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16 AUGUST 2017

In the **West Bank**, **Israel Defense Forces (IDF) troops** conduct raids in Dahaysha refugee camp near Bethlehem, sparking clashes with Palestinian youths; 1 Palestinian is injured. They also confiscate a car and arrest 1 Palestinian during late-night raids near Nablus and Hebron. In **East Jerusalem**, Israeli forces arrest 3 Palestinians during raids in Silwan. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Bayt Lahiya, causing no damage or injuries. Along **Gaza's border**, IDF troops arrest 2 Palestinians attempting to cross into Israel. (MNA, TOI, WAFA 8/16; PCHR 8/24)

The **Egyptian** authorities open the **Rafah border crossing** for a 3d day in a row, allowing Muslim worshippers to pass through on their pilgrimage to Mecca. (TOI 8/16; MNA 8/17; OCHA 9/14)

17 AUGUST 2017

Israeli forces carry out the **punitive demolition** of the Dayr Abu Mash'al home of 1 of the Palestinians killed during the 6/16

deadly attack in **Jerusalem**. The demolition sparks clashes in the village; there are no serious injuries. Elsewhere in the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** assault a Palestinian youth during a raid in Ramallah, arrest 2 Palestinians during raids in Tubas and Bethlehem, and patrol near Hebron. In **East Jerusalem**, Israeli forces arrest a Palestinian in Shu'fat refugee camp, allegedly for carrying a knife. They also arrest 1 Palestinian during a late-night raid in Silwan. Along **Gaza's southern border**, 2 Islamist fighters emerge from a smuggling tunnel leading from **Egypt** into southern Gaza, and 1 detonates a bomb belt when Hamas security forces confront them, killing himself and 1 of the Hamas fighters and injuring 5 others (see Update for details). In the **Negev**, Israeli forces demolish 3 homes in the Palestinian Bedouin villages of Umm Qabu, al-Atrash, and al-Sayyid. (MNA, TOI, WAFA 8/17; PCHR 8/24)

The Egyptian authorities open the **Rafah border crossing** for a 4th and final day in a row, allowing Muslim worshippers to pass through on their pilgrimage to Mecca. (MNA 8/17; OCHA 9/14)

18 AUGUST 2017

IDF troops violently disperse Palestinians, Israelis, and international activists at Friday protests against the Israeli occupation, separation wall, and settlements in 3 villages near Ramallah (Bil'in, Ni'lin, and Nabi Salih), central Qalqilya, and along Gaza's border near al-Bureij refugee camp, Khan Yunis, Rafah, and Jabaliya refugee camp; at least 5 Palestinians are injured and 2 are arrested. **IDF troops** also open fire on Palestinian youths near Jabaliya refugee camp along Gaza's border, injuring 1. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** issue arrest summons to 4 Palestinians during late-night raids near Bethlehem, and patrol near Hebron and Nablus. **Israeli settlers** throw stones at Palestinian homes in central Hebron, causing no serious damage. (MNA, WAFA 8/18; MNA 8/19; PCHR 8/24)

19 AUGUST 2017

IDF troops shoot and kill a Palestinian at a checkpoint near Nablus, allegedly after he draws a knife and prepares to stab 1 of them. An Israeli soldier is injured by friendly fire. IDF troops shoot and injure 3 Palestinians during clashes sparked by an overnight raid in Jenin refugee camp, arrest 2 Palestinians, and issue 3 arrest summons during further raids near Qalqilya. In **East Jerusalem**, Israeli forces arrest 8 Palestinians and issue 1 arrest summons during raids in Issawiyya and Hizma. Along **Gaza's border**, **IDF troops** arrest a Palestinian attempting to cross into Israel. (HA, MNA, TOI, WAFA 8/19; MNA 8/20; PCHR 8/24)

20 AUGUST 2017

In the **West Bank**, **Israeli forces** impose a curfew on Kafr Haris near Salfit, arrest 1 Palestinian during a raid in the village, then

escort approximately 1,000 Israeli settlers to perform religious rites at a site nearby. IDF troops arrest 9 Palestinians and issue 1 arrest summons during raids near Nablus, Ramallah, Hebron, and Bethlehem, and patrol near Jenin and Hebron. In **East Jerusalem**, Israeli forces arrest 8 Palestinians and issue 1 arrest summons during raids in Issawiyya, al-'Izzariyya, and Ras al-Amud. (MNA 8/21; PCHR 8/24)

Mohammed Tahsin al-Bazam, a Palestinian man, is killed in the **Swedish town of Limmared**. The Swedish police (8/21) will report that "several people wearing masks entered the apartment through a balcony and shot the man inside. They disappeared after the shooting as quickly as they arrived." Palestinians in Gaza, including the local Fatah branch, accuse Israel's spy agency, the **Mossad**, of assassinating the man. (HA 8/22; HA 8/23)

21 AUGUST 2017

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest a Palestinian youth at a checkpoint near Nablus, allegedly for carrying a knife. They also arrest 1 Palestinian during a raid in Hebron and patrol near Nablus, Jenin, Qalqilya, and Hebron. Israeli forces raze a swathe of Palestinian land south of Bethlehem to clear space for a new IDF training base, demolish a kindergarten in a Palestinian Bedouin community east of Jerusalem, and remove 6 prefab trailer homes near the Yitzhar settlement, sparking minor clashes with the **Israeli settlers** living in them (there are no serious injuries). Along **Gaza's border**, Israeli forces conduct a limited incursion to level land near Khan Yunis. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Bayt Lahiya on 2 separate occasions, causing no damage or injuries. In **Gaza**, unidentified armed men open

fire on a **Hamas** post in Rafah, causing no serious injuries. (MNA, WAFA 8/21; TOI 8/22; PCHR 8/24)

22 AUGUST 2017

In the **West Bank**, **Israeli forces** confiscate a number of mobile homes that were to serve as classrooms in Jubbet al-Dhib, a Palestinian Bedouin village near Jerusalem. Sources in the village say they have to delay the start of the school year from 8/23 to 8/27 as a result. IDF troops patrol near Qalqilya and Hebron during the day. In **East Jerusalem**, Israeli forces demolish a makeshift home in Silwan, having demolished it on 8/15. (The Palestinian owner rebuilt it.) They also prevent the delivery of Palestinian textbooks to schools at **Haram al-Sharif**, assault a number of Palestinians, and arrest 6 Palestinians during raids in Silwan. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Bayt Lahiya for the 3d and 4th time in 24 hours, causing no damage or injuries. In the **Negev**, Israeli forces demolish a home in the Palestinian Bedouin village Wadi al-Na'am near Beersheba. (MNA, WAFA 8/22; HA 8/23; PCHR 8/24)

Two U.S. sources say that the **Trump administration** has decided to withhold approximately \$290 million in aid to **Egypt** because of the government's failure to make adequate progress on democratic reforms (\$95.7 million will be cut entirely and \$195 million will be delayed; see Update). (REU, TOI, YA 8/22; CNN 8/23)

23 AUGUST 2017

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest 12 Palestinians during late-night raids near Hebron, Salfit, Bethlehem, and Ramallah. In **East Jerusalem**, Israeli forces arrest a

Palestinian at a light rail stop, allegedly for carrying a knife. They also arrest 2 more Palestinians during late-night raids in Silwan. Approximately 130 Israeli settlers tour **Haram al-Sharif** in the morning. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** target Palestinian fishing boats near Bayt Lahiya for a 3d day in a row, firing on them on 2 separate occasions (they cause no damage or injuries). (MNA, WAFA 8/23; PCHR 8/24; PCHR 9/1)

Israel's ambassador to Egypt David Govrin leads a delegation to Cairo for a day of talks before returning to Israel. It is Govrin's first visit to Egypt since the Israeli embassy in Cairo was evacuated in 12/2016. (YA 8/25)

24 AUGUST 2017

In the **West Bank**, **Israeli forces** raze Palestinian land near Hebron to make space for the expansion of a nearby settlement. The **IDF** arrest 1 Palestinian during a late-night raid near Bethlehem, and patrol near Hebron and Qalqilya during the day. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 4 Palestinians during raids in the Old City. Approximately 300 Israeli settlers, accompanied by several members of Knesset (MKs), establish a synagogue in Silwan, while Israeli forces cordon off the area, restricting Palestinian movement. (MNA, WAFA 8/24; PCHR 9/1)

U.S. pres. Donald Trump's senior advisor and son-in-law Jared Kushner meets with **Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu** in the morning in Tel Aviv. He says that Trump is "committed to finding a solution that will bring prosperity and peace" to the region. Netanyahu's office later says that the meeting was "effective and significant." No further details are made public. Kushner later discusses the Trump administration's peace efforts with **Palestinian Authority (PA) pres. Mahmoud**

Abbas in Ramallah. He reportedly says that the Trump administration is planning to present a peace plan to the Palestinians and Israelis within 3–4 months, and asks Abbas to refrain from unilateral moves in international fora in the meantime. After the meeting, the PA releases a statement: “The PA and the U.S. delegation had a productive meeting focused on how to begin substantive Israeli-Palestinian peace talks. Both sides agreed to continue with the U.S.-led conversations as the best way to reach a comprehensive peace deal” (see Update for details). (HA, REU, TOI, WAFA 8/24; MNA, NYT 8/25)

25 AUGUST 2017

IDF troops violently disperse Palestinians, Israelis, and international activists at Friday protests against Israel’s occupation, settlements, and separation wall in 3 villages near Ramallah (Nabi Salih, Bil’in, and Ni’lin), Kafr Qaddum near Qalqilya, and along Gaza’s border near Jabaliya refugee camp, al-Bureij refugee camp, and Gaza City; at least 11 Palestinians are injured. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** conduct raids in the Burham and Jibiya villages near Ramallah overnight, sparking clashes with stone-throwing Palestinians; there are no serious injuries. They also arrest 1 Palestinian and issue 1 arrest summons during late-night raids in Jenin and Hebron, and patrol near Hebron during the day. In **East Jerusalem**, Israeli forces arrest 2 Palestinians and issue 1 arrest summons during a raid in Shu’fat refugee camp. (MNA 8/25; MNA 8/26; PCHR 9/1)

26 AUGUST 2017

An **IDF vehicle** strikes and kills a Palestinian girl in the Jordan Valley near Nablus. Elsewhere in the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest 9 Palestinians during late-

night raids near Hebron, Bethlehem, and Jericho, and patrol near Qalqilya, Hebron, and Salfit. Off **Gaza’s coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Bayt Lahiya and Jabaliya refugee camp, causing no damage or injuries. (MNA, TOI 8/26; PCHR 9/1)

PA PM Rami Hamdallah announces that the PA will re-hire the **6,145 Gazan civil servants** it forced into early retirement on 7/4 (see *JPS* 47 [1]). “The government decided with approval from [PA pres.] Abbas to allow employees of the ministries of health and education from the Gaza Strip, who were pensioned, to return to their work and serve our brothers in the Gaza Strip,” Hamdallah says, without offering further details. (HA, MNA, TOI 8/26)

27 AUGUST 2017

Israeli forces arrest 5 Palestinians during raids near Bethlehem, Jenin, and the Old City of Jerusalem, and patrol near Hebron. In 3 separate incidents off **Gaza’s coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Bayt Lahiya and Jabaliya refugee camp, causing no damage or injuries. (PCHR 9/1)

The **Egyptian** authorities partially open the **Rafah border crossing**, allowing a group of Palestinian Muslims to leave Gaza on their pilgrimage to Mecca. (MNA 8/27; OCHA 9/14)

Israel’s Justice Ministry announces that the **Israeli settler families** that took over the 2d and 3d floors of the Palestinian-owned Abu Rajab house in central Hebron on 7/25 have been ordered to leave within 1 week. Israel’s state prosecutor says that they took over the building without finalizing a legal purchase. (HA, TOI 8/27; MNA, WAFA 8/28)

Israel’s Defense Ministry announces that it has finalized a deal with U.S. defense contractor

Lockheed Martin to buy 17 additional F-35 stealth fighter jets. The initial order of 33 jets was set to be complete by 2021. Five of the jets have already been delivered. The new order will bring the total size of the fleet to 50 jets by 2024. The Israeli cabinet authorized the purchase in 11/2016. (JP, JTA, TOI, YA 8/27)

28 AUGUST 2017

The **Islamic Jihad Movement in Palestine (PIJ)** announces that 1 of its fighters died “accidentally” during a mission in Gaza today. No further details are made available. (MNA 8/29)

Along **Gaza’s border**, **Israeli forces** conduct a limited incursion to level land near Khan Yunis. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest 6 Palestinians during late-night raids in and around Jenin and Bethlehem, and patrol near Hebron. In **East Jerusalem**, Israeli forces arrest 4 Palestinians during raids in al-Tur. (MNA, Wafa 8/28; MNA 8/29; PCHR 9/1)

For a 2d day in a row, the **Egyptian** authorities partially open the **Rafah border crossing**. They allow 882 humanitarian cases, including students and infirm individuals, to exit Gaza, while 166 Palestinians return to Gaza from Egypt. (MNA 8/29; OCHA 9/14)

Hamas’s leader in Gaza Yahya Sinwar announces that the group has restored relations with **Iran**. “The relationship today is developing and returning to what it was in the old days,” Sinwar says, referring to the 2011 breakdown in relations over Hamas’s refusal to support **Syrian pres. Bashar al-Asad** in the Syrian civil war. (REU, TOI 8/28; REU 8/29)

29 AUGUST 2017

Leader of the messianic Temple Mount movement and ultranationalist MK Yehuda Glick (Likud) and MK Shuli Moalem-Refaeli

(Jewish Home) visit **Haram al-Sharif** under heavy police protection. Their visit follows Israeli PM Netanyahu’s decision to temporarily lift his ban on MKs and ministers visiting the sanctuary for 1 day only (Netanyahu initially imposed the ban in 10/2015 amid escalating violence across the oPt; see *JPS* 45 [2, 3]). Israeli forces plan to assess today’s visit and to make a recommendation about the ban’s future. A spokesperson for the Islamic Waqf says the decision to lift the ban is “unacceptable” and shows that “extremist right-wing entities are in control of the Israeli occupation’s government.” Elsewhere in **East Jerusalem**, Israeli forces arrest 1 Palestinian in the Old City and another during a raid in Abu Dis. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** escort hundreds of Israeli settlers to visit **Joseph’s Tomb near Nablus** overnight, sparking clashes with stone-throwing Palestinian youths from nearby Balata refugee camp; 2 Palestinians are injured. **IDF troops** also arrest 8 Palestinians during late-night raids near Hebron and Bethlehem, and patrol in and around Qalqilya and Hebron. **Israeli settlers** throw stones at Palestinian Bedouin homes near Hebron, causing minor damage. Off **Gaza’s coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Bayt Lahiya, causing no damage or injuries. (HA, MNA, TOI, Wafa, YA 8/29; TOI 8/30; PCHR 9/1; PCHR 9/14)

Israeli ambassador to Egypt Govrin flies to Cairo to resume his post (see Update). Along with 8 staffers, he will work out of his home rather than in the Israeli embassy, which was evacuated due to security concerns in 12/2016. (AP, TOI 8/29)

30 AUGUST 2017

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest 7 Palestinians during late-night raids in and

around Nablus and Jenin, and patrol near Hebron. In **East Jerusalem**, Israeli forces arrest 2 Palestinians during a raid in Issawiyya.

(MNA, TOI, WAFA 8/31; HA 9/1; PCHR 9/14)

On a tour of the **Israel-Gaza border**, **U.S. special representative Jason Greenblatt** says it is necessary for the **PA** to resume control of Gaza: “It is clear that the PA needs to resume its role in the administration of Gaza, as Hamas has substantially harmed the people of Gaza and has failed to meet their most basic needs.”

(HA, MNA 8/31; HA 9/1)

The **United Nations Security Council (UNSC)** renews the **UN Interim Force in Lebanon’s (UNIFIL) peacekeeping mission**, and, addressing U.S. and Israeli complaints, approves new language authorizing more joint border patrols with Lebanese armed forces, and requiring “prompt and detailed” reports whenever UNIFIL troops encounter **Hezbollah** roadblocks (see Update). **Israel’s ambassador to the UN Danny Danon** welcomes the decision as a “victory for Israel.” (NYT 8/30; TOI 8/31; HA, TOI 9/5)

31 AUGUST 2017

IDF troops shoot and injure a Palestinian driver after halting his car at a mobile checkpoint near Jenin. They also patrol near Qalqilya and Hebron; raid al-Hurriya Media Company in Hebron overnight, damaging and destroying equipment and ordering the company’s radio station to shut down for 6 months on charges related to incitement. (PCHR 9/14)

1 SEPTEMBER 2017

IDF troops violently disperse Palestinians, Israelis, and international activists at Friday protests against Israel’s occupation, settlements, and separation wall in 3 villages near Ramallah

(Nabi Salih, Bil’in, and Ni’lin) and Kafr Qaddum near Qalqilya; at least 1 Palestinian is injured. They also patrol near Jenin and Nablus during the day. In **East Jerusalem**, thousands of Muslims gather at **Haram al-Sharif** to pray on the first day of Eid al-Adha. In **Israel**, **Lydda mayor Yair Revivo**, accompanied by a police escort, enters a mosque in the city and asks the worshippers to turn down the volume of their call to prayer, citing noise violations. A confrontation ensues, and the police summon the imam for questioning. (MNA 9/1; HA 9/2; PCHR 9/14)

2 SEPTEMBER 2017

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** shoot, injure, and arrest an elderly Palestinian at a checkpoint outside Ni’lin, allegedly on suspicion that she is planning a stabbing attack. No knife is found on her person. Separately, IDF troops arrest a Palestinian woman at a checkpoint near Qalqilya claiming she neglected to obey an order to stop approaching them, and patrol near Qalqilya and Nablus during the day. Armed Palestinians open fire on an Israeli vehicle driving near Ramallah, causing no damage or injuries. In **East Jerusalem**, Palestinian youths throw stones at Israeli soldiers in Silwan, sparking minor clashes; 1 Palestinian is injured. **Off Gaza’s coast, Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Jabaliya refugee camp on 2 separate occasions, causing no damage or injuries. (MNA, TOI 9/2; PCHR 9/14)

3 SEPTEMBER 2017

A Palestinian youth succumbs to injuries sustained in clashes with IDF troops in Dahaysha refugee camp near Bethlehem on 8/9. (MNA, TOI, WAFA 9/3; HA 9/4; PCHR 9/14)

IDF troops conduct raids in Zabbuba near Jenin, sparking minor clashes with stone-throwing Palestinians; there are no serious injuries. Further clashes break out in Dayr Abu Mash'al near Ramallah when IDF troops conduct raids in the village; 1 Israeli soldier is injured. IDF troops also disperse Palestinians protesting the occupation in central Hebron; 1 Palestinian is arrested. The **IDF** arrests 2 Palestinians during raids near Jenin and Bethlehem, and patrols near Hebron and Qalqilya throughout the day. Meanwhile, **PA security forces (PASF)** arrest the director of al-Hurriya Media Company, which IDF troops shut down due to "incitement" on 8/31. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 1 Palestinian and issue 1 arrest summons during raids in Silwan and Bayt 'Aynun. (MNA, Wafa 9/3; PCHR 9/14)

The **Israeli cabinet** approves a new budget for **Amichai**, the settlement being built to replace the illegal Amona outpost that was demolished in 2/2017 (see *JPS* 46 [4]). Construction began over the summer, but halted in 7/2017 because of insufficient funds. (HA, MNA, TOI 9/3)

Israeli settlers who took over the top 2 floors of the Abu Rajab house in central Hebron on 7/25 file a petition against the Israeli state prosecutor's order for them to leave (see 8/27, and Photos from the Quarter in *JPS* 47 [1]). The settlers claim that they purchased the building legally from a member of the Abu Rajab family who was later arrested by the PA. (MNA 9/4)

4 SEPTEMBER 2017

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** conduct raids in Bayt Rima near Ramallah overnight, arresting 1 Palestinian and shooting and injuring another. Late-night raids in al-Fara'a refugee camp near Tubas spark further clashes;

1 Palestinian is injured and 3 are arrested. The IDF arrests 9 more Palestinians during raids in and around Jenin, Ramallah, Nablus, Qalqilya, Hebron, and Bethlehem, and patrols near Hebron and Nablus. **Israeli settlers** park a number of residential trailers on Palestinian land near Nablus. **PASF troops** arrest a prominent Palestinian activist, Issa Amro, 1 day after he posted calls for the resignation of PA pres. Abbas and PM Hamdallah on Facebook (Amro is the founder of Youth Against Settlements). In **East Jerusalem**, Israeli forces arrest 3 Palestinian youths during a raid in al-Tur. (JDF, TOI, Wafa 9/4; EI, GDN, HA 9/5; PCHR 9/14)

5 SEPTEMBER 2017

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** conduct early-morning raids in Ramallah, order a print shop to shut down, and spark minor clashes with stone-throwing youths. They arrest 6 Palestinians, assault 2, and confiscate 1 car during late-night raids in and around Hebron, Ramallah, Jenin, and Nablus, and patrol near Salfit, Jenin, and Nablus. An **Israeli settler driver** strikes a Palestinian youth near Bethlehem, causing critical injuries. In **East Jerusalem**, the **Israeli authorities** evict a Palestinian family from their Sheikh Jarrah home of 53 years, allowing Israeli settlers to move into the property. When the family protests, Israeli police assault and arrest 2 of the men, moderately injuring 1 (they will be released on 9/6). The settlers claim to be descendants of the home's pre-1948 owners. Along **Gaza's border**, **Israeli forces** conduct a limited incursion to level land near Gaza City. (HA, MNA, TOI, Wafa 9/5; EI, MNA 9/6; PCHR 9/14; EI 9/15)

Several international human rights groups, including Amnesty International, condemn

PA pres. Abbas for arresting **Youth Against Settlements** founder Amro on 9/4. Meanwhile, Amro goes on hunger strike to protest his “arbitrary arrest,” according to his brother Ahmad. Amro is also facing charges in Israel related to his alleged incitement to violence against the IDF. (EL, GDN 9/5; AP, TOI 9/6)

6 SEPTEMBER 2017

In the **West Bank**, **Israeli forces** shut down a metal workshop and seize equipment from 3 others during raids in ‘Araba village near Jenin. IDF troops arrest a Palestinian in central Hebron, allegedly for carrying a knife, arrest 3 more Palestinians during late-night raids near Jenin and Nablus, and patrol near Nablus.

Israeli settlers assault and injure a Palestinian outside the Homesh settlement near Nablus.

In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 2 Palestinians during a raid in Abu Dis. Off **Gaza’s coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Jabaliya refugee camp, causing no damage or injuries. (MNA, TOI, WAFA 9/6; PCHR 9/14)

Israeli and Palestinian officials say that **U.S. pres. Trump** has made plans to meet with both **Israeli PM Netanyahu** and **PA pres. Abbas** on the sidelines of the **UN General Assembly** (UNGA) at the end of 9/2017. (HA 9/6)

7 SEPTEMBER 2017

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest 5 Palestinians and issue 3 arrest summons during raids in and around Ramallah, Hebron, Bethlehem, and Tulkarm. **Israeli settlers** cut down 43 olive trees in a Palestinian orchard near Nablus. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 11 Palestinians during late-night raids in al-‘Izzariya and the Old City. (MNA 9/7; PCHR 9/14)

Israeli fighter jets launch air strikes on an alleged chemical weapons plant near Masyaf, **Syria** overnight, killing 2 Syrians and damaging at least 5 major buildings, according to the international press. The extent of the damage is disputed (see Update). (HA, NYT, TOI 9/7)

8 SEPTEMBER 2017

IDF troops violently disperse Palestinians, Israelis, and international activists at Friday protests against Israel’s occupation, settlements, and separation wall in 3 villages near Ramallah (Nabi Salih, Bil’in, and Ni’lin), Kafr Qaddum near Qalqilya, and along Gaza’s border near Jabaliya refugee camp; 4 Palestinians are injured. Elsewhere in the **West Bank**, the IDF arrests a Palestinian in central Hebron, allegedly for carrying a knife, arrests 1 Palestinian during a late-night raid near Tulkarm, and patrols near Hebron, Nablus, and Salfit. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli police** violently disperse Palestinians protesting outside the Sheikh Jarrah home where a Palestinian family was evicted on 9/5; 3 Palestinians are arrested. Off **Gaza’s coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Khan Yunis, causing no damage or injuries. (MNA, WAFA 9/8; PCHR 9/14)

The **Egyptian** authorities partially open the **Rafah border crossing**, allowing Muslims to return from their pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia. (MEMO 9/8; OCHA 9/14)

9 SEPTEMBER 2017

In the **West Bank**, local officials in **Bethlehem** declare a general strike to commemorate the Palestinian who succumbed, on 9/3, to injuries sustained in a confrontation with the **IDF** on 8/9. Meanwhile, residents of the Jerusalem-area Palestinian Bedouin village

Jubbet al-Dhib rebuild the makeshift school that the IDF dismantled on 8/22. The IDF raids the school in the evening, violently dispersing the Palestinians building it; there are no serious injuries. Separately, IDF troops arrest 2 Palestinians during late-night raids in Bethlehem and near Hebron, and patrol near Hebron and Ramallah. **Israeli settlers** throw stones at a Palestinian home in central Hebron, moderately injuring 1 inhabitant. Along **Gaza's border**, IDF troops open fire on Palestinian farmland near Khan Yunis, causing no damage. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Bayt Lahiya, causing no damage or injuries. (MNA, WAFA 9/9; PCHR 9/14)

10 SEPTEMBER 2017

PA minister of education Sabri Saidam visits the Jubbet al-Dhib school that the IDF dismantled on 8/22 and 9/9 to celebrate its rebuilding and opening. Elsewhere in the **West Bank**, **Israeli forces** confiscate machinery from a Palestinian farm near Tubas. Palestinians throw stones at Israeli forces on patrol in Tulkarm and nearby Nur Shams refugee camp, sparking minor clashes; there are no serious injuries. **IDF troops** arrest 11 Palestinians during late-night raids in and around Hebron, Tulkarm, Jenin, and Ramallah, and patrol near Hebron. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** conduct raids in Abu Dis, sparking minor clashes with Palestinian youths; there are no serious injuries. They also arrest 5 Palestinians during raids in Silwan. Off **Gaza's coast** late at night, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Jabaliya refugee camp on 2 separate occasions, causing no damage or injuries. (MNA, WAFA 9/10; PCHR 9/14)

The PA releases **Youth Against Settlement** founder Issa Amro on \$1,400 bail. He was arrested on 9/4 for Facebook posts criticizing the PA. (AJ, MNA 9/10)

In Cairo, **Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh** chairs the first meeting of Hamas's top officials since their election earlier this year (see *JPS* 46 [4] and 47 [1]). They discuss relations with **Egypt**, the possibility of reconciliation with **Fatah**, and their regional position. Several Hamas officials then meet with top Egyptian security officers to discuss the Rafah border crossing and other bilateral issues. (TOI 9/10; TOI 9/11)

11 SEPTEMBER 2017

Along **Gaza's border** late at night, **Israeli forces** conduct a limited incursion to level land near Bayt Lahiya. Off Gaza's coast, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Jabaliya refugee camp, causing no damage or injuries. In **East Jerusalem**, Israeli forces demolish parts of the outer wall of a Palestinian cemetery outside the Old City. In the **West Bank**, an **IDF** raid in Tuqu' near Bethlehem sparks clashes with stone-throwing Palestinians; 1 Palestinian is injured. IDF troops also arrest 4 Palestinians during late-night raids in and around Hebron, Bethlehem, and Qalqilya, and patrol near Jenin throughout the day. **Israeli settlers** confront Palestinians at the elementary school in Jubbet al-Dhib inaugurated on 9/10, but Palestinians drive them away nonviolently. Separately, racist anti-Arab graffiti pops up overnight in east Nablus. (MNA, PNN, WAFA 9/11; MNA 9/12; PCHR 9/14)

The **Egyptian authorities** partially open the **Rafah border crossing**, allowing Muslim worshippers to return from their pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia. (OCHA 9/29)

After a 2d day of meetings in Cairo, **Hamas's top officials** release a statement expressing willingness to “immediately” sign a new national reconciliation agreement with **Fatah** and disband the administrative committee set up in Gaza earlier this year (see Update). They reportedly tell Egyptian intelligence officials that they would allow the **PA** to take charge in Gaza and carry out new elections only if all Palestinian factions participated in a follow-up conference to elect a new national government. (HA 9/11; MNA, TOI 9/12)

The **PASF** issues a press release explaining that the 9/4 arrest of **Youth Against Settlement** founder Amro stemmed from his engagement in “actions that would cause internal strife” and his “contacting foreign parties to undermine the work of the PA.” Amro was released on bail on 9/10. (Wafa 9/11)

12 SEPTEMBER 2017

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest a Palestinian child in central Hebron, allegedly for carrying a knife. They also confiscate a number of cattle and water tanks from Umm al-Ubur, a village in the northern Jordan Valley, and arrest 4 Palestinians during late-night raids in and around Tubas and Hebron. Palestinians throw stones at IDF troops in Tubas, sparking minor clashes; 1 Palestinian is injured and arrested. Dozens of Palestinians rally in central Hebron to demand that Israel release the remains of Palestinians killed in recent confrontations with Israeli forces. Along **Gaza's border**, **Israeli forces** conduct a limited incursion to level land near Khan Yunis. (MNA, TOI, Wafa 9/12; PCHR 9/14)

The **Egyptian authorities** partially open the **Rafah border crossing** for a 2d day in a row, allowing Muslim worshippers to return from their pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia. (OCHA 9/29)

13 SEPTEMBER 2017

IDF troops shoot and injure a Palestinian youth at a bus stop outside the Kiryat Arba settlement near Hebron, allegedly after he attempts to stab a settler. They leave the injured youth lying on the ground without receiving treatment before arresting him and taking him to a hospital in Israel. In a video released later, the youth can be heard pleading for water and explaining that he was attempting to commit suicide. **Israeli forces** demolish 8 homes and 6 retaining walls in Steih Dyouk village near Jericho. They also arrest a Palestinian living outside Yatta near Hebron before demolishing his home. The IDF arrests 7 Palestinians and issue 1 arrest summons during late-night raids in and around Nablus, Hebron, Tulkarm, and Salfit, and patrols near Jenin and Hebron.

Israeli settlers uproot 27 olive trees on Palestinian land outside Burin village near Nablus. Meanwhile, **PASF troops** conduct a raid in Yatta overnight, sparking a brief firefight with the wanted Palestinians and their affiliates; 1 Palestinian is killed and another is seriously injured. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** demolish a building in Silwan and a 2-story apartment building in Ras al-Amud, and arrest 1 Palestinian during a late-night raid in Qalandia refugee camp. (MNA, TOI, Wafa 9/13; PCHR 9/14; PCHR 9/21; EI 9/22)

The **Egyptian authorities** partially open the **Rafah border crossing** for a 3d day in a row, allowing Muslim worshippers to return from their pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia. (OCHA 9/29)

The **UN's World Tourism Organization** announces that the Palestinian bid for membership has been postponed until the body's next meeting in 2019. The **PA** reportedly decided to suspend its bid following heavy U.S. pressure, according to a senior Israeli official (see Update). (HA, TOI 9/13)

14 SEPTEMBER 2017

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest 2 Palestinians and issue 2 arrest summons during late-night raids near Hebron, Bethlehem, and Jenin, and patrol near Ramallah, Nablus, Jenin, Hebron, and Salfit. **Israeli settlers** cut down 40 olive trees in a Palestinian orchard near Nablus. In **East Jerusalem**, Israeli forces arrest 2 Palestinians during raids in Silwan. In southern **Israel**, Israeli forces demolish a home in the Palestinian Bedouin village of Umm Qabu. Off **Gaza's coast** late at night, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Bayt Lahiya, causing no damage or injuries. (MNA 9/14; PCHR 9/21)

The Egyptian authorities partially open the **Rafah border crossing** for a 4th and final day in a row, allowing Muslim worshippers to return from their pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia. (OCHA 9/29)

15 SEPTEMBER 2017

Hamas announces that 2 members of its armed wing died this morning in tunnel collapses near Gaza City and Khan Yunis. The group offers no further details. (MNA, TOI 9/15)

IDF troops violently disperse Palestinians, Israelis, and international activists at Friday protests against Israel's occupation, settlements, and separation wall in 3 villages near Ramallah (Nabi Salih, Bil'in, and Ni'lin), Kafr Qaddum near Qalqilya, Hebron, north of Bethlehem, and along Gaza's border near Jabaliya refugee camp; 6 Palestinians are injured and 2 are arrested. Elsewhere in the **West Bank**, IDF troops conduct a raid in Bayt Umar near Hebron overnight, sparking clashes with stone-throwing Palestinians;

there are no serious injuries. They also arrest 1 Palestinian and confiscate several surveillance cameras during raids near Ramallah and Salfit, and patrol near Jenin, Hebron, Qalqilya, Tulkarm, and Salfit. **Israeli settlers** cut down 12 olive trees in a Palestinian orchard near Nablus overnight. (MNA, TOI, Wafa 9/15; MNA 9/16; PCHR 9/21)

16 SEPTEMBER 2017

In the **West Bank**, **Israeli forces** issue stop-work orders to Palestinians building a road between agricultural areas near Bethlehem. IDF troops arrest 11 Palestinians and issue 1 arrest summons during raids in and around Hebron, Ramallah, Bethlehem, and Qalqilya, and patrol near Hebron. The raids in Qalqilya spark clashes with stone-throwing Palestinians; 1 Palestinian is injured. In **East Jerusalem**, Israeli forces arrest 4 Palestinians during raids in Jabal Mukabir, Wadi al-Juz, and Shu'fat refugee camp. Along **Gaza's border**, IDF troops arrest 2 Palestinians attempting to cross into Israel, and open fire on Palestinian agricultural lands near Khan Yunis. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Bayt Lahiya, causing no damage or injuries. (MNA, TOI 9/16; MNA 9/17; PCHR 9/21)

A senior **U.S.** official says that the **Trump administration** is not expecting any breakthrough in its efforts to restart Palestinian-Israeli peace talks during the **UNGA** this week in New York, despite Trump's scheduled meetings with **PA pres. Abbas** and **Israeli PM Netanyahu**. "Achieving peace between the Israelis and the Palestinians remains one of the president's highest priorities, but the UN meetings will primarily focus on other issues and serve as check-in opportunities," the official adds. (HA, TOI 9/16)

17 SEPTEMBER 2017

Along **Gaza's border**, **IDF troops** open fire on Palestinian agricultural lands near Khan Yunis, causing no damage or injuries. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest 2 Palestinians and issue 1 arrest summons during late-night raids near Qalqilya and Salfit, and patrol near Tulkarm, Hebron, and Qalqilya. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 8 Palestinians during late-night raids in Shu'fat refugee camp, Issawiyya, and al-Tur. (PCHR 9/21)

Following another round of talks in **Cairo**, both internal and with **Egyptian** intelligence officials, **Hamas** releases a statement pledging to dismantle the administrative committee established earlier this year, to allow the **PA** to resume operations in Gaza, to resume reconciliation talks with **Fatah**, and to participate in general elections. **Fatah Central Committee member Azzam al-Ahmad**, who is also in Cairo, welcomes Hamas's statement and says that Hamas and Fatah are set to take tangible steps toward reconciliation, including bringing PA control back to Gaza, in the coming days. (HA, MNA, TOI, WAFA 9/17; NYT 9/19; AFP 9/22)

18 SEPTEMBER 2017

In the **West Bank**, **Israeli forces** demolish the 2d floor of a Palestinian residential building in al-Za'ayem village near Jerusalem. **IDF** troops arrest 8 Palestinians, issue 1 arrest summons, and confiscate 1 car during late-night raids in and around Bethlehem, Hebron, Jenin, and Nablus, and patrol near Hebron and Qalqilya. In **East Jerusalem**, Israeli forces arrest 1 Palestinian during a raid in Sur al-Bahir. On 3 separate occasions, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Jabaliya refugee camp off **Gaza's coast**. They arrest 2 fishermen and confiscate 1 boat. (MNA, WAFA 9/18; PCHR 9/21)

PA pres. Abbas tells **Hamas leader Haniyeh** by phone that he is "satisfied with the atmosphere" created by Hamas's 9/17 pledge to dissolve its administrative committee in Gaza. He also promises to follow up when he returns from his trip to the **UNGA** in New York this week. (TOI, WAFA 9/18)

On the sidelines of the UNGA in New York, **U.S. pres. Trump** meets with **Israeli PM Netanyahu** to discuss the 7/14/2015 Iran nuclear deal and the Palestinian-Israel peace process. In a joint press conference, Trump says he still believes there is a "good chance" Palestinian-Israeli peace will happen. Netanyahu, for his part, focuses his remarks on Iran. After the meeting, the White House releases a statement saying that Trump and Netanyahu discussed their "continuing efforts to achieve an enduring Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement, the optimism in the region about peace, and expanding economic opportunities to improve conditions for peace." (HA, NYT, TOI 9/18; HA, TOI 9/19)

Also in New York, Netanyahu publicly meets with **Egyptian pres. Abdel Fattah al-Sisi** for the first time. They discuss ways to resume Palestinian-Israeli peace talks, according to the Egyptian embassy in Washington. (HA 9/18; HA, YA 9/19)

The **U.S. military** opens its first base on Israeli soil in the Negev. The base will house dozens of U.S. soldiers, who will operate a large ballistic missile radar system. (HA, YA 9/18)

19 SEPTEMBER 2017

The **Gaza-based Ministry of Health** announces that a **Hamas fighter** died this morning during a "training accident" in southern Gaza. (MNA, TOI 9/19)

The Israeli authorities shut down the border crossings into the West Bank and Gaza at

midnight ahead of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish new year (they are set to reopen at midnight on 9/23, “depending on a situational assessment,” according to the IDF). **Israeli forces** level 2 dunams (approximately 0.5 acres) of Palestinian land near Tulkarm, destroying about 50 fig and lemon trees. They also arrest 13 Palestinians and issue 2 arrest summons during late-night raids in and around Hebron, Nablus, Ramallah, and Bethlehem, and patrol near Jenin and Hebron throughout the day. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** demolish a Palestinian car wash in Bayt Hanina and arrest 1 Palestinian during a raid in Sur Bahir. (MNA, TOI, WAFA 9/19; MNA 9/20; PCHR 9/21; PCHR 9/28)

Addressing the **UNGA** in New York, **U.S. pres. Trump** threatens **North Korea** and criticizes the 7/14/2015 **Iran nuclear deal**, formally known as the **Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA)**. He does not mention the Palestinians or the peace process. Later, **Israeli PM Netanyahu** takes the podium and echoes Trump’s comments on Iran, criticizing the “sunset” clause in the JCPOA, and calling on the international community to stop Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons. In his speech to the **UNGA**, **Egyptian pres. al-Sisi** calls on the people of Israel to “stand behind your political leadership and support [the peace process]” and on the Palestinian people to “unite behind” the common goal of peace. (HA, TOI 9/19; MNA, REU, WAFA, YA 9/20)

IDF troops shoot down an allegedly **Iranian-made, Hezbollah-operated drone** as it flies into the demilitarized zone in the Golan Heights. The drone falls inside Syrian-controlled territory. (HA, TOI, YA 9/19)

20 SEPTEMBER 2017

Israeli forces conduct raids in Abu Dis overnight, sparking clashes with stone-throwing

Palestinians; 9 Palestinians are injured, including several schoolchildren. Elsewhere in **East Jerusalem**, approximately 240 right-wing Jewish activists tour **Haram al-Sharif** in the morning. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** raid a charity in central Hebron, damaging files and other property. **IDF troops** violently disperse Palestinians gathering in central Hebron to welcome a member of their community home after spending 14 years in an Israeli prison; 3 Palestinians are arrested and none are seriously injured. The **IDF** also arrests 1 Palestinian during a late-night raid near Qalqilya and patrols near Jenin and Hebron. (MNA, WAFA 9/20; PCHR 9/28)

Addressing the **UNGA** in New York, **PA pres. Abbas** reiterates his support for a 2-state solution, promises to send PA officials to take control of Gaza next week, and expresses hope for **U.S. pres. Trump** to forge a “historic” Palestinian-Israeli peace agreement. He says the Palestinians are giving Trump’s efforts a chance, but that they will ask for equal status within the international community if Israel undermines the U.S. efforts. Later, Trump and Abbas meet. According to Palestinian and U.S. sources, Trump asks Abbas to give him and his administration time to draft a new peace plan. Abbas reportedly agrees (see Update). (HA, MNA, TOI, WAFA 9/20; HA 9/24)

21 SEPTEMBER 2017

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest a Palestinian during a raid in Bethlehem late at night, sparking clashes with stone-throwing Palestinians; there are no serious injuries. They arrest 4 Palestinians during further raids near Bethlehem and in Nablus and Hebron, and patrol near Hebron. Off **Gaza’s coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing

boats near Bayt Lahiya, causing no damage or injuries. (MNA 9/22; PCHR 9/28)

22 SEPTEMBER 2017

IDF troops violently disperse Palestinians, Israelis, and international activists at Friday protests against Israel's occupation, settlements, and separation wall in 3 villages near Ramallah (Nabi Salih, Bil'in, and Ni'lin) and Kafr Qaddum near Qalqilya; 1 Palestinian is injured. They also issue 2 Palestinians arrest summons during late-night raids in Bethlehem, and patrol during the day near Jenin and Hebron. (Wafa 9/22; PCHR 9/28)

The Lebanese press reports that 2 rockets fell outside the **Damascus airport** overnight in an apparent air strike conducted by the **Israeli Air Force (IAF)**. The Israeli government neither confirms nor denies responsibility. (TOI, YA 9/22)

23 SEPTEMBER 2017

IDF troops conduct raids in Aida refugee camp near Bethlehem overnight, sparking clashes with stone-throwing Palestinians; there are no serious injuries. Palestinian youths throw stones at IDF troops patrolling in Hebron, sparking minor clashes; 2 Palestinians are arrested. IDF troops also arrest 9 Palestinians during late-night raids in and around Qalqilya, Hebron, and Bethlehem, and patrol near Bethlehem and Hebron during the day. (MNA, Wafa 9/23; PCHR 9/28)

24 SEPTEMBER 2017

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** evacuate a small Israeli settlement outpost near Nablus, sparking minor clashes with the residents; 1 settler is arrested after turning his dog loose on the soldiers. **Israeli settlers** then torch a

number of Palestinian olive trees in the area. Elsewhere, Israeli forces confiscate 3 Palestinian cars and 2 tractors from residents of Ras al-Ahmar near Tubas. IDF troops conduct raids in Dahaysha refugee camp near Bethlehem late at night, ordering a bookstore to close for 3 weeks and sparking clashes with stone-throwing youths; 1 Palestinian is injured. They arrest 13 Palestinians and issue 2 arrest summons during further raids in and around Qalqilya, Hebron, Jericho, Jenin, and Bethlehem, and patrol near Hebron during the day. In **East Jerusalem**, Israeli forces level Palestinian land outside Hizma in preparation for the construction of a new road in the area. Along **Gaza's border**, Israeli forces conduct a limited incursion to level land near Khan Yunis. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Jabaliya refugee camp and Bayt Lahiya, causing no damage or injuries. (MNA, TOI, Wafa 9/24; MNA, Wafa 9/25; PCHR 9/28)

25 SEPTEMBER 2017

In the **West Bank**, **Israeli forces** demolish a Palestinian car wash near Salfit and a workshop near Hebron. **IDF troops** arrest 14 Palestinians during late-night raids near Hebron, Nablus, Ramallah, and Bethlehem, and patrol during the day near Hebron. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Jabaliya refugee camp, causing no damage or injuries. (MNA, Wafa 9/25; PCHR 9/28)

In a meeting with the Palestinian leadership, **PA pres. Abbas** says that he has begun drafting a resolution to submit to the **UNSC** that would elevate Palestine to **full UN membership**. "As you know, we submitted this request in 2011, but it was rejected for various reasons. God willing, these reasons are now removed because

we are very much interested in becoming a full member of the United Nations.” It was previously reported, on 9/20, that Abbas agreed to delay efforts to join international fora to give time for **U.S. pres. Trump’s** peace initiative to develop. Meanwhile, **Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Executive Committee member Hanan Ashrawi** says that the PLO has decided to submit an official request to the **International Criminal Court** to investigate Israeli settlement activity in the West Bank and **East Jerusalem**. (MNA 9/25; WAFA 9/26)

In his 3d report to the **UNSC** since the passage of **Resolution 2334** denouncing Israel’s settlements in 12/2016, **UN Special Coordinator Nickolay Mladenov** says that Israel is not adhering to the resolution, noting that Israeli officials continue to use “provocative rhetoric” about the settlements, and that settlement growth has actually accelerated since the resolution passed. (TOI 9/25; AP 9/26)

26 SEPTEMBER 2017

Israeli border police shoot and kill a Palestinian worker at the back entrance of the Har Hadar settlement near **Jerusalem** after he opens fire on them, killing 3 officers and seriously injuring a 4th. The IDF then raids and imposes a lockdown on Bayt Surik, the alleged attacker’s hometown, and 8 other **Jerusalem-area** villages. Israeli soldiers threaten his family with punitive home demolition and arrest at least 15 residents, including his father and brother. Elsewhere, **IDF troops** assault 3 Palestinians during a raid in Hebron, arrest 10 Palestinians during late-night raids near Nablus, Bethlehem, Hebron, Jenin, Tubas, and Qalqilya, and patrol near Jenin, Hebron, and Salfit during the day. **Israeli settlers** throw stones at Palestinian vehicles outside Hebron, damaging several. They also bulldoze Palestinian

agricultural land outside the Bethlehem village al-Khadir, clearing the area for a new sewage system to serve the nearby settlements. Off **Gaza’s coast, Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Bayt Lahiya, causing no damage or injuries. (EI, HA, MNA, NYT, TOI, WAFA 9/26; MNA 9/27; PCHR 9/28)

Following the deadly attack at Har Hadar this morning, **Israeli PM Netanyahu** says that Israel will demolish the alleged attacker’s home and revoke his extended family’s work permits. He also calls on **PA pres. Abbas** to denounce the attack “and not try to justify it.” (TOI 9/26)

PA PM Hamdallah says that new committees will be formed to administer the transfer of power from the various ministries in **Gaza**, as well as border crossings and security services, to the PA. “Today, we are moving toward unification and toward enhancing the steadfastness of our people,” he says. The PA is set to hold its weekly cabinet meeting in Gaza on 10/3. (WAFA 9/26)

27 SEPTEMBER 2017

In the **West Bank, IDF troops** shut down the main road in Biddu, a village near **Jerusalem**, sparking clashes with stone-throwing residents; 7 Palestinians are injured (Biddu is 1 of the 9 Jerusalem-area villages still under lock-down following the deadly shooting at Har Hadar on 9/26). In the northern Jordan Valley, **Israeli forces** demolish water pipes and raze a road in a rural area outside Atuf. **IDF troops** then violently disperse Palestinian farmers, human rights activists, and religious leaders marching through Atuf in protest; 1 Palestinian is arrested and 1 is injured. They also arrest 3 Palestinians during late-night raids near Hebron and Ramallah, and patrol near Nablus, Jenin, and

Salfit. Approximately **1,500 Israeli settlers** visit **Joseph's Tomb near Nablus** late at night, sparking minor clashes between their IDF escort and Palestinians from nearby Balata refugee camp; there are no serious injuries. In **Israel**, **police** arrest a Palestinian laborer at a construction site in **Tel Aviv** claiming that he was planning a stabbing attack. (MNA, WAFA 9/27; MNA, PCHR, TOI, WAFA 9/28; PCHR 10/5)

In a meeting with top settler leaders, **Israeli PM Netanyahu** says that Israel must honor its commitment to the **Trump administration** to limit **settlement construction** and not be "piggish." He also boasts that he had convinced the Trump administration to ignore any distinction between the settlement blocs and isolated settlements. Earlier in the day, Netanyahu reviews with **U.S. special representative Greenblatt** and **U.S. ambassador David Friedman** the Israeli government's pending plans for settlement growth. (HA 9/27; HA 9/28)

Interpol announces that its general assembly has approved **Palestine's** petition for full membership, with 75 countries voting in favor, 24 against and 34 abstaining (see Update). "The State of Palestine considers this membership and the responsibilities that it entails as an integral part of its responsibility toward the Palestinian people and a moral commitment to the citizens of the world," the PA says in a statement. (HA, MNA, REU, TOI, WAFA, YA 9/27; AP 9/28)

28 SEPTEMBER 2017

In the **West Bank**, the **IDF** continues its crackdown on Bayt Surik, the Jerusalem-area hometown of the alleged perpetrator of the deadly 9/26 attack in Har Hadar. **Israeli soldiers** confiscate dozens of cars, conduct

raids, and issue stop-work orders to various sites of unpermitted construction in the village. They also maintain the closure of 8 other Jerusalem-area villages for a 3d day. Elsewhere, **IDF troops** patrol in al-Thaher near Hebron and Ya'bad village near Jenin, sparking clashes with stone-throwing Palestinians in both places; there are no serious injuries and 4 Palestinians are arrested. They also arrest 19 Palestinians during late-night raids near Hebron, Ramallah, Bethlehem, and Jenin, and patrol near Qalqilya and Jenin. (TOI 9/28; PCHR 10/5)

The **IDF** announces that the border crossings in and out of the **West Bank and Gaza** will be closed from midnight on 9/29 until midnight on 9/30, as Israel marks **Yom Kippur**. In an unusual addendum to the closure, the IDF says that Palestinian workers will be barred from entering Israel's settlements in the **West Bank** on 9/30. The additional restriction is likely a response to the deadly attack on 9/26. (TOI 9/28)

The **Middle East Quartet** meets and releases a statement welcoming the Palestinian national reconciliation efforts: "[The Quartet members] urge the parties to take concrete steps to reunite Gaza and the West Bank under the legitimate Palestinian Authority. This will facilitate lifting the closures of the crossings, while addressing Israel's legitimate security concerns, and unlock international support for Gaza's growth, stability, and prosperity, which is critical for efforts to reach lasting peace." (TOI, WAFA 9/28)

29 SEPTEMBER 2017

IDF troops violently disperse Palestinians, Israelis, and international activists at Friday protests against Israel's occupation, settlements, and separation wall in 3 villages near Ramallah (Nabi Salih, Bil'in, and Ni'lin), Kafr Qaddum

near Qalqilya, central Hebron, and along Gaza's border near al-Bureij refugee camp; 1 Palestinian is injured. Meanwhile, the IDF maintains its general closure of 9 Jerusalem-area villages for a 4th day, following the deadly attack in Har Hadar on 9/26. Israeli soldiers arrest 2 Palestinians, allegedly for placing an explosive device on a road near the Migdal Oz settlement outside Hebron. After an IDF drone goes down in Bethlehem, Israeli soldiers enter the area to search for the device, sparking clashes with stone-throwing residents; 1 Palestinian is injured. The IDF patrols in and around Tulkarm and Hebron. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Jabaliya refugee camp, causing no damage or injuries. (MNA 9/29; MNA 9/30; PCHR 10/5)

30 SEPTEMBER 2017

In the **West Bank**, the IDF maintains its general closure of 9 Jerusalem-area villages for a 5th day, following the deadly attack on 9/26. During a raid in Duha village near Bethlehem, IDF troops arrest 1 Palestinian and spark clashes with stone-throwing residents; there are no serious injuries. IDF troops arrest 3 Palestinians and destroy the entrance to a home during raids near Bethlehem, and patrol near Hebron. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Jabaliya refugee camp, causing no damage or injuries. (MNA 9/30; WAFA 10/1; PCHR 10/5)

1 OCTOBER 2017

In the **West Bank**, the IDF maintains its general closure of 9 Jerusalem-area villages for a 6th and final day, following the deadly attack in Har Hadar on 9/26. Israeli forces prevent Palestinian farmers from accessing their fields

outside Qalqilya, ordering them not to return until mid-10/2017 after the next Jewish holidays. IDF troops arrest 9 Palestinians, including 1 journalist, and issue 1 arrest summons during late-night raids in and around Hebron, Bethlehem, and Nablus, and patrol near Tulkarm and Nablus. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** issue 1 Palestinian arrest summons during a late-night raid in Silwan. (MNA, WAFA 10/1; PCHR 10/5)

Israeli DM Avigdor Lieberman's office announces that the West Bank and Gaza will be closed for 11 days, from the start of Sukkot on 10/4, except for humanitarian cases. He cites the deadly attack in Har Hadar on 9/26 to justify the unusually long closure. (HA, TOI 10/2)

2 OCTOBER 2017

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest 5 Palestinians during late-night raids in and around Hebron and near Jenin, and patrol near Hebron, Tulkarm, and Nablus. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** conduct arrest raids in Shu'fat refugee camp in the evening, sparking clashes with stone-throwing Palestinian youths; 2 Palestinians are injured. (MNA 10/2; PCHR 10/5)

PA PM Hamdallah leads a PA delegation to **Gaza** for reconciliation talks with **Hamas**. At a welcome ceremony in Bayt Hanun, he says that the PA is beginning to take over administration of Gaza. "We return to Gaza again to end the division and achieve unity." (AP, HA, MNA, NYT, TOI, WAFA 10/2; WAFA 10/3)

3 OCTOBER 2017

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest 1 Palestinian and confiscate NIS 13,500

(approximately \$3,800) in cash and jewelry during late-night raids near Hebron, and patrol near Jenin, Tulkarm, and Hebron. They also return to Bayt Surik to threaten the punitive demolition of the home of the alleged perpetrator of the deadly attack in Har Hadar on 9/26. In **East Jerusalem, Israeli forces** arrest 4 Palestinians during raids in Hizma, Silwan, and the Old City. In **the Negev**, Israeli forces demolish the Palestinian Bedouin village al-Araqib for the 119th time since 2010. (MNA, PNN, WAFA 10/3; PCHR 10/5)

For the first time since 2014, the **PA** cabinet convenes in **Gaza** (see Update). At the outset, **PM Hamdallah** says that the government is set to take full responsibility of the administration of Gaza “in full cooperation and partnership with all the Palestinian factions and forces,” including **Hamas**. (AFP, HA, MNA, TOI, WAFA, YA 10/3; AFP 10/4)

4 OCTOBER 2017

In **East Jerusalem**, Israeli police arrest a Palestinian security guard at **Haram al-Sharif** after he stops an Israeli settler from assaulting a Palestinian child who was attempting to enter the sanctuary. Meanwhile, approximately 55 Israeli settlers tour Haram al-Sharif. In the **West Bank, IDF troops** patrol near Nablus during the day. In **central Israel**, an **Israeli settler** is found dead in an industrial area outside Kafr Kassim. Israeli security sources say he was likely killed for “nationalistic reasons.” (HA, YA 10/4; MNA, PCHR 10/5)

A **senior Fatah official** says that a delegation of **Fatah and Hamas** officials are set to visit **Cairo** next week to continue negotiations on a possible national reconciliation agreement (see Update). (MNA 10/4; WAFA, YA 10/5)

5 OCTOBER 2017

In the **West Bank, IDF troops** close down a road near Bethlehem, blocking Palestinian farmers in the area from working their fields. They also arrest 1 Palestinian during late-night raids near Jenin and patrol near Hebron. Late at night, **Israeli settlers** throw stones at Palestinian cars near Ramallah, causing minor damage and seriously injuring 1 child. Off **Gaza’s coast, Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Bayt Lahiya, causing no damage or injuries. (WAFA 10/5; MNA, WAFA 10/6; PCHR 10/12)

Israeli DM Lieberman and **IDF chief of staff Gadi Eisenkot** decide to permit the entrance into Israel of West Bank Palestinians “employed in required sectors of the economy.” Lieberman previously ordered, on 10/1, an 11-day closure of the West Bank and Gaza for the holiday (10/4–15). (HA, TOI 10/6)

PA PM Hamdallah returns to Ramallah from **Gaza**, where he spent 4 days meeting with various local officials and working to bring PA administration to the region. Further details of the ongoing **reconciliation** process are expected to be disclosed on 10/10, when Hamas and Fatah officials meet in Cairo for more talks. Meanwhile, **Hamas** announces that the PA has officially taken over as the administrative authority in Gaza. A spokesperson says that Hamas has been “supporting the consensus government.” (TOI, WAFA, YA 10/5)

6 OCTOBER 2017

IDF troops violently disperse Palestinians, Israelis, and international activists at Friday protests against Israel’s occupation, settlements, and separation wall in 3 villages near Ramallah (Nabi Salih, Bil’in, and Ni’lin),

Kafr Qaddum near Qalqilya, Khirbat Qalqas near Hebron, and along Gaza's border near Jabaliya refugee camp and al-Bureij refugee camp; 6 Palestinians are injured. Separately, **IDF troops** conduct raids in al-Bireh overnight, sparking clashes with stone-throwing Palestinians; 13 Palestinians are injured. They arrest 3 Palestinians during further raids near Bethlehem and Jenin, and patrol near Tulkarm, Hebron, and Bethlehem. **Israeli settlers** throw stones at Palestinian cars driving near Hebron, causing minor damage to 1 vehicle and lightly injuring a Palestinian child. Later in the day, the **IDF** closes a number of roads between Ramallah and Nablus, clearing the area for a foot race organized by Israeli settlers. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Jabaliya refugee camp, causing no damage or injuries. (MNA, WAFA 10/6; MNA 10/7; PCHR 10/12)

7 OCTOBER 2017

Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Bayt Lahiya and again near Jabaliya refugee camp, causing no damage or injuries. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest 12 Palestinians and issue 1 arrest summons during late-night raids in and around Hebron, Ramallah, Nablus, Jerusalem, and Bethlehem, and patrol near Hebron and Salfit. (PCHR 10/12)

In an interview with former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee, **U.S. pres. Trump** says he is giving the peace process "a shot" before he "even think[s] about moving the U.S. **embassy to Jerusalem.**" Trump repeatedly promised to move the U.S. embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem while on the campaign trail in 2016. (HA, MNA, TOI 10/8)

Hamas announces that its security forces have arrested several leaders of Islamist groups based in Gaza. The announcement comes in the context of Hamas's ongoing crackdown on the groups (see Update). (MNA, TOI 10/7)

8 OCTOBER 2017

Unidentified parties fire a rocket from Gaza toward Israel. It lands in an open area short of the border, causing no damage or injuries. An **IDF** tank shells and destroys a **Hamas** observation post east of al-Maghazi refugee camp. Israeli artillery also target a site east of Gaza City, causing a fire to break out; there is no major damage or injuries. Separately, **IDF** troops stationed along the border fence arrest 2 Palestinians attempting to cross from Gaza into Israel near Rafah, and open fire on Palestinian lands near al-Bureij refugee camp, causing no damage. In **East Jerusalem**, approximately 524 Israeli settlers tour **Haram al-Sharif** in the morning, commemorating the Jewish holiday Sukkot. Some of the settlers reportedly pray at the sanctuary. In the **West Bank**, the Israeli authorities shut down **al-Ibrahimi Mosque** in Hebron to Muslim worshippers to make way for Sukkot-related activities at the site. **IDF** troops arrest 16 Palestinians and issue 1 arrest summons during late-night raids in and around Hebron, Jerusalem, Qalqilya, Bethlehem, Nablus, Salfit, and Jenin, and patrol near Tulkarm and Hebron. In **Israel**, approximately 30,000 Palestinians and Israelis gather in Jerusalem to call for a resumption of Israeli-Palestinian peace talks. The Israeli NGO Women Wage Peace organized the demonstration. **Hamas** denounces the PLO for supporting the rally, accusing it of

“normalizing” relations with Israel. (HA, MNA, TOI, WAFA 10/8; MNA, TOI, WAFA 10/9; PCHR 10/12)

9 OCTOBER 2017

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** open fire on 2 Palestinians as they attempt to walk through the vehicle lane at the Qalandia checkpoint; there are no reported injuries. They also arrest 7 Palestinians during late-night raids near Bethlehem, Tulkarm, Hebron, Salfit, Nablus, and Qalqilya, and patrol near Hebron and Tulkarm. In **East Jerusalem**, approximately 612 Israeli settlers tour **Haram al-Sharif**, commemorating the Jewish holiday Sukkot. **Israeli forces** arrest 2 Palestinians during late-night raids in Issawiyya. (MNA 10/9; PCHR 10/12)

10 OCTOBER 2017

In the **West Bank**, hundreds of Israeli settlers visit **Joseph’s Tomb outside Nablus** late at night, sparking clashes between their IDF escort and Palestinians from nearby Balata refugee camp; 3 Palestinians are injured. IDF troops also arrest 2 Palestinians during late-night raids in and around Tulkarm, and patrol near Tulkarm and Hebron. **Israeli settlers** throw stones at Palestinian vehicles outside the Huwwara checkpoint near Nablus, causing minor damage. In **East Jerusalem**, approximately 628 Israeli settlers tour **Haram al-Sharif** for a 3d day in a row, marking the Jewish holiday Sukkot. Along **Gaza’s border**, **Israeli forces** conduct a limited incursion to level land near Jabaliya refugee camp, and violently disperse stone-throwing Palestinian youths gathering near Jabaliya refugee camp later in the day (1 Palestinian is injured).

(MNA 10/10; MNA, WAFA 10/11; PCHR 10/12)

Hamis and Fatah officials resume talks on a possible **national reconciliation agreement** under the oversight of **Egyptian** intelligence officials in Cairo. They discuss ways that the **PA** can effectively administrate in **Gaza**, including the operation of the border crossings and issues related to the economy and security. In the evening, the 2 sides issue a joint statement: “We thank Egypt for its sponsorship in achieving reconciliation and ending division and we look forward to continuing talks [. . .] in the same high spirits.” Talks are expected to continue all week. (AFP, HA, MNA, NYT, WAFA, YA 10/10; MNA 10/11)

11 OCTOBER 2017

In the **West Bank**, **Israeli settlers** attack Palestinian farmers harvesting olives near Nablus, causing no serious injuries. **IDF troops** arrest 1 Palestinian student after questioning a group in Zayta village near Tulkarm and another during a late-night raid near Ramallah. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 1 Palestinian during a raid in Silwan. Along **Gaza’s border**, unidentified parties open fire on an IDF patrol, causing no injuries or damage. In the **Negev**, Israeli police arrest a **West Bank Palestinian** in Rahat on suspicions that he was planning an attack on Israeli civilians. (HA, TOI, WAFA 10/11; EI, PCHR 10/12; PCHR 10/19)

12 OCTOBER 2017

After 3 days of talks in **Cairo**, **Hamis and Fatah** announce that they have reached a new **national reconciliation agreement**. They do not release the text of the agreement, but

according to Palestinian and Egyptian officials close to the talks, the **PA** is set to lift the sanctions imposed on **Gaza** earlier this year and Hamas agreed to hand over control of Gaza to the PA by 12/1, inter alia (see Update).

Egypt's State Information Service releases a statement announcing that the 2 sides have "agreed on procedures" for reconciliation, acknowledging that "division between the 2 sides" remains. The statement says Cairo will host a follow-up meeting on 11/21. (AFP, HA, MDW, MNA, NYT, PNN, TOI, WAFA, YA 10/12)

Thousands of Palestinians gather in the streets of Gaza City to celebrate the Palestinian reconciliation deal. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Bayt Lahiya, causing no damage or injuries. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** violently disperse Palestinian youths throwing stones at them outside a settlement near Hebron (there are no serious injuries), and patrol near Hebron during the day. In **East Jerusalem**, hundreds of Israeli settlers march through the Old City, chanting slogans, throwing rocks, and smashing car windows. They assault and moderately injure a Palestinian shop-owner. **Israeli forces** arrest 4 Palestinian youths who attempt to stop the settlers' attacks. Israeli forces also impose a curfew on Issawiyya and arrest 1 Palestinian driving in the neighborhood. They arrest another Palestinian during a raid in Shu'fat. (REU 10/13; PCHR 10/19)

The **U.S. State Dept.** announces that the U.S. is withdrawing from **UNESCO**. "This decision was not taken lightly, and reflects [. . .] continuing **anti-Israel bias** at UNESCO" (see Update). The withdrawal goes into effect at the end of 2018. Shortly after the State Dept.'s announcement, **Israeli PM Netanyahu's office**

announces that Israel is following the "brave and moral" U.S. decision and leaving UNESCO as well. (EI, HA, NYT, TOI, YA 10/12; MNA 10/13)

13 OCTOBER 2017

IDF troops violently disperse Palestinians, Israelis, and international activists at Friday protests against Israel's occupation, settlements, and separation wall in 3 villages near Ramallah (Nabi Salih, Bil'in, and Ni'lin), Kafr Qaddum near Qalqilya, and along Gaza's border near Jabaliya refugee camp and al-Bureij refugee camp; 6 Palestinians are injured. Meanwhile, **IDF troops** arrest 3 Palestinians during late-night raids near Jenin and Hebron, and patrol near Qalqilya and Tulkarm. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Bayt Lahiya, causing no damage or injuries. Along Gaza's border, **IDF troops** open fire on Palestinian farmland near Khan Yunis, causing no damage or injuries. (MNA 10/14; PCHR 10/19)

U.S. pres. Trump announces that his administration will not be certifying the **7/14/2015 Iran nuclear deal**, triggering a 60-day period for the **U.S. Congress** to either reinstate sanctions, do nothing, or pass new legislation outside the context of the deal that could change the U.S. position toward Iran (see Update). Trump also announces "tough" new sanctions on **Iran's Revolutionary Guards Corps** and promises to "work closely with Congress and our allies to address the deal's many serious flaws so that the Iranian regime can never threaten the world with nuclear weapons." In response, **Iranian pres. Hassan Rouhani** says that **Tehran** will expand its ballistic missile program, yet continue to honor its obligations under the deal. The leaders of

the **UK, France, and Germany** reaffirm their commitment to the agreement. (AJ, BBC, CNN, HA, REU, TOI, WP 10/13)

14 OCTOBER 2017

In the **West Bank, Israeli forces** confiscate 2 Palestinian trucks being used to repair an agricultural road near Tubas. **IDF troops** arrest 7 Palestinians during late-night raids near Ramallah and Jenin. Along **Gaza's border, IDF troops** arrest 2 Palestinians attempting to cross into Israel. Off **Gaza's coast, Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Bayt Lahiya, causing no damage or injuries. (MNA, Wafa 10/14; PCHR 10/19)

15 OCTOBER 2017

Sinai Province of the Islamic State (SPIS) fighters fire 2 rockets from the north Sinai Peninsula into Israel, where they land in open areas, causing no damage or injuries. Sources on the ground in Sinai report seeing Israeli fighter jets launch air strikes on a number of targets in response to the rockets. The attacks come after a day of heavy violence in Sinai and weeks of tension between **Hamas** and local Islamist groups in Gaza (see Update). Hours before the attack, **SPIS fighters** assaulted **Egyptian soldiers** at a vacant church in al-Arish with rocket-propelled grenades and car bombs, and also rob a bank nearby, sparking a firefight with Egyptian security personnel (at least 3 civilians and 4 soldiers are killed and at least 20 people are injured). The Egyptian army then launches a counterassault on insurgent hideouts near Rafah, al-Arish, and Shaykh Zuwayd, killing at least 24 fighters affiliated with SPIS and other armed groups. Meanwhile, the Egyptian authorities announce that they will not be opening the **Rafah border crossing** with

Gaza for 4 days as planned. (AA, AP, HA, JP, REU, TOI, Wafa 10/16; TOI 10/17)

In the **West Bank, Israeli settlers** assault 2 Palestinian children on their way to school in Hebron. They also throw stones and bottles at a mosque in al-Tuwani village near Hebron, causing minor damage and sparking clashes between their IDF escort and residents of the area (there are no serious injuries). Settlers steal olives harvested from more than 65 trees in orchards near Nablus and Ramallah (**IDF troops** arrest a number of them later in the day). Other settlers attempt to assault Palestinians picking olives outside the Eli settlement near Hebron, but the Palestinians drive them off. **IDF troops** conduct a raid in Dahaysha refugee camp near Bethlehem, arresting 1 Palestinian and sparking clashes with stone-throwing residents; 1 Palestinian is injured. They arrest 13 Palestinians during late-night raids near Jenin and Ramallah, and in Bethlehem and Qalqilya, and patrol near Jenin. In **East Jerusalem**, Israeli forces violently disperse a Palestinian family gathering in Issawiyya to welcome a relative home from prison, moderately injuring 3 of them. Off **Gaza's coast, Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Gaza City and Bayt Lahiya, causing no damage or injuries. They arrest 4 fishermen and confiscate 2 boats. Along **Gaza's border**, IDF troops open fire on Palestinian farmland near al-Maghazi refugee camp, causing no damage or injuries. (Wafa 10/15; MNA, Wafa 10/16; PCHR 10/19)

At the weekly Israeli cabinet meeting, **PM Netanyahu** says **U.S. pres. Trump's** 10/13 decision not to certify the **7/14/2015 Iran nuclear deal** presents an opportunity to "fix" the deal. "I believe that any responsible government, and whoever seeks to promote peace and security in the world, needs to take advantage of the opportunity that Pres.

Trump's decision has created to improve the agreement or abrogate it and, of course, stop Iran's aggression," he says. (TOI 10/15; JTA 10/16)

16 OCTOBER 2017

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** assault and arrest a Palestinian during a patrol in 'Azun village near Qalqilya. They also arrest 13 Palestinians during late-night raids near Bethlehem, Ramallah, Hebron, Jenin, and Nablus, and patrol near Hebron. Palestinian youths throw stones at an IDF patrol outside a settlement near Hebron, sparking minor clashes; 1 Palestinian is arrested. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** clash with Palestinians in Qalandia refugee camp and Issawiyya; there are no serious injuries. They also arrest a Palestinian during a late-night raid in the Old City. Along **Gaza's border**, **Israeli forces** conduct a limited incursion to level land near Bayt Lahiya. Off **Gaza's coast** late at night, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Jabaliya refugee camp, causing no damage or injuries. (MNA, WAFA 10/16; PCHR 10/19)

After days of positivity from both **Hamas** and the **PA** in the wake of the **10/12 reconciliation deal**, a Hamas spokesperson criticizes the PA for not prioritizing the rollback of sanctions on Gaza. "It is not justified to continue the sanctions on Gaza, while the [PA] government is content with talking about getting control of border crossings and exploration for [natural] gas in Gaza," he writes, on Twitter. His comments come after the **Fatah Central Committee** neglected to discuss the sanctions at a meeting on 10/15. Meanwhile, the **PA's director of border crossings**, Nazmi Muhanna, arrives in Gaza. He says he is there to "to carry out the first article of the reconciliation

agreement signed in Cairo [on 10/12] regarding taking over the crossings." (TOI 10/16; MNA, TOI 10/17)

The Israeli NGO Peace Now reports that the Licensing Subcommittee of Israel's Civil Administration has approved 31 building permits for new housing units in central Hebron, marking the first approval of new **settlement construction** in Hebron in 15 years (see Update). (AP, PCN, REU, TOI, YA 10/16; TOI 10/17)

A **Syrian anti-aircraft battery** positioned east of **Damascus** fires on **Israeli fighter jets** allegedly flying in Lebanese air space, causing no damage or injuries. In response, the IAF launches an air strike on the battery. (HA, JP, NYT, TOI, YA 10/16)

17 OCTOBER 2017

In the **West Bank**, Palestinian farmers discover that **Israeli settlers** have stolen the pickings from at least 450 of their olive trees in orchards east of Qalqilya. Israeli forces bulldoze 200 m of walls around a Palestinian's agricultural land near Nablus, and patrol near Hebron. Late at night, **IDF troops** raid 8 branch offices of 3 Palestinian media companies—PalMedia, Ram Sat, and Trans Media—in Nablus, Bethlehem, Ramallah, and Hebron. They confiscate what they claim are inciting materials and arrest at least 2 Palestinians. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** demolish 2 homes in Silwan, displacing 9 Palestinians. Off **Gaza**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Bayt Lahiya and Khan Yunis, causing no damage or injuries. (MNA, WAFA 10/17; EI, HA, YA 10/18; PCHR 10/19)

Israeli PM Netanyahu's office announces that the security cabinet has decided to set a series of conditions concerning the **10/12**

Palestinian national reconciliation agreement for the Palestinians to meet before the Israeli government would consent to any “political” talks with a new Palestinian consensus government. They include **Hamas** recognizing Israel, ceasing all so-called terrorist activity, disarming fighters, dismantling its military infrastructure and bureaucracy in the West Bank, severing ties with Iran, returning to Israel the remains of the 2 IDF soldiers and the Israeli civilians allegedly being held in Gaza, and relinquishing security control of Gaza to the PA. A senior Israeli official says that the cabinet also authorized PM Netanyahu to impose punitive sanctions on the PA, including deductions from the monthly transfers of tax revenues Israel collects on the Palestinians’ behalf. Shortly after the statement is released, **PA pres. Abbas’s spokesperson** says that the Israeli government will not be allowed to stand in the way of Palestinian reconciliation. (HA, YA 10/17)

The **Higher Planning Commission of Israel’s Civil Administration** advances plans for 1,292 new housing units in **West Bank settlements**, including the approval of 296 homes for sale in Beit El (PM Netanyahu has promised to make these homes available to the residents of the illegal Ulpna outpost, which was evacuated in 2012). The committee is expected to advance more plans on 10/18 (see Update). (TOI 19/17)

18 OCTOBER 2017

IDF troops shoot and injure a Palestinian youth at the Gush Etzion junction near Hebron, allegedly after he attempts to carry out a stabbing attack. Elsewhere in the West Bank, **IDF troops** conduct raids in Bayt Umar near Hebron, sparking clashes with stone-throwing residents; there are no serious injuries. They arrest 6 Palestinians and confiscate 1 car during

further raids in and around Ramallah, Jenin, Bethlehem, Nablus, and Qalqilya. In **East Jerusalem, Israeli forces** demolish a Palestinian building in Bayt Hanina. (MNA, TOI, Wafa 10/18; PCHR 10/19)

The Israeli authorities expand the **fishing zone** off Gaza’s southern coast from 6 to 9 naut. mi. The expansion is set to last 6 weeks, and it is intended to “improve the economy in the Gaza Strip,” according to the **Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories** on 10/15 (see Update). (HA 10/18; AJ 10/20)

The **Higher Planning Commission of Israel’s Civil Administration** meets for a 2d day and advances plans for approximately 1,300 housing units in **Israel’s West Bank settlements**, including 459 in Ma’ale Adumim. Today’s approvals bring the week’s total to approximately 2,600 new units (see Update). (MNA, TOI 10/18)

19 OCTOBER 2017

Off **Gaza’s coast, Israeli naval forces** shoot and injure a Palestinian sailing near Bayt Lahiya. Along **Gaza’s border, IDF troops** arrest 2 Palestinians attempting to cross into Israel. In the **West Bank, Israeli forces** demolish 2 Palestinian homes in Halawa village south of Hebron and an agricultural structure in the nearby village of al-Tuwani. **IDF troops** arrest 6 Palestinians during late-night raids near Hebron, Qalqilya, Bethlehem, and Jenin, and patrol near Hebron, Qalqilya, and Salfit. (MNA, Wafa 10/19; HA, MNA, YA 10/20; PCHR 10/26)

Two days after Israel’s security cabinet imposed new conditions on Israel’s participation in a new round of peace talks with the Palestinians, **U.S. special representative Greenblatt** issues the first official U.S. response to the 10/12 Palestinian national reconciliation

agreement: “All parties agree that it is essential that the PA be able to assume full, genuine, and unhindered civil and security responsibilities in Gaza and that we work together to improve the humanitarian situation for Palestinians living there,” he says, in a statement. “The U.S. reiterates the importance of adherence to the Quartet principles: any Palestinian government must unambiguously and explicitly commit to nonviolence, recognize the State of Israel, accept previous agreements and obligations between the parties—including to disarm terrorists—and commit to peaceful negotiations. If Hamas is to play any role in a Palestinian government, it must accept these basic requirements.” In response, a senior Hamas official accuses the U.S. of “blatant interference” in the reconciliation process. (HA, MNA, TOI, WAFA, YA 10/19)

A mortar fired from inside **Syria** lands in the **Israeli-controlled Golan Heights**, causing no damage or injuries. In response, Israeli tanks fire on a Syrian army position near Qunaytra. (TOI, YA 10/19)

20 OCTOBER 2017

IDF troops violently disperse Palestinians, Israelis, and international activists at Friday protests against Israel’s occupation, settlements, and separation wall in 3 villages near Ramallah (Nabi Salih, Bil’in, and Ni’lin) and Kafr Qaddum near Qalqilya; no Palestinians are seriously injured. Meanwhile, Palestinians in Hebron protest at the Abu Rajab house that Israeli settlers seized on 7/25, and which has been subject to ongoing litigation ever since. Elsewhere in Hebron, Palestinian youths throw stones at IDF troops on a patrol, sparking minor clashes; 1 Palestinian is lightly injured. The IDF also arrests 1 Palestinian during a late-night raid near Jenin, and patrol near Ramallah and

Hebron. **Israeli settlers** assault a Palestinian farmer working in his fields south of Bethlehem, causing moderate injuries. In **East Jerusalem**, Israeli forces arrest a Palestinian youth in the Old City of **East Jerusalem**, allegedly for carrying a knife. Off **Gaza’s coast** late at night, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Jabaliya, causing no damage or injuries. (MNA 10/20; WAFA 10/21; MNA 10/22; PCHR 10/26)

A **Hamas delegation** arrives in **Iran** for talks on the Palestinian reconciliation process and other regional issues. A Hamas official says that the group wants to increase its cooperation with Iran and to “secure Iranian financial and logistical support” (see Update). (AFP, HA 10/20; HA 10/21)

21 OCTOBER 2017

Off **Gaza’s coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Bayt Lahiya on 2 separate occasions, causing no damage or injuries. In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest 3 Palestinians during raids near Bethlehem and Qalqilya, and patrol near Hebron and Tulkarm. Palestinian youths throw stones at **IDF troops** on a patrol near Hebron, causing no injuries. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 2 Palestinians walking through the Old City. (PCHR 10/26)

Five projectiles fired from southern **Syria** land in an open area in northern Israel, causing no damage or injuries. The **IDF** fires artillery at 3 Syrian army targets near the border area. The IDF threatens to use the incident as a justified provocation for “a more fierce Israeli response.” The Syrian government then files letters of complaint to the **UN** regarding the Israeli strikes, accusing the Israeli government of coordinating with local “terror groups.” (HA, TOI, YA 10/21)

22 OCTOBER 2017

Israeli police and border guards conduct a series of raids in Issawiyya late at night, arresting at least 50 Palestinians, including 23 children (see Update). In the **West Bank, Israeli settlers** steal olives harvested from 260 trees in Palestinian orchards near Nablus. **IDF troops** and **Israeli settlers** assault Palestinian students in central Hebron, claiming they were throwing stones. When Palestinian teachers intervene, the Israeli soldiers arrest 1 of them. Outside Hebron, Palestinian students throw stones at IDF troops stationed near Bayt Umar, causing no injuries; 1 Palestinian is arrested. IDF troops violently disperse the Palestinians, causing no damage or injuries. Israeli settlers throw stones at several Palestinian homes in Umm al-Khayr, sparking a minor altercation with the residents of the village. Meanwhile, the IDF arrests 6 Palestinians during late-night raids in and around Jenin and Tulkarm, and patrols near Tulkarm, Ramallah, and Hebron. Off **Gaza's coast, Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Jabaliya refugee camp, causing no damage or injuries. Along **Gaza's border, Israeli forces** open fire on Palestinian agricultural lands near Bayt Hanun, causing no damage or injuries. In **Israel, Israeli forces** demolish a Palestinian home in Lydda. It was reportedly built without the proper permits. (Wafa 10/22; HA, YA 10/23; MNA 10/24; PCHR 10/26)

23 OCTOBER 2017

In the **West Bank, IDF troops** arrest 10 Palestinians and issue 1 arrest summons during raids in and around Hebron, Jenin, and Bethlehem, and patrol near Hebron and Qalqilya. In **East Jerusalem, Israeli forces** arrest 1 Palestinian during a raid in Abu Dis. Off **Gaza's coast, Israeli naval forces** open fire on

Palestinian fishing boats near Jabaliya refugee camp, causing no damage or injuries. (MNA 10/23; PCHR 10/26)

Israeli DM Lieberman accuses **Hezbollah** of perpetrating the 10/21 rocket attack on Israel. He says that the barrage was “not spillover, it was deliberate fire at Hezbollah’s initiative.” Later, Israeli defense sources say they cannot confirm Lieberman’s accusation. “The remarks reflect the minister’s best judgment,” one official says. (HA, TOI 10/23)

24 OCTOBER 2017

In the **West Bank, IDF troops** arrest 8 Palestinians and damage the doors of 4 shops during late-night raids in and around Tulkarm, Hebron, and Jerusalem, and patrol near Qalqilya and Hebron. In **East Jerusalem, approximately 25 Israeli settlers** tour **Haram al-Sharif**. Israeli forces arrest 1 Palestinian during a raid in Qalandia refugee camp. Along **Gaza's border, Israeli forces** conduct a limited incursion to level land near Juhur al-Dik. Off **Gaza's coast** late at night, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Jabaliya refugee camp, causing no damage or injuries. (MNA 10/24; PCHR 10/26)

Wataniya Mobile launches telecommunications services in **Gaza**, making it the 2d provider operating in the region. An employee of the company says that both Israeli and Palestinian restrictions previously blocked Wataniya from operating in Gaza. (AFP, TOI 10/24)

25 OCTOBER 2017

In the **West Bank, Israeli forces** erect an iron gate at the entrance to a Palestinian cemetery near Bethlehem. IDF troops arrest 6 Palestinians during late-night raids in and around Jenin, Nablus, and Tulkarm, and

patrol in and around Hebron and Nablus. **Israeli settlers** throw stones at Palestinian farmers harvesting olives outside Dayr Nizam village near Ramallah. Along **Gaza's border**, IDF troops open fire on Palestinian farmland near Bayt Hanun, causing no damage or injuries. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Bayt Lahiya, causing no damage or injuries. In the **Negev**, Israeli forces demolish the Palestinian Bedouin village al-Araqib for the 120th time since 2010. (MNA, WAFA 10/25; PCHR 10/26; PCHR 11/2)

The **Jerusalem Municipality** and **Jerusalem District Council** issue building permits for **176 new housing units** in Nof Zion, an Israeli settlement inside Jabal Mukabir. If this construction goes forward, Nof Zion would be the largest Israeli settlement inside a Palestinian neighborhood in Jerusalem. (HA, TOI 10/25)

During a meeting with **settler leaders**, **Israeli PM Netanyahu** promises to invest NIS 800 million (approximately \$230 million) in **roads and other infrastructure development** in the **West Bank**, starting in 2018. The settler leaders' reaction is mixed. While some welcome the pledge, others are dubious, including **Samaria Regional Council chair Yossi Dagan**, who says, "We are fed up with promises and spin." (TOI, YA 10/25; HA 10/26)

In Texas, **U.S. VP Mike Pence** announces that he will visit Israel and the oPt soon in an effort to promote **Pres. Trump's** peace initiative. (HA, YA 10/26)

26 OCTOBER 2017

In the **West Bank**, **Israeli forces** demolish an abandoned Palestinian home near Nablus overnight. IDF troops arrest 5 Palestinians during late-night raids near Jenin and Bethlehem, and patrol near Hebron. **Israeli**

settlers armed with clubs attack Palestinians harvesting olives outside Dayr al-Hatab village near Nablus, injuring 3. (WAFA 10/26; PCHR 11/2)

27 OCTOBER 2017

IDF troops violently disperse Palestinians, Israelis, and international activists at Friday protests against Israel's occupation, settlements, and separation wall in 3 villages near Ramallah (Nabi Salih, Bil'in, and Ni'lin), Kafr Qaddum near Qalqilya, and along Gaza's border near al-Bureij refugee camp; at least 5 Palestinians are seriously injured. Elsewhere in the **West Bank**, IDF troops arrest 5 Palestinians during late-night raids near Jenin and Hebron, and patrol near Hebron and Nablus. **Israeli settlers** attack Palestinian farmers harvesting olives near Hebron; there are no serious injuries. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Bayt Lahiya, causing no damage or injuries. Along **Gaza's border**, **Israeli forces** conduct a limited incursion to level land near Khuza'a. (MNA, WAFA 10/27; PCHR 11/2)

Senior Hamas military leader Tawfiq Abu Naim is moderately injured when his jeep explodes as he is leaving the Abu al-Hassan Mosque in central **Gaza**. Hamas officials initially blame Israel for the alleged attack, then say they suspect local Islamist groups (see Update). (MNA, TOI, YA 10/27; TOI 10/28)

28 OCTOBER 2017

In the **West Bank**, **Israeli settlers** throw stones at a Palestinian home in central Hebron and at Palestinian Bedouin homes in nearby Umm al-Khayr, causing no serious damage. They also steal olives from 420 trees outside Awarta village near Nablus. **IDF troops** assault Palestinian farmers harvesting olives outside

the nearby Eli settlement, causing no serious injuries. They also assault a Palestinian during an arrest raid in Hebron and arrest 2

Palestinians during a raid near Bethlehem.

In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 1 Palestinian at an entrance to **Haram al-Sharif** and 2 professors preparing to hold a panel discussion on their new book in the Old City. (Wafa 10/28; MNA 10/29; PCHR 11/2)

One day after being wounded in an alleged assassination attempt, **senior Hamas military leader Abu Naim** alleges that the attack was a politically motivated effort to undermine the ongoing Palestinian national reconciliation process. “The objectives of those who committed this despicable act will not be achieved,” he says. (TOI 10/29)

29 OCTOBER 2017

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** block Palestinian farmers from working their fields outside Ni’lin. They also arrest 12 Palestinians during late-night raids in and around Hebron, Nablus, Bethlehem, Tulkarm, and Ramallah, and patrol near Hebron. **Israeli settlers** uproot about 40 olive trees outside Jit village near Qalqilya and throw stones at a Palestinian home in Hebron, causing no serious damage. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 4 Palestinians during late-night raids in al-Tur and Issawiyya. (MNA, Wafa 10/29; PCHR 11/2)

Israeli PM Netanyahu postpones a **Ministerial Committee for Legislation** vote planned for today on the so-called **Greater Jerusalem Bill**, which would strengthen the relationship between the **Jerusalem Municipality** and the nearby **Israeli settlements** in the **West Bank** (see Update). “The current version of the [. . .] bill invites international pressure and involves difficult

legal issues,” explains a senior official in the governing coalition. “[Netanyahu] cannot allow himself to advance this version at this time.”

(HA, TOI 10/29; ALM 10/30)

In Ramallah, **Israel’s finance minister Moshe Kahlon** meets with **PA PM Hamdallah** for the 2d time in 6 months. The meeting stems from reported U.S. pressure on Israel to continue to work on agreements with the PA that would strengthen the Palestinian economy (see Update). (HA, TOI 10/30)

30 OCTOBER 2017

Israeli forces stage a multi-stage “controlled detonation” of an **underground tunnel** leading from the Khan Yunis area of **Gaza** into **Israel**, killing 12 **Hamas** and **PIJ** fighters, and injuring at least 18 more. An **IDF** spokesperson says that the detonation was a preemptive move because the tunnel did not yet pose a threat to Israel, claims that the Palestinians were only killed because they rushed into the tunnel after the detonation and suffered smoke inhalation, and calls the tunnel a “gross violation of Israeli sovereignty.” A **PIJ spokesperson** says the group is “weighing its options” in response to the attack (PIJ reportedly built the tunnel). (EI, HA, MNA, TOI, Wafa, YA 10/30; MNA 10/31; MNA 11/3; HA 11/5)

In the **West Bank**, **IDF troops** arrest 2 Palestinians during early morning raids in Jenin refugee camp, sparking clashes with stone-throwing residents. Amid the clashes, Israeli soldiers shoot and injure a Palestinian garbage truck driver. **IDF troops** also arrest 11 Palestinians during late-night raids near Ramallah, Nablus, Hebron, Qalqilya, and Jenin, and patrol in and around Hebron, Salfit, and Tulkarm. **Israeli settlers** open fire on Palestinian farmers harvesting olives south

of Hebron, causing no damage or injuries. In **East Jerusalem**, undercover Israeli forces open fire on 2 Palestinians at the entrance to Qalandia refugee camp, injuring 1 before arresting both. Three Palestinians are injured in the ensuing clashes. Israeli forces also arrest 3 Palestinians during late-night raids in Silwan, Shu'fat, and Hizma, and violently disperse a sit-in and dismantle a protest tent Palestinians set up in al-Bustan in 2009. (EI, HA, MNA, TOI, WAFA, YA 10/30; MNA 10/31; PCHR 11/2)

31 OCTOBER 2017

IDF troops open fire on 2 Palestinian siblings outside Halamish settlement near Ramallah, killing 1 and injuring the other. The IDF claims the victims were operating their car in a “suspicious” manner and that they looked like they were planning a ramming attack. The **PA Foreign Ministry** condemns the shooting as an “extrajudicial execution.” Elsewhere in the **West Bank**, Israeli forces demolish a stone-cutting workshop near Jenin. IDF troops arrest 12 Palestinians during late-night raids in and around Hebron, Tulkarm, Jenin, and Nablus, and patrol near Qalqilya, Tulkarm, and Hebron. **Hundreds of Israeli settlers** visit **Joseph's Tomb** late at night, sparking clashes between their IDF escort and Palestinians from nearby Balata refugee camp; 2 Palestinians are injured. (HA, MNA, TOI, WAFA 10/31; EI, MNA, WAFA 11/1; PCHR 11/2)

1 NOVEMBER 2017

IDF troops violently disperse Palestinians marching through Bethlehem to mark the 100th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration. There

are no serious injuries in the ensuing clashes. Elsewhere in the West Bank, **Israeli settlers** steal the olives harvested from 280 trees in Palestinian orchards near Nablus. IDF troops arrest 5 Palestinians during raids in Dahaysha refugee camp near Bethlehem overnight, sparking minor clashes; 1 Palestinian is injured. They arrest 11 more Palestinians during late-night raids in and around Tubas, Hebron, and Bethlehem, and patrol near Nablus, Qalqilya, and Hebron. (MNA, WAFA 11/1; PCHR 11/2; PCHR 11/9)

At a ceremony at the Rafah border crossing, **Hamis** formally hands over control of Gaza's border crossings to the **PA**, implementing a key provision of their **10/12 reconciliation agreement** (see Update). A senior PA official calls the moment an “important step on the path toward reconciliation.” The PA is set to take full control of Gaza on 12/1. (MNA, NYT, REU, TOI, WAFA 11/1)

Haaretz reports that the **Israeli police** have formed a special unit to oversee security and public order at **Haram al-Sharif**, following the upsurge in tensions at the site in 7/2017 (see *JPS* 47 [1]). The unit is expected to comprise about 200 officers when it begins operations in 2018. (HA 11/1)

PA pres. Abbas writes an op-ed for *The Guardian* lamenting the **Balfour Declaration** on its 100-year anniversary. “This British policy, to support Jewish immigration into Palestine while negating the Arab-Palestinian right to self-determination, created severe tensions between European Jewish immigrants and the native Palestinian population,” he writes. Meanwhile, **Israeli PM Netanyahu** flies to the **UK** to participate in the 100th anniversary celebrations. (GDN, TOI 11/1)

The **IDF** orders some 300 Palestinian Bedouins to leave their homes in the northern

Jordan Valley ahead of the planned demolition of their village. Similar orders have been issued for Bedouin villages near Jerusalem in the past, but none have been enforced yet. (HA 11/17)

Israeli jets launch air strikes on an alleged Syrian government weapons depot in an industrial zone near Homs along the **Lebanon-Syria border**. The site reportedly hosted joint **Iranian-Syrian** activities. (HA 11/1; YA 11/2)

2 NOVEMBER 2017

Thousands of Palestinians gather at rallies across the **West Bank, Jerusalem, and Gaza** to mark the 100-year anniversary of the **Balfour Declaration**. Israeli forces violently disperse 1 protest outside the British consulate in Jerusalem and another in Sheikh Jarrah; there are no serious injuries. In the **West Bank, IDF troops** arrest 2 Palestinians during raids near Jenin and in Bethlehem, and patrol near Hebron, Tulkarm, and Qalqilya. Along **Gaza's border**, IDF troops open fire on a "resistance site" near al-Maghazi refugee camp on 2 separate occasions, causing no damage or injuries, according to local sources. (MNA 11/2; PCHR 11/9)

The **EU** releases a statement welcoming **Hamas's** 11/1 transfer of control of **Gaza's border crossings** to the **PA**, calling it "an important step in the implementation of the agreement signed in Cairo on 10/12, and toward allowing the PA to resume its full responsibilities in Gaza and achieving intra-Palestinian reconciliation." **U.S. special representative Greenblatt** also salutes the development, saying it is "essential that the PA assume full responsibility in Gaza." (Wafa 11/2; TOI 11/3)

3 NOVEMBER 2017

IDF troops violently disperse Palestinians, Israelis, and international activists at Friday protests against Israel's occupation, settlements, and separation wall in 3 villages near Ramallah (Nabi Salih, Bil'in, and Ni'lin), Kafr Qaddum near Qalqilya, and along Gaza's border near al-Bureij refugee camp; at least 2 Palestinians are seriously injured. Meanwhile, Israeli soldiers issue 1 Palestinian an arrest summons during a late-night raid near Ramallah, and patrol near Hebron, Qalqilya, and Tulkarm. **Israeli settlers** physically assault and moderately injure a Palestinian farmer working near Tubas. (Wafa 11/3; MNA 11/4; PCHR 11/9)

4 NOVEMBER 2017

Off **Gaza's coast, Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Bayt Lahiya, causing no damage or injuries. In the **West Bank, IDF troops** arrest 4 Palestinians during late-night raids near Hebron and Nablus. In **East Jerusalem**, Israeli forces arrest 1 Palestinian during a late-night raid in Shu'fat refugee camp. (PCHR 11/9)

5 NOVEMBER 2017

In the **West Bank, Israeli settlers** throw stones at Palestinians harvesting olives outside Huwwara village near Nablus, causing no injuries. They also set fire to some of the trees. **IDF troops** arrest 16 Palestinians during late-night raids in and around Ramallah, Jenin, Tulkarm, and Hebron. In **East Jerusalem**, a group of Israeli settlers tour **Haram al-Sharif**. Israeli forces arrest 1 Palestinian during a raid in Silwan. Off **Gaza's coast, Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Jabaliya refugee camp, causing no damage or

injuries. Along **Gaza's border**, Israeli forces conduct a limited incursion to level land near Khan Yunis. (MNA, TOI, WAFA 11/5; PCHR 11/9)

6 NOVEMBER 2017

In the **West Bank**, **Israeli settlers** destroy several water pipes used by Palestinians in the **northern Jordan Valley**. **IDF troops** arrest 14 Palestinians during late-night raids in and around Ramallah, Qalqilya, Jenin, Nablus, Bethlehem, and Tubas, and patrol near Bethlehem, Jenin, Nablus, and Qalqilya. In **East Jerusalem**, Israeli forces raid a Palestinian school in Bayt Hanina, detaining 4 teachers before ordering the school to shut down. The students are told to look for another school to attend this year. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Bayt Lahiya on 3 separate occasions. They arrest 2 fishermen and confiscate their boat; there are no serious injuries. Along **Gaza's border**, IDF troops open fire on farmlands near Gaza City and late at night near al-Maghazi refugee camp, causing no damage or injuries. (WAFA 11/6; PCHR 11/9)

7 NOVEMBER 2017

In the **West Bank**, **Israeli forces** demolish 3 Palestinian residential buildings in Jiftlik near Jericho and an agricultural building under construction near Nablus. IDF troops arrest 7 Palestinians during late-night raids in and around Ramallah, Hebron, and Bethlehem, and patrol near Qalqilya and Hebron. In **East Jerusalem**, Palestinian students from the Bayt Hanina school the IDF shut down on 11/6 gather outside the school for a sit-in protest with their parents. **Israeli forces** arrest 2 Palestinians and issue a number of arrest

summons during raids in Silwan and the Old City. (WAFA 11/7; PCHR 11/9)

8 NOVEMBER 2017

In the **West Bank**, **Israeli settlers** assault and injure 3 Palestinians outside Urif near Nablus, sparking clashes between IDF troops in the area and stone-throwing residents of the village; there are no more serious injuries. **IDF troops** arrest a Palestinian youth, allegedly for carrying a knife in his sock, during a security check at the entrance to al-Ibrahimi Mosque in central Hebron. They arrest 6 more Palestinians during late-night raids near Jenin and Bethlehem, and patrol near Hebron and in Ramallah. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 3 Palestinians during raids in al-Suwana and Hizma. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Bayt Lahiya, lightly injuring 1 fisherman. (TOI, WAFA 11/8; MNA, PCHR 11/9; PCHR 11/16)

Chief of the Palestinian Civil Police Hazim Attallah announces that the **PA** resumed **security coordination** with Israel 2 weeks ago, approximately 3 months after **Pres. Abbas** suspended it on 7/21 in response to new Israeli security measures at **Haram al-Sharif** (see *JPS* 47 [1] and Update). (REU, TOI 11/8)

9 NOVEMBER 2017

Thousands of Palestinians gather at rallies across the **West Bank** to commemorate the 13th anniversary of the death of former **Palestinian leader Yasir Arafat**. **IDF troops** violently disperse them in central Hebron, sparking minor clashes; 2 Palestinians are arrested. Meanwhile, Israeli police arrest a Palestinian man near Ramallah, allegedly for planning an attack in a nearby settlement.

IDF troops arrest 5 Palestinians during late-night raids near Jenin and Ramallah, and patrol near Tulkarm, Salfit, and Hebron. Along **Gaza's border**, IDF troops open fire on Palestinian agricultural lands near Juhur al-Dik, causing no serious damage or injuries. (MNA, TOI, WAFA 11/9; PCHR 11/16)

10 NOVEMBER 2017

IDF troops violently disperse Palestinians, Israelis, and international activists at Friday protests against Israel's occupation, settlements, and separation wall in 3 villages near Ramallah (Nabi Salih, Bil'in, and Ni'lin) and Kafr Qaddum near Qalqilya; no Palestinians are seriously injured. They also arrest 4 Palestinians and issue 4 arrest summons during late-night raids near Jenin, and patrol near Tulkarm, Salfit, Ramallah, and Hebron. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest a Palestinian outside Kochav Ya'acov, allegedly for planning a stabbing attack. (MNA 11/10; PCHR 11/16)

11 NOVEMBER 2017

Thousands of Palestinians gather at a rally in **Gaza City** to commemorate the 13th anniversary of the death of former **Palestinian leader Yasir Arafat**. In the **West Bank**, **Israeli forces** confiscate a tractor belonging to Palestinian farmers near Tubas. IDF troops clash with Palestinians in central Hebron (1 Palestinian is seriously injured), arrest 6 Palestinians during raids near Bethlehem and Hebron, and patrol near Hebron, Tulkarm, and Salfit. An **Israeli settler** assaults and injures a Palestinian teenager in Hebron. In **East Jerusalem**, a Palestinian demolishes his own home in Silwan to avoid paying Israeli demolition fees. Israeli forces arrest 5 Palestinians during raids in Silwan. Off **Gaza's**

coast, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Jabaliya refugee camp and again near Bayt Lahiya, causing no damage or injuries. (WAFA 11/11; MNA, PNN, WAFA 11/12; PCHR 11/16)

12 NOVEMBER 2017

In the **West Bank**, **Israeli forces** deliver stop-work orders to 2 Palestinian homes under construction in al-Walaja near Bethlehem. IDF troops arrest 8 Palestinians during late-night raids near Bethlehem, Hebron, Jenin, and Salfit, and patrol in and around Hebron and Tulkarm. In **East Jerusalem**, Israeli forces arrest 3 Palestinians during a raid in Bayt Hanina. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Bayt Lahiya, causing no damage or injuries. (WAFA 11/12; PCHR 11/16)

13 NOVEMBER 2017

Israeli forces punitively seal the entrances to Dayr Nizam village near Ramallah following repeated incidents of Palestinian youths throwing stones at Israeli settler vehicles in the area. Elsewhere in the **West Bank**, Israeli forces demolish a water pipeline serving Palestinian communities near Tubas. IDF troops arrest 13 Palestinians during late-night raids near Tulkarm, Hebron, Jenin, and Ramallah; arrest 3 Palestinian youths accused of stone-throwing in central Hebron, and patrol in and around Hebron and Tulkarm. Meanwhile, **Israeli settlers** throw stones at Palestinian vehicles driving outside Huwwara near Nablus, injuring 2 Palestinians. Settlers also attack Palestinian farmers working in the area, causing no damage or injuries. In **East Jerusalem**, a Palestinian demolishes his own shop in Silwan to avoid paying Israeli demolition fees. **Israeli forces**

arrest 6 Palestinians during raids in Silwan and Anata refugee camp. Along **Gaza's border**, **IDF troops** open fire on Palestinian agricultural lands near Khan Yunis, causing no damage or injuries. (MNA, WAFA 11/13; MNA 11/14; PCHR 11/16)

Following weeks of tension in the wake of the 10/30 tunnel demolition (see Update), the **IDF** raises its alert level across Israel, triggering several precautionary measures in case **PIJ** retaliates. The **Egyptian government** is reportedly pressuring PIJ not to escalate the situation. (HA 11/13; YA 11/14)

14 NOVEMBER 2017

In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** arrest 16 Palestinians during late-night raids in al-Tur. In the **West Bank**, IDF troops arrest 2 Palestinians during raids near Hebron and Tulkarm, and patrol near Hebron, Tulkarm, Salfit, and Qalqilya. Israeli forces issue stop-work orders to a Palestinian home under construction near Hebron and a barn under construction near Salfit. In **Israel**, the **IDF** deploys **Iron Dome missile defense** batteries around **Tel Aviv**, fearing reprisals for the 10/30 tunnel detonation (see Update). (HA, MNA, WAFA, YA 11/14; PCHR 11/16)

15 NOVEMBER 2017

In the **West Bank**, **Israeli forces** carry out the punitive demolition of the Bayt Surik home of the Palestinian killed during an attack on IDF troops outside Har Hadar settlement on 9/26. They also arrest 20 Palestinians during late-night raids in and around Nablus, Bethlehem, Hebron, and Jenin, and patrol near Jenin and Nablus. In **East Jerusalem**, **Israeli forces** demolish a residential building and an

agricultural warehouse in Issawiyya and a storehouse in Wadi al-Juz. They also arrest 3 Palestinians during late-night raids in Qalandia refugee camp. Off **Gaza's coast**, **Israeli naval forces** open fire on Palestinian fishing boats near Bayt Lahiya and later near Jabaliya refugee camp, causing no damage or injuries. (HA, TOI, WAFA 11/15; PCHR 11/16; PCHR 11/23)

CHRONOLOGY SOURCE ABBREVIATIONS

AA	(Al Arabiya)
AFP	(Agence France-Presse)
AJ	(Al Jazeera)
ALM	(Al-Monitor)
AP	(Associated Press)
BBC	(British Broadcasting Corporation World Service)
CNN	(Cable News Network)
EI	(Electronic Intifada)
GDN	(The Guardian)
HA	(Haaretz)
JDF	(Jewish Daily Forward)
JP	(Jerusalem Post)
JTA	(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)
MDW	(Mondoweiss)
MEMO	(Middle East Monitor)
MNA	(Ma'an News Agency)
NYT	(New York Times)
OCHA	(UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Weekly Briefing Notes)
PCHR	(Palestinian Center for Human Rights, Gaza)
PCN	(Peace Now)
PNN	(Palestine News Network)
REU	(Reuters)
TOI	(Times of Israel)
WAFA	(Palestine News Agency)
WP	(Washington Post)
YA	(Yedioth Ahronoth)