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CHRONOLOGY

16 MAY-15 AUGUST 2002

This section is part seventy-five of a chronology begun in JPS 13, no. 3 (Spring 1984). Chronology dates reflect Eastern Standard Time. For a more comprehensive overview of events related to the al-Aqsa intifada and of regional and international developments related to the peace process, see the Quarterly Update on Conflict and Diplomacy in this issue.

16 MAY

Israeli-Palestinian violence continues at a moderate level. The **Israel Defense Forces (IDF)** continue to surround all major Palestinian population centers in the West Bank, barring travel btwn. towns and villages except through heavily guarded checkpoints. The **IDF** raids Beitunia, assassinating wanted **Preventive Security Force (PSF) officer Ahmad Ghanem**, arresting 3 others; makes arrest raids in al-Irsal nr. Ramallah; conducts house-to-house searches in Tallusa nr. Nablus; bulldozes 20 dunams (4 dunams = 1 acre) of Palestinian agricultural land in Gaza. **1 Palestinian** dies of injuries received on 4/30. Late this evening, troops make incursions into al-Bireh, Tulkarm refugee camp (r.c.) and city. (LAW 5/16; AP, NYT, WP, WT 5/17; NYT, WP, WT 5/18; LAW 5/22)

Palestinian Authority (PA) head Yasir Arafat pledges to hold presidential, parliamentary elections within 6 mos., provided that **Israel** makes a substantial withdrawal fr. the West Bank and Gaza so that Palestinians can go freely to the polls. (HA, MM 5/16; XIN 5/16 in WNC 5/17; NYT, WP, WT 5/17; QA 5/18, MA 5/20 in WNC 5/21)

17 MAY

In a predawn incursion, the **IDF** sends 20 tanks and armored personnel carriers (APCs) into Jenin r.c., arrests at least 24 wanted Palestinians; when 1 wanted **Hamas** mbr. is not found, the **IDF** burns down his family home. Troops also enter Jenin city, arrest **al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade (AMB) leader Kamal Abu al-Wafa**. After troops withdraw to the outskirts of Jenin r.c. and town, a **Palestinian** is killed when he accidentally triggers an unexploded **IDF** shell in Jenin r.c. The **IDF** fatally shoots an **AMB mbr.** allegedly attempting to infiltrate Dugit settlement; makes a brief incursion into Nablus and As-

kar r.c., firing antitank missiles, heavy machine guns at stone-throwing Palestinians, wounding 5, killing a **7-yr.-old Palestinian boy** in his yard. Nr. Baqa' al-Gharbiyya, soldiers shoot at a car driving "in a suspicious manner" nr. an **IDF** convoy, wounding an **Israeli Arab** woman; bar her transportation to a hospital, allowing her to bleed to death. (NYT, WP, WT 5/18; AYM 5/18 in WNC 5/20; LAW 5/22)

18 MAY

Nr. Hebron, the **IDF** fatally shoots a **Palestinian** doctor at a checkpoint; **Jewish settlers** destroy a Palestinian garden, vineyard, orchard. (LAW 5/22; MEI 5/31)

19 MAY

A **Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) suicide bomber** dressed as an **IDF** soldier detonates a device in a Netanya market, killing **2 Israelis**, wounding 50. The **PFLP** says the attack is to protest the **PA's** continued detention of the group's leader, **Ahmad Saadat**, under U.S.-British supervision in connection with the 10/01 **PFLP** assassination of Tourism M Rehavam Ze'evi. The **IDF** sends tanks, APCs into Ramallah after shots are fired at a **Jewish settler** driving nearby; troops withdraw to the outskirts of the city a short time later. The **IDF** also makes incursions into several villages nr. Hebron, Tulkarm; partially demolishes 2 factories, bulldozes a strip of agricultural land, 7 greenhouses nr. Qarni crossing in Gaza; lifts a week-long 24-hr. curfew on the al-Mawasi area of Gaza. (AP, Palestine Media Center 5/19; AFP 5/19 in WNC 5/20; NYT, WP, WT 5/20; Interfax 5/20 in WNC 5/21; WT 5/21; LAW 5/22; JPI 5/31)

Israel releases tenders for the construction of 957 housing units in **Jewish settlements**. (HA 5/19; WT 5/21)

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The **European Union (EU)** says that **Belgium, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Portugal, Spain** have agreed to take the **13 Palestinians** deported to Cyprus on 5/10 as part of the Israeli-PA deal to end the Church of the Nativity standoff. (AFP, CNA 5/19 in WNC 5/20; NYT 5/20) (see Quarterly Update in *JPS* 124)

Around **90 Peruvian converts to Judaism** are airlifted to **Israel** to take up residence in Alon Shvut, Karmeit Tzur settlements. The Ashkenazi chief rabbinate sent a delegation of rabbis on a 2-wk. mission to impoverished rural areas in Peru in early 5/02 to convert anyone "who said they were willing to immigrate to Israel immediately." (HA 7/19; WT 7/24)

20 MAY

A **Palestinian suicide bomber** detonates a device in an Afula bus station, injuring 1 patrolman, when he is stopped by Israeli police for a security check. The **IDF** conducts arrest raids into Tulkarm, Zabuna nr. Jenin; shells residential areas nr. Khan Yunis. (MM 5/20; NYT, WT 5/21; LAW 5/22)

21 MAY

The **IDF** shells residential areas of Yibna r.c., killing **1 Palestinian**, wounding **4**, damaging several houses; demolishes **3 Palestinian homes** in Bayt Hanina in **East Jerusalem**; conducts arrest raids in Bayt Rima nr. Ramallah. (LAW 5/21; LAW, PCHR, WP 5/22)

22 MAY

The **IDF** openly assassinates wanted **AMB Nablus cmdr. Mahmud Titi**, firing rockets at him in Balata r.c., also killing **2 AMB mbrs.** **1 Palestinian bystander**, seriously damaging a nearby home. Hrs. later an **AMB suicide bomber** detonates a device in Rishon Letzion, killing **2 Israelis**, injuring **25**. Nr. Bethlehem, the **IDF** fires on a group of 20 Palestinian laborers attempting to circumvent a checkpoint, killing **1 Palestinian**. In Jenin, **Islamic Jihad mbr. Khalid Zakarni** dies in a mysterious explosion; the **IDF** claims explosives he was carrying detonated prematurely, Palestinian sources say he was hit by an **IDF** tank shell. The **IDF** also bars a **Palestinian woman** needing kidney dialysis, a **Palestinian man** suffering a heart attack fr. crossing checkpoints to reach hospitals, allowing them to die; conducts house-to-house searches, directs heavy gunfire at residential areas in Salfit, detaining

100s of Palestinian men aged 15–50, arresting **13 PSF mbrs.**; conducts arrest raids in Burkin (firing several shells at the home of a **Hamas** mbr.), Hebron, Husan, Nahalin, Tulkarm. In Gaza, the **IDF** shuts the main north-south road, claiming the action is in response to Palestinian mortar fire at Gaza settlements. The **IDF** also begins issuing magnetic cards to al-Mawasi residents; only residents with cards will be allowed to cross through the al-Mawasi checkpoint. (MM 5/23; Interfax 5/23 in WNC 24; AP, JP, LAW 5/22; LAW, NYT, UPMRC, WP, WT 5/23; PCHR 5/30)

Under an agmt. reached on 5/21, **12 of the 13 Palestinians** deported to **Cyprus** are sent on to 3d countries (3 each to **Italy, Spain**; 2 each to **Greece, Ireland**; 1 each to **Belgium, Portugal**). They will be treated as refugees, given 1-yr. residency permits; if they leave their host country, they will not be allowed to return. The 13th, **PA Bethlehem intelligence chief Abdallah Daoud**, considered by **Israel** the "most dangerous" of the 13 men, will remain in Cyprus until a country can be found that will take him. (NYT, WP 5/22; CNA 5/22 in WNC 5/23; NYT, WP 5/23; MEI 5/31; CNA 8/6 in WNC 8/8) (see Quarterly Update in *JPS* 124)

23 MAY

A **remote-controlled bomb** blows up a diesel truck parked outside a major refinery nr. Tel Aviv. **Israeli authorities** call it a failed attempt by Palestinians to create a catastrophic explosion. No one claims responsibility. A mysterious explosion in a house in Nablus kills **2 Palestinian youths**, injures **5**. The **IDF** fatally shoots a **Palestinian** who allegedly threw a grenade at troops nr. the Rafah border; conducts arrest raids into villages n. of Hebron and in Jenin, Qalandiya r.c., Rafah, Silat al-Dahir, Rafah (destroying **22 shops**, **5 Palestinian homes**). The **Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRCS)** complains that the **IDF** has repeatedly stopped and searched 2 of its ambulances, including forcing patients out of the ambulance, opening oxygen containers, damaging medical supplies. A Palestinian woman delivers a **stillborn baby** in Nablus after being detained at **IDF** checkpoints for hrs. (MM 5/23; JP, MM, NYT, WP, WT 5/24; MA 5/26 in WNC 5/28; LAW 5/29; PCHR 5/30; JPI 6/7)

24 MAY

An **AMB mbr.** attempts to ram a car loaded with homemade **pipe bombs** into a

Tel Aviv dance club but is fatally shot by a security guard. The car blows up, injuring **3 Israelis**. The **IDF** makes an incursion into Gaza City, demolishes 3 alleged bomb-making factories. The **IDF** sends troops into Nur al-Shams r.c., Tulkarm r.c. and town. **Palestinians** ambush an **IDF** convoy in Tulkarm r.c., killing **1 IDF soldier**, injuring 2. The **IDF** fires tank shells, machine guns at the r.c., wounding 8 Palestinians. (GS, MM, NYT, WP 5/24; NYT, WP 5/25; MA 5/26 in WNC 5/28; LAW 5/29; PCHR 5/30)

25 MAY

The **IDF** sends troops, APCs into Bethlehem, reoccupying most of the city, directing shells and heavy machine gun fire at residential areas, demolishing the home of **senior Islamic Jihad mbr. Muhammad Shihada**; troops still hold most of Bethlehem at nightfall. The **IDF** also fires tank shells, machine guns at a **Palestinian mother, daughter** working their farm nr. the Gaza border with Israel, killing them; the **IDF** says they were in a prohibited area. Denied passage by the **IDF**, a Palestinian woman gives birth at a checkpoint; the baby dies. The **IDF** withdraws to the outskirts of Tulkarm r.c.; at least 9 more **IDF** soldiers have been injured in the operation since the fatal ambush on 5/24. The **IDF** imposes curfews on Palestinian villages along the Green Line nr. Qalqilya, Tulkarm. (AFP, NYT, WP, WT 5/26; WP 5/27; LAW 5/29; PCHR 5/30; MEI 5/31)

An "intense debate" is reportedly underway among **U.S. Pres. George W. Bush** and his **senior advisers** over whether to press for **Arafat's** removal. **Arafat adviser Muhammad Rashid**, in Washington for several days for low-key meetings with U.S. officials at the CIA, Pentagon, State Dept. and with Jewish leaders, argues that Arafat is central to the peace process. (NYT 5/26)

26 MAY

The **IDF** conducts arrest raids in Bayt Umar, Hebron, Qalqilya; conducts house-to-house searches in Qalqilya and Tulkarm, killing **1 Palestinian**; maintains curfews (begun 5/25) on villages along the Green Line in those areas; reinforces the closure of Nablus. In Gaza, **3 Palestinians** (including a woman, child herding cattle) are killed by **IDF** tank fire; the **IDF** bulldozes 30 dunams of land, a **PSF** post nr. Qarni crossing in Gaza. Troops withdraw to the outskirts of Bethlehem early this morning, after arresting 1 Pal-

estinian. In Kefar Saba, an **IDF soldier** shoots, wounds a **deaf mute Israeli Jewish** bus passenger whom he thought was a suicide bomber because of his suspicious silent behavior, refusal to obey orders to take off his shirt to prove he was not carrying a bomb. (HP, NYT, WP, WT 5/27; LAW 5/29; PCHR 5/30)

27 MAY

Before dawn, the **IDF** sends troops back into Aida r.c., Bayt Jala, Bethlehem, Dahaysha r.c. in the largest incursion since **Israeli PM Ariel Sharon** declared the end of the 1st stage of Operation Defensive Shield on 4/21, conducting house-to-house searches; occupying the UNRWA school in Dahaysha r.c.; arresting 10s of Palestinians, including **wanted Fatah mbr. Ahmad Mughrabi**, blowing up his home; declaring the area a closed military zone, barring entry to journalists; occupying Bethlehem Radio 2000 offices, seriously damaging, confiscating equipment; directing shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas, seriously damaging several homes. The **IDF** also conducts arrest raids in Hebron, Umm al-Sharayit; withdraws to the outskirts of Tulkarm, but maintains a curfew; tightens controls on Palestinian movement across the West Bank. In the evening, an **AMB suicide bomber** (a cousin of **AMB Nablus** cmdr. **Titi**, assassinated on 5/22) detonates a device in a cafe in Petah Tikva, killing **2 Israelis**, injuring 37. A **bomb** is found, neutralized in French Hill settlement. (HP, LAW, NYT 5/27; MM, NYT, WP, WT 5/28; ITAR-TASS 5/28 in WNC 5/29; LAW 5/29; MEI 5/31)

28 MAY

Early in the morning, **IDF** tanks enter Jenin town, troops clash with residents, fatally shooting **1 Palestinian** (who is allowed to bleed to death over 3 hrs.), detaining **wanted Hamas mbr. Rami Awad** and **Islamic Jihad spokesman Khalid Hawaj**, bulldozing 1 home; troops withdraw to the outskirts of Jenin by midday. **IDF** operations continue in the Bethlehem area, where troops resume sniper positions around Church of the Nativity, patrol Manger Square, search and vandalize the al-Rowwad Cultural Center. The **IDF** also detains **Palestinian mayor of Jerusalem Jamil Nasir** for several hrs. of questioning; conducts arrest raids in Alar, Bayt Anan, Beitunia (arresting **senior Hamas mbr. Hassan Yusuf**), Hebron,

Qalqilya, Ramallah, Saida. At least 1 **Palestinian gunman** infiltrates Itamar settlement, fatally shoots 3 **Jewish settlers** before being shot dead. Other **Palestinian gunmen** fatally shoot a **Jewish settler** driving nr. Ofra settlement. **Jewish settlers** set fire to 10s of dunams of Palestinian land nr. Nablus. The **Israeli High Court** approves the **IDF's** confiscation of 300 dunams of Palestinian land in Bayt Lahia nr. Aley Sinai settlement, effective retroactively to 5/1/02. (HP, MEZ, WP 5/28; GS, HA, HP, LAW, NYT, WP, WT 5/29; PCHR 5/30; MEI 5/31)

Arafat ratifies the **Basic Law** (the PA's constitution). (HA 5/28; WT 5/30; AFP, Interfax 5/30 in WNC 5/31; NYT 5/31; WT 6/1; AYM 6/1 in WNC 6/3) (see Quarterly Update)

The **Knesset House Comm.** votes (12-5) to restrict the movement of **Israeli MK Ahmad Tibi** for the remainder of his term, arguing that his works promote the interests of the PA and the residents of the occupied territories. Tibi was vocally critical of Operation Defensive Shield, participated in many peace marches. (Adalah press release 5/29)

29 MAY

The **IDF** continues operations in the Bethlehem area, conducting house-to-house searches; lifts curfews for several hrs. in Aida r.c., Artas, Azza r.c., Bayt Jala, Bayt Sahur, Bethlehem, Dahaysha r.c.; seals al-Bireh, Ramallah; shells residential areas of Rafah. (HP, LAW 5/29; PCHR 5/30)

30 MAY

In a predawn operation, the **IDF** sends tanks, troops, APCs into Hebron fr. 3 directions; surrounds several houses; arrests 4 Palestinians, including **senior Islamic Jihad mbr. Muhammad Sidr**. The **IDF** also reenters Jenin, imposes a curfew; conducts arrest raids in villages around Bethlehem, Tulkarm; raids, shells residential areas of Khan Yunis and Rafah, killing 1 **Palestinian**, wounding 15, arresting 23. (The **IDF** withdraws to the outskirts of Bethlehem, Hebron by nightfall.) At least 3 **Palestinians** are killed before dawn: 1 shot by the **IDF** emerging fr. a taxi in Salfit, 1 shot by the **IDF** while trying to circumvent a checkpoint nr. Nablus, 1 who dies of a heart attack at an **IDF** crossing in Khan Yunis. The **IDF** is reported setting up numerous new roadblocks, checkpoints n. of Jerusalem. **Israeli police** arrest a **Palestinian man**, his **Israeli Christian wife** on

charges of driving 2 suicide bombers fr. the West Bank into Israel. (HP, NYT, WT 5/30; HP, NYT, WP 5/31; WT 6/1; WP 6/2, LAW 6/5; WJW 6/6; NYT 6/13)

U.S. Asst. Secy. of State William Burns arrives in Cairo on the first leg of a 4-day regional tour to confer with **Egyptian, EU, Israeli, Jordanian, Palestinian leaders**. (HA 5/30; MENA 5/30 in WNC 5/31; MM, NYT, WT 5/31; WP, WT 6/1; MENA 6/1 in WNC 6/3) (see Quarterly Update)

31 MAY

In a predawn operation, the **IDF** sends troops, tanks into Balata r.c. and Nablus, meeting heavy resistance. In Nablus, troops impose a curfew, shell residential areas (cutting some electricity), occupy homes as sniper posts, conduct house-to-house searches (sometimes going through walls), call on all men ages 15–45 to surrender, detain around 100 Palestinians (including **local Fatah head Issam Abu Bakr**), blow up the home of the 5/27 suicide bomber. In Balata r.c., troops conduct house-to-house searches, breaking through walls btwn. homes, and call on all men ages 13–60 to surrender (some 1,000 are reportedly taken to Hawara, outside Nablus, where some are released but told not to return to Balata r.c. for 3 days); tanks moving through narrow alleys damage several homes. Late in the evening, troops reenter Tulkarm, reimpose a curfew. The **IDF** also partially destroys a cement factory in Qalqilya; blows up a cave nr. Ramallah known as the Christian pilgrimage site of Saint Barbara. A **Palestinian** infiltrates a West Bank Jewish settlement, throws 2 grenades at a school, causing no injuries; settlers shoot him dead. **Palestinians** detonate 2 roadside bombs targeting Merkava tanks but do not damage them. (GS, HP, NYT 5/31; GS, HA, HP, NYT, REU, WP, WT 6/1; MENA 6/2 in WNC 6/3; LAW 6/5)

The **Israel Broadcasting Authority (IBA)** orders all IBA editorial departments to prohibit the use of the terms “settler,” “settlements” on radio, TV broadcasts. (HA 5/31)

1 JUNE

The **IDF** sends a large force into Bethlehem and Dahaysha r.c., arrests 1 Palestinian, withdraws to outskirts of both areas by nightfall; conducts arrest raids in al-Bireh, al-Fara' r.c., Tamun, Tulkarm (shelling parts of the city); continues to conduct house-to-house searches in Balata r.c., Nablus; shells a

power station in Bayt Hanun, cutting electricity to parts of Bayt Hanun, Bayt Lahia, Jabaliya. The IDF says 100s of Palestinians have been detained in Balata r.c., 50 of them arrested. An **IDF** sniper fatally shoots **1 Palestinian** in Nablus; a **Palestinian** dies of injuries received on 5/6. (HP, NYT 6/1; NYT, WP, WT 6/2; LAW 6/5)

2 JUNE

IDF operations continue in Balata r.c. and Nablus, expand to Bayt Wazzan. In Balata r.c., the **IDF** blows up the home of **AMB Nablus cmdr. Titi** (assassinated 5/22), an alleged bomb-making factory; says 3,000 Palestinians fr. the camp have been detained, 100s released (but reportedly warned against returning to the camp). In Nablus, the **IDF** arrests a **Jordanian journalist, 7 foreign peace activists** for being in a closed military zone; arrests 6 Palestinian students, including 4 women, at al-Najah University on charges of plotting attacks. The **IDF** also conducts arrest raids in Tulkarm, occupying **1 Palestinian home** as an IDF post; imposes a closure on Jalazone r.c.; bulldozes a Palestinian olive grove nr. Bayt Jala, 120 dunams of agricultural land in Sawahira al-Sharqiyya; confiscates Palestinian property in Bayt Hanina; shells residential areas of Khan Yunis, damaging several homes, buildings. (HP 6/2; NYT, WT 6/3; LAW 6/5; JPI 6/14)

CIA dir. George Tenet arrives in Cairo on the first leg of a 4-day regional tour to consult with **Egyptian, Israeli, Palestinian leaders** on PA security reforms. (HA, NYT, WT 6/3; JT 6/3 in WNC 6/4; WP, WT 6/4; HA, NYT, WP, WT 6/5; QA 6/5 in WNC 6/6; MM 6/7; AYM 6/7 in WNC 6/10; MEI, NYT 6/14; NYT 6/15)

3 JUNE

The **IDF** continues operations in Balata r.c., Nablus for the 5th day; blows up an alleged bomb-making factory, raids and damages a medical center in Balata r.c. In the new Askar r.c., the **IDF** conducts house-to-house searches, breaking through walls; bulldozes 4 cars; damages 22 stores, a medical center. The **IDF** also sends tanks into al-'Ayn r.c., 'Ayn Bayt Hilma r.c., calling on men ages 15–45 to turn themselves in, detaining 100s; conducts arrest raids in al-Bireh, Khan Yunis, Qalqilya (also confiscating files fr. the Qalqilya Charity Comm., Islamic Club), Tulkarm; shells residential areas of Rafah, destroying **1 Palestinian home**, damaging 6;

bulldozes 50 dunams of Palestinian land nr. Khan Yunis, areas around the Gaza airport. The **IDF, Shin Bet** also raid the **Arab Chamber of Commerce** in Jerusalem, arrest 6 Palestinian employees for violating the closure of the building imposed in 8/01 (see Peace Monitor in *JPS* 121). **Israel** seizes 30 dunams of **Palestinian land** along the Green Line nr. Issawiyya for creation of buffer zones, 120 dunams in the Jabal Mukabir neighborhood of **East Jerusalem** for Jewish housing, a tourist complex. Overnight, **Palestinians** detonate 2 roadside bombs nr. **IDF** convoys in the West Bank, causing no damage. (AP, HP 6/3; WP, WT 6/4; LAW 6/5; HA, WJW 6/6)

The **PA High Court** rules that the **PA** has no legal ground to hold PFLP head **Saadat**, must release him immediately. In response, the **IDF** sends tanks toward Jericho, where Saadat is being held; declares the Jericho area a closed military zone; warns it will kill Saadat if he is freed. **Arafat** quickly convenes the **Executive Authority (EA)**, the PA's cabinet, which overturns the court decision. (AFP, HA, JP, LAW 6/3; RMC 6/3 in WNC 6/4; WP, WT 6/4; MM 6/5; AYM 6/5 in WNC 6/6) (see 5/19)

The **U.S.** announces it has scheduled a mtg. btwn. **Bush, Sharon** at the White House on 6/10, after a visit by **Egyptian pres. Husni Mubarak**. **Israeli** officials say Sharon asked for the mtg. out of concern that Israel's views were being overshadowed by the "near-constant stream" of Arab visitors to Washington. (JP, NYT, WT 6/4; MM, NYT, WP 6/5; AYM 6/7 in WNC 6/10)

4 JUNE

Before dawn, the **IDF** sends tanks, troops, APCs into Jenin; makes a smaller incursion into Hebron. In Bayt Umar, the **IDF** fatally shoots a **16-yr.-old Palestinian** stone thrower. In Nablus, the **IDF** fires on a marked media car carrying 2 Reuters photographers, damaging the car but causing no injuries. (REU, WT 6/4; LAW, NYT, WP, WT 6/5)

5 JUNE

An **Islamic Jihad suicide bomber** marking the 35th anniversary of the 1967 war detonates a large **car bomb** nr. a bus in Meggido, killing **14 IDF soldiers, 3 Israeli civilians**, wounding 38. In response, the **IDF** sends tanks, helicopters into Jenin, declaring the area a closed military zone, im-

posing a curfew, conducting house-to-house searches; makes raids on Hebron, Qalqilya, Tulkarm; continues operations in Nablus. Late in the evening, the **IDF** sends tanks, troops into Ramallah, imposes a curfew, declares the area a closed military zone, shells Arafat's offices in what remains of the PA compound; bulldozers pile debris in front of the headquarters' exits; **Arafat**, who is inside, is not harmed. (AP, CNN, LAW, MM 6/5; AFP, Interfax, XIN 6/5 in WNC 6/6; MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/6; GS 6/7; QA 6/7 in WNC 6/10; MEI 6/14)

American PR firms representing **Israel** urge the Israeli government not to respond to the Meggido bombing for 24 hrs. so that the **U.S.** newspapers, TV news programs can open with pictures of the bombing, victims' funerals rather than IDF retaliatory attacks. (MM 6/7)

Mubarak arrives in Washington, reportedly carrying a proposal for Bush to support recognition of a Palestinian state in early 2003, with permanent status talks to be completed within 3 yrs. thereafter. (MM, WP 6/5; MM 6/6; MM 6/7) (see Quarterly Update)

In light of the economic downturn since the intifada began, the **Knesset** passes (74-28) an amendment to the National Insurance Law (1995) applying a 4% cut to all child allowance payments, an additional 20% cut in amounts paid to parents of children without a relative serving in the IDF (i.e., mostly **Israeli Arabs**). (Adalah press release 6/6)

6 JUNE

The **IDF** continues its attack on the PA's Ramallah compound, flattening 6 buildings (including an intelligence office, jail), leaving **1 Force 17 mbr.**, **1 PA intelligence officer** dead. Troops reportedly are "poised and ready" to capture or kill **Arafat**, but pull back and out of Ramallah before dawn, after **Sharon** promises **Bush** he will not harm the PA leader. The **IDF** pulls out of Jenin, Nablus in the evening; sends tanks into Beitunia, arrests 6 Palestinians. A **Palestinian gunman** fatally shoots a **Jewish settler** driving nr. Shiloh settlement. (AP, MM, WT 6/6; MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/7; *al-Quds* 6/7 in WNC 6/10)

Mubarak meets with **U.S. VP Dick Cheney. Secy. of State Colin Powell**, mbrs. of Congress. (MENA 6/6 in WNC 6/7; MENA 6/6, 6/7 in WNC 6/10; MM, WP 6/7)

7 JUNE

Before dawn, the **IDF** sends troops back into Jenin; declares a curfew on Jenin, 5 surrounding villages; conducts arrest raids in Tulkarm. Nr. Hebron, 2 **PFLP gunmen** infiltrate a new settlement enclave nr. Karmeit Tsur, killing **3 Jewish settlers**, wounding 5; **1 PFLP mbr.** is shot dead, the other escapes. (NYT, WP, WT 6/8; WP 6/9; MEI 6/14)

Mubarak meets with **Bush** at Camp David. (MENA 6/7, 6/8 in WNC 6/10; MENA 6/7 in WNC 6/11; WP, WT 6/8; MEI 6/14)

8 JUNE

The **IDF** says that in the past 24 hrs. it has killed **6 Palestinians** attempting attacks on Israeli targets, including 2 Palestinians swimming toward the Gaza settlement of Dugit, carrying grenades and guns. In addition, **3 Palestinians** are killed in a mysterious explosion nr. Rafah; **2 Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) mbrs.** are fatally shot by the **IDF** when they open fire on an army base at Yitzhar settlement, injuring **4 IDF soldiers**. The **IDF** raids Halhul, looking for the 2d gunman involved in the 6/7 attack nr. Karmeit Tsur. (NYT, WP, WT 6/9; MEI 6/14)

After a 2d round of talks with **Mubarak** at Camp David, **Bush** announces that the U.S. is "not ready to lay down a specific calendar" for political talks leading to a Palestinian state, the most urgent issue is PA reform. (NYT, WP, WT 6/9; MENA 6/9 in WNC 6/10; MM 6/10; MENA 6/10 in WNC 6/11; JPI, MEI 6/14; *al-Ra'i* 7/15 in WNC 7/17) (see Quarterly Update)

9 JUNE

Late in the evening, the **IDF** sends 10s of tanks, troops back into Amari r.c., Ramallah in a massive incursion to bulldoze buildings damaged in earlier attacks and conduct arrest raids, surround **Arafat's** headquarters, impose curfews, conduct house-to-house searches; **1 Palestinian** is killed. The **IDF** also makes late-night arrest raids in Hebron, Qalqilya, Tulkarm. In Gaza City, the **PSF** arrests **Islamic Jihad leader Shaykh Abdallah Shami** for plotting the 6/5 bombing. (LAW, MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/10; MEI 6/14)

Arafat appoints a new "transitional" **EA**. Among the new mbrs. are **Maj. Gen. 'Abd al-Razzaq Yahya**, named interior M to oversee security reforms, and **respected IMF economist Salam Fayyad**, named finance M to oversee economic reforms. (BBC 6/9;

HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/10; AFP, MENA, QA 6/10 in WNC 6/11; HA, JP, WP 6/11; MENA, SA 6/11 in WNC 6/12; PR 6/12; SA 6/13 in WNC 6/14; MEI 6/14; *al-Nabab* 6/16 in WNC 6/17; QA 6/18 in WNC 6/19) (see Doc. B1; Quarterly Update)

Sharon arrives in Washington; meets with Pentagon, National Security Council officials. (WP 6/10) (see Quarterly Update)

10 JUNE

IDF continues operations in Ramallah, conducting house-to-house searches, arresting 27 Palestinians, occupying a **PSF** post and detaining 30 PSF officers, surrounding hospitals and PRCS offices, firing on 2 ambulances. The **IDF** also continues arrest raids in Hebron, sends troops in and out of Tulkarm repeatedly during the day. A mysterious pre-dawn explosion at the home of a **senior PA military intelligence official** in Jabaliya injures 40 Palestinians; an ill **Palestinian** dies at a checkpoint nr. Jenin; a **2d Palestinian** dies of injuries received on 5/28. (LAW, NYT, PRCS press release 6/10; NYT, UPMRC, WP, WT 6/11)

Sharon meets with **Bush** at the White House. Afterward, Bush says that the time is not yet ripe to begin working toward a final status agmt.; PA must first make reforms. Asked about Israel's ongoing incursions into Palestinian towns, Bush says "Israel has a right to defend herself." (HA, MM 6/10; MA, XIN 6/10 in WNC 6/11; AYM 6/10, MENA 6/11 in WNC 6/12; MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/11; JT, QA, *al-Quds* 6/12 in WNC 6/13; MENA, *Jerusalem Times*, WJW, WP 6/13; MENA 6/13 in WNC 6/14; MEI 6/14; MA 6/14 in WNC 6/16; MA 6/14 in WNC 6/17; MM 6/17; *al-Quds* 6/18 in WNC 6/19)

The **YESHA settlers council** launches a PR campaign to "stress the morality and justice of the Jews' right to the Land of Israel"; says it recently hired a company to handle overseas PR, organized a delegation to meet with U.S. lawmakers and investors, held a seminar for settlement spokesmen, published a brochure for settlers on how to deal with the media. (Hatzofe 6/10 in WNC 6/11)

11 JUNE

The **IDF** makes new incursions into Bethlehem, Dahaysha r.c., al-Khadir, Tulkarm and surrounding villages; continues operations in Ramallah, arresting 30 Palestinians (including **PFLP 2d-in-command 'Abd al-Rahim Maluh**), reportedly uncovering an explosives

lab in a **Force 17** building; searches a **PRCS** office nr. Hebron; delays ambulances at checkpoints in the Bethlehem, Hebron, Ramallah areas. A **Palestinian suicide bomber** detonates a device in a restaurant in Herzliya, killing **1 Israeli**, wounding 8. The **IDF** fatally shoots a **9-yr.-old Palestinian boy** when he strays too close to Netzarim settlement, **2 Palestinians** in Gaza, who allegedly fired on a Jewish settler vehicle. The **AMB** fatally shoots **2 collaborators** in Hebron. A **7th Palestinian** is found dead nr. Erez crossing; the **IDF** claims a roadside bomb he was planting accidentally exploded. Nr. Hebron, **3 Jewish settlers** are wounded when they accidentally trigger an explosive device in a field. A **Palestinian** stabs, wounds an **Israeli policeman** in Jerusalem. Israeli authorities demolish **6 Palestinian homes** in Sur al-Bahir in East Jerusalem. (AFP, LAW, MM, PRCS press release, UPMRC 6/11; MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/12; AYM 6/30 in WNC 7/31)

12 JUNE

The **IDF** continues operations in Ramallah, Tulkarm; conducts arrest raids in Bayt Furik, Rafah, Tubas (demolishing **2 PSF** posts, **2 Palestinian homes**, a kindergarten); sets fire to 300 dunams of olive groves nr. Shavei Shomron settlement, bulldozes 50 dunams of land nr. Khan Yunis. In Gaza, **8 Palestinians** are killed by the **IDF**; a **9th Palestinian** dies of injuries received earlier. In the evening, the **IDF** withdraws fr. most of Ramallah, including removing a cordon around Arafat's offices, lifts curfew for 3 hrs. but reimposes it; more than 80 Palestinian have been arrested in Ramallah since 6/9. (HP, PR, PRCS press release, UPMRC 6/12; NYT, PCHR, WP 6/13; LAW 6/19)

Nr. Beersheba, **Israeli authorities** bulldoze 17 **bedouin homes**, bulldoze bedouin land to expand the Omer municipal district. (WAFA 6/13)

MK Uriel Ariel (National Union-Yisrael Beitainu) proposes that the Knesset establish a committee of inquiry into how the secret Oslo talks came about in 1993. **Israeli FM Shimon Peres** in protest suspends the Labor party's membership in the governing coalition, but the motion fails to pass by a vote of 34-26. (INN 6/13; HA 6/17)

State Dept. senior adviser on Arab-Israeli negotiations Aaron Miller gives a private briefing to a **Zionist Organization of America (ZOA)** group, during which some ZOA mbrs. yell "Wrong!" when he says

there can be no "military solution" to the conflict; groan audibly when he mentions Seeds of Peace camps for Israeli and Palestinian children; walk out, slamming the door, when he says that Palestinians seek a "democratic, pluralistic, humanistic" government. **ZOA head Morton Klein** says the group found Miller "frustrating" after just having come from a congressional reception that made an "incredible show of support" for Israel. (*Forward* 6/21)

13 JUNE

The **IDF** completes its withdrawal to the outskirts of Ramallah; conducts arrest raids in Anabta, Bayt Furik; shells residential areas of Khan Yunis, wounding 7; demolishes a **Palestinian home** in Hebron; bulldozes 17 dunams of agricultural land in Absan nr. the Gaza-Israel border. In Silwan in East Jerusalem, **Israeli special forces** raid a Palestinian home, killing **1 Palestinian**, wounding another. A **Palestinian** heart attack victim dies when his ambulance is barred fr. crossing an **IDF** checkpoint to reach a hospital. (LAW 6/13; UPMRC, WP 6/14; LAW, PCHR 6/19; *New Haven Register* 7/3)

Bush confers with **Saudi FM Prince Saud al-Faisal**, who holds separate talks with VP **Cheney**, **National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice**. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/14) (see Quarterly Update)

14 JUNE

IDF troops conduct predawn arrest raids in Birzeit, Hebron; sappers detonate a large bomb discovered in Qalqilya. **IDF** troops posted at Keddumim fatally shoot **1 Palestinian** who apparently strayed too nr. the settlement. (NYT 6/15; LAW 6/19)

In Washington, **PA Planning M Nabil Shaath** presents **Powell** with a written outline of a peace proposal that makes concessions on the status of Jerusalem, refugees but demands **Israel's** withdrawal to the 1967 borders. Powell holds separate mtgs. with Saudi FM **Prince Saud**, **IDF chief of staff Shaul Mofaz**. (NYT 6/15; QA, *al-Quds* 6/15 in WNC 6/17; WT 6/16; AP 6/17; WP 6/18; DUS, *al-Quds* 6/18 in WNC 6/19; CNN 6/19; QA 6/19 in WNC 6/20; HA 6/20; HA 6/26; HA 7/3) (see Doc. B2)

15 JUNE

Hamas gunmen clash with **IDF** troops nr. Dugit settlement in Gaza, killing **2 IDF soldiers**, wounding 4; at least **1 Hamas**

mbr. is killed. The soldiers were searching for Hamas mbrs. who had planted a car packed with mortars, launchers, 330 lb. of explosives nr. Dugit in a plot to ambush an **IDF** unit. The **IDF** makes arrest raids into Jenin, shelling residential areas, destroying 3 workshops; fires in the air, directs tear gas at some 200 Palestinian women, children attempting to cross a closed checkpoint nr. Hebron. **Jewish settlers** fr. Brakha and Yitzhar set fire to 700 dunams of Palestinian crops, 2 **Palestinian homes** nr. Nablus. (HA, NYT, WP, WT 6/16; LAW, PCHR 6/19)

16 JUNE

The **IDF** fatally shoots a **Palestinian** circumventing a roadblock on the Jenin-Ramallah road; bulldozes 27 dunams of agricultural land nr. Khan Yunis. For no apparent reason, **IDF** soldiers fire on a **PSF** post in Bayt Lahia and on Palestinians waiting to cross the Qalandia checkpoint, injuring several Palestinians. (LAW, PCHR 6/19)

17 JUNE

Overnight, the **IDF** sends troops into Jenin, killing **1 Palestinian**; fatally shoots a **2d Palestinian** nr. Ramallah. The **IDF** openly assassinates **local AMB leader Walid Sbeh** in al-Khadir. A **Palestinian suicide bomber** detonates a device nr. a border police unit nr. Tulkarm, causing no injuries. In Gaza, the **IDF** begins work on an iron barrier at Netzarim Junction, apparently to better control Palestinian movement on the main road btwn. n. and s. Gaza; orders Khan Yunis fishermen to move their operations to Rafah harbor; demolishes an industrial complex nr. Gaza City, including the only factory in Gaza for producing bottled oxygen for hospitals. The **IDF** also fires on Palestinians circumventing the Surda checkpoint (nr. Ramallah), injuring 4. **Jewish settlers** fr. Brakha set fire to another 70 dunams of agricultural land in Hawara village (see 6/15). (MM, REU 6/17; MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/18; LAW, PCHR, PR 6/19)

The 4-day **34th World Zionist Congress** opens in Jerusalem. (HA, JTA 6/18) (see Special Document in this issue)

18 JUNE

A **Hamas suicide bomber** detonates a device on a bus in Jerusalem during the morning rush hr., killing **18 Israeli Jews**, **1 Israeli Arab**, injuring 50. Late in the evening, as the **IDF** sends tanks, troops into

Jenin town and r.c. in response, imposing a curfew and firing on Palestinians who resist, the **Israel cabinet** convenes to discuss what further action to take. Afterward, **Israel** announces the launching of **Operation Determined Path**, under which "Israel will respond to acts of terror by capturing PA territory. . . . Additional acts of terror will lead to the taking of additional areas," which would be held indefinitely. During the day, the **IDF** assassinates **Islamic Jihad student leader Yusif Bisharat** in Hebron; raids the Nablus home of **PLO Exec. Comm. mbr. and DFLP mbr. Taysir Khalid**; shells residential areas of Gaza City, injuring 8; conducts arrest raids in villages around Jenin; bulldozes Palestinian agricultural land nr. Kefar Darom settlement. An elderly **Palestinian** dies of a heart attack when troops enter her Jenin home. An ailing **Palestinian** dies when the IDF bars his ambulance fr. crossing a checkpoint. **Jewish settlers** under the protection of **IDF** troops take over a building nr. the old city of Jerusalem. (AP, JP, LAW, MM 6/18; AFP, ATL, Interfax 6/18 in WNC 6/19; ATL 6/18, JT, *al-Quds* 6/19 in WNC 6/20; HP, LAW, MM, NYT, PCHR, UPMRC, WP, WT 6/19; WP 6/20; NYT 6/21; AYM 6/23 in WNC 6/26; MM 6/24, MEI 6/28; *New Haven Register* 7/3)

In light of the Jerusalem bombing, **Bush** postpones a speech outlining U.S. policy on the **peace process**, which he had planned to give today. (WP 6/19; NYT 6/20; AYM 6/20 in WNC 6/24) (see Quarterly Update)

19 JUNE

The **IDF** reoccupies Qalqilya, imposes a curfew; Palestinians clash with troops, leaving **2 IDF soldiers**, a **local PA intelligence chief** dead. The **IDF** continues operations in Jenin r.c. and town, fortifying a temporary IDF base outside the r.c. with 7 trailers, fuel and water trucks to create a barracks; conducting house-to-house searches, ordering all men ages 15–50 to surrender, using 3 doctors fr. a nearby hospital as human shields; firing a tank shell at al-Razi hospital. The **IDF** also reinforces tanks around Nablus; conducts arrest raids in Dura, Hebron, Umm Salamona; bulldozes 57 dunams of Palestinian agricultural land nr. Aley Sinai; imposes curfews on villages around Bethlehem. **Jewish settlers** fr. Aldavid settlement set fire to 50 dunams of Palestinian crops nr. Bethlehem; **IDF** troops observe but do not intervene. An **AMB suicide bomber**, retaliating for the 6/17 assassination of an AMB leader,

detonates a device at a bus stop in French Hill settlement in East Jerusalem during the evening rush hr., killing **7 Jewish settlers**, wounding 40. In response, the **IDF** sends troops into Ramallah; helicopter gunships fire missiles at at least 5 alleged bomb-making workshops in Gaza City, Jabaliya, Khan Yunis; begins barring **Palestinians with West Bank IDs** fr. entering **Jerusalem**; raids a hospital in Shaykh Jarrah in **East Jerusalem**, sends home 30 employees with West Bank IDs; reportedly rounds up 1,400 Palestinian workers inside the Green Line, sends home 800 Palestinian workers with West Bank IDs. (HP, LAW, NYT, PCHR, WP, WT 6/19; XIN 6/19 in WNC 6/21; MM 6/20, 6/24; LAW 6/26; PCHR 6/27; JPI, MEI 6/28)

PA Planning M **Shaath**, still in Washington meeting with **U.S. officials**, says that he has given the U.S. a 20–30-page draft constitution for a Palestinian state (i.e., an expanded version of the Basic Law) that reportedly envisions a government headed by a PM, with a ceremonial pres. (WP 6/20)

20 JUNE

The **IDF** reoccupies Beitunia, Bethlehem, Dahaysha r.c.; expands bases there and in Jenin, Qalqilya; conducts raids into Halhul, Tulkarm town and r.c.; raids Shaykh Ajlin, bulldozing Palestinian land, firing on Palestinians working the fields, killing a **Palestinian boy**; fires on residential areas of Birzeit. The **IDF** issues a limited call-up of reservists, bars **Palestinian workers** fr. entering **Jewish settlements**. In Jenin town, **IDF troops** evacuate and vandalize a hospital admin. building, throwing a grenade in the foyer, blowing up a safe, spraying the building with heavy machine gun fire, breaking doors, destroying \$13,600 of equipment; fire on, seriously damage 2 fire trucks. The **IDF** is reported to have transferred more than **600 Jenin r.c. residents** to Salim detention center for questioning; some 150 are released today, sent to Romani village, are told to stay there for 2–4 wks. Late this evening, a **PFLP gunman**, retaliating for the arrest of PFLP 2d-in-command Malluh on 6/11, attacks a home in Itamar settlement, killing **4 Jewish settlers** and **1 settlement guard**, wounding 2 settlers and 2 border policemen before being shot dead. A pregnant **Palestinian** woman is fatally hit by stray **IDF** gunfire in her home in Qalqilya. In Gaza, **1,500 unemployed Palestinians** who have been cut off fr. their jobs in Israel since 9/00 hold a "March of Hunger," protesting Israeli clo-

sures, lack of support fr. the **PA**. (AFP, AP, HA, LAW, WP, WT 6/20; MA 6/20 in WNC 6/21; XIN 6/20 in WNC 6/24; HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/21; PRCS press release 6/24; LAW 6/26; PCHR 6/27)

In Jerusalem, **Sharon, Israeli pres.**

Moshe Katsav address a "Transfer Now" conference hosted by the right-wing **Moledet party**. (Peace Now press release 6/20; MA 6/21 in WNC 6/24)

21 JUNE

Before dawn, the **IDF** reoccupies Askar r.c., Balata r.c., Camp No. 1, Nablus, Tulkarm town and r.c.; reinforces troops around Hebron; imposes 24-hr. curfews on Aida r.c., Awarta, Bayt Furik, Bayt Jala, Dayr al-Ghusun, Hawara, Jarushiyya, al-Khadir, Sayta, Shuwayka, al-Til. In Jenin, troops blow up a building, also collapsing a house next door, killing **1 Palestinian boy**. Later, an **IDF** tank opens fire with shells, machine guns on a crowded market in Jenin, killing **4 Palestinians**, injuring 26 among 100s who had gathered to shop, believing that the IDF had eased the curfew; 20 cars, 30 stores are also destroyed. (In another neighborhood, **2 children** playing in front of their home are killed when the **IDF** fires a tank round to break up a crowd "violating the curfew," which residents thought had been lifted.) In Shaykh Ajlin, the **IDF** opens fire on a group of Palestinian children and an AP reporter, killing **1 Palestinian boy**. In Gaza, **Palestinians** fire an anti-tank rocket at an **IDF** post, seriously injuring 1 soldier; the IDF demolishes a naval police post, bulldozes 4.5 dunams of Palestinian land in response. Nr. Erez crossing, a **Palestinian** throws a grenade at an IDF checkpoint, causing no damage or injuries; the **IDF** fatally shoots him, also killing **2 Palestinian laborers** waiting to cross the checkpoint. Following a funeral for settlers killed on 6/20, **Jewish settlers** attack the Palestinian village of Hawara (see 6/17), killing **1 Palestinian**, firing on and throwing rocks at buildings, setting a car and shop ablaze, attacking journalists. (AP, LAW, WP 6/21; XIN 6/21, MA 6/23 in WNC 6/24; NYT, UPMRC, WP, WT 6/22; HP 6/23; PRCS press release 6/24; LAW 6/26; PCHR 6/27; MEI 6/28; HA 7/2; BBC, HA 7/5)

The **Israeli inner cabinet** agrees in principle to expel the **families of Palestinian suicide bombers** fr. the West Bank to Gaza as a "disincentive for attackers." (NYT,

WP, WT 6/22; HP, JPI, NYT 6/23; MM 6/24, 6/27; MEI 6/28)

22 JUNE

The **IDF** calls up 1,000 reservists in preparation for "crushing and decisive action" against the Palestinians; reoccupies Dura; shells residential areas of Khan Yunis, destroying several **Palestinian homes**; continues operations in Beitunia, Bethlehem, Jenin, Nablus, Qalqilya, Tulkarm; lifts curfews in most areas for several hrs. to allow Palestinians to resupply; lifts curfews entirely in Awarta, Hawara; imposes a 24-hr. curfew on Bayt Sahur. During the curfew break in 2 camps nr. Nablus, troops open fire on Palestinians for unknown reasons, wounding 8. (AFP 6/22; NYT, WP, WT 6/23; LAW 6/26; PCHR 6/27)

Over 150 people take part in the ground breaking for a **new Jewish settlement** n. of Jerusalem nr. Kochav Ya'acov. The new enclave is part of a new program to "transplant" entire Jewish communities, with their rabbis, to Israel. A New York rabbi raised the idea in his town, and 25 local families committed to purchase homes in the new settlement. **Meretz MK Yossi Sarid** offers to find them a safer location inside Israel, but they decline. (INN 6/22) (see 5/19)

23 JUNE

The **IDF** calls up another 3,000 reservists; shells a building in Tulkarm r.c., killing **1 PSF officer** (children nearby reportedly were stoning the tank); imposes 24-hr. curfews on Abu Dis, Anabta, Araqa, Bayt Jibrin r.c., Bayt Wazzan, al-Funduq, Hashimiyya, Kafr Rumman, Yamun, Zawata; conducts arrest raids and house-to-house searches in Jenin town and surrounding villages, fatally shooting a **2d Palestinian** in Yamun; directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at the al-Mawasi checkpoint and residential areas in Dahaysha r.c., Khan Yunis; fire live ammunition, rubber bullets at Palestinians approaching al-Bireh, Jawal, Surda checkpoints into Ramallah; bulldozes nearly 100 dunams of agricultural land n. of Bayt Lahia. The **PA** places **Hamas spiritual leader Shaykh Ahmad Yasin** under house arrest, arrests 11 Hamas mbrs. in Gaza. An **IDF soldier** dies of injuries received on 6/15; a **Palestinian boy** dies of injuries received on 6/21. (HP 6/23; NYT, WP, WT 6/24; RMC 6/24 in WNC 6/25; NYT 6/25; QA 6/25 in WNC 6/26; LAW 6/26; PCHR 6/27)

24 JUNE

Before dawn, the **IDF** reoccupies Amari r.c., al-Bireh, Qadura r.c., and Ramallah, surrounding **Arafat's** offices (placing Arafat under de facto house arrest), arresting **13 PSF officers**, meeting no resistance; imposes 24-hr. curfews on Aqaba, Dura, Iktaba, Tamun, Taysir, Tubas, Yatta; fires shells at residential areas of Khan Yunis; continues operations in Bethlehem, Jenin, Nablus (fatally shooting **1 Palestinian**), Qalqilya, Tulkarm areas; lifts curfews in Jenin, Nablus, Qalqilya for 3 hrs. The **IDF** assassinates **2 Izzeddin al-Qassam Brigades leaders**, Yasir Raziq and 'Amr Kufa, in Rafah, firing missiles at their taxis, also killing **2 passengers, 2 drivers**, injuring 13 bystanders. **Jewish settlers** stone an ambulance nr. Tulkarm. In Gaza, **Hamas** supporters clash with **PSF** officers enforcing **Shaykh Yasin's** house arrest, leaving **1 Hamas supporter** dead. (BBC, MM, NYT, PRCS press release, WP, WT 6/24; XIN 6/24 in WNC 6/25; MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/25; LAW 6/26; PCHR, WJW 6/27; MEI 6/28)

After a wk.'s delay, **Bush** gives a major speech outlining the new U.S. policy toward the peace process. Without mentioning **Israel's** military escalations, **Bush** says in effect that the **Palestinians** must remove **Arafat** and create a Western-style democracy before the peace process can move forward. The **U.S.** halts direct dealings with Arafat. Bush's decision to call for Arafat's ouster was reportedly influenced heavily by an **Israeli** intelligence report he received last wk. (un-corroborated by the **CIA**) claiming that Arafat authorized a \$20,000 payment to the **AMB**, which carried out the 6/19 suicide bombing. (AP, MM, NYT, WP 6/24; MA 6/24 in WNC 6/25; GS, MM, NYT, WP, WT, YA 6/25; AFP, ATL, Interfax, ITAR-TASS, MENA 6/25 in WNC 6/26; MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/26; AFP, JT, *Le Monde* 6/26 in WNC 6/27; NYT, WJW, WP 6/27; JT, *al-Nabbar* 6/27 in WNC 6/28; MEI, MM 6/28; NYT, USIS Washington File 6/30; WP, WT 7/1; AN 7/1 in WNC 7/2; JPI 7/5) (see Doc. C1; Quarterly Update)

Arafat sends the **U.S., Arab states** a 6-page memorandum outlining an ambitious 100-day reform plan, including plans for presidential and legislative elections in 1/03 and municipal elections in 3/03. (MM 6/24; NYT 6/25; MM 6/26; *El Pais* 6/26 in WNC 6/27; NYT, WP, WT 6/27; XIN 6/27 in WNC 6/28; AYM 7/1 in WNC 7/3; AYM 7/10, 7/17, 7/21 in WNC 7/23) (see Doc. B3; Quarterly Update)

Israeli atty. gen. Elyakim Rubinstein says he will not take legal action against those calling for the "voluntary transfer" of Arabs fr. Israel, saying "voluntary transfer" is "immoral," not illegal. (The 13 Palestinians deported to Cyprus in 5/02 were "voluntarily exiled" as part of a deal brokered by Israel and the PA; see 5/22, Quarterly Update in *JPS* 124.) (HA 6/24; MM 6/27)

In response to **Israeli** appeals to local satellite channels to drop **BBC World** and **CNN International** because of their "pro-Palestinian bias" (1 channel replaced CNN with Fox News coverage on 6/20), **CNN chief news exec. Eason Jordan** arrives in Israel to apologize publicly on behalf of the network, to unveil a special 5-part series on Israeli victims of violence (aired 6/24-28) and a Web "memorial" to Israeli victims of Palestinian violence. (WT 6/24; NYT 6/25; WJW 6/27; MEI 6/2; see also JTA 6/20; MSNBC 6/21)

25 JUNE

Before dawn, the **IDF** sends troops into Palestinian areas in and around Hebron, storming the local PA headquarters, demolishing 1 building in the compound, killing **4 PSF officers**, wounding 7, arresting around 200. With the reoccupation of Hebron, **700,000 West Bank Palestinians** are under 24-hr. curfew. Curfews are lifted for several hrs. in Bethlehem, Jenin, Qalqilya, Ramallah, Tulkarm. The **IDF** also makes an incursion into Araba, shooting and seriously wounding an 8-yr.-old Palestinian girl; conducts arrest raids in Rafah, demolishing **2 Palestinian homes** completely, 3 partially; fatally shoots a **Palestinian** who allegedly threw a grenade at an IDF post nr. Qarni crossing, causing no damage or injuries; halts an ambulance transporting 2 wounded Palestinians to a Ramallah hospital, forcing the driver, 1 patient to exit the ambulance for a search. (LAW, UPMRC, WP, WT 6/25; LAW, NYT, PRCS press release, WP, WT 6/26; MM, PCHR 6/27)

Israel begins broadcasting an **Arabic-language satellite channel**. (MEI 6/28; MM 7/10)

26 JUNE

In Jenin r.c., the **IDF** fires on children throwing stones at a tank, killing a **6-yr.-old Palestinian boy**, wounding a 12-yr.-old; a similar incident in Amari r.c. leaves 2 children wounded. In Hebron, the **IDF** bull-

dozes sections of the PA headquarters, shells and fires on others; around 130 PSF officers inside the complex have surrendered since 6/25, 10–40 are still thought to be inside. The **IDF** also imposes a curfew on Halhul, Hussam; conducts house-to-house searches in Hussam; bulldozes a **PSF** post, arrests 22 Palestinians in Tubas; fires on a **PRCS** medical center in Hebron; lifts curfews on Jenin, Ramallah for several hrs.; lifts curfew entirely on al-Funduq. (LAW 6/26; MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/27)

At the G-8 mtgs. in Canada, **Bush** presses his view that **Arafat** must go, says that he would cut off all U.S. aid to the Palestinians if they fail to make structural, leadership reforms. (HA, NYT, REU, WP 6/27; AFP, MA 6/27 in WNC 6/28; MM 6/28; SA 6/29 in WNC 7/1; AN 7/8 in WNC 7/9; MEI 7/12)

27 JUNE

The **IDF** continues to shell the PA headquarters in Hebron, threatens to raid the complex if those still inside do not emerge; the **IDF** claims that 1 of those inside the complex is a senior **Hizballah** mbr. who slipped in fr. Lebanon to train Palestinians. (Israeli prosecutors also charge a Lebanese-born Israeli, son of a Jewish mother and Shi'i Muslim father, of being a spy for Hizballah.) The **IDF** fatally shoots **2 Palestinians**, wounds 10 during clashes in Balata r.c.; fatally shoots a **9-yr.-old Palestinian child**, wounds 3 others in Qalqilya during a temporary lifting of the curfew, later admitting the soldiers fired in error; fatally shoots an **8-yr.-old Palestinian boy** in Jenin; raids a PSF jail in Nablus, taking 20 Palestinians, including several naval police officers, into custody; demolishes **10 Palestinian homes** in Rafah r.c.; imposes 24-hr. curfews on Anin, Azariyya, al-Bireh, Halhul. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/28)

MK Benny Elon (Moledet), on a lobbying trip to the U.S., says he has received “quiet support” fr. several mbrs. of **Congress** for his 7-part “Elon peace initiative,” based on the idea of the “voluntary transfer” of **Palestinians to Jordan**, which would become a “Jordanian-Palestinian state.” Palestinian refugees would be resettled in their host countries. West Bank and Gaza Palestinians would be given Jordanian-Palestinian citizenship and could remain in their homes, but those who “violate the terms of the plan” would be expelled to Jordan. (JPI 6/27)

28 JUNE

The **IDF** blows up the PA headquarters in Hebron on top of 10–40 Palestinians Israel is “certain” are inside; an initial search turns up no bodies, indicating that, in fact, no one was inside. In Gaza, a **Palestinian woman** sleeping in a tent is killed by **IDF** fire. In Gaza, the **PSF** allows Hamas's **Shaykh Yasin** to leave his house arrest, address a demonstration in the city. (NYT, PRCS press release, WP, WT 6/29; NYT, WP, WT 6/30; *al-Quds* 6/30 in WNC 7/3; MM 7/1)

29 JUNE

The **IDF** enters Halhul; lifts curfews for several hrs. in all areas to allow Palestinians to resupply, students to take their final exams. In Nablus, **Palestinian boy** with asthma dies fr. inhaling tear gas. **Israeli DM Benjamin Ben-Eliezer** says he plans to dismantle **20 Jewish settlement enclaves** built without permission, which are too small and remote to be protected; at least 9 are uninhabited. (IDF press release, PRCS press release 6/29; HA, WT 6/30; MM, WP 7/1; WJW 7/11)

30 JUNE

The **IDF** overtly assassinates **senior ABM mbr. Muhannad Tahir** in Nablus, also killing a **2d Hamas mbr.** The **IDF** lifts closures in most areas for several hrs.; orders **Palestinian men ages 15–55** in Amari r.c., Ramallah to surrender for questioning; confiscates a mobile clinic transporting a heart patient to a Ramallah hospital, arresting the patient, the driver; bulldozes Palestinian land in Bayt Lahia, Dayr al-Balah, Shaykh Ajlin; arrests **2 Palestinian journalists** working for Reuters for filming international peace activists barring an **IDF** tank, bulldozer fr. approaching a house in Nablus. In Lod, a bomb placed on a railroad track explodes, lightly injuring **2 Israelis**. The **IDF** dismantles **2 Jewish settlement enclaves** built without Israeli permission; each has only 1 family in residence. (GS, HA, UPMRC 6/30; MM, NYT, WP, WT 7/1; NYT, WT 7/2)

The **IDF** reportedly transfers **10s of PA security officers** detained in the West Bank to Gaza through the Erez crossing at dawn. Palestinian sources claim to have seen several other groups of PSF officers brought into Gaza through the crossing in recent days and apparently freed, suggesting that Israel is quietly implementing plans threatened previously to “deport” to Gaza

West Bank Palestinians suspected of plotting or staging attacks on Israeli targets. (AYM 7/3 in WNC 7/8; AYM 7/4 in WNC 7/5) (see 6/21)

1 JULY

The **IDF** dismantles **9 vacant settlement enclaves** set up without Israel's permission, says another 10 will be removed in the coming days. At least **4,000 unemployed Palestinian workers** march on the **PA** headquarters in Gaza, calling for the PA to create jobs and wages in light of the closure. (HA, WT 7/1; XIN 7/1 in WNC 7/2; MM, NYT, WT 7/2; MM 7/3)

2 JULY

The **IDF** lifts curfews in many West Bank areas for several hrs. to allow students to take yr.-end exams, then raids Palestine Polytechnic University in Hebron, detaining **300 students** for questioning. The **IDF** raids a PA security post in Khan Yunis, arrests **6 PA border policemen**. **Israeli security officials** bar entry at Ben-Gurion airport to **PLO Negotiations Affairs Dept. legal adviser Michael Tarazi**, a U.S. citizen who lives in Ramallah. (GS 7/2; NYT, WP, WT 7/3; AYM 7/3 in WNC 7/8)

Burns meets with other reps. of the **Quartet** (an ad hoc diplomatic grouping of the EU, Russia, UN, U.S. used to present a united international front on the peace process) in London to gauge their views of **Bush's** 6/24 speech, the **PA's** 100-day plan. **Burns** announces the formation of the **International Task Force on Reform**, a steering comm. comprising the Quartet and **donors** that will oversee donor assistance for PA reform efforts. (RMC 7/2 in WNC 7/3; MM 7/3; ITAR-TASS 7/3, *al-Quds* 7/4 in WNC 7/5; WP 7/4; NYT 7/9; USIS Washington File 7/12) (see Quarterly Update)

3 JULY

The **IDF** directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Khan Yunis; bulldozes 10s of dunams of land n. of Khan Yunis, 500 olive trees nr. Bethlehem; conducts arrest raids in Qibya, Ramallah (raiding the civil service building), Sanirya. The **IDF** also confiscates 3 garbage trucks, 2 bulldozers fr. the al-Ram municipality. In Gaza, **1,000s of Palestinians** attend a **Fatah**-organized march against **Bush's** stand against **Arafat**. Also in Gaza, **Hamas mbrs.** de-

manding the execution of a collaborator held by the PSF attack, throw pipe bombs at a PA police station; the **PSF** returns fire, injuring 23. (PR 7/3; NYT, WP 7/4; HA 7/14; MA 7/23 in WNC 7/25)

4 JULY

Senior AMB mbrs. Jihad al-Omarayn, Wa'il al-Nimrah are killed when a bomb in their car explodes in Gaza City in what is presumed to be an **IDF** assassination; **Israel** refuses to confirm or deny allegations. The **IDF** bulldozes agricultural land nr. Khan Yunis, also demolishing a **PSF** post. The **IDF** says it has arrested a **Palestinian truck driver** for smuggling guns across the **Jordan** border with a shipment of vegetables. (NYT, WP 7/5; *al-Quds* 7/7 in WNC 7/9; LAW, PCHR 7/10)

5 JULY

IDF troops open fire on residential areas in Khan Yunis, killing **1 Palestinian**; raid Bayt Furik village, firing on homes, detaining 4 Palestinians ages 15 and 16; bulldoze 3 dunams of Palestinian land nr. Shuhada Junction; conduct arrest raids in Tulkarm. In Gaza City, **15,000 Palestinians** attend the funeral of AMB mbr. **Omarayn**. (NYT, UPI 7/6; WP 7/7; LAW, PCHR 7/10)

6 JULY

IDF soldiers fire on a taxi nr. Netzarim Junction, killing a **Palestinian woman, child**; the **IDF** says soldiers fired at "suspicious silhouettes" in the car. In Ramallah, the **IDF** fires tear gas at Palestinians who mistakenly believe the curfew has been lifted; an elderly **Palestinian**, overcome by tear gas, dies. The **IDF** positions tanks, snipers around Jenin hospital. The **IDF** bulldozes 4 **bedouin homes** in the Negev. (GS, UPI, UPMRC 7/6; WP 7/7; DUS 7/7 in WNC 7/8; NYT 7/8; LAW, PCHR 7/10; MEI 7/12)

7 JULY

The **IDF** says it captured **2 Palestinians** following a gun battle nr. Aley Sinai settlement. The **IDF** fires on Palestinians at a Nablus checkpoint for no apparent reason during a lifting of the curfew, wounding 2; sends bulldozers into Shaykh Ajlin, damaging part of an agriculture storehouse and a well, leveling land; sends tanks into Bayt Lahia, firing on residential areas, crushing a car. A **Palestinian child** dies of injuries received

on 6/27. (NYT 7/8; LAW, PCHR 7/10; MEI 7/12)

The **Israeli cabinet** endorses (17-2) a bill that would amend existing law to bar **Israeli Arabs** fr. leasing homes built on state land, declaring state land (90% of land in Israel) to be "for Jewish settlement only." State land cannot be purchased by anyone, only leased long term. (BADIL press release 7/7; HA 7/8; MM, NYT, WT 7/9; WJW 7/11; HA 7/12)

8 JULY

The **IDF** directs live fire at Palestinians crossing into Ramallah at Surda checkpoint just after a curfew had been reimposed without warning, seriously injuring an **18-yr.-old Palestinian girl**; conducts arrest raids in Nablus, destroying 1 **Palestinian home**; direct shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Khan Yunis. (LAW 7/8; PCHR 7/10)

Sharon authorizes **Peres** to reopen high-level meetings (suspended in 3/02) with **senior PA officials**, excluding **Arafat**, but bars him fr. discussing political issues. Peres meets with new PA Finance M **Fayyad**, new Interior M **Yahya**. (MM, NYT, WP 7/9; XIN 7/9 in WNC 7/10; WT 7/10; SA 7/10 in WNC 7/11; WJW 7/11; AYM 7/12 in WNC 7/16; AFP 7/20, XIN 7/21 in WNC 7/22; HA, NYT, WP 7/21; JP, MM, WT 7/22; WT 7/23) (see Quarterly Update)

Bush says that **Israel** is justified in occupying the West Bank until "security improves." (NYT 7/9; WJW 7/11)

9 JULY

The **IDF** fatally shoots **Islamic Jihad mbr. Mu'ammar Daraghma** as he drives nr. Jenin in what is likely an assassination. The **IDF** raids, shuts the admin. offices of **al-Quds University** in Jerusalem, confiscating files, computers; seals the office of **university pres. Sari Nusseibeh**, who is also the PLO official in charge of Jerusalem affairs. In Jerusalem's Old City, an exchange of gunfire btwn. an **Israeli police officer**, a **Palestinian motorist** stopped for an ID check leaves 1 **Palestinian** bystander dead, the police officer wounded. The **IDF** also demolishes 6 **Palestinian homes** in Rafah, severely damages 2 others; reoccupies Bayt Rima, ordering all men to surrender for questioning; imposes a curfew on Husan; conducts arrest raids in Bayt Awa, Bethle-

hem, Nur al-Shams r.c., Qalqilya, Tufah, al-Til, Tulkarm r.c. **Jewish settlers** under **IDF** protection take control of 1,400 dunams of Palestinian land nr. Jaba', outside Jerusalem. (HP 7/9; LAW, MM, NYT, PCHR, WP 7/10; MA 7/10 in WNC 7/11; WJW 7/11; AFP 7/11 in WNC 7/15; MA 7/11 in WNC 7/16; MA 7/15 in WNC 7/17; MM 7/17, 7/19)

A group of **400 Jewish immigrants fr. the U.S. and Canada** arrive in Israel; 75% of them will live in Beit Shemesh, Jerusalem. They arrive as part of a new **Jewish Agency** program to encourage entire established Jewish communities in N. America to immigrate to Israel with their rabbis. **American Evangelical Christians** representing the **International Fellowship of Christians and Jews (IFCJ)** donated \$5,000 to each of the 400 to help finance the move. Another group of 130 is expected to arrive in the next few mos. (JP 7/9; *Trenton Times* 7/10; WJW 7/11; MEI 7/26) (see 6/22)

10 JULY

The **IDF** directs tank fire at Palestinian youths violating the curfew in Nablus and throwing stones at soldiers, killing a **17-yr.-old Palestinian**, injuring an 11 and a 13 yr. old; directs heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Khan Yunis; bulldozes 86 dunams of crop land nr. Qarni crossing, Shuhada Junction. In Gaza, **AMB gunmen** fire on an **IDF** patrol nr. the Rafah border, killing 1 **IDF soldier**. A **Palestinian** heart attack victim dies in an ambulance detained at an **IDF** checkpoint for over an hr. (LAW, PCHR 7/10; NYT, UPMRC, WP 7/11)

Fmr. Christian Coalition leader Gary Bauer and **Rabbi Daniel Lapin**, head of the ultraconservative Jewish-Christian group Toward Tradition, announce the formation of the **American Alliance of Jews and Christians (AAJC)**, which they will co-chair. AAJC aims to "unite Christians in support of Israel and work with American Jews and Christians on behalf of traditional values." Among the mbrs. of the AAJC board are **Rev. Jerry Falwell**, **Rev. Pat Robertson**. A similar Christian right lobbying group, **Stand for Israel**, cofounded by **fmr. Christian Coalition exec. dir. Ralph Reed** and **IFCJ head Rabbi Yecheil Eckstein**, is doing a \$400,000 media campaign targeting major newspapers, conservative radio talk shows. (Toward Tradition press release 7/10; MEI 7/26) (see 7/9)

11 JULY

In Jenin, **IDF** APC trapped under a collapsed telephone pole opens fire on, wounds **2 Palestinian news photographers** (clearly identified as press) photographing the scene, fires for more than 30 mins. on anyone trying to rescue them. A **Palestinian gunman** fatally shoots an **IDF soldier** in Gaza. A **Palestinian** dies fr. injuries received on 7/3. For no apparent reason, **IDF** troops open fire on Palestinians waiting to cross a Qalqilya checkpoint. The **IDF** also shells residential areas of Bayt Hanun. (HA 7/11; WT 7/12; AFP 7/12 in WNC 7/16; WP 7/13; LAW, PCHR 7/17; HA 7/28)

At a press conference in Jerusalem, **Amnesty International (AI)** releases a report calling **Palestinian armed groups'** attacks on **Israeli civilians** and **Jewish settlers**, particularly suicide bombings, "crimes against humanity and possible war crimes"; criticizes the **PA** for failing to crack down on militants more thoroughly. (AI press release, MM 7/11; NYT, WP 7/12; MM 7/19)

12 JULY

The **IDF** conducts arrest raids in Birzeit (searching Birzeit University dorms, arresting 10s of students), Dayr al-Balah (fatally shooting **2 Palestinians**, including a 13-yr.-old boy), Khan Yunis; fatally shoots a **3d Palestinian** nr. Qalqilya; directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Jenin, Rafah. A **Palestinian photographer** dies of injuries received on 7/11. The **Armenian patriarchate** reports that the **IDF** has confiscated church land, buildings along the Green Line nr. Aida r.c. for Israel's new buffer zone. **32 international humanitarian agencies** operating in the territories declare that it has become increasingly difficult over the past 2 mos. for them to work effectively given **Israel's** "unprecedented military restrictions on humanitarian access to the civilian populations." (AFP, *al-Quds* 7/12 in WNC 7/16; NYT, WP 7/13; LAW, PCHR 7/17; *Arminfo* [Yerevan] 7/18 in WNC 7/19; *Interfax* 8/1 in WNC 8/2)

13 JULY

The **IDF** conducts arrest raids in Jenin; shells residential areas, bulldozes 5 dunams of Palestinian land nr. Khan Yunis; bulldozes 3 dunams nr. Kefar Darom settlement. (PCHR 7/17)

14 JULY

In Khan Yunis, a **Palestinian** on trial for collaborating with **Israel** is killed by Palestinian militants when the trial is disrupted by an IDF air strike nearby, leaving him unguarded. The IDF F-16s hit the home of **senior Izzeddin al-Qassam Brigades mbr. Ahmad Yusif 'Abd al-Wahhab**, who escapes; at least 5 Palestinian bystanders are wounded. The **IDF** fatally shoots a **Palestinian** farmer working in his field nr. Dugit settlement; claims it was responding to mortar fire fr. the area directed at the settlement. At checkpoint nr. Balata r.c., an **Israeli border policeman** fatally shoots a **Palestinian** who allegedly tried to knife him. The **IDF** bulldozes Palestinian agricultural land nr. Khan Yunis. (NYT, WP, WT 7/15; LAW, PCHR 7/17)

The **ZOA** gives **Christian Broadcasting Network founder Pat Robertson** the State of Israel Friendship Award for being "a major Christian leader who strongly supports Israel and its religious, historical, and legal right to the holy land." (ZOA press release 7/9; JTA 7/12) (see 7/10)

15 JULY

In Qalqilya, **IDF** soldiers chasing curfew breakers toss stun grenades into a building, sparking a fire that kills **1 Palestinian**. The **IDF** fatally shoots a **2d Palestinian** during an arrest raid in Bayt Lahia; bulldozes 4 dunams of Bayt Lahia farmland nr. Dugit settlement; raids the Ramallah offices of the largest Palestinian Internet service provider, PalNet, disabling email, Internet access; conducts house-to-house searches in Hebron. (UPMRC, WT 7/16; LAW, PCHR 7/17; LAW 7/19)

In Alexandria, **Ben-Eliezer** confers with **Mubarak**, reportedly presents a "Gaza First" plan, which has not been endorsed by **Sharon**. Mubarak also meets with **PA Local Government M Saeb Erakat**; there is no evidence that Ben-Eliezer and Erakat meet. (MM 7/15; MENA 7/15, QA 7/16 in WNC 7/17; MM, NYT, WT 7/16; WT 7/17; JPI 7/26; MM 7/29) (see Quarterly Update)

16 JULY

Palestinian gunmen disguised as IDF soldiers ambush a bus nr. the West Bank settlement of Emmanuel, setting off a roadside bomb disabling the bus, then firing on passengers, killing **7 Jewish settlers**, wounding 16; the attackers escape; **AMB, DFLP**,

Hamas, Islamic Jihad take responsibility, though military analysts believe **Hamas** was responsible. **Israel** places nearby Palestinian villages under curfew. **Israeli police** arrest **4 IDF soldiers, 1 Jewish settler** living in settlements nr. Hebron, **1 IDF soldier** living in Israel on suspicion of stealing 60,000 rounds of IDF ammunition, selling 1,000s of rounds to Palestinian militants; the IDF also arrests a **Palestinian** fr. Tarkumiyya as the middleman. The **IDF** demolishes a Palestinian store under construction in Jerusalem; bulldozes 29 dunams of Palestinian land nr. Qarni crossing; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis; conducts arrest raids nr. Jaba'. (HA, REU 7/16; AFP 7/16 in WNC 7/17; LAW, MM, NYT, PCHR, WP, WP 7/17; WJW 7/18; AYM 7/18 in WNC 7/22; NYT, WP 7/19)

In New York, **Powell** hosts a senior-level **Quartet** mtg. to discuss ways of creating momentum for peace talks in light of **Bush's** 6/24 speech; holds separate mtgs. with the FMs of **Egypt, Jordan**. The Arab FMs then dine with EU, Russian, UN Quartet reps. (MM 7/16; ITAR-TASS 7/16 in WNC 7/17; MM, NYT, WP, WT 7/17; MM 7/18; Interfax, ITAR-TASS, MENA 7/18 in WNC 7/19; MM 7/19) (see Quarterly Update)

17 JULY

2 Islamic Jihad suicide bombers stage a double bombing outside a cafe in Tel Aviv, killing **1 Israeli, 2 foreign workers**, injuring 3. An **8th victim of the Emmanuel bus ambush** on 7/16, a baby born prematurely to a Jewish settler injured in the attack, dies. The **IDF** tracks, engages in a 3-hr. gun battle with the **3 Palestinian gunmen** involved in the ambush, leaving **2 Palestinians** and **1 IDF officer** dead, 3 IDF officers injured; 1 of the Palestinians escapes again. The **IDF** also conducts arrest raids in Silat al-Dahir, leaving **2 suspected AMB mbrs.** dead; fatally shoots a **Palestinian** allegedly attempting to sneak into Israel nr. Qalqilya; arrests **senior Izzeddin al-Qassam Brigades mbr. Muhammad Nathseh** in Ramallah. In Amari r.c., **2 Palestinian children** are killed, 11 are wounded when they trigger an unexploded IDF shell. In Ramallah, a mysterious explosion kills **2 Palestinians**. **IDF** F-16s bomb, destroy a foundry in Gaza that the IDF claims was a Hamas bomb-making facility. In Ramallah, PalNet Internet service, raided on 7/15, is restored. The **IDF** orders the confiscation of 60 dunams of Palestinian land btwn. Gaza City and Netzarim settlement for

construction of a **settlement bypass road**. (LAW, PCHR 7/17; MM, NYT, WP, WT 7/18; WP 7/19; PCHR 7/21; MEI 7/26; XIN 7/28 in WNC 7/29)

18 JULY

A **Jewish settler** injured in the 7/16 bus ambush dies of her injuries, bringing the toll in that attack to 9. A previously unknown group called **al-Nathir** claims responsibility for the 7/17 Tel Aviv bombing, originally claimed by **Islamic Jihad**. The **IDF** bulldozes a **Palestinian house**, aviary nr. Dayr al-Balah; conducts arrest raids in Hebron (including confiscating files fr. Hebron University student union offices), Jenin, villages around Khan Yunis, the al-Mawasi area, Nablus, Tal; fires on residential areas of Rafah. (NYT 7/19; LAW 7/18; LAW, PCHR 7/24)

The **FMs of Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia** hold a 30-min. mtg. with **Bush, White House chief of staff Andrew Card, Powell, Rice** to discuss ways of keeping the peace process moving and to present a working paper (drafted with the **PA**, approved by Arab League FMs on 7/12). (WP 7/18; MENA 7/18 in WNC 7/22; HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 7/19; QA 7/19, *al-Safir* 7/20 in WNC 7/22; AYM 7/21 in WNC 7/23; MM 7/25; MEI 7/26) (see Quarterly Update)

19 JULY

The **IDF** blows up the family homes of **senior AMB mbr. Ali Ajuri** (allegedly behind the 7/17 Tel Aviv bombing) in Askar r.c., **Izzeddin al-Qassam Brigades mbr. Nasser Assida** (allegedly behind the 7/16 Emmanuel bus ambush) in Tal, also damaging 6 other homes; arrests their **21 male relatives**, whom Israel threatens to expel to Gaza as a deterrent to other militants; neither suspect is captured. The **IDF** also shoots, seriously injures a **Palestinian farmer** working in his field nr. Qalqilya; fires stun grenades and tear gas at Palestinians leaving Friday services at the Bani Na'im Mosque; ransacks the offices of a Bani Na'im charity, confiscating computers; demolishes the science lab of an elementary school in Hebron. Residents of Arak Burin nr. Nablus say they have been without water for 34 days, since the **IDF** began barring water trucks fr. entering the village. (AI, GS, al-Haq, LAW, MM 7/19; NYT, WP 7/20; MENA, QA 7/20, AN, JT 7/21 in WNC 7/22; AYM 7/21 in WNC 7/24; LAW, PCHR 7/24)

20 JULY

The **IDF** shells, bulldozes an auto repair shop in Rafah r.c., also damaging a house; shells residential areas of, conducts arrest raids in Khan Yunis; temporarily lifts curfews in Hebron, Nablus, Ramallah. (WP 7/21; LAW, PCHR 7/24)

21 JULY

Israel backs off plans to expel to Gaza **21 male relatives** of suspected Palestinian militants (see 7/19). **Sharon** tells his **cabinet** that he will abide by Atty. Gen. **Rubin**stein's ruling that family mbrs. would have to have been directly involved in supporting the attacks in order to be deported. A small **remote-controlled bomb** explodes underneath a commuter train in Rehovot nr. Tel Aviv, slightly injuring the driver; no one takes responsibility. The **IDF** conducts arrest raids in Jenin; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis. A **Jewish settler** driving in Hebron deliberately runs over a **Palestinian** man, seriously injuring him. (MM, NYT, WT 7/22; MM 7/23; PCHR 7/24; LAW 7/31)

Sharon, Housing M Natan Sharansky announce plans to create 14 new Jewish localities in the Negev and Galilee to strengthen Jewish control of the land, create a security buffer btwn. Jenin and Afula (the site of numerous Palestinian attacks). (HA 7/22; *Between the Lines* 8/02)

22 JULY

The **IDF** exchanges gunfire with **2 Islamic Jihad mbrs.** nr. Gush Katif settlement, leaving the 2 Palestinians dead, 2 soldiers wounded; fires on residential areas of, conducts arrest raids in Tulkarm; reopens PLO Jerusalem affairs rep. **Nusseibeh's** offices at al-Quds University. Late in the evening, the **IDF** assassinates **Izzeddin al-Qassam Brigades founder and head Shaykh Salah Shihada**, no. 1 on Israel's most wanted list, sending an F-16 to fire a 1-ton guided missile at a building where he was staying in Gaza City, collapsing 3 buildings, heavily damaging 20 others, killing **14 Palestinian bystanders** (including 9 children, 4 women), injuring 140. Palestinians across Gaza take to the streets to demonstrate against the assassination, which comes hrs. after the **AMB, Tanzim, Hamas, Islamic Jihad** agreed to declare a unilateral ceasefire after wks. of intra-Palestinian talks (see Doc. B4). (HA, JP, MM, REU 7/22; AFP 7/22 in WNC 7/23; AP, B'Tselem press release,

HA, MEZ, MM, NYT, PCHR, UN press release, WP, WT 7/23; ATL 7/23 in WNC 7/24; HA, LAW, MM, NYT, PCHR, WP, WT, YA 7/24; ITAR-TASS, MENA *al-Quds* 7/24 in WNC 7/25; *Gulf Times* 7/24, AFP, JT, MA, *al-Quds*, SA, XIN 7/25 in WNC 7/26; HA, MM NYT, WJW, WP, WT 7/25; MEI 7/26; JT, *al-Nabar* 7/26 in WNC 7/29; MM 7/29, 7/30; JPI, MM 8/2; MA, SA 8/2 in WNC 8/5; MEI 8/16) (see 5/14/00; Quarterly Update)

23 JULY

A **Palestinian farmer** dies of injuries received on 7/19. The **IDF** shells residential areas of Khan Yunis, Rafah; conducts arrest raids in Hebron, Ramallah. In Gaza, **100,000 Palestinians** attend the funeral for those killed in the 7/22 air strike targeting Shihada. (LAW, PCHR 7/24)

24 JULY

The **IDF** shells residential areas of Jenin r.c. **Palestinians** fire 2 Qassam-2 rockets fr. Gaza into Israel and several mortars fr. Gaza at settlements inside the Strip, causing no damage or injuries. An **Israeli** dies of injuries received in the 7/17 bombing, bringing the death toll of the attack to 4. An **Israeli military court** extends the detention without charge of a **Palestinian photographer** for Agence France-Press, who was taken into custody by the IDF at a West Bank checkpoint on 4/24; a **Palestinian photographer** for Reuters detained by the **IDF** on 4/30 is also still in custody. (JTA, PCHR 7/24; MM, NYT 7/25; WT 7/26; *Le Monde* 7/26 in WNC 7/29)

25 JULY

Palestinian gunmen open fire on a Jewish settler vehicle nr. Aley Zahav nr. Qalqilya, killing **1 Jewish settler** rabbi, wounding 1; then open fire on ambulance workers who arrive on the scene, causing no additional injuries; **AMB, Popular Army Front-Return Battalions** take responsibility, with the latter reportedly issuing a "hit list" of Israeli officials, including **Sharon**. The **IDF** sends tanks, APCs into Gaza City, demolishing a **PSF** post and 2 buildings, firing tank shells and heavy machine guns at residential areas; raids the home of, detains **Arafat refugee affairs adviser 'Abd al-Fattah Ghanem**; raids homes in Khan Yunis, destroying property, bulldozing 6 dunams of land, vandalizing a children's summer camp; conducts arrest raids in Aida r.c., Bethlehem,

Qalqilya (arresting **local Fatah secy.** **Ahmad Shuraym**), Tal. **Israeli police** arrest another **Jewish settler** on charges of selling ammunition to the Palestinians (see 7/16). (MM, NYT, WT 7/25; MM, NYT, WP, WT 7/26; LAW, PCHR 7/31; WJW 8/1)

26 JULY

AMB gunmen fire on 2 Jewish settler vehicles s. of Hebron, killing **4 Jewish settlers**, wounding 3. **Palestinians** fire an antitank missile at a settler bus nr. Gaza City, causing damage but no injuries. **2 Palestinians** die of injuries received on 7/22, bringing the toll of the Shihada assassination to 17. The **IDF** conducts house-to-house searches in Qalqilya, firing on residential areas, killing **1 Palestinian-American** standing nr. a window in his kitchen; bulldozes 3 auto repair shops in Gaza City suspected of manufacturing Qassam rockets, injuring 5 Palestinians; shells residential areas of Khan Yunis. **Jewish settlers** take over a **Palestinian home** in Hebron, set a room on fire, destroy water tanks. (NYT, WP, WT 7/27; XIN 7/29 in WNC 7/30; LAW, PCHR 7/31)

27 JULY

The **IDF** enters Khan Yunis, fires on residential areas, bulldozes land; raids Wadi Burkin, demolishing a **Palestinian home**, arresting 2 Palestinians; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Jenin; bulldozes land in Beitunia; directs heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Bayt Lahia. **Jewish settlers** attack **Palestinian home** in Hebron, setting 2 rooms on fire. (LAW, PCHR 7/31)

28 JULY

Following a funeral for settlers killed on 7/26, some **100 Jewish settlers** rampage through Palestinian neighborhoods of Hebron, attacking Palestinian homes and cars, firing on homes, killing a **14-yr.-old Palestinian girl**, injuring 15; 1 group of settlers breaks into a Palestinian home, destroys furniture, stabs and seriously injures an **8-yr.-old Palestinian boy**; some settlers beat, destroy the cameras of **2 photographers** (an American free-lancer and a *Yedi'ot Abaronot* rep.), a **journalist** (*Yedi'ot Abaronot*). The **IDF** raids an area nr. Ramallah, capturing **4 Hamas mbrs.**, including **senior mbrs.** **Furayj Rumayna and Hussein Abu Kuwayk** (whom the IDF attempted to assassinate on 3/4/02), fatally shooting **1 Palestinian** as he watches the incursion; shells

residential areas of, bulldozes 6 dunams of land in Khan Yunis. The **mayor of Nablus**, where the IDF's 24-hr. curfew has been temporarily lifted only 5 times in the past 40 days, calls on residents to ignore the curfew in an act of civil disobedience; **10s of Nablus residents** open shops, banks, markets, go about their day-to-day duties; the **IDF** does not interfere. (XIN 7/28 in WNC 7/29; MM, NYT, UPMRC, WP, WT 7/29; NYT, WT 7/30; LAW, PCHR 7/31; WJW 8/1; HA 8/3)

29 JULY

The **IDF** directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Bayt Lahia (injuring a 14-yr.-old boy), Khan Yunis (injuring 2 9-yr.-old boys), Rafah (injuring a 4-yr.-old girl). **100s of Nablus residents** defy the **IDF** curfew for a 2d day; the IDF does not intervene. Late this evening, a **Palestinian** infiltrates Itamar settlement, stabs and lightly wounds **2 Jewish settlers** before being shot dead by **IDF** troops. A **Palestinian** run over by a **Jewish settler** on 7/21 dies of his injuries. (NYT, WT 7/30; LAW, PCHR, WP 7/31)

30 JULY

A **Palestinian suicide bomber** detonates a device in a Jerusalem restaurant, lightly wounding **5 Israelis**. **AMB gunmen** lure **2 Jewish settlers** (diesel fuel salesmen) to Jamayn village, fatally shoot them; 1 of the assailants is later arrested. 1,000s of Nablus residents defy the 24-hr. curfew for a 3d day. The **IDF** removes the curfew on Qalqilya; bulldozes 3 Palestinian apartment buildings in Jenin allegedly housing bomb-making labs; directs heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Khan Yunis, injuring 2 women, 2 children sleeping in their homes. In the Israeli town of Ashkelon, an **Israeli Jew** (recently emigrated from Morocco) walking the beach nr. the home of a **senior Israeli security official** is stopped, searched, shot, seriously wounded by guards who thought he was a Palestinian attacker. An **Israeli prosecutor** charges **2 Palestinian detainees** with masterminding attacks that killed 17 Israelis, marking the 1st indictments handed down in a civilian court against Palestinians detained during the al-Aqsa intifada. (AP, MM 7/30; JTA, MM, NYT, PCHR, WP, WT 7/31; NYT 8/1)

31 JULY

A **package bomb** explodes in a crowded Hebrew University cafeteria in Jerusalem,

killing **4 Americans** (including 1 U.S.-French dual national), **1 U.S.-Israeli dual national**, **2 Israelis**, injuring around 80; **Hamas** claims responsibility. Residents of Nablus continue to defy the **IDF** curfew. The **IDF** temporarily lifts the curfew in Bethlehem, Hebron, Ramallah, Tulkarm; directs heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Khan Yunis, Nablus; blows up the home of relatives of a suicide bomber in Bayt Jala; bulldozes a Palestinian home in Jenin, arrests the owner; partially demolishes **6 Palestinian homes** in Rafah; conducts arrest raids in Qalqilya, Tulkarm. (AP, HA, LAW, MM, PCHR 7/31; MM, NYT, WP, WT 8/1; ATL, JT, *al-Quds* 8/1 in WNC 8/2; WP 8/2; PCHR 8/7; JPI 8/9)

Israel's inner cabinet orders the expulsion to Gaza of a relative of a **Palestinian** involved in the 7/16 Emmanuel bus ambush, giving him 12 hrs. to appeal. Regarding whether the man was directly involved in supporting the attack (per Atty. Gen. **Rubinstein's** conditions; see 7/21), **Internal Security M Uzi Landau** says, "it's enough for a relative of a relative of a suicide bomber to set up a mourning tent or visit a mourning tent" to qualify for expulsion. The **inner cabinet** also formalizes a policy of demolishing the homes of Palestinian attackers. (HA 7/31; WP, WT 8/1; MA 8/4 in WNC 8/5; PCHR 8/7)

1 AUGUST

The **IDF** soldiers stationed in Netzer Hazani settlement direct shells, machine gun fire at nearby residential areas of al-Qarara, fatally shooting a **9-yr.-old Palestinian girl**. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received on 7/15. The body of a bound, fatally shot **Israeli** businessman is found in a Tulkarm industrial zone. The **IDF** bulldozes Palestinian agricultural land nr. Dayr al-Balah, Rafah; demolishes the home of local **Islamic Jihad military cmdr. Muhammad Abu Tabikh** in Jenin; blows up a home in al-Brazil, damaging 7 nearby houses; directs heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Khan Yunis; conducts arrest raids in Tulkarm. (MM 8/1; NYT 8/2; LAW, PCHR 8/7)

In Washington, **King Abdallah** holds talks with **Bush** on the peace process, dangers of striking **Iraq**. Abdallah urges Bush to outline specific steps, timeline for moving the peace process forward. Bush says that he's still committed to the creation of a Palestinian state in 3 yrs. but he does not think any new steps by Israel are necessary at the

moment. (JT 8/1 in WNC 8/2; NYT, WP, WT 8/2; DUS 8/2 in WNC 8/7)

2 AUGUST

In retaliation for the 7/31 bombing, the **IDF** stages a predawn raid into Nablus, which Israel says is the "possible source" of the bomb, sending in more than 150 bulldozers, tanks, APCs; conducting house-to-house searches in the Old City, moving fr. building to building by breaking through walls; ordering all men ages 15–50 to surrender for questioning; arresting 10s of Palestinians; demolishing **2 apartment buildings** allegedly housing bomb-making labs; meeting light resistance, leaving at least **2 Palestinians** dead, 5 wounded. The **IDF** also detains, questions, handcuffs, then fatally shoots **Hamas mbr. Amjad Jabour** outside his home in Salim, nr. Nablus; shells residential areas of Dayr al-Balah, killing an **85-yr.-old Palestinian woman** in her home; clashes with Palestinian gunmen in Rafah, fatally shooting **1 Palestinian**; demolishes **6 Palestinian homes** (1 Hebron, 3 Rafah, 1 Tulkarm, 1 elsewhere in the West Bank) belonging to the relatives of Palestinian militants; prepares to expel 2 brothers of 2 assailants to Gaza. (AP, MM, NYT, UPMRC, WP, WT 8/2; al-Haq, NYT, WP, WT 8/3; LAW, PCHR 8/7; WJW 8/8)

3 AUGUST

In Nablus, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, searches homes; bulldozers block entrances to Nablus's old city with dirt; tanks, APCs patrol, tightly enforcing curfew. The **IDF** fatally shoots a **Palestinian** driving a truck in Hebron just after a curfew had been reimposed without warning; demolishes **8 Palestinian homes** (1 Hebron, 5 Jenin, and 2 Nablus) belonging to relatives of Palestinian militants; shells residential areas of Khan Yunis. (NYT, WP, WT 8/4; LAW, PCHR 8/7)

4 AUGUST

A **Hamas suicide bomber** detonates a device on a bus at Meron Junction in n. Israel, killing **3 IDF soldiers**, **2 Israeli civilians**, **2 Philippine workers**, **2 Israeli Arabs** and wounding 40 (mostly soldiers); Hamas says it will not release the name of the bomber to prevent Israel fr. retaliating against his relatives. In Jerusalem, an **AMB gunman** fatally shoots an **Israeli guard**, an **Israeli telephone employee** nr. Damascus

Gate; **Israeli policemen, soldiers** open fire indiscriminately in the direction of the shooter, who is near a café, killing him, a **Palestinian** café patron, wounding 17. Nr. Aley Sinai settlement in Gaza, the **IDF** fatally shoots a **Palestinian frogman** as he emerges fr. the sea carrying a rifle, grenades in a sealed bag. **AMB gunmen** detonate a roadside bomb nr. a settler car nr. Ramallah, fire on passengers, injuring **3 Jewish settlers**. **PFLP gunmen** fire on a settler bus nr. Tulkarm, injuring **4 Jewish settlers**. A roadside bomb injures **4 IDF soldiers** nr. Ramallah. The **IDF** demolishes an 18-dunam PA Youth and Sports Min. complex, a 20-dunam PSF training center, 4 privately owned buildings, several boats in Bayt Lahia. **Jewish settlers** attack a PRCS ambulance nr. Ramallah, injuring 2 paramedics. (AFP 8/4 in WNC 8/5; MM, NYT, WP, WT 8/5; LAW, PCHR 8/7)

5 AUGUST

In light of the increase in violence, **Ben-Eliezer** promises a “long list of actions” in the West Bank and Gaza that would “make the closure much bigger than it is now”; bans all Palestinian travel in the n. West Bank; seals the s. Gaza Strip. The **IDF** makes a predawn raid on Burqa village, assassinates **wanted AMB mbr. Khalid Sayf**, also killing **1 Palestinian** bystander; opens fire on a group of Palestinians violating the curfew nr. Nablus, killing a **13-yr.-old Palestinian boy**. **Palestinian gunmen** ambush a settler vehicle nr. Nablus, killing **2 Jewish settlers**, wounding 2. A **Palestinian car** explodes nr. Umm al-Fahm, killing the **Palestinian** driver and injuring another in what the **IDF** says was a premature detonation of a suicide bomb; **al-Nathir** takes responsibility. The **IDF** says it has captured **Hamas mbr. Mazan Fukha**, who allegedly plotted the 8/4 bus bombing; shells, demolishes an autobody shop in Gaza City that allegedly served as a weapons factory; conducts arrest raids nr. Khan Yunis, Tubas; shells residential areas nr. Dayr al-Balah. (MM, WP, WT 8/5; AFP 8/5 in WNC 8/5; NYT, WP, WT 8/6; LAW, PCHR 8/7)

With **Sharon's** permission, **Ben-Eliezer** presents his Gaza First plan to PA Interior M **Yahya**, senior PA security officials. (HA, WP 8/6; MM 8/7; HA 8/8; MM 8/16) (see 7/15; Quarterly Update)

For the 10th yr. in a row, the **Anti-Defamation League** sponsors a group of **U.S. college newspaper editors** on a trip (8/5–18) to Israel, Poland, Bulgaria to learn

about the history of the Holocaust, the founding of Israel, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. (JTA 8/6)

6 AUGUST

The **IDF** assassinates **wanted AMB mbrs. Ali Ajuri** (who allegedly plotted the 7/17 Tel Aviv bombing, reportedly is the leader of **al-Nathir**) and **Murad Marshud**, firing air-to-surface missile at them in Jenin. Israel orders Ajuri's brother, sister deported to Gaza for sheltering him. The **IDF** also captures an **armed Egyptian infiltrator**, who crossed the border into Israel nr. Elat; imposes a curfew on al-Qarara, orders all men over age 15 to surrender for questioning, conducts house-to-house searches, bulldozes 3 dunams of agricultural land. (AP, HA, LAW, MM 8/6; LAW, NYT, PCHR, WP, WT 8/7) (see 7/19)

Throwing out appeals by **49 Palestinian families, Israel's High Court** upholds the **IDF's** right to demolish homes of Palestinians accused of “terrorist” attacks without giving family mbrs. warning. Currently, 107 homes that housed suicide bombers are slated for demolition, plus 100s of other homes belonging to other “suspected terrorists.” (HA, MM, NYT, WP 8/7; *al-Quds* 8/7 in WNC 8/12)

7 AUGUST

IDF commandos raid Tulkarm, assassinate **local AMB cmdr. Ziad Da'as**, also killing **2 Palestinian bystanders**. In Khan Yunis, an **IDF sniper** fatally shoots **Hamas mbr. Hussam Hamdan**, son of top Hamas political leader Ahmad Nimr. The **IDF** makes a predawn raid on Bayt Lahia, firing on residential areas (killing **1 Palestinian** sleeping on his roof), arresting 3 relatives of a wanted Hamas mbr.; fires on residential areas of Dayr al-Balah (seriously injuring a 12-yr.-old Palestinian boy), Khan Yunis; arrests **local AMB leader Yahya Dahamsa** in Bethlehem, demolishes his rented home; demolishes the family homes of relatives of 3 other Palestinian militants elsewhere; shoots at 2 PRCS ambulances in Gaza, disabling 1. A **small bomb** explodes underneath a fuel truck in Rishon Letzion, lightly injuring the Israeli driver; no group claims responsibility (see 5/23). **Israeli police** arrest **2 19-yr.-old Israeli Arab women** for failing to prevent the 8/4 Meron Junction bus bombing. In Hawara, **Palestinians, international peace activists** stage a nonviolent march in defi-

ance of the IDF curfew; the IDF responds with live fire, tear gas, percussion grenades, and arrests **International Solidarity Movement (ISM) leader Adam Shapiro** and 1 Palestinian; Shapiro is transferred to Ramla prison pending deportation. (AP, ISM press release, LAW, MM, NYT, PCHR, WP 8/7; NYT, WP, WT 8/8; WT 8/9)

Arafat convenes an **EA** mtg. to grant "preliminary approval" to **Ben-Eliezer's** Gaza First plan. Israeli, PA security teams meet in the evening to discuss implementation but fail to agree on terms. (HA 8/7; HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 8/8; AFP, *al-Quds*, XIN 8/8 in WNC 8/9; MM, WP 8/9; AYM, *al-Quds* 8/9, SA 8/11 in WNC 8/12; AYM 8/11 in WNC 8/15; WJW 8/15; MEL, MM 8/16) (see 8/5; Quarterly Update)

8 AUGUST

The **IDF** conducts arrest raids in Bayt Lahia, detaining 9 Palestinians, fatally shooting 1 **Palestinian** bystander; bulldozes 5 **Palestinian homes** (1 Bayt Jala, 2 Bethlehem, 1 Hebron, 1 Jenin); fires tear gas, live ammunition at the funeral procession for Hamas's **Hamdan** (assassinated on 8/7), seriously injuring a 15-yr.-old boy. (NYT 8/8; NYT, WP, WT 8/9; PCHR 8/15, 8/16)

In Washington, PA officials **Erakat, Economic M Mahir al-Masri, Yahya** open several days of talks with **senior administration, CIA, USAID officials**. (WT 8/8; NYT, WP, WT 8/9; WT 8/10; AYM 8/10 in WNC 8/11, 8/12; NYT, WP, WT 8/11; AYM 8/11 in WNC 8/12; MM 8/12; NYT 8/13; WT 8/14) (see Quarterly Update)

9 AUGUST

The **IDF** exchanges gunfire with armed Palestinians in Tulkarm r.c., fatally shooting a **Palestinian** bystander; closes a settler bypass road s. of Jerusalem for several hrs. after reports of "suspicious figures" in the area (who turn out to be shepherds carrying crooks); conducts arrest raids in Dayr al-Balah, Qalqilya; bulldozes 2 dunams of agricultural land in, and shells residential areas of Khan Yunis. 1 **Palestinian** dies of injuries received during the 7/22 IDF air strike; a **2d Palestinian** dies of injuries received on 8/7. (NYT 8/10; PCHR 8/16)

10 AUGUST

In Nablus, **IDF** soldiers halt a **Palestinian** electric company employee driving a company truck who is returning fr. making

authorized repairs during a curfew, kill him with 1 shot to the head; the IDF later apologizes, says it will investigate. The **IDF** fatally shoots an armed **Hamas mbr.** attempting to sneak into Israel fr. Gaza. An **AMB gunman** infiltrates Mehola settlement, fatally shooting 1 **Jewish settler**, seriously wounding a 2d before being shot dead. A **4th Palestinian** dies of injuries received on 8/7. The **IDF** uses water cannons, hoses to break up a nonviolent demonstration by **500 Israeli, Palestinian peace activists** nr. a Bethlehem–Jerusalem checkpoint, injuring 2; for no apparent reason opens fire with live ammunition, rubber bullets, percussion grenades on Palestinians waiting to cross Surda checkpoint in Ramallah, seriously injuring 2; bulldozes at least 4 dunams of agricultural land nr. Kefar Darom settlement in Gaza. (NYT, WP, WT 8/11; NYT 8/12; PCHR 8/16)

11 AUGUST

A **Hamas gunman** fires on Israeli roadworkers nr. Dugit settlement in Gaza, wounding 1 before being fatally shot by the **IDF**. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received in the 7/22 IDF air strike; an **Israeli** dies of injuries received in the 7/31 bombing. *Ha'Artez* reporter Gideon Levy is fired on by **IDF** soldiers without warning in Tulkarm but is uninjured. The **IDF** bulldozes 20 dunams of agricultural land in Bayt Hanun, more than 3 dunams nr. Bayt Lahia. **ISM leader Shapiro** leaves Israel of his own accord (see 8/7). (LAW, NYT, WP 8/12; NYT, WP 8/13; HA, PCHR 8/16)

12 AUGUST

In an overnight raid, **IDF commandos** surround the home of **wanted AMB mbr. Ghazal Frayhat** in Yamun nr. Jenin, evict 13 family mbrs., take Frayhat into custody, fatally shoot him. The **IDF** fires on residential areas of Jaba'. (HA 8/12; NYT, WP 8/13; PCHR 8/16)

An **Israeli military court** approves the expulsion to Gaza of **3 relatives of Palestinian militants** involved in fatal attacks on Israelis. (HA 8/12; NYT, WT 8/13)

After wks. of secret mtgs. in Gaza, the **National and Islamic Higher Comm. for the Follow-up of the Intifada**, comprising all Palestinian factions, says it is close to finalizing a draft national unity platform. (AP, BBC, MM, NYT, WT 8/13; AYM, SA 8/13 in WNC 8/14; NYT, WP 8/14; MM 8/15) (see Quarterly Update)

13 AUGUST

In East Jerusalem, an **IDF** soldier on a passing commuter bus shoots, seriously wounds a **Palestinian** motorcyclist scuffling with an **Israeli traffic policeman** over a traffic incident. An **Israeli** dies of injuries received in 7/31 bombing, bringing that toll to 9. The **IDF** demolishes **Palestinian homes**, 2 belonging to relatives of Palestinian militants (in Dahiriyya, Dura), 2 others (nr. Beth-lehem, nr. Hebron); bulldozes 40 dunams of agricultural land in Khuza, also damaging a school. (NYT, WP 8/14; PCHR, WJW 8/15; PCHR 8/16)

Overriding a **military court** ruling (see 8/12), the **Israeli High Court** issues a 15-day injunction against the forced transfer to Gaza of **3 relatives of Palestinian militants**, demanding that the government show cause why it would be permitted to carry out the expulsions. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 8/14; MA 8/14 in WNC 8/15; WJW 8/15)

10s of Christian TV stations air a 5-hr. telethon in support of "**Israeli** victims of terrorism," with half of the money raised earmarked for a fund organized by the **United Jewish Communities**, half funding production of daily news segments on Israel for Christian TV stations. (HA 8/11) (see 7/10)

14 AUGUST

The **IDF** assassinates wheelchair-bound **senior Hamas mbr. Nasir Jarrar** (who had

lost an arm, 2 legs in 2 previous assassination attempts in 5/01 and 4/02) in a friend's home in Tubas, firing rockets fr. helicopters at the house, then bulldozing it; 1 **Palestinian** used as a human shield by the IDF to warn Jarrar to surrender is killed, a 2d Palestinian bystander is wounded; the IDF says its use of a Palestinian as a "messenger"—what it says is a 20-yr.-old policy called the "neighbor procedure"—is not the same as using human shields. The **IDF** bulldozes 48 dunams of agricultural land btwn. Qarni crossing and Shuhada Junction. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 8/15; NYT, PCHR, WT 8/16; JP 8/18)

Israel arraigns **West Bank Fatah cmdr. Marwan Barghouti** (arrested by the IDF on 4/15/02) in a Tel Aviv court on charges of being an "arch-terrorist," murdering 26 Israeli civilians in 37 attacks; the indictment says that 16 Palestinians now in Israeli custody, including 2 of Barghouti's top aides, will testify against him. (AP, LAW, MM 8/14; NYT, WP, WT 8/15; MM 8/16)

15 AUGUST

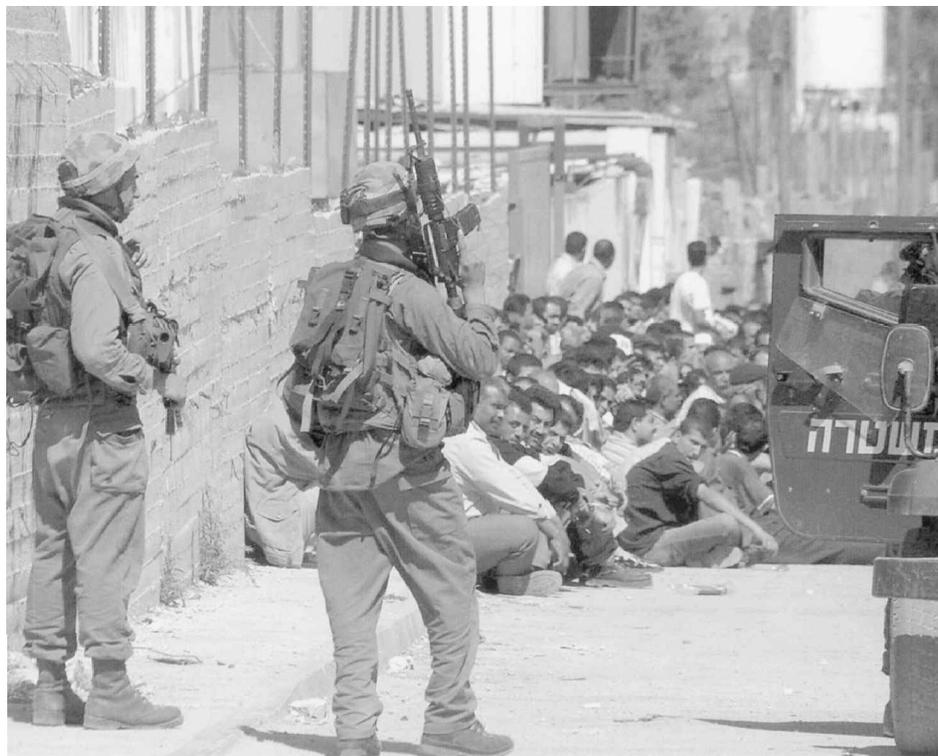
The **IDF** fires on a car in Khan Yunis, killing a **5-yr.-old Palestinian boy**, wounding his father, grandfather; fatally shoots **2 Palestinians** nr. Kissufim crossing in Gaza who were allegedly carrying a bomb; bulldozes 3 dunams of Palestinian land in Khan Yunis, 37 dunams nr. Gaza City; fires on residential areas of Rafah. (AFP 8/15 in WNC 8/16; NYT, WT 8/16; PCHR 8/26)

CHRONOLOGY SOURCE ABBREVIATIONS

AFP	(Agence France-Presse, Paris)
AN	(Arab News, Riyadh)
AP	(Associated Press [Internet])
ATL	(Anatolia, Ankara)
AYM	(<i>al-Ayyam</i> , Ramallah)
BBC	(British Broadcasting Corporation World Service [Internet])
CNA	(Cyprus News Agency, Nicosia)
CNN	(Cable News Network [Internet])
DUS	(<i>al-Dustur</i> , Amman)
GS	(Gush Shalom, Tel Aviv)
HA	(<i>Ha'Aretz</i> [Internet], Tel Aviv)
HP	(Hear Palestine [Internet], Washington)
INN	(Israel Network News [Internet])
JP	(<i>Jerusalem Post</i> [Internet], Jerusalem)
JPI	(<i>Jerusalem Post International Edition</i> , Jerusalem)
JT	(<i>Jordan Times</i> , Amman)
JTA	(Jewish Telegraphic Agency [Internet])
LAW	(Palestinian Society for the Protection of Human Rights and the Environment, Jerusalem)
MA	(<i>Ma'ariv</i> , Tel Aviv)
MEI	(<i>Middle East International</i> , London)

MENA	(Middle East News Agency, Cairo)
MEZ	(al-Mezan Center for Human Rights, Jabaliya)
MM	(<i>Mideast Mirror</i> , London)
NYT	(<i>New York Times</i> , New York)
PCHR	(Palestinian Center for Human Rights, Gaza)
PR	(<i>Palestine Report</i> , Jerusalem)
QA	(<i>al-Quds al-Arabi</i> , London)
REU	(Reuters [Internet])
RMC	(Radio Monte Carlo, Paris)
SA	(<i>al-Sbarq al-Awsat</i> , London)
UPI	(United Press International [Internet])
UPMRC	(Union of Palestinian Medical Relief Committees, Jerusalem)
WJW	(<i>Washington Jewish Week</i> , Rockville, MD)
WNC	(World News Connection [Internet], Washington)
WP	(<i>Washington Post</i> , Washington)
WT	(<i>Washington Times</i> , Washington)
XIN	(Xinhua—New China News Agency, Beijing)
YA	(<i>Yedi'ot Abaronot</i> , Tel Aviv)

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IDF soldiers guard Palestinians detained during a major incursion into Balata r.c., 31 May 2002. (AFP Photo/Jaafar Ashtiyeh)