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Following a day of punitive demolitions and clashes in Qalandia refugee camp (r.c.), **thousands of Palestinians** march in the funeral of the 2 Palestinians killed by Israeli forces the previous day. Later, **Israel Defense Forces (IDF) troops** clash with stone-throwers in the camp, injuring 5 Palestinians. **Israeli forces** demolish 9 residential structures and animal barns nr. Hebron early in the morning, and later clash with Palestinian protesters in the area. Similarly, **IDF troops** violently disperse Palestinian protesters w. of Qalqilya (where similar protests were conducted on 11/13 and 11/15) and outside Beit El settlement nr. Ramallah; at least 15 Palestinians are injured, including 2 journalists. During the day, Israeli forces patrol in 1 village each nr. Salfit and Nablus, and they conduct late-night house searches and raids in ‘Ayn Bayt al-Ma’ r.c. as well as nr. Nablus, Hebron, Tulkarm, and Jenin, arresting 13 Palestinians. **Israeli settlers** assault Palestinians harvesting olives nr. Salfit, driving them off their land but causing no injuries. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 2 Palestinians on raids in al-Tur. Off the **coast**

nr. Bayt Lahiya, **Israeli naval forces** fire at Palestinian fishing boats overnight, injuring 2 fishermen. (MNA, Wafa 11/16; PCHR 11/19)

PM Benjamin Netanyahu’s security cabinet outlaws the **Northern Branch of the Islamic Movement** in Israel, citing the group’s “dangerous incitement.” After the announcement, **Israeli forces** arrest a senior mbr. of the movement during a raid in Umm al-Fahm, and **Israeli courts** issue orders to shut down 17 organizations and groups that operate on behalf of the movement. (See Update for more.) (EI, HA, MNA, YA 11/17)

17 NOVEMBER 2015

In the **West Bank**, **Israeli soldiers** shoot and kill a Palestinian and injure 2 others n. of Ramallah, claiming that the Palestinians opened fire on their patrol. Protests continue across the region as **IDF troops** clash with protesters in Bethlehem and outside Beit El settlement (where a similar protest was held on 11/16), injuring 6 Palestinians. Also nr. Bethlehem, **Israeli forces** indefinitely shut down 2 Palestinian factories, due to youth protests in the area and for “security reasons,” leaving

around 150 Palestinians jobless. The **IDF** conducts raids and house searches in the Nablus, Hebron, al-Bireh, and Ramallah areas, including in al-‘Arub r.c., arresting 11 Palestinians total and confiscating property; patrols in and around Tulkarm and Hebron. In the **Gaza Strip**, **unknown persons** fire a rocket toward Israel, and it falls short of the border fence. Later that night, the **Israeli Air Force (IAF)** launches air strikes at a military site nr. al-Bureij r.c. belonging to Palestinian armed groups. Off **Gaza’s coast** nr. Bayt Lahiya, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats, causing damage but no injuries. During the ongoing protests in **Gaza**, **Israeli forces** open fire on Palestinians e. of al-Bureij r.c., injuring 1 youth, and fire at Palestinian homes and agricultural land e. of Khan Yunis, causing damage. In **East Jerusalem**, **undercover Israeli forces** open fire in Ras al-Amud and arrest 10 Palestinian schoolchildren. (HA, JP, MNA, WAFA, YA 11/17; TOI 11/18; PCHR 11/19)

Israeli PM Netanyahu approves the construction of **454 new units** in the Ramot Shlomo and Ramot settlements in East Jerusalem after a 2-year freeze on the project. (AS, JP, MNA, TOI 11/17)

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In **East Jerusalem**, **Palestinian youths** march through Jabal Mukabir in commemoration of the 2 Palestinians who were killed after attacking a West Jerusalem synagogue on 11/18/2014, and **Israeli forces** violently disperse the demonstration, sparking clashes and injuring 5 Palestinians. Among Israel’s increased closures of Palestinian neighborhoods, **Palestinian youths** in Silwan protest the new checkpoints and roadblocks in the area. Elsewhere in the area, **Israeli forces** arrest 2 Palestinians on raids in Wadi al-Juz and

n. of the city. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest a Palestinian youth accused of carrying a knife in c. Hebron. Following clashes in Tal nr. Nablus that injured 2 Palestinians, Israeli forces raid the village and arrest 11, releasing 9 later in the day. Amid the **ongoing crackdown**, the IDF conducts late-night house searches and raids in Jalazun r.c. and Dahaysha r.c. as well as around Ramallah, al-Bireh, Tulkarm, and Hebron, arresting 11 Palestinians total. In **Gaza**, **IDF troops** open fire on Palestinian land and houses nr. the border fence e. of al-Maghazi r.c. (HA, JP, MNA, WAFA 11/18; PCHR 11/19, 11/26)

19 NOVEMBER 2015

Stabbing and other small-scale violent incidents continue in the occupied Palestinian territories (oPt) and Israel. In Tel Aviv, 2 **Palestinians** armed with knives attack a group of Israelis at an office building, killing 2 and injuring 2. **Israeli police** arrest 1 of the attackers and the other flees. Later, **IDF troops** raid the Hebron-area home of 1 of the suspects, delivering **punitive demolition orders** and arresting 3. Nr. Bethlehem, a **Palestinian driver** opens fire in the Gush Etzion settlement bloc, injuring 10 settlers and killing 3 others, including a U.S. citizen. Israeli forces shoot at the driver, causing him to crash his car and killing 1 Palestinian bystander in the crossfire; they arrest the driver at the scene. In c. Hebron, **Israeli forces** fire tear gas and skunk water, blocking a number of Palestinian children from accessing their school, after a Palestinian allegedly throws a tear gas canister at an Israeli checkpoint and injures a soldier. Also, a Palestinian succumbs to injuries sustained in clashes with the IDF on 11/11. (HA, MNA, NYT, WAFA, YA 11/19; PCHR 11/26)

Elsewhere, a number of **Palestinian municipalities in Israel**, including Nazareth,

Rahat, and Sakhnin, go on strike in protest of the 11/16 outlawing of the **Northern Branch of the Islamic Movement**. In the **West Bank**, IDF troops and stone-throwers clash during raids in Dahaysha r.c. and patrols nr. Jenin, injuring 4 Palestinians and arresting 1, respectively. Israeli forces continue their string of late-night house searches and raids in the Hebron, Ramallah, Jalazun r.c., and Dahaysha r.c. areas, arresting 12 Palestinians and issuing arrest summons to 4; patrol during the day nr. Jenin, Tulkarm, Salfit, Hebron, and Qalqilya. **Israeli settlers** leave racist graffiti and throw stones at Palestinian homes in a village nr. Ramallah late at night, causing minor damage. **Israeli forces** begin demolishing a synagogue in the Givat Ze'ev settlement nr. Jerusalem, pursuant to the Israeli govt.'s 11/16 compromise with settler leaders (the demolition will be completed by 12/10). In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** clash with and violently disperse Palestinians at a checkpoint in Abu Dis, seriously injuring 1 Palestinian; arrest 4 Palestinians on raids in Issawiyya and Jabal Mukabir; assault a Palestinian youth in Ras al-Amud. (EI, HA, MNA, NYT, Wafa, YA 11/19; MNA, TOI 11/20; PCHR 11/26)

Israel's Coordinator of Govt. Activities in the Territories (COGAT) Unit cmdr. Yoav Mordechai signs an agreement with the **PA Minister of Civil Affairs Hassan al-Shaykh** to grant Palestinian mobile phone users in the West Bank access to **3G high-speed data services**. The new services are expected to be in place by mid-2016. (AP, HA 11/19)

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In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** clash with and violently disperse Palestinian, Israeli, and international activists at Friday demonstrations against the increased Israeli crackdown and the

occupation in villages nr. Ramallah, Bethlehem, and Qalqilya, injuring 44 Palestinians. **Israel continues closures** of Palestinian areas, shutting down the entrances to 4 villages nr. Nablus. In the evening, IDF troops enter a village **n. of Hebron**, clashing with stone-throwers and firing tear gas at them; several Palestinians suffer from tear gas inhalation. Other Israeli troops in the village raid 2 homes, arresting 2 Palestinians and issuing summons to 2 others. The IDF **conducts additional raids** around Dura nr. Hebron and in al-'Arub r.c. nearby, arresting 16 Palestinians; patrols during the day in the Salfit, Hebron, and Tulkarm areas. Also nr. Salfit, **Israeli settlers** throw stones at a Palestinian taxi driver and cause minor damage. Unrest continues in **Gaza**, as **IDF troops** open fire on protesters gathering along the **e. and s. border fences**, injuring 29 Palestinians. E. of Jabaliya, **Israeli forces** open fire on agricultural land along the border fence, causing no injuries. In **East Jerusalem**, **Palestinian youths** throw stones at Israeli forces in Anata r.c., sparking minor clashes that injure 4 Palestinians. (MNA 11/20; PCHR 11/26)

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As the wave of violence and the corresponding Israeli crackdown continue, a **Palestinian** stabs and injures 4 Israelis in Kiryat Gat, then flees the scene. A **crowd of Israelis** assaults and binds a bedouin Palestinian they mistake for the assailant, causing minor injuries. Israeli forces arrest the suspect hours later. Meanwhile, **Israeli forces** shoot and injure a Palestinian driver who was attempting to pass quickly through a checkpoint nr. Qalqilya on his way to visit his father at a hospital in Nablus; shoot and injure 2 Palestinian youths accused of stone-throwing outside a village nr. Nablus. (MNA, TOI, Wafa, YA 11/21; PCHR 11/26)

Hebron continues to be a hotspot as the IDF patrols in 1 village in the area and conducts raids in 6 others, blocking off roads to Dura, clashing with stone-throwers and arresting 5 nr. Bayt Umar, and arresting 17 others throughout the area. Additionally, in an overnight raid on al-Khalil radio station in al-Dahdah, nr. Hebron, IDF troops confiscate equipment, damage the offices, and issue a 6-mo. closure, accusing the station of inciting violence. (MNA 11/21; PCHR 11/26)

Elsewhere in the oPt, **IDF troops** clash with Palestinians protesting the 11/20 closure of the Aqraba junction nr. Nablus, injuring 2 Palestinians with live ammunition. The **IDF** also clashes with stone-throwers in Silwad, firing live ammunition and injuring 1 Palestinian. Israeli forces raid the Ramallah home of Palestinian journalist Muhammad al-Qiq, arresting and sentencing him to administrative detention for his alleged incitement through his reporting. (Al-Qiq will stage a hunger strike throughout the quarter. See Update.) The IDF conducts raids in Jalazun r.c. and villages nr. Jenin and Ramallah, arresting 18 Palestinians; patrols in the Tulkarm, Jericho, and Ramallah areas.

Israeli settlers block the main road leading from Nablus to Jenin and throw stones at Palestinian vehicles, causing no injuries. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 9 Palestinian youths on raids and patrols in Ras al-Amud and the Old City; assault an elderly Palestinian in Ras al-Amud. **IDF troops** stationed along Gaza's border e. of Jabaliya open fire on land nr. the border fence, causing no damage or injuries. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI, WAFA, YA 11/21; PCHR 11/26; SAM 1/28)

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A total of 3 Palestinians and 1 Israeli settler are killed across the West Bank. In a contested

incident, an Israeli settler and former Samaria Regional Council head rams a Palestinian youth with his car after she allegedly attempts to stab another settler at a checkpoint nr. Nablus; the girl is shot and killed at the scene. There are conflicting reports around the shooting, with some outlets alleging the driver shot the girl and others claiming it was either another settler or IDF soldiers stationed at the nearby Huwwara checkpoint. A Palestinian taxi driver is shot and killed hours later nr. Kefar Adumim settlement by an Israeli settler, who claims that the driver attempted to ram a group of settlers on a main road nr. Bethlehem. According to the IDF, the settler opened fire after he saw the Palestinian taxi driver exit his car with a knife. However, Palestinian eyewitnesses report that Israeli settlers threw stones at the taxi, causing the driver to swerve into another car. In the final of such incidents, **IDF troops** shoot and kill a Palestinian after he stabs and seriously injures an Israeli settler at the Gush Etzion junction nr. Bethlehem (the settler succumbs to her injuries later in the day). The IDF then raids a village nearby, arresting the Palestinian attacker's 4 brothers and sparking clashes with stone-throwers; there are no serious injuries. (HA, JP, MNA, WAFA 11/22; PCHR 11/26)

Elsewhere in the oPt, **IDF troops** violently clash with Palestinians protesting w. of Qalqilya and outside a settlement nr. Ramallah; 3 Palestinians are injured. After reports of stone-throwing, **Israeli forces** impose an evening curfew and briefly close the main checkpoint in Huwwara, where a Palestinian girl was killed earlier in the day (see above). The **IDF** also conducts raids and house searches in 1 village nr. Nablus, as well as 4 villages and al-'Arub r.c. nr. Hebron, confiscating personal property, arresting 11 Palestinians, and issuing arrest summons to 2; patrols in 5 villages and al-Fawar r.c. nr. Hebron and nr. Ramallah and Jericho.

Israeli settlers throw stones at Palestinian property in 2 areas nr. Nablus, causing clashes between Palestinians and Israeli forces after settlers throw stones at a Palestinian secondary school. In **East Jerusalem, Israeli forces** conduct late-night raids in Ras al-Amud and Shu'fat, arresting 6 Palestinians. In 2 separate incidents off **Gaza's coast** nr. Jabaliya, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats, causing no damage or injuries. (HA, JP, MNA, NYT, WAFA, YA 11/22; PCHR 11/26)

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For the 2d day in a row, **IDF troops** shoot and kill a 16-year-old Palestinian at Huwwara checkpoint nr. Nablus. The IDF claims that the youth attempted to stab 2 settlers at a bus stop, but a PCHR investigation refutes the allegation; a Palestinian bystander is critically injured by a stray Israeli bullet during the incident (she succumbs to her injuries on 12/16). Shortly afterward, **Israeli forces** shoot and kill another Palestinian after he attacks a group of Israelis with a knife at a gas station w. of Ramallah, killing an IDF soldier and injuring an Israeli settler (a 2d settler is lightly injured by errant fire). In **West Jerusalem, Israeli police** open fire on 2 Palestinian youths, killing 1 and injuring the other, after they stab an elderly Palestinian man with scissors nr. a central market (they reportedly mistook him for an Israeli); 1 Israeli bystander is lightly injured. After the incident, **Palestinian gunmen** affiliated with Fatah's military wing open fire on Qalandia checkpoint nr. Ramallah, reportedly targeting the area because the Palestinian youth killed in West Jerusalem was from Qalandia r.c.; there are no injuries. Meanwhile, a **Palestinian driver** allegedly rams an Israeli settler with his car nr. Nablus, causing mild injuries. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI, WAFA 11/23; PCHR 11/26)

Elsewhere in the oPt, a **small armed group** in Gaza fires a rocket into Israel and it lands nr. the border fence, causing no damage or injuries. In the evening, **IAF jets** launch air strikes at a Hamas military site in c. Gaza, causing damage. Off the coast nr. Jabaliya r.c., **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats, causing no damage or injuries. **IDF troops** violently clash with Palestinian protesters and stone-throwers in 2 incidents: along Gaza's border nr. al-Bureij r.c. and at a university in Tulkarm, w. of Qalqilya; 7 Palestinians are injured (1 seriously). The **IDF** conducts raids in Aida r.c. nr. Bethlehem and in a village nr. Ramallah, sparking small clashes with stone-throwing Palestinian youths in both; 2 Palestinians are moderately injured. **IDF troops** conduct further raids and house searches nr. Bethlehem; in 1 village nr. Jericho; 3 villages, al-'Arub r.c., and al-Fawar r.c. nr. Hebron; 1 village nr. Qalqilya; Nablus and nearby Balata r.c.; and Jalazun r.c. nr. Ramallah, arresting 22 Palestinians and issuing arrest summons to 2. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI, WAFA, YA 11/23; JP, MNA, YA 11/24; PCHR 11/26)

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In **East Jerusalem**, Israeli forces shoot and injure a Palestinian youth during clashes in Qatanna n. of the city. In the **West Bank, IDF troops** shoot and injure a Palestinian driver after he allegedly rams his car into a group of Israeli security forces at a junction nr. Nablus, injuring 4. They also violently clash with Palestinian protesters at Palestine Technical University in Tulkarm (the IDF maintains a shooting range close to the university and blocked administrators from building a wall to deter violent protests at the range last mo.), w. of Qalqilya, and outside a settlement nr. Ramallah, injuring 16 Palestinians. The **IDF**

assaults 1 Palestinian and arrest 19 others during raids and house searches in Jenin r.c.; 4 villages, Qaddura r.c., and Qalandia r.c. nr. Ramallah; and 7 villages nr. Hebron. **Israeli settlers** assault Palestinians picking olives outside Burin village nr. Nablus, causing no major injuries; the settlers then set fire to some of the olive trees. **Palestinians** throw rocks at an Israeli settler's car driving nr. Ramallah, causing moderate injuries. **Palestinian gunmen** later open fire on an Israeli settler's car driving nr. Ramallah, causing damage. They also arrest 6 Palestinians on late-night raids in al-Thawri and Issawiyya. In Israel, Palestinian journalist and administrative detainee **al-Qiq** begins an open-ended hunger strike after being tortured in Israeli detention. He was captured by Israeli forces during a raid at his home on 11/21 (see Update for more). In **West Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 1 Palestinian accused of planning a stabbing attack nr. the Central Bus Station. Along **Gaza's border**, **Israeli forces** stationed e. of Khan Yunis open fire on Palestinian agricultural land, causing no damage or injuries. Off the coast nr. Jabaliya late at night, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats, causing no damage or injuries. (HA, MNA, WAFA, YA 11/24; MNA 11/25; PCHR 11/26; HA 12/12; MNA 1/10; SAM 1/28)

U.S. secy. of state John Kerry meets with **Israeli PM Netanyahu** in Jerusalem to discuss means of quelling the ongoing violence in the oPt among other issues. Kerry reportedly rejects Netanyahu's request for the U.S. to recognize construction within Israel's settlement blocs in exchange for Israel undertaking measures to improve the humanitarian situation in the oPt. (AA, HA, MNA 11/24; TOI 11/25; HA 11/27)

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The Hebron area is hit hard throughout the day, as **IDF troops** shoot and injure a Palestinian at the entrance to **al-Fawar r.c.** after he stabs and seriously injures an Israeli soldier (the Palestinian will succumb to his injuries later in the day); Israeli forces place a closure on the camp. **IDF troops** are heavily deployed across Hebron, after a Palestinian gunman allegedly shot at an Israeli settler's vehicle in the Old City. Israeli forces conduct raids in al-'Arub r.c. and patrol throughout the Hebron area, arresting 10 Palestinians total.

Elsewhere in the West Bank, a Palestinian youth succumbs to injuries sustained in clashes with the IDF nr. Ramallah 2 weeks ago, on 11/11. IDF troops violently clash with protesters at Palestine Technical University in Tulkarm for the 2d day, injuring 4 Palestinians; patrol nr. Tulkarm. The **IDF** conducts raids and house searches in Jenin and 4 villages nearby, and in 1 village nr. Ramallah, arresting 6 Palestinians. **Israeli forces** demolish a road in a bedouin community in the Jordan Valley; confiscate stonecutting equipment from a quarry nr. Bethlehem. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** raid a sports club in al-Tur, confiscating data from surveillance cameras. A number of right-wing Jewish activists tour **Haram al-Sharif** in the morning. Off **Gaza's n. coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats, causing no damage or injuries. Along Gaza's border, **Israeli forces** conduct a limited incursion nr. Jabaliya to level land and build up earth mounds that will obstruct Palestinian farmers; open fire on Palestinian lands along the border fence e. of Khan Yunis. (HA, MNA, TOI, WAFA, YA 11/25; PCHR 11/26, 12/3)

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Nr. Beersheba, Israeli forces demolish bedouin homes in al-‘Araqib for the 91st time since 7/27/2010. The Israeli authorities continue demolishing al-‘Araqib as part of their ongoing effort to make room for Jewish Israeli settlement of the Negev. Around 400 residents remain in the village, using generators and solar panels to subsist without any Israeli infrastructural support. (MNA 11/26)

As Israel continues its crackdown in the oPt, IDF troops kill a total of 3 Palestinians throughout the day. **IDF troops** shoot and kill a Palestinian youth during clashes sparked by an overnight raid in Qatanna n. of Jerusalem. After the funeral for the Palestinian victim, **IDF troops** violently disperse stone-throwers and protesters, injuring 5 Palestinians. **IDF troops** shoot and seriously injure a Palestinian at Tapuach Junction s. of Nablus after he allegedly attempts to stab Israeli settlers. The Palestinian succumbs to his injuries while the IDF is delaying a crew of Palestinian medical technicians access to him, according to witnesses. A 3d Palestinian is killed when stone-throwers clash with Israeli soldiers at an entrance to al-‘Arub r.c. nr. Hebron.

Nr. Ramallah, **IDF vehicles** ram a Palestinian car suspected of avoiding a checkpoint, sparking clashes with stone-throwers; a number of Palestinians are injured and the 3 Palestinians in the car are assaulted and arrested. **IDF troops** violently clash with Palestinian protesters s. of Hebron, w. of Qalqilya, and at Palestine Technical University in Tulkarm; at least 13 Palestinians are injured. Nr. Hebron, residents of al-Fawar r.c. obstruct Israeli forces attempting to raid the camp, sparking clashes in which 2 Palestinians are injured. Meanwhile, the **IDF** conducts further raids and house searches s. of Hebron and in Nablus, arresting 3 Palestinians; patrols in 4 villages nr. Hebron and

1 nr. Tulkarm. **Israeli forces** demolish a number of residential structures and confiscate 7 residential tents in the Jordan Valley; bulldoze an agricultural structure nr. Hebron; seize 8 buses from a transportation company overnight in Nablus on the grounds that they were used to transport Palestinian youths to nearby demonstrations. In **East Jerusalem, Israeli forces** conduct raids and searches in Issawiyya, arresting 2 Palestinians; arrest 1 Palestinian outside **Haram al-Sharif**. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI, WAFA, YA 11/26; PCHR 12/3)

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In the Jerusalem and Hebron areas, 2 Palestinians are killed in alleged ramming attacks. First, an **Israeli settler** shoots and kills a Palestinian driver nr. the Kefar Adumim settlement after he injures 2 Israeli soldiers with his car. While the Israeli media claims it was an intentional car-ramming, Palestinian sources report that the man was in a car accident with the settler driver. The victim’s brother was killed in a similar incident on 11/22. **IDF troops** shoot and kill a Palestinian driver in Bayt Umar nr. Hebron after he rams a group of Israeli soldiers, injuring 5 of them. Afterward, the **IDF** seals the main entrance to the village. **Israeli civilians** assault a Palestinian worker in Beit Shemesh w. of Jerusalem, causing moderate injuries. A **Palestinian** allegedly stabs and injures an Israeli border police officer nr. Haifa. Meanwhile, the **IDF** clashes with and violently disperses Palestinian, Israeli, and international activists at Friday demonstrations against the Israeli occupation and recent killings of Palestinians in 7 areas nr. Ramallah (Bil’in, Ni’lin, Nabi Salih, Silwad, Budrus, outside Ofer Prison, and outside the Beit El settlement), 2 areas nr. Qalqilya, 2 villages and al-Fawar r.c. nr. Hebron, 2 villages nr. Nablus, and 3 areas along Gaza’s

border; at least 53 Palestinians are injured. **Israeli forces** patrol in 3 villages nr. Hebron; prevent Palestinian farmers from working their fields nr. Nablus, sparking clashes with stone-throwers (14 Palestinians are injured); confiscate a Palestinian construction vehicle nr. Nablus. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI, YA 11/27; PCHR 12/3)

28 NOVEMBER 2015

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest a Palestinian woman at a checkpoint in the Jordan Valley after she allegedly attempts to stab an Israeli soldier. In Hebron, **Israeli forces** raid the Dream Radio station, destroying equipment, damaging offices, and issuing an order to shut the station down for 6 mos., claiming “incitement to violence.” This is the 3d Hebron radio station shut down by the IDF in the last mo., with others being closed on 11/3 and 11/21. **IDF troops** clash with and violently disperse Palestinians protesting in 2 villages nr. Qalqilya, 1 nr. Ramallah, and at a checkpoint nr. Nablus; 7 Palestinians are injured. The **IDF** conducts raids and house searches in 2 villages nr. Tulkarm, 5 nr. Hebron, and 1 nr. Jenin, arresting 6 Palestinians and issuing arrest summons to 2; patrols in 5 villages nr. Hebron and 1 nr. Salfit. Off **Gaza’s coast** nr. Bayt Lahiya, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats, causing damage. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 1 Palestinian on a raid in Ras al-Amud. In **Israel**, **thousands of Palestinian citizens of Israel** gather in Umm al-Fahm to protest the Israeli govt.’s 11/16 outlawing of the **Northern Branch of the Islamic Movement**. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI, WAFA 11/28; MNA, WAFA 11/29; PCHR 12/3)

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In **East Jerusalem**, Israeli forces kill 2 Palestinians in separate incidents. First, **Israeli**

forces shoot and kill a Palestinian after he stabs and injures an Israeli police officer nr. the Damascus Gate to the Old City. **Israeli forces** then temporarily shut down all entrances to Nablus, home of the alleged attacker. In the evening, **Israeli forces** violently disperse Palestinians protesting the morning’s killing, in Ras al-Amud, firing at protesters with live ammunition. A 17-year-old Palestinian is shot and taken to a medical center in Silwan, where he succumbs to his injuries; Israeli forces raid the center in an attempt to retrieve the boy’s body and question the Palestinian medical staff. Also nr. Ras al-Amud, **Israeli police** arrest a Palestinian after he allegedly stabs and injures a Nepalese woman on a bus.

Meanwhile in the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** violently clash with Palestinians protesting outside a settlement nr. Ramallah, in a village nr. Hebron, in Bethlehem, and at Palestine Technical University in Tulkarm; at least 12 Palestinians are injured. The **IDF** conducts a raid in a village nr. Ramallah, sparking clashes with stone-throwers wherein 3 Palestinians are injured. **Israeli forces** take pictures and measurements of the Hebron-area homes of Palestinians who were shot and killed on 11/22 and 11/23 during confrontations with Israeli settlers and the IDF. They also conduct late-night raids and house searches in 2 villages nr. Jenin, 3 nr. Hebron, 1 each nr. Tulkarm and Nablus, arresting 9 Palestinians; patrol in Tulkarm, Qalqilya, and 2 villages and al-Fawar r.c. nr. Hebron. **Israeli settlers** spray racist graffiti on a Palestinian car nr. Bethlehem. Off **Gaza’s coast** nr. Jabaliya r.c., **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats, causing no damage or injuries. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI, WAFA, YA 11/29; JP, MNA, WAFA 11/30; PCHR 12/3)

In response to the EU’s new labeling guidelines for products imported from Israel’s

settlements (11/11), the **Israeli govt.** announces that **PM Netanyahu** has ordered all Israeli contacts with EU bodies involved in the peace process to be suspended, including EU-sponsored projects for the Palestinians and all Foreign Ministry contacts with the EU (see Update). (HA, JP, MNA, REU, YA 11/29)

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In the **West Bank**, **Israeli forces** confiscate 4 water pumps and 7 residential tents in the Jordan Valley; deliver a stop-work order to a Palestinian home under construction in a village nr. Hebron. The **IDF** conducts late-night raids and house searches in Hebron and 1 village nearby, 1 village each nr. Salfit and Tulkarm, 2 villages nr. Ramallah, Jenin, Jenin r.c. and 2 villages nearby, arresting 17 Palestinians; patrols in 7 villages and al-‘Arub r.c. nr. Hebron, and 1 village nr. Qalqilya. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** conduct raids in Silwan and Issawiyya, sparking clashes with stone-throwing Palestinian youths; there are no serious injuries. (MNA 11/30; PCHR 12/3)

1 DECEMBER 2015

Stabbing and alleged stabbing attacks continue in the **West Bank** and **Jerusalem**, leading to the deaths of 2 Palestinians. First, **IDF troops** shoot and kill a Palestinian youth in the Gush Etzion settlement bloc nr. Bethlehem after he allegedly attempts to stab an Israeli settler (no Israelis are injured). E. of Tulkarm, an Israeli soldier shoots and kills a Palestinian at a checkpoint, claiming that she attempted to stab him. Finally, a **Palestinian** stabs and lightly injures an Israeli civilian in **West Jerusalem**. **Israeli forces** arrest 1 Palestinian woman each in Hebron, outside a settlement nr. Nablus, and s. of Bethlehem, claiming that the women are

carrying knives. A video of the Bethlehem incident will show IDF troops forcing the Palestinian woman to pick up a knife prior to her arrest. Late at night, **Israeli troops** raid the Nablus-area home of the Palestinian woman accused of planning a stabbing attack outside a nearby settlement earlier in the day. They detain and threaten her family. (HA, MNA, Wafa, YA, 12/1; PCHR 12/3)

Elsewhere in the oPt, **IDF troops** chase, shoot, and injure 3 Palestinian youths in Hebron, alleging that they were preparing to throw Molotov cocktails at an IDF post. **IDF troops** also conduct late-night raids in 3 villages, al-‘Arub r.c. and al-Fawar r.c. nr. Hebron, ‘Askar r.c. nr. Nablus, and Dayr ‘Ammar nr. Ramallah, arresting 18 Palestinians and issuing an arrest summons to 1; patrol in 8 villages and al-Fawar r.c. nr. Hebron and 1 village nr. Qalqilya. **Palestinian youths** throw stones at Israeli soldiers nr. Qalqilya, sparking clashes in which 4 Palestinians are injured and an errant tear gas canister causes minor fire damage to a nearby home. E. of Gaza City, **IDF border troops** open fire on Palestinian farmers, causing no injuries. Off the coast nr. Bayt Lahiya, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats, causing no damage or injuries. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** patrol in al-Tur late at night, sparking clashes with stone-throwing Palestinian youths; there are no serious injuries. They also conduct raids in Issawiyya and al-Tur, arresting 4 Palestinians and shooting tear gas canisters at a Palestinian hospital (several patients suffer burns and tear gas inhalation). Meanwhile, a **Palestinian family** demolishes their own home in the Old City on order from the Israeli authorities. **Israeli forces** demolish 2 Palestinian apartments in Bayt Hanina. (HA, JP, MNA, Wafa, YA 12/1; EI, MNA 12/2; PCHR 12/3)

2 DECEMBER 2015

Home demolitions continue for a 2d day as **1,200 Israeli forces** lockdown Shu'fat r.c. in East Jerusalem and carry out the **punitive demolition** of the home of the Palestinian who was killed on 11/5/2014 after he drove his car into a Light Rail stop, killing an Israeli soldier and a settler. The demolition sparks clashes with stone-throwers in the camp and in nearby Anata r.c. in which 13 Palestinians are injured. **Israeli forces** also carry out the **punitive demolition** of the Nablus-area home of the Palestinian suspected of organizing the killing of 2 Israeli settlers on 10/1. Elsewhere in **Nablus**, **IDF troops** spark minor clashes with stone-throwers during a raid; there are no serious injuries. They also conduct late-night raids and house searches in Nablus and 2 nearby villages; Hebron and 3 nearby villages; Tulkarm and nearby Nur Shams r.c.; and 1 village nr. Bethlehem; arresting 17 Palestinians and issuing an arrest summons to 1; patrol in 6 villages nr. Hebron. The **IDF** violently clashes with Palestinian protesters at Palestine Technical University in Tulkarm, injuring 5 Palestinians. On **Gaza's border**, **IDF troops** violently disperse stone-throwers approaching the border fence e. of al-Bureij r.c.; an elderly Palestinian woman is critically injured. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI, WAFA, YA 12/2; HA, JP, PCHR, TOI, WAFA 12/3; PCHR 12/10)

3 DECEMBER 2015

Stabbing and alleged stabbing attacks continue across the oPt, leading to the deaths of 4 Palestinians. First, **IDF troops** shoot and kill a Palestinian at a checkpoint n. of Jerusalem after he exits his vehicle and opens fire on Israeli forces, injuring a soldier and a Palestinian bystander. Late at night, **IDF troops** shoot and kill 2 Palestinian youths at a checkpoint in

Hebron after they allegedly stab an Israeli soldier. The soldier suffers moderate injuries. **Israeli forces** also shoot and kill a Palestinian man nr. the Old City of Jerusalem after he stabs and moderately injures an Israeli police officer. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** open fire on Palestinian youths walking nr. Nablus (the IDF later alleged the youths had been throwing stones), injuring 1; violently clash with Palestinians protesting outside a settlement nr. Ramallah, injuring 1; conduct a raid in a village nr. Jenin, sparking clashes with stone-throwers (8 Palestinians are injured). The IDF also conducts late-night raids and house searches in 3 villages nr. Jenin and 1 nr. Tulkarm, arresting 3 Palestinians; patrols in 4 villages, al-'Arub r.c. and al-Fawar r.c. nr. Hebron. **Israeli forces** confiscate construction materials from 2 stores nr. Hebron. In **Gaza**, **Egyptian authorities** open the **Rafah border crossing** for the 1st of 2 planned days. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** assault a group of Palestinian women after denying them entry to **Haram al-Sharif**; there are no serious injuries. The women are *murabitat*, volunteer guards that Israeli authorities banned from the sanctuary on 9/9. Meanwhile, more than 70 right-wing Jewish activists tour Haram al-Sharif. (HA, MNA, TOI, WAFA, YA 12/3; HA, TOI 12/4; PCHR 12/10)

4 DECEMBER 2015

In the Ramallah area, 2 Palestinians are killed in separate incidents. First, **IDF troops** shoot and kill a Palestinian driver n. of Ramallah after he rams his car into a group of Israeli soldiers, injuring 2. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** set up a mobile checkpoint in a village nr. Ramallah, sparking minor clashes with stone-throwers, and 1 Palestinian is killed after he allegedly stabs and moderately injures an Israeli soldier during the clashes. (MNA, TOI 12/4; PCHR 12/10)

Elsewhere in the oPt, **IDF troops** violently clash with Palestinian, Israeli, and international activists at Friday demonstrations against the Israeli occupation in 6 areas nr. Ramallah (Bil'in, Ni'lin, Nabi Salih, Budrus, Jalazun r.c., and outside Ofer Prison), 2 areas nr. Qalqilya, 1 village nr. Hebron, 4 neighborhoods in East Jerusalem, and 4 areas along Gaza's border; 36 Palestinians are injured (1 will succumb to his injuries on 12/31). The **IDF** also conducts late-night raids and house searches in 1 village nr. Hebron and Tulkarm r.c., arresting 2 Palestinians; patrols in Tulkarm and 4 villages nr. Hebron. Along **Gaza's border**, **IDF troops** fire artillery shells at a Palestinian bird hunter and 2 other Palestinians approaching the border fence e. of Khan Yunis, causing moderate injuries to each and damaging 2 homes in the area. Off Gaza's n. coast, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats, causing no damage or injuries. The **Egyptian authorities** close the **Rafah border crossing** in the evening, having kept it open for 2 days. They also release 34 Palestinian prisoners who were being held in Egyptian jails on charges of "illegal infiltration." (JP, MNA, TOI, YA 12/4; MNA 12/5; PCHR 12/10; MNA, WAFA 12/31)

5 DECEMBER 2015

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest a Palestinian nr. al-Ibrahimi Mosque in c. Hebron on suspicion that she was planning a stabbing attack. The **IDF** violently disperses Palestinian, Israeli, and international protesters in 2 areas nr. Qalqilya, injuring 2 Palestinians. **Israeli forces** raid 2 printing offices in Hebron late at night, confiscating equipment on the grounds that it was used to publish inciting materials. The **IDF** has also closed 3 Hebron radio stations in the last mo. (11/3, 11/21, 11/28) for alleged incitement. The **IDF** conducts late-night raids

and house searches in 2 villages nr. Ramallah, a suburb of Tulkarm, Hebron and 1 village nearby, 1 village nr. Jenin, 2 nr. Bethlehem, and in Aida r.c, arresting 12 Palestinians, issuing arrest summons to 3, and confiscating personal property; patrols in 8 villages and al-'Arub r.c. nr. Hebron. **IDF troops** assault a Palestinian at a checkpoint nr. Tulkarm for returning from Israel without a work permit. **Israeli settlers** assault a Palestinian bus driver s. of Jerusalem. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 6 Palestinian pedestrians in al-Tur and the Old City. (JP, MNA, TOI, WAFA 12/5; TOI, WAFA 12/6; PCHR 12/10)

6 DECEMBER 2015

In **West Jerusalem**, **Israeli police** shoot and kill a Palestinian nr. the Old City after he allegedly hits 1 Israeli with his car and stabs another, lightly injuring both. On **Gaza's s. border**, **unknown assailants** open fire on **IDF** vehicles patrolling along the border fence, causing minor damage, according to the **IDF**. Late at night, **IAF jets** launch air strikes on a Hamas military site in n. Gaza, causing damage. During the day, **IDF troops** stationed along the border e. of al-Bureij r.c. violently disperse Palestinian stone-throwers, injuring 1.

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** patrol in 1 village each nr. Tulkarm and Nablus, sparking clashes with stone-throwers in each; 2 Palestinians are injured and 3 are arrested. There are several incidents in the Hebron area today as **Israeli forces** raid a medical center, assaulting a 14-year-old Palestinian patient; deliver stop-work orders to 3 homes under construction e. of Bayt Umar; and remove the doors and windows from several residences and confiscate drilling equipment in a village nr. Hebron. **IDF troops** violently clash with Palestinian protesters in 1 village nr. Ramallah

and at Palestine Technical University in Tulkarm; 12 Palestinians are injured. They also conduct late-night raids and house searches in Jenin and Jenin r.c., Qalqilya, 1 village nr. Salfit, 2 nr. Nablus, and 3 each nr. Hebron and Ramallah, arresting 15 Palestinians; patrol in 5 villages nr. Hebron and 1 nr. Tulkarm. In **East Jerusalem**, a number of **right-wing Jewish activists** tour **Haram al-Sharif** in the morning. **Israeli forces** arrest a Palestinian youth in Silwan claiming she had a knife; raid the home of a PA security forces (PASF) officer in Abu Dis, sparking clashes with stone-throwers (there are no injuries). They also arrest 7 Palestinians on late-night raids in Jabal Mukabir, Issawiyya, and the Old City. (MNA, TOI, Wafa, YA 12/6; HA, JP, MNA, TOI, Wafa 12/7; PCHR 12/10)

7 DECEMBER 2015

A total of 2 Palestinians and 1 Israeli settler are killed throughout the day. First, **Israeli border police** shoot and kill a Palestinian in c. Hebron after he allegedly stabs and seriously injures an Israeli settler (the settler will succumb to his injuries on 12/30). After the incident, **Israeli settlers** march through c. Hebron to protest the attack, sparking minor clashes with Palestinian stone-throwers. Late at night, **IDF troops** conduct a raid in Dahaysha r.c. nr. Bethlehem, arresting 5 Palestinians and killing 1 Palestinian in the ensuing clashes with stone-throwers. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** violently clash with Palestinians protesting their continued presence at Palestine Technical University in Tulkarm; 5 Palestinians are injured. They also conduct late-night house searches and raids in 2 villages nr. Tulkarm, Hebron, 1 village nr. Jenin, Ramallah and a nearby village, and Qalqilya, arresting 12 Palestinians and confiscating personal property; patrol in 1 village each nr. Salfit, Jenin, and

Tulkarm, as well as 8 villages nr. Hebron. **Israeli forces** deliver stop-work orders to 12 homes under construction in a village nr. Qalqilya. Off **Gaza's coast** nr. Jabaliya r.c., on 3 occasions, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on and otherwise confront Palestinian fishing boats, arresting 6 fishermen and confiscating 1 boat. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 1 Palestinian on a late-night raid in al-Thawri. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI, Wafa, YA 12/7; HA, MNA, TOI, Wafa 12/8; PCHR 12/10; HA, MNA 12/30)

8 DECEMBER 2015

IDF troops clash with and violently disperse Palestinians protesting the ongoing Israeli crackdown in Jalazun r.c. and 1 village nr. Ramallah, as well as along Gaza's border e. of al-Bureij r.c.; 2 Palestinian youths are seriously injured. The IDF also violently clashes with stone-throwers in and around Bethlehem after the funeral for the Palestinian who was killed the night before in nearby Dahaysha r.c.; 2 Palestinians are injured. Meanwhile, the **IDF** conducts raids and house searches in 1 village nr. Ramallah, Hebron and 3 villages nearby, Nablus and 'Ayn Bayt al-Ma' r.c., and 1 village nr. Tulkarm, arresting 10 Palestinians and issuing arrest summons to others; patrols in 10 villages nr. Hebron. **Israeli forces** raze 26 dunams (6.4 acres) of Palestinian land nr. Tulkarm, destroying a greenhouse and more than 200 olive trees; conduct a limited incursion across Gaza's border fence nr. Bayt Hanun to level land. In **East Jerusalem**, **more than 40 right-wing Jewish activists** tour **Haram al-Sharif** under Israeli police escort. Around 60 Palestinians are denied entry to the sanctuary and 2 are arrested. **Israeli forces** also arrest 1 Palestinian after summoning him for interrogation earlier in the day and 4 Palestinians on raids in the Old City,

Ras al-Amud, and Anata r.c. (MNA, REU, TOI 12/8; PCHR 12/10)

9 DECEMBER 2015

Israeli forces shoot and kill a Palestinian after he stabs and mildly injures an Israeli settler and an Israeli soldier in Hebron, where around 1/3 of the estimated 115 Palestinian casualties since the beginning of 10/2015 have taken place. Nr. Tulkarm, **Palestinian gunmen** shoot and injure 2 Israeli settlers in a drive-by attack. Then, **Israeli forces** shut down entrances to Tulkarm with cement blocks; conduct raids in and around the city, sparking clashes with stone-throwers wherein 3 Palestinians are injured. After **IDF troops** arrest 1 Palestinian during a raid in Tubas, they clash with stone-throwers, injuring 3 Palestinians. The **IDF** also conducts late-night raids and house searches in Tulkarm and Nur Shams r.c. nearby, 3 villages and al-'Arub r.c. nr. Hebron, and Nablus, arresting 15 Palestinians and confiscating personal property; patrols in 4 villages and al-Fawar r.c. nr. Hebron and 1 village nr. Jenin; seizes construction materials s. of Hebron. Nr. al-Bureij r.c. and Bayt Hanun in **Gaza**, **Israeli forces** conduct 2 limited incursions to level land along the border fence. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli police** remove **around 30 right-wing Jewish activists** from **Haram al-Sharif** after 3 of them begin performing prayers in the sanctuary. Meanwhile, **Israeli police** block a Palestinian woman from entering Haram al-Sharif and ban her from the sanctuary for 2 weeks. **Israeli forces** arrest 1 Palestinian on a late-night raid in al-Thawri. (HA, MNA, NYT, TOI, WAFA, YA 12/9; MNA, PCHR, TOI, YA 12/10; JP 12/12; PCHR 12/17)

10 DECEMBER 2015

In the **West Bank**, 4 Israeli soldiers are injured in a suspected ramming attack outside

an Israeli settlement nr. Salfit, and **Israeli forces** later arrest a Palestinian suspect during a late-night raid nr. Ramallah. **IDF troops** injure 9 Palestinians in clashes with student protesters at the Palestine Technical University in Tulkarm. The IDF conducts a raid in Ramallah late at night, sparking clashes with stone-throwers wherein 2 Palestinians are injured; conducts further late-night raids and house searches in Tulkarm, Tulkarm r.c. and 1 nearby village, Jenin, and 1 village nr. Ramallah, arresting 12 Palestinians; patrols in 7 villages and al-Fawar r. c. nr. Hebron. **Palestinians** throw stones at Israeli settlers' cars on a road to Jerusalem, causing minor damage and light injuries. Off **Gaza's coast** nr. Bayt Lahiya, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats, causing no damage or injuries. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli police** disperse **40 right-wing Jewish activists** demonstrating outside **Haram al-Sharif**, arresting 2 who allegedly planned to erect a menorah to commemorate Hanukkah. Israeli forces also assault and arrest 4 Palestinian youths in al-Tur; arrest 2 Palestinians walking in the Old City. (HA, JP, MNA, YA 12/10; HA, MNA 12/11; PCHR 12/17)

Israeli NGO Peace Now reports that the **Israeli govt.** designated as "state land" a 30-dunam (7.4-acre) swath of Palestinian land nr. Bethlehem in 11/2015. The previous designation of state land came in 8/2014. (PCN 12/10; MNA 12/11)

11 DECEMBER 2015

The ongoing wave of violence continues, leading to the deaths of 3 Palestinians. **IDF troops** shoot and kill a Palestinian driver in a village nr. Hebron after he allegedly attempts to ram his car into Israeli forces. **IDF troops** shoot and injure a Palestinian at a border crossing nr.

Jenin; raid a science supply center in Ramallah, confiscating surveillance cameras and injuring 5 Palestinians in clashes with stone-throwers. **IDF troops** kill 1 Palestinian and injure more than 60 others in violent clashes with Palestinian, Israeli, and international activists at Friday demonstrations against the Israeli occupation and crackdown in 6 areas nr. Ramallah (Bil'in, Ni'lin, Nabi Salih, Silwad, and outside Ofer Prison and a nearby Israeli settlement), Bethlehem, 1 village each nr. Qalqilya and Nablus, and 4 areas along Gaza's border. **Hundreds of Palestinians** march through Hebron to commemorate the 28th anniversary of Hamas's founding. Some demonstrators burn tires and throw stones at IDF troops in the area, and the IDF violently disperses them, killing 1 Palestinian and injuring 8. An **armed Palestinian** opens fire on **IDF troops** at a checkpoint nr. Jenin, sparking a minor exchange of fire; the Palestinian is injured and later arrested by PASF troops. Meanwhile, the **IDF** conducts raids and house searches in Bethlehem, Tulkarm, Tulkarm r.c. and 1 village nearby, Qalqilya, 2 villages nr. Hebron, and 1 nr. Ramallah, arresting 11 Palestinians and issuing arrest summons to 3; patrols in 5 villages and al-'Arub r.c. nr. Hebron. Along **Gaza's border**, **IDF troops** open fire at the border area e. of Jabaliya r.c., causing no damage or injuries. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 2 Palestinians on late-night raids in Silwan. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI 12/11; PCHR 12/17)

12 DECEMBER 2015

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** violently disperse Palestinians protesting in 1 village each nr. Ramallah and Qalqilya, injuring 20 Palestinians. The **IDF** conducts late-night raids and house searches in Tulkarm, 3 villages and al-'Arub r.c. nr. Hebron, and 1 village each

nr. Ramallah and Jenin, arresting 2 Palestinians, issuing arrest summons to 6, and confiscating personal property; patrols in Qalqilya, 1 village nr. Bethlehem, 5 villages and al-Fawar r.c. nr. Hebron. **Israeli settler youths** strike a settler's car with stones and injure 1 child when trying to hit Palestinian cars nr. Hebron. (HA, MNA, Wafa 12/12; TOI 12/13; PCHR 12/17)

13 DECEMBER 2015

In **Gaza**, **unknown persons** fire a rocket into s. Israel and it lands in an open area, causing no damage or injuries. Holding **Hamas** responsible, the **IAF** launches late-night air strikes on 2 Hamas military sites in c. Gaza, causing serious damage but no injuries. **E. of Rafah**, **IDF border troops** open fire on Palestinian farmers working nr. the barrier fence, injuring 1. Off the coast nr. Bayt Lahiya, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats, causing no damage or injuries. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot, injure, and arrest a Palestinian youth in c. Hebron after she allegedly attempts to stab an Israeli settler. The **IDF** conducts late-night raids and house searches in and around Hebron and al-'Arub r.c., Tulkarm, and 1 village each nr. Ramallah and Nablus, arresting 16 Palestinians and issuing arrest summons to 3; patrols in 1 village nr. Hebron and 5 nr. Jenin. **Palestinians** throw rocks at an Israeli settler's car nr. Ramallah, causing 3 minor injuries. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 5 Palestinians on late-night raids in Jabal Mukabir and the Old City. (MNA, TOI, YA 12/13; HA, JP, MNA, TOI, YA 12/14; PCHR 12/17)

14 DECEMBER 2015

In **West Jerusalem**, a **Palestinian driver** rams a group of Israelis at a bus stop nr. Chords

Bridge, injuring at least 14 (Hamas will claim the man as a mbr.); **Israeli police and bystanders** shoot and kill the driver. **Israeli PM Netanyahu** then orders the fortification of Jerusalem's bus stops (a plan will be implemented on 12/20). In the **West Bank**, **hundreds of Israeli settlers** visit Joseph's Tomb nr. Nablus overnight, sparking morning clashes between their IDF escort and Palestinian stone-throwers; 1 Palestinian is injured. **IDF troops** violently disperse Palestinians protesting in Jalazun r.c. nr. Ramallah, injuring 1 Palestinian and damaging his car. The **IDF** conducts late-night raids and house searches in Hebron and 2 villages nearby, Tulkarm, and 4 villages nr. Ramallah, arresting 16 Palestinians and confiscating personal property; patrol in Nablus, 6 villages nr. Hebron, and 1 nr. Jenin. (HA, JP, MNA, NYT, TOI, YA 12/14; TOI 12/15; WAFA 12/16; PCHR 12/17)

At a ceremony in Ramallah, **3 new ministers** are sworn in to the **PA cabinet** at the request of Pres. Mahmoud Abbas. The cabinet's secy.-gen., Ali Abu Diyak, is the new minister of justice, replacing Saleem al-Saqqa; Ehab Yasir Aref Bseiso is the new minister of culture, replacing Ziad Abu Amr; and Mahmoud Rashid al-Shaar is the new minister of social affairs, replacing Shawqi al-Aissa. Abu Amr and al-Aissa remain on the cabinet in their roles as dep. PM and minister of agriculture and prisoners' affairs, respectively (see Update). (MNA 12/15; JP 12/17)

15 DECEMBER 2015

The IDF cracks down on Palestinian **refugee camps** in the **West Bank**, and several Palestinians are injured and 2 others are killed during the ensuing clashes. First, the IDF clashes with stone-throwers during a late-night raid in Qalandia r.c. nr. Ramallah, and

2 Palestinian drivers are killed after they allegedly attempt to ram Israeli forces amid the chaos; 4 Palestinians are injured, and 3 Israeli soldiers are lightly injured. Further clashes break out during **IDF** raids in Dahaysha r.c. nr. Bethlehem, injuring 10 Palestinians.

Meanwhile, **IDF troops** conduct raids and house searches in Jenin r.c. and 1 village nearby, 'Askar r.c. and 3 villages nr. Nablus, Hebron and 3 villages nearby, and Tulkarm, arresting 12 Palestinians; patrol in Qalqilya and 1 village nearby, as well as 4 villages and al-Fawar r.c. nr. Hebron. They also assault and injure 4 Palestinians at a checkpoint nr. Ramallah; open fire on a Palestinian car at the same checkpoint before assaulting and temporarily detaining the driver. Along **Gaza's border**, **IDF troops** open fire on Palestinian farmers working e. of Dayr al-Balah, causing no damage or injuries. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest a Palestinian in the Old City when she is found with a screwdriver; arrest 5 Palestinians on raids and patrols in Ras al-Amud, the Old City, and Jabal Mukabir. In **Israel**, a **Palestinian** armed with a hammer attacks his Jewish Israeli boss and a fellow Palestinian employee at a construction site in Modi'in, injuring both. (JP, MNA, TOI, WAFA, YA 12/15; HA, JP, MNA, YA 12/16; PCHR 12/17)

16 DECEMBER 2015

In the **West Bank**, a **Palestinian youth** succumbs to injuries sustained when shot by a stray IDF bullet on 11/23 nr. Nablus. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** stationed at a shooting range on the grounds of Palestine Technical University in Tulkarm clash with Palestinian protesters, injuring 15 students with rubber-coated steel bullets and live fire. Protests against Israeli raids onto the campus have been ongoing since 11/15, disrupting classes and injuring

many students. IDF troops also clash with Palestinians during late-night raids in a village nr. Bethlehem and Qalandia r.c. nr. Ramallah, injuring 1 Palestinian in the 1st and arresting 2 Palestinians and confiscating property in the latter. The IDF conducts another late-night raid in 1 village nr. Hebron, arresting 3 Palestinians; patrols in 1 village nr. Salfit and 3 nr. Hebron. **Israeli forces** deliver stop-work orders for 2 homes and an agricultural structure under construction in a village nr. Hebron. In **Gaza**, **IDF troops** stationed along the border fence shoot and injure a Palestinian farmer working e. of Khan Yunis. Later, an **IED** explodes nr. the fence e. of Rafah, causing no injuries or damage; the IDF then fires 6 artillery shells in the direction of Khan Yunis, injuring 3 Palestinians. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** demolish a home in Shaykh Jarrah, displacing 7 Palestinians; prevent workers from repairing a water leak at **Haram al-Sharif**; issue an arrest summons to a Palestinian and confiscate her property on raids in al-Thawri. (HA, MNA, TOI, WAFA 12/16; MNA, PCHR, WAFA 12/17; PCHR 12/31)

In Zurich, **senior Israeli and Turkish officials** agree on central provisions of a reconciliation agreement that would normalize ties between their countries after almost 5 years of tension (see Update). The 3 conditions outlined by **Turkish pres. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan** on 12/14 have not yet been met. (HA, HUR, NYT, TOI 12/17; REU 12/18)

17 DECEMBER 2015

In the Nablus area, 1 Palestinian is killed and 2 others injured by Israeli forces throughout the day. First, **IDF troops** shoot and kill a Palestinian youth at the Hawara checkpoint after he allegedly attempts to stab Israeli soldiers. Later, **Israeli soldiers** shoot and injure

1 Palestinian youth in Nablus and 1 more in a village nearby. **Israeli soldiers** assault and arrest a Palestinian in Tulkarm. Meanwhile, the **IDF** conducts raids in 1 village and Qalandia r.c. nr. Ramallah, arresting 2 Palestinians and sparking clashes in each with stone-throwing Palestinian youths; at least 3 Palestinians are injured. **IDF troops** violently disperse Palestinians protesting and throwing stones in 1 village each nr. Ramallah and Nablus, and along Gaza's border nr. al-Bureij r.c.; 5 Palestinians are injured and 1 is arrested. **Israeli forces** deliver stop-work orders to 5 residential structures under construction nr. Hebron. They conduct additional raids and house searches in Tulkarm and 1 nearby village, Nablus, Bethlehem, 1 village each nr. Ramallah and Bethlehem, 2 nr. Jenin, and 2 nr. Hebron, arresting 14 Palestinians and confiscating personal property; patrol in 1 village nr. Tulkarm, 6 villages and al-ʿArub r.c. nr. Hebron, and 2 villages nr. Ramallah. Following the IDF's shelling of **Gaza** on 12/16, unknown Gazans fire a rocket toward Israel. It falls short of the border, causing no damage or injuries. Along Gaza's border, **Israeli forces** conduct a limited incursion to level land along the border fence nr. Khan Yunis; arrest 2 Palestinians attempting to cross into Israel e. of Dayr al-Balah. (HA, JP, MNA, WAFA 12/17; HA 12/18; PCHR 12/31)

18 DECEMBER 2015

A total of 3 Palestinians are killed by Israeli forces in clashes and small-scale violent incidents across the oPt. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and kill a Palestinian driver in Silwad after he allegedly attempts to ram his car into them during clashes between the IDF and Palestinians. IDF troops shoot and injure 2 other Palestinians in alleged car-ramming attempts in Silwan and Ramallah, arresting the

suspect in the latter event. The **IDF** violently disperses Palestinians, Israelis, and international activists at Friday demonstrations against the Israeli occupation in 4 villages nr. Ramallah, 1 each nr. Hebron and Nablus, and 4 areas along Gaza's border; 2 Palestinians are killed e. of Ramallah and nr. Khan Yunis, respectively, and 37 Palestinians and 2 Israeli soldiers are injured. Meanwhile, the **IDF** conducts raids and house searches in and around Jenin and Hebron, arresting 1 Palestinian and issuing arrest summons to 2; patrols in 1 village and al-Fawar r.c. nr. Hebron, 11 villages nr. Ramallah, and 1 nr. Jericho. Israel also returns to Qalandia r.c. the body of the Palestinian youth killed by Israeli forces on 11/23 in an alleged stabbing incident. Along Gaza's border, **Israeli forces** conduct a limited incursion e. of Khan Yunis to level land and search the area; open fire on Palestinians approaching the border nr. Bayt Hanun, injuring 2. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI, YA 12/18; MNA 12/19; HA 12/21; PCHR 12/31)

A Palestinian is shot and killed in the n. Sinai Peninsula. The **Egyptian army** says that he was likely killed by Sinai Province of the Islamic State (SPIS) fighters. (MNA 12/19)

19 DECEMBER 2015

In **Israel**, a **Palestinian** stabs and injures 3 Israelis in Ra'anana nr. Tel Aviv, and Israeli police arrest him after he attempts to flee the scene. Then, **IDF troops** conduct a late-night raid of the suspect's Tubas-area home, sparking clashes with stone-throwers and injuring 4 Palestinians. During the day, **Israeli soldiers** shoot and injure a Palestinian in c. Hebron after she allegedly attempts to stab them; patrol in 4 villages and al-ʿArub r.c. nr. Hebron. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** violently disperse Palestinians protesting the recent Israeli crackdown on the oPt in 1 village each

nr. Qalqilya and Ramallah, injuring 1; conduct further raids and house searches in Hebron and 1 nearby village, as well as 1 village nr. Jenin, arresting 3 Palestinians. **Palestinian youths** throw Molotov cocktails at an Israeli military structure nr. Ramallah late at night, setting it on fire and sparking minor clashes. **Armed Palestinians** then throw pipe bombs at an Israeli checkpoint nr. Ramallah, sparking a brief firefight with **Israeli troops**; 2 young Palestinian bystanders are lightly injured. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI, YA 12/19; HA, MNA 12/20; PCHR 12/31)

Hamas political bureau chief Khalid Mishal meets with **Turkish pres. Erdoğan** in Istanbul, marking their 1st meeting since the reported 12/16 Turkish-Israeli understanding. They reportedly discuss recent regional developments. (JP, TOI 12/19)

20 DECEMBER 2015

Protests continue across the oPt as **IDF troops** violently clash with Palestinians protesting and throwing stones along Gaza's border e. of al-Bureij r.c. and at Palestine Technical University in Tulkarm; 11 Palestinians are injured. **IDF troops** shoot and injure a Palestinian in Hebron after she allegedly attempts to stab them. The IDF conducts raids and house searches in 1 village each nr. Jenin, Ramallah, and Qalqilya, 3 areas nr. Hebron, as well as Tulkarm and 1 nearby village, arresting 9 Palestinians, issuing an arrest summons to 1, and confiscating personal property; patrol in 1 village each nr. Ramallah and Qalqilya, and 6 villages nr. Hebron. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Jabaliya r.c., causing no damage or injuries. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** begin installing steel columns and other security infrastructure at the city's bus stations, implementing Israeli PM

Netanyahu's 12/14 order; arrest 4 Palestinians on late-night raids in Jabal Mukabir. (MNA, TOI 12/20; MNA, TOI, YA 12/21; PCHR 12/31)

In Syria, **senior Hezbollah officer Samir Kuntar** and several Syrian civilians are killed in an air strike outside Damascus. Hezbollah and both Lebanese and Syrian media say that Israel is responsible. The Israeli govt. does not confirm its involvement. Later, **unknown persons** fire **3 rockets** from s. Lebanon into open areas in the Galilee, causing no injuries or damage. The IDF launches retaliatory artillery fire toward the source of the rockets. (DS, HA, JP, MNA, NYT, TOI, YA 12/20; CNN 12/21)

21 DECEMBER 2015

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest a Palestinian at a checkpoint in Hebron after she allegedly draws a knife on them. **Israeli forces** raid a home in Dahaysha r.c. nr. Bethlehem, demolishing its doors and sparking clashes with stone-throwing Palestinian youths; 1 Palestinian is assaulted and arrested. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** clash with and violently disperse Palestinians throwing stones and protesting the recent Israeli crackdown on the oPt w. of Tulkarm, in 1 village nr. Qalqilya and 2 nr. Ramallah; 4 Palestinians are injured. The **IDF** also conducts late-night house searches and raids in 2 villages nr. Hebron, 1 each nr. Bethlehem and Nablus, in and around Tulkarm, and in Tubas, arresting 10 Palestinians; patrols in 6 villages and al-Fawar r.c. nr. Hebron and 1 village nr. Qalqilya. Late at night, **Israeli settlers** leave price-tag graffiti on a Palestinian home and throw smoke grenades through its windows nr. Ramallah, causing no injuries. On **Gaza's border**, **Israeli forces** conduct a limited incursion e. of Khuza'a to level land along the barrier fence. Twice off the coast nr. Bayt

Lahiya, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on and detain a number of Palestinian fishing boats, arresting 4 Palestinians and confiscating 2 boats. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli police** arrest a Palestinian youth in the Old City after she is found to be carrying a knife; arrest and bar from Jerusalem for 5 mos. a Palestinian, on a raid in the Old City. (JP, MNA, TOI 12/21; HA, JP, MNA, TOI, YA 12/22; PCHR 12/31)

Israel's COGAT announces the partial lifting of a series of movement restrictions on Palestinian Christians around the Christmas holidays (see Update). (HA, MNA 12/21; TOI 12/22)

22 DECEMBER 2015

Along **Gaza's** border, **IDF troops** shoot and seriously injure a Palestinian woman e. of Khan Yunis as she was working in an agricultural field nr. the barrier fence; violently disperse Palestinians protesting nr. al-Bureij r.c., injuring 3. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest a Palestinian man in c. Hebron for allegedly planning a stabbing attack; assault and arrest 2 Palestinians at a flying checkpoint in a village nr. Ramallah, seriously injuring 1. **Palestinian teachers** prevent **Israeli forces** from raiding their secondary school nr. Bethlehem, sparking minor clashes between stone-throwers and the Israeli troops; there are no serious injuries. **IDF troops** also clash with stone-throwers in a village nr. Ramallah, injuring 7 Palestinians. The **IDF** conducts late-night raids and house searches in Hebron, Jenin and 1 nearby village, 2 villages nr. Ramallah, arresting 1 Palestinian and issuing 1 arrest summons; patrols during the day in 1 village nr. Hebron and 10 nr. Tulkarm. **Israeli forces** return 2 bodies of Palestinian women killed by the IDF to their families nr. Hebron and Nablus. **Israeli settlers** uproot around 50 olive tree saplings outside a

Palestinian village nr. Nablus. In **East Jerusalem, Israeli forces** arrest 1 Palestinian on a late-night raid in Abu Dis; evacuate a Palestinian building in the Old City, claiming that it belongs to Israeli settlers. (MNA, TOI, WAFA 12/22; TOI, WAFA 12/23; PCHR 12/31)

In a special session attended by **PA pres. Abbas, Greece's parliament** approves a nonbinding res. encouraging the Greek govt. to recognize the State of Palestine (see Update). (JP, TOI, WAFA 12/22)

23 DECEMBER 2015

In a major attack in **East Jerusalem, Israeli forces** shoot and kill 2 Palestinians at a gate to the Old City after the 2 allegedly carry out a stabbing attack on a group of Israelis, killing 1 and injuring another (a 2d Israeli civilian is killed by Israeli crossfire). Meanwhile, **Israeli forces** shoot and injure 4 Palestinian students n. of the city on the pretext that they were throwing stones; assault and arrest 3 Palestinians in a nearby village; arrest 4 Palestinians on raids in Jabal Mukabir and the Old City. In the **West Bank, IDF troops** arrest a Palestinian in c. Hebron when they allegedly find her carrying a knife through a checkpoint. They also raid 2 villages nr. Ramallah and 'Askar r.c. nr. Nablus, sparking minor clashes with stone-throwers and injuring 14 Palestinians. The **IDF** conducts further house searches and raids in 1 village nr. Jenin, Tubas, Tulkarm, in and around Hebron, and in 2 villages nr. Nablus, arresting 16 Palestinians; patrols in Tulkarm, as well as 4 villages, al-Fawar r.c., and al-'Arub r.c. nr. Hebron. **Israeli forces** reopen a street leading to Ramallah, having kept it closed for mos. Along **Gaza's border, Israeli forces** conduct a limited incursion e. of al-Bureij r.c. to level land. Off the coast nr. Gaza City, **Israeli naval forces**

confront a group of Palestinian fishermen, arresting 9 and confiscating their 2 boats. (HA, JP, MNA, NYT, TOI 12/23; HA, MNA 12/24; PCHR 12/31)

The **Israeli Knesset** passes into law, 53–48, a new measure formalizing the role of the **World Zionist Organization's Settlement Division** (see Update), giving the Israeli govt. more control over certain policies in West Bank settlements. (+972 12/29)

24 DECEMBER 2015

Clashes and small-scale violence continue across the oPt, leading to the deaths of 4 Palestinians. **IDF troops** shoot and kill a Palestinian driver outside Jerusalem after he rams his car into a group of Israeli soldiers, lightly injuring 1. They also shoot and kill a Palestinian nr. Hebron who allegedly attempts to stab Israeli soldiers at a checkpoint with a screwdriver. **Israeli soldiers** shoot and kill a 3d Palestinian in the Ariel settlement nr. Salfit after he stabs and injures 2 Israeli settlement security guards. The IDF later raids his home nr. Salfit and questions his family. **IDF troops** patrol in Qalandia r.c. nr. Ramallah, killing 1 Palestinian and injuring 4 others in clashes with stone-throwers. Meanwhile, **Israeli forces** return the bodies of 2 Palestinians killed on 11/23 and 11/30. Late at night, **IDF troops** conduct raids in Qalandia r.c., sparking clashes with stone-throwers and injuring 3 Palestinians. The **IDF** conducts further late-night raids and house searches in Nablus and 1 village each nr. Salfit and Hebron, arresting 5 Palestinians; patrols in 5 villages nr. Hebron. Off **Gaza's s. coast, Egyptian forces** shoot and kill a Palestinian swimming nr. the border. The man's family will later say that he suffered from

psychological disabilities due to the difficulties of life in Gaza and that he was trying to enter Egypt for medical treatment, which he had been denied since the beginning of 2015. For the 2d time in 2 days, **Israeli naval forces** confront Palestinian fishermen off the coast nr. Gaza City, arresting 10 and confiscating their 2 boats. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI, YA 12/24; AJ [video], MNA 12/25; YA 12/26; MNA, NYT 12/27; PCHR 12/31)

25 DECEMBER 2015

A total of 3 Palestinians are killed across the oPt today. First, **IDF troops** shoot and kill a Palestinian driver in Silwad after she allegedly attempts to ram them. During Friday demonstrations in **Gaza**, 1 Palestinian is killed by live fire in Shuja'iya when **IDF troops** violently disperse protesters, marking the 3d Friday in a row a Gaza protester has been killed. Friday demonstrations also take place in 5 areas nr. Ramallah (Bil'in, Ni'lin, Nabi Salih, Jalazun r.c. and outside Ofer Prison), Kafr Qaddum nr. Qalqilya, Aida r.c. nr. Bethlehem, at a checkpoint nr. Nablus, in 3 villages nr. Hebron, and in 3 other areas along Gaza's border; 36 are injured (a 3d Palestinian will succumb to his injuries on 12/28). **IDF troops** conduct late-night house searches and raids in 1 village each nr. Bethlehem and Hebron, issuing arrest summons to 3 Palestinians; patrol in 6 villages nr. Salfit and 1 nr. Hebron. **Palestinian youths** throw stones at Israeli soldiers stationed outside Qalandia r.c. nr. Ramallah and outside a village nr. Jerusalem, sparking minor clashes wherein 3 Palestinians are injured. Along **Gaza's border**, **Israeli forces** conduct a limited incursion e. of Bayt Hanun to level land. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI 12/25; JP 12/26; MNA, TOI 12/28; MNA 12/29; PCHR 12/31; EI 1/1)

26 DECEMBER 2015

Israeli forces kill 2 Palestinians throughout the day. First, **Israeli forces** shoot and kill a Palestinian after he allegedly attempts to stab an Israeli police officer in West Jerusalem. **Israeli forces** later raid the alleged attacker's home in Silwan, issuing arrest summons to his parents and brother. Later, **IDF troops** shoot and kill a Palestinian driver at a checkpoint nr. Nablus after he allegedly rams his car into Israeli soldiers, injuring 1. Palestinian witnesses report that the Israeli soldiers opened fire on the car before the driver swerved toward them. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** conduct raids and house searches in Tulkarm, 2 villages nr. Hebron, and 1 nr. Ramallah, arresting 6 Palestinians. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** violently disperse Palestinians outside the Old City protesting the Israeli authorities' **withholding of the bodies** of Palestinians recently killed in confrontations with the IDF; 2 Palestinians are lightly injured and 1 is assaulted and arrested nearby. **Israeli settlers** assault and attempt to kidnap a Palestinian woman on her way home nr. Shu'fat; she is moderately injured. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI, Wafa, YA 12/26; PCHR 12/31)

27 DECEMBER 2015

Stabbing and alleged stabbing attacks continue in the **West Bank** and **Jerusalem**, as **IDF troops** shoot and kill 2 Palestinians in a village nr. Nablus after they stab and injure an Israeli soldier (a 2d Israeli soldier is injured by friendly fire). They also arrest 1 Palestinian e. of Qalqilya and another in c. Hebron after they are found to be carrying knives. In Jerusalem, **Israeli forces** arrest 1 Palestinian nr. the Central Bus Station after he allegedly stabs and injures an Israeli soldier and another in the Old City after he allegedly attempts to stab an Israeli

soldier. Meanwhile, the **IDF** clashes with Palestinians protesting or throwing stones in 1 village each nr. Qalqilya and Bethlehem, as well as Qalandia r.c. nr. Ramallah; 4 Palestinians are injured. **Israeli forces** return to the PA the bodies of 7 Palestinians killed by the IDF since 11/2015, including 2 from Hebron. The **IDF** conducts late-night raids and house searches in Jenin, Nablus, and 1 village each nr. Bethlehem and Hebron, arresting 4 Palestinians and issuing arrest summons to 12; patrols in 4 villages and al-‘Arub r.c. nr. Hebron. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI, WAFA, YA 12/27; MNA, TOI 12/28; MNA 12/30; PCHR 12/31; HA 1/6)

28 DECEMBER 2015

In **Gaza**, **Hamas** reports that 1 of its fighters was killed this morning in a tunnel collapse. In the **West Bank**, an **Israeli settler** and **several IDF soldiers** assault 4 Palestinian youths in c. Hebron, causing minor injuries. **IDF troops** violently disperse Palestinians throwing stones and protesting the recent Israeli crackdown on the oPt in 1 village nr. Qalqilya; 2 Palestinians are injured. Late at night, **IDF troops** conduct raids in Qalandia r.c. nr. Ramallah, arresting 3 Palestinians and sparking a brief exchange of fire with armed Palestinians; there are no serious injuries. Meanwhile, the **IDF** raids the Bethlehem offices of a PA-run charity and the Nablus office of a prisoners' rights group, destroying and confiscating property and ordering the latter to shut down. The **IDF** conducts further raids and house searches in Jenin and 1 village nearby, arresting 1 Palestinian; patrols in 4 villages nr. Hebron; delivers a stop-work order to a home under construction nr. Hebron. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 1 Palestinian in Issawiyya and 3 Palestinians on late-night raids in Kafr

‘Aqab. (MNA, WAFA 12/28; MNA, WAFA 12/29; PCHR 12/31)

Israeli NGO Peace Now reports that Israel's Ministry of Housing has continued working on plans for thousands of housing units in the E1 area e. of Jerusalem, despite the PM Netanyahu's public cancellation of tenders for similar units in 11/2013 (see Update and Settlement Monitor). (AFP, HA, MNA, PCN, TOI 12/28)

29 DECEMBER 2015

In the **West Bank**, **armed Palestinians** open fire on an **Israeli military post** in Bayt Duqqun. of Jerusalem late at night, causing no injuries. The **IDF** then sets up mobile checkpoints around the village, sparking clashes with stone-throwers and injuring 3 Palestinians. During the day, **Israeli forces** raze a small swath of land outside a village nr. Bethlehem; deliver stop-work orders to 15 homes under construction in another village nr. Bethlehem. **Israeli authorities** issue an order declaring their intention to confiscate a swath of 500 dunams (around 123 acres) of land nr. Nablus. The **IDF** conducts raids in 1 village each nr. Jenin and Hebron, and in Tulkarm, arresting 7 Palestinians; returns the bodies of 3 Palestinians killed by the IDF on 11/30, 12/3, and 12/24. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** demolish a home under construction in Sur al-Bahir. After a funeral in Abu Dis, **Israeli forces** violently disperse stone-throwers in the area, injuring 24 Palestinians. Along **Gaza's border**, **IDF troops** shoot and moderately injure a Palestinian e. of Khan Yunis. (MNA, TOI, WAFA 12/29; MNA, WAFA 12/30; PCHR 12/31)

30 DECEMBER 2015

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** conduct raids in Hebron and 2 villages nearby, 2 villages nr.

Jenin, 2 nr. Tulkarm, and Aida r.c. and 1 village nr. Bethlehem, arresting 9 Palestinians and issuing arrest summons to 5; patrol in 6 villages nr. Hebron. **PASF troops** block Palestinian protesters from reaching an Israeli checkpoint outside a settlement nr. Ramallah. Some of the protesters march to a nearby settlement, sparking minor clashes with the IDF; there are no serious injuries. (MNA 12/30; PCHR 12/31, 1/7)

Several family mbrs. of **Palestinians** killed in recent confrontations with the **IDF** publish an open letter on social media stating their refusal to the **Israeli authorities'** offered terms for returning their relatives' bodies. The Israeli authorities have reportedly demanded that the families agree to bury their relatives at night, immediately after they receive their bodies, to prevent mass funerals and further violence. (MNA 12/30)

The **Israeli cabinet** unanimously approves a NIS 15 b. (around \$3.85 b.) plan for the social and economic development of the so-called Arab minority municipalities in Israel, specifically focusing on housing, transportation, education, and health. Arab members of Knesset (MKs) criticize the plan for being inadequate (see Update). (JP 12/30; HA, YA 12/31)

31 DECEMBER 2015

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and kill a Palestinian driver nr. Nablus after he allegedly rams his car into Israeli soldiers, lightly injuring 1 soldier. **Palestinian youths** throw stones at IDF troops on a patrol in a village nr. Jenin, sparking minor clashes; 3 Palestinians are arrested and none are injured. **Israeli forces** raze a plot of Palestinian agricultural land nr. Hebron to prepare for the construction of a military post. The **IDF** conducts a late-night

raid in Balata r.c. nr. Nablus, arresting 1 Palestinian; patrols in 5 villages nr. Hebron.

Israeli forces return the bodies of 8 Palestinians killed in recent confrontations with the IDF to the PA (the Israeli authorities initially said 11 bodies would be returned, then they withhold 3 for so-called security reasons). (HA, JP, MNA, TOI, WAFA, YA 12/31; HA, MNA 1/1; PCHR 1/7)

1 JANUARY 2016

Ajnad Bayt al-Maqdis fighters fire 5 rockets toward s. Israel; 2 land in open areas nr. Sderot, causing no damage or injuries, and 3 land short of the border fence. Holding Hamas responsible, **IAF jets** launch late-night air strikes on 2 Hamas military sites in Gaza City and Bayt Hanun, causing extensive damage but no injuries. (HA, MNA, TOI 1/1; PCHR 1/7)

A **Palestinian citizen of Israel** opens fire in a Tel Aviv pub, killing 2 and injuring 7. The attacker flees and, according to Israeli police on 1/4, kills a 3d Israeli civilian, a taxi driver, in n. Tel Aviv. (The suspect will be killed in a shootout in n. Israel on 1/8.) In the **West Bank**, **Israeli authorities** return to their families the bodies of 23 Palestinians killed recently by the IDF, including 17 to the Hebron area. They also return to a Palestinian transportation company in Nablus 11 buses confiscated since 10/1 for carrying Palestinian youths to protests. The **IDF** conducts a late-night raid in Tulkarm, arresting 1 Palestinian; patrols in 2 villages nr. Ramallah and 1 nr. Nablus. **IDF troops** violently disperse Palestinian, Israeli, and international activists at demonstrations against Israel's occupation and recent crackdown on the oPt in 2 villages nr. Ramallah (Bil'in and Ni'lin), 2 nr. Qalqilya (Kafr Qaddum and 'Azun), and along Gaza's border nr. Bayt Hanun; 5 Palestinians are

injured. (AP, HA, JP, MNA, TOI, YA 1/1; HA, JP, MNA, TOI, WAFA 1/2; HA 1/4; PCHR 1/7)

2 JANUARY 2016

On **Gaza's border**, **IDF troops** stationed along the border fence open fire on Palestinian farmers working nr. Bayt Lahiya, causing no injuries. In the **West Bank**, **thousands of Palestinians** attend funerals in and around Hebron for the 17 Palestinians whose bodies were returned to the area by the Israeli authorities on 1/1. After 1 funeral, **hundreds of Palestinian youths** throw stones at Israeli soldiers, sparking clashes wherein 12 Palestinians are injured. The IDF conducts late-night raids and house searches in Hebron and 2 villages nearby, Balata r.c. nr. Nablus, 2 villages nr. Bethlehem, arresting 9 Palestinians and issuing arrest summons to 2; patrols in 2 villages and al-ʿArub r.c. nr. Hebron, as well as 3 villages nr. Ramallah. **Israeli settlers** throw stones at a Palestinian home nr. Nablus, causing no serious damage, before residents of the village chase them away. The **Israeli authorities** return the bodies of the 3 Palestinians killed by the IDF on 11/17 and 12/16 to their families nr. Ramallah. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli settlers** torch a Palestinian car in al-Thawri late at night, and the ensuing fire damages 7 other cars. **Israeli forces** arrest 2 Palestinians on late-night raids in Issawiyya. (MNA, TOI, WAFA 1/2; MNA, WAFA 1/3; PCHR 1/7)

3 JANUARY 2016

Small-scale violence continues in the Jerusalem and Hebron areas. A **Palestinian** shoots and injures an Israeli soldier outside al-Ibrahimi Mosque in c. Hebron, and another shoots and lightly injures an Israeli soldier outside a junction nr. Hebron; both suspects evade arrest. Later, **Israeli forces** arrest a

Palestinian in Jabal Mukabir, East Jerusalem, after he allegedly attempts to stab an Israeli at a bus station. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** conduct raids in Dahaysha r.c. nr. Bethlehem, arresting 1 Palestinian and sparking clashes with stone-throwing Palestinian youths; 3 Palestinians are injured. **Israeli forces** conduct further raids and house searches in Aida r.c. and 1 village nr. Bethlehem, Hebron and 2 villages nearby, 2 villages nr. Nablus, al-Fara'a r.c. nr. Tubas, and 2 neighborhoods in East Jerusalem, arresting 17 Palestinians and issuing arrest summons to 15; patrol in 2 villages nr. Hebron, 1 nr. Salfit, Qalqilya, and 3 villages nr. Ramallah. While renovating their home in the Old City, **Israeli settlers** break 6 holes through the wall of an adjacent Palestinian home. When the Israeli police arrive, they ask the settlers to repair the damage. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI, WAFA, YA 1/3; JP, MNA 1/4; PCHR 1/7)

4 JANUARY 2016

In Jabal Mukabir, **Israeli forces punitively demolish and seal with cement** the respective homes of 2 Palestinians killed in confrontations with Israeli forces on 10/13/2015 (Israeli authorities initially planned to demolish both homes, but it was later proven that the 2d home belonged to the deceased's sister). Meanwhile, **Israeli forces** shoot and injure a Palestinian nr. the Old City after he allegedly attempts to attack a group of Jewish Israelis (1 Israeli is lightly injured during the confrontation). **Israeli forces** also arrest 2 Palestinians in the Old City on suspicion that they were planning a stabbing attack and 2 Palestinians on raids in Sur al-Bahir and Silwan. In the **West Bank**, more than 2,000 Palestinians attend a funeral in a village nr. Ramallah. A number of **stone-throwing mourners** then clash with **IDF troops** in the area; 11 Palestinians are injured. The IDF

conducts raids and house searches in 1 village nr. Jenin, 1 nr. Tulkarm, and 4 nr. Hebron, arresting 7 Palestinians and issuing an arrest summons to 1; patrols in 1 village each nr. Hebron, Ramallah, and Qalqilya. **Israeli settlers** assault and injure a Palestinian taxi driver nr. Jenin. In **Gaza**, **IDF troops** stationed along the border fence open fire on Palestinian farmers attempting to work e. of Gaza City, causing no injuries or damage. (HA, MNA, TOI, WAFA, YA 1/4; PCHR 1/7)

Hezbollah operatives target 2 IDF vehicles in a bomb attack nr. Shaba'a Farms along the Israel-Lebanon border, causing a disputed number of injuries and damage (see Update). The attack is reportedly retaliation for the 12/20 killing of a senior Hezbollah officer, Samir Kuntar. (HA, JP, NYT, YA 1/4)

5 JANUARY 2016

Nr. Bethlehem, **IDF troops** shoot and kill a Palestinian after he stabs and lightly injures an Israeli soldier at the **Gush Etzion junction**. Meanwhile, **Israeli forces** confiscate construction materials and equipment and deliver a stop-work order at a construction site outside Hebron; seize a tractor from another village nr. Hebron. After unknown persons throw a small IED at the separation wall outside a village nr. Bethlehem, the **IDF** raids a nearby village and clashes with stone-throwers, causing injuries. The **IDF** conducts additional raids and house searches in 4 villages nr. Hebron, 1 nr. Bethlehem, Tulkarm, and Jenin, arresting 8 Palestinians and issuing arrest summons to 3; patrols in 5 villages and al-'Arub r.c. nr. Hebron and 1 village nr. Qalqilya. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishermen, setting 1 boat on fire and causing no injuries. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI, WAFA 1/5; MNA, TOI 1/6; PCHR 1/7)

6 JANUARY 2016

In the **West Bank**, **Israeli forces** demolish 5 bedouin Palestinian residential structures in the E1 area nr. Jerusalem, displacing 26 bedouins; begin leveling land s. of Bethlehem in preparation for the construction of a military tower. The **IDF** conducts late-night raids and house searches in Dahaysha r.c. nr. Bethlehem, Tulkarm r.c., and 1 village each nr. Salfit and Ramallah, arresting 10 Palestinians; patrols in 4 villages and al-'Arub r.c. nr. Hebron. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli police** raid the International Comm. of the Red Cross office overnight, arresting 6 Palestinian activists who have been staging a sit-in in protest of the Israeli orders to deport 2 of them. **Israeli forces** demolish 2 Palestinian homes in Silwan; arrest a Palestinian at **Haram al-Sharif**; arrest 2 Palestinians during late-night raids in Jabal Mukabir and al-'Izzariya. In **Israel**, **Israeli forces** demolish a Palestinian bedouin mosque in a so-called unrecognized village in the Negev. (HA, MNA 1/6; PCHR, WAFA 1/7; HA, MNA 1/8; PCHR 1/14)

The Israeli press reports that **DM Moshe Ya'alon** has approved, in recent weeks, the **Gush Etzion settlement's** request to incorporate a nearby property into its municipality (see Update). (HA, JP, TOI 1/6)

7 JANUARY 2016

IDF troops kill 4 Palestinians in alleged stabbing attacks in the s. **West Bank**. First, **IDF troops** shoot and kill 3 Palestinians after they allegedly attempt to stab Israeli soldiers at the **Gush Etzion junction** nr. Bethlehem, where a similar incident took place on 1/5. **IDF troops** shoot and kill a 4th Palestinian n. of Hebron after he allegedly attempts to stab an Israeli soldier. No Israelis are injured in any of the day's incidents. Meanwhile, **Israeli forces** confiscate a bulldozer from a Palestinian

agricultural project nr. Nablus. Late at night, **IDF troops** conduct raids and house searches in 1 village each nr. Ramallah and Jenin, arresting 2 Palestinians. Off **Gaza's coast, Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Gaza City, causing no damage or injuries. In **East Jerusalem, Israeli forces** shoot and injure a Palestinian youth amid clashes with stone-throwing Palestinians in Issawiyya; demolish a 2-story building and part of an apartment in Silwan, and part of a restaurant in Bayt Safafa; arrest a Palestinian youth in Shu'fat r.c. for allegedly planning to attack Israelis and 2 Palestinians on late-night raids nr. Qalandia r.c. and in Jabal Mukabir. (HA, JP, MNA, NYT, TOI, Wafa 1/7; JP 1/8; PCHR 1/14)

Israeli security officials praise the **PA's** efforts to address violence since early 12/2015, saying that security coordination between the IDF and PASF has been "exceptionally good" in recent weeks and that PA pres. Abbas has stopped mbrs. of Fatah's military wing from participating in demonstrations and protests. (HA, MNA 1/7; TOI 1/8)

8 JANUARY 2016

After a weeklong search, **Israeli police** shoot and kill the Palestinian citizen of Israel suspected of carrying out the 1/1 attack in a Tel Aviv pub. The suspect was killed in a firefight during a police raid in the suspect's hometown of Arara. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** violently disperse Palestinians, Israelis, and international activists at Friday demonstrations against the Israeli occupation in 2 villages nr. Ramallah (Bil'in and Ni'lin), Hebron, and 4 areas along Gaza's border; 11 Palestinians are injured. The **IDF** conducts house searches and raids in Hebron and 1 village nr. Bethlehem, arresting 2 Palestinians and issuing arrest summons to 3; patrols in 1 village nr. Salfit, 2 villages and al-Fawar r.c. nr. Hebron.

Late at night, **Israeli forces** carry out the **punitive demolition** of the Ramallah-area home of the Palestinian who stabbed and killed 2 Israelis in East Jerusalem on 10/3, sparking clashes wherein 3 Palestinians are injured. (HA, MNA, NYT, TOI 1/8; TOI 1/9; PCHR 1/14)

The **Israeli authorities** return the bodies of the 4 Palestinians killed by the IDF on 1/7 (a joint funeral will be held nr. Hebron on 1/9), and *Haaretz* reports that the Israeli govt. is no longer holding any bodies of Palestinians killed in the West Bank (see Update). (HA, MNA 1/8)

9 JANUARY 2016

In the **West Bank, IDF troops** shoot and kill 2 Palestinians at a checkpoint in the n. Jordan Valley after they allegedly attempt to stab Israeli border security guards. However, Palestinian witnesses say that the men were unarmed and that their killing was unprovoked. After a joint funeral nr. Hebron for the 4 Palestinians killed by the IDF on 1/7, **stone-throwing mourners** clash with **IDF troops** in the area and a number of Palestinians are injured. **IDF troops** violently disperse Palestinians protesting in 1 village nr. Qalqilya; 1 Palestinian is injured. The **IDF** conducts late-night house searches and raids in Hebron, Tulkarm, and 1 village nr. Bethlehem, arresting 5 Palestinians and issuing arrest summons to 1; patrols in 4 villages nr. Hebron. (HA, JP, MNA, Wafa, YA 1/9; PCHR 1/14)

10 JANUARY 2016

In the **West Bank, IDF troops** shoot and injure a Palestinian youth nr. Qalqilya as he attempts to enter Israel for work; shoot and injure a Palestinian at a checkpoint nr. Jenin after he allegedly attempts to stab an Israeli soldier. The **IDF** patrols in a village nr. Bethlehem, sparking clashes with stone-throwers

and injuring 7 Palestinians. **IDF troops** conduct house searches and raids in 1 village each nr. Qalqilya, Ramallah, and Nablus, as well as 2 nr. Bethlehem, arresting 14 Palestinians; patrol in 1 village each nr. Nablus and Jericho, 5 nr. Hebron, and 2 nr. Ramallah. **Israeli forces** continue leveling land nr. Asfar settlement s. of Bethlehem in preparation for the construction of a military tower. A Palestinian resident of the area says that they have razed 2.5 dunams (around 0.6 acres) since 1/6. The **Israeli authorities** declare a 300-dunam (around 74 acres) swath of land nr. Jenin a closed military zone; return the body of a Palestinian killed by Israeli forces in East Jerusalem on 10/12. Late at night, **Israeli police** arrest 60 Palestinian workers who allegedly entered Israel illegally. (MNA, TOI, WAFA 1/10; MNA 1/11; PCHR 1/14)

The head of the Commission of Detainees and Ex-Detainees Affairs reports that the health of Palestinian prisoner **al-Qiq**, who has been on hunger strike since 11/24, is quickly deteriorating. He calls on human rights groups to intervene for the release of al-Qiq and another hunger striker, Jordanian prisoner Issa Qaraq. (MNA 1/10)

The **Jerusalem District Court** rules that the municipal govt. must draft a plan to build at least 20 playgrounds in Shu'fat and Bayt Hanina within 5 years, responding to a suit filed in early 2015 by Palestinian residents of East Jerusalem. The petitioners complained about a lack of recreational space in Palestinian areas of the city, citing the huge discrepancy between the number of playgrounds in Jewish and Palestinian neighborhoods. (HA, JP 1/10)

11 JANUARY 2016

In the **West Bank**, **Israeli soldiers** shoot and injure a Palestinian youth at a checkpoint nr.

Jenin after he allegedly attempts to stab them. **IDF troops** raid Birzeit University overnight, destroying admin. and student property largely belonging to mbrs. of the Hamas-affiliated student bloc. **IDF troops** conduct late-night raids and house searches in 1 village nr. Tulkarm, 'Aqabat Jabir r.c. nr. Jericho, Nablus and 1 nearby village, Jenin and 1 village nearby, and 2 villages nr. Hebron, arresting 10 Palestinians and issuing arrest summons to 1; patrol in 2 villages each nr. Ramallah and Jericho. **Dozens of Israeli settlers** perform religious rituals at Joseph's Tomb nr. Nablus overnight, sparking clashes between their IDF escort and stone-throwing Palestinians in the area; there are no serious injuries. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** shoot and injure a Palestinian accused of throwing stones in Hizma village; arrest 4 Palestinians on late-night raids in al-Tur. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Bayt Lahiya, causing no damage or injuries. (JP, TOI, WAFA 1/11; PCHR 1/14)

The organization Physicians for Human Rights-Israel, which has been working on the case of Palestinian hunger striker al-Qiq, requests that the Israeli Prison Service appoints an independent physician to assess his condition. There are conflicting press reports that the medical team at Emek Medical Center in Afula, where al-Qiq is being held, are preparing to forcibly feed him. (See Update in *JPS* 45[1] for more on Israel's force-feeding law.) (MNA 1/12; PHRI 1/20)

12 JANUARY 2016

IDF troops kill 3 Palestinians in incidents across the West Bank. First, **IDF troops** shoot and kill 1 Palestinian at a checkpoint nr. Hebron after he allegedly attempts to stab an Israeli soldier, and a 2d Palestinian is killed by

errant fire during the incident. After **unknown assailants** open fire on cars passing through a checkpoint nr. Bethlehem, **IDF troops** conduct raids and house searches in nearby villages, sparking clashes with stone-throwing Palestinian youths; 1 Palestinian is killed in Bayt Jala. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** patrol in Tubas late at night, sparking clashes with stone-throwers and injuring 1 Palestinian. The **IDF** conducts late-night house searches and raids in al-Fawar r.c. and 2 villages nr. Hebron, arresting 3 Palestinians; further patrols in 1 village each nr. Jericho and Salfit, as well as 7 villages nr. Hebron. **Israeli forces** raze a swath of land outside a settlement nr. Jenin; demolish a plant nursery nr. Nablus late at night. The **Israeli authorities** inform the PA of their plans to raze Palestinian land nr. Nablus to build 6 new watchtowers and extend a security fence nr. the Yitzar settlement, and **Israeli forces** begin construction on the fence extension. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI 1/12; HA, MNA 1/13; PCHR 1/14)

13 JANUARY 2016

In **Gaza**, **IAF jets** launch an air strike on a group of al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades fighters along the border fence nr. Bayt Lahiya, killing 1 and injuring 3. Meanwhile, **Israeli forces** conduct a limited incursion nr. Khan Yunis to level land along the border fence. In the **West Bank**, after a funeral for the Palestinian killed in Bayt Jala on 1/12, a number of **stone-throwing mourners** clash with IDF troops and 3 Palestinians are injured. **IDF troops** patrol in a village nr. Tulkarm, sparking clashes with stone-throwers and arresting 1 Palestinian. The **IDF** conducts raids and house searches in Hebron and 2 villages nearby, Qalqilya, and 1 village nr. Jenin, arresting 12 Palestinians and issuing arrest summons to 1; patrols in 4 villages nr. Hebron. **Israeli forces** confiscate solar

panels, demolish a residential tent and a livestock barn nr. Hebron. (HA, MNA, TOI, WAFA, YA 1/13; PCHR 1/14, 1/21)

14 JANUARY 2016

IDF troops shoot and kill a Palestinian close to the Bayt 'Aynun junction nr. Hebron after he allegedly attempts to stab one of them, and the Palestinian Red Crescent reports that Israeli forces prevented medics from treating the man. The incident sparks brief clashes between the IDF and stone-throwers; there are no injuries. Separately, **IDF troops** shoot and kill a 2d Palestinian at a checkpoint nr. Nablus after he stabs and lightly injures an Israeli officer. Meanwhile, **Israeli forces** demolish 4 greenhouses and a water well in the Jordan Valley, a home under construction in a village nr. Hebron, and 2 livestock structures outside al-'Arub r.c. nr. Hebron. The **IDF** conducts house searches and raids in 1 village each nr. Salfit and Bethlehem, arresting 1 Palestinian and issuing an arrest summons to 1; patrols in Jenin and 1 village each nr. Tulkarm, Qalqilya, and Salfit, as well as 5 nr. Hebron. Along **Gaza's border**, **Israeli forces** conduct a limited incursion to level land nr. Bayt Lahiya. The **Israeli authorities** shut down the Kerem Shalom border crossing temporarily due to an escalation of violence in the n. Sinai (the **Egyptian army** kills 30 fighters with SPIS and other armed groups in operations today nr. Rafah, Shaykh Zuwayd, and al-Arish). Off Gaza's coast, **Israeli naval forces** arrest 2 Palestinian fishermen working nr. Bayt Lahiya and confiscate their boat. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli police** violently disperse an educational event allegedly organized by the **Northern Branch of the Islamic Movement** (Israel banned the Northern Branch on 11/16); 1 Palestinian is arrested and there are no serious

injuries. Israeli forces also assault 1 Palestinian and arrest another on raids in Silwan. (AHR, HA, JP, MNA, TOI, WAFA 1/14; JP, MNA 1/15; PCHR 1/21)

15 JANUARY 2016

A total of 2 Palestinians are killed and 15 injured when **IDF troops** violently disperse Palestinian, Israeli, and international activists at Friday demonstrations against the Israeli occupation in 5 areas nr. Ramallah (Bil'in, Ni'lin, Nabi Salih, outside the Beit El settlement, and outside Ofer Prison), Kafr Qaddum nr. Qalqilya, and in 3 areas along Gaza's border. Separately, Gaza's Ministry of Health reports that a **Hamas fighter** was killed by an electric shock in a tunnel nr. Rafah this morning. Meanwhile, Palestinians throw stones at Israeli forces in 2 areas nr. Bethlehem (Aida r.c. and al-Khadir), sparking clashes in which 5 Palestinians are injured, including 2 paramedics and 1 journalist. The **IDF** conducts a late-night raid in a village nr. Bethlehem, sparking clashes with stone-throwing Palestinian youths; 1 Palestinian is shot and injured. **IDF troops** conduct further late-night raids and house searches in Hebron, Bethlehem, and 2 villages and Aida r.c. nr. Bethlehem, arresting 3 Palestinians and issuing arrest summons to 4; patrol in 7 villages nr. Hebron and 2 nr. Jenin, as well as Tulkarm and 1 village nearby. **Israeli settlers** disguise a large rock as a pile of garbage and place it in the middle of a road nr. Salfit; a Palestinian taxi driver later crashes his car into the rock, causing major damage. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest an elderly Palestinian woman at **Haram al-Sharif** and confiscate NIS 1,800 (around \$100) from her. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI 1/15; MNA 1/16; PCHR 1/21)

16 JANUARY 2016

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and kill a Palestinian at a checkpoint nr. Nablus after he allegedly throws a knife at them. **Israeli forces** seal off with cement blocks the main road leading to Nabi Salih nr. Ramallah, after the previous day's protests in the village. The **IDF** conducts late-night raids and house searches in Dahaysha r.c. nr. Bethlehem and Hebron, arresting 1 Palestinian and issuing arrest summons to 3; patrols in 7 villages nr. Ramallah, 2 nr. Hebron, Tulkarm and 2 villages nearby, and 1 village nr. Jenin. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Khan Yunis and later nr. Bayt Lahiya, causing no damage or injuries. Along Gaza's border, **IDF troops** open fire on Palestinian farmers working nr. Dayr al-Balah, causing no injuries or damage. In **East Jerusalem**, **right-wing Jewish activists** leave anti-Christian graffiti on the doors of Dormition Abbey nr. the Old City late at night. (JP, MNA, WAFA 1/16; HA, MNA, TOI, YA 1/17; PCHR 1/21)

The **International Atomic Energy Agency** reports that Iran has abided by its obligations under the 7/14/2015 nuclear deal it made with the P5+1, and the **U.S.** and **EU** formally begin lifting sanctions on Iranian banking, money transfers, trade, insurance, shipping, and other industries (sanctions relating to human rights and terrorism will remain in place). Meanwhile, **Iran** releases **4 U.S. prisoners**, including *Washington Post* reporter Jason Rezaian. In exchange, the **U.S.** releases 7 Iranian-Americans imprisoned on sanctions-related charges, inter alia. **U.S. officials** later confirm the swap, and say that Iran has agreed to release a 5th U.S.-Iranian dual citizen outside of the agreed swap. (See Update for more on Iran.) (AP, GDN, HA, FNA, WP 1/16; AFP, JP 1/17)

17 JANUARY 2016

In Otniel settlement nr. Hebron, a **Palestinian** stabs and kills an **Israeli settler**, then flees the scene. The IDF then sets up mobile checkpoints and roadblocks in the area; conducts house searches and raids in a nearby village. **IDF troops** conduct further late-night raids and house searches in Hebron and 3 villages nearby, as well as 1 village each nr. Ramallah, Salfit, and Tulkarm, arresting 20 Palestinians and confiscating 2 vehicles; patrols in 2 villages each nr. Jericho and Ramallah, 1 nr. Tulkarm, and 5 villages and al-Fawar r.c. nr. Hebron. **Israeli forces** demolish a livestock structure nr. Qalqilya late at night; when the Palestinian owner protests, they shoot and injure him and his brother, then arrest his other brother. They also demolish a garage and damage a quarry in villages nr. Ramallah, displacing 2 Palestinians who were living in the former. Off **Gaza's s. coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats, causing no injuries or damage. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** assault 2 Palestinians and arrest 5 others on raids in Abu Dis and the Old City. (HA, JP, MNA, WAFA 1/17; MNA, YA 1/18; PCHR 1/21)

Israel's High Court of Justice rejects a petition to block the Israeli govt.'s demolition of **Umm al-Hiran**, a bedouin village in the Negev, exhausting the residents' legal options (see Update). (JP 1/18)

18 JANUARY 2016

An **Israeli settler** rams his car into 2 Palestinians nr. Salfit, killing 1 and injuring the other. Then, **Israeli settlers** shoot and critically injure a Palestinian in the Tekoa settlement nr. Bethlehem after he allegedly stabs and injures a pregnant Israeli settler. After the attack, the **IDF** raids the suspect's home in a village nr.

Bethlehem, arresting his son; orders the removal of all Palestinian workers from the Gush Etzion settlement bloc where Tekoa is located (see Photos from the Quarter). Meanwhile, the **IDF** conducts further late-night raids and house searches in 2 villages nr. Bethlehem, 1 nr. Jenin, 'Askar r.c. and 'Aqabat Jabir r.c., and in and around Hebron and Nablus, arresting 17 Palestinians; patrols in the Hebron and Ramallah areas. **Israeli settlers** throw stones at Palestinian vehicles nr. Nablus, damaging 2. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest a Palestinian in Shu'fat when he is found with a knife on his person. In **Israel**, **suspected right-wing Jewish activists** vandalize and set fire to a carwash in Petah Tikva because the owner hired Palestinian employees. (HA, JP, MNA, WAFA, YA 1/18; JP, MNA, YA 1/19; PCHR 1/21)

The **IDF** announces that, starting on 1/19, **Palestinian laborers** will be banned from working at Israeli settlements, citing the incident in Tekoa to justify the ban. The ban will last for 2 days (see Update). (HA, TOI 1/18; MNA 1/19)

The **EU Foreign Affairs Council** adopts a series of "conclusions on the Middle East peace process," with provisions on Israel's settlements, restarting peace negotiations, and reaffirming the 11/11/2015 guidelines on labeling products imported from Israel's settlements. Due to Israeli lobbying over the past week, the final language does not codify a "distinction" between Israel and its settlements (see Update). (EUPO, HA, REU, TOI, WAFA 1/18)

19 JANUARY 2016

Along **Gaza's border**, **IDF troops** shoot and injure a Palestinian nr. Jabaliya r.c. Elsewhere, **Israeli forces** conduct limited incursions to level land nr. Khan Yunis and Bayt Hanun. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** patrol in Thinaba

village nr. Tulkarm late at night, sparking a brief exchange of fire with armed Palestinians; 1 Israeli soldier is injured. After the incident, the IDF declares the village a closed military zone and arrests 8 Palestinians during raids. **Israeli forces** seal off the entrance of a village nr. Bethlehem with earth mounds; demolish 2 residential structures and 2 bathrooms nr. Jericho. **IDF troops** conduct further late-night raids and house searches in 4 villages and al-Fawar r.c. nr. Hebron, as well as 1 village nr. Salfit, arresting 7 Palestinians; patrol in 4 villages and al-'Arub r.c. nr. Hebron, Qalqilya and 1 village nearby, and 1 village nr. Ramallah. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** demolish a Palestinian home under construction in Silwan late at night.

Pursuant to the IDF's 1/18 announcement, **Palestinian workers** are barred from entering **Israeli settlements** (the IDF also announces that the restriction will continue on 1/20). (TOI, WAFA 1/19; MNA, TOI, WAFA 1/20; PCHR 1/21)

20 JANUARY 2016

For a 2d day in a row, **IDF troops** stationed along **Gaza's border** shoot and injure a Palestinian e. of Gaza City. **Israeli forces** conduct a limited incursion across the border fence to level land nr. Khan Yunis. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest a Palestinian at a junction nr. Hebron after he is found to be carrying a knife. IDF troops conduct a raid in a village nr. Nablus late at night, arresting 1 Palestinian and sparking clashes with stone-throwers in which 2 Palestinians are injured. They conduct further late-night raids and house searches in Jalazun r.c. and 5 villages nr. Ramallah, as well as s. of Hebron, arresting 8 Palestinians, including an activist with the **left-wing Israeli NGO B'Tselem**. **Israeli forces**

demolish a home and a cement wall in a village nr. Hebron. **Palestinian workers** are barred from entering **Israeli settlements** for the 2d and final day, pursuant to the IDF's 1/18 decision. (MNA, MDW, TOI, WAFA 1/20; PCHR 1/21; HA 1/22; PHCR 1/28)

21 JANUARY 2016

For a 3d day in a row, **IDF troops** stationed along Gaza's border open fire on Palestinian farmers nr. Gaza City, causing no injuries. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** conduct a raid in Tubas, arresting 1 Palestinian and sparking clashes with stone-throwing Palestinian youths; 3 Palestinians are injured. In c. Hebron, **around 80 Israeli settlers** break into 2 empty homes, claiming that they were legally purchased from Palestinians (the Israeli govt. is caught unaware of their actions; see Update). The break-in sparks clashes with stone-throwing Palestinians in the area, which the IDF violently disperses; there are no serious injuries. Elsewhere, the **IDF** conducts raids and house searches in Balata r.c. nr. Nablus, Jenin, and 1 village nr. Tulkarm, arresting 5 Palestinians; patrols in 7 villages nr. Hebron and 1 nr. Ramallah. **Israeli forces** raze a small swath of land nr. Tulkarm, a greenhouse and water well in a village nr. Hebron, and 2 EU-funded structures in the E1 area nr. Jerusalem. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** demolish 3 housing structures in al-'Izzariya; arrest 3 Palestinians on late-night raids in the Old City. (HA, MNA, WAFA, YA 1/21; JP 1/22; PCHR 1/28)

22 JANUARY 2016

Across the oPt, **IDF troops** injure 16 Palestinians when they disperse Palestinian, Israeli, and international activists at Friday demonstrations against the Israeli occupation in

6 areas nr. Ramallah (Bil'in, Ni'lin, Silwad, Nabi Salih, Jalazun r.c., and outside Ofer Prison), 1 village each nr. Nablus and Qalqilya, and 3 areas along Gaza's border. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** evict the **80-some Israeli settlers** from the 2 homes they broke into in c. Hebron on 1/21. The **IDF** then seals and closes off the homes. **IDF troops** patrol in Qalqilya, sparking clashes with stone-throwers in which 1 Palestinian is injured. They also conduct a late-night raid in 1 village nr. Bethlehem, issuing 2 Palestinians arrest summons; further patrol in 1 village nr. Qalqilya, 4 nr. Ramallah, 7 villages and al-'Arub r.c. nr. Hebron. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Bayt Lahiya, causing no damage or injuries. In **East Jerusalem**, a **Palestinian family** demolishes their own home in Sur al-Bahir to avoid Israeli fines. (HA, MNA, TOI 1/22; MNA, Wafa 1/23; PCHR 1/28)

23 JANUARY 2016

In the Jerusalem area, 2 Palestinians are killed in separate incidents. First, an **Israeli settlement security guard** shoots and kills a 13-year-old Palestinian outside the Anatot settlement after she allegedly attempts to stab him, and the IDF returns the youth's body to her family. Another **Palestinian youth** is killed in Abu Dis when a pipe bomb he carries goes off accidentally. Some in the Israeli press claim that the youth was intending to throw the bomb at a nearby Israeli police base. Meanwhile, **Israeli forces** conduct raids and house searches in 3 areas nr. Hebron and Dahaysha r.c. nr. Bethlehem, arresting 5 Palestinians and issuing arrest summons to 4; patrol in 5 villages nr. Ramallah. They also patrol in Silwan, East Jerusalem, sparking clashes with stone-throwing Palestinian youths (1 Palestinian is injured and another is

assaulted and arrested). In **Gaza**, a **Hamas fighter** dies in a tunnel collapse nr. Khan Yunis. Separately, **unknown persons** fire a rocket toward Israel; it lands short of the border, causing no damage or injuries. (HA, MNA, TOI, YA 1/23; JP 1/24; PCHR 1/28)

24 JANUARY 2016

For a 2d day in a row, unknown Gazans fire a rocket toward Israel. It lands in an open area, causing no damage or injuries. **IAF jets** then launch air strikes on **Hamas military sites** nr. Dayr al-Balah and Khan Yunis late at night, causing substantial damage. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** stationed along Gaza's border open fire on agricultural fields nr. Khan Yunis, causing damage. In the **West Bank**, **armed Palestinians** fire at an Israeli settler's car nr. Ramallah, causing damage. **Israeli forces** assault and detain 4 Palestinians as they are being released from an IDF detention center nr. Jenin. **IDF troops** conduct house searches and raids in Qalqilya, 1 village nr. Nablus, Jenin r.c., and Balata r.c. nr. Nablus, arresting 9 Palestinians and confiscating personal property; patrol in al-'Arub r.c., al-Fawar r.c. and 6 villages nr. Hebron, as well as 2 areas nr. Salfit. In **Israel**, **Israeli forces** demolish a home in a Palestinian village nr. Jerusalem, sparking clashes between dozens of Palestinian residents and the Israeli police; 5 Palestinian citizens of Israel are arrested. The Israeli authorities say that the house was 1 of 7 in the area built on land zoned for agriculture. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI, YA 1/24; HA, MNA, TOI, Wafa 1/25; PCHR 1/28)

Israeli PM Netanyahu confirms that his govt. will allow the **settlers** who were forcibly evicted from 2 homes in c. Hebron on 1/22 to return once their proper paperwork is in order (see Update). He also says he will form a ministerial

comm. to deal with related issues, acquiescing to a request from Education Minister Naftali Bennett (his proposal will be approved on 1/25). (HA, JP, TOI, YA 1/24)

25 JANUARY 2016

In the Beit Horon settlement nr. Ramallah, a **settlement security guard** shoots and kills 2 Palestinians after they allegedly stab 2 Israeli settlers, critically injuring both (1 will succumb to her injuries on 1/26). After the attack, the **IDF** encourages settlement security personnel to carry weapons at all times and tighten security procedures; locks down the nearby Bayt ‘Ur al-Tahta village where 1 of the alleged attackers was from, barring anyone from entering or exiting. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** conduct late-night raids and house searches in 2 villages nr. Qalqilya and 1 nr. Hebron, arresting 4 Palestinians; patrol during the day in 2 villages nr. Qalqilya and 1 nr. Salfit. In **East Jerusalem, Israeli forces** arrest 3 Palestinians on late-night raids in Issawiyya. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI 1/25; EI, HA, NYT, YA 1/26; PCHR 1/28)

The Israeli press reports that the planning and building comm. of **Israel’s Civil Admin.** approved plans for the construction of **153 new settler residences** in the West Bank last week, including 65 nr. Ariel; 28 in Carmel, s. of Hebron; and 60 in the Gush Etzion settlement bloc. The Israeli govt. does not confirm the announcement. Separately, PM Netanyahu orders the IDF to prepare a comprehensive plan to increase security in Israel’s West Bank settlements. (HA, TOI 1/25)

Senior Hamas and Fatah officials meet in Istanbul to discuss a possible resumption of national reconciliation talks, according to sources in Ramallah and Gaza (see Update). (TOI, XIN 1/25; NA 1/26)

26 JANUARY 2016

Heavy rains in **Gaza** cause a tunnel to collapse nr. Gaza City, killing 7 mbrs. of Hamas. The group will confirm the deaths on 1/28 and say that 4 other men survived the accident. Elsewhere in the oPt, the **IDF** bars Palestinians from the Beit Horon settlement where 2 Palestinians attacked Israeli settlers on 1/25; locks down, for the 2d day in a row, nearby Bayt ‘Ur al-Tahta village where 1 of the alleged attackers was from. **IDF troops** conduct late-night raids and house searches in 2 villages nr. Jenin, arresting 2 Palestinians and issuing an arrest summons to 1; patrol in 5 villages nr. Hebron. In **East Jerusalem, Israeli forces** arrest 2 Palestinians on raids in the Old City and al-‘Izzariya. (MNA, TOI, Wafa 1/26; JP, TOI 1/27; MNA, PCHR 1/28)

27 JANUARY 2016

In the **West Bank IDF troops** arrest a Palestinian youth at Qalandia checkpoint nr. Jerusalem after he allegedly attempts to stab an Israeli soldier (no one is injured). **Israeli settlers** chase down and detain a Palestinian youth at a gas station outside the Givat Ze’ev settlement nr. Jerusalem after he allegedly stabs and seriously injures a settler. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** conduct late-night raids and house searches in 2 villages nr. Hebron, 2 nr. Ramallah, Aida r.c. and 1 village nr. Bethlehem, and Tulkarm, arresting 9 Palestinians and issuing arrest summons to 1. Also, the **IDF** maintains its lockdown on Bayt ‘Ur al-Tahta village where 1 of the Palestinians allegedly responsible for the 1/25 stabbing attack was from. **Off Gaza’s n. coast, Israeli naval forces** open fire on and arrest 4 fishermen and confiscate their boat (there are no injuries). In **East Jerusalem, Israeli forces** demolish a home under construction in Jabal Mukabir and

another one in Shu'fat. They also arrest 10 Palestinians during late-night raids in the Old City, Shu'fat, and Issawiyya. (HA, JP, MNA, YA 1/27; HA, MNA, PCHR 1/28; PCHR 2/4)

Israel's **High Court of Justice** rejects a Palestinian Prisoners' Society petition calling for the immediate release of administrative detainee **al-Qiq**, who has been on hunger strike for more than 60 days. (SAM 1/28; ADM 2/23)

28 JANUARY 2016

Along **Gaza's border**, **IDF troops** open fire on Palestinian farmers and shepherds nr. Gaza City and later nr. Khan Yunis, causing no injuries. In the **West Bank**, **Israeli forces** arrest a Palestinian youth in c. Hebron when they find a knife on his person; block off a major road nr. Ramallah with cement blocks. They also conduct late-night raids and house searches in Hebron, Bethlehem, and 2 villages nr. Jenin, arresting 4 Palestinians and issuing arrest summons to 2; patrol in 5 villages nr. Hebron. **Unknown assailants** throw stones at an Israeli MK's car on a road in the Jordan Valley, causing minor damage. In **Israel**, **Israeli forces** demolish a mosque in an unrecognized Palestinian bedouin village nr. Beersheba for the 2d time in a mo. (the 1st was on 1/6). (HA, MNA, YA 1/28; PCHR 2/4)

29 JANUARY 2016

Across the oPt, **IDF troops** violently disperse Palestinians, Israelis, and international activists at Friday demonstrations against the Israeli occupation in 5 areas nr. Ramallah (Bil'in, Ni'lin, Nabi Salih, outside Beit El settlement, and nr. Ofer Prison), Kafr Qaddum nr. Qalqilya, and 3 areas along Gaza's border; 14 Palestinians and 1 Israeli activist are injured. **Israeli forces** confiscate construction

equipment Palestinians were using to build a new road in the n. Jordan Valley. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** conduct late-night raids in Dahaysha r.c. nr. Bethlehem, issuing arrest summons to 4 Palestinians; patrol during the day in 1 village nr. Salfit and 4 each nr. Hebron and Ramallah. Along **Gaza's border**, **IDF troops** open fire on Palestinian farmers nr. Gaza City, causing no injuries. In **East Jerusalem**, around 300 **Israeli troops** conduct an overnight raid on the Islamic studies dept. and student union at al-Quds University in Abu Dis, confiscating equipment and docs. (MNA, PNN 1/29; MNA, Wafa 1/30; PCHR 2/4)

French FM Laurent Fabius announces that France will begin preparing for an **international peace conference** in an effort to "preserve and achieve the 2-state solution." He also says, "If this attempt to achieve a negotiated solution reaches a dead end, we will take responsibility and recognize the Palestinian state" (see Update). (HA, JP, NYT, YA 1/29; MNA 1/30)

30 JANUARY 2016

After 2 unidentified assailants stab and injure an Israeli youth outside the **Old City** in East Jerusalem, then flee the scene, the Israeli police set up mobile checkpoints in the area, search the area, and arrest 2 Palestinians suspected of carrying out the attack. In the evening, a separate **Palestinian youth** turns himself in in connection with the morning attack. Meanwhile, **Israeli forces** arrest 2 Palestinians on late-night raids in the Old City. Overnight off **Gaza's coast**, a **Hamas fighter** dies during unspecified military activities and Israeli naval forces open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Bayt Lahiya, causing no injuries. Later, **IDF troops** stationed along the border fence open fire on Palestinian farmers nr. Rafah and Bayt

Hanun, causing no injuries. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** conduct late-night raids and house searches in Bethlehem, Hebron, 1 village and al-‘Arub r.c. nr. Hebron, arresting 7 Palestinians and issuing arrest summons to 2; patrol in Salfit, 2 villages nr. Bethlehem, and 4 nr. Ramallah. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI, WAFA, YA 1/30; MNA 1/31; PCHR 2/4)

PA pres. Abbas welcomes the 1/29 French announcement of a new effort to facilitate a 2-state solution. Meanwhile, a **White House spokesperson** says that the Obama admin.’s position is still that direct Israeli-Palestinian negotiations are the preferred approach. (HA, JP, MNA 1/30)

31 JANUARY 2016

Outside the Beit El settlement nr. Ramallah, **IDF troops** shoot and kill a Palestinian driver at a checkpoint after he shoots and injures 3 Israeli soldiers (1 seriously). The Palestinian, later identified as a police officer, opened fire when an Israeli soldier approached his driver’s side window to perform a security check. After the incident, the **IDF** imposes a partial closure on the Ramallah area, setting up mobile checkpoints, shutting down many roads, and barring nonresidents from entering the city (more restrictions will be implemented by 2/1). Later, **IDF troops** shoot and injure a Palestinian driver nr. Ramallah as he allegedly attempts to ram them (none of whom are injured); violently disperse Palestinian youths throwing stones and protesting the closure of a nearby checkpoint (1 Palestinian is arrested and there are no serious injuries). Meanwhile, **IDF troops** conduct raids and house searches in 1 village nr. Ramallah, Nablus and 1 nearby village, Hebron and 1 village nearby, and Tulkarm, arresting 11 Palestinians, assaulting 1, and issuing an arrest summons to 1; patrol in al-Fawar r.c. and

3 villages nr. Hebron, as well as 1 village nr. Salfit. **Israeli forces** confiscate construction materials and equipment from a site nr. Hebron. **Israeli settlers** shoot at and damage a Palestinian home nr. Salfit late at night. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** demolish a home in Sur al-Bahir late at night; assault a Palestinian in Ras al-Amud, moderately injuring him; arrest 5 Palestinians on raids and at checkpoints in al-Thawri, Wadi al-Juz, Silwan, Shaykh Jarrah, and in the Old City. Also, a **2d Palestinian youth** turns himself in to the Israeli police in connection with the 1/30 stabbing outside the Old City. (HA, JP, MNA, WAFA, YA 1/31; PCHR 2/4)

The **Israeli govt.** approves a plan to create a new area at the **Western Wall** for gender-desegregated prayer, responding to years of complaints from Jewish feminists and other non-Orthodox Israelis about the discriminatory nature of the existing prayer spaces (see Update). (HA, NYT 1/31)

1 FEBRUARY 2016

IDF troops shoot and kill a Palestinian youth nr. Tulkarm who was attempting to sneak into Israel for work. The youth allegedly pulled a knife on the soldiers after they started chasing him. Meanwhile, **Israeli forces** demolish 4 Palestinian bedouin homes nr. Ramallah, displacing 22 people. The **IDF** raids a mobile phone shop in a village nr. Nablus, shooting and injuring a Palestinian, arresting him and 2 others they suspect are also affiliated with Hamas, and confiscating personal property. **IDF troops** conduct further raids and house searches in Aida r.c. and 1 village nr. Bethlehem, Jalazun r.c. and 1 village nr. Ramallah, Qalqilya, 1 village nr. Salfit, and Hebron and 1 village nearby, arresting 15 Palestinians; patrol in 5 villages nr. Hebron and 4 nr. Ramallah. After

a “situational assessment” in the evening, the **IDF** ends the partial closure of the Ramallah area that was imposed after the 1/31 shooting attack in the area. Israeli forces pull out of the area before midnight, remove all mobile checkpoints, and return the checkpoints to normal use. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest a Palestinian youth after they find a knife on his person; arrest 14 Palestinians on late-night raids in al-‘Izzariya, Issawiyya, and the Old City. Off **Gaza’s coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Dayr al-Balah, causing no damage or injuries. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI, WAFA, YA 2/1; JP, MNA 2/2; PCHR 2/4)

2 FEBRUARY 2016

Late at night in **Gaza**, **2 Hamas fighters** are killed in a tunnel collapse nr. Rafah. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and critically injure a Palestinian youth amid clashes outside a settlement nr. Ramallah. After **Israeli forces** demolish 23 of the planned 40 structures in a bedouin village s. of **Hebron**, the **High Court of Justice** issues a temporary injunction. Elsewhere in **Hebron**, **IDF troops** conduct raids and house searches in al-Fawar r.c. and 4 villages nr. the city, raiding the homes of 2 Palestinians suspected of carrying out attacks and preparing the homes for punitive demolition. Meanwhile, **Israeli settlers** assault a Palestinian youth outside the city. The IDF also conducts raids and house searches in Aida r.c. nr. Bethlehem, Jenin, Jenin r.c., and 1 village nr. Tulkarm, arresting 12 Palestinians and confiscating personal property; patrol in al-‘Arub r.c. and 4 villages nr. Hebron. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** demolish 1 Palestinian home in Silwan. Meanwhile, **3 Joint List MKs** visit a number of families of Palestinians whose bodies are being withheld by the Israeli

authorities, offering solidarity and amplifying the families’ protests. (MNA, TOI, WAFA 2/2; HA, MNA, TOI, YA 2/3; PCHR 2/4; EI 2/5)

3 FEBRUARY 2016

In **Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** shoot and kill 3 Palestinians outside the Old City after they attack a group of Israeli border security officers with knives and an automatic weapon, critically injuring 2 (1 Israeli officer will succumb to her injuries later in the day). Late at night, **IDF troops** conduct raids in Qabatiya nr. Jenin where the suspected attackers were from, arresting at least 10 Palestinians and sparking clashes with stone-throwers wherein 4 Palestinians and 3 Israeli soldiers are injured. They declare Qabatiya a “closed military zone.” Elsewhere in **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** bar a number of Palestinians from **Haram al-Sharif**; escort **around 130 right-wing Jewish activists** on a tour of the sanctuary. They also demolish a car repair workshop in Issawiyya. In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** conducts late-night raids and house searches in Jericho, ‘Aqabat Jabir r.c. nearby and Balata r.c. nr. Nablus, arresting 2 Palestinians. Along **Gaza’s border**, **Israeli forces** conduct limited incursions e. of Khan Yunis and late at night nr. Rafah to level land. Off the coast, **Israeli naval forces** detain 4 Palestinian fishermen and confiscate their 2 boats. (HA, JP, MNA, NYT, TOI, WAFA, YA 2/3; EI, HA, JP, MNA, PCHR, WAFA 2/4; PCHR 2/11)

4 FEBRUARY 2016

The **IDF** maintains, for a 2d day, the closure of Qabatiya where the 3 Palestinians suspected of perpetrating the 2/3 shooting in the Old City were from. In the village, an **Israeli armored vehicle** rams and seriously injures a Palestinian

youth, and 3 other Palestinians are injured in intermittent clashes. (HA, MNA, WAFA 2/4; PCHR 2/11)

In Ramla, Israel, **2 Palestinian youths** are detained after allegedly stabbing and lightly injuring an Israeli security guard at a bus station. In Silwan, **unidentified assailants** throw Molotov cocktails at an Israeli bus, causing substantial damage and no injuries. Meanwhile, **Israeli forces** violently disperse Palestinian youths gathering in Jabal Mukabir, East Jerusalem, to call for the return of the bodies of Palestinians killed by Israeli forces (there are no serious injuries). **Israeli forces** also demolish a building in al-'Izzariya; conduct a raid in Abu Dis, sparking clashes with stone-throwers (there are no serious injuries); arrest 3 Palestinians on further raids in Silwan, Qalandia r.c., and Biddu. In the **West Bank**, **Israeli forces** demolish 5 homes and 4 other Palestinian structures in the Jordan Valley, as well as 3 agricultural structures in a village nr. Ramallah overnight. **IDF troops** violently disperse Palestinians protesting and throwing stones nr. Qalqilya; 1 Palestinian is injured. The **IDF** conducts raids and house searches in 1 village each nr. Salfit, Nablus, and 3 villages nr. Ramallah, arresting 6 Palestinians and issuing 1 family a notice to vacate their home; patrols in 2 villages nr. Ramallah and 7 nr. Hebron. (HA, JP, MNA, WAFA, YA 2/4; MNA 2/5; PCHR 2/11)

Palestinian hunger striker **al-Qiq** rejects an Israeli **High Court of Justice** decision to suspend his administrative detention until his health improves. Al-Qiq argued that the ruling upheld his administrative detention in a different form (see Update). (MNA 2/4)

Israeli PM Netanyahu files an ethics complaint against 3 MKs from the **Joint List** for their 2/2 visit to the East Jerusalem families of Palestinians who have allegedly committed

serious crimes or attacks in recent mos. (see Update). (HA, JP, YA 2/4; JP, TOI 2/5)

5 FEBRUARY 2016

The **IDF** maintains, for a 3d day, the closure of Qabatiya. **Israeli forces** shut down the major road to the village with bulldozers, sparking intermittent clashes with stone-throwers wherein 9 Palestinians are injured. They also arrest 5 Palestinians on raids in the village and return the bodies of the 3 Palestinians suspected of perpetrating the 2/3 shooting in the Old City (a joint funeral is held in the evening). (PCHR 2/11)

Elsewhere in the **West Bank**, **Israeli soldiers** shoot and kill a Palestinian youth and arrest a 2d in a village nr. Hebron. The IDF says they were planning to throw Molotov cocktails at passing vehicles. Throughout the day, **IDF troops** violently disperse Palestinian, Israeli, and international activists at Friday demonstrations against the Israeli occupation and recent violence against Palestinians in 6 areas nr. Ramallah (Bil'in, Ni'lin, Nabi Salih, Silwan, 'Ayn Yabrud, and Jalazun r.c.), 1 village each nr. Qalqilya and Nablus, as well as in 2 areas along Gaza's border; 10 Palestinians are injured. The **IDF** also conducts raids and house searches in 3 villages nr. Jenin and 1 nr. Nablus, arresting 3 Palestinians and issuing arrest summons to 2; patrols 2 villages nr. Jericho and 3 nr. Hebron. Also along **Gaza's e. border**, **IDF troops** open fire on agricultural lands, causing damage. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 1 Palestinian on a late-night raid in Ras al-Amud. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI 2/5; TOI 2/7; PCHR 2/11)

The **Israeli authorities** extend the closure of part of **Hebron's Old City** through 3/1. It was 1st closed on 11/1/2015, and Palestinians and internationals have been banned from entering since. (MNA 2/5)

6 FEBRUARY 2016

Throughout the day, the **IDF** maintains its now 4-day closure of Qabatiya. After the PLO calls for a demonstration against the closure, dozens of Palestinians drive from Jenin and Jenin r.c. toward the village to break the blockade, sparking clashes with Israeli troops; 1 Palestinian is injured and 2 are arrested. The **IDF** ends the closure at 10:00 P.M. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** raid a gas station nr. Jenin, confiscating surveillance tapes, detaining 2 Palestinians, and sparking minor clashes with stone-throwing Palestinians; 1 Palestinian is injured. They conduct further raids in 1 village nr. Salfit, Hebron and 1 nearby village and 1 village nr. Ramallah, arresting 8 Palestinians; patrol in 5 villages nr. Hebron, 2 each nr. Salfit and Jericho, and 1 nr. Ramallah. (HA, JP, MNA, YA 2/6; HA, MNA, Wafa 2/7; PCHR 2/11)

7 FEBRUARY 2016

In Israel, a suspected **Palestinian** stabs and injures a Jewish Israeli in Rahat nr. Beersheba, then flees the scene. Later in Ashqelon, **Israeli forces** shoot and kill a Sudanese national after he allegedly stabs and injures an Israeli soldier. Meanwhile in the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** confiscate the work permits of a number of Palestinians trying to cross into Israel nr. Jenin (a PLO spokesperson says 10 permits have been revoked so far, and that the Israelis decided to do so hours after lifting the closure of nearby Qabatiya on 2/6). **IDF troops** conduct raids and house searches in 1 village and Tulkarm r.c. nr. Tulkarm, 1 village each nr. Nablus and Jenin, and 2 nr. Salfit, as well as Aida r.c. and 1 village nr. Bethlehem, arresting 13 Palestinians and issuing an arrest summons to 1; patrol in 4 villages and al-‘Arub r.c. nr. Hebron. (MNA, Wafa, YA 2/7; PCHR 2/11)

On the 75th day of his hunger strike, Palestinian prisoner **al-Qiq** rejects an Israeli military court offer to be released on 5/1, demanding an immediate end to his administrative detention and treatment in a Palestinian medical facility upon release. (MNA 2/7; SAM 2/8)

Hamas and Fatah officials meet in Doha to start a new round of mediated talks on **Palestinian national reconciliation**. They discuss the possible formation of a new unity PA govt., elections, and the civil servants Hamas has hired in Gaza since 2007, who have not been paid a full salary since the current PA consensus govt. was sworn in on 6/2/2014 (see Update). (XIN 2/6; AnA, JP, MEMO, TOI 2/7)

8 FEBRUARY 2016

In **Gaza**, a **Palestinian worker** dies in a tunnel leading to Egypt in unclear circumstances. Residents of the area say he was repairing a section of the tunnel that had been damaged by Egyptian forces when it collapsed. In **Israel**, an **unidentified assailant** stabs and injures an Israeli Jewish youth in Ramla, then flees the scene. The Israeli police later arrest a Palestinian in connection with the attack. In the **West Bank**, **Israeli forces** issue 11 stop-work notices to homes and agricultural structures under construction nr. Salfit and Hebron. **IDF troops** conduct house searches and raids in Qalqilya, Tulkarm and 1 nearby village, Hebron and 1 nearby village, 2 villages nr. Ramallah, and 1 each nr. Tubas and Bethlehem, arresting 17 Palestinians; patrol in 5 villages nr. Hebron and 4 nr. Ramallah. (HA, MNA, TOI, YA 2/8; PCHR 2/11)

On the 2d day of **Palestinian national reconciliation** talks in Doha, **Hamas and Fatah officials** reach a tentative agreement. They pledge to form a new unity govt., prepare for a

new round of presidential and parliamentary elections, and reaffirm their commitments to previous agreements. They also agree that PASF troops will take control of the Rafah border crossing in Gaza, with Hamas staff supporting them (see Update). (TOI 2/9)

The **Israeli Knesset's Ethics Comm.** suspends **MKs Haneen Zoabi, Basel Ghattas, and Jamal Zahalka (Joint List)** from plenary sessions and comm. hearings for periods of 2 and 4 mos. in connection with their 2/2 solidarity visit to the family of a Palestinian whose body is being withheld by Israeli authorities. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI 2/8; NYT 2/9; EI 2/10)

The **Knesset** passes, 50–43, the 1st reading of **Justice Minister Ayelet Shaked's "NGO transparency bill,"** which would require Israeli nonprofit organizations that receive funding from foreign govts. to disclose that information in a variety of ways (see Update). (JP 2/8; HA, MNA 2/9)

9 FEBRUARY 2016

Nr. Bethlehem, **unidentified assailants** stab and injure an Israeli settler outside the Gush Etzion settlement bloc. The **IDF** then seals nearby Nahalin village and sets up mobile checkpoints, allowing only humanitarian cases to pass in or out. Earlier, **Israeli forces** confront a Palestinian youth outside the Old City of Jerusalem for "moving in a suspicious way," then arrest her when she draws a knife and allegedly attempts to stab them. Later, **IDF troops** arrest another Palestinian youth outside a settlement nr. Hebron when she is found with a knife on her person. (HA, JP, MNA, YA 2/9; PCHR 2/11)

In **Gaza**, a **Hamas fighter** is killed in a tunnel collapse nr. Khan Yunis. In the **West Bank**, **IDF**

troops shoot and injure 2 Palestinians in a village nr. Bethlehem; conduct late-night raids and house searches in Jenin, Bethlehem, 1 village and Dahaysha r.c. nr. Bethlehem, as well as Hebron and nearby al-Fawar r.c., arresting 8 Palestinians and issuing an arrest summons to 1; patrol in 3 villages and al-Fawar r.c. nr. Hebron, as well as Salfit. **Israeli forces** demolish 11 Palestinian residential and agricultural structures nr. Nablus. The Israeli authorities reopen a road nr. Hebron, which has been closed since 11/2015 when tension began to escalate in the area. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 14 Palestinians on late-night raids in Qalandia r.c., Abu Dis, Sur al-Bahir, Issawiyya, the Old City, and Ras al-Amud. (HA, MNA, TOI, WAFA 2/9; HA, MNA 2/10; PCHR 2/11)

10 FEBRUARY 2016

For a 2d day, the **IDF** maintains its closure of Nahalin village, where an Israeli settler was stabbed and injured on 2/9. Meanwhile, a Palestinian is killed in clashes between stone-throwers and **IDF troops** in al-ʿArub r.c. that erupt when Israeli forces patrol in the camp. They also conduct late-night house searches and raids in al-Fawar r.c. and 3 villages nr. Hebron, Tulkarm and Tulkarm r.c., 2 villages nr. Nablus, and 1 each nr. Ramallah and Jenin, arresting 17 Palestinians. **Israeli forces** demolish 7 residential structures, 6 animal shelters, and a water pipeline in and around al-Farisiya village in the n. Jordan Valley. They also patrol in 4 villages nr. Hebron, Tulkarm and 1 nearby village, and 1 village nr. Jenin. An **Israeli settler** attacks a Palestinian vehicle with an ax outside a settlement nr. Qalqilya, causing damage. Israeli forces later arrest the settler. (MNA, TOI, WAFA 2/10; PCHR 2/11, 2/18)

Israeli and Turkish officials meet in Zurich for another round of talks on a possible rapprochement (see Update). They will meet again on 2/11. (HA, TOI 2/9, 2/10)

11 FEBRUARY 2016

For a 3d day, the **IDF** maintains its closure of Nahalin village, and schools in the area are closed when students and teachers are blocked from traveling in or out. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** clash with and violently disperse stone-throwers in c. Hebron who attended a funeral for the Palestinian killed in al-‘Arub r.c. on 2/10; there are no serious injuries. They also raid a village nr. Jerusalem, arresting a number of Palestinians and sparking clashes with stone-throwers wherein 3 Palestinians are injured; conduct further raids and house searches in Aida r.c. nr. Bethlehem and 1 village nr. Ramallah, issuing 2 Palestinians arrest summons; patrol in 5 villages nr. Hebron and 1 nr. Jenin. **Israeli forces** declare a village nr. Ramallah a closed military zone, then they confiscate construction materials and demolish a garage, an agricultural shed, and a water well in the village. They also demolish a number of residential structures in a village nr. Tubas and 42 residential and other structures in and around al-Farisiya village in the n. Jordan Valley. Along **Gaza’s s. border**, **Egyptian forces** demolish a smuggling tunnel leading to the n. Sinai, and **IDF troops** arrest 4 Palestinians attempting to cross into Israel nr. al-Bureij r.c. (MNA, Wafa 2/11; MNA 2/12; PCHR 2/18)

Israeli PM Netanyahu’s office praises the progress of the ongoing Israel-Turkey reconciliation talks, which began on 2/10. Other Israeli and Turkish officials make similar comments, but no details are made public. (HA, JP 2/11)

12 FEBRUARY 2016

The **IDF** maintains its closure of Nahalin village for a 4th day. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** violently disperse Palestinian, Israeli, and international activists at Friday demonstrations against the Israeli occupation and the administrative detention of Palestinian prisoner **al-Qiq** in 5 areas nr. Ramallah (Bil’in, Ni’lin, Nabi Salih, Jalazun r.c., and outside Ofer Prison), 1 village nr. Qalqilya, and in 4 areas along Gaza’s border; 13 Palestinians are injured. **IDF troops** conduct house searches and raids in 1 village nr. Qalqilya, as well as Tulkarm and Tulkarm r.c., arresting 2 Palestinian journalists; patrol in 2 villages nr. Qalqilya, 6 nr. Hebron, and 1 each nr. Jenin and Tulkarm. Along **Gaza’s border**, **IDF troops** open fire on Palestinian farmers nr. al-Bureij r.c., causing no injuries. (AFP, MNA, SAM 2/12; PCHR 2/18)

Israeli PM Netanyahu speaks with **EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini**, effectively ending the suspension of peace process-related talks with the EU that Netanyahu ordered on 11/29. The Israeli govt. then confirms that the suspension is over. (HA, JP, TOI, YA 2/12; MNA 2/13)

13 FEBRUARY 2016

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot and kill a Palestinian in c. Hebron after she allegedly stabs and lightly injures an Israeli soldier, and a Palestinian bystander is reportedly stabbed and injured when he tries to intervene. After an autopsy, a Palestinian forensic physician says that, though the Palestinian woman was shot 3 times, she could have survived if the IDF had not left her bleeding on the ground. A **Palestinian driver** rams an Israeli border police jeep, injuring 4 Israeli soldiers and causing minor damage. The **IDF troops** then open fire

on the Palestinian vehicle, injuring 2 passengers. The **IDF** maintains its closure of Nahalin village for a 5th day. **IDF troops** conduct house searches and raids in Dahaysha r.c. and 2 villages nr. Bethlehem, and 1 village nr. Jenin, arresting 6 Palestinians; patrol in 2 villages nr. Jenin and 1 nr. Tulkarm. In **Gaza**, the **Egyptian authorities** open the **Rafah border crossing** in both directions for the 1st of 2 planned days. (HA, MNA, TOI, YA 2/13; MNA 2/14; OCHA, PCHR 2/18)

14 FEBRUARY 2016

A total of 5 Palestinians are killed across the oPt today. First, **IDF troops** shoot and kill 2 Palestinians in 'Araqa village nr. Jenin after they allegedly shoot at the soldiers. **IDF troops** later cordon off the roads leading to and from Araqa and patrol the area. **IDF troops** shoot and fatally injure a 3d Palestinian youth at a checkpoint n. of Bethlehem after he allegedly attempts to stab in Israeli soldier (he succumbs to his injuries later in the day). In the evening, **Israeli forces** shoot and kill a 4th and 5th Palestinian after they allegedly attempt to open fire on Israeli border police and civilians nr. Jerusalem's Old City. **IDF troops** shoot and injure a Palestinian youth after she allegedly attempts to stab an Israeli soldier in c. Hebron. Palestinian witnesses report that the young woman did not attempt a stabbing. A video of the alleged stabbing is later dispersed in the media depicting Israeli soldiers pushing a disabled Palestinian witness from his wheelchair. No Israelis are injured in any of the incidents described above. (JP, TOI, YA 2/14; MNA 2/15; PCHR 2/18)

Elsewhere in the oPt, the **Egyptian authorities** keep the **Rafah border crossing** open for the 2d of 2 planned days, allowing passage in both directions. They say in the

evening that they will extend the opening a 3d day on 2/15. The **IDF** maintains, for a 6th and final day, its punitive closure of Qabatiya, where an Israeli settler was stabbed and injured on 2/9. **IDF troops** patrol in a village nr. Jenin, sparking minor clashes with stone-throwing Palestinian youths; 1 Palestinian is injured. They also conduct house searches and raids late at night in Tulkarm, Tulkarm r.c., Nablus, 4 villages nr. Hebron, and 1 village nr. Ramallah, arresting 10 Palestinians; patrol further in Qalqilya, 7 villages nr. Hebron, and 1 nr. Salfit. The **Israeli authorities** return to his family in East Jerusalem the body of a Palestinian who was killed by Israeli police on 10/15 (the family reportedly agreed to allow only 14 people to attend his funeral and paid NIS 20,000 [around \$5,150] as collateral to secure the release of his body). This is the 1st body returned to East Jerusalem since the wave of violence began in 10/2015. Meanwhile, **Palestinians** verbally confront 5 right-wing Jewish activists who are attempting to pray at **Haram al-Sharif**. **Israeli forces** escort the activists out of the sanctuary before the incident can escalate. **Israeli forces** also arrest 6 Palestinians on raids in al-Tur. (HA, MNA, TOI, Wafa, YA 2/14; HA, MNA, TOI, Wafa, YA 2/15; OCHA, PCHR 2/18)

15 FEBRUARY 2016

The **IDF** maintains, for a 2d day, the closure of Araqa where 2 Palestinians were killed on 2/14; declares it a closed military zone. They conduct raids in the village, arresting 2 Palestinians. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** conduct raids in al-Am'ari r.c. nr. Ramallah, arresting 2 Palestinians and sparking clashes with stone-throwing and armed youths; 42 Palestinians and 1 Israeli soldier are injured. Late at night, they escort 17 busloads of Israelis to Joseph's Tomb outside Nablus to perform religious rites,

sparkling more clashes with stone-throwers; there are no serious injuries. **Israeli forces** demolish 20 residential structures in a village nr. Nablus; deliver stop-work orders to 2 homes under construction in Qalqilya. Throughout the day, the **IDF** conducts raids and house searches in 2 villages each nr. Jenin and Salfit and 1 nr. Bethlehem, as well as in Qalqilya and Hebron, arresting 11 Palestinians and issuing an arrest summons to 1; patrols in 3 villages nr. Hebron and 1 nr. Tulkarm. Off **Gaza's coast, Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats nr. Gaza City, causing no damage. Along Gaza's border, **IDF troops** open fire on Palestinian farmers nr. Khan Yunis, causing no injuries. Meanwhile, the Egyptian authorities keep the Rafah border crossing open for a 3d and final day. In **East Jerusalem, Israeli forces** assault and arrest a Palestinian youth outside the Old City after they search and find a knife on her person. They also arrest 1 Palestinian on a raid in Issawiyya. (HA, JP, MNA, TOI, WAFA 2/15; TOI 2/16; OCHA, PCHR 2/18)

Palestinian hunger striker **al-Qiq** refuses an Israeli court offer to transfer him from Emek Medical Center in Afula to a hospital in East Jerusalem, demanding to be treated at a Palestinian hospital in the West Bank. Al-Qiq has been on hunger strike since 11/24, days after he was captured from his Ramallah home and held under administrative detention. (MNA 2/16)

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AA Al Arabiya

ADM Addameer Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association

AFP Agence France-Presse

AHR	<i>al-Ahram</i>
AJ	Al Jazeera
AnA	Anadolu Agency
AP	Associated Press
AS	Arutz Sheva
CNN	Cable News Network
DS	<i>Daily Star</i>
EI	Electronic Intifada
EUPO	European Union Press Office
FNA	Fars News Agency
GDN	<i>Guardian</i>
HA	<i>Haaretz</i>
HUR	<i>Hurriyet</i>
JP	<i>Jerusalem Post</i>
MEMO	Middle East Monitor
MNA	Ma'an News Agency
MDW	<i>Mondoweiss</i>
NA	New Arab
NYT	<i>New York Times</i>
OCHA	UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Weekly Briefing Notes
PCHR	Palestinian Center for Human Rights, Gaza
PCN	Peace Now
PHRI	Physicians for Human Rights-Israel
PNN	Palestine News Network
REU	Reuters
SAM	Samidoun: Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network
TOI	<i>Times of Israel</i>
WAFA	Palestine News Agency
WP	<i>Washington Post</i>
XIN	Xinhua-New China News Agency
YA	<i>Yedioth Ahronoth</i>