas. Nr. Nablus, a **Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) suicide bomber** detonates a device at an IDF checkpoint outside a Jewish settlement, killing himself, wounding 3 Palestinians, 1 IDF soldier. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received earlier. (VOI, VOP 5/22 in WNC 5/25; NYT, WP, WT 5/23; PR 5/26; PCHR, WP 5/27)

23 MAY

IDF bulldozing operations continue in Rafah. The **IDF** also reopens the Erez industrial zone to Palestinian workers over age 30; burns a grove of 80 almond trees nr. Tal Rumayda settlement in Hebron; fires on Palestinian farmers tending an orchard nr. Tulkarm, seriously injuring 1; fires on residential areas, demolishes a workshop in Dura nr. Hebron; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis; conducts arrest raids nr. Jenin. In Nablus, **3 Hamas mbrs.** are killed when something explodes in or nr. their car in what may be an assassination. The **IDF** raids the **UNRWA** offices in Jenin, fires a shot at **senior project manager Paul Wolstenholme**, handcuffs and blindfolds him, holds him for 3 hrs., threatening him with violence; IDF officials later apologize. (PSCT, VOI, VOP 5/23 in WNC 5/25; NYT 5/24; PR 5/26; PCHR, WP 5/27; MEI 5/28)

24 MAY

During the day, the **IDF** continues operations in Rafah, demolishing **5 Palestinian houses** completely, redeploying tanks surrounding Tal al-Sultan away fr. the area (bulldozing 120 dunams of agricultural land before leaving), moving tanks and bulldozers into Brazil r.c., firing on residential areas. The **IDF** withdraws fr. Rafah after sundown,

effectively ending **Operation Rainbow**, saying that since 5/17 it found 3 tunnels and demolished 56 "structures" that allegedly had provided cover for Palestinian gunmen, that it will regroup and resume operations soon. After the pullback, the **IDF** fires on a funeral in Rafah, seriously injuring several Palestinians. The **IDF** also raids Balata r.c., fires on stone-throwing youths, killing **1 Palestinian**. (JTA, MM, NYT, PM, REU 5/24; MENA, VOI 5/24 in WNC 5/26; AP, NYT, WP, WT 5/25; MM, PR 5/26; PCHR 5/27; JPI 6/4)

Egyptian intelligence chief Omar Sulayman meets separately with **Israeli PM Ariel Sharon, Palestinian Authority (PA) head Yasir Arafat** to present them with a list of conditions that Egypt would require to be in place before it would agree to retrain Palestinian security forces to assume security control in Gaza under Sharon's disengagement plan. (MM 5/24; MENA, VOI, YA 5/24 in WNC 5/26; AP, MM, NYT, REU, WT 5/25; MENA, VOP 5/25 in WNC 5/27; WP 5/26; AYM 5/26, AYM, VOP 5/27 in WNC 6/1; NYT, WP 5/28; VOP 5/31 in WNC 6/2) (see Quarterly Update)

25 MAY

The **IDF** conducts predawn arrest raids, house searches in Jenin, several villages around Bethlehem and Hebron; raids a bakery nr. Jerusalem, arresting 5 Palestinian workers fr. 'Ayn Bayt al-Ma' r.c. nr. Nablus; bulldozes 95 dunams of land along a settler bypass road between Karni crossing and Shuhada Junction nr. Gaza City, 12 dunams outside Khan Yunis. (MENA 5/25 in WNC 5/27; PCHR 5/27)

26 MAY

The **IDF** fatally shoots a **mentally handicapped Palestinian** who strays into a closed military zone nr. Khan Yunis; fires on residential areas of Nablus, Rafah (killing **1 Palestinian**), Tulkarm r.c.; demolishes **5 Palestinian homes** nr. Gaza City, 2 nr. Dayr al-Balah, 2 in Nablus; conducts arrest raids in Araba nr. Jenin. The **UNRWA** estimates that btwn. 5/17 and 5/24 the **IDF** demolished or damaged beyond repair 167 Palestinian homes and bulldozed 725 dunams of Palestinian land in Rafah. (PCHR, WP 5/27; PCHR 6/3)

27 MAY

The **IDF** demolishes **1 Palestinian home**, bulldozes 14 dunams of agricultural

land nr. Khan Yunis; demolishes a **Palestinian home** in Brazil r.c.; conducts arrest raids in Balata r.c., Bethlehem, al-Fawwar r.c., Hebron, Nablus, and the villages of Tura and Zinnab in the n. West Bank; shells residential areas of Rafah; fires on residential areas of Nablus. (VOI 5/28 in WNC 6/1; PCHR 6/3)

28 MAY

A **Palestinian suicide bomber** detonates a car bomb at the Rafah border crossing with Egypt, killing only himself, lightly injuring 2 IDF soldiers. The **IDF** fatally shoots a **Palestinian**, wounds a 2d nr. Dayr al-Balah; bulldozes tents and tin shacks housing 95 Palestinians nr. a settler bypass road leading to Gaza's Gush Katif bloc; bulldozes 12 dunams of land in Wadi al-Silqa nr. Dayr al-Balah, 9 dunams nr. the Rafah crossing; fires on residential areas of Dayr al-Balah; imposes a curfew on, conducts house searches and arrest raids in Jaba' nr. Jenin; confiscates 5,500 m² of agricultural land nr. Salfit, located btwn. the **separation wall** and the Green Line, that provides income for some 60 Palestinian families. In Hebron, **15 Jewish settlers** fr. Kiryat Arba, escorted by **IDF** troops, attack Palestinian homes. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received during the IDF raid on Rafah on 5/20. (VOP 5/28 in WNC 6/1; NYT 5/29; PCHR 6/3)

29 MAY

The **IDF** closes all checkpoints around Nablus; raids neighboring Balata r.c., where **Palestinian gunmen** fatally shoot **1 IDF soldier**; bulldozes 25 **Palestinian homes** in Rafah. The **IDF** also stages a late night raid on Tulkarm r.c., firing on residential areas. During the raid, there is an explosion on the main road through the camp that injures 1 Palestinian, who is evacuated to a local hospital. The **IDF** raids the hospital, arrests the injured man. Overnight, the **IDF** also halts, searches car outside Arafat's Ramallah compound, arresting 3 Palestinians, including a bodyguard of **PLO Exec. Comm. secy. and fmr. PM Mahmud Abbas**. (WP 5/30; WP 6/1; HA 6/2; PCHR 6/3)

30 MAY

The **IDF** assassinates **Izzeddin al-Qassam Brigades leader Wa'il Nassar**, firing missiles at his motorcycle as he drives through Gaza City, also killing his **top assistant Muhammad Sarsur** (riding with him)

and **1 bystander**, wounding 9 bystanders. The **IDF** reopens checkpoints around Nablus to Palestinians over age 35; fires on farmers working a field outside Gaza's Gadid settlement, wounding 1; demolishes a **Palestinian home** in Husan nr. Bethlehem; raids Ramallah, firing on residential areas, raiding the shari'a court, arresting 1 Palestinian, wounding 4; conducts arrest raids nr. Jenin, Nablus, Tulkarm. **3 Jewish settlers** fr. Tekoa nr. Bethlehem beat, seriously injure a **Palestinian farmer** grazing sheep nr. the settlement. **Jewish settlers** fr. Hebron, escorted by **IDF** troops, throw stones, bottles at local Palestinians, their homes. (NYT, WP, WT 5/30; VOI, VOP 5/30 in WNC 6/1; MM 6/1; PR 6/2; PCHR 6/3; *al-Quds* 6/3 in WNC 6/5)

31 MAY

The **IDF** opens the Qarni commercial crossing (closed since the 3/14 Ashdod port bombings) for transportation of goods fr. Israel into Gaza only; conducts arrest raids nr. Bethlehem, Hebron; fires on Palestinians who confront troops searching several Palestinian men, injuring 2; fires on residential areas of Balata r.c.; demolishes 2 **Palestinian homes** in al-Qarara nr. Khan Yunis; seizes around 400 dunams of land in Jinata nr. Bethlehem for construction of a settler bypass road that will divide the village in half. (VOI 5/31 in WNC 6/2; PCHR 6/3)

1 JUNE

The **IDF** shells Tal al-Sultan, hitting an UNRWA school, injuring 2 students in their classroom; raids Qabatya nr. Jenin, surrounding and firing on a home sheltering a wanted **AMB mbr.**, then firing on stone-throwing youths who confront them, killing **1 Palestinian**, wounding 5, arresting the wanted man; demolishes 8 **Palestinian homes**, 7 shops, 2 poultry farms completely, 6 homes partially in Rafah; demolishes a **Palestinian home** in Hazma nr. East Jerusalem; conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around 'Ayn Sultan r.c. nr. Jericho, Bayt Sahur nr. Bethlehem, Qalqilya, Nablus, Tulkarm; fires on residential areas of Abasan nr. Khan Yunis, Rafah; fires on a **mentally handicapped Palestinian** who strays into a closed military zone, wounding him; dynamites an apartment in Tulkarm, severely damaging 3 other units in the building; shells residential areas of Khan Yunis, Rafah. **Palestinians** fire 2 **Qassam rockets** into Israel, damaging

a building in an industrial park in Sederot but causing no injuries. Some **130 PA security officers and personnel** hold a sit-in outside the **Force 17** offices in Dayr al-Balah to protest corruption and mistreatment by their superiors and their impossible working conditions, saying it is impossible to do their jobs for lack of equipment, training, means of communications. (AP, HA 6/1; VOP 6/1 in WNC 6/3; UNRWA press release 6/2; PCHR 6/3; PR 6/9; MEI 6/11)

2 JUNE

The **IDF** demolishes **4 Palestinian homes** in Anata, 2 in Sur al-Bahir for construction of the **separation wall** nr. East Jerusalem; demolishes another **Palestinian home** in Brazil r.c.; bulldozes 50 dunams of agricultural land nr. Qalqilya for a new settler bypass road to a small settler enclave nr. Alfe Menashe settlement; conducts arrest raids in Nablus and nr. Bethlehem, Ramallah. (VOP 6/2 in WNC 6/4; MM, PCHR, PM 6/3; IDF Radio, VOI, VOP 6/3 in WNC 6/5; PCHR 6/10)

3 JUNE

The **IDF** demolishes **18 Palestinian homes** in Rafah; fires on stone-throwing Palestinians in Bayt Laqia nr. Ramallah, residential areas of Rafah; conducts arrest raids, house searches in villages around Bethlehem. **IDF** fires nr. Khan Yunis, sparking a fire in a wheat field that destroys 2 dunams of crops; confiscates 11.5 dunams of Palestinian land in Bayt Jala for construction of the **separation wall**; strings barbwire along the western part of al-Khadir outside Bethlehem, cutting off residents from their outlying farmlands; similarly cuts off the southern part of Husan nr. Bethlehem by bulldozing large areas of agricultural land. (MM 6/3; VOI, VOP 6/3 in WNC 6/5; PCHR 6/10)

4 JUNE

The **IDF** imposes a curfew on Ramallah, raids and searches an apartment building, arrests 3 Birzeit University students; demolishes 3 **Palestinian homes** in Hebron for construction of the **separation wall**; bulldozes land in al-Qarara in apparent preparation for a new **IDF** post; bulldozes 10 dunams of agricultural land in Wadi al-Silqa; fires on residential areas nr. Gaza's Morag settlement; conducts arrest raids nr. Hebron, Nablus. (VOI 6/5 in WNC 6/8; PCHR 6/10)

5 JUNE

The **IDF** raids, occupies a Palestinian home in Dayr al-Balah; raids Balata r.c., firing on houses, stone-throwing youths who confront the troops; shells residential areas of Rafah; conducts arrest raids nr. Hebron, Nablus. **Jewish settlers** fr. Kiryat Arba severely beat a **14-yr.-old Palestinian girl** in Hebron. (XIN 6/6; PCHR 6/10)

6 JUNE

The **IDF** blocks all branch roads leading to the main Jerusalem-Ramallah road; fires on stone-throwing Palestinians in Qalandia r.c., fatally shooting a **wheelchair-bound Palestinian**; fatally shoots a **Palestinian** in a cemetery nr. Gaza's Neve Dekalim, suspecting he might attack; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis (seriously wounding a Palestinian woman inside her home), Rafah r.c.; raids Balata r.c., firing on houses, stone-throwing youths who confront troops, injuring 4; begins work on a new segment of the **separation wall** around Jerusalem nr. Salfit; conducts arrest raids in Balata r.c., Dayr Ghassana nr. Ramallah, Nablus, Tamun nr. Jenin. **Palestinians** detonate a roadside bomb nr. an **IDF** patrol in central Gaza, causing no damage or injuries. **Jewish settlers** in Hebron raze a 1.5 dunam Palestinian garden nr. the Ibrahimi Mosque/Tomb of the Patriarchs. **Jewish settlers** fr. Gil'ad nr. Qalqilya fire on a herd of Palestinian sheep, killing several; the **IDF** arrests 2 Palestinians who confront the settlers in protest. An **Israeli court** sentences Fatah's **Barghouti** to 5 life terms plus 40 yrs. for conspiracy and membership in a "terror" organization (see 5/20). (XIN 6/6; MENA, VOI, VOP 6/6 in WNC 6/8; NYT, WP, WT 6/7; MA, VOI, VOP 6/7 in WNC 6/9; HA 6/8; PR 6/9; PCHR 6/10; MEI 6/11)

Sharon's cabinet endorses (14-7) his revised Gaza disengagement plan to withdraw fr. all settlements in Gaza, 4 in the West Bank in 4 stages, each requiring cabinet approval. (HA 6/6; *al-Quds* 6/6, ITAR-TASS 6/7 in WNC 6/10; NYT, WP, WT 6/7; VOI 6/7 in WNC 6/9; PR 6/9; MM 6/10; *Forward* 6/11) (see Quarterly Update)

7 JUNE

The **IDF** fatally shoots a **mentally handicapped Palestinian** who ignores orders to halt nr. Tulkarm; fires on Palestinian, Israeli, international peace activists staging a nonviolent protest against the **separation wall** nr.

Qalqilya, wounding a 14-yr.-old Palestinian with live ammunition; strings a new fence along an 800-m section of a settler bypass road nr. Khan Yunis, leaving a Palestinian family trapped in their home in the 70-m no-man's-land created btwn. the old and new fences; raids, seals an Islamic charitable organization in Tulkarm, confiscating \$11,000 of checks to aid poor families, \$1,000 in cash, stamps, computer and office equipment; searches a house, bulldozes 500 m² of land nr. Dayr al-Balah; conducts arrest raids in Anabta, Arub r.c., Hebron, Nablus. (VOI, YA 6/7 in WNC 6/9; HA 6/8; PCHR 6/10)

8 JUNE

The **IDF** fires missiles at 2 car repair shops (suspected weapons factories) in Gaza's Shatti r.c., destroying them, causing no injuries; begins bulldozing work on al-Quds University campus in Abu Dis for construction of the **separation wall** around Jerusalem, breaking agreements not to build on university land; demolishes a **Palestinian home** in Rafah; conducts arrest raids in Dahaysha r.c., Jenin, al-Khadir; fires on Palestinian, Israeli, international demonstrators staging a nonviolent protest against the **separation wall** nr. Qalqilya, wounding 2 Palestinians (1 with live ammunition); fires on residential areas nr. Khan Yunis, Ramallah. **Palestinians** fire a **Qassam rocket** into Sederot, causing no damage or injuries. In response, the **IDF** shells a Gaza City building housing a Hamas office, causing a fire, wounding 2 Palestinians. **Israel** says that all 187 **Israeli businesses** will be withdrawn fr. the Erez Industrial Zone for their own protection, leaving some 5,000 Palestinians unemployed. **Jewish settlers** fr. Kiryat Arba, escorted by **IDF** soldiers, throw stones at Palestinians in Hebron. (*Globes*, Qol Yisra'el Radio 6/8; VOI, VOP 6/8 in WNC 6/10; HA, MM, NYT, WP 6/9; VOI, YA 6/9 in WNC 6/11; PCHR 6/10)

9 JUNE

In Bayt Hanun, the **IDF** shells residential areas, occupies a vacated **Palestinian home** as an observation post, clashes with suspected Hamas mbrs, wounding 2 and mortally wounding 1 **Palestinian**, bars ambulances fr. reaching him, allowing him to bleed to death. The **IDF** also fatally shoots a **wanted AMB mbr.** in a raid on Jenin; occupies a vacant **Palestinian home** in Shaykh Ajlin nr. Gaza City as an observation

post, bulldozes 10 dunams of surrounding land; fires on residential areas of Nablus, Rafah; conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Bethlehem, Hebron, Jenin, Ramallah, and in Nablus, Qalqilya, Tulkarm, Wadi al-Silqa. **Jewish settlers** fr. Yitzhar steal a herd of sheep fr. local **Palestinians**; when **Israeli police** intervene to secure the sheep and return them to the Palestinians, the settlers attack and beat the Palestinians; Israeli police call in reinforcements, arrest 5 settlers. (VOI, VOP 6/9 in WNC 6/11; PCHR 6/10; VOI 6/10 in WNC 6/12; PCHR 6/17)

10 JUNE

The **IDF** fatally shoots a **14-yr.-old Palestinian** in Nablus, an **18-yr.-old Palestinian** in Bethlehem; occupies a **Palestinian home**, fires on stone-throwing Palestinians in Bayt Fajjar nr. Bethlehem, mortally wounding 1 **Palestinian** bystander, barring others fr. removing him to an ambulance, allowing him to bleed to death; bulldozes 5 **Palestinian homes**, 200 dunams of citrus groves in Bayt Hanun; demolishes a **Palestinian home** in Bayt Surik in n. Jerusalem; bulldozes 16 dunams of land in al-Qarara, 13 dunams and an irrigation network in Wadi al-Silqa; conducts arrest raids in Hebron, Jenin (where Palestinian gunmen fire on troops, injuring 1 **IDF soldier**) and nr. Ramallah; fires tear gas, rubber bullets at Palestinian, Israeli, international peace activists staging a nonviolent demonstration against the **separation wall** nr. Salfit, injuring 50. **IDF undercover units** raid a wedding in Ramallah, arrest 3 **wanted Hamas mbrs.**, 1 of whom is the groom. **Hamas** distributes \$100,000 in aid to 87 families fr. the Zaytun section of Gaza City whose homes were damaged or demolished during the 5/11-13 **IDF** raids there. (VOI, YA 6/10 in WNC 6/12; NYT, WP 6/11; VOI, VOP 6/11 in WNC 6/15; PCHR 6/17)

11 JUNE

The **IDF** fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis, al-Qarara; evacuates, demolishes **tin shacks** in al-Qarara housing 95 Palestinians; bulldozes 10 dunams of agricultural land in Wadi al-Silqa; conducts arrest raids nr. Hebron, Ramallah. **Palestinians** fire an antitank rocket at an **IDF** patrol nr. Rafah, causing no damage or injuries. (VOI 6/11 in WNC 6/15; PCHR 6/17)

12 JUNE

The **IDF** raids, fires on residential areas of Jenin town and r.c., exchanges gunfire with Palestinian gunmen, leaving 1 Palestinian wounded; Palestinians claim the **IDF** raid targeted **local AMB leader Zakariyya Zubaydi** for assassination, but the **IDF** denies this. The **IDF** also conducts arrest raids nr. Nablus, Tulkarm and in al-Bireh, Hebron. (VOP 6/12 in WNC 6/15; PCHR 6/17)

13 JUNE

The **IDF** fires on residential areas of Rafah, wounding a 9-mo.-old baby; razes a **Palestinian home**, 65 dunams of agricultural land in al-Qarara; bulldozes 1.5 dunams of citrus trees, a telephone network in Dayr al-Balah; fires tear gas, live ammunition at Palestinian, Israeli, international peace activists protesting against the **separation wall** nr. Qalqilya, injuring a Palestinian cameraman working for Agence France-Presse and a South African protester, arresting an American; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Askar r.c., Bethlehem, Husan, Jenin town and r.c., al-Mughraqa, Qalqilya, Ramallah, Yatta. The **IDF** also begins removing 40 earthen mounds, gates blocking Palestinian roads in the West Bank, easing Palestinian movement slightly; flying roadblocks, checkpoints at the entrances to towns and villages—the main barriers to Palestinians' free movement—will remain. (XIN 6/13; PCHR 6/17)

14 JUNE

The **IDF** assassinates **AMB Balata r.c. cmdr. Khalid Marshud**, firing missiles at his taxi in Nablus, also killing the **taxi driver**, seriously wounding 2 bystanders. The **IDF** also eases a curfew on Nablus, allowing Palestinians over age 30 to exit and enter; demolishes 3 **Palestinian homes** in Bethlehem, 2 in al-Qarara (also bulldozing 6 dunams of land); conducts arrest raids in, fires on residential areas of Jenin; conducts arrest raids in Aida r.c. nr. Bethlehem, Hebron, al-Mughraqa, Nablus. The **IDF** starts construction of a 3.5 km segment of the **separation wall** east of Ariel settlement (see Quarterly Update). (AP, HA, MM 6/14; VOI, VOP 6/14 in WNC 6/16; NYT, WP 6/15; PR 6/16; PCHR 6/17; MEI 6/24)

15 JUNE

The **IDF** raids Balata r.c., takes up sniper positions atop a number of houses, fires on stone-throwing youths who confront the troops, fatally shooting 1 **Palestinian** inside his home; conducts house searches in the Old City of Nablus, blowing the doors off 8 houses and 53 shops, detonating explosives to clear an alley blocked by barrels they fear could be booby trapped, damaging a church and a mosque; demolishes 15 **Palestinian homes** s. of Ramallah for construction of the **separation wall**; conducts arrest raids in Anabta, Nablus, al-Ram and nr. Bethlehem, Jenin, Ramallah. **Palestinians** fire an anti-tank round at an **IDF** patrol in Gaza, lightly injuring 2 soldiers. (VOI, VOP 6/15 in WNC 6/17; NYT 6/16; VOI, VOP 6/16 in WNC 6/18; PCHR 6/17)

16 JUNE

IDF undercover units raid Jenin, assassinate **AMB mbr. Majid al-Sa'di**, also fatally shooting a **Palestinian** bystander. The **IDF** also demolishes 3 **Palestinian homes** in Wadi al-Silqa; fires on protesting youths in Balata r.c. (seriously injuring 3), residential areas of Rafah; conducts arrest raids in al-Bireh, al-Duha nr. Bethlehem, Hebron, Nablus, Tulkarm. Wanted **Hamas mbr. Awni Taha** is killed in a mysterious explosion inside his Gaza City home, apparently while preparing explosives. **Palestinians** fire 2 **Qassam** rockets at Sederot, causing no damage or injuries. **PA Education M Na'im al-Humus** says that the **IDF** recently sent letters to several Palestinian colleges and universities warning that they could be shut down if they continue "incitement activities." (XIN 6/16; VOI, VOP 6/16 in WNC 6/18; NYT, PCHR 6/17; HA 6/18; VOP 6/16 in WNC 6/18; NYT 6/20; PR 6/23; PCHR 6/24)

17 JUNE

The **IDF** partially reopens the Erez crossing into Israel for the 1st time since 3/15, issuing permits for 513 Palestinian workers over age 35 (though only around two-thirds are able to enter Israel because of prolonged searches). The **IDF** also sends tanks, troops into Palestinian residential areas nr. Gaza's Netzarim settlement, creating sand berms around 4 Palestinian homes, causing some damage to the buildings, destroying a well and a bird farm; conducts arrest raids in

Tubas; fires on stone-throwing Palestinians in Balata r.c. and Nablus, wounding 5; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Nablus; shells residential areas of Khan Yunis; raids a home in Hebron, severely beating 25 residents; razes a grove of 400 olive trees in s. Nablus for construction of a new **separation wall** segment. (VOP 6/17 in WNC 6/19; PCHR 6/24)

18 JUNE

The **Palestinian Resistance Comms. (PRCs)** fire a new **Nasser 3** rocket, with a longer range than the **Qassam 2**, at Sederot, causing minor damage to a wall, garden shed; also fire **2 mortars** at Gaza's Kefar Darom settlement, causing no damage or injuries. The **IDF** fires missiles at 2 metal workshops (suspected Hamas weapons factories) in Gaza City, destroying the buildings but causing no injuries. The **IDF** also bulldozes 77 dunams of agricultural land in Bayt Hanun, 37 dunams nr. Khan Yunis; demolishes **2 Palestinian homes** in al-Qarara, 1 in Rafah; fires on residential areas of, conducts arrest raids in Askar r.c., then fires on stone-throwing Palestinians who confront the troops, wounding 4; raids residential areas nr. Dayr al-Balah, firing on homes, arresting several Palestinians, occupying and partially demolishing 1 house, destroying a fence and gas pipelines to a fuel station; conducts arrest raids in Hebron, Jenin, nr. Nablus. (HA, MA, MM, REU 6/18; VOI, VOP 6/18, VOI 6/19 in WNC 6/22; WP 6/20; PCHR 6/24)

19 JUNE

The **IDF** fires 3 missiles at a metal workshop (suspected Hamas weapons factory) in al-Maghazi, destroying the building, injuring 1 Palestinian; conducts arrest raids in Hebron; for no apparent reason fires on a Palestinian vehicle driving nr. Nablus, wounding 1 passenger; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis; conducts arrest raids in Bethlehem, Qalandia. **100s of Palestinians** made homeless by IDF bulldozing operations in Rafah begin a sit-in outside the local **PC** offices to protest inadequate **PA** assistance to homeless families. (WP, WT 6/20; PCHR 6/24; PR 6/30)

20 JUNE

The **IDF** confiscates work permits of 10s of Rafah Palestinians with jobs inside

Israel; fires on Palestinians in a Khan Yunis cemetery nr. Gadid settlement, wounding 1; conducts arrest raids and house searches nr. Hebron and in Khan Yunis, al-Qarara; fires on residential areas of al-Qarara. (PCHR 6/24)

21 JUNE

The **IDF** fires on a delegation of **British, UN officials** touring the destruction in Rafah, causing no injuries; Britain lodges a formal complaint with Israel. Nr. Salfit, the **IDF** also fires a new type of gas at Palestinian, Israeli, international peace activists staging a nonviolent protest against the **separation wall**, sending some 50 protesters to the hospital with severe convulsions, temporary blackouts, impaired vision, difficulty breathing; troops then raid a local hospital that treated the injured, beat medical workers. The **IDF** also fires on residential areas of Dayr al-Balah, Khan Yunis; conducts arrest raids and house searches, demolishes **2 Palestinian homes**, severely damages 11 in Wadi al-Silqa. **Palestinians** fire a mortar at Kefar Darom settlement, killing a **Thai worker** in a greenhouse; fire a **Qassam rocket** toward Israel, causing no damage or injuries. **Unidentified assailants** fire 25 shots at the empty, parked car of **senior Fatah mbr. and Arafat loyalist Hani al-Hassan**; Hassan blames Palestinian collaborators. (JTA 6/21; VOI 6/21 in WNC 6/23; MM 6/22; PR 6/23; PCHR 6/24; NYT 6/25)

22 JUNE

The **IDF** sends tanks, bulldozers into Bayt Hanun to raze 300 dunams of olive groves, side roads allegedly used by Palestinians who fire rockets at Sederot; fatally shoots **2 armed AMB mbrs.** who confront the IDF patrol, wounding a 3d; fires on residential areas, mortally wounding a **Palestinian**, barring an ambulance fr. reaching him, allowing him to bleed to death; searches homes. The **IDF** also raids al-Quds Open University campus in Yatta, interrogates 10s of students, fires on stone-throwing students, wounding 3; conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Hebron, Nablus, Salfit; issues confiscation orders for 300 dunams of Palestinian land s. of Nablus for construction of the **separation wall**; fires on Palestinian residential areas nr. Gaza's Morag settlement; fires on Palestinian, Israeli, international peace activists staging a nonviolent protest against the separation wall nr. Azariyya. (JP, VOI 6/22 in WNC 6/24; HA, NYT, PR 6/23; PCHR 6/24)

23 JUNE

The **IDF** raids Nablus, fatally shoots **local Islamic Jihad military cmdr. Shadi Salim** in an apparent assassination, severely beats a 2d Palestinian. The **IDF** also conducts arrest raids, house searches in Dahaysha r.c. and nr. Ramallah, Tulkarm; fatally shoots a **Palestinian** who allegedly attempts to infiltrate Gaza's Gan Or settlement; fires on residential areas of Rafah. **Palestinians** detonate a roadside bomb nr. an **IDF** patrol in Rafah, causing no damage or injuries. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received during the 7/22 **IDF** raid on Bayt Hanun; a **2d Palestinian** dies of injuries received during the 5/18 **IDF** raid on Rafah. (HA 6/23; VOI, VOP 6/23 in WNC 6/25; PCHR 6/24; PR 6/30; PCHR 7/1)

Egyptian envoy **Sulayman** presents **Arafat, PA PM Ahmad Qurai', Sharon** with a detailed timetable for moving forward with Sharon's disengagement plan in a way that would link disengagement to the road map, a comprehensive cease-fire. (AP, MM 6/23; MENA, VOI, VOP 6/23 in WNC 6/25; MM 6/24; AYM, VOP 6/24 in WNC 6/26; NYT 6/25; *Globes* 7/8 in WNC 7/9) (see Quarterly Update)

24 JUNE

The **IDF** fatally shoots **2 armed Palestinians** who allegedly attempt to attack an **IDF** post nr. Gaza's Dugit settlement; imposes an around-the-clock curfew on Palestinian areas of Hebron; arrests an ambulance driver transporting an ailing child at a checkpoint nr. Qalqilya; fires on, shells residential areas of Khan Yunis, Rafah. The **IDF** also launches a major raid on Nablus to "clear the casbah of Palestinian fugitives," surrounding refugee camps in search of 7 wanted **AMB** mbrs., sending in 100s of troops, taking over more than 12 buildings; conducts house searches, arrest raids in Dayr al-Balah, Hebron and nr. Tulkarm; evacuates an apartment building in Bethlehem, then blows up 1 unit, severely damaging several others; bulldozes **1 Palestinian home**, some olive trees in the n. Gaza Strip. **Homeless Palestinians** end their sit-in strike (begun 6/19) after the **PC** announces plans to build some homes for the homeless. (VOI, VOP 6/24 in WNC 6/26; MM, NYT 6/25; NYT 6/26; PR 6/30; PCHR 7/1)

25 JUNE

The **IDF** continues its major raid on Nablus, fatally shooting **2 Palestinians** who

confront troops, injuring at least 18; bulldozes **2 Palestinian homes**, 34 dunams nr. Rafah. (MM 6/25; NYT, WT 6/26; PCHR 7/1)

26 JUNE

In ongoing operations in Nablus, the **IDF** finds **5 wanted AMB mbrs.** it has been hunting since 6/24 (including Nablus head Nayif Abu Sharq) hiding in a house with **Islamic Jihad West Bank cmdr. Fadi al-Bahti** (also known as Shaykh Ibrahim) and **Hamas local cmdr. Ja'far al-Masri**; opens fire and tosses grenades into their hiding space, assassinating all 7. In a separate incident in Nablus, the **IDF** fatally shoots **AMB mbr. Nidal Wawi** in an apparent assassination. The **IDF** also fires on residential areas of Rafah; fires rubber bullets at Palestinian, Israeli, international peace activists holding a nonviolent demonstration against the wall n. of Tulkarm; conducts arrest raids in Abasan nr. Khan Yunis, Hebron. (REU 6/26; NYT, WT 6/27; HA 6/28; PR 6/30; PCHR, WJW 7/1; PR 7/7; MEI 7/9)

27 JUNE

The **IDF** closes the Erez crossing to Palestinians, which was partially reopened on 6/17; pulls out of Nablus, ending operations that began on 6/24; lifts the curfew on Palestinian areas of Hebron imposed on 6/24. **Hamas mbrs.** dig a tunnel underneath an **IDF** outpost in Gaza; detonate an explosive device, collapsing part of the concrete building, killing **1 IDF soldier**, injuring at least 4; exchange fire with troops who come to the rescue; 2 Palestinian bystanders (a **PA Preventive Security Force [PSF] officer**, a **15-yr.-old Palestinian boy**) are killed by **IDF** return gunfire. In response, the **IDF** fires 10 missiles at 2 metal workshops (alleged weapons factories) in Gaza City, destroying the buildings, causing "no major injuries." The **IDF** also fires on a Palestinian truck approaching a checkpoint nr. Khan Yunis, killing **1 Palestinian**. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/28; XIN 6/28 in WNC 7/1; PR 6/30; PCHR 7/1; PCHR 7/22)

28 JUNE

Hamas fires **5 Qassam rockets** into Sederot, killing an **Israeli man** and a **3-yr.-old boy**, seriously injuring the boy's mother in the 1st fatal Palestinian rocket attack inside Israel. **Sharon** convenes his **security cabinet**, which declares that the **IDF**

will respond with “harsher measures than in the past” in Gaza. During the day, the **IDF** blows up 2 abandoned **5-story apartment buildings** in al-Qarara hiding the entrance of the tunnel to the IDF post attacked on 6/27; bulldozes 21 **Palestinian homes**, 101 dunams of agricultural land; demolishes a cement factory. The IDF also fatally shoots a **mentally handicapped Palestinian** who enters a closed military zone nr. Rafah; rocks the empty *al-Jil* press office in Gaza City, injuring 2 bystanders; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis, Rafah. Late in the evening, **IDF** tanks roll into Bayt Hanun in n. Gaza, launching **Operation Active Shield**, allegedly meant to prevent Qassam rocket fire. In the West Bank, the **IDF** destroys 80 wells in Yamun nr. Jenin; fires on residential areas of Jenin town and r.c.; conducts arrest raids nr. Bethlehem, Hebron, Jenin, Ramallah. An **Israeli businessman** who frequently travels to the West Bank is found fatally shot in Bayt Rima nr. Ramallah; the **AMB** claims responsibility, alleging that he conducted illegal business with corrupt PA officials. (MM 6/28; VOP, MA, VOI 6/29 in WNC 7/1; MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/29; MM, PR 6/30; PCHR 7/1; MEI 7/9)

29 JUNE

Despite continuing **IDF** operations in Bayt Hanun, **Palestinians** fire 5 **Qassam rockets** fr. the area at Sederot, lightly injuring 1 Israeli. In Bayt Hanun, the **IDF** fatally shoots a **15-yr.-old Palestinian** standing on a roof; bulldozes a main road through the town; a **Hamas mbr.** is killed when a roadside bomb he is planting detonates prematurely. The **IDF** also expands Bayt Hanun operations to include Jabaliya r.c.; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis, Rafah; conducts house searches, arrest raids nr. Bethlehem, Hebron, Nablus, Qalqilya. **Jewish settlers** uproot Palestinian trees along the road leading to their unauthorized settlement outpost of Ma'ale Shomron nr. Qalqilya. A **Palestinian teenager** dies of injuries received on 6/20. (VOI, VOP 6/29 in WNC 7/1; MM, NYT, PR, WP, WT 6/30; PCHR 7/1)

30 JUNE

The **IDF** continues operations in Bayt Hanun, fatally shooting an alleged **Hamas mbr.**, bulldozing roads. The **IDF** also bulldozes 15 **Palestinian homes**, 15 dunams of land nr. Khan Yunis; conducts arrest raids and house searches in, fires on residential

areas of Nablus. **Palestinians** fire a **mortar** at a Jewish settlement in Gaza, causing light damage but no injuries. The **Israeli High Court** rules in favor of 7 village councils n. of Jerusalem that a 30 km **separation wall** segment violates Palestinians' rights, recommends that the IDF come up with a revised route (see Doc. C1). (BBC, HA, JTA, MM, REU 6/30; MA, VOI, VOP 6/30 in WNC 7/2; MM, NYT, PCHR, WP, WT 7/1; *al-Quds* 7/1 in WNC 7/9; MM, NYT 7/2; MM 7/7; HA, PCHR 7/8; MEI 7/9)

1 JULY

The **IDF** continues operations in Bayt Hanun, announcing plans to create a buffer zone around the town to prevent rocket fire, firing missiles into residential areas (killing 3 **Palestinians**, injuring 21), bulldozing at least 100 dunams of olive and citrus trees; raids Rafah allegedly to search for more smugglers tunnels, demolishes 7 **Palestinian homes** completely and 5 partially, severely damages 15 shops; makes a rare incursion into Jericho with some 40 military vehicles, reinforced by helicopters, declaring the town a closed military zone, demolishing 1 **Palestinian home**, arresting some 35 Palestinians; partially demolishes 2 **Palestinian homes**, a mosque, a garage, a bird farm in al-Qarara; exchanges gunfire with Palestinian militants in Gaza City, wounding 5; conducts arrest raids, house searches in al-'Arub r.c. nr. Hebron, Biddu and Qutna nr. Ramallah, Jericho, al-Mughraqa, Nur al-Shams r.c. nr. Tulkarm; fires live ammunition, tear gas at Palestinian, Israeli, international peace activists staging a nonviolent protest against the **separation wall** in Dayr Ballut nr. Qalqilya, lightly injuring 10s. (JTA, MM 7/1; IDF Radio, VOI, VOP 7/1 in WNC 7/3; HA, NYT 7/2; PCHR 7/8)

2 JULY

The **IDF** fatally shoots a **Palestinian** standing in his doorway during continuing operations in Bayt Hanun; fatally shoots a **mentally handicapped 60-yr.-old Palestinian** who strays into a closed military zone nr. Gaza's Netzer Hazani settlement nr. Khan Yunis; fatally shoots a **3d Palestinian** who allegedly attempts to infiltrate a Jewish settlement nr. Nablus; fires on stone-throwing youths in Balata r.c.; fires on residential areas, bulldozes 100s of dunams in Khan Yunis. The **AMB** executes an alleged **collaborator** and known child molester in a square in

Qalqilya. A **15-yr.-old Palestinian** dies of injuries received during IDF operations in Bayt Hanun on 7/1. (MM 7/2; VOI 7/2, VOP 7/3 in WNC 7/9; WP, WT 7/3; HA 7/4; PR 7/7; PCHR 7/8; MEI 7/9)

3 JULY

The **IDF** fatally shoots a **9-yr.-old Palestinian** in continuing operations in Bayt Hanun, a stone-throwing **Palestinian** in Balata r.c.; conducts arrest raids in, bulldozes a mosque and surrounding agricultural land in al-Qarara (see 7/1); conducts arrest raids nr. Jenin; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis, starting fires that seriously damage 2 houses. **AMB** gunmen ambush, fatally shoot **1 Jewish settler** on a West Bank road. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received earlier. (AFP 7/3; PRCS 7/4; VOI 7/4 in WNC 7/9; WP 7/5; PCHR 7/8)

4 JULY

The **IDF** fires on stone-throwing youths in Bayt Hanun (killing an **18-yr.-old Palestinian**), Rafah (killing a **2d Palestinian**, wounding a woman in her home), Ramallah; rockets 2 metal foundries (allegedly Hamas weapons factories) in Gaza City, wounding 6 Palestinians, cutting electricity to parts of the city; demolishes a **Palestinian home** nr. Nablus; fires on residential areas of Ramallah; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Hebron. In Jerusalem, **Israeli police** fatally shoot a **Palestinian** who attempts to flee on foot after allegedly trying to run down an officer with his van. (VOI, VOP 7/4, VOI 7/5 in WNC 7/9; NYT, WP, XIN 7/5; PR 7/7; PCHR 7/8)

Prominent Jewish residents of Ashkelon ask **Mayor Roni Mahatzri** to ban **Israeli Arabs, bedouin** fr. staying overnight in the city, attending the city's entertainment venues, complaining that "bedouin and Israeli Arabs from the north of the country employed in the city's construction sites hang out with local [Jewish] girls" in the evenings. (HA 7/4; PR 7/7)

5 JULY

The **IDF** sends tanks, helicopters, troops into Rafah allegedly in search of smugglers' tunnels, fires on residential areas; stages a major raid into Jenin to arrest wanted **AMB mbr. Khalid al-Hawi**, ultimately killing him in a shootout outside his home; shells residential areas of Khan Yunis (killing **1 Pales-**

tinian child in his bed), fires on residential areas of Rafah; bulldozes 500 dunams of citrus trees east of Jabaliya r.c.; demolishes **3 Palestinian homes**, a farm nr. Hebron for construction of the **separation wall**; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Hebron, Jenin, Qalqilya, al-Qarara. A **15-yr.-old Palestinian girl** dies of injuries received during an IDF raid on Rafah a wk. ago. (XIN 7/5; VOI, VOP 7/5, VOP 7/6 in WNC 7/9; WT 7/6; PR 7/7; PCHR 7/8)

6 JULY

In continuing operations in Nablus, the **IDF** makes a predawn raid on a residential building, orders residents to evacuate, and immediately shoots the **1st 2 Palestinians** who emerge—a Nablus University professor and his 16-yr.-old son—in an apparent botched assassination attempt. Later during the same maneuver, the **IDF** fatally shoots **PFLP West Bank military cmdr. Yamun Faraj, senior PFLP cmdr. Amjad Hanani** in an exchange of gunfire, in which an **IDF officer** is also killed, 3 IDF soldiers are wounded. In nearby Balata r.c., **wanted Palestinian Wail Araysha** is killed in a mysterious explosion in his car. In Gaza, **2 armed Palestinians** open fire on, throw grenades at an IDF jeep, wounding **2 IDF soldiers**; the soldiers return fire, killing both Palestinians. In Bayt Hanun, the **IDF** bulldozes at least 400 dunams of citrus trees, **1 Palestinian home**, part of a cement factory; fires on stone-throwing youths; conducts arrest raids. The **IDF** also demolishes **4 Palestinian homes** and a shop in Brazil r.c., 1 home in Wadi al-Silqa; conducts arrest raids in and around Bethlehem, Hebron, Ramallah; fires on residential areas of Rafah. (HA, PCHR, WT 7/6; VOI, VOP 7/6, 7/7 in WNC 7/9; NYT, PR, WP 7/7; PCHR 7/8; MEI 7/9; HA 7/23; PR 8/4)

7 JULY

An **IDF** drone fires a missile at a Palestinian car in Gaza City; the **3 Hamas mbrs.** in the car escape the assassination attempt unharmed, but 3 Palestinian bystanders are wounded. The **IDF** also assassinates **wanted AMB mbr. Issam Mahamid**, fatally shooting him as he walks in Balata r.c.; bulldozes 240 dunams of citrus trees east of Jabaliya r.c.; fires on residential areas of Rafah, seriously wounding a 4-yr.-old boy in the head. **Palestinians** fire **2 Qassam rockets** at Sederot, causing no damage or injuries. (VOI

7/7 in WNC 7/9; PCHR 7/8; MM 7/10; PCHR 7/15; PM 7/22)

8 JULY

Before dawn, the **IDF** raids Khan Yunis, demolishes 30 **Palestinian homes**, severely damages 10 others. During the day in Bayt Hanun, the **IDF** exchanges heavy gunfire with Palestinians, leaving 5 **Palestinian gunmen** (including **Hamas local cmdr. Nahid Abu Odeh**, 3 **AMB mbrs.**) and 2 **Palestinian bystanders** dead, several wounded; 7 **IDF** soldiers are also injured, 1 seriously. The **IDF** raids Nablus, surrounds a residential building nr. al-Najah University, detains all residents, posts snipers on surrounding buildings, fires on residential areas, throws percussion grenades at journalists who arrive on the scene. The **IDF** raids the **PA Religious Affairs Min.** offices in Jenin and a religious organization in Qalqilya, causing heavy damage to the buildings, confiscating documents, sealing the offices for 2 yrs. The **IDF** also fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis, Rafah; demolishes 1 **Palestinian home** in Bayt Furik nr. Nablus, 1 nr. Jenin. **Islamic Jihad** detonates a roadside bomb nr. an **IDF** jeep outside Gaza's Morag settlement, injuring 5 **IDF soldiers**. (HA, MM 7/8; VOI, VOP, XIN 7/8 in WNC 7/9; MM, WP 7/9; PR 7/14; PCHR 7/15)

9 JULY

The **IDF** raids a section of Gaza City nr. Netzarim settlement, occupies an abandoned house, shells a house (causing extensive damage but no injuries), bulldozes 20 dunams of land. The **IDF** also bulldozes 4 **Palestinian homes**, 2 "animal farms," 45 dunams of land, an irrigation network in Khan Yunis; razes 10s of dunams of citrus trees nr. Bayt Lahia; conducts house searches, arrest raids in Jenin r.c., Qalqilya. A **Palestinian** fires on, tosses a grenade at an **IDF** post nr. Bayt Hanun (causing damage but no injuries), escapes. (VOI 7/9 in WNC 7/13; PCHR 7/15).

The **International Court of Justice (ICJ)** issues its nonbinding opinion on the **separation wall**, ruling (14-1, with only **American judge Thomas Buergenthal** dissenting) that segments built on occupied Palestinian territory violate international law and should be removed or not built. (HA, JT, WP, WT 7/9; AYM, Interfax, ITAR-TASS, VOP 7/9, AN, DUS, HJ, MENA, *al-Quds*, *al-Ra'i*, VOP, XIN 7/10 in WNC 7/13; NYT, WP, WT

7/10; AYM 7/11, 7/13 in WNC 7/16; HJ 7/11, AN, JT, SA, VOP 7/12 in WNC 7/14; JTA, MM 7/12; *Asia Times*, MA, MM 7/13; *al-Quds* 7/13 in WNC 7/15; *al-Ra'i* 7/13 in WNC 7/21; PR 7/14; MEI 7/23) (see Docs. A3, D2)

10 JULY

In continuing operations in the Bayt Hanun area, the **IDF** fires on residential areas of Bayt Hanun; shells residential areas nr. Jabaliya. The **IDF** also fires on residential areas of Rafah, fatally shooting a 16-yr.-old **Palestinian girl** inside her home; conducts arrest raids in Tulkarm. Nr. Gaza City, 3 **PRC mbrs.** are killed when their car mysteriously explodes, also killing a **Palestinian bystander**, in what may be an assassination. **Palestinians** fire 2 **Qassam rockets** at the Negev, causing some damage to 1 home in a kibbutz; detonate a **roadside bomb** nr. an **IDF** vehicle in southern Gaza, causing no damage or injuries. (PSCT, VOI, VOP 7/10 in WNC 7/13; NYT 7/11; VOI 7/11 in WNC 7/13; PCHR 7/15)

11 JULY

A **parcel bomb** explodes next to a Tel Aviv bus stop, killing 1 **IDF soldier**, wounding 20 Israelis, marking the 1st fatal bombing inside Israel since the 3/14 Ashdod bombings; **AMB** takes responsibility. **Sharon**, stressing that the bombing proves the need for the **separation wall**, calls the bombing the "first murder sponsored by the International Court of Justice." **Palestinians** also fire an antitank missile at Gaza's Atzmona settlement, causing no damage or injuries. The **IDF** demolishes 1 **Palestinian home** and a factory, fires on residential areas in Bayt Hanun; demolishes a **Palestinian home** in Qabatya. (VOI 7/11 in WNC 7/13; MM, NYT, WT 7/12; PR 7/14; PCHR 7/15; MEI 7/23)

12 JULY

The **IDF** raids Khan Yunis, bulldozes a **Palestinian home** that the **IDF** claims is a "militant gun post," killing 1 **wheelchair-bound Palestinian** trapped inside, despite pleas fr. his family to halt the demolition; the **IDF** demolishes another 30 **Palestinian homes** completely, 3 partially during the day. The **IDF** also demolishes a factory, bulldozes land, searches homes in Bayt Hanun; demolishes 1 **Palestinian home** in Dahaysha r.c., 1 in Jenin, 1 nr. Ramallah; conducts arrest raids, house searches

nr. Bethlehem, Hebron, Qalqilya, Ramallah. **Palestinians** fire a **Qassam rocket** at the Negev, detonate a **roadside bomb** nr. an IDF patrol in Rafah, in neither case causing damage or injuries. (NYT 7/12; VOI, VOP 7/12 in WNC 7/14; NYT 7/13; VOI 7/13 in WNC 7/15; PR 7/14; PCHR 7/15)

13 JULY

The **IDF** raids Jenin, fatally shoots **local Islamic Jihad cmdr. Numan Tahayna** in an assassination, also searches a hospital; conducts arrest raids, searches houses, bulldozes 159 dunams in al-Qarara; conducts arrest raids in Wadi al-Silqa, detaining 50 men and boys, taking them to an IDF base for questioning, releasing all but 5, plus bulldozing 1 **Palestinian home**, 51 dunams of land; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Aida r.c., Bayt Iqsa nr. Ramallah, al-Bireh, Dayr Sharaf nr. Nablus, Hebron, Jayous nr. Qalqilya; fires missiles at a workshop in Gaza City, completely destroying it; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis, al-Maghazi. **Palestinians** fire a **Qassam rocket** at Gush Katif (causing light damage but no injuries), an **antitank rocket** at an IDF post in Rafah (causing no damage or injuries). A **Jewish settler** deliberately runs into an elderly **Palestinian** man with his car nr. Bethlehem, killing him. (VOI, VOP 7/13 in WNC 7/15; NYT, PR, WT 7/14; VOP 7/14 in WNC 7/16; PCHR 7/15)

14 JULY

The **IDF** fires on a 12-truck **UN convoy** delivering humanitarian aid to Bayt Hanun, causing no injuries; shells residential areas of Khan Yunis; fires on residential areas of Rafah; demolishes 5 **Palestinian homes** in Jenin; conducts arrest raids in and around Hebron as well as in al-Arub, Balata r.c., Ramallah. (XIN 7/14; VOP 7/14 in WNC 7/16; PCHR, PM 7/15; VOP 7/15 in WNC 7/21; PR 7/21)

15 JULY

The **IDF** assassinates **wanted senior Hamas mbr. Malik al-Din**, fatally shooting him as he emerges fr. his Hebron home to surrender; tightens restrictions on Palestinians traveling the Tulkarm-Nablus road nr. Einav settlement; demolishes a **Palestinian home** in Khan Yunis, fires on residential areas of Jenin, Tulkarm r.c., Rafah, Yibna nr. Hebron; conducts arrest raids, house

searches in Bayt 'Awa nr. Hebron. Bethlehem, al-Bireh, Dahaysha r.c., Jenin, Nablus, Ramallah, Tulkarm, Yatta. (MA 7/15; MA, VOI, VOP 7/15, VOP 7/16 in WNC 7/21; PR 7/21; PCHR 7/22)

16 JULY

The **IDF** demolishes 3 brick factories, bulldozes agricultural land in continuing operations in Bayt Hanun; fires on residential areas of Rafah, Tulkarm r.c.; bulldozes 50 dunams of land nr. Jabaliya; conducts arrest raids nr. Tulkarm and in Araba, Qabatya. **Armed PRC mbrs.** ambush, kidnap **Gaza police chief Ghazi Jabali**, exchanging gunfire with this bodyguards, wounding 2; parade him through the streets of al-Bureij r.c., accusing him of stealing \$22 m. in public funds; release him unharmed. **Mbrs. of the Abu Rish Brigades** (ARB; a Fatah offshoot) kidnap 4 **French citizens**, hold them hostage at a Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) office in Khan Yunis for several hrs., demanding that the PA fire corrupt security officials, before releasing them unharmed. Separately, **ARB mbrs.** kidnap **Palestinian security official Khalid Abu al-Ula** in Khan Yunis, free him by the end of the day. In the evening, **Gaza's PSF head Rashid Abu Shiblak**, **Gaza's General Intelligence chief Amin al-Hindi** resign, citing "the state of anarchy and chaos" in Gaza, the PA's refusal to implement reforms, but **Arafat** refuses to accept their resignations. (NYT 7/16; VOI 7/16, HJ, VOI 7/17, AYM, HA, MA, *al-Ra'i*, YA 7/18, SA 7/19 in WNC 7/21; WP, NYT, WT 7/17; AYM 7/18, JP 7/20 in WNC 7/22; MM 7/19; DUS 7/19, AYM 7/20 in WNC 7/23; HA 7/20; NYT, PR 7/21; PCHR, WP 7/22; MEI 7/23; JPI 7/30; PR 8/4; AYM 8/6 in WNC 8/10)

17 JULY

The **IDF** raids Saida village nr. Tulkarm, killing **local Hamas cmdr. Basil Abu Sha'b**, **local AMB cmdr. Sahir Ajaj** in what may be assassinations; fatally shoots a stone-throwing **Palestinian** in Balata r.c.; fires on residential areas of Dayr al-Balah, Rafah. **Suspected Fatah gunmen fr. Nablus** fire on a jeep outside 'Ayn Bayt al-Ma' r.c. thought mistakenly to be driven by rival Fatah mbrs., injuring 2 Palestinians. **Armed PFLP mbrs.** exchange fire with **armed PA intelligence and Force 17 officers** guarding a **Palestinian collaborator** (responsible for the deaths of 2 PFLP cmdrs. in and IDF raid

on 7/6) being held in the Nablus governate office; no injuries are reported. (PR 7/21; PCHR, PM 7/22; HA 7/23)

In light of the 7/16 kidnappings, **Arafat** declares a state of emergency in Gaza; issues a decree for a "temporary restructuring" of the security forces into 3 branches: public security, with his distant cousin **Musa Arafat** as its new head; police, with Arafat loyalist **Saeb Ajiz** as its new head; general intelligence, with **Amin al-Hindi**, a loyalist increasingly critical of Arafat, maintaining leadership of the dept. Soon after, **1,000s of armed, masked Palestinians** gather outside the PC headquarters in Gaza to protest the appointment of Musa Arafat, whom they say is corrupt, as cronyism. **Qurai'** resigns, citing the lack of true reform; Arafat rejects his resignation. (NYT, WP, XIN 7/17; MENA, PSCT, VOI, VOP 7/17, AYM, HA, MA, XIN, YA 7/18, JP 7/19 in WNC 7/21; AYM 7/18, JP 7/20 in WNC 7/22; *al-Quds* 7/18; DUS 7/19 in WNC 7/23; NYT, WP, WT 7/18; MM 7/19; HA, MM 7/20; PR 7/21; WP 7/22; MEI 7/23; AYM 8/6 in WNC 8/10) (see Quarterly Update)

18 JULY

The **IDF** closes the **Rafah crossing** to Egypt indefinitely, citing security concerns; conducts an overnight raid into Saida nr. Tulkarm, firing on residential areas, rounding up residents for questioning, exchanging fire with Palestinian gunmen, killing **2 wanted Palestinians**; conducts house searches in Bizariyya in the West Bank, causing a **57-yr.-old Palestinian woman** to suffer a fatal heart attack; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Askar r.c., 'Azun nr. Qalqilya, Bayt Rima, al-Khadir, al-Mughraqa; fires on Palestinians waiting to cross a checkpoint in the al-Mawasi area of s. Gaza, wounding 5; fires on residential areas of Rafah; bulldozes large areas of agricultural land, demolishes 2 civilian cars in Bayt Hanun. A **4-yr.-old Palestinian** dies of injuries received in Rafah on 7/7. (VOP 7/18 in WNC 7/21; PR 7/21; PCHR 7/22)

Outside the PC headquarters in Gaza, **Fatah mbrs.** continue to protest against **Musa Arafat's** appointment. In the evening, some **150 armed AMB mbrs.** attack the **PA military intelligence** headquarters in Rafah, using a bulldozer in an attempt to break into the complex, exchanging gunfire with security guards, leaving 18 Palestinians (including at least 3 AMB mbrs., several

bystanders) wounded. **AMB mbrs.** also attack the PA military intelligence building in Khan Yunis, setting 2 offices ablaze, stealing weapons, freeing some detainees, wounding a security guard in an exchange of fire; staging marches in Nussayrat r.c. **Navy security chief Juma Ghali**, an Arafat loyalist, resigns his position to protest the Musa Arafat appointment. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 7/19; SA 7/19 in WNC 7/21; AYM 7/19 in WNC 7/24; PR 7/21; WP 7/22)

19 JULY

The **IDF** fatally shoots a **17-yr.-old Palestinian boy** throwing stones at troops in Balata r.c.; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis, wounding 2 Palestinian girls (ages 3 and 12) in their homes; fires on stone-throwing Palestinians nr. Nablus, injuring 5; conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Dayr al-Balah, Hebron, Jenin, Nablus, Ramallah, Tulkarm; continues bulldozing operations in Bayt Hanun, demolishing **2 Palestinian homes**; starts bulldozing Palestinian agricultural land for construction of a new road fr. Erez Crossing to the e. of Bayt Lahia. **Palestinians** fire a **Qassam rocket** at the Negev, causing no damage or injuries. (VOI 7/19 in WNC 7/21; PR 7/21; PCHR, PM 7/22)

To calm protests in Gaza, **Arafat** named **Brig. Gen. 'Abd al-Raziq al-Majayda** as head of public security for the West Bank and Gaza, making him **Musa Arafat's** superior. The **AMB, National and Islamic Higher Coordinating Comm. for the Intifada (NIHC)** say the change is insufficient, only true reforms and halt to corruption will improve conditions in Gaza. **Qurai'** says his resignation stands. (BBC, MM 7/19; AN, *al-Quds* 7/18 in WNC 7/21; NYT, WP, WT 7/20; JAZ, SA, VOP 7/20 in WNC 7/22; SA 7/21 in WNC 7/23; PR 7/23; MEI 7/23)

20 JULY

The **IDF** shells a house in Gaza's Shatti r.c. in an attempt to assassinate **PRC n. Gaza cmdr. 'Abd al-Karim al-Quka**, who, along with 4 Palestinians, is injured. The **IDF** also denies an ailing **60-yr.-old Palestinian** passage through a checkpoint to a Nablus hospital, allowing him to die; continues bulldozing operations in Bayt Hanun, demolishing 2 PSF posts; demolishes **3 Palestinian homes**, 26 shops, an olive oil factory in Barta nr. Jenin for construction of the **separation wall**, firing on stone-throwing Palestinians

who confront the troops, injuring 6; fires on residential areas of Nablus; conducts arrest raids, house searches in villages around Jenin, Nablus, Ramallah and in Anata, Hebron. **Palestinians** fire 2 **Qassam rockets** into the Negev, causing no damage or injuries. An **unknown assailant** shoots, seriously wounds **Executive Authority (EA) mbr. and fmr. information M Nabil 'Amr** twice in the leg in an attempted assassination, firing through a window at 'Amr, inside his Ramallah home. 'Amr, who has previously called for reforms in the PA, had just returned home from a TV interview in which he criticized Arafat's performance. (BBC, WP 7/20; VOI 7/20 in WNC 7/22; MM, NYT, PR, REU, WT 7/21; JAZ 7/21 in WNC 7/23; CSM, PCHR, PM 7/22; DUS, HJ 7/23 in WNC 7/27; *al-Ra'i* 7/24 in WNC 7/29; VOP 7/29 in WNC 7/31; AYM 7/30 in WNC 8/3; MM 8/3; PR 8/4)

21 JULY

The **IDF** bulldozes a main street, a deserted **Palestinian home**, water and sewerage networks nr. Bayt Hanun; fires on residential areas of Dayr al-Balah. Late in the evening, the **IDF** sends troops, military vehicles, helicopters into Rafah, firing on residential areas, demolishing 18 **Palestinian homes**; fires missiles at a workshop in Khan Yunis, destroying it. **Palestinians** fire a **Qassam rocket** into a Negev kibbutz, damaging a home but causing no injuries. **Armed AMB mbrs.** kidnap **Nablus local governate head Fadil Shuli**; accuse him of collaboration with Israel, corruption, failing to provide local security; release him after several hrs. without explanation. (JTA, MA, MM, PR 7/21; JAZ, VOI 7/21 in WNC 7/23; PCHR 7/22; VOI 7/22 in WNC 7/24; PR 7/28)

The **PC** votes to support the recommendations of a report prepared by a recently appointed **special comm. on the political and security situation in the Palestinian territories**, urging **Arafat** to accept **Qurai's** resignation, appoint a new government with expanded powers that could restore stability in Gaza, undertake comprehensive reforms. (MM 7/21; JAZ, VOP 7/21 in WNC 7/23; NYT, WP, WT 7/22; HJ 7/23 in WNC 8/3; NYT 7/26) (see Doc. B)

22 JULY

The **IDF** assassinates **Islamic Jihad mbrs.** 'Abd al-Ra'uf Abu 'Assi, **Hazim**

Irhayim, firing missiles at their car as they drive through Gaza City, injuring 1 bystander; sends troops into Nablus, sparking stone throwing, then firing on protesters, wounding 5; demolishes a **Palestinian home** in Yatta; bulldozes a **Palestinian home**, 6 dunams of land nr. Khan Yunis; fires on residential areas nr. Nablus and in Ramallah, Rafah; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Bayt 'Umar nr. Hebron, Jenin, Ramallah. In ongoing operations in Bayt Hanun, the **IDF** raids the offices of an agricultural cooperative society, demolishes a factory, bulldozes more than 6 dunams of land. Some **10,000 Palestinians** (including a significant number of armed, masked men, likely **AMB**) hold a pro-reform rally outside the **PC** headquarters in Gaza. (REU 7/22; JAZ, VOP 7/22 in WNC 7/24; MM, WP, WT 7/23; YA 7/23 in WNC 7/27; WT 7/24; PCHR 7/29)

23 JULY

The **IDF** expands operations in Bayt Hanun; fires on residential areas of Rafah, damaging a number of rooms in a nearby hospital, injuring 1 patient; demolishes 5 **Palestinian homes** in Rafah; conducts arrest raids in Hebron, Rafah, Tubas, Yatta. In Bayt Hanun, a Palestinian family attempts to stop 4 **armed AMB mbrs.** fr. launching a **Qassam rocket** fr. their property; 1 **AMB mbr.** fires on the family, killing a **15-yr.-old Palestinian boy**, wounding 2 others. (VOI, VOP, YA 7/23 in WNC 7/27; NYT 7/24; PCHR 7/29)

24 JULY

The **IDF** fatally shoots a **16-yr.-old Palestinian** standing on the roof of his home in Bayt Hanun; sends troops into Nablus, sparking stone-throwing, then firing on demonstrators, wounding 1; fires on Palestinian residential areas of Hebron; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Dahaysha r.c., Dayr al-Balah, Tubas, Yatta. In Gaza, unidentified **armed Palestinians** raid, set fire to a PA police station in Gaza City, causing serious damage; **20 armed AMB mbrs.** take over the Local Government Min. offices in Khan Yunis, demanding the reinstatement of at least 11 **AMB mbrs.** fired fr. their security jobs and the dismissal of **Musa Arafat**, leaving after the PA pledges to look into reinstating those fired. In Ramallah, **Palestinians** rally in support of Arafat. In his 1st appearance since intra-Palestinian violence in Gaza began on 7/16, **Arafat** denies he is facing a

crisis, dismisses **Qurai'**s attempt to resign, pledges to carry out reforms. (NYT, WP, WT 7/25; PCHR 7/29)

25 JULY

IDF undercover units assassinate local AMB mbrs. Haní Awayda, Mahdí Tanbur in Tulkarm, opening fire on them as they sit in an outdoor café, also killing **4 bystanders**, wounding a 3d AMB mbr. **IDF** helicopters rocket a Gaza City building (the **IDF** claims it is a Hamas workshop, Palestinians say it is the home of a Hamas mbr.) twice during the day, wounding 4 Palestinians, destroying the building. The **IDF** also expands operations in Bayt Hanun, searching homes and a medical clinic (temporarily detaining some patients and staff), bulldozing 300 dunams; fatally shoots a **50-yr.-old mentally handicapped Palestinian woman** who enters a closed military zone nr. Rafah (the same woman was wounded in a similar incident in the area on 9/8/02; see Chronology in *JPS* 126); begins digging a trench around the Rafah border crossing; fires on residential areas of Bayt Rima, Khan Yunis; bulldozes 5 farm buildings, 5 dunams of land nr. Khan Yunis. **Palestinians** fire a **mortar**, an **antitank rocket** at Gaza's Neve Dekalim settlement, slightly wounding 6 Israeli children. **Jewish settler leaders rally 10,000s of Israelis** (organizers say 200,000, police say 70,000; mostly settlers, ultra-Orthodox) to form a human chain stretching 56-mi. fr. Nisanit settlement in n. Gaza to the Western Wall in Jerusalem to protest plans for an Israeli withdrawal fr. Gaza. (JAZ, VOI, VOP, YA 7/25 in WNC 7/27; HA, MM, NYT, PCHR, WP, WT 7/26; VOP 7/26 in WNC 7/28; PR 7/28; PCHR 7/29)

26 JULY

The **IDF** sends troops into Bayta nr. Nablus, sparking stone-throwing, then firing on protesters, wounding 1; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis (fatally shooting an **11-yr.-old Palestinian girl** in the courtyard of her home and wounding 3 others, including a farmer in a field 300 m away), Rafah; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Hebron, Nablus, Ramallah. The **IDF** also beats, detains an off-duty but uniformed **Palestinian paramedic** attempting to aid an ailing Palestinian in a broken-down taxi outside Nablus; the **International Comm. of the Red Cross** intervenes to secure his release. Elsewhere in the West Bank, an **IDF**

soldier severely beats in the head with his rifle butt a **Palestinian student** who steps out of line at a checkpoint; Israeli women volunteering with **Checkpoint Watch** peace group intervene, saving his life. (VOI 7/26 in WNC 7/28; PM 7/27; VOI 7/27 in WNC 7/29; PR 7/28; MM, PCHR 7/29)

27 JULY

In the predawn hrs., the **IDF** sends troops, military vehicles, helicopters into Gaza City, occupies and searches several buildings, sparking heavy clashes with Palestinians, killing **1 armed Palestinian, 1 bystander**; withdraws later in the morning. In ongoing operations in Bayt Hanun, the **IDF** raids, severely damages a school, bulldozes additional land. The **IDF** also fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis, severely injuring a Palestinian inspecting the remains of his demolished home; bulldozes **7 Palestinian homes** in Khan Yunis, 1 in Tulkarm; fires on residential areas of Tulkarm r.c.; conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Ramallah and in Nablus, Tubas. The **Israeli Agriculture Min.** orders the planting of 72,000 olive trees around West Bank Jewish settlements so that "ownership of the trees will be in Jewish hands only and would prevent transfer of lands to Palestinian hands in the future." (PM 7/27; NYT, PR, YA 7/28; PCHR 7/29)

Qurai' rescinds his 7/17 resignation after **Arafat** orders the PC to refer corruption cases to the **PA general prosecutor** for possible legal action and promises (without a timetable) to permanently consolidate security forces into 3 bodies, give the PM more authority over PA police. (SA, VOP 7/27 in WNC 7/29; MM, NYT, PR, WP, WT 7/28; DUS 7/28, AYM 7/29 in WNC 8/3; WJW 7/29; AYM 8/6 in WNC 8/10)

28 JULY

The **IDF** continues bulldozing operations in Bayt Hanun, also firing on residential areas, partially demolishing a Palestinian home. During the day, the **IDF** also raids the Shaykh Ajlin neighborhood of Gaza City, occupying 1 Palestinian home as an observation post, demolishing a 4-story commercial building, bulldozing 100 dunams of land; bulldozes a **Palestinian home**, a bird farm, 12 dunams of land in Rafah; demolishes a **Palestinian home** in Bayt Laqia; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis, wounding a staff member inside a local hospital with

several live bullets; conducts arrest raids, house searches in al-Arub r.c., Bayt Laqia, Jenin, Tubas. Late in the evening, the **IDF** sends troops, military vehicles, helicopters into Rafah, shelling residential areas, blowing up 3 **Palestinian homes**; occupies a Palestinian home in Dayr al-Balah. Palestinians report that the IDF is currently issuing permits for up to 2,800 Palestinians/day to enter Israel through Erez, but that only around 1,500 qualified Palestinians/day are able to reach the crossing because of other IDF restrictions on Palestinian travel. **Palestinians** hold rallies across Gaza in solidarity with Bayt Hanun residents, denounce PA inaction to halt the IDF siege that began on 6/28; protesters, **armed AMB mbrs.** block the Erez Crossing to prevent **PA Social Affairs M Intisar al-Wazir, Education M Na'im Abu al-Hummus** fr. entering Gaza fr. the West Bank to take part in the rallies. **Arafat** accepts the resignation of **PA coastal police chief Juma' Ghali**, who earlier resigned to protest **Musa Arafat's** appointment. (PCHR 7/29; PR 8/4; PCHR 8/5; MEI 7/23)

29 JULY

The **IDF** assassinates **ARB Rafah cmdr. 'Amr Abu Sitta and his dep. Zaki Abu Zarqa**, firing a missile at their car as they drive in Rafah; fatally shoots **Islamic Jihad Tulkarm cmdr. Zahir Ashqar** in an exchange of gunfire during an arrest raid in Tulkarm. The **IDF** also tightens access to Bayt Hanun; steps up bulldozing in Jabaliya r.c.; demolishes 18 **Palestinian homes** in Rafah; shells residential areas of Khan Yunis; fires on residential areas of Dayr al-Balah, Rafah; conducts arrest raids, house searches in 'Azun and al-Zawiyya nr. Qalqilya, Bayta, Dahaysha r.c., Tubas, Tulkarm r.c. An **AMB mbr.**, an **Islamic Jihad mbr.** are killed in an explosion outside Gaza's Netzer Hazani settlement, reportedly when laying a roadside bomb. **Palestinians** fire 2 **Qassam rockets** at Sederot, causing no damage or injuries. (MM 7/29; MENA, VOI 7/29 in WNC 7/31; NYT, WP 7/30; PR 8/4; PCHR 8/5)

30 JULY

The **IDF** fires on a funeral procession for **ARB head Abu Sitta** in Khan Yunis, killing a **12-yr.-old Palestinian boy**, wounding 7; fatally shoots 4 **Palestinians** laying a roadside bomb nr. a Israeli border fence e. of al-Bureij r.c.; sends troops into Nablus, spark-

ing stone-throwing, then firing on demonstrators, wounding 1 stone-thrower, 1 bystander; fires missiles at a 3-story building in Gaza City owned by the family of a female suicide bomber, demolishing the structure, injuring 2 Palestinians; raids a wedding party in Bayt Jala, arrests 2 guests; fires on residential areas of Rafah; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Bayta, the central Gaza Strip. **Palestinians** fire 4 **Qassam rockets** at Sederot, bringing the total number of rockets fired at the town in the past 3 days to 14; none caused damage or injuries. **Palestinian, Israeli, international peace activists** begin a 3-wk. Freedom March to protest the **separation wall**; the march begins in Zababda nr. Jenin and plans to end in Jerusalem on 8/19. (VOI, VOP 7/30 in WNC 8/3; NYT, WT 7/31; WT 8/1; PR 8/4; PCHR 8/5)

31 JULY

The **IDF** sends troops into Balata r.c., sparking stone-throwing, then firing on demonstrators, wounding 1; fires warning shots at 100s of Palestinian women, children marching to protest the ongoing military operations, wounding 1 child; fires on residential areas of Rafah; bulldozes a plot of agricultural land in Jabaliya r.c.; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Wadi al-Silqa. In Nablus, 6 **Palestinians** (1 of them armed; reportedly mbrs. of an **AMB splinter group**) kidnap 3 **foreign church workers** (1 American, 1 British, 1 Irish); the **PA General Intelligence** secures their release, the kidnappers escape, no motive is given. Separately, 12 **armed mbrs. of the AMB Jenin faction** raid, set fire to the empty office of **newly appointed Jenin governor Qaddura Musa** and the local **PA General Intelligence** headquarters, demanding that the PA do more to support "the wanted fighters, the prisoners, and the injured." **Palestinians** fire a **Qassam rocket** at the Negev, causing no damage or injuries. (ITV, JAZ, VOP, XIN, YA 7/31, VOP 8/1 in WNC 8/3; WP, WT 8/1; PR 8/4; PCHR 8/5)

1 AUGUST

In continuing operations in Bayt Hanun, the **IDF** fires on residential areas, fences off a 46-dunam plot of land nr. the Erez crossing that was previously bulldozed. During the day, the **IDF** also fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis (wounding a staff mbr. inside a local hospital, a Palestinian inside his

home), Rafah; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Aida r.c., Tulkarm, Yatta; demolishes several "civilian structures" in al-Walaja village northwest of Bayt Jala for construction of a **separation wall** segment around Bethlehem; announces plans to seize a total of 4,980 dunams of land in the Hebron area for construction of the **separation wall**. Late in the evening, the **IDF** sends troops, military vehicles, helicopters into Khan Yunis, shelling and firing on residential areas, killing a **Palestinian woman** inside her home, demolishing **8 Palestinian homes**. (PR 8/4; PCHR 8/5)

2 AUGUST

The **IDF** fatally shoots **2 AMB mbrs.**, **1 Islamic Jihad mbr.** who approach Gaza's Aley Sinai settlement; raids a bedouin encampment northwest of Jerusalem, ordering them to leave the area within 10 days to make way for **separation wall** construction; bulldozes 80 dunams of land nr. al-Walaja for construction of the **separation wall**; fires on residential areas of 'Ayn Bayt al-Ma' r.c., Bayt Lahia, Rafah; conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Bethlehem, nr. Jenin, and in Hebron, Nablus, Qalqilya, Tulkarm camp. In Gaza City, a **Palestinian police officer** tosses 2 grenades into a jail cell holding alleged collaborators, wounding 7, who are taken to al-Shifa hospital; **1 Palestinian** dies of his injuries; **2 others** are later killed by **masked Hamas gunmen** who storm the hospital's intensive care unit. **Palestinians** fire **2 Qassam rockets** at Sederot, causing some damage. An ailing **Palestinian woman** dies after being barred by Israel fr. leaving Gaza to receive medical treatment in Egypt, despite intervention by the **PA Health Min.** The **Israeli DMin.** approves plans to build 600 new housing units in Ma'ale Adumim settlement (see Settlement Monitor). (MM, REU 8/2; VOI 8/2 in WNC 8/4; MA 8/2 in WNC 8/4; MM, NYT, WP 8/3; VOP 8/3 in WNC 8/5; PR 8/4; AP, IDF Radio, MA, PCHR 8/5; NYT 8/6; *al-Quds* 8/6 in WNC 8/10; WP 8/26)

3 AUGUST

The **IDF** makes a massive predawn raid on Rafah, sending in nearly 300 military vehicles and helicopters, shelling residential areas, raiding and searching homes, occupying several as observation posts, demolishing **10 Palestinian homes**, exchanging gunfire with Palestinian gunmen. During the

day, **Palestinians** detonate a roadside bomb nr. an **IDF** bulldozer in Rafah but misjudge the placement of the device, inadvertently killing **3 Palestinians**, wounding at least 10 (including a Reuters cameraman). In ongoing operations in Bayt Hanun, the **IDF** fires on residential areas, on Palestinians attempting to enter the town; demolishes **1 Palestinian home**. **Hamas** warns that it will step up rocket attacks on Sederot unless the **IDF** withdraws fr. Bayt Hanun. The **IDF** also shoots, wounds, arrests a Palestinian in Hebron who reportedly failed to obey orders to stop; demolishes a **Palestinian home**, a bird farm, several agricultural warehouses and water tanks nr. Qalqilya for construction of the **separation wall**; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Bethlehem and nr. Hebron, Jenin. (VOI 8/3 in WNC 8/5; NYT, PR, WP 8/4; PCHR 8/5; PR 8/11)

4 AUGUST

The **IDF** sends tanks fr. Bayt Hanun to the Jabaliya r.c., sparking clashes with armed Palestinians that leave **3 Palestinians** dead (including a 10-yr.-old bystander), at least 36 wounded. The **IDF** continues bulldozing operations in Rafah, exchanging gunfire with mbrs. of the local resistance, killing **1 armed Palestinian**, demolishing another **12 Palestinian homes** and 4 shops, damaging a mosque, local infrastructure before pulling out in the evening; 1 tunnel reportedly is found. Elsewhere in Rafah, the **IDF** fires on residential areas, moderately wounding a 4-yr.-old Palestinian boy inside his home, seriously injuring a Palestinian driving 100s of meters away. The **IDF** sends undercover units into Nablus to secure, search a commercial building, sparking stone-throwing; undercover units fire on the protesters, fatally shooting a **Palestinian bystander**, intensifying the clashes; the **IDF** sends some 20 uniformed soldiers in to extricate the undercover unit, during which soldiers shoot, wound 3 Palestinians, including seriously injuring a child. The **IDF** also fires on residential areas of al-Qarara; raids the **Islamic Charitable Association** offices in Bani Na'im nr. Hebron, confiscating computers and files, vandalizing and sealing the offices; demolishes a **Palestinian home** in Dahaysha r.c.; conducts arrest raids, house searches in and nr. Hebron, and in al-Bireh, Nablus. (PR 8/4; VOP 8/4 in WNC 8/5; HA, NYT, PCHR, WP, WT 8/5; PCHR 8/12)

5 AUGUST

The **IDF** pulls out of Bayt Hanun, pulls back from the outskirts of Jabaliya r.c., ending **Operation Active Shield**, revealing the widespread destruction (including an estimated 3,900 dunams bulldozed, 10,000s of trees razed) wrought since it entered and sealed the area on 6/28. At the Bayt Hanun municipal office, **6 armed, masked AMB mbrs.** break up a news conference called by **3 PC mbrs.** to discuss the pullout, denounce the **PA** for failing to do anything while the area was under siege. After the pullout, **Palestinians** fire at least **7 Qassam rockets** toward Sederot and the Negev, causing no damage or injuries. The **IDF** also fires on, shells residential areas of Khan Yunis (wounding a Palestinian inside a hospital nearby, seriously damaging a home), nr. Gaza City; fires on, demolishes **3 Palestinian homes** in Khuza nr. Khan Yunis; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Bethlehem, Halhul nr. Hebron, Ramallah. A **12-yr.-old Palestinian** dies of injuries received earlier. Some 150 **Jewish settlers** erect tents on a new **unauthorized settlement outpost** nr. Hebron, harass local Palestinians. **Sharon** orders 3,700 acres of Palestinian land to be annexed to Ma'ale Adumim settlement for construction of a new neighborhood, linking the settlement to Jerusalem 4 mi. to the west (see Settlement Monitor). (AP, BBC, HA, MA, MM, REU 8/5; VOI, VOP 8/5 in WNC 8/7; VOI 8/5 in WNC 8/10; AFP, MM, NYT, WT 8/6; *al-Quds* 8/6 in WNC 8/10; PR 8/11; PCHR 8/12; NYT 8/18)

6 AUGUST

The **IDF** reopens the **Rafah checkpoint** where some 2,500 Palestinians have been stranded on the Egyptian border since 7/18; some 1,400 enter today; it is expected to take 2 more days for all 2,500 to cross. The **IDF** also fatally shoots an **Islamic Jihad mbr.** attempting to lay a roadside bomb outside a Gaza settlement; fatally shoots **wanted Hamas mbr. Muhammad Balasma** nr. Nablus in what may be an assassination; fatally shoots a **Palestinian** teenager nr. the Qarni crossing into Israel; fires on residential areas of Rafah; demolishes **2 Palestinian homes** in Dahaysha r.c.; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Bethlehem, Hebron, several villages around Jenin. (BBC, MM 8/6; VOI, VOP 8/6, YA 8/7 in WNC 8/10; NYT, WP, WT 8/7; NYT 8/8; PR 8/11; PCHR 8/12)

7 AUGUST

The **IDF** send troops into Nablus and neighboring Bayt Furik, firing on stone-throwing youths, shells residential areas, wounding 5; fires on Palestinians waiting to cross a checkpoint e. of Jerusalem, wounding 1; shells residential areas of Rafah; fires on residential areas of Balata r.c., Brazil r.c., Dayr Ghassana nr. Ramallah, Tulkarm; fires on a PSF observation post in Rafah, injuring 1 PSF officer; demolishes a **Palestinian home** in Bethlehem, 1 in Dahaysha r.c.; raids, checks identification of everyone in a PSF office nr. Hebron. (VOI 8/8 in WNC 8/10; PCHR 8/12)

PA Planning M Nabil Qassis resigns to accept a position as pres. of Birzeit University. **Arafat** does not immediately name a replacement. (PSCT 8/7 in WNC 8/10; NYT, WP, XIN 8/8; PR 8/11)

8 AUGUST

Overnight, the **IDF** sends troops, military vehicles into Rafah, demolishing **3 Palestinian homes**, firing on residential areas. The **IDF** also sends troops into al-Qarara under heavy shelling, injuring 4 Palestinians, bulldozing 5 dunams of land; expels to Gaza fr. Jericho a **Palestinian woman** married to a Jericho resident, their **2 children**, arguing that her Gaza residency card means that she has been living in the West Bank illegally. (XIN 8/8; PCHR 8/12)

9 AUGUST

The **IDF** resumes work (halted by Israeli court order in late 2002) on a settler bypass road in Hebron linking Kiryat Arba settlement to the Ibrahimi Mosque/Tomb of the Patriarchs, demolishing **3600-yr.-old historic buildings** (including 11 residential apartments); local **Jewish settlers** harass Palestinians in the area. The **IDF** also continues operations in Rafah begun overnight, demolishing **12 Palestinian homes**; uproots 130 dunams of citrus groves s. of Gaza City; raids the offices of the **al-Islah Islamic Association** in Bethlehem, confiscating computers, files; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis, al-Qarara; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Bethlehem, Qalqilya, Yatta. **Jewish settlers** burn 60 olive trees in Marda village nr. Salfit. A **12-yr.-old Palestinian** shot by the IDF in Khan Yunis on 8/7 dies of his injuries. (HA, PM 8/10; PR 8/11; PCHR 8/12)

10 AUGUST

The **IDF** sends troops into Nablus, Tulkarm r.c., sparking stone-throwing by youths, then opening fire, shelling residential areas, withdrawing. Later in the day, the **IDF** again fires on stone-throwing youths in Nablus, killing a **Palestinian** teenager, wounding 10. During the day, the **IDF** also fires on stone-throwing youths in Balata r.c.; conducts arrest raids, house searches in villages outside Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Qalqilya; resumes bulldozing begun 2 wks. ago in Wadi Rahal e. of Bethlehem for construction of a **settler bypass road**. Late in the evening, the **IDF** sends troops, heavy vehicles into Khan Yunis, bulldozing 3 **Palestinian homes** and several dunams of land, firing on and shelling residential areas; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Hebron. **Palestinian gunmen** fire on a Jewish settler bus nr. Barqan settlement, lightly injuring 2 Jewish settlers. (HA 8/10; PR, WP, WT 8/11; PCHR 8/12)

11 AUGUST

A medium-sized bomb left by the **AMB Jenin faction** in a bag nr. the Qalandia checkpoint n. of Jerusalem explodes, killing 2 **Palestinians** and injuring 6 Israeli border police officers (2 seriously, 1 moderately), 10 **Palestinians** (including a 6-yr.-old in a coma). The **IDF** continues a major raid on Khan Yunis, demolishing 13 **Palestinian homes**, firing missiles at a residential neighborhood "to deter gunmen," wounding 12 **Palestinians**; fires on stone-throwing youths in Balata r.c., killing 1 **Palestinian**; fires on residential areas of Rafah, seriously injuring a 5-yr.-old girl; conducts raids in and around Hebron; demolishes 2 **Palestinian homes** in Jerusalem. **Israel** bars entry at Ben-Gurion Airport to **British journalist Eva Jasciewicz**, who appeals her deportation, is jailed pending a court ruling (see Quarterly Update). (HA, XIN 8/11; JP, VOI, YA 8/11 in WNC 8/13; MM, NYT, PCHR, PR, WP, WT 8/12)

12 AUGUST

The **IDF** makes a predawn raid on Rafah, shelling residential areas, demolishing 10 **Palestinian homes** and a carpentry workshop; during the operation, 1 **IDF** soldier is wounded by a **Palestinian** sniper. Later in the day in Rafah, the **IDF** deliberately fires on a **PRCS ambulance**, 5 **uniformed**

doctors, 2 **uniformed nurses**, a **clearly identified driver** distributing first aid kits (donated by **Germany**) to **Palestinians** made homeless by **IDF** demolitions in an attempt to scare them away, causing no injuries. In Nablus, the **IDF** detains 3 **BBC journalists**, a **Palestinian doctor** who attempt to enter an apartment for a prescheduled interview with a resident, not realizing that the building had been occupied as an **IDF** observation post; the **IDF** releases them with an apology after 3 hrs. of questioning. The **IDF** also bulldozes 100 dunams of land in Mughraqa nr. Netzarim settlement, destroying 5 wells and related irrigation works; conducts arrest raids in Balata r.c., Tulkarm; raids the **Islamic Charitable Association** of Hebron, confiscating computers and office equipment, sealing the offices; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis; conducts house searches, arrest raids in Tulkarm and villages nr. Bethlehem, Hebron. Late in the evening, the **IDF** raids Gaza City's Zaytun neighborhood, searching homes, shelling and firing on residential areas. (AFP, HA, PM, XIN 7/12; HA 8/13; PR 8/18; PCHR 8/19)

13 AUGUST

An **AMB gunman** ambushes, fatally shoots a **Jewish settler security chief** patrolling around Itamar settlement in the West Bank, is then shot dead by other security guards; the **IDF** later blows up the gunman's **home** in nearby Bayt Furik. The **IDF** also continues operations in Gaza City, bulldozing 700 dunams of land, demolishing several **Palestinian homes**, firing on **Palestinians**, wounding 4 before withdrawing later in the day; fires on residential areas of Aida r.c., Bayt Furik, Tal al-Sultan, Yatta; raids, fires on stone-throwing youths in Balata r.c., Tulkarm r.c. and town; conducts arrest raids, house searches in al-Khadir, Bayt Sahur; shells an electricity tower in Rafah, cutting electricity to some neighborhoods and Brazil r.c. The **IDF** also fires warning shots at a **Spanish emb.** vehicle at the Abu Huli checkpoint in Gaza; Spain lodges a formal complaint, saying it had received Israeli approval for the trip. (NYT, WP 8/14; PCHR 8/19)

The 20th summer **Olympics** opens in Athens. **Palestine** is represented by 2 track-and-field athletes, 1 swimmer. The International Olympic Comm. (IOC) 1st recognized Palestine in 1934, but rescinded recognition in 1948, when it recognized Israel. After the signing of the Oslo Accord in 1993, the IOC recognized Palestine again. **Palestinian** teams

have competed in the summer Olympics in Atlanta (1996) and Sydney (2000). (PR 8/18, 8/25)

14 AUGUST

The **IDF** shells, directs heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Brazil r.c., Khan Yunis, Rafah (wounding 1 woman inside her home); sends troops into Balata r.c., Nablus under cover of shelling, fires on stone-throwing youths who confront the troops, wounding 6; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Hebron, Yatta. A **13-yr.-old Palestinian** dies of injuries received during the 8/8-9 IDF raid on Rafah. A newspaper runs an ad signed by **144 prominent Palestinians**, demanding government reform, new elections. More than **100 unemployed Palestinian university graduates** temporarily occupy a PA building in Gaza, demanding the PA find them jobs. **Jewish settlers** fr. Ramat Yishai throw stones at,

lightly injure a 15-yr.-old Palestinian in Hebron. (HA, WT 8/14; WP 8/15; PR 8/18; PCHR 8/19)

15 AUGUST

The **IDF** surrounds an area of Wadi al-Silqa, orders all men ages 16-50 to assemble in a field, holds them for 3 hrs., checks their IDs, releases them; for a 2d day sends troops into Balata r.c., Nablus under cover of shelling, fires on stone throwing Palestinians who confront them, seriously injuring 2 stone throwers and a passerby; conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Ramallah. In East Jerusalem, **IDF soldiers** fatally shoot a **Palestinian** who attempts to stab a soldier at a checkpoint. Some **1,700 Palestinian prisoners** held in Israeli jails begin a hunger strike, citing 57 demands for improved conditions. (PM, XIN 8/15; MM 8/16; MENA, VOI, VOP 8/17 in WNC 8/19; MM, PR 8/18; MM, PCHR 8/19)

CHRONOLOGY SOURCE ABBREVIATIONS

AFP	(Agence France-Presse, Paris)
AN	(Arab News, Riyadh)
AP	(Associated Press [Internet])
AYM	(<i>al-Ayyam</i> , Ramallah)
BBC	(British Broadcasting Corporation World Service [Internet])
CSM	(<i>Christian Science Monitor</i> , Boston)
DUS	(<i>al-Dustur</i> , Amman)
HA	(<i>Ha'Aretz</i> [Internet], Tel Aviv)
HJ	(<i>al-Hayat al-Jadida</i> , Ramallah)
ITV	(Israel Television Network, Jerusalem)
JAZ	(al-Jazeera Satellite Channel Television, Doha)
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])
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)
NYT	(<i>New York Times</i> , New York)
PCHR	(Palestinian Center for Human Rights, Gaza)
PM	(Palestine Monitor [Internet])
PR	(<i>Palestine Report</i> , Jerusalem)
PRCS	(Palestinian Red Crescent Society [Internet])
PSCT	(Palestine Satellite Channel Television, Gaza)
REU	(Reuters [Internet])
SA	(<i>al-Sbarq al-Ausat</i> , London)
VOI	(Voice of Israel, Jerusalem)
VOP	(Voice of Palestine, Jericho)
WJW	(<i>Washington Jewish Week</i> , Rockville, MD)
WNC	(World News Connection [Internet], Washington)
WP	(<i>Washington Post</i> , Washington)
WT	(<i>Washington Times</i> , Washington)
XIN	(Xinhua-New China News Agency, Beijing)
YA	(<i>Yedi'ot Abaronot</i> , Tel Aviv)