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## CHRONOLOGY

16 AUGUST–15 NOVEMBER 2006

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### 16 AUGUST

As the quarter opens, **Israel's** blockade of Gaza enters its 6th mo., allowing no goods or people out (except for very limited medical emergencies) and letting only limited food and fuel supplies and a handful of diplomats and international aid workers in; Palestinians are receiving on average 6–8 hrs./day of electricity and 2–3 hrs./day of water after Israel's bombing of Gaza's sole generator on 6/28. The **Israel Defense Forces (IDF)** continues **Operation Summer Rains** (see Quarterly Update in *JPS* 141), which began on 6/28 after the capture of an IDF soldier in a Palestinian cross-border raid fr. Gaza on 6/25, making occasional ground incursions into Gaza, maintaining troops at the Dahaniyya airport site outside of Rafah. In Gaza, the **IDF** launches air strikes, destroying a empty **Palestinian home** in Gaza City, causing no injuries; sends at least 50 armored vehicles into the outskirts of Bayt Hanun, firing on residential areas, bulldozing large areas of agricultural land, ordering residents of 15 houses to surrender for ID checks, arresting 2 before withdrawing across the border. Also in Gaza, **1 Palestinian** is killed, 3 are injured when they apparently prematurely detonate explosives they are handling. In the West Bank, the **IDF** patrols in Azun nr. Qalqilya (firing on stone-throwing youths who confront them, wounding 2), Fahma nr. Jenin (firing on residential areas, damaging homes), Jenin town and refugee camp (r.c.; wounding 1 Palestinian), al-Khadir nr. Bethlehem (firing on residential areas); conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Hebron, Salfit. In Khan Yunis, a **14-yr.-old Palestinian boy** is killed in crossfire btwn. **Hamas Executive Support Force (ESF) mbrs., Fatah gunmen.** (PCHR 8/17; OCHA 8/23; PCHR 8/24)

Two days after an **Israel-Hizballah** cease-fire went into effect ending 34 days of war (Israel dubbed its offensive **Operation Change of Direction**; see Chronology in *JPS* 141), the **Lebanese government** reaches a compromise agreement with **Hizballah** under which only the army will be allow to "carry weapons" s. of the Litani (allowing Hizballah to store weapons nr. the border with Israel) and the **Lebanese cabinet** votes to order the army to prepare to deploy across s. Lebanon (a precondition for an Israeli withdrawal). The UN estimates that since 8/14, more than **200,000 Lebanese** have returned to their homes and 60,000 have returned fr. Syria, leaving more than 700,000 still internally displaced. The Lebanese government now puts the comprehensive toll at 1,152 Lebanese killed and some 3,700 wounded, with numbers expected to rise as more bodies are recovered. (UN Information Service, WP 8/16; NYT, WP, WT 8/17)

### 17 AUGUST

In Gaza, the **IDF** fatally shoots a deaf **Palestinian** working a field nr. the Gaza border e. of al-Bureij r.c.; shells residential areas of Bayt Hanun; conducts air strikes on a workshop in Gaza City, destroying it, damaging 2 nearby homes, wounding 2 bystanders. In the West Bank, the **IDF** issues military orders confiscating 10s of dunams (d.; 4 d. = 1 acre) of Palestinian land s. of Tulkarm. Late in the evening in the West Bank, the **IDF** closes all crossings to Jerusalem; raids al-Ubidiyya nr. Bethlehem, fatally shoots **wanted Islamic Jihad mbrs.** 'Uqla Shanayta, Khalid Shanayta in an apparent assassination; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Askar r.c.,

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neighboring Nablus, Yatta nr. Hebron. (PCHR 8/24)

Early in the morning, the **IDF** begins withdrawing fr. areas of s. Lebanon, giving **UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL)** control. (The IDF does not confirm how many troops are in Lebanon, though at the peak, observers estimated there were as many as 30,000.) Soon after, the **Lebanese army** begins deploying troops s. of the Litani. In Naqura, **2 Lebanese children** are killed when they accidentally detonate unexploded bomblets fr. an Israeli cluster bomb; **UN deminers** say they have identified 10 locations in s. Lebanon where the IDF used cluster bombs and may pose similar hazards for civilians, saying the 10 sites could be the "tip of the iceberg." Beirut airport received its 1st commercial flight since it was bombed on 7/13; hopes to be able to resume normal service within a wk. (NYT, WP, WT 8/17; NYT, WP, WT 8/18)

#### 18 AUGUST

The **IDF** fires on several Palestinians grazing sheep nr. the Gaza-Israel border nr. Bayt Lahiya (killing **1 Palestinian**), on residential areas of al-Shuka nr. Rafah (wounding 2). In the West Bank, the **IDF** continues to close all crossings to Jerusalem; patrols in Tamun nr. Jenin; raids, searches an Islamist charity nr. Hebron, confiscating files, computers. In Askar r.c., 2 Palestinians are injured when they accidentally detonate unexploded IDF ordnance. Nr. Jenin, **3 Palestinians** are killed when explosives they are handling detonate prematurely. (OCHA 8/23; PCHR 8/24)

#### 19 AUGUST

In Gaza, the **IDF** allows **EU monitors** to open the Rafah crossing in both directions for a day for the 1st time since 8/11. Some **30 Palestinian journalists** protest in Gaza City against the 8/14 kidnapping of 2 Fox News journalists, demanding their immediate release; **Islamic Jihad** also denounces the unknown kidnappers for having "silenced the voice of freedom and justice." In the West Bank, the **IDF** makes a predawn raid on the Ramallah home of **Palestinian Authority (PA) Dep. PM and Education M Nasir al-Sha'ir ( Hamas affiliated)**, arresting him without charge; patrols in al-Til nr. Nablus, firing on stone-throwing youths who confront them, wounding 4; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Jericho and nr.

Bethlehem, Qalqilya, Ramallah; raids an Islamist charity nr. Hebron, confiscating a computer and some files, vandalizing the offices. At a checkpoint outside Nablus, an **armed Palestinian** fatally shoots an **IDF soldier**, is shot dead; the **Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP)** claims responsibility. In Gaza, **100s of PA security officers** storm banks, burn tires, demanding that banks return fees deducted fr. cash advances received on their unpaid wages. (NYT, WP, WT 8/20; WP 8/21; OCHA 8/23; PCHR 8/24)

In an action the **UN** deems the 1st violation of the 8/14 truce, the **IDF** stages an overnight helicopter raid on Budai nr. Baalbek, sending 2 helicopters to drop 2 Humvees and **more than 100 IDF Sayaret Matkal commandos** dressed in Lebanese army uniforms to raid the village, under the cover of sonic booms fr. Israeli warplanes, in an apparent attempt to assassinate or capture **senior Hizballah leader Shaykh Muhammad Yazbek**, a Budai resident, or to free 2 captured IDF soldiers; the unit attempts to run a **Hizballah** checkpoint outside the village but **Hizballah** mbrs. engage them, forcing a retreat, killing **1 IDF soldier**, wounding 2. (Lebanese security reports 3 Hizballah mbrs. are killed; Hizballah does not confirm.) **Israel** claims that the attack was a defensive action to prevent arms smuggling fr. Syria to Hizballah, that it will continue to conduct such raids until "proper monitoring bodies are established on the Lebanese borders." **Lebanon** calls the action a "flagrant violation" of the truce, threatens to halt deployment of the army to the south. (AP, al-Manar TV, Voice of Lebanon 8/19; NYT, WP, WT 8/20; NYT 8/21; WT 8/23)

#### 20 AUGUST

**IDF** troops and **Shin Bet** agents abduct **Change and Reform Palestinian Council (PC) mbr. and PC secy. Mahmud Ramahi** nr. Ramallah. Also in the West Bank, the **IDF** fires on a taxi attempting to bypass Hawara checkpoint nr. Nablus, killing **1 Palestinian**, wounding 2; raids, searches an Islamist charity nr. Hebron, confiscating computers, a fax, some files; conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Tulkarm r.c., nr. Nablus. In Gaza, the **IDF** shells residential areas nr. Dayr al-Balah, damaging a house and car, wounding 2 Palestinians; fires on Palestinians collecting scrap metal nr. Erez industrial zone, wounding 1; fires on Palestinian farmers working a field nr. al-Bureij

r.c., wounding 2; bulldozes 20 d. of Palestinian olive groves in Rafah. A Palestinian is injured in an exchange of gunfire btwn. rival **Fatah** factions in Gaza's al-Maghazi r.c. A **Palestinian woman** dies of injuries received fr. IDF fire in al-Shuka on 8/5. (NYT, WP, WT 8/21; OCHA 8/23; PCHR 8/24)

The UN reports that **Lebanon** has deployed only about 3,000 troops to s. Lebanon (2,000 along the border with Syria, 1,000 along the coast). **Israel** continues daily overflights of Lebanon in violation of the 8/14 truce, IDF troops are still in s. Lebanon, and the Israeli air and naval blockade are still in place, but no new clashes btwn. IDF and Hizballah forces in Lebanon are reported. (AP, NYT, WP, WT 8/21)

### 21 AUGUST

The **IDF** sends troops into Gaza City to arrest a wanted Palestinian, bulldozing 13 d. of agricultural land belonging to his family, exchanging fire with armed Palestinians, wounding 2; conducts an air strike destroying the home of an **Islamic Jihad** mbr. in Gaza City, allegedly used as a weapons depot, damaging 2 nearby homes, causing no casualties. (The IDF sends the owners a cell phone text message in advance to warn them to evacuate.) The IDF conducts an air strike destroying the home of a senior Hamas mbr. in Rafah, damaging 5 nearby homes and an Islamist charity (the IDF phones the residents to warn them to evacuate); fires shells at, kills 3 **Islamic Jihad** mbrs. attempting to cross the Gaza border fence nr. al-Qarara. In Khan Yunis, 4 Palestinians, including 2 children, are injured when they accidentally trigger unexploded IDF ordnance. In the West Bank, the **IDF** sends undercover units into Azun to arrest several wanted **al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade (AMB)** mbrs.; conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Nablus, in Jericho, and nr. Bethlehem, Hebron, Jenin. A **Jewish settler** fr. Haggai injures 2 Palestinian children in a deliberate hit-and-run nr. Hebron. Also in Gaza, 3 Palestinians are wounded in clashes btwn. rival groups of **PA security force officers**. (WP 8/22; OCHA 8/23; PCHR 8/24; PMG 9/1)

**Israel** declares that all reservists have been pulled out of Lebanon, leaving 8,000–10,000 regular troops in place, waiting for the deployment of an expanded UN force. During the day, the **IDF** shoots, wounds 3 **Hizballah** mbrs. who approach them in a “threatening manner” (within their rights under the UN-brokered cease-fire; there

is no return fire); continues overflights of Lebanon. (AP 8/21; NYT, WP, WT 8/22; NYT 8/23)

### 22 AUGUST

In Gaza, the **IDF** sends troops, tanks into Khuza'a nr. Khan Yunis allegedly to look for smugglers tunnels, ordering farmers to leave the area, bulldozing 20 d. of agricultural land, opening fire on residential areas and on a camera crew covering the incident, injuring 1 Palestinian; sends troops into Gaza nr. the Qarni crossing, conducting house searches and arrest raids, wounding 5 **Hamas** mbrs. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Hebron (raiding, temporarily occupying a PA police office as an observation post), nr. Tulkarm. (AP, REU, WP 8/22; OCHA 8/23; PCHR 8/24)

### 23 AUGUST

In Gaza, the **IDF** begins allowing limited humanitarian and food supplies through the Kerem Shalom, Sufa crossings (closed since 6/25); sends an undercover unit into Abasan in s. Gaza to capture senior Hamas mbr. Yunis Abu Daka, firing on his home, killing his brother **Yusuf Abu Daka**, then conducts air strikes on the house causing severe damage (Yunis Abu Daka is not captured). In the West Bank, the **IDF** sends an undercover unit into Jenin, driving a car with Palestinian license plates, that shoots, seriously wounds **Islamic Jihad's West Bank military cmdr. Hussam Jaradat** in an assassination attempt; conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Hebron and Qalqilya, in Bethlehem and Nablus, nr. Jenin. A previously unknown group called the **Holy Jihad Brigade** releases a video tape of 2 **Fox News** journalists kidnapped in Gaza City on 8/14, demanding that the U.S. release all Muslims fr. its jails within 72 hrs., marking the 1st time that a Palestinian militant group has made demands of a foreign country other than Israel, which is not mentioned in the statement; all major Palestinian groups denounce the kidnapping and deny involvement. **PA civil servants** launch a series of strikes to press PA PM Ismail Haniyeh's government to take action to pay back salaries. (Miftah 8/23; NYT, PCHR, WP, WT 8/24; OCHA 8/25; PCHR 8/31; NYT 9/1)

Without explanation, the **IDF** shells Shaba' village, inside **Lebanon**, fr. the disputed Shaba' Farms region, causing no damage or injuries. In s. Lebanon, 3 **Lebanese**

**troops** are killed when they accidentally detonate an unexploded IDF missile that they are trying to disarm; an **IDF soldier** is killed, 3 are wounded when they accidentally trigger one of the 1,000s of Israeli landmines left over fr. Israel's previous occupation. (NYT, WP 8/24)

#### 24 AUGUST

Before dawn, the **IDF** sends troops, tanks, helicopters into s. Gaza, leaving at least 2 Palestinians wounded. Later in the day, the **IDF** fires on Palestinian farmers working their land nr. the central Gaza border, wounding an 11-yr.-old child. Late in the evening, the **IDF** conducts air strikes, destroying the home of an **AMB** mbr. in Jabaliya r.c. (the **IDF** phones residents in advance to warn them to evacuate), damaging 3 nearby houses. Also in Gaza, **Palestinian militants** blow a hole in the border wall separating Rafah fr. Egypt to try to allow Palestinians stranded on the Gaza side of the Rafah crossing to leave for Egypt; the crossing has been open for only a few hrs. since Israel forced its closure on 6/25, barring EU monitors access. **Islamic Jihad** fires a **rocket** fr. Gaza into Israel, causing no damage or injuries. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Nablus and in Hebron, Jenin (firing on residential areas). (PCHR, WP 8/24; NYT 8/25; PCHR 8/31)

#### 25 AUGUST

In Gaza, the **IDF** opens the Rafah crossing (closed almost continually since 6/25) in both directions; conducts air strikes destroying the home of a **Hamas** mbr. in Jabaliya r.c. (residents are warned in advance to leave); opens fire on a Palestinian fishing boat nr. the Gaza shore, destroying it but not harming the owner. In the West Bank, the **IDF** temporarily occupies a Palestinian home in Hebron as an observation post. **Jewish settlers** fr. Suissa nr. Hebron attack local Palestinians, beating and injuring 2. **PA Interior M Said Siyam** says initial contacts with the **Holy Jihad Brigade** have been established to secure the release of 2 **Fox News** journalists. (NYT 8/26; PCHR 8/31)

#### 26 AUGUST

In Gaza, the **IDF** sends troops fr. Dahaniyya airport, escorted by helicopters and drones, into al-Shuka to conduct arrest raids; fires on Palestinian fishermen on the

Gaza beach, injuring 1. In the West Bank, the **IDF** makes a major raid on Nablus, firing on stone-throwing youths who confront the troops, killing a **16-yr.-old Palestinian**, wounding at least 11, demolishing 4 **Palestinian homes** before leaving without making any arrests. The **IDF** also patrols in Ras 'Atiya nr. Qalqilya, conducting random ID checks, firing on residential areas; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Hebron. **Jewish settlers** fr. Itamar nr. Nablus area fire on Palestinian children in Bayt Furik, seriously wounding a 12-yr.-old boy. **Unidentified gunmen** shoot, wound a **local Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) leader** in Jabaliya r.c. (AP, IMEMC, NYT 8/27; WP 8/28; OCHA 8/30; PCHR 8/31; PMG 9/1)

#### 27 AUGUST

Overnight, the **IDF** launches a major raid into eastern neighborhoods of Gaza City to look for "terrorist infrastructure," sending in troops, tanks, bulldozers, accompanied by helicopters; making an air strike on a clearly marked **Reuters** TV truck covering the incursion, saying it was "acting suspiciously," seriously wounding 2 **Reuters** journalists; during the day, the **IDF** fires on residential areas, warns residents to leave, exchanges fire with and conducts air strikes on Palestinian gunmen (killing 3 **Palestinian gunmen**, 1 **Palestinian civilian**; wounding 2 Palestinian militants, 10 civilians), occupies houses as observation posts. Also in Gaza, the **IDF** closes the Rafah crossing, Nahal Oz pipeline. In the West Bank, the **IDF** fatally shoots a **Palestinian** guard outside a school in Jenin, claiming he was acting suspiciously; raids, searches the Ramallah home of **Hamas-affiliated PC mbr. Mahmud Muslih**, arresting him; patrols in Jenin town and r.c., Nablus (firing on residential areas in both cases, causing no injuries); conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Hebron and nr. Bethlehem, Jenin, Qalqilya. **Jewish settlers** in Hebron break into the Ibrahimi Mosque/Tomb of the Patriarchs, violating agreements that this day is reserved for Muslims to pray there. After 13 days, the **Holy Jihad Brigade** releases unharmed 2 **Fox News Journalists**; the PA says that none of the group's 8/23 demands were met, the group is not linked to **al-Qa'ida** but is a group of "young men who carried out the action out of private beliefs." (AFP, HA 8/27; NYT, WP, WT 8/28; PCHR 8/31; PMG 9/1)

## 28 AUGUST

The **IDF** continues operations in Gaza City, launching missile strikes killing **4 Palestinian gunmen**, wounding 3 civilians. Also in Gaza, the **IDF** fires on residential areas of al-Shuka fr. Dahaniyya airport, killing **1 Palestinian**; later conducts arrest raids, house searches in al-Shuka, also bulldozing agricultural land. In the West Bank, the **IDF** sends undercover units into Ramallah in a car with Palestinian license plates, fatally shooting an **AMB mbr.** wanted for killing an Israeli truck driver nr. Ramallah in 2004 in an apparent assassination; conducts arrest raids nr. Jericho (targeting the AMB, firing on stone throwing Palestinians who confront them, wounding 1). A **Palestinian woman** dies of injuries received during an IDF attack on Jabaliya r.c. on 7/9. **PA civil servants** in Ramallah hold a strike and march, **hospital workers** in Nablus strike to protest the government's failure to pay salaries. In s. Gaza, **Hamas mbrs.** manning a checkpoint fatally shoot a **Palestinian** who refuses to stop. **Haniyeh** announces that the PA will soon make 1-time payments of \$100 to some 50,000 unemployed Palestinians. Nr. Bayt Hanun, 2 Palestinian boys are injured when they accidentally detonate unexploded IDF ordnance. (NYT 8/29; WT 8/30; PCHR 8/31)

## 29 AUGUST

The **IDF** continues operations in Gaza City, shelling, firing on, and using drones to fire missiles at any group of Palestinians in the eastern part of the city, killing at least **4 Palestinian civilians**, wounding at least 12. Also in Gaza, the **IDF** fatally shoots a **Palestinian** who approaches the n. Gaza border fence. In the West Bank, the **IDF** raids Balata r.c. nr. Nablus, fatally shoots **2 AMB mbrs.** in what may be an assassination; conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Nablus, and nr. Bethlehem, Jenin, Qalqilya. Of note: The **Israeli prison authority** transfers **jailed Fatah tanzim leader and elected PC mbr. Marwan Barghouti** fr. Haradim penitentiary nr. Tel Aviv to Nafha prison in the Negev; Palestinians alleged he was moved to isolate him fr. other Palestinian prisoners. The Israeli human rights group **B'Tselem** reports a "substantial increase" in the past 2 mos. of **IDF soldiers** beating, mistreating, humiliating Palestinians during encounters in the West Bank. Some **300 unemployed Palestinians** demonstrate, scuffle with police in

Gaza City, demanding welfare payments fr. the PA (see 8/28). (NYT, WP, WT 8/30; PCHR 8/31)

## 30 AUGUST

As operations in Gaza City continue, **IDF** kills **5 armed Palestinians** and **2 bystanders**, wounds 3 (all bystanders) in air strikes and armed clashes. The **IDF** announces it has discovered a large tunnel under the Gaza-Israel border nr. Qarni crossing. In the West Bank, the **IDF** raids the home of **Change and Reform PC mbr. Ibrahim Dahbur** who has been in Israeli custody since 6/29; patrols in Tulkarm, conducting random ID checks; conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Hebron, nr. Jenin. An **Israeli truck driver** intentionally runs down a Palestinian car driving on the Nablus-Ramallah road, injuring 4 Palestinians ages 40-80; the Israeli driver is stopped by the **IDF. Islamic Jihad West Bank military cmdr. Hussam Jaradat** dies in an Amman hospital of injuries received in an IDF assassination attempt in Jenin on 8/23. **PA Pres. Mahmud Abbas** addresses a crowd of some **3,000 PA civil servants** protesting in Ramallah against the PA's failure to pay salaries, endorses their plans to start an open-ended strike on 9/2. In Gaza, **200 children of civil servants** stage a similar demonstration outside Haniyeh's offices. The **Palestinian Center for Human Rights** urges **Gaza City municipal workers** to ease their strike, which began on 8/23, and resume garbage collection, saying the continued pile up of garbage could pose a serious health risk. (NYT, PCHR, WP, WT 8/31; PCHR 9/7)

## 31 AUGUST

The **IDF** pulls troops back fr. Gaza City ending a 5-day incursion that left at least 19 Palestinians (including 7 civilians) dead, saying troops found 2 smugglers tunnels nr. Qarni crossing. In the West Bank, the **IDF** fatally shoots **AMB field cmdr. Fadi Qaffisha**, wounds 6 others (including 2 medics trying to aid Qaffisha) in Nablus in what may be an assassination; sends undercover units into Tulkarm r.c. in a car with Palestinian license plates, arresting 1 wanted Palestinian, shooting and wounding 2 bystanders; conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Tulkarm. Also in Gaza, **unidentified gunmen** ambush, assassinate **Popular Resistance Committee (PRC)**

**district cmdr. Ra'id Nahal** in Shatti r.c.; the PRCs blame Israel, but other Palestinian sources say the killing could be the result of intra-Palestinian rivalries. **Palestinians** fire 7 **rockets** fr. Gaza into Israel, causing no damage or injuries. In Tel Aviv, **10,000s of Israelis** rally for the release of 3 IDF soldiers captured by Hamas, Hizballah. (NYT, WP 9/1; OCHA 9/6; PCHR 9/7)

The **IDF** turns over a small, 12-sq.-mi. border area of s. Lebanon nr. Metula to **UNIFIL**, **Lebanese army** troops in a symbolic gesture of withdrawal. (WP, WT 9/1)

### 1 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** sends undercover units into Tulkarm in a car with Palestinian license plates to arrest a wanted Palestinian; patrols in, fires on residential areas of Jenin town and r.c., as well as in Kafr Dan and Kafr Ra'i nr. Jenin; conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Hebron. (PCHR 9/7)

### 2 SEPTEMBER

In Gaza, the **IDF** conducts predawn arrest raids in Bayt Hanun, exchanging fire with Palestinian gunmen, fatally shooting **2 Palestinian bystanders**, wounding 6 others, demolishing **6 Palestinian homes**, heavily damaging 3 others, arresting 2 wanted men; fatally shoots a **3d Palestinian** who strays too close to the s. Gaza border fence nr. al-Qarara; makes an air strike destroying a **Palestinian** home in Jabaliya r.c. after warning residents to leave, also destroying 2 nearby homes, wounding 1 Palestinian bystander; shells areas of Bayt Lahiya, wounding 3 Palestinians; bulldozes 50 d. of citrus groves in Jabaliya r.c. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in Bethlehem, al-Fawar r.c. nr. Hebron, Jenin town and r.c., Tulkarm. **Settler or IDF arsonists** set fire to 467 Palestinian citrus trees on land nr. Qalqilya isolated behind the **separation wall**. The Fatah-aligned **PA Government Employees Union** (comprising some 80,000 mbrs., around half of public workers, including 25,000 health workers, 37,000 teachers) begins an open-ended strike to protest the PA's failure to pay salaries. (NYT, PCHR, WP, WT 9/3; PCHR 9/7; WP 9/13)

### 3 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** fires across the Israeli border into central Gaza, wounding 1 Palestinian inside

his home; makes a helicopter rocket strike destroying a **Palestinian home** in Jabaliya r.c. after warning residents to leave; sends special forces into Khuza'a village nr. Khan Yunis, searching greenhouses, interrogating a 60-yr-old farmer for several hrs. before withdrawing; bulldozes agricultural land of unknown size southeast of Bayt Hanun. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Hebron (raiding and searching a **PA Preventive Security Forces [PSF]** office in Tarqumiyya) and Nablus, nr. Jenin (exchanging fire with Palestinian gunmen, wounding 1), in Qabatya (firing on stone-throwing youths who confront them, wounding 3 with live ammunition); issues military orders confiscating 152 d. of land nr. Bethlehem for construction of the **separation wall**, a settler-only bypass road. (WT 9/4; OCHA 9/6; PCHR 9/7)

### 4 SEPTEMBER

In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Hebron and Jenin town and r.c., nr. Bethlehem (targeting the **AMB**; firing on stone-throwing youths who confront them, wounding 2); raids an Islamic charity in Tubas nr. Jenin, confiscating computers, files. The **Israeli Housing Min.** issues tenders for construction (approved under the Sharon admin.) for construction of 690 new settlement housing units in Beitar Ilit (342 units), Ma'ale Adumim (348 units) in the E-1 area outside Jerusalem. In Nablus, **Fatah gunmen** enforcing the open-ended Government Employees Union strike (see 9/2) by keeping children, teachers away fr. schools, shoot, wound a 12-yr.-old Palestinian boy. (HA 9/4; NYT 9/5; REU 9/6; PCHR 9/7)

### 5 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** makes 2 air strikes on cars in Rafah r.c., assassinating **4 Hamas mbrs.**, wounding 27 bystanders, including 5 children; sends troops, 15 armored vehicles, accompanied by drones, into Khuza'a, occupying Palestinian homes as operational posts, firing on residential areas, killing **1 Palestinian** and wounding 3 on the roof of their home; shoots, wounds a Palestinian shepherd who strays nr. the central Gaza border fence. In the West Bank, the **IDF** arrests **Force 17 head Mahmud Damra** on charges of orchestrating a 2000 attack that killed 3 Israelis and numerous attacks since then; conducts arrest raids, house

searches in and around Nablus. In Gaza City, **1,000s of Fatah-affiliated PA security officers** rampage through Gaza City, firing in the air, vandalizing the PC offices, demanding the payment of their overdue salaries. Meanwhile in the West Bank, **Fatah** gunmen enforcing the Government Employees Union strike intimidate other PA businesses fr. opening as well, prompting the whole West Bank to observe a general strike for safety. (NYT, WP, WT 9/6; PCHR 9/7)

#### 6 SEPTEMBER

In Gaza, the **IDF** continues operations in Khuza'a, wounding 8 Palestinians (including at least 4 civilians), bulldozing areas of agricultural land. In the West Bank, the **IDF** sends undercover units in a car with Palestinian license plates into Jenin to assassinate **Islamic Jihad cmdr. Mujahid al-Sabi'**, also firing on stone-throwing youths who confront them, wounding 1; raids Kafr Dan, firing on residential areas, wounding 1 Palestinian; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Askar r.c. and nr. Bethlehem, Jenin, Tulkarm. (PCHR, WP 9/7; PCHR 9/14)

**Israel** announces that, in a deal brokered by the **UN**, it will remove its air and naval blockade on **Lebanon** as of 6:00 P.M. local time on 9/7 as British, French, German, Greek, Italian forces take over naval patrols and assist the Lebanese army in border patrol, but says it will reserve the right to attack any smugglers it detects crossing the Syrian border. (IFM 9/6; NYT, WP, WT 9/7)

#### 7 SEPTEMBER

In Gaza, the **IDF** withdraws fr. Khuza'a, ending a 3-day operation. In the West Bank, the **IDF** sends undercover units in cars with Palestinian license plates into Qabatya, shoots, wounds 2 Palestinians (at least 1 of whom is a **wanted AMB mbr., Rashid Zakarna**), also shoots, wounds 2 unarmed Palestinians who come to their aid; the units detain all 4 men, shooting execution style Zarkana and 1 of the men who came to his aid, **Kamil al-Lubani**; the units then raid a wedding party nearby, firing indiscriminately, wounding 12 Palestinian civilians (1 is declared clinically dead). The **IDF** patrols in Hebron; raids the **Prisoners' Supporters Association (PSA)** offices in Jenin, Nablus, Qalqilya, and Salfit, confiscating computers and files, sealing the offices for 2 yrs.; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Jenin (also raiding the offices of attorney Fadl

Bushnaq, confiscating computers and files, sealing the office for 2 yrs.; bulldozes 50 d. of Palestinian land nr. Kiryat Arba in Hebron for construction of a new settler-only bypass road. **Jewish settlers** fr. Kiryat Arba, escorted by the **IDF**, bulldoze a large area of Palestinian land w. of the settlement. In Khan Yunis, **unidentified Palestinian** gunmen fire on a **Force 17** officer, wounding a bystander. Elsewhere in Gaza, **unidentified Palestinian gunmen** fire on a **PA military intelligence officer**, killing a **Palestinian bystander**. (OCHA 9/13; PCHR 9/14)

**Israel** lifts the air blockade on **Lebanon** but continues to patrol off the Lebanese coast after its self-declared 6:00 P.M. deadline, stating that too few international vessels have taken up patrols to enforce an arms embargo. **Israel** also continues surveillance overflights of Lebanon, saying it has no plans to end them. (NYT, WP, WT 9/8)

#### 8 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** raids areas of Hebron, performing random ID checks, searching businesses; patrols in Jenin and Nablus, firing on residential areas; raids the offices of the **PSA** in Hebron, confiscating files, sealing the office for 2 yrs.; conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Bethlehem. (PCHR 9/14)

After receiving assurances and pressure fr. the **UN**, **Israel** lifts its naval blockade on **Lebanon**; says that it aims to complete a withdrawal of troops fr. Lebanon in about 2 wks., as the expanded **UNIFIL** reaches 5,000 troops. **Israel**, which has been slowly withdrawing troops, says it controls about 25% of the area of s. Lebanon it controlled on 8/14. (NYT, WP, WT 9/9)

#### 9 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** sends troops back into Khuza'a (see 9/7), raiding and occupying several homes; demolishing 1 **Palestinian** home, damaging several others; bulldozing 150-200 d. of land, including 23 greenhouses, 3 poultry houses, water and electricity networks, and a family cemetery; exchanging fire with Palestinian gunmen, wounding 1; withdrawing by evening. In the West Bank, the **IDF** patrols in Anabta nr. Tulkarm (firing on stone-throwing youths who confront them, wounding 1), Jenin (firing on residential areas), Nablus (firing percussion grenades). Late at night, **Jewish** settlers fr. Gush Etzion and Karne Tzur settlements break into the al-Nabi Yunis Mosque in



Hebron, conduct prayers. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received in an **IDF** air strike in Khuza'a ca. 9/6. (OCHA 9/13; PCHR 9/14)

#### 10 SEPTEMBER

In Gaza, **IDF** troops in Dahaniyya airport fire tank shells at al-Shuka village, killing a **14-yr.-old Palestinian boy**, wounding another Palestinian who strays near the border fence; sends troops, drones into Abasan nr. Khan Yunis, conducting arrest raids, demolishing 2 **Palestinian homes**, damaging a 3d house, bulldozing 79 d. of agricultural land and a water network, wounding 1 Palestinian. In the West Bank, the **IDF** patrols in Tamun; conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Nablus, in Tulkarm town and r.c., nr. Hebron and Jenin. A 9-yr.-old Palestinian boy is injured in Balata r.c. when he accidentally detonates unexploded **IDF** ordnance. A **Jewish settler** driving nr. Qalqilya deliberately hits and injures a 10-yr.-old Palestinian girl walking home fr. school; the **IDF** arrests the driver. The **High Court of Israel** rejects 7 Palestinian petitions regarding the route of the **separation wall** northwest of East Jerusalem, accepting the existing plan, stating that "the purpose of the construction of the wall is to protect the lives of Israeli citizens from terrorist attacks, so its expected benefit is great" and that Palestinian needs had been adequately addressed. (WP 9/11; OCHA 9/13; PCHR 9/14; *Independent* 9/19)

#### 11 SEPTEMBER

In Gaza, an **IDF** drone fires missiles at a car driving in Rafah in an attempt to assassinate an **Islamic Jihad mbr.**, missing the car and damaging 2 houses but causing no injuries. In an air strike, the **IDF** demolishes the home of a **Hamas mbr.** in Gaza City, severely damages several surrounding homes, wounding 4 Palestinians; sends special forces in to al-Shuka, raiding a **PA security office**, detaining 3 PA security officers for several hrs.; sends troops into Dayr al-Balah reportedly in search of a smugglers tunnel, conducting arrest raids and house searches, demolishing 1 **Palestinian home**, bulldozing 50 d. of agricultural land and 2 wells but apparently not finding a tunnel. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Bethlehem, Hebron, Ramallah; demolishes a poultry farm nr. Jenin to make way for the **separation wall**. A **Palestinian** teenager is killed in a mysterious explosion nr. Ramallah. **Rafah**

begins receiving electricity fr. **Egypt** from a 5 MW electricity cable. (OCHA 9/13; PCHR 9/14)

#### 12 SEPTEMBER

In the West Bank, the **IDF** raids Bethlehem, surrounds and partially demolishes a **Palestinian home**, fires on stone-throwing youths who confront them (wounding 4), arrests 1 Palestinian; conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Jenin, in Qalqilya, nr. Hebron; demolishes 2 sheds nr. Bethlehem that were built without permits; issues military orders confiscating 100 d. of land w. of Bethlehem to complete construction of a section of the **separation wall** nr. Route 60, linking Jerusalem with the s. West Bank and separating Bethlehem fr. its western environs. On the Rafah border, **Egyptian border police** interrupt a smuggling operation into Gaza, seizing 32 automatic rifles, 28 pistols, a large amount of ammunition; the smugglers flee. An **Israeli military court** orders the release of **15 PC mbrs. and 3 PA cabinet mbrs. affiliated with Hamas** arrested in the **IDF** crackdown on the Hamas-led PA on 6/28-29; the prosecution appeals the decision, meaning the 18 will remain jailed until the appeal is heard. (WT 9/13; PCHR 9/14; NYT 9/15)

#### 13 SEPTEMBER

In Gaza, the **IDF** reopens the **Qarni crossing** for limited imports; bulldozes 50 d. of agricultural land nr. Dayr al-Balah, additional areas nr. Khan Yunis; fires across the Israeli border into residential areas nr. Khan Yunis, wounding 1 Palestinian. In the West Bank, the **IDF** raids houses, conducts ID checks nr. the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron; conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Nablus and in Bethlehem, Jenin town and r.c. Also nr. Nablus, a **Palestinian** is killed when a roadside bomb he is planting detonates prematurely. **Unidentified Palestinian gunmen** shoot, wound 2 **Palestinian lawyers** in Gaza City; no group claims responsibility or gives a motive. (OCHA 9/6; NYT, PCHR 9/14; OCHA 9/20; PCHR 9/21)

#### 14 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** makes an arrest raid into Rafah, fatally shooting a **Palestinian bystander** outside his home; makes an air strike destroying a **Palestinian house** in Rafah that allegedly hid the opening of a smugglers

tunnel (warning the residents in advance to evacuate), severely damaging 8 nearby homes; bulldozes 3 d. of agricultural land nr. Sufa crossing. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in Bethlehem, nr. Hebron. Some **20 armed Jewish settlers** fr. Kiryat Arba attack a Palestinian house in Hebron, beat 2 Palestinians. (PCHR 9/21)

#### 15 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Hebron and in Balata r.c. nr. Nablus, Jenin. **Jewish settlers** fr. Ramat Yishai in Hebron damage, remove parts of a fence surrounding a Palestinian home; **IDF** troops observe but do not intervene. **Jewish settlers** fr. Keddumim nr. Qalqilya drive into Kafr Qaddum village, threaten Palestinians with a gun, enter and search a Palestinian home. In Gaza City, **unidentified gunmen** fatally shoot **senior PA intelligence official Brig. Gen. Jad Tayih** (the intelligence services' international coordination chief), his **4 bodyguards** yards fr. PM **Haniyeh's** home, taking their weapons and a briefcase believed to contain money; no group claims responsibility. (NYT, WT 9/16; PCHR 9/21)

#### 16 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** sends troops into the **Erez industrial zone**, bulldozes 30 Palestinian and Israeli factories and workshops that have stopped operating since the IDF closed the crossings following disengagement; shells areas around Bayt Lahiya, wounding 1 Palestinian inside her home. **Palestinians** fire several **rockets** fr. Gaza toward Israel, 1 of which lands in Bayt Hanun, injuring 2 Palestinian girls. In the West Bank, the **IDF** patrols in villages around Jenin (firing on stone-throwing youths who confront them, wounding 1); conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Bethlehem and in Hebron, Nablus. **Palestinians** attack **5 West Bank churches** (including 3 in Nablus, 1 in Tubas, 1 in Tulkarm) with fire bombs, gunfire in protest of **Pope Benedict's** 9/12 supportive reference to a 14th century Byzantine text stating that Muhammad had brought things "only evil and inhuman, such as his command to spread by the sword the faith he preached" and the **Vatican's** statement today that the pope "regrets that certain passages of his address could have sounded offensive." (WT 9/17; WP 9/18; OCHA 9/20; PCHR 9/21; WP 9/26)

#### 17 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** prevents **EU monitors** fr. reaching the Rafah crossing, forcing it to close. In the West Bank, the **IDF** sends undercover units in cars with Palestinian license plates into Tanfar nr. Hebron (arresting a **PA General Intelligence Service officer**, a **PA police officer**), Tulkarm r.c. (firing on residential areas, wounding 2 stone-throwing youths, but failing to arrest the target of the raid); raids several greenhouses in Qalqilya, briefly detaining 2 Palestinians; patrols, searches cars in al-Zababda nr. Jenin; conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Nablus, nr. Hebron (also raiding, searching a PA police station, detaining **2 PA police officers**); begins bulldozing Palestinian land outside Hebron nr. Tenei settlement for construction of a settler-only bypass road. **Palestinians** set fire to 2 more churches (1 in Nablus, 1 in Gaza City) to protest **Pope Benedict's** 9/12 statements; **Haniyeh** denounces the attacks "against our Christian brothers as totally unacceptable"; **PC mbrs.**, **100s of Palestinian Muslims** rally in Nablus in solidarity with the churches, denounce the attacks. (AFP 9/17; AP, NYT 9/18; PCHR 9/21)

#### 18 SEPTEMBER

In Gaza, the **IDF** sends troops, bulldozers into Abasan nr. Khan Yunis, firing on residential areas, leveling land, withdrawing in the evening; makes an air strike destroying a **house** in al-Shuka after warning the residents to leave. In the West Bank, the **IDF** raids Sanur nr. Jenin, surrounds and evacuates a Palestinian home, fatally shoots **wanted AMB mbr. Nabil Hanani** in an apparent assassination; patrols in al-Fara'a r.c. nr. Jenin, firing on stone-throwing youths who confront them, wounding 4; conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Nablus, nr. Bethlehem; issues military orders for the construction of a new 4,500-m section of the **separation wall** s. of Qalqilya that will isolate 2,000 d. of Palestinian agricultural land btwn. the wall and the Green Line. An **Israeli military** court extends the remand of **21 Hamas-affiliated PA legislators** detained on 6/28-29. In Gaza City, **striking PA civil servants** mob the **PC** building, prevent **Haniyeh** fr. attending a cabinet mtg. there, prompting his bodyguards to fire in the air to ensure his safety; **Haniyeh** cancels the PC session, set to talk about economic problems, after **Fatah PC**

**mbrs.** leave the building to join the strikers. Later in the day, **Hamas** supporters hold a large counterdemonstration in Gaza City in support of Haniyeh's government. (AP, REU, WP 9/18; NYT 9/19; HA, PCHR 9/21)

#### 19 SEPTEMBER

In Gaza, the **IDF** makes 3 air strikes destroying a **Palestinian home** in al-Shuka, after warning residents and neighbors to leave; later sends troops into al-Shuka, firing on residential areas, rounding up all males over age 13 for ID checks, searching homes, holding 50 Palestinians for several hrs. of interrogation, eventually arresting 3 before withdrawing. In the West Bank, the **IDF** sends undercover units into Burkin nr. Jenin in a car with Palestinian license plates, arresting a wanted **Islamic Jihad mbr.**; patrols, searches businesses, conducts random ID checks in various areas of Hebron and nearby Halhul; patrols in, fires percussion grenades, tear gas, and rifles on residential areas of al-Zababda; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Dahaysha r.c. nr. Bethlehem, nr. Jenin. **Palestinian gunmen** raid Wafa press agency offices in Gaza City, beating a reporter, vandalizing equipment, accusing Wafa of biased news coverage in favor of Abbas, Fatah; no group takes responsibility. **Armed, masked Jewish settlers** fr. Suissa severely beat a 79-yr.-old Palestinian outside Hebron. (NYT, OCHA 9/20; PCHR 9/21)

**IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Dan Halutz** acknowledges that **Hizballah** has fully abided by the cease-fire and that Israel had detected no significant resupplying of weapons and missiles fr. **Iran, Syria**. By this date, **4,950 new UNIFIL soldiers** fr. France, Italy, Spain and **10,000 Lebanese troops** have been deployed in s. Lebanon. Meanwhile, **UN relief coordinator in Lebanon David Shearer** says that Israel left behind at least 350,000 unexploded cluster bomblets in s. Lebanon, stating that "the outrageous fact is that nearly all of these munitions were fired in the last three to four days of the war." (NYT, WP, WT 9/20)

#### 20 SEPTEMBER

Overnight, the **IDF** raids a branch of the **National Jordanian Bank**, **11 money exchanges** in Jenin, Nablus, Ramallah, Tulkarm, confiscating \$1.34 m. in cash, plus jewelry and checks, alleging that the busi-

nesses had funneled cash used to carry out "terrorist" attacks, detaining 7 of the exchange owners (the IDF conducted similar raids against 2 banks in al-Bireh on 2/25/04, confiscating around \$9 m.). Also in the West Bank, the **IDF** patrols in al-Fara'a r.c. (firing rubber-coated steel bullets, percussion grenades, tear gas at stone-throwing youths who confront them, causing no injuries), Tubas (firing live ammunition at stone-throwing youths who confront them, wounding 2); conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Bethlehem, in Nablus, nr. Jenin. In Gaza, an **IDF** drone fires a missile, killing an **unarmed Palestinian** in an area of Jabaliya r.c. often used for launching rockets. A **16-yr.-old Palestinian girl** dies of injuries received during a 9/2 **IDF** raid on Bayt Hanun. (PCHR 9/20, 9/21, 9/28)

#### 21 SEPTEMBER

In Gaza, the **IDF** makes an overnight arrest raid into Um al-Nasir nr. Rafah, surrounding a home, exchanging gunfire with wanted Palestinians, firing tank shells at the house, killing **1 wanted Palestinian**, **1 female bystander** (allowing her to bleed to death over 4 hrs., barring an ambulance fr. reaching her) in what may be an assassination, wounding another 8 Palestinians, demolishing 13 **Palestinian homes** before withdrawing; shells shepherds tending a flock nr. Jabaliya r.c., killing **3 Palestinian teenagers**. A **13-yr.-old Palestinian boy** is injured when he accidentally detonates unexploded **IDF** ordnance in al-Maghazi r.c. **Palestinians** fire 4 **rockets** into Israel, causing damage but no injuries. In the West Bank, the **IDF** sends undercover units into Dayr Abu Sa'if nr. Jenin in a car with Palestinian license plates, arresting 3 farmers working in a field, quickly releasing 2; patrols in, fires tear gas at residents of Tubas; conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Jenin town and r.c. and in Nablus, Tulkarm (firing on residential areas, cutting phone service, damaging an electricity transformer) and nearby Bala'a (firing live and rubber-coated steel bullets, percussion grenades, tear gas at stone-throwing youths, wounding 10s of Palestinians). The **Israeli Housing Min.** approves construction of 164 new **settlement housing units** in 3 West Bank settlements (Ariel 88; Alfe Menashe 56; Karnei Shomron 20). (PCHR 9/21; NYT, WP 9/22; OCHA 9/27; PCHR 9/28)

**22 SEPTEMBER**

The **IDF** allows **EU monitors** to open the Rafah crossing; makes an air strike destroying a storage shed nr. the Rafah border after warning residents to evacuate the area. In the West Bank, the **IDF** bars all Palestinians fr. entering East Jerusalem until 9/24 for the Rosh Hashanah holidays; patrols in al-Fara'a r.c., Tamun, Tubas, Yamun nr. Jenin (firing percussion grenades, live ammunition on residential areas); conducts arrest raids, house searches in Balata r.c., Jenin town and r.c. **Fatah** supporters rally in Gaza's Jabaliya r.c. to protest **Hamas's** refusal to recognize Israel. **ESF, Fatah mbrs.** exchange fire in Bayt Lahiya, wounding 4 Palestinian bystanders. **Unidentified Palestinian gunmen** shoot, wound a **Force 17 officer** nr. Rafah Crossing. (NYT 9/23; OCHA 9/27; PCHR 9/28)

**23 SEPTEMBER**

Overnight, the **IDF** sends troops into Bayt Lahiya to search several Palestinian homes, confiscating phones and money, briefly detaining 4 Palestinians, withdrawing late in the evening. **Four unidentified Palestinian** gunmen stop, confiscate a **UN** vehicle in Gaza City. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in Hebron, in and around Jenin town and r.c., Nablus. A **delegation of more than 30 Palestinian Christian dignitaries**, including **Christian mbrs. of the PC**, meet with the newly appointed **mufti of Jerusalem Shaykh Muhammad Husayn** to express thanks for the mufti's strong denunciation of the 9/16-17 church attacks, to hold talks on Muslim-Christian coordination. (OCHA, Women for Palestine press release 9/27; PCHR 9/28)

**24 SEPTEMBER**

In the West Bank, the **IDF** patrols in al-Fara'a r.c. (firing on residential areas, damaging a UNRWA clinic), al-Khadir (firing on stone-throwing youths who confront them, wounding 1); conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Hebron (arresting a **Force 17 officer**), Jenin, Nablus. (PCHR 9/28)

**25 SEPTEMBER**

Overnight in Gaza, the **IDF** sends troops into Bayt Lahiya, reoccupies the fmr. Dugit settlement site, raids and searches homes,

interrogates Palestinians regarding rocket fire fr. the area, withdraws late in the evening without making arrests. In the West Bank, the **IDF** patrols in Nablus, clashing with Palestinian gunmen, leaving 1 Palestinian gunman wounded; conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Hebron, Jenin. An **Israeli military court** reverses a 9/12 ruling to free **21 Hamas legislators** arrested on 6/28-29, saying they must remain in jail pending trial. (NYT 9/26; WP 9/27; PCHR 9/28)

**26 SEPTEMBER**

In Gaza, the **IDF** launches an air strike, damaging a Palestinian house nr. the Rafah border. **Palestinians** fire several **rockets** fr. Gaza into Israel, injuring 1 IDF soldier in Sederot. **PA security forces** find, seal 2 smugglers tunnels on the Rafah border. (NYT 9/27; OCHA 9/27; PCHR 9/28)

**27 SEPTEMBER**

Overnight, the **IDF** sends troops into al-Fukhari nr. Khan Yunis, searching and occupying several houses, rounding up men for interrogation, arresting 2 (1 a **PA security officer** allegedly connected to the **AMB**), demolishing a **Palestinian home**, damaging another, bulldozing 5 d. of agricultural land before withdrawing in the evening. The **IDF** also makes a 2nd air strike destroying a **Palestinian house** in Rafah targeted on 9/26 (warning the occupants in advance to evacuate), killing a **14-yr.-old Palestinian girl** in a home nearby, wounding 10 bystanders. In the West Bank, the **IDF** raids an Islamic charitable society nr. Nablus, confiscating a computer, financial documents and vandalizing furniture; conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Bethlehem, Nablus and nr. Jenin. **Israel** releases PA Dep. PM **Sha'ir** (arrested on 8/17) but bans him fr. going to his Ramallah office for 2 wks. **30 PC mbrs., 4 PA cabinet mbrs.** remain in Israeli custody. (NYT 9/27; NYT, PCHR, WP, WT 9/28; PCHR 10/5)

**28 SEPTEMBER**

In the West Bank, the **IDF** patrols in al-Fara'a r.c., firing on stone-throwing Palestinians who confront them, wounding 2 (ages 11, 14); conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Hebron, Nablus and in 'Aqabat Jabir r.c. nr. Jericho, Qabatya (exchanging fire with Palestinian gunmen, wounding 1), Tubas. As the **PA** begins paying

civil servants another \$350 portion of their overdue wages (with aid received fr. **Qatar, Saudi Arabia**), **100s of Fatah-affiliated PA police** demonstrate in Gaza City against the Hamas-led government's failure to pay their salaries, burning tires, overturning trash bins, blocking roads; the **Hamas-led government** accuses **Abbas** of holding back international aid run through his office that could be used to pay more back salaries owed in order to undermine Haniyeh (civil servants have received payments equivalent to 2 mos. salary over the past 7 mos.). A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received during clashes btwn. **Fatah**, the **ESF** on 9/22. (NYT 9/29; WT 10/1; NYT 10/2; OCHA 10/4; PCHR 10/5)

### 29 SEPTEMBER

In Gaza, the **IDF** fires a missile at **2 Palestinian boys** (ages 13, 16) who approached an abandoned rocket launcher nr. Bayt Hanun, killing both; fires missiles fr. helicopter gunships partially destroying an apartment building in Khan Yunis owned by a **Hamas** mbr. (warning residents in advance to vacate). In the West Bank, the **IDF** patrols in, fires on residential areas of Baqat al-Hatab and Hijja villages nr. Qalqilya, Tubas; conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Nablus (firing on residential areas), nr. Bethlehem, and in Dura nr. Hebron, Jenin town and r.c., Tamun. In n. Gaza, **1,000s of Hamas supporters** march in solidarity with Haniyeh's government. In al-Maghazi r.c., a **PSF officer** exchanges gunfire with a **PRC mbr.**, wounding 1 bystander. (WP 9/30; OCHA 10/4, PCHR 10/5)

### 30 SEPTEMBER

In Gaza, the **IDF** fires missiles fr. a drone, assassinating **AMB mbrs. Bassam Bin Hamad, Hussam Ghayad** in Rafah, wounding 2 bystanders; sends bulldozers into Bayt Hanun to level land. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Nablus (firing on residential areas). In Gaza City, **1,000s of Fatah-affiliated civil servants, security officers** burn tires, block roads, fire in the air to protest the **Hamas-led government's** failure to pay all back salaries and against banks for taking much of the partial payments received in commissions and payments toward existing loans. In Dayr al-Balah, an **ESF mbr.** throws a grenade at **Fatah-affiliated PA security forces**, wounding 3 Palestinians.

Elsewhere in Gaza, **unidentified Palestinian gunmen** fatally shoot a **PSF officer**. (WT 10/1, 10/2; PCHR 10/5)

### 1 OCTOBER

The **IDF** sends troops, tanks, bulldozers into n. Gaza to occupy border areas nr. Bayt Hanun (the Shurrab Farm area), Bayt Lahiya to deter Palestinian rocket fire. In the West Bank, the **IDF** patrols in, fires on residential areas of Tubas. In Gaza City, **Fatah**-led protests demanding that the **Hamas**-led government pay back salaries owed civil servants escalate dramatically, with some **3,000 Fatah-affiliated security forces** attacking members of the predominantly Hamas **ESF**, sparking clashes that leave **6 Palestinians** dead (3 bystanders, 1 Force 17 officer, 1 PSF officer, 1 ESF officer), around 61 wounded; the ESF reportedly uses grenades, antitank weapons, rifles to break up the demonstration and arrests 25 protesters. During the day, demonstrations spread to Khan Yunis (**where Fatah-affiliated security officers** clash with the **ESF**, leaving 26 wounded), al-Bureij r.c. (**where Fatah, Hamas mbrs.** exchange fire, killing **2 Palestinians**), Ramallah (**where AMB mbrs.** demonstrate for the removal of the **Hamas**-led government and vandalize, partially burn the empty **PC** building and adjacent building, vandalizing a **Hamas** newspaper office, temporarily occupying the **PA Education Min.**), as well as in Askar r.c. (**where Fatah, Hamas mbrs.** trade fire, wounding 1 Palestinian), Balata r.c. (**where protesters** attack a women's center, a youth center), Hebron (**where Fatah** protesters ransack, set fire to offices of **Hamas**-affiliated **PC mbrs.**), Nablus (**where Fatah** mbrs. ransack, torch offices of **Hamas**-affiliated **PC mbrs.**; vandalize 2 Islamic private schools, wounding 2 Palestinians; fire on the home of an al-Jazeera TV reporter), and Salfit (**where protesters** attack the al-Nahda association offices). Late in the evening in Gaza City, suspected **Hamas** mbrs. throw grenades at a group of **PSF** protesters, killing **1 PSF mbr.**, wounding 30. Late in the evening, **PA Interior M Siyam** orders the **ESF** to return to barracks to reduce tensions. **Abbas, Haniyeh** appeal for calm. (AP, NYT, WP, WT 10/2; PCHR 10/5)

The **IDF** completes its withdrawal fr. **Lebanon** at 2:30 A.M. local time (8:30 P.M. 9/30 ET) but vows to continue surveillance overflights of Lebanon until UN Res. 1701 is implemented in full, including the release of 2 captured IDF soldiers and disarmament of

Hizballah. The UN says that the overflights constitute violations of the cease-fire. (NYT, WP 10/1; NYT 10/2; see also NYT 9/27) (see 9/8, 9/19)

## 2 OCTOBER

In Gaza, the **IDF** fatally shoots a **Palestinian** fisherman off the coast of Gaza; sends tanks into southeastern Bayt Hanun, firing on industrial areas, heavily damaging a factory and 2 houses; fires missiles fr. a helicopter gunship destroying a workshop in Khan Yunis, killing **1 Palestinian child** (age 15), wounding a 2d (age 16) sleeping in a house nearby; bulldozes 20 d. of agricultural land e. of Jabaliya r.c. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Jenin town and r.c. (firing on residential areas), Tamun. As **Fatah-Hamas** tensions continue, **Fatah gunmen** fire on the car of Hamas-affiliated Dep. PM **Sha'ir** in Nablus, wounding his 2 bodyguards, who return fire, wounding 1 Fatah mbr.; Sha'ir is not in the car at the time. **Fatah gunmen** also force the closure of the **Agriculture, Interior, and Local Government Min.** offices and set fire to offices of **Hamas-affiliated PC mbrs.** in Bethlehem; attack, vandalize a women's center, Islamic school run by **Hamas** in Nablus. In addition, **unidentified masked gunmen** kidnap, temporarily hold a Hamas-affiliated **Finance Min. official** in Nablus; attack an Islamic center in Qabatya; vandalize the Prisoners' Friends Association office, a law office, and a car in Jenin. **Fatah militants** also enforce a general strike in several areas across the West Bank, forcing stores, private schools to close in a show of force against Hamas, fatally shooting a **restaurant owner** in Jericho who refuses to comply. In Gaza, **some 5,000 Fatah mbrs.** demonstrating in Rafah, calling for the disbanding of the ESF and resignation of Interior M **Siyam**, clash with **ESF officers**, leaving **1 Fatah mbr.**, **1 ESF mbr.** dead, at least 14 wounded; **Fatah**, **ESF** gunmen trade fire outside al-Shifa hospital in Gaza City, injuring 2 Palestinians; **Fatah militants** set fire to the **PA Agriculture Min.** offices in Gaza City; **Fatah-affiliated students** stone the home of a **Hamas-affiliated cabinet M** in Bayt Hanun. **Haniyeh** orders all PA ministries closed to protest the 10/1 Fatah attacks on government buildings. **Abbas**, **Haniyeh** appeal again for calm. (AP 10/2; NYT, WP, WT 10/3; PCHR 10/5)

## 3 OCTOBER

In Gaza, the **IDF** withdraws troops fr. Bayt Lahiya after 3 days of operations; fires missiles fr. a drone at a car moving btwn. Gaza City and Bayt Hanun, wounding **3 AMB mbrs.** (Ahmad Abu al-Kas, Ayman al-Dar'awi, Haytham Abu Hassanain), 7 bystanders in a failed assassination attempt; makes an air strike destroying the home of a **Hamas** mbr. in Abasan (warning residents in advance to leave), damaging 6 nearby homes and a kindergarten. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Nablus, in Qalqilya, nr. Jenin (firing on residential areas). **Jewish settlers** in Hebron throw stones at Palestinians. The **AMB** threatens to kill 3 senior **Hamas** leaders (including Damascus-based leader **Khalid Mishal**, Interior M **Siyam**) whom they accuse of sedition, "so these filthy people can be made an example." Scattered **Fatah-Hamas** violence is reported during the day, with at least 1 Palestinian wounded in Rafah. (NYT, WT 10/4; PCHR 10/5; OCHA 10/11)

## 4 OCTOBER

In Gaza, the **IDF** partially reopens Rafah crossing as a gesture marking **U.S. Secy. of State Condoleezza Rice's** visit today; makes an air strike on a car driving nr. Khan Yunis, assassinating **Islamic Jihad mbr. Yasir al-Banna**, **Abu Rish Brigades mbr. Omar al-Zaqzuq**. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Tulkarm and in and around Hebron, Jenin town and r.c. In Qalqilya, **4 unidentified gunmen** assassinate **local Hamas official Muhammad Odeh**; no group takes responsibility. **Unidentified gunmen** fire on a car carrying **PC mbrs.** in Gaza City, wounding 1 Palestinian. In Israel, an **Israeli border policeman** fatally shoots a **Palestinian** laborer fr. Hebron being detained in IDF custody in Jaffa for working without a permit, claims his gun went off accidentally; the worker was also reportedly severely beaten by 9 policemen; the guard who shot him is placed under house arrest pending an investigation. (NYT, PCHR, REU, WP 10/5; OCHA 10/11; PCHR 10/12)

## 5 OCTOBER

Rafah crossing remains partially open. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Tulkarm

(sending an undercover unit into Allar village in a car with Palestinian license plates to raid a Palestinian home), nr. Bethlehem and Jenin, in Balata r.c., Hebron (searching a Palestinian Red Crescent Society clinic, an orphanage run by an Islamic charity). An **unidentified Palestinian** throws a home-made bomb at a group of **ESF** mbrs. in Rafah, injuring 4; soon after **unidentified gunmen** fatally shoot a **Fatah mbr.** nearby. In Bayt Lahiya, **unidentified gunmen** fire on an **ESF officer**, wounding him. An **ESF mbr.** dies of injuries received in clashes on 10/3. (REU 10/5; Ma'an News 10/5 in WNC 10/6; OCHA 10/11; PCHR 10/12)

#### 6 OCTOBER

Overnight, the **IDF** sends troops into Khan Yunis, searching and occupying several homes, rounding up 53 Palestinians for 18 hrs. of interrogation, bulldozing 3 d. of olive trees; closes the Rafah crossing. A **Palestinian** is killed when a smugglers tunnel on the Rafah border collapses. The **IDF** also seals the West Bank until 10/10 for the Sukkoth holidays; sends troops into Bil'in nr. Ramallah, raiding and searching homes, firing on stone-throwing youths who confront them (wounding 1), arresting a Palestinian journalist; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Askar r.c., villages nr. Jenin (firing on residential areas of Tubas). (OCHA 10/11; PCHR 10/12)

#### 7 OCTOBER

Overnight, the **IDF** sends troops into Bayt Hanun under cover of artillery fire, forcing a number of civilians to flee, pulls back to the Shurrab Farm area inside the Gaza border (where they have been since 10/1) late in the evening; sends troops into Bayt Lahiya, conducting random ID checks. **Palestinians** fire at least 1 **rocket** fr. Gaza into Israel, causing no damage or injuries. In the West Bank, the **IDF** sends undercover units into Bitva village nr. Nablus in cars with Palestinian license plates, raids a home, arrests 2 Palestinians; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Balata r.c. (clashing with Palestinian gunmen, killing 1 armed **Palestinian**, wounding a 2d) and nr. Nablus, Tulkarm. In Bayt Lahiya, **ESF mbrs.** kidnap, shoot, wound a **Fatah mbr.**, sparking clashes btwn. Fatah and the **ESF**, injuring 4 Palestinians. (NYT 10/10; OCHA 10/11; PCHR 10/12)

#### 8 OCTOBER

An **IDF** air strike destroys the Khan Yunis home of a Hamas mbr.; the **IDF** warns the residents in advance to leave. In the West Bank, the **IDF** fires on a car nr. al-Til nr. Nablus, killing 1 **Palestinian civilian**; patrols in, fires on residential areas of Kfar Ra'i nr. Jenin; conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Nablus, in Hebron. **Jewish settlers** fr. Brakha nr. Nablus steal fruit, olives fr. Palestinian orchards in Kafr Qalil. **Palestinians in Jericho, Ramallah** observe a general strike to protest intra-Palestinian violence in Gaza. (OCHA 10/11; PCHR 10/12)

#### 9 OCTOBER

The **IDF** shells n. Gaza, killing a **15-yr.-old Palestinian** farm worker, wounding 3, claiming that the teenager, who was working in a field, approached an abandoned rocket launcher used on 10/7 with plans to retrieve it; in separate incidents fires at 2 Palestinians who stray near the n. Gaza border fence, seriously wounding a mentally handicapped man in his 50s, lightly wounding a 2d man; fires on 2 Palestinians scavenging metal nr. the central Gaza border fence, wounding 1; sends troops into al-Shuka late in the evening, fatally shooting a **Palestinian civilian** on the street for no apparent reason. In Rafah, a **Palestinian** is killed when a bomb he is handling explodes prematurely. In the West Bank, the **IDF** fatally shoots a **Palestinian** who allegedly attempts to stab an **IDF** soldier at Hawara checkpoint nr. Nablus; sends undercover units into Qalqilya in a car with Palestinian license plates to arrest a **Force 17 mbr.**; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Hebron, Tulkarm town and r.c. (raiding a store, confiscating money, causing a woman to have a stroke). **Jewish settlers** march through Hebron, stone Palestinian homes. A **Force 17 mbr.** dies of injuries received during 10/1 clashes btwn. the PA security forces and Hamas. (NYT 10/10; OCHA 10/11; PCHR 10/12)

#### 10 OCTOBER

In Gaza, the **IDF** closes **Erez** crossing for unspecified security reasons (the crossing has been open only to select VIPs and medical cases since 3/12); sends additional troops into the Shurrab Farms area nr. Bayt Hanun, firing on residential areas of Bayt

Hanun, wounding 1. In the West Bank, the **IDF** sends troops into 'Ayn Bayt al-Ma' r.c. nr. Nablus, firing on residential areas, killing an off-duty **PA policeman** in his home; conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Hebron (searching several mosques and hospitals looking for arms caches, finding none; surrounding several mosques, interrogating worshippers as they leave dawn prayers) in Balata r.c., Ramallah (targeting the **AMB**), and nr. Bethlehem, Jenin. **Jewish settlers** fr. Eli nr. Nablus, burn 7 d. of nearby Palestinian olive groves. **Jewish settlers** fr. Rotem nr. Nablus prevent Palestinian farmers from accessing their fields. (OCHA 10/11; PCHR 10/12)

### 11 OCTOBER

In an air strike, the **IDF** destroys the Gaza City home of **PC mbr. Mariam Farhat (Change and Reform)**, warning residents in advance to evacuate, claiming the home was used to store weapons; in a late-night air strike, the **IDF** destroys **3 Palestinian homes** in Jabaliya r.c. after warning residents to leave; makes an air strike destroying a **PA security office** nr. Jabaliya after warning occupants to leave; fatally shoots a **Palestinian** who sneaks across the Gaza border into Israel, claims he was wearing an explosive belt. In the West Bank, the **IDF** makes a predawn raid on Nablus, fatally shooting **wanted Palestinian Abdallah Mansur** in what may be an assassination; sends undercover units into Jenin r.c., in a car with Palestinian license plates, surrounding a home, interrogating the residents, firing live ammunition at stone-throwing youths who confront them (wounding 2), making no arrests; conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Bethlehem, Hebron, Qalqilya. Also in Nablus, a previously unknown group calling itself **Ansar al-Sunna** (the same name as a group that operates in Iraq, though there is no known connection) kidnaps, holds for several hrs. an **American English teacher** working for a pro-Palestinian charity, demanding the immediate release of Palestinian women and children held in Israeli prisons, saying it aims to confront the U.S. war on Islam; releases him unharmed and unconditionally after local officials intervene. **Jewish settlers** march through Hebron, stone Palestinian homes. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries sustained in Hamas-Fatah clashes in Khan Yunis in 8/06. (REU 10/11; NYT, PCHR 10/12; OCHA 10/18; PCHR 10/19)

### 12 OCTOBER

Overnight, the **IDF** raids Abasan nr. Khan Yunis to search for tunnels, exchanging fire with armed Palestinians and firing on residential areas (wounding around 12), making an air strike on Hamas mbrs. (killing **3 Hamas mbrs.** and **2 bystanders**, including a 13-yr.-old boy; wounding 5 bystanders, 2 Hamas mbrs.), searching and occupying Palestinian homes as operational bases; makes air strikes destroying **2 Palestinian homes** in Jabaliya and Gaza City, a metal workshop in Gaza City, warning occupants prior to the attacks; expands operations during the day, firing on residential areas (killing **1 Palestinian civilian**), rounding up male residents ages 15–40 for interrogation. The **IDF** also fires on Palestinian fishing boats off s. Gaza, damaging several but causing no injuries; makes an air strike late in the evening destroying a house in Gaza City in an attempt to assassinate **Hamas cmdr Ashraf Farwana**, instead killing **his brother**, **2 bystanders** (including a 2-yr.-old girl), wounding 10 bystanders; makes air strikes destroying 2 auto shops in Gaza City. For the 1st time in over 1 mo., **Hamas** fires **6 rockets** into Israel in response, damaging a power line to Sederot. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Tulkarm, firing on residential areas. Also in Gaza, **suspected Hamas gunmen** fatally shoot a **PA General Intelligence Services officer**. Late in the evening, **suspected Fatah gunmen** fatally shoot a **local Hamas leader** in Bayt Lahiya. In Bayt 'Umar nr. Hebron, **unidentified gunmen** shoot, wound a **Hamas mbr.** **Jewish settlers** in Hebron prevent local Palestinians fr. harvesting olives. **Jewish settlers** fr. Kiryat Arba stone Palestinian homes in Hebron. (NYT, REU, WP, WT 10/13; OCHA 10/18; PCHR 10/19)

### 13 OCTOBER

In Gaza, the **IDF** continues operations in Abasan, directing tank fire at residential areas, killing **1 Palestinian woman** inside her home, wounding a man, bulldozing 120 d. of agricultural land; makes an air strike on a car driving in Bayt Lahiya, killing **3 Hamas mbrs.** (Adil al-Maquasi, Muhammad al-Taluli, Rasim Zhahir) allegedly en route to fire rockets into Israel, wounding 1 bystander; makes an air strike on a car in Gaza City, assassinating **Fatah Mujahiddin Brigades mbr. Raja'i al-Labban**, wounding a 2d Fatah



mbr.; makes a late-night air strike on Rafah destroying a **Palestinian home** (after warning residents to leave), severely damaging 5 others, cutting power to some areas; conducts arrest raids in Wadi al-Silqa. Late in the evening, **Palestinians** fire 3 **rockets** fr. Gaza into Sederot, lightly injuring 3 Israelis. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts searches in Qabatya, exchanging fire with Palestinian gunmen, firing on residential areas, wounding 1 Palestinian militant; conducts house searches in and around Hebron, nr. Nablus (firing on residential areas, wounding 2 civilians). **100s of angry Palestinians** barred by Israel fr. attending Ramadan Friday prayers at al-Aqsa Mosque use makeshift ladders to scale the **separation wall** and 4 checkpoints around Jerusalem and 1 checkpoint nr. Nablus, fighting with **IDF** soldiers who disperse them using tear gas, water cannons, stun grenades, rubber-coated steel bullets. **Jewish settlers** fr. Ramat Yishai stone a Palestinian home in Hebron. **Jewish settlers** nr. Ramallah prevent Palestinians fr. reaching their olive groves; **Israeli border police** intervene to disperse the settlers. Overnight and throughout the day, **Hamas** mbrs. angered over the assassination of a local leader on 10/12 engage in fierce clashes with **Fatah** mbrs. in Bayt Lahiya, leaving a **14-yr.-old Palestinian** dead, around 50 Palestinians injured. A **Palestinian** wounded by **IDF** fire in Gaza on 10/12 dies. (AP, NYT, REU 10/13; NYT, WT 10/14; PCHR 10/15, 10/19)

#### 14 OCTOBER

In response to Palestinian rocket fire on 10/13, **Israeli DM Amir Peretz** approves an escalation in IDF border operations in Gaza. Overnight, the **IDF** pulls out of Abasan but sends tanks, troops into n. Gaza nr. Jabaliya r.c., exchanging fire with Palestinian gunmen, conducting air strikes on a **house**, engaging in armed clashes nearby, killing at least 4 **Hamas mbrs.**, 2 **bystanders**, wounding 15 before withdrawing; launches air strike on Rafah, which destroys a Palestinian **house** (warning the residents in advance to evacuate, damaging several nearby houses); bulldozes a **Palestinian home** in Bayt Hanun. The **IDF** also sets up a new Palestinian detention center inside Israel nr. the Gaza border. In the West Bank, the **IDF** sends troops into Tubas nr. Jenin, firing on downtown areas, wounding 3 Palestinian children; conducts arrest raids, house searches, random ID checks in and around Hebron. **IDF soldiers**, **Jewish settlers** wall off 50 d. of

Palestinian land around an IDF base outside Kiryat Arba. (NYT 10/14; NYT, PCHR, WP, WT 10/15; PCHR 10/19)

#### 15 OCTOBER

The **IDF** shells Bayt Hanun, cutting its electricity. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Nablus (targeting the **AMB**), in Hebron and Bethlehem. In Khan Yunis, a **Palestinian** is killed when explosives he is handling detonate prematurely. (OCHA 10/18; PCHR 10/19)

#### 16 OCTOBER

In Gaza, the **IDF** makes an air strike destroying the main access road to Bayt Hanun. In the West Bank, the **IDF** sends troops into Ramallah, stopping cars for random ID checks; fires on Palestinian farmers attempting to reach their olive groves nr. Tulkarm, wounding 1. **Palestinians** fire 2 **rockets** fr. Gaza into Israel, wounding 1 Israeli. In Bayt Lahiya, **ESF mbrs.**, **Fatah mbrs.** exchange gunfire, injuring 3 Palestinians. (PCHR 10/19)

#### 17 OCTOBER

In Gaza, the **IDF** sends tanks, troops into Jabaliya r.c., clashing with Palestinian gunmen, killing 1 **Hamas mbr.**, 1 **Palestinian civilian**; expands operations on the Rafah border, taking up positions nr. Rafah crossing, exchanging fire with Palestinian gunmen (killing 2 **Palestinian militants**), ordering male residents in some neighborhoods to surrender for interrogation (handcuffing and blindfolding them), reportedly finding a smugglers tunnel (the 13th it says it has found in the past 3 mos.); simultaneously sends troops into al-Shuka, conducting arrest raids, house searches. Overnight, the **IDF** sends troops into Qabatya, conducts arrest raids and house searches, exchanges fire with Palestinian gunmen (killing 1 **Palestinian gunman**, wounding 3), fires on stone-throwing youths who confront them (killing 1 **Palestinian**, wounding 7). Also in the West Bank, the **IDF** sends undercover units in vehicles with Palestinian license plates into 'Ayn Bayt al-Ma' r.c. nr. Nablus, opening fire on a taxi, assassinating **wanted AMB mbr.** 'Adil Abu al-Rish, killing **his cousin**, who was not wanted; raids offices of **Change and Reform PC mbrs.** in Ramallah, arresting the

office director; raids al-Quds University campus of religious studies in Abu Dis, arresting 2 Palestinians; makes arrest raids in Qalqilya (exchanging fire with Palestinian gunmen, killing an **Islamic Jihad mbr.**, wounding 13 Palestinians), nr. Nablus, Tulkarm; later makes a 2d raid into Qalqilya, firing on stone-throwing Palestinians, fatally shooting a **Palestinian civilian. Jewish settlers** fr. Yitzhar nr. Nablus detain 2 Palestinian workers in the nearby Hawara cemetery, releasing them after the IDF intervenes. In Khan Yunis, **unidentified gunmen** fire on the home of a **Fatah mbr.**, wounding him. A **Fatah mbr.** dies of injuries received in clashes with Hamas on 10/1. (NYT, WP, WT 10/8; OCHA 10/18; PCHR 10/19; OCHA 11/1)

### 18 OCTOBER

For the 1st time since disengagement was completed, **IDF** tanks, troops reoccupy a section of Gaza's Rafah border btwn. Kerem Shalom and the Rafah crossing in search for smugglers tunnels, killing 2 **Hamas gunmen**, finding 5 tunnels during the day. In the West Bank, the **IDF** makes a predawn raid on Qabatya, conducting major arrest raids and house searches, detaining 15 Palestinians (including children ages 7, 10, 12, 15), withdrawing in the afternoon; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Jenin. Under **IDF** protection, **Jewish settlers** fr. Suissa raze and set up tents and a mobile home on 5 d. of Palestinian land to expand the settlement, fire on Palestinian homes, damaging 3. (NYT, PCHR, WP, WT 10/19; PCHR 11/2)

### 19 OCTOBER

In Gaza, the **IDF** continues operations along the Rafah border, reportedly uncovering another 8 smugglers tunnels, also making an air strike destroying a **house** in Rafah after warning the residents to leave; sends troops into the Erez industrial zone to demolish a Palestinian factory; sends troops into Jabaliya r.c. to bulldoze Palestinian land. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Hebron, Jenin; fires on residential areas of Hebron, wounding 3 Palestinian children. **Jewish settlers** fr. Gil'ad outpost nr. Qalqilya beat 4 Palestinians. (WP 10/20; PCHR 11/2)

### 20 OCTOBER

In an apparent assassination attempt in Gaza, **suspected Fatah gunmen** fire on

**Haniyeh's** 10-car convoy, set fire to 1 PA security vehicle, causing no injuries. In Gaza, the **IDF** sends troops into Bayt Hanun, seals the town, demolishes a workshop, a coffee shop before withdrawing; sends troops into Khan Yunis, fatally shooting 1 **Palestinian**, demolishing 2 **Palestinian homes**, bulldozing 6 d. agricultural land. A 15-yr-old Palestinian is injured when he accidentally detonates unexploded IDF ordnance nr. Dayr al-Balah. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in Hebron. On the last Friday of Ramadan, **Israel** allows 180,000 West Bank Palestinians into Jerusalem to worship at al-Aqsa Mosque. **100s of Palestinians** denied entry scuffle with **IDF soldiers and border police** nr. Bethlehem, who fire tear gas, stun grenades. **Fatah, Hamas mbrs.** exchange fire in Bayt Hanun, wounding 3 Palestinians. In Khan Yunis, a **Fatah mbr.** is kidnapped, shot, wounded by **unidentified gunmen**. (NYT, WP, WT 10/21; OCHA 11/1; PCHR 11/2)

### 21 OCTOBER

The **IDF** demolishes 12 **Palestinian homes** in Rafah, a **house** and workshop in Bayt Hanun industrial zone. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids in Jenin town and r.c. (exchanging fire with Palestinian gunmen, wounding 2), in and around Hebron, nr. Qalqilya. **ESF, Fatah mbrs.** exchange fire in al-Bureij r.c., wounding 2 **ESF mbrs.** (OCHA 11/1; PCHR 11/2)

### 22 OCTOBER

In the West Bank, the **IDF** sends undercover units into Tamun nr. Jenin, occupies several Palestinian homes as observation posts, firing on stone-throwing Palestinians who confront the troops (killing 1 **Palestinian**, wounding 19), arresting 4 Palestinians; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Yatta (occupying 3 Palestinian homes as military posts). **Jewish settlers** attack Palestinian homes in Burkin nr. Nablus. In Gaza City, **PA security officers** aligned with **Fatah** enforce a general strike, burn tires to protest the **Hamas**-led government's continued failure to pay salaries. After **senior AMB mbr. Muhammad Shihadeh** is found shot dead in al-Bureij r.c., a **2d Fatah mbr.** is kidnapped in Jabaliya r.c.; **Hamas** denies responsibility for both. (NYT 10/23; PCHR 11/2)

**23 OCTOBER**

In Gaza, the **IDF** steps up operations in Bayt Hanun and Bayt Lahiya, sending undercover units to attack a family gathering, assassinating **senior PRC cmdr. Atta al-Shinbari** in Bayt Hanun, sparking an exchange of gunfire that lasts several hrs., killing another **5 Palestinians** (including a **PFLP mbr.**, 3 civilians), wounding 30. **IDF officials** warn of broader operations in Gaza in the coming wks. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Jenin. **ESF, PSF mbrs.** exchange fire in Rafah, wounding 1 Palestinian. (WP 10/24; OCHA 11/1; PCHR 11/2)

**24 OCTOBER**

In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Hebron, Jenin, Nablus. **Jewish settlers** fr. Hebron attack Palestinians harvesting their olive grove outside Hebron; the **IDF** arrests the Palestinian family for threatening the settlers, releases them but bars them fr. accessing their land. In Gaza City, **unidentified Palestinian gunmen** kidnap **Spanish Associated Press photographer Emilio Morenatti**, release him quickly after **Abbas's** intervention; no details of the terms of release are given. A **Palestinian** wounded by the **IDF** in Bayt Hanun on 10/23 dies. (NYT 10/25; PCHR 11/2)

The **German Defense Min.** reports an incident btwn. its naval vessels off the Lebanese coast and the **IDF** in which 2 Israeli F-16s fired twice and released antimissile flares over a German ship. **Israel** denies the report, saying that jets were dispatched when a helicopter took off fr. a German boat without identifying itself, but as soon as **Israel** realized the mistake, the jets broke off. (NYT 10/26)

**25 OCTOBER**

In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Nablus, in Abu Dis and Qabatya, nr. Tulkarm. **Jewish settlers** fr. Gil'ad attack Palestinians harvesting an olive grove nr. Qalqilya, injuring 5. **Unidentified assailants** stab, wound a **Fatah mbr.** in al-Bureij r.c. (OCHA 11/1; PCHR 11/2)

**26 OCTOBER**

In Gaza, the **IDF** fatally shoots a **Palestinian** hunting birds when he strays near

an **IDF** observation post nr. Jabaliya; fires on Palestinians working on a farm nr. al-Maghazi r.c., wounding 1; makes an air strike destroying the **home** of a **Hamas mbr.**, a neighboring home in Jabaliya r.c. after warning residents to leave. In the West Bank, the **IDF** sends undercover units in cars with Palestinian license plates into al-Fara'a r.c. nr. Jenin in search of wanted **Islamic Jihad mbrs.**, fires on residential areas, exchanges fire with Palestinian gunmen, killing **2 Islamic Jihad mbrs.**, wounding and arresting 1; conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Jenin town and r.c. (fatally shooting **1 Palestinian** who goes to his roof to see what is going on), in Hebron and Qalqilya, nr. Bethlehem; patrols in, fires on residential areas of Kafr Dan nr. Jenin. (OCHA 11/1; PCHR 11/2)

**27 OCTOBER**

The **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Jenin. **Jewish settlers** attack Palestinian homes in Hebron. **Unidentified gunmen** shoot, wound a **Fatah mbr.** in Gaza's Nussayrat r.c. (OCHA 11/1; PCHR 11/2)

**28 OCTOBER**

The **IDF** patrols in Fahma nr. Jenin; stops, searches cars in Araba nr. Jenin. **Jewish settlers** attack Palestinian homes in Hebron for a 2d day. Separately, **Jewish settlers** fr. Hebron attack Palestinians harvesting an olive grove, steal their olives; the **IDF** observes but does not intervene. (PCHR 11/2)

**29 OCTOBER**

In the West Bank, the **IDF** sends undercover units into Jalazun r.c. nr. Ramallah to conduct random ID checks, withdraws without making arrests; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Jericho, Nablus. A **Hamas mbr.** is killed when a tunnel he is digging under the Rafah border collapses. **Jewish settlers** in Hebron attack Palestinians harvesting olives; the **IDF** intervenes. (NYT 10/30; OCHA 11/1; PCHR 11/2)

**30 OCTOBER**

**Olmert** tells a closed Knesset session that the **IDF** might expand operations in Gaza to halt rocket fire but would not reoccupy the Strip. In Gaza, the **IDF** fatally shoots **AMB**

**mbr. Mazin Abu Odeh** in n. Gaza in what may be an assassination; makes an air strike destroying the **home** of an **AMB mbr. nr.** Khan Yunis after warning residents to leave; fires on Palestinian fishing boats in s. Gaza, destroying 4 boats, arresting 4 fishermen. **Palestinians** fire 2 **rockets** fr. Gaza into Israel, causing no damage or injuries. In the West Bank, the **IDF** sends troops, helicopters into Balata r.c. nr. Nablus to arrest a wanted Palestinian; sends undercover units in a car with Palestinian license plates into Nablus to arrest a 2d wanted Palestinian, into Jericho to arrest 2 Palestinians; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Jenin town and r.c., in Salfit nr. Nablus. **Unidentified Palestinian gunmen** kidnap, quickly release unharmed a **Spanish aid worker** in Khan Yunis. (NYT, WP 10/31; PCHR 11/2)

### 31 OCTOBER

Overnight and during the day, the **IDF** sends additional troops into Gaza's coastal area nr. al-Khuza, sparking clashes with **AMB** and **Hamas** gunmen, fatally shooting 3 **Hamas mbrs.**, wounding 2 armed Palestinians, 2 civilians (including a 12-yr.-old boy), bulldozing areas of agricultural land, destroying electricity, water, phone networks in the area. Also in Gaza, the **IDF** fires on residential areas of al-Shuka, wounding 1 Palestinian; makes an air strike destroying a workshop in Gaza City. In the West Bank, the **IDF** sends undercover units in a car with Palestinian plates into Jenin r.c. to arrest a wanted **Islamic Jihad mbr.**; conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Jenin and Nablus, in Hebron. (WP 11/1; OCHA 11/1; PCHR 11/2)

**Hizballah leader Hasan Nasrallah** says that he will rally large public demonstrations if **Lebanese PM Fuad Siniora's** government does not agree to form a new unity government giving Hizballah control of 30% of the 24 cabinet seats, giving Hizballah veto power over any major government decision. (Hizballah made the demands after 2 national polls suggested that a unity government would have the support of about 70% of the population.) Nasrallah also says that "serious negotiations" are under way for the release of 2 captured **IDF** soldiers. (WP, WT 11/2)

### 1 NOVEMBER

Overnight, the **IDF** launches a major raid into Gaza, dubbed **Operation Autumn Clouds**, sending 100s of infantry soldiers,

tanks, helicopters into Bayt Hanun, sealing and imposing a curfew on the town, clashing with Palestinians (who fire automatic weapons, antitank rounds), conducting air strikes, occupying some Palestinian homes as operational bases and sniper posts, bulldozing 18 d. of land, killing 5 **Hamas mbrs.**, 1 **Islamic Jihad mbr.**, 1 **PA security officer**, 2 **civilians**, wounding 41 Palestinians (the majority gunmen, but including 8 children, 2 women); 1 **IDF soldier** is also killed. **Palestinians** fire at least 8 **rockets** fr. n. Gaza into Israel in response, lightly wounding 2 Israelis, marking the largest 1-day barrage in wks. The **IDF** also fires on residential areas of Abasan, wounding 1 Palestinian. Meanwhile, the **Israeli cabinet** debates, rejects requests by the **IDF**, frustrated over continued (though declining in recent wks.) rocket fire fr. Gaza, to expand military operations in Gaza, voting instead to continue pinpoint operations. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Nablus and Tulkarm (firing on residential areas, stone-throwing youths, wounding 5), in Qalqilya, and nr. Bethlehem, Jenin. (REU 11/1; NYT, PCHR, WP 11/2; IFM 11/6)

### 2 NOVEMBER

In Gaza, the **IDF** continues major operations in Bayt Hanun, rounding up Palestinian men ages 16–45 and driving them outside of town for questioning (detaining 15, releasing the others), clashing with militants, killing 2 **Palestinian gunmen**, 2 **civilians**, wounding another 20 Palestinians; 2 **IDF** soldiers are lightly injured; a 4-yr.-old **Palestinian** dies of injuries received on 11/1; some 60 Palestinian gunmen take refuge in the 850-yr.-old al-Nasir Mosque, which is quickly surrounded by the **IDF**. Late in the evening, the **IDF** conducts air strikes in n. Gaza on Palestinians allegedly preparing to fire rockets, killing 2 **Palestinians**. **Palestinians** fire several **rockets** fr. Gaza into Israel, hitting an Israeli home, lightly wounding 2 Israelis. In the West Bank, the **IDF** raids an elementary school in Hebron while classes are in session, firing tear gas, percussion grenades, injuring 15 children; sends undercover units into Tulkarm in a car with Palestinian license plates to arrest 3 wanted Palestinians; conducts other arrest raids in al-Saf nr. Bethlehem (demolishing the **home** of a wanted **Islamic Jihad mbr.**, firing on stone-throwing Palestinians who confront the troops, killing 1 **Palestinian**, wounding 5) in Nablus (fatally shooting 1

**Palestinian civilian**), Ramallah, Tulkarm. (NYT, WT 11/3; PCHR 11/9)

### 3 NOVEMBER

In ongoing operations in Bayt Hanun, the **IDF** overnight fires tear gas, stun grenades, exchanges gunfire with Palestinian militants in al-Nasir Mosque, sending bulldozers in to demolish parts of the structure, prompting some gunmen to surrender. During the day the **IDF** fatally shoots **2 Palestinian women**, wounds around 40 who are part of a group of **2,000 women** heeding Hamas's call to position themselves outside the mosque as human shields; the **IDF** claims that wanted gunmen were hiding among the women; some 60 gunmen inside the mosque escape; the **IDF** bulldozes the entire mosque. (Later, **1,000 Palestinian women** march outside **Egypt's** diplomatic mission in Gaza City, denouncing Israel's actions and calling for **Egypt's** intervention.) During the day, the **IDF** also expands operations to Bayt Lahiya and Jabaliya r.c., killing at least **9 Palestinians** (including 4 Hamas mbrs., 2 Palestinian medics in an ambulance), shelling areas, making at least 1 air strike destroying a **Palestinian home**; makes an air strike on a car in Gaza City (assassinating **Hamas mbrs. Muhammad Farhat, Tamir Hillis, Imad Mushtaha**) and on a car in Rafah (assassinating **Hamas mbr. Ahmad Abu Humayd**); bulldozes 19 d. of Palestinian land e. of Gaza City; fires on farmers who stray near the border fence outside al-Maghazi, wounding 1; conducts a series of late-night air strikes in Rafah. A **Palestinian** wounded in Bayt Hanun clashes on 11/2 dies. **Palestinians** fire at least 5 **rockets** fr. Gaza into Israel, causing no damage or injuries. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in Bethlehem (demolishing a **Palestinian home**, killing **1 Palestinian**; raiding and searching a hospital), Nablus (killing **2 Palestinians** including 1 civilian), Tulkarm. A **Palestinian** wounded nr. Bethlehem on 11/2 dies. (NYT, WP, WT 11/4; NYT 11/5; PCHR 11/9)

### 4 NOVEMBER

The **IDF** expands operations in n. Gaza, launching an air strike on a minivan in Gaza City, assassinating **Hamas cmdr. Luay al-Burnu, 2 other Hamas mbrs.**; shelling Jabaliya r.c., killing **1 Hamas mbr.**, wounding 4; later making an air strike on Jabaliya, killing **2 Hamas mbrs.**, wounding a by-

stander in what may be an assassination. An **IDF sniper** fatally shoots a **12-yr.-old Palestinian girl** in the head in Gaza; the **IDF** say he was aiming at an armed Palestinian. In Bayt Hanun, the **IDF** fatally shoots a **Hamas mbr.** in exchanges that also leave an **IDF** officer seriously wounded; fires an antitank rocket to demolish the **home** of a Palestinian militant, collapsing the walls of a neighboring home, killing a **Palestinian civilian**; demolishes at least 4 other **Palestinian homes**; continues house to house searches; lifts the curfew for 3 hrs. to let residents buy food. **IDF** operations along the Rafah border also continue. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Ramallah, in Jenin and Nablus; demolishes a **Palestinian home** in Bethlehem. (NYT, WP, WT 11/5; PCHR 11/9)

### 5 NOVEMBER

In Gaza, the **IDF** continues operations in n. Gaza, fatally shooting **2 Palestinian militants, 1 PA security officer** in Bayt Hanun; expanding operations in Jabaliya r.c., firing on residential areas. **Palestinians** fire some 10 **rockets** fr. Gaza into Israel, causing no serious damage or injuries. In the West Bank, the **IDF** searches homes in Askar r.c. nr. Nablus, firing on a **PSF** post, wounding 3 **PSF** officers; conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Bethlehem, Nablus. (NYT, WP 11/6; PCHR 11/9)

### 6 NOVEMBER

As Operation Autumn Clouds continues, a **female Palestinian suicide bomber**, claiming retaliation for a 6/9/06 **IDF** attack on the Bayt Lahiya beach that killed 8 **Palestinians**, detonates a device nr. **IDF** troops in Bayt Hanun nr. the site of a mosque where the **IDF** killed 2 **Palestinian women** on 11/3, lightly wounding 2 **IDF** soldiers. The **IDF** conducts at least 2 air strikes on Jabaliya, killing at least **2 armed Palestinians, 1 Palestinian schoolboy**, wounding several students on their way to school; fatally shoots **1 armed Palestinian** in clashes in Bayt Lahiya. Late in the evening, the **IDF** begins withdrawing troops fr. Bayt Hanun but does not say whether it is ending operations there; **Olmert** vowed on 11/5 not to halt operations until **Palestinian rocket fire**, which has increased since the troops entered, is significantly reduced. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches

in and around Hebron, nr. Ramallah, and in Aida r.c. nr. Bethlehem, 'Ayn Bayt al-Ma' nr. Nablus, Bayt Jala. (NYT, WP, WT 11/7; PCHR 11/9)

**Lebanese political factions** reopen a wk. of national dialogue to discuss **Hizballah's** demand to form a new national unity government. (NYT, WT 11/6; WT 11/11) (see 10/31)

## 7 NOVEMBER

The **IDF** pulls most troops out of Bayt Hanun before dawn; bulldozers and tanks remain positioned nr. Bayt Lahiya. Clashes continue in Jabaliya during the day, leaving at least **8 Palestinians dead**, including an **AMB mbr.** assassinated in an air strike on his car in n. Gaza (3 AMB mbrs. are wounded), **2 Islamic Jihad mbrs.** nr. Bayt Lahiya, the **sister-in-law of Change and Reform PC mbr. Jamila al-Shanti** (who helped organize the 11/3 women's demonstration in Bayt Hanun), **2 Palestinians affiliated with Hamas** are killed in Jabaliya r.c. when the IDF fires tank shells at Palestinians who allegedly fired RPGs fr. Shanti's home, a **Palestinian civilian** fatally shot nr. Bayt Lahiya. **IDF** air strikes destroy the Gaza City **home** of a senior **Hamas** military cmdr., damage several neighboring homes after ordering the residents to leave. A **Palestinian** wounded in Bayt Hanun on 11/6 dies. **Palestinians** fire 6 **rockets** fr. Gaza into Israel (4 hitting nr. Ashkelon), causing no damage or injuries; **IDF** artillery shells Bayt Hanun in response. The IDF says it seized "large amounts of weaponry" during the operation, including rocket launchers, RPGs, mines, rifles, ammunition but no rockets or antitank weapons. The UN estimates that some 250 Palestinians were wounded, 30 **Palestinian homes** demolished, 100 damaged (residents put the number at around 40 demolished, 400 damaged), water and sewerage systems damaged, large tracks of trees uprooted during the operation. In the West Bank, the **IDF** sends undercover units into Qalqilya (in a car with Palestinian license plates to arrest several wanted Palestinians, wounding 1), al-Yamun nr. Jenin (assassinating **AMB mbrs. Tahir 'Abahra, Salim Abu al-Hayja, Mahmud Abu Hasan, 'Ala' Khamaysa** and killing **1 Palestinian bystander**, wounding 3 Palestinians); conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Bethlehem. (IFM, REU 11/7; NYT, WP, WT 11/8; PCHR, WP 11/9)

## 8 NOVEMBER

In Gaza, the **IDF** makes predawn artillery strikes on Bayt Hanun in retaliation for 11/7 rocket fire, hitting a residential area, killing **19 Palestinian civilians** (17 in 1 family, including 8 children, 6 women), wounding 60-80 (including at least 26 children) in what the army says is a regrettable error; Israel suspends artillery fire on n. and e. Gaza pending an investigation. The **IDF** also fatally shoots **2 Palestinians** (at least 1 armed), wounding 6 in Jabaliya; makes an air strike demolishing 1 **Palestinian home** in Gaza City after warning residents to leave. By nightfall, the **IDF** completes withdrawal of its forces fr. n. Gaza population centers into the border area btwn. the Strip and Israel officially ending **Operation Autumn Clouds**, leaving a total of 78 Palestinians dead (including 1 PSF officer and 50 civilians, including 16 children, 10 women), 262 wounded (including at least 67 children, 58 women), 250 d. of land razed, at least 16 homes and a mosque demolished, some 120 homes, 3 mosques, several schools, a hospital severely damaged **Palestinians** fire 13 **rockets** fr. Gaza into Israel in retaliation, causing no damage or injuries. In Damascus, **Hamas** leader **Mishal** calls on all factions to retaliate; a n. Gaza faction of **Hamas's** Izzeddin al-Qassam Brigades issues a statement blaming the U.S. for the casualties for its support of Israel and calls for attacks on U.S. targets worldwide, but a **spokesman for Izzeddin al-Qassam Brigades** rejects the call, saying **Hamas's** only theater of operations is Palestine. **Bush** sends his condolences, calls on all sides for restraint. The **IDF** also makes an air strike on a car in Gaza City, assassinating **Hamas mbrs. Ahmad Awad** (reportedly a chief rocket maker and son-in-law of PA FM Mahmud Zahhar), **Ramzi Shuhaybir**. In the West Bank, the **IDF** fires on Palestinians demonstrating against Operation Autumn Clouds, wounding 5; conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Jenin and Nablus, nr. Bethlehem and Jerusalem; orders **71 bedouin** to evacuate land nr. Ramallah on the grounds that it is "state land." (BBC, HA, IFM, al-Mezan Center for Human Rights 11/8; NYT, PCHR, WP, WT 11/9; OCHA 11/15; PCHR 11/16)

## 9 NOVEMBER

**Israel** says that the death of 19 Palestinians in Bayt Hanun on 11/8 was caused by a faulty artillery radar system. **Palestinians**

fire 6 **rockets** fr. Gaza into Israel, lightly injuring 2 Israelis. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in Abu Dis and Hebron, nr. Bethlehem and Qalqilya. In Jabaliya, a roadside bomb explodes outside the home of a **PFLP** cmdr., injuring his bodyguard; internal Palestinian rivalries are suspected to be the cause. (NYT, WP, WT 11/10; OCHA 11/15; PCHR 11/16)

**French DM Michèle Alliot-Marie** says that French forces in **s. Lebanon** came within seconds of firing on **IDF** F-16s that repeatedly dived on their positions a wk. ago. The IDF says the incident is under investigation. **UNIFIL** reported 14 Israeli violations of the cease-fire last wk., including near daily overflights of Lebanon, including 3 mock air raids over the French troops' headquarters in the south. (WP 11/10)

#### 10 NOVEMBER

In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Hebron. A **Palestinian** wounded in the 11/8 artillery strike on Bayt Hanun dies. (WP, WT 11/11; PCHR 11/16)

The **UN** presents Lebanese PM **Siniora** with a proposal to set up a war crimes tribunal to prosecute suspects in the 2/05 Hariri assassination. (WP 11/11) (see Quarterly Update)

#### 11 NOVEMBER

In Gaza, the **IDF** fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis, wounding 1 Palestinian. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in Askar r.c. and Jenin town and r.c., in and around Tulkarm (raiding the offices of the Palestinian Center for Media and Studies, vandalizing them, confiscating computers and electronic equipment, and sealing the offices), nr. Bethlehem. **Jewish settlers** in Hebron attack a group of 40 Palestinian children on their way to school, injuring several, stealing some of their school bags. Separately, **Jewish settlers** fr. Hebron prevent Palestinian farmers fr. reaching their land nr. Ma'on settlement. (OCHA 11/15; PCHR 11/16)

In **Lebanon**, 5 **Hizballah** and **Amal** cabinet mbrs. quit the cabinet over the failure of the national dialogue over 4 days to reach a new power sharing agmt. PM **Siniora** says he will not accept their resignations, though he may not be able to enforce his decision. The 4 days of talks broke down over Hizballah's demands that

it, with its allies, be allocated a third of cabinet seats, so it would have veto power over cabinet decisions. The governing coalition is willing to allow Hizballah's ally, the **Free Patriotic Movement** led by **Christian leader Michel Aoun**, to enter the cabinet, but not with enough seats to have automatic veto power. (Eight ministers would need to resign to collapse the Siniora government.) The governing coalition portrays Hizballah's attempts to obtain a veto as an effort to block creation of an international tribunal on the Hariri assassination (see 11/10). (NYT, WP, WT 11/12; NYT 11/13)

#### 12 NOVEMBER

In Gaza, the **IDF** shells an area outside Jabaliya used by Palestinians to launch rockets, killing a **14-yr.-old Palestinian**, wounding 2 Palestinians; conducts late-night arrest raids, house searches in al-Shuka. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in 'Ayn Bayt al-Ma' r.c. and Hebron, nr. Bethlehem (searching the offices of al-Rua'a TV), Jenin. An ailing **Palestinian infant** dies after the **IDF** delays his parents fr. crossing a Nablus checkpoint to reach a hospital for 2 hrs. **Jewish settlers** fr. Shim'a settlement nr. Hebron prevent Palestinians fr. harvesting their fields. A **Palestinian** wounded on 11/3 in Bayt Lahiya, a **Palestinian militant** wounded on 11/3 in Bayt Hanun, and a **Palestinian teenager** wounded on 11/6 in Jabaliya die. (OCHA 11/15; PCHR 11/16; OCHA 11/22)

#### 13 NOVEMBER

In Gaza, the **IDF** launches an air strike destroying an auto dealership in Gaza City, damaging several surrounding homes. Late in the evening in the West Bank, the **IDF** sends bulldozers, helicopters into 'Ayn Bayt al-Ma' r.c., fires on residential areas, occupying several Palestinian homes as observation posts, firing on stone throwing Palestinians who confront the troops (wounding 8), exchanging fire with armed Palestinians, killing 1; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Bethlehem, Qalqilya (confiscating around \$11,700, a computer, several cameras fr. a Reuters cameraman). **Jewish settlers** fr. Ramat Yishai vandalize a Palestinian home in Hebron. Separately, **Jewish settlers** fr. Tilim settlement prevent Palestinians fr. harvesting their olive groves outside Hebron. (PCHR 11/16)

After a **6th cabinet minister** (an independent aligned with **Pres. Emile Lahoud**)

resigns, **Siniora** convenes the **reduced Lebanese cabinet**, which unanimously approves the 11/10 UN plan for an international tribunal on the Hariri assassination. **Lahoud, Hizballah** and its allies denounce the vote, saying it is unconstitutional given the reduced cabinet's lack of sectarian balance. (NYT, WP 11/14; WT 11/15)

#### 14 NOVEMBER

In Gaza, the **IDF** launches an air strike on Gaza City, damaging a workshop, several houses. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searched in al-Fawar r.c. and Jenin town and r.c., and nr. Bethlehem, Nablus. **Jewish settlers** fr. Suissa bulldoze 5 d. of Palestinian land nearby the settlement. (OCHA 11/15; PCHR 11/16)

#### 15 NOVEMBER

In Gaza, the **IDF** launches air strikes destroying the **homes** of 5 Palestinian militants in Jabaliya, Gaza City, and Rafah after warning residents to leave, destroying the homes of 2 bystanders, wounding 1 bystander. **Hamas, Islamic Jihad** fire at least 13 **rockets** fr. Gaza into Israel, killing 1 **Israeli woman** in Sederot (marking the 1st fatality in a rocket strike since 7/05, the 7th fatality since rocket strikes began in 1/02; see Quarterly Update in *JPS* 123), wounding 2 Israelis in Ashqelon and Sederot, damaging a home. In the West Bank, the **IDF** fatally shoots a **Palestinian** bystander during an arrest raid in Nablus; conducts arrest raids in Balata r.c., Qabatya, Tulkarm. (NYT, PCHR, WP, WT 11/16; PCHR 11/23)

#### CHRONOLOGY SOURCE ABBREVIATIONS

AFP	(Agence France-Presse, Paris)
AP	(Associated Press [Internet])
BBC	(British Broadcasting Corporation World Service [Internet])
HA	( <i>Ha'Aretz</i> [Internet], Tel Aviv)
IFM	(Israeli Foreign Ministry, Jerusalem)
IMEMC	(International Middle East Media Center, Bayt Sahur)
NYT	( <i>New York Times</i> , New York)
PCHR	(Palestinian Center for Human Rights, Gaza)
PMG	(Palestinian Monitoring Group [PLO], Ramallah)
REU	(Reuters [Internet])
OCHA	(United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Weekly Briefing Notes, Jerusalem)
WNC	(World News Connection [Internet], Washington)
WP	( <i>Washington Post</i> , Washington)
WT	( <i>Washington Times</i> , Washington)