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CHRONOLOGY

16 AUGUST–15 NOVEMBER 2004

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This section is part eighty-three of a chronology begun in JPS 13, no. 3 (Spring 1984). Chronology dates reflect Eastern Standard Time (EST). 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 AUGUST

The **Israel Defense Forces (IDF)** fires missiles at **4 Palestinians** allegedly preparing to fire a Qassam rocket fr. Bayt Hanun into Israel, killing 2; continues large-scale operations (dubbed Operation Full Court Press) in Nablus that began on 8/7, imposing a curfew, fatally shooting a **Palestinian** standing on his roof, firing on stone-throwing Palestinians who confront the troops; blows up **3 residential buildings** housing 13 Palestinian families (76 individuals) in Rafah; fires on residential areas of Brazil refugee camp (r.c.), Khan Yunis, Rafah; bulldozes 2 wells, a commercial building in Bayt Hanun; conducts arrest raids, house searches in villages outside Hebron, Jenin, Ramallah. Late in the evening, the **IDF** sends troops into Bayt Hanun, orders Palestinians to evacuate several homes nr. Erez Crossing, searches and digs around homes for several hrs. looking for tunnels. **Islamic Jihad** fires **2 mortars** at Gaza's Gush Katif settlement as a solidarity gesture with the Palestinian prisoners (on hunger strike since 8/15), causing no damage or injuries. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received earlier. (AP 8/16; PRCS press release, WP, WT 8/17; PR 8/18; PCHR 8/19)

17 AUGUST

The **IDF** continues operations in Nablus, conducting house searches, firing on stone-throwing youths, fatally shooting a **9-yr.-old Palestinian** sitting on the stoop of his home. The **IDF** also fatally shoots **2 al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade (AMB) mbrs.** laying a roadside bomb outside Gaza's Atzmona settlement; demolishes **3 Palestinian homes** in Brazil r.c.; directs heavy machinegun fire at residential areas of Rafah; conducts ar-

rest raids, house searches in Dahaysha r.c. nr. Bethlehem and nr. Khan Yunis, Qalqilya, Ramallah; raids the offices of the National Society in Dahaysha r.c., arresting 3 employees, confiscating computers, sparking clashes with local Palestinians, wounding 5. The **Israeli Housing Min.** issues tenders for construction of 1,001 new housing units in **4 Jewish settlements** (Ariel, 214; Beitar Ilit, 604; Karnei Shomron, 42; Ma'ale Adumim, 141). (HA, MM 8/17; VOP 8/17 in WNC 8/19; MM, NYT, PCHR, PR, WP, WT 8/18; PCHR, WJW 8/19; MM 8/20, 8/23; MEI 8/27)

18 AUGUST

The **IDF** launches a predawn air strike on the home of **wanted Hamas mbr. Ahmad Jabari** in Gaza City, assassinating **2 Hamas mbrs.** and **1 Islamic Jihad mbr.** (all relatives of Jabari), killing **2 bystanders**, wounding 7; Jabari is moderately wounded. The **IDF** lifts the curfew on all of Nablus, except the Old City and al-Ayn r.c.; seals al-Fara' r.c. nr. Nablus, patrolling streets, firing on stone-throwing youths who confront the troops; fires missiles at 2 workshops in Gaza City (alleged to be weapons factories), destroying both but causing no injuries; demolishes **2 Palestinian homes**, 4 shops in Rafah; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis, Rafah; raids, confiscates equipment and files fr. a charitable association nr. Bethlehem; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Dahaysha r.c., Nablus, Qalqilya; begins bulldozing a 350 dunams (d.; 4 d. = 1 acre) nr. Qalqilya for construction of the **separation wall. Palestinians** fire **2 Qassam rockets** at Gaza's Neve Dekalim settlement, lightly injuring 2 Jewish settlers; detonate a roadside bomb by an IDF tank in Gaza, causing some damage but no injuries. **Jewish**

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settlers fr. Pdu'el raze olive trees, place barbed wire around a plot of Palestinian land outside Salfit. Some **60 internationals**, **20 Palestinians** who began a Freedom March along the **separation wall** route to protest the wall's construction in Zababda nr. Jenin on 7/30 arrive at their destination, Jerusalem, a day ahead of schedule. (NYT, PCHR, WP 8/18; PCHR 8/19, 8/25)

19 AUGUST

The **IDF** fires on residential areas of Nablus but by evening lifts the curfew, withdraws troops, ending Operation Full Court Press. The **IDF** fires on 2 Palestinians who stray into a closed military zone in Rafah, injuring 1, then fatally shoots another **Palestinian** youth who attempts to reach him to provide aid; later shells residential areas of Rafah, killing a **62-yr.-old Palestinian**; fires tear gas, live ammunition at Palestinians waiting to cross al-Mahatin checkpoint nr. Dayr al-Balah in central Gaza; fires on residential areas of Brazil r.c., Khan Yunis (seriously damaging a hospital); bulldozes 60 d. of agricultural land, shells residential areas in Wadi al-Silqa in s. Gaza; occupies a building under construction in Hebron as a military post. Late in the evening, the **IDF** sends bulldozers into Khan Yunis, demolishing **4 Palestinian homes**. **Palestinians** fire 5 **Qassam rockets** at Sederot, lightly injuring 1 Israeli. (HA, XIN 8/19; NYT 8/20; PCHR 8/26)

20 AUGUST

The **IDF** continues bulldozing operations in Khan Yunis, pulling out early in the morning; imposes a daylong curfew on Wadi al-Hussein nr. Hebron, also transforms an empty Palestinian house into an observation post; conducts arrest raids, house searches in al-Aza r.c. nr. Bethlehem, Dayr Ghassana nr. Ramallah. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received on 8/19 in Brazil r.c. (PRCS 8/20; PCHR 8/26)

21 AUGUST

The **IDF** sends troops back into Nablus and neighboring Balata r.c., blowing up a metal workshop, conducting house searches, shooting and seriously wounding 1 Palestinian. The **IDF** also fatally shoots a **mentally handicapped Palestinian** who strays into a closed military zone outside Nusayrat r.c.; sends bulldozers into al-Qarara nr.

Khan Yunis under cover of heavy shelling to level houses previously demolished, tear up roads leading to 3 residential neighborhoods; fires on residential areas of Rafah. **10s of Jewish settlers** in Hebron break windows, attempt to set fire to furniture in several Palestinian homes, destroy a water pumping station and a generator; the **IDF** observes but does not intervene. (AFP 8/21; PCHR 8/26)

22 AUGUST

The **IDF** reimposes a curfew (lifted on 8/19) on Nablus, then sends jeeps to the central market square to fire on surrounding areas to force dealers to close stalls and Palestinians to return home, injuring 15 Palestinians (including 8 children). The **IDF** also bulldozes Palestinian land in Bardala in the northeastern tip of the Jordan Valley for construction of security and tax offices; fires on residential areas in Rafah, nr. Ramallah. **Palestinian Hussein Jabari** dies of injuries sustained in the IDF assassination attempt against his brother, Ahmad Jabari. **Palestinian Authority (PA) Prisoner Affairs M Hisham 'Abd al-Raziq, 70 Palestinian figures** begin a hunger strike in solidarity with hunger-striking Palestinian prisoners; **Israeli prison officials** say that the number of **hunger-striking Palestinian prisoners** has nearly doubled to 2,900 since the strike began on 8/15. (WP 8/23; PR 8/25; PCHR 8/26; MM 8/27)

23 AUGUST

In Rafat, the **IDF** opens fire on several Palestinians removing belongings fr. a home that the IDF earlier warned would be demolished, seriously wounding **1 Palestinian**, firing on an ambulance that attempts to reach him, allowing him to bleed to death. The **IDF** fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis; demolishes a **Palestinian home** in al-Qarara; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Araqa and Qabatya villages nr. Jenin, Askar r.c. nr. Nablus, Balata r.c., Surif nr. Hebron, Tulkarm. **Israel** announces plans for **another 533 new housing units** in the Adam, Emmanuel, Har Adar, Har Gilo settlements in the West Bank. The **PA** announces that security forces have recently arrested **6 suspected collaborators** in Gaza. (JP, MM 8/23; DS, NYT, WP, WT 8/24; VOP 8/24 in WNC 8/26; PR 8/25; PCHR 8/26)

24 AUGUST

The **IDF** sends troops into Bethlehem, seals and searches a hospital for 3 hrs., detains 2 Palestinians (apparently not patients). The **IDF** also stages a major incursion into Askar r.c., rounding up more than 300 Palestinian men for questioning at an UNRWA school (the **UN** protests); fatally shoots a **Palestinian** farmer, wounds a 2d in al-Qarara; demolishes **1 Palestinian home**, searches 3 in al-Qarara; fires on residential areas of Rafah (breaking windows in a hospital). **Palestinians** across the West Bank, Gaza observe a **general strike** in solidarity with **hunger striking Palestinian prisoners**; **80 child prisoners** join the strike. (AP, JTA, XIN 8/24; VOP 8/24 in WNC 8/26; WT 8/25; PCHR 8/26)

25 AUGUST

The **IDF** demolishes 5 **Palestinian homes**, bulldozes 45 d. in al-Mughraqa nr. Gaza City; blows up 1 **Palestinian home** nr. Nablus; fires tear gas at Palestinians waiting to cross the al-Mawasi checkpoint; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Abu Dis, Askar r.c., Bayt Laqia nr. Ramallah, Bayt Jala and neighboring Bethlehem, al-Fara' r.c., Ramallah, Tubas nr. Jenin, Yatta nr. Hebron. The **IDF** also captures 6 **Egyptian students** armed with a toy gun, knives, binoculars, radios in the Negev, 6 mi inside Israel. **Unidentified gunmen** fire on the car of **PA General Intelligence Service dep. chief Tariq Abu Rajab** as he drives along the coastal road in Gaza, seriously wounding him, killing 2 **bodyguards**, wounding 2 others; no group claims responsibility. (BBC, HA, PR 8/25; NYT, PCHR, WP, WT 8/26; AYM 8/26 in WNC 8/31; JAZ 8/30 in WNC 9/1; QA 8/31 in WNC 9/3; PR 9/1; PCHR 9/2; PR 9/15; MA 9/15 in WNC 9/21)

26 AUGUST

After **Palestinians** fire several **Qassam rockets** toward Sederot (causing no damage or injuries) and a **mortar** at Gush Katif (damaging a building), the **IDF** closes the Rafah crossing linking Egypt and Gaza; shuts main roads in Gaza to Palestinian traffic, dividing the Strip into thirds; attempts to assassinate for a 2d time (the 1st was on 5/15/00) **Islamic Jihad military cmdr. Muhammad Khalil** by firing rockets at his Rafah home, wounding him and 5 family mbrs., killing

1 Palestinian neighbor. **Senior AMB mbr. Shadi Awamir** is killed, 2 Palestinians are injured in a mysterious explosion in his home in Gaza City in what may be an assassination. The **IDF** demolishes 12 **Palestinian homes**, fires on residential areas in Rafah; conducts a major raid on Nablus, firing on the Old City fr. helicopters, searching and occupying Palestinian homes as gun posts, clashing with local Palestinians, wounding at least 15 (including 5 children); fires on Palestinians waiting to cross Gaza's Abu Huli crossing, wounding 3; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Bayt Dajan nr. Nablus, Hebron, Ramallah. (VOI 8/26 in WNC 8/28; NYT, WP 8/27; HA, VOI 8/27 in WNC 8/31; PCHR 9/2)

27 AUGUST

The **IDF** enters, fires on residential areas of Askar r.c., Balata r.c., Nablus. **Palestinians** fire a **mortar** at Gush Katif, damaging 1 house. While Palestinians across the territories observe a day of solidarity with hunger-striking Palestinian prisoners by fasting, staging sit-ins, and demonstrating, some **800 Palestinian prisoners** at Israel's Ashkelon prison, **350 administrative detainees** in Shiqma prison temporarily suspend their strike after Israeli officials agree to halt strip searches, allow some physical contact during family visits. (HA, MM 8/27; VOP 8/27, HA 8/28 in WNC 8/31; PCHR 9/2)

28 AUGUST

The **IDF** bars all access to al-Salim nr. Nablus; fires on residential areas of Rafah; detonates percussion grenades around Khan Yunis in the middle of the night. A **Jewish settler** fr. Elon Moreh, with **IDF** escort, attacks 5 **Palestinian shepherds** outside Nablus, beating 2, shooting dead 1 sheep and 2 dogs; the **IDF** does not stop the settler but bars the shepherds fr. leaving. Some **15 Jewish settlers** fr. Kiryat Arba throw stones breaking windows of 4 Palestinian homes in 2 neighboring villages. **PA FM Nabil Shaath** begins a hunger strike in solidarity with hunger-striking Palestinian prisoners. (HA, VOP 8/28, VOP 8/29 in WNC 8/31; PCHR 9/2)

29 AUGUST

The **IDF** shoots a **Palestinian farmer** watering his garden nr. Morag settlement in s. Gaza, bars an ambulance fr. reaching

him, allowing him to die; fires on armed Palestinians approaching Qarni crossing, fatally shooting **1 Palestinian**, while 2–3 escape; fires on residential areas, bulldozes 10 d., buries a well in Rafah's Tal al-Sultan neighborhood; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Bayt Lahiya, Hebron, Nablus, Ramallah, Tamun. In the evening, the **IDF** sends bulldozers into Rafah's Bloc J area to level land along the Philadelphi Route, fatally shoots a **14-yr.-old Palestinian** who emerges fr. a nearby home, hitting him 18 times. **Jewish settlers** fr. Otniel s. of Hebron set up 4 mobile homes on nearby Palestinian land; the **IDF** reportedly hooks up electricity. (VOI, VOP 8/29 in WNC 8/31; VOI 8/30 in WNC 9/1; PR 9/1; PCHR 9/2)

30 AUGUST

The **IDF** shells residential areas of Khan Yunis, killing **1 Palestinian**; attempts to assassinate **senior AMB mbr. Mahmud Abu Khalifa** by firing a missile at his car as he drives through Jenin, missing it and hitting a nearby building, injuring a 9-yr.-old Palestinian girl; imposes curfews on villages around Jenin; fires on an ambulance waiting to cross Mahatin checkpoint nr. Khan Yunis, seriously injuring a doctor and a paramedic; fires rubber bullets at Palestinians in Budrus w. of Ramallah to disperse their nonviolent protest against the construction of the **separation wall**. Late at night, **Israel border police** raid and search homes in the Dahiyat al-Salam neighborhood of Anata in East Jerusalem, take all men ages 16–80 to a nearby base for ID checks, warn those without blue Jerusalem IDs that they could be arrested, detained, possibly sent to the West Bank if they are caught staying in the village overnight again. The **IDF** also removes a group of **Jewish settlers** fr. Kiryat Arba who attempt to set up an unauthorized outpost along the route to the Ibrahimi Mosque/Tomb of the Patriarchs. **Palestinian gunmen** fire on a crane doing construction work in Neve Dekalim, lightly injuring an **Israeli construction worker**. (VOI, VOP 8/30 in WNC 9/1; VOP 8/31 in WNC 9/2; PR 9/1; PCHR 9/2)

31 AUGUST

In downtown Beersheba, **2 Hamas suicide bombers** simultaneously detonate devices on 2 buses, killing **16 Israelis**, wounding 82. The **IDF** demolishes the family homes of the bombers in Hebron. The **IDF** also im-

poses tighter restrictions on entry to and exit from Hebron; fatally shoots **1 Palestinian youth** during a predawn incursion into Rafah; fires on residential areas of Nablus and reinforces checkpoints on the Nablus-Qalqilya road; conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Bethlehem, Hebron; bulldozes 360 d. of agricultural land in Juhur Yidiq in central Gaza, 8 d. and **2 Palestinian homes** in Rafah; raids, searches several charitable societies and PA Information Min. offices in Hebron, briefly detaining 20 Palestinians and 3 journalists covering the incident. A **Jewish settler** kills a **61-yr.-old Palestinian woman** in a hit-and-run nr. Qalqilya. The **AMB Jenin faction** issues a statement calling **PA FM Shaath** a "traitor" for allegedly meeting with **Israeli FM Silvan Shalom** on the sidelines of a conference in Italy (ca. 8/26), threatening to kill him if he returns to the territories; Shalom says he did not interact with Shaath at the mtg. (HA, MM, WP 8/31; JAZ, MENA, VOI, VOP 8/31 in WNC 9/2; CSM, HA, MM, NYT, Palestinian Medial Relief Society press release, PR, WP, WT 9/1; AYM, QA, *al-Quds*, VOI 9/1 in WNC 9/3; HJ 9/1, JAZ, VOI, VOP 9/2 in WNC 9/4; HJ, MM, PCHR, WJW, WT 9/2; MM 9/3; JAZ 9/4 in WNC 9/7; PR 9/8; JPI, MEI, MM 9/10)

1 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** conducts a major 1-day incursion into Khan Yunis called **Operation Long-Distance Vision** to "destroy the terrorist infrastructure" nr. Neve Dekalim, ordering 100s of Palestinians to flee their homes and evacuate the area, firing missiles fr. helicopters (wounding at least 6 Palestinians and damaging a hospital), blowing up 2 vacant 5-story apartment buildings and **1 Palestinian home** (wounding at least 10 Palestinians, rendering homeless at least 141). Citing security reasons, the **IDF** bars **UNRWA head Peter Hansen** fr. leaving Gaza through the Erez crossing; UNRWA condemns the incident as "unprecedented." The **IDF** also imposes a curfew on Hebron; searches houses nr. Bethlehem, Ramallah. (MENA 9/1 in WNC 9/3; PCHR, WP 9/2; VOI 9/2 in WNC 9/4; VOP 9/5 in WNC 9/7; PR 9/8)

2 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** makes a major raid on Dayr al-Balah, firing on stone-throwing youths, searching homes, demolishing **1 Palestinian home**, bulldozing 12 d. of

agricultural land, killing **4 Palestinians** (including a 14-yr.-old boy), wounding 52 Palestinians. The **IDF** also raids, searches several kindergartens, schools run by the Muslim Youth Association in Hebron; conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Nablus, nr. Hebron, and in Ramallah and Tulkarm r.c.; fires on residential areas nr. Nablus; burns 10 d. of olive groves west of Hebron to create open space btwn. Nahal Negohot settlement and settlements further west. Some **3,000 Palestinian prisoners** end an 18-day hunger strike, achieving few of their goals; prisoners acknowledge that their strike was poorly timed, gained little international coverage, was slowly dissolving. (REU 9/2; MENA, VOI, VOP, YA 9/2 in WNC 9/4; MM, NYT, PCHR, WP, WT 9/3; VOP 9/3 in WNC 9/7; HJ, SA 9/7 in WNC 9/9; PR 9/8; PCHR 9/9)

3 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** pulls out of Dayr al-Balah after demolishing another **3 Palestinian homes**. The **IDF** also fires on 2 Palestinians approaching a closed military zone nr. the Qarni crossing in Gaza, killing **1 Palestinian**; fires on 2 Palestinians who enter a closed military zone nr. Rafah Yam settlement, killing **1 Palestinian**, seriously wounding 1; severely beats a Palestinian in Hebron; fires 3 missiles at a Palestinian warehouse (alleged weapons factory) in Gaza's Maghazi r.c., destroying the building, causing a serious fire but no injuries; raids the al-Anwar library of Hebron's Islamic Charitable Society, confiscating 100s of books, 25 computers, documents, equipment; sends troops into al-Fara' r.c., fires on stone-throwing Palestinians who confront them; conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Nablus and in Hebron, Salfit, Thinnaba nr. Tulkarm, Tulkarm r.c. **Palestinians** fire a **Qassam rocket** at Sederot, causing no damage or injuries. **Jewish settlers** fr. Kiryat Arba fire on neighboring Palestinian homes, causing damage but no injuries. (VOP 9/3, MA 9/5 in WNC 9/7; WP 9/4; PCHR 9/9)

4 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** tightens checkpoints around Jenin; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis (damaging a hospital), Rafah; sends troops into Bayta and Salfit, firing on stone-throwing youths who confront the troops; bulldozes a **Palestinian home**, 1.5 d., a well in al-Mughraqa; conducts arrest raids,

house searches in Jayyus nr. Qalqilya, Nablus, Taysir nr. Jenin, Yatta. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received on 8/30. (PCHR 9/9)

5 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** tightens roadblocks btwn. Jerusalem, Ramallah; imposes a curfew on Silwad nr. Ramallah; shoots, wounds a **mentally handicapped Palestinian** who strays into a closed military zone nr. Morag; conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Hebron, and in Aida r.c., Balata r.c., Bayt Rima and Dayr Ghassana nr. Ramallah, Madama nr. Nablus, Salfit; begins work on new segments of the **separation wall** running s. of Hebron and btwn. East Jerusalem and the Qalandia checkpoint s. of Ramallah, bulldozing 500 d.; reportedly bulldozes large areas in Wadi al-Malih in the n. Jordan Valley. **Palestinians in Nablus** report that the **IDF** is digging a trench 3 m deep and 4 m wide to encircle Salim, Azmut, Dayr Hatab, Bayt Dajan, and Bayt Furik villages (combined population 30,000); 3 km have been completed. **Armed Palestinians** calling themselves the **Fatah Fighters** kidnap the **PA's security dir. for the Rafah checkpoint Saad al-Sayfan**, accusing him of corruption. **15 armed Palestinians** occupy the Khan Yunis governate building for 2 hrs., demand that the **PA** compensate local Palestinians who have lost their homes to **IDF** bulldozing. **Palestinians** fire **5 mortars** at Gush Katif, causing no damage or injuries. A **PA court** in Gaza opens a trial against 7 alleged collaborators, including **Muhammad and Rami Abu Qaynas**, accused of providing Israel with information used to assassinate **Hamas leader 'Abd al-'Aziz Rantisi** on 4/17/04. (JAZ 9/5; MENA 9/5 in WNC 9/7; VOI 9/6 in WNC 9/8; PR 9/8; PCHR 9/9; PR 9/15)

6 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** blows up a **Palestinian home** in Dahaysha r.c.; bulldozes **1 Palestinian home**, 5 d., 2 wells, a bird farm in Umm al-Qurrais nr. Rafah; fires on residential areas of Bayta, Jenin; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Tulkarm and nr. Bethlehem, Hebron, Jenin, Qalqilya. (VOI 9/6 in WNC 9/8; PCHR 9/9)

7 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** makes a predawn missile strike on a group of Hamas mbrs. practicing

maneuvers on an old soccer field in Gaza City, killing **14 Hamas mbrs.**, wounding around 25. **Palestinians** fire a **Qassam rocket** at Neve Dekalim, causing no damage or injuries; the IDF retaliates by firing on residential areas of Khan Yunis, hitting a **9-yr.-old Palestinian girl** in the head as she sits inside an UNRWA school, seriously wounding her. The **IDF** also bars an ailing **Palestinian** fr. crossing a Bayt Furik checkpoint to reach a hospital in Nablus, allowing him to die; fires live ammunition, tear gas at Palestinians waiting to cross the Abu Huli checkpoint; bulldozes 15 d. and 150 olive trees nr. Ma'on settlement nr. Hebron; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Araba nr. Jenin, Hebron and neighboring Dura, al-Khadir nr. Bethlehem, Nablus, Salfit, Tulkarm r.c.; fires on residential areas of Rafah; searches homes, levels land, partially demolishes a Palestinian home in Khan Yunis. **Palestinians** fire 2 **mortars** at Gush Katif, a **Qassam rocket** at Sederot, causing no damage or injuries. **Israel** releases **137 Palestinian prisoners** "to relieve overcrowding" in Israeli jails. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received during the IDF raids on Rafah in 5/04. (AFP, BBC, JAZ, MM, UNRWA press release, WP, WT 9/7; IDF Radio, JAZ, MENA, VOI, VOP, YA 9/7 in WNC 9/9; MM, NYT, PR, WP, WT 9/8; JT, *al-Quds*, VOP 9/8 in WNC 9/10; NYT, PCHR 9/9; XIN 9/9 in WNC 9/14)

8 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** sends tanks into the Bayt Hanun, Bayt Lahiya, Jabaliya r.c. in what it says will be a "limited operation," shelling residential areas, wounding at least 17 Palestinians (including 13 children). The **IDF** also conducts arrest raids, fires on residential areas in Khan Yunis. In Hebron, the **IDF** surrounds, evacuates the home of a wanted Palestinian; fires 3 shells at the house when he does not emerge, wounding him; arrests him, demolishes the **house**. The **IDF** demolishes a 2d **Palestinian home** in Salfit. **IDF undercover units** storm a Jericho café, assassinate **senior Amari r.c. AMB mbr. 'Amr A'idiyya**, wounding 3 Palestinian bystanders, arresting 19. **Palestinians** retaliate by firing 5 **Qassam rockets** toward Sederot (damaging a car but causing no injuries), firing 5 **mortars** at Neve Dekalim (damaging a house). The **IDF** also conducts arrest raids, house searches, bulldozes 15 d. in al-Qarara; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Aida r.c., Bethlehem, Dahaysha r.c., Hebron and

neighboring Bani Na'im, Nablus, Thinnaba, Tubas; seals an iron gate in the **separation wall** southeast of Jerusalem, cutting off access to the West Bank fr. Abu Dis, Azariyya, Sawahara. **Israeli police** reportedly enter **7 Palestinian voter registration offices** in East Jerusalem; order 3 registration workers to report for questioning, photograph voter roles to deter Palestinians from registering. (HA, MM, WP, WT 9/8; VOI, VOP 9/8 in WNC 9/10; PCHR 9/9; BBC 9/21)

9 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** expands its incursion into Bayt Hanun, Bayt Lahiya, and Jabaliya r.c., with tanks and helicopters firing randomly between houses and into open fields allegedly to deter Palestinians fr. firing Qassam rockets into Israel, killing **5 Palestinians** (including a 10-yr.-old boy), wounding at least 53, bulldozing 90 d., and demolishing **12 Palestinian homes**, 2 brick factories, 1 workshop, 1 agricultural storehouse, 3 wells. In s. Gaza, the **IDF** fatally shoots an unarmed **Palestinian** who strays too near Gush Katif; fires on residential area of Khan Yunis. In the West Bank, the **IDF** arrests a **Palestinian** who attempts to stab, lightly injures an IDF soldier outside Kiryat Arba settlement; detains some 40 Palestinians at checkpoints around Hebron, holds them at nearby Jewish settlements for hrs. of questioning, beating some before releasing them; send troops into Rafidiyya nr. Nablus, fires on houses, then fires on stone-throwing Palestinians who confront them; bulldozes 5 d. of olive groves nr. Hebron's Bnei Hefer settlement; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Hebron and around Bethlehem, Jenin, Qalqilya, Ramallah. An **IDF jeep** fatally runs over a **Palestinian** in Amari r.c. (MM, PCHR, XIN 9/9; VOI, VOP 9/9 in WNC 9/11; NYT, WP, WT 9/10; PR 9/15; PCHR 9/16)

10 SEPTEMBER

Israel bans Palestinians fr. entering Israel beginning at 6:00 A.M. through 10/7, while Israelis mark Rosh Hashanah (9/15-17), Yom Kippur (9/25), and Sukkoth (9/29-10/7). The **IDF** continues operations in n. Gaza, shelling Jabaliya r.c., killing **1 armed and 2 unarmed Palestinians**, demolishing 3 **Palestinian homes**; imposes a curfew on Karabatha al-Musbah nr. Ramallah; bulldozes land around Hebron's Ibrahimi Mosque/Tomb of the Patriarchs nr. Avraham Avino settlement, apparently to create a clear

path to 3 other settlements nearby; fires at Palestinians waiting to cross the Mahatin checkpoint. (HA, VOI, YA 9/9, VOI 9/10 in WNC 9/14; NYT 9/11; PCHR 9/16)

11 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** pulls troops out of n. Gaza, ending a 4-day operation that left 8 Palestinians dead, 100 wounded, 10,000s without electricity or water, **50 Palestinian homes** demolished or severely damaged. The **IDF** further restricts Palestinian movement in the n. Jordan Valley; imposes curfews on Asira and Qussin nr. Nablus; fires on residential areas of Tulkarm r.c. and town; conducts arrest raids, house searches in al-Duha nr. Bethlehem, Hebron, Iktaba nr. Tulkarm, Silwad; detains a Palestinian paramedic at a checkpoint outside Tulkarm for several hrs. **Palestinians** fire **2 mortars** at Netzarim settlement in s. Gaza, damaging 1 house, lightly injuring 2 soldiers. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received earlier. (HA, JP, MENA 9/11 in WNC 9/14; WP 9/12; PRCS 9/13; PR 9/15; PCHR 9/16)

12 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** blocks all roads leading to Tulkarm with sand berms; severely beats a Palestinian at a checkpoint into al-Fawwar r.c. nr. Hebron, 2 Palestinians at checkpoints nr. Bethlehem. In Jerusalem, some **70,000 right-wing Israelis** (many of them settler teenagers bussed in from the territories) demonstrate against Sharon's disengagement plan. **Israel** charges **6 Egyptian students** it captured on 8/25 with plotting to kidnap, kill IDF soldiers in Beersheba. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received during an IDF raid on Rafah on 11/18/03. (VOI 9/12 in WNC 9/14; MM, NYT, WT 9/13; PR 9/15; PCHR 9/16)

13 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** assassinates **senior AMB Jenin mbr. Mahmud Abu Khalifa** (whom it tried to assassinate on 8/30), **wanted AMB mbrs. Amjad and Yamin Abu al-Hayja** in a missile strike on their car Jenin; shells agricultural areas nr. Netzarim (injuring a Palestinian woman working her field), residential areas of Rafah; raids a dorm at Ramallah's Education College, interrogates students; conducts arrest raids, house searches in al-Aza r.c., Dahaysha r.c., Nablus and neighboring Kafr Khalil, al-Zahiriyya nr. Hebron,

al-Qarara. Late in the evening, the **IDF** shells residential areas of Rafah nr. the Philadelphi Route, destroying 1 **Palestinian home** and a 4-story apartment building, leaving 53 Palestinians homeless. A **Hamas mbr.** dies of injuries received in the 9/7 IDF strike on Gaza City, bringing that toll to 15. In Nablus, some **100 AMB mbrs.** set fire to the home of PA police officer Hamas Hajat (who along with his family is in hiding) in revenge for his killing of an AMB mbr; the house is destroyed, no one is injured; some **100 PA policemen** observe the arson but do not intervene. (PRCS 9/13; VOI, VOP 9/13 in WNC 9/15; WP, WT 9/14; PR 9/15; PCHR 9/16; MEI 9/24)

14 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** demolishes a **Palestinian home** in Rafah; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Araba, Bayt Dajan, Bayt Furik, Dahaysha r.c., Nablus and nearby Talluza, Nur al-Shams r.c. (firing 5 missiles at a house when 2 **wanted Islamic Jihad mbrs.** inside refuse to come out, seriously wounding both). A **Palestinian suicide bomber** on a bicycle detonates a device at an IDF checkpoint nr. Qalqilya, killing himself, wounding 3 IDF soldiers, 2 Palestinians; the **IDF** demolishes his family **home** in Qalqilya. (BBC, HA, JTA, MM 9/14; PR 9/15; PCHR 9/16; *Guardian* 9/17; MEI 9/24)

15 SEPTEMBER

Overnight, the **IDF** raids al-Mughraqa under cover of heavy shelling, bulldozes 7 **Palestinian homes**, 20 d. before pulling out later in the day. In an attempt to assassinate **Nablus AMB leader Majid Mari**, **IDF undercover units** make a predawn raid on Nablus, fire on a group of Palestinian militants gathered in a garden, killing 4 **AMB mbrs.**, 1 **mbr. of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP)**, an **11-yr.-old Palestinian girl** nearby, but leaving Mari unharmed; troops then demolish an adjacent **Palestinian home**, claiming the wanted men hid there. After dawn, more troops, tanks enter Nablus, sparking clashes with 1,000s of Palestinians throwing stones, Molotov cocktails. **IDF undercover units** ambush a car driving nr. Jenin, assassinate **wanted AMB mbr. Fadi Zakarna**, his 3 passengers. The **IDF** also conducts arrest raids, house searches in Duha, al-Khadir, al-Fara' r.c., Hebron, Jenin, Salfit; shells residential

areas of Khan Yunis. (PR 9/15; MM, PCHR, WP, WT 9/16; PR 9/22; PCHR 9/23; MEI 9/24; PCHR 11/4)

16 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** seals Jenin, Tulkarm; divides Tulkarm into 3 separate areas; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis; conducts arrest raids nr. Ramallah and in al-Khadir, Nablus, Salfit, Surif, Yatta. **Palestinians** fire 3 **mortars** at Jewish settlements in Gaza, causing no damage or injuries. **Masked gunmen** thought to be **AMB** mbrs. ambush **senior PA security official Brig. Gen. Muhammad Batrawi**, the Arafat-appointed financial comptroller of the security forces in Gaza, hold him in Nussayrat r.c. for 3 hrs., release him unharmed. In Khan Yunis, **20 armed AMB mbrs.** occupy the local Labor Min. office for 2 hrs., demanding jobs for the unemployed. A **Palestinian prisoner** dies in Israeli custody. (VOP, XIN 9/16 in WNC 9/18; NYT, WP, WT 9/17; QA, VOI, YA 9/17 in WNC 9/21; PR 9/22; PCHR 9/23)

17 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** clashes with Palestinians in Nablus, fatally shooting a **17-yr.-old Palestinian girl** standing on the roof of her home; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis, Rafah. **British MP Ian Gibson** suffers a mild stroke while on a tour of Gaza with a medical charity; the **IDF** bars a Palestinian ambulance fr. taking him across the al-Ram checkpoint into East Jerusalem, forcing him to wait 90 mins. for an Israeli ambulance, which at 1st refuses to take him to nearby Makassid Hospital, favoring an Israeli hospital farther away; Gibson is stabilized in satisfactory condition at Makassid, but Britain lodges a formal complaint. (HA 9/19; PR 9/22; *Guardian*, PCHR 9/23)

18 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** fires on residential areas of Rafah; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Nablus and in and around Hebron, Jenin; bulldozes 7 d. in Wadi al-Silqa. A **Palestinian woman** attempts, fails to stab an **IDF soldier** at a checkpoint outside Nablus, is arrested. **Palestinians** in Issawiyya demonstrate against the IDF confiscation of 1,000 d. for construction of the **separation wall** around Jerusalem, the expansion of Ma'ale Adumim. (VOI 9/18 in WNC 9/21; HA 9/19; VOP 9/19 in WNC 9/21; PCHR 9/23)

19 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** assassinates **senior Hamas cmdr. Khalid Abu Silmiyya** by firing a missile at his car as he drives in Gaza City, wounding 8 bystanders; fatally shoots a **Palestinian** who crosses fr. Gaza into Israel nr. Kissufim crossing; fatally shoots a **mentally handicapped Palestinian** who strays too nr. Gush Katif; fires live ammunition, rubber bullets, tear gas at **Palestinian, international peace activists** demonstrating against the **separation wall** nr. Hebron; fires tear gas, stun grenades outside 2 girls' schools in Beitunia while classes are in session, seriously wounding 1 student in her classroom; fires on stone-throwing youths in Aida r.c. nr. Bethlehem; fires on residential areas of Rafah; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Bir Basha nr. Jenin, Dahaysha r.c., Duha, Qalqilya; tightens access to Tulkarm and places a curfew on nearby Bayt Awa. (VOI, VOP 9/19 in WNC 9/21; AP, PCHR, WP, WT 9/20; JAZ, VOI, VOP, YA 9/20 in WNC 9/22; PCHR 9/23)

20 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** assassinates **Hamas mbrs. Nabil al-Su'aidi and Rabah Zaqqut**, firing a missile at their car as they drive in Gaza City, wounding 5 bystanders (including 2 children); fires on residential areas of Balata r.c., then fires on stone-throwing youths who confront the troops; raids an **Islamic charitable trust and elementary school** in Hebron, confiscating equipment, money; conducts arrest raids in Aida r.c., Jenin, Nablus. **Palestinians** fire a **Qassam rocket** at Sederot, causing light damage but no injuries. The **AMB** also executes **2 Palestinian collaborators** in Tulkarm. In Hebron, a **Jewish settler** attacks, beats **2 Palestinian Waqf employees** cleaning the Muslim side of the Ibrahimi Mosque/Tomb of the Patriarchs, is later arrested by the Israeli police. (AP, HA, JTA, MM 9/20; JAZ, VOI, VOP 9/20 in WNC 9/22; PCHR, WP, WT 9/21; JAZ 9/20, VOI 9/21 in WNC 9/23; PCHR 9/23)

21 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** launches a major incursion into Jenin, imposes a curfew, conducts house-to-house searches, fires on residential areas, arrests at least 15 Palestinians; bulldozes 70 d. in Khan Yunis; fires on Palestinians, internationals holding a nonviolent protest against the **separation wall** in Budrus, where the

IDF has bulldozed 250 d. in the past wk.; fires on residential areas of Nablus; conducts arrest raids and house searches in Asira, 'Azun nr. Qalqilya, Bethlehem, Jenin r.c., Kharas nr. Hebron, Nablus, Silat al-Harith nr. Jenin, Silwan, Tulkarm r.c., Yatta. **Palestinians** fire 3 **Qassam rockets** at Sederot and the Negev, causing no damage or injuries. **Jewish settlers** fr. Itamar nr. Nablus attack, severely beat a **Palestinian** farmer picking dates, leaving him with skull fractures, multiple injuries. (PM 9/21; VOI, VOP 9/21 in WNC 9/23; PR 9/22; PCHR 9/23)

22 SEPTEMBER

A female **AMB suicide bomber** fr. Askar r.c. detonates a device in East Jerusalem's French Hill settlement when 2 **Israeli border policemen** ask to search her bag; the bomber, 2 **Israeli police officers** are killed, 16 Jewish settlers are lightly injured. The **IDF** demolishes the **homes** of the bomber's family, the person who recruited her. The **IDF** also demolishes 10 **Palestinian homes** in Khan Yunis, shells residential areas, wounding 17, before ending the operation it began there on 9/21; demolishes 2 **Palestinian homes**, bulldozes 81 d. in al-Mughraqa; demolishes 3 **Palestinian homes** in Nablus. The **9-yr.-old Palestinian girl** wounded inside an UNRWA school on 9/7 dies. (HA 9/22; VOI, VOP 9/22 in WNC 9/24; MEZ, MM, NYT, PCHR, PRCS, WP, WT 9/23; *al-Quds* 9/23 in WNC 9/25; MM, NYT, WP 9/24; PR 9/29; PCHR 9/30)

23 SEPTEMBER

In Gaza, 3 **Palestinian gunmen** fr. the **Abu Rish Brigades** (a Fatah offshoot), **Islamic Jihad**, the **Palestinian Resistance Comms. (PRC)** attack an IDF post outside Morag, fatally shooting 3 **IDF soldiers** before 2 are shot dead; 1 escapes, wounds an **Israeli journalist**, is then shot dead. The **IDF** sends troops into Nablus and surrounding camps, fires on residential areas, blows up 2 **Palestinian homes**; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis, Rafah; fires rubber bullets at **Palestinian, international peace activists** staging a nonviolent protest against the **separation wall** outside Hebron; conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Hebron and Nablus, and in al-'Aza, Bethlehem, Jenin town and r.c., al-Khadir, al-Mughraqa; demolishes 2 **Palestinian homes** in al-Mughraqa; bulldozes 6 **Palestinian homes**, 40 d. of

agricultural land in Khan Yunis. **Palestinians** fire 2 **Qassam rockets** at Sederot, lightly injuring 1 Israeli. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received in Nur al-Shams on 9/14; a **2d Palestinian** dies of injuries received in Rafah on 9/19. (BBC, MM, XIN 9/23; VOP 9/23 in WNC 9/25; MM, NYT, WP 9/24; HA, PR 9/29; PCHR 9/30)

24 SEPTEMBER

Hamas fires **mortars** at Neve Dekalim, killing a **Jewish settler** woman (a dual Israeli-U.S. citizen). Late in the evening, the **IDF** stages a major raid into Khan Yunis in retaliation, firing on and shelling residential areas, killing a **60-yr.-old Palestinian**, seriously damaging the physiotherapy wing of a hospital. The **IDF** also tightens restrictions on entry to East Jerusalem, Bayt Sahur nr. Bethlehem; bars Palestinians fr. entering the Ibrahimi Mosque/Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron; raids Balata r.c. and Nur al-Shams r.c., firing on stone-throwing youths who confront the troops; fires on residential areas of Rafah; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Qalqilya. (HA 9/24; AFP 9/24, XIN 9/25 in WNC 9/28; WT 9/25; PCHR 9/30; JPI 10/8)

25 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** continues its assault on Khan Yunis, totally demolishing 49 **Palestinian homes**, partially demolishing 7 before withdrawing by dawn. During the day, the **IDF** fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis (wounding an elementary school student in her classroom), Rafah; raids the campus of al-Quds Open University in Hebron, detaining and interrogating 10s of students; conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Jenin, al-Mughraqa, Ramallah, Wadi al-Silqa; bulldozes a **Palestinian home**, 6 d. in al-Mughraqa. (HA, WP, WT 9/26; PCHR 9/30; UNRWA press release 10/1)

26 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** fires missiles at a metal workshop (alleged weapons factory) in Khan Yunis, wounding an **11-yr.-old Palestinian**; raids 'Ayn Bayt al-Ma' r.c., fires on stone-throwing youths who confront the troops; fires rubber bullets, tear gas at **Palestinian, international peace activists** staging a nonviolent protest against the **separation wall**; conducts arrest raids in Bethlehem, Jenin; lifts the 9/24 ban on Palestinians entering the

Ibrahimi Mosque/Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron. **Senior AMB mbr. Nimr Hassan** is killed in Salfit when his M-16 explodes; the AMB claims that he was assassinated, his new gun was booby trapped by a collaborator. **Palestinians** fire 3 **Qassam rockets** at Sederot and 3 **mortars** at Gush Katif, causing no damage or injuries. Late at night, the **IDF** makes a major incursion into Jenin, raiding and searching a hospital (arresting 2 employees; wounding 7, including 2 children, with gunfire; damaging equipment), occupying buildings as sniper posts, conducting house searches. Outside Hebron, some **140 Jewish settlers** attempt to reestablish 2 unauthorized settlement outposts previously evacuated by the IDF, scuffle with police, throw stones at Palestinian homes. (HA 9/26; IDF Radio, VOI, VOP, YA 9/26 in WNC 9/28; PCHR 9/30)

In Damascus, **Hamas spokesman Izzeddin Khalil** is killed when his car explodes in an apparent assassination. Anonymous Israeli security officials acknowledge **Israel's** involvement; **Sharon** criticizes the "unnecessary babble." (HA 9/26; JAZ, MA, VOP, YA 9/26 in WNC 9/28; VOI, YA 9/26, MA, VOP 9/27 in WNC 9/29; LBC, PSCT, SANA 9/26, AYM, HA, JP, SANA, Syrian Arab Republic Radio 9/27, JP, MA, *Tisbrin* 9/28 in WNC 9/30; SANA, Syrian Arab Television Network 9/26 in WNC 10/29; MM, NYT, WP, WT, United Press International 9/27; MM 9/28; PR 9/29; MNR 9/29 in WNC 10/5; JPI 10/8)

27 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** fires missiles at the car of **PRC leader Muhammad Abu Nusayra** as he drives in Khan Yunis in an attempt to assassinate him; he is seriously wounded, **his bodyguard Ali al-Sha'ir** is killed, several bystanders are injured. A **Palestinian teacher** is killed by stray **IDF** machine gun fire outside a Khan Yunis school. The **IDF** also fatally shoots 2 **Palestinians** near the border fence in central Gaza; fatally shoots 2 **Palestinians** who "approach" an IDF convoy in Balata r.c.; fires on stonethrowing Palestinians in 'Ayn Bayt al-Ma' r.c., on residential areas of Rafah (wounding a 9-yr.-old Palestinian inside her home); conducts arrest raids, house searches in Jenin town and r.c., al-Khadir and in and around Hebron, Nablus; raids, searches an **ambulance building**. **Armed Palestinians** ambush a carload of CNN reporters in Gaza City, kidnap **Jerusalem-based producer Riyad**

Ali, leaving others unharmed. A **Jewish settler** fatally shoots a **Palestinian** driving nr. Itamar, is arrested by **Israeli police** but is quickly sent home to serve 1 week's house arrest. (PRCS 9/27; AFP, PSCT, VOI, VOP 9/27 in WNC 9/29; JAZ, MM, NYT, PM, WP, WT 9/28; VOI 9/28 in WNC 9/30; PR 9/29; PCHR, WJW 9/30; JPI 10/8)

28 SEPTEMBER

The al-Aqsa intifada enters its 5th yr. The **IDF** continues operations in Jenin, searching homes, arresting some 80 Palestinians, fatally shooting a **mentally handicapped Palestinian** who leaves his Jenin home after dark during the curfew (ongoing since 9/25); the death brings Palestinians to the streets to riot; the IDF fires on protesters (killing a **17-yr.-old Palestinian**, wounding 6), blows up a **Palestinian home**. The **IDF** also raids Nablus, arrests, then fatally shoots wanted **AMB mbr. Majdi Khalifa** in an outright execution; sends troops into Shaykh Ajlin nr. Gaza City; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Jenin town and r.c., Tulkarm r.c. and villages around Nablus, Ramallah. **Palestinians** fire at least 4 **Qassam rockets** at Sederot, damaging a house but causing no injuries. Late in the evening, the **IDF** sends 30 tanks into Bayt Hanun, Jabaliya r.c. in response, also cutting electricity to n. Gaza. **Palestinians** release without comment CNN producer **Ali** (kidnapped on 9/27), who says his captors were **AMB** mbrs.; the AMB denies this. **Jewish settlers** fr. Itamar burn 100s of d. of olive groves belonging to nearby Bayt Furik. (AP, HA, MM, PM, REU 9/28; AFP, VOI, VOP 9/28 in WNC 9/30; MM, NYT, PR, PRCS, WP, WT 9/29; VOI, YA 9/29 in WNC 10/1; PCHR, WJW 9/30; PCHR 10/1)

29 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** continues operations in Bayt Hanun and Jabaliya r.c. launched on 9/28, expands into Bayt Lahiya; occupies buildings as sniper posts; shells, fires on residential areas, killing 1 **stone-throwing Palestinian youth**, 4 **armed Palestinian** (including 1 **Hamas mbr.**, wanted **PRC mbr. Mosad Baradi**), and 1 **Palestinian bystander**, wounding around 60. **Palestinians** target military vehicles with roadside bombs, **antitank rockets**, causing no injuries. Despite the maneuvers, **Hamas** fires a **Qassam rocket** at Sederot, killing 2 **Israeli children**, wounding 5; **Sharon**

says that operations in n. Gaza will be expanded as a result. Late in the evening, the **IDF** carries out 2 missile strikes at Jabaliya r.c., killing **3 Palestinians** and destroying an Islamic charitable organization. The **IDF** also continues operations begun 9/28 in Shaykh Ajlin, bulldozing **8 Palestinian homes**, 8 d.; fires on stone-throwing youths outside Gaza City, killing **1 Palestinian**; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis, seriously injuring a 4-yr-old Palestinian inside her home. In the West Bank, the **IDF** sends troops into Jenin town and r.c., fires on a taxi wrongly thought to be carrying wanted Palestinians, killing the **Palestinian driver**, a **Palestinian man**, wounding his wife. In Hebron, **5 Jewish settlers** armed with heavy metal chains, rocks, sticks severely beat, rob **2 American women** working with **Christian Peacemaker Teams** escorting Palestinian children to their school; 1 woman suffers a punctured lung, the other a broken arm and knee. **Jewish settlers** set fire to 400 d. of olive trees nr. Bayt Furik, damaging 100s of trees. (HA, MM 9/29; VOI, VOP, YA 9/29 in WNC 10/1; HA, MM, NYT, PCHR, WP, WT 9/30; AFP 9/30 in WNC 10/2; PCHR, PR 10/6, 10/13; JPI 10/15)

30 SEPTEMBER

The **IDF** escalates its n. Gaza incursion, sending troops deep into Jabaliya r.c., occupying several homes as outposts, sparking clashes with Palestinians, shelling and conducting at least 5 air strikes on residential areas, leave at least **27 Palestinians** dead (including 15 armed Palestinians; 12 unarmed bystanders, including 10 killed by IDF shelling at an UNRWA school) and more than 131 wounded; 6 IDF soldiers are also wounded. Troops also demolish at least **22 Palestinian homes** in Jabaliya to allow better access for military vehicles, occupy a UN school and a PA security office. **Palestinian gunmen** fatally shoot **2 IDF soldiers**, **1 Jewish settler** jogger outside Jabaliya nr. Aley Sinai settlement, before being shot dead by troops. In the evening, **Sharon's security cabinet** approves a plan, codenamed **Days of Penitence**, for a major, prolonged ground offensive in n. Gaza. Elsewhere in Gaza, the **IDF** bulldozes 2 d. of greenhouses and apiaries in Dayr al-Balah; demolishes **2 Palestinian homes**, fires on residential areas in Rafah. In the West Bank, the **IDF** declares the northern and central Jordan Valley a closed military zone; conducts arrest raids, house searches in 'Azun,

Dura, Faqu'a and Yamun nr. Jenin, Hebron, Qalandia r.c. (AP, HA, MM 9/30; AFP, VOI, VOP 9/30 in WNC 10/2; MM, NYT, PCHR, WP, WT 10/1; QA 10/1 in WNC 10/5; PCHR 10/7)

1 OCTOBER

The **IDF** launches **Operation Days of Penitence**, sending 3 brigades (ca. 2,000 troops) with 100 tanks, armored personnel carriers (APCs), armored bulldozers to cordon off the n. Gaza Strip, killing **8 Palestinians** (including at least 3 Hamas mbrs., 3 other armed Palestinians, 2 bystanders), wounding 17 in clashes during the day (some casualties, according to hospital workers, were hit by internationally banned flechettes); **2 Palestinians** (including 1 militant) die of injuries received in n. Gaza on 9/29, 9/30; the **IDF** also drops a bomb on a factory in Jabaliya r.c. **Armed Palestinians** build sand berms to block streets, lay booby-traps along roads in Jabaliya, wounding 2 IDF soldiers with a roadside bomb. The **IDF** fatally shoots **1 Palestinian**, captures 7 attempting to cross the Israel-Gaza border nr. the Erez crossing; the **AMB**, **Hamas** say the 8 (who are wearing PA police uniforms, carrying 88 lbs of explosives) are their mbrs. The **IDF** also fires on residential areas of Rafah; fires missiles at a workshop in Gaza City, causing serious damage, no injuries. In Sakhnin, Israel, **3,000 Israeli Palestinians** hold a demonstration to commemorate the 4th anniversary of the 10/00 riots, during which 18 Israeli Palestinians died (13 killed by Israeli police, 5 by Israeli civilians). (HA 10/1; JAZ, VOI, VOP 10/1 in WNC 10/5; HA, NYT, WP 10/2; PCHR 10/7)

2 OCTOBER

The **IDF** expands Operation Days of Penitence, using some 200 tanks and APCs to seize control of a 3.5 mi² of costal territory in n. Gaza. In Jabaliya r.c., IDF missile strikes kill **3 Islamic Jihad mbrs.** and **2 Hamas mbrs.**, wound 4 bystanders; gunfire kills at least **3 Palestinians** (possibly Islamic Jihad mbrs.); demolitions of **Palestinian homes** continue; the **IDF** uses loudspeakers to urge 10s of Palestinians to evacuate their homes. The **IDF** fatally shoots another **4 Palestinians** trying to infiltrate Israel fr. n. Gaza. A **Palestinian** militant dies of injuries sustained in Jabaliya on 10/1. The **IDF** also opens fire on Palestinians in central Gaza protesting against Days of Penitence; shells

residential areas of Rafah, killing a **62-yr.-old Palestinian**; evacuates, demolishes **4 Palestinian homes** in Rafah, shooting and seriously wounding a Palestinian woman (6-mos. pregnant) in the process; fires on several residential areas of Khan Yunis, bulldozing 14 d., damaging an elementary school and forcing students to evacuate; conducts arrest raids in al-Qarara. In the West Bank, the **IDF** imposes a 1-day curfew on Palestinian areas of Hebron, fires on stone-throwing youths; conducts arrest raids at Hebron University and in Abu Nujaym and Artas nr. Bethlehem, Bayt Umar nr. Hebron, Silwad, Tulkarm, Tura nr. Jenin. A **4-yr.-old Palestinian** dies of injuries received on 7/30/04. (HA, NYT, XIN 10/2; AFP, JAZ, VOI, VOP 10/2, VOI 10/3 in WNC 10/5; NYT, WP, WT 10/3; PCHR 10/7)

3 OCTOBER

Days of Penitence continues in n. Gaza with the **IDF** killing **10 Palestinians** (including 7 armed Palestinians, 2-6 of them Islamic Jihad mbrs.; 3 civilians, including 1 deaf mute, 1 child inside an UNRWA school); demolishing a kindergarten, 2 factories, at least 7 **Palestinian homes** in Jabaliya r.c.; firing toward reporters covering events in Jabaliya. **Palestinians** fire **4 Qassam rockets** at Sederot, causing no damage or injuries. A **13-yr.-old Palestinian** dies of injuries received in Jabaliya on 10/1. The **IDF** also assassinates **senior Izzeddine al-Qassam Brigades mbrs. Mahdi Mush-taha** (reportedly one of the developers of the Qassam missile), **Khalid al-Amriti** in a missile strike on their car as they drive in Gaza City, injuring 4 bystanders; attempts to assassinate **2 wanted Hamas mbrs.** in an air strike on Gaza City, wounding them, 1 bystander; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis, Rafah. In the West Bank, the **IDF** fires rubber bullets, tear gas at a group of Palestinians, Israelis, internationals protesting the **separation wall** nr. Bayt Awa nr. Hebron, wounding 1 Dane, at least 14 Palestinians; reimposes a ban on Palestinians entering the Ibrahimi Mosque/Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron (see 9/26); conducts arrest raids in and around Hebron, and in Bayt Laqia, Dahaysha r.c., Tulkarm. A **Jewish settler** seriously injures a 42-yr.-old Palestinian woman in a hit-and-run nr. Hebron. A **Palestinian** wounded in Salfit 2 wks. ago dies of her injuries. (NYT, WP 10/3; JAZ, VOI, VOP 10/3 in WNC 10/5; NYT, WP 10/4; JP, VOI 10/4 in WNC 10/6; PR 10/6; PCHR 10/7)

4 OCTOBER

In continuing operations in n. Gaza, the **IDF** kills **5 Palestinians** (including at least 2 civilians, one of them a 15-yr.-old girl) in shelling and gunfire in Jabaliya. In retaliation, **Palestinians** fire an **antitank missile** at an IDF patrol in n. Gaza, wounding 2 troops; fire 2 **Qassam rockets** at Sederot, lightly injuring 1 Israeli. Elsewhere in Gaza, the **IDF** fires warning shots at a group of Palestinians in Khan Yunis, killing a **4-yr.-old Palestinian**; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis, Rafah. In the West Bank, **2 wanted Palestinians** and **1 IDF soldier** are killed, a 3d wanted Palestinian and 4 bystanders are injured in an exchange of fire during an **IDF** arrest raid on Ramallah; the IDF says the soldier was killed by friendly fire. The **IDF** bulldozes a grove of 120 olive trees nr. Tulkarm, large areas of agricultural land in Surif for construction of the **separation wall**; imposes a curfew on Palestinians in Hebron to allow **Jewish settlers** to hold Sukkoth parades, during which settlers throw bottles, stones at Palestinian homes; conducts arrest raids in and around Bethlehem, Hebron, Ramallah, Tulkarm. A **70-yr.-old Palestinian** dies fr. injuries she received in Nablus on 7/22/04. (MM, NYT, WP 10/4; AFP, IDF Radio, VOI, YA 10/4 in WNC 10/6; HA, NYT, PRCS, WP 10/5; PCHR 10/7; JPI 10/15)

5 OCTOBER

The **IDF** assassinates **Islamic Jihad's military leader Bashir al-Dabash, his bodyguard Ahmad al-Arayir**, firing 2 missiles at their car as they drive in Gaza City, also wounding 3 bystanders. In n. Gaza, the **IDF** fires a missile at a group of AMB mbrs. allegedly preparing an attack on IDF forces in Jabaliya r.c., killing **2 AMB mbrs.**, wounding 3; shells residential areas of Bayt Lahiya, hitting 3 homes, killing **3 Palestinians** (2 may be Islamic Jihad mbrs. targeted for assassination), wounding at least 11 (including 9 children ages 7 mos.-13 yrs.). A **Palestinian** militant dies of injuries received in Jabaliya on 10/4. In s. Gaza, an **IDF** platoon leader wounds, then executes a **13-yr.-old Palestinian girl** identified by soldiers under his command as a "nonthreat" (see Quarterly Update). The **IDF** also shells residential areas, conducts arrest raids and house searches, bulldozes **9 Palestinian homes** and 52 d. in Khan Yunis; fires on residential

areas of al-Qarara. In the West Bank, the **IDF** kills an **AMB mbr.** in an overnight exchange of gunfire in Hebron; seals, imposes a curfew on, fires on residential areas of, conducts arrest raids and house searches in Qabatya; lifts the 10/3 ban on Palestinians entering the Ibrahim Mosque/Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron. The **IDF** announces that it has recently arrested **13 UN employees** whom it plans to indict for "suspected links to terrorism" (see Quarterly Update); says it has recently arrested a 24-yr.-old *tanzim* mbr. fr. Silwad for the Wadi al-Haramiyya shooting in 3/3/02 in which a gunman killed 7 IDF soldiers and 3 Jewish settlers using an antique rifle. (HA, PM 10/5; PSCT, VOI, VOP 10/5 in WNC 10/7; NYT, PR, WT 10/6; VOI 10/6 in WNC 10/8; PCHR 10/7; NYT 10/10; VOI 10/10 in WNC 10/12; NYT 10/12; MM 10/13; *al-Quds* 10/13 in WNC 10/19; MM, WP 10/14; WP 11/28)

6 OCTOBER

In n. Gaza, the **IDF** fatally shoots **3 Palestinian bystanders** during the day; Palestinian observers estimate that the IDF has demolished 60 **Palestinian homes**, bulldozed 100 d. of agricultural land in n. Gaza since Operation Days of Penitence began on 9/28. In s. Gaza, the **IDF** fatally shoots **3 Hamas mbrs.** attempting to infiltrate Kefar Darom settlement; the gunfire sets off explosives the Hamas mbrs. are carrying, killing a **Thai laborer** at the settlement. The **IDF** also bulldozes 25 d. in Dayr al-Balah. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids in Saida nr. Tulkarm, fires on stone-throwing youths who confront troops, killing a **16-yr.-old Palestinian**. (NYT, PCHR, WP 10/7; WP 10/8; PR 10/13; PCHR 10/14)

7 OCTOBER

The **IDF** fires a missile at **2 Palestinian boys** (ages 12 and 15) playing with pipes and sticks in a street Jabaliya r.c., killing them; says video footage fr. drones in the area appeared to show militants preparing to launch a rocket. Also in n. Gaza, the **IDF** fires on residential areas of Bayt Hanun, seriously wounding a 12-yr.-old child in her home; demolishes 1 **Palestinian home** north of Bayt Hanun. A **13-yr.-old Palestinian** dies of injuries received in an IDF attack on Jabaliya on 9/30; a **16-yr.-old Palestinian** dies of injuries received in Jabaliya on 10/1; a **22-yr.-old Palestinian** dies of injuries received in Bayt Hanun on 10/3. The **IDF** also

fires on 2 Palestinians who approach the Israeli border fence nr. the Sufa crossing into Israel in s. Gaza, killing **1 Palestinian** while the other escapes; fires on residential areas, demolishes 1 **Palestinian home** in Rafah; shells residential areas, bulldozes 86 d. nr. Khan Yunis. **Palestinians** fire 2 **Qassam rockets** at Sederot, 2 **antitank missiles** at IDF troops in Rafah, causing no damage or injuries. In the West Bank, the **IDF** moves troops into Balata r.c. and Tulkarm, fires on residential areas, then fires on stone-throwing youths who confront the troops; halts a Palestinian school bus at a Hebron checkpoint, detains 3 students; conducts arrest raids, house searches in 'Arub r.c., Jenin r.c., and in villages around Nablus, Tulkarm; bulldozes 60 d. southwest of Hebron for construction of the **separation wall**. The **UNRWA** delivers food, water to half of the **600 Palestinian families** (ca. 3,300 individuals) who have been trapped in their homes east of Jabaliya r.c., unable to leave and without electricity or water since Days of Penitence began on 9/29. (United Nations Information Service 10/7; PSCT, VOI, VOP 10/7 in WNC 10/11; MEZ, WP 10/8; PR 10/13; PCHR 10/14)

In **Egypt**, a huge truck bomb explodes at the Hilton hotel in Taba, 2 smaller bombs explode at hotels further south along the Red Sea in Nuwayba and Ras al-Shaytan in what appear to be **al-Qa'ida** attacks targeting **Israelis** vacationing for the Sukkoth holidays; 34 people are killed (including at least **13 Israelis, 9 Egyptians, 2 Italians, 1 Russian**), some 150 are wounded. (BBC, HA, NYT, WP, WT 10/8; ITAR-TASS, MA, MENA, MM, VOI, VOP 10/8, MENA, *al-Quds* 10/9, VOI 10/10 in WNC 10/12; NYT, WP, WT 10/9; NYT 10/10; *al-Ra'i* 10/10, AYM 10/11 in WNC 10/14; LBC 10/10, MM 10/11; VOP 10/11 in WNC 10/13; MM 10/12; MM, NYT, PR 10/13; JP, WJW 10/14; MM 10/15, 10/18, 10/19; WT 10/20; MEI 10/22; WP 10/26)

8 OCTOBER

The **IDF** shells Jabaliya r.c., killing **1 Palestinian bystander**; shells Palestinians leaving a Bayt Lahiya mosque after evening prayers, killing **2 Palestinian teenagers**, wounding 2; fires on residential areas of Bayt Hanun, killing a **10-yr.-old Palestinian girl** outside her home; demolishes a **Palestinian home** in Bayt Hanun, sparking an exchange of gunfire that leaves **2 AMB mbrs.** dead. In central Gaza, the **IDF** fatally shoots a **mentally disabled Palestinian** who

approaches a closed military zone nr. the Kissufim crossing; bulldozes 3 **Palestinian homes**, 5 d. in Dayr al-Balah. In s. Gaza, the **IDF** shells residential areas of Rafah; **Palestinian gunmen** fire on a greenhouse in a Jewish settlement, killing a **Palestinian** laborer. (HA, MEZ 10/8; AFP, VOI 10/8, VOI, VOP 10/9 in WNC 10/12; NYT, WP 10/9; PCHR 10/14)

9 OCTOBER

In ongoing clashes in n. Gaza, the **IDF** fatally shoots wanted **Hamas senior cmdr.** 'Abd al-Rauf Nabhan in Jabaliya in what may be an assassination; shells the Bayt Lahiya home of 1 of the Palestinians who carried out the 3/14/04 Ashdod port bombings, killing 2 **family mbrs.**, wounding 6; shells residential areas of Bayt Hanun, Jabaliya. In s. Gaza, the **IDF** fires on a PA roadblock outside Khan Yunis, killing 2 **PA security officers** (1 an **AMB mbr.**, 1 an **Abu Rish Brigades mbr.**), sends heavy equipment, troops into Rafah, orders residents to leave their homes, demolishes 14 **Palestinian homes** completely; later fires on residential areas of Rafah, seriously wounding a man asleep in his home; fires on stone-throwing youths in Khan Yunis, damaging a nearby hospital building and ambulance. In the West Bank, the **IDF** fires on stone-throwing youths in Balata r.c. Masked **Jewish settlers** attack, beat, lightly injure an **Italian peace activist** escorting Palestinian children home fr. school in Hebron. (VOI, VOP 10/9 in WNC 10/12; WP 10/10; PCHR 10/14)

10 OCTOBER

In n. Gaza, the **IDF** conducts an air strike on a warehouse in Jabaliya r.c., destroying it and 3 adjacent **Palestinian homes**, killing a **Palestinian bystander**; shells a group of Palestinians in Jabaliya, killing 2 **Palestinians**, wounding 1; fires missiles into Bayt Hanun (killing 1 **Palestinian**), Bayt Lahiya (injuring 3). A **Palestinian** dies of injuries he received in Jabaliya on 10/1. Elsewhere in Gaza, the **IDF** raids Dayr al-Balah, fatally shooting 1 **armed Palestinian**, wounding 7 bystanders, bulldozing 40 d.; shells, directs heavy machine gun fire residential areas of Khan Yunis, wounding a student in his classroom, causing significant damage to (but no serious injuries in) the al-Nasser Hospital maternity ward, a home, a mosque. In the West Bank, the **IDF** arrests 3 **armed Jewish settlers** fr. Tapuach for setting fire to a Palestinian olive grove, firing guns in

the air, attacking Palestinians who arrive to put out the blaze, lightly injuring several Palestinians. A **Jewish settler** attacks an **Orthodox Armenian** religious procession in Jerusalem's Old City, spitting in the face of **Deputy Arch Bishop Nurhan**, tearing off his cap and cross (breaking the 17th century relic), making religious insults. (VOI, VOP 10/10 in WNC 10/12; AFP 10/10, VOP 10/11 in WNC 10/13; HA, MEZ 10/11; HA 10/12; PR 10/13; PCHR, WT 10/14; NYT 10/19)

11 OCTOBER

In n. Gaza, the **IDF** shells residential areas of Jabaliya; expands its incursion into Bayt Lahiya, killing 1 **armed Palestinian** in an air strike, directing heavy machine gun fire at residential areas, occupying several Palestinian homes. Elsewhere in Gaza, the **IDF** makes a 3d attempt (see 8/26) to assassinate **Islamic Jihad military cmdr. Muhammad Khalil**, firing a missile at his home in Rafah, wounding 4 bystanders; exchanges gunfire with armed Palestinians in Dayr al-Balah, killing 1 **Palestinian**; fires on residential areas in Khan Yunis. In the West Bank, the **IDF** demolishes a **Palestinian home**, conducts arrest raids, fires on stone-throwing youths in Nablus. **Armed Jewish settlers** fr. Yitzhar attack Palestinians harvesting their olive groves in Asira, shooting and wounding 1 Palestinian, scuffling with others until the **IDF** separates the sides. (HA, MEZ, XIN 10/11; VOI, VOP 10/11 in WNC 10/13; NYT 10/12; PR 10/13; PCHR 10/14)

12 OCTOBER

The **IDF** further expands Operation Days of Penitence into Bayt Lahiya, sending in another 45 tanks, 20 armored bulldozers to level 30 d.; shells Bayt Lahiya and Jabaliya from land and sea, killing 1 **Hamas mbr.** and wounding 2 in the Bayt Lahiya cemetery; directs heavy machine gunfire at residential areas of Jabaliya. The **IDF** also fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis, seriously injuring a 10-yr.-old Palestinian girl in an UNRWA classroom. In the West Bank, the **IDF** demolishes 1 **Palestinian home** in Jalbun nr. Jenin, 1 in Hebron; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Nablus and surrounding camps, and in and around Bethlehem, Hebron, Jenin, Ramallah. **Unidentified assailants** attempt to assassinate the PA's **Gaza public security head Musa Arafat**, remote detonating a car bomb outside his Gaza City office; no one is injured. **Unidentified gunmen** break into the **Fatah** headquarters in

al-Bureij r.c., fatally shoot **senior Fatah figure Muhammad Issa**; Fatah, **Hamas** mbrs. take to the streets to in protest. (HA 10/12; AFP, VOI, VOP 10/12 in WNC 10/14; MEZ, NYT, PR, WP, WT 10/13; *al-Quds* 10/13 in WNC 10/19; NYT, PCHR, WP 10/14; JPI, MEI 10/22; PR 10/27)

13 OCTOBER

In n. Gaza, the **IDF** conducts air strikes against 2 groups of armed Palestinians, killing **2 AMB mbrs.**, **1 Hamas mbr.**; fires a missile at **2 Palestinian civilians** distributing food aid in Jabaliya, killing them both. **2 Palestinian militants** die of injuries received in Jabaliya on 10/9. The **IDF** also fatally shoots a **16-yr.-old Palestinian**, seriously wounds another playing soccer in a field in Rafah (soldiers claim they thought they were planting a bomb); fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis; arrests **Hamas's Hebron military cmdr. Imad Qawasmi** on charges of plotting the 8/31 Beersheba bus bombings; blows up a **Palestinian home** in Hebron. **Palestinians** fire **2 Qassam rockets** at Sederot, causing no damage or injuries. The **10-yr.-old Palestinian girl** wounded inside an UNRWA classroom on 10/12 dies. (MEZ 10/13; VOI, VOP 10/13 in WNC 10/15; HA, MM, NYT, PCHR, WP 10/14; VOI 10/14 in WNC 10/16; PCHR 10/21)

14 OCTOBER

The **IDF** pulls tanks out of Bayt Lahiya, marking the 1st de-escalation of Operation Days of Penitence; makes an air strike on Jabaliya r.c., killing **2 Hamas mbrs.** allegedly planting a bomb, before withdrawing late in the evening. In Rafah, the **IDF** conducts an air strike, killing **2 Hamas mbrs.**, a **70-yr.-old Palestinian bystander**; bulldozes **30 Palestinian homes**. The **IDF** also bulldozes a **Palestinian home** in Hebron; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Bethlehem, Jenin r.c., Nablus, Yamun. **Jewish settlers** fr. Suissa nr. Hebron prevent Palestinian olive pickers fr. reaching their groves. (JT 10/14; VOI 10/14 in WNC 10/16; NYT, WP 10/15; ITAR-TASS 10/15 in WNC 10/19; PR 10/20; PCHR 10/21)

The **PA** opens an embassy in **Belarus**. (Interfax, VOP 10/14 in WNC 10/16; PR 10/20)

15 OCTOBER

Ramadan begins; the **IDF** restricts access to Jerusalem for Friday prayers. The **IDF**

shells Jabaliya r.c. fr. the surrounding hills to the east; carries out an air strike on the camp, killing **1 Hamas mbr.**, **2 AMB mbrs**; fatally shoots a **65-yr.-old Palestinian woman** eating dinner in her Jabaliya home. In the evening, the **IDF** withdraws troops to the periphery of most n. Gaza population centers, formally ending **Operation Days of Penitence**. The UN estimates that during the 17-day operation, the **IDF** killed 114 Palestinians, demolished as many as 95 **Palestinian homes**, leveled more than 1,000 d.; **Palestinian Center for Human Rights** puts the figures at 112 Palestinians killed, 87 houses demolished, 839 d. leveled. The **IDF** says that soldiers killed a number of AMB, Hamas, Islamic Jihad military cmdrs. and destroyed a number of factories and workshops where Qassams could be made, that Palestinians fired 14 **Qassam rockets** fr. the area during the 17-day period. Palestinians fire 2 Qassams at Sederot today, causing no damage. Late in the evening, the **IDF** bulldozes another **3 Palestinian homes**, 2 stores in Bayt Hanun. The **IDF** also shells residential areas of Rafah; conducts arrest raids in Nablus; arrests **2 Jewish settlers** who attack Palestinians harvesting olives outside Hebron. **Jewish settlers** fr. Shilo nr. Ramallah attack Palestinians harvesting olives in neighboring al-Mughayyir; **IDF soldiers** observe but do not intervene. (BBC 10/15; IDF Radio, VOI, VOP 10/15 in WNC 10/19; NYT, WP, WT 10/16; HA, NYT 10/17; B'Tselem press release 10/18; PR 10/20; PCHR 10/21; MEI 10/22)

16 OCTOBER

The **IDF** completes its withdrawal fr. built up areas of n. Gaza in the morning; announces new restrictions barring buses fr. crossing the Qalandia checkpoint unless they obtain special permits; fires on stone-throwing Palestinian youths in Balata r.c., wounding 7; sends tanks, armored bulldozers into Rafah allegedly to search for smugglers' tunnels; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Bir al-Basha nr. Jenin; declares areas around Hebron a closed military zone, preventing Palestinian olive pickers fr. reaching their groves. **Palestinians** fire **7 mortars** at Jewish settlements in Gaza, causing some damage, no injuries. **2 Palestinians** die of injuries received in Jabaliya on 10/6, 10/15. (VOI 10/16 in WNC 10/19; HA, WP 10/17; HA, HJ, JP, MA 10/17 in WNC 10/19; PCHR 10/21)

17 OCTOBER

The **IDF** fires on stone-throwing Palestinians in Balata r.c.; bulldozes 7 **Palestinian homes** in Brazil r.c. and Rafah. **Jewish settlers** fr. Bnei Hefetz nr. Hebron uproot 10s of Palestinian olive trees in neighboring Khirbet al-Bawayb. **Jewish settlers** fr. Beit Ein settlement nr. Bethlehem armed with machine guns raid an olive production facility in nearby Jaba village, cart away large amounts of olives. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received earlier in Rafah. **Unidentified gunmen** fire on the home of **Tulkarm mayor Mahmud Jallad**, causing light damage but no injuries. (PRCS 10/17; PR 10/20; PCHR 10/21)

18 OCTOBER

The **IDF** fatally shoots 5 **Palestinians** in incidents across the Gaza Strip: 2 are killed attempting to cross the border fence into Israel, 2 are killed while allegedly planting a roadside bomb, 1 is fatally shot nr. a Jewish settlement. The **IDF** also shells residential areas of Khan Yunis, seriously injuring a 3-yr.-old and 6-yr.-old in their beds; fires on residential areas, stone-throwing Palestinians in Balata r.c., Bayt Furik; arrests 70 Palestinians harvesting olives nr. Bayt Jala; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Bethlehem, Dura, al-Khadir, Nabi Salih nr. Ramallah, Silwad, Tulkarm. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received a wk. earlier in Rafah. At midday in Gaza City, **PA preventive security officers**, **PA military intelligence officers** exchange gunfire, toss grenades at each other, leaving 1 preventive security officer seriously injured, 3 others lightly injured; later in the day, the same group exchanges fire again, leaving 2 people injured; **Fatah**, **PA officials** meet later to contain the crisis, the reasons for which are unknown. (REU 10/18; VOP 10/18 in WNC 10/20; BBC, WP 10/19; JAZ, VOI 10/19 in WNC 10/21; PR 10/20; PCHR 10/21)

19 OCTOBER

The **IDF** fatally shoots 2 **Hamas mbrs.** planting a roadside bomb nr. the security fence of a Jewish settlement in n. Gaza; fires on residential areas of Rafah; conducts predawn arrest raids in 'Azun, Burkin nr. Jenin, Dahaysha r.c., Dura, Hebron, Jenin r.c., Tulkarm. The Jenin **AMB** takes responsibility for the fatal shooting of an **IDF soldier** sitting inside his tent at an IDF base outside

nearby Mevo Dotan settlement. **Palestinians** fire 4 **mortars** at Morag, causing no damage or injuries. A **Palestinian** wounded in the IDF's 10/11 attempted assassination of Khalil dies of his injuries. **AMB mbrs.** in Jenin temporarily take over the local Palestinian Council (PC) and PA tax offices, demanding pay raises, pensions for the children Palestinians killed during the intifada; after several hrs., they agree to leave, but the offices remain locked. (BBC, HA, XIN 10/19; VOP 10/19 in WNC 10/21; PR 10/20; QA 10/20 in WNC 10/23; PCHR 10/21)

A team of **Egyptian doctors** visits **Arafat**, who has been suffering severe flulike symptoms since 10/12, in his Ramallah compound, sparking rumors that he is serious ill. The doctors conclude that he is suffering from an intestinal virus and gallstones. Arafat suffered a similar bout of gallstones in 2003. (WT 10/19)

20 OCTOBER

The **IDF** shells residential areas of Rafah while Palestinians are going to dawn prayers, killing 1 **Palestinian**; fatally shoots a 2d **Palestinian** in Rafah who attempts to attack an IDF post; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis; conducts arrest raids in Nablus. In al-Hatab nr. Nablus, 18 **internationals** escort **Palestinian farmers** who have obtained IDF permits to harvest their olive groves; within minutes of starting work, **IDF soldiers** order the group to leave the area, take the ID card of 1 Palestinian, attempt to arrest him; when the internationals intervene, the soldiers beat several, throw 1 **Swedish peace activist** to the ground, put a gun to his head, threaten to pull the trigger. **Israel** also reportedly expels 2 **Palestinian prisoners** (1 fr. Bayt Rima, 1 fr. Nablus) to **Jordan**; no explanation is given. A **Jewish settler** seriously injures 3 Palestinian girls (ages 13-15) in a hit-and-run incident nr. Hawara. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received in Jabaliya on 10/5. (International Solidarity Movement press release, PRCS 10/20; JAZ, MA, VOP 10/20 in WNC 10/22; PCHR 10/21; PR 10/27; PCHR 10/28)

21 OCTOBER

During the day in Gaza, the **IDF** assassinates **Izzeddine al-Qassam Brigades 2d in command 'Adnan al-Gul** (a founding mbr. of Hamas whom Israel considers responsible for the development of Qassam rockets and whom it has tried to assassinate

on at least 4 previous occasions), firing 2 missiles at him as he leaves a building in Gaza City, also killing **senior field cmdr. Imad Abbas**, wounding 4 bystanders; attempts to assassinate **PRC military cmdr. 'Abd al-Rahman Qarmut**, firing a missile at his home in Jabaliya r.c., wounding him and his child; fatally shoots **2 armed Palestinians** (1 **AMB**, 1 **Islamic Jihad**) who attempt to infiltrate Israel nr. the Nahal Oz crossing outside Gaza City; conducts 2 raids into Rafah, shelling residential areas, demolishing 7 **Palestinian homes**, bulldozing 9 d. Also in Rafah, an **IDF soldier** investigating a smugglers' tunnel is killed by an explosion, possibly fr. a booby trap; **Hamas** claims responsibility. In Hebron, the **IDF** raids 2 mosques during evening prayers, interrogates and checks IDs worshipers; raids a university, checks students' IDs; raids, occupies a Palestinian home. In Qalqilya, the **IDF** demolishes 2 **Palestinian homes**. **Palestinians** fire a **Qassam rocket** at Sederot, a **mortar** at Gush Katif, causing no damage or injuries. **Jewish settlers** attempt to steal olives fr. a grove in al-Mughayyir; **Palestinians** confront and scuffle with them; 1 settler opens fire, injuring 1 Palestinian; the **IDF** intervenes, detains the gunman. **Islamic Jihad mbrs.** stop the car of **PA military intelligence officer Hajj al-Sirhi** in central Gaza, seize the car and 2 rifles; Sirhi reportedly impounded the car fr. **Islamic Jihad mbrs.** several mos. earlier. (VOI, VOP 10/21 in WNC 10/23; BBC, NYT, WP, WT 10/22; AFP, VOP 10/22, HJ, VOI 10/23 in WNC 10/26; PR 10/17; PCHR 10/28)

22 OCTOBER

The **IDF** fires on a funeral procession in Khan Yunis, assassinating **wanted Hamas mbr. Awad Yasir** (whom Israel claims has been responsible for recent mortar fire on Gush Katif), wounding 1; reinforces troops around East Jerusalem; bulldozes 22 d. of greenhouses, agricultural land in Rafah; sends troops into Bayt Furik, fires on Palestinian homes and stone-throwing youths who confront the troops; sends bulldozers into Bayt Hanun to level 20 d. belonging to al-Azhar University, 10s of d. belonging to local Palestinians; conducts rare arrest raids in Jericho. In response to Israel's 10/21 assassination of Hamas's Gul, **Hamas** fires 2 **mortars**, a **Qassam** rocket at Jewish settlements in s. Gaza, causing no damage or injuries; **10,000s Palestinians** take part in Gul's funeral in Gaza City. **Hamas** mbrs. exe-

cute a suspected **Palestinian collaborator**, dumping his body in Gaza City. A **Palestinian woman** dies of injuries received on 10/4. **Gaza municipal employees** begin a strike to protest the PA's inability to pay the remainder of their 10/4 salaries. (WP 10/22; VOI, YA 10/22 in WNC 10/26; WP, WT 10/23; PR 10/27; PCHR 10/28; PR 11/3)

23 OCTOBER

The **IDF** fires a missile fr. a drone at a group of wanted Palestinians in Khan Yunis, killing **Islamic Jihad mbrs. and brothers Omar and Ziad Abu Mustafa**, wounding at least 3 in an apparent assassination; fires on a funeral procession in Khan Yunis, wounding 2 teenagers; sends troops into Balata r.c., fires on residential areas, then fires on stone-throwing youths who confront the troops, wounding a 10-yr.-old Palestinian bystander; conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Bethlehem. (JAZ, NYT, WP, WT, XIN 10/24; PR 10/27; PCHR 10/28)

Arafat, who continues to suffer the flu and complain of stomach pain, is visited by a 2d team of **Tunisian doctors** who perform an endoscopy, a biopsy, and blood tests that come back negative for cancer. The doctors second the Egyptian team's 10/19 diagnosis. (MENA, VOI 10/23 in WNC 10/26; CNN 10/24; JAZ, VOP 10/25 in WNC 10/27; MM 10/26; JAZ, MENA, VOP 10/26 in WNC 10/28; BBC, HA 10/28)

24 OCTOBER

During the day, the **IDF** fires on the funeral procession for the Abu Mustafa brothers killed late on 10/23, wounding a 15-yr.-old Palestinian; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Anata, Askar r.c., al-Bureij, Hebron, Yatta. Late in the evening, the **IDF** launches a massive raid on Khan Yunis, citing some 30 mortar attacks on nearby Jewish settlements since the 10/21 Gul assassination; fires missiles fr. pilotless drones at 2 groups of Palestinians, killing 2 **PA policemen**, wounding 6; conducts several air strikes, killing 5 **armed Palestinians** and 1 **unarmed Palestinian**, wounding 5 armed Palestinians and 4 bystanders; demolishes 3 **Palestinian homes**. A **car bomb** explodes nr. an **IDF** jeep in Nablus, causing damage but no injuries; no group claims responsibility. **Jewish settlers** in Hebron vandalize a Palestinian elementary school nr. the Ibrahim Mosque/Tomb of the Patriarchs. (VOI, VOP 10/24, 10/25 in

WNC 10/26; NYT, PRCS, WP 10/25; PCHR 10/28)

25 OCTOBER

The **IDF** continues operations in Khan Yunis, shelling, firing on, and conducting air strikes on residential areas, killing at least **11 Palestinians** (1 PA security officer, 3 armed Palestinians, 7 civilians, including an 11-yr.-old boy) wounding at least 70, demolishing at least **26 Palestinian homes**; 2 IDF soldiers are also wounded by a rocket-propelled grenade. The **IDF** arrests **Tulkarm dep. Hamas cmdr. Ahmad Awad**; sends troops into Bayt Furik, fires on residential areas, then fires on stone-throwing youths who confront the troops, wounding a 13-yr.-old Palestinian; sends troops into Shaykh Ajlin, demolishes **1 Palestinian home**, bulldozes 4 d., conducts arrest raids; bulldozes 20 d. surrounding Gaza's Dugit settlement; conducts arrest raids, house searches, sets fire to 2 workshops in Hebron; fires on residential areas of Yamun. **Jewish settlers** occupy a vacant Palestinian home in the Rachel's Tomb complex in Bethlehem that they claim to have purchased 2 yrs. ago; local Palestinians deny this. **Jewish settlers** fr. Ramat Yishai settlement nr. Hebron occupy a vacant Palestinian home (residents had been forced to leave because of repeated settler attacks). **Palestinian female prisoners** in Israel's Tel Monde prison begin a hunger strike to protest their living conditions, frequent strip searches. (BBC, MM, PM, PRCS 10/25; VOI, VOP 10/25 in WNC 10/27; MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/26; PCHR 10/28; PR 11/3)

26 OCTOBER

The **IDF** withdraws fr. Khan Yunis in the morning but shells residential areas in late in the evening, killing **1 Palestinian**; fires on residential areas and agricultural lands nr. Rafah, killing a **Palestinian farmer** working in his field; demolishes a **Palestinian home** in Hebron; conducts arrest raids, house searches in 'Azun, Dayr Ghassana, Hebron, Yamun. Late in the evening, the **IDF** sends troops into Bayt Hanun, shells residential areas, begins bulldozing wide tracts of land. A **Jewish settler** fr. Yitzhar shoots a **Palestinian** shepherd in nearby Ourif village nr. Nablus; other settlers bar an ambulance fr. reaching the scene, allowing the man to bleed to death. (HA, MM, PRCS 10/26; VOI, VOP 10/26 in WNC 10/28; PR, PRCS 10/27; PCHR 10/28)

27 OCTOBER

The **IDF** imposes a curfew on Jenin town and r.c., closes off all access roads leading to the city, conducts arrest raids and house searches, fires on residential areas; withdraws fr. Bayt Hanun, having leveled 100 d. of citrus groves since 10/26, **1 Palestinian home**, 5 wells. **Palestinians** fire a **Qassam rocket** at the Negev, causing no damage or injuries. **Jewish settlers** fr. Shilo attack, chase off a group of Palestinians harvesting olives in nearby al-Mughayyir village. **Israeli** sources confirm that the West Jerusalem municipality has completed plans for construction of a **new 280-unit Jewish settlement quarter** in Abu Dis in East Jerusalem following completion of the separation wall through Abu Dis. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received on 10/2 during the IDF attack on n. Gaza. In Gaza, **scores of Palestinians** protest increasing crime, kidnappings, violence in Gaza and demand security, legal reforms. (HJ, *al-Quds*, VOI, VOP 10/27 in WNC 10/29; PCHR, PRCS 10/28; PRCS 10/30; PR 11/3; PCHR 11/4)

An **Israeli court** rules that **Palestinian residents of Jerusalem** have the right to register any child under age 12 without having to apply for family reunification even if 1 parent holds a West Bank ID. Previously, the **Israeli Interior Min.** asserted that any such children not registered by age 1 would have to apply for family reunification. (PR 11/3)

Arafat collapses in his Ramallah headquarters and deteriorates dramatically during the day, reportedly lapsing in and out of consciousness. His personal doctor is summoned fr. Amman, a medical team fr. Egypt, and his wife fr. Paris, raising speculation that he is nearing death. (AP, BBC, CNN, HA, REU 10/27; JAZ, JP, LBC, MENA, PSCT, VOI, VOP, YA 10/27 in WNC 10/29; AP, BBC, HA, MM, NYT, REU, WP, WT 10/28; PR, WT 11/3; MEI 11/5)

28 OCTOBER

IDF undercover units assassinate **senior AMB mbr. Ibrahim Issa** in Qalqilya. The **IDF** continues operations in Jenin town and r.c., firing on stone-throwing youths, searching homes. Late in the evening, **IDF** troops in Jenin r.c. shoot, critically wound a **Palestinian** teenager for no apparent reason, bar his transportation to a hospital, and take him into custody, where he dies. The **IDF** also directs heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Khan Yunis, fatally

shooting a **7-yr.-old Palestinian girl** walking to school; fires on residential areas of Dayr al-Balah, Rafah; fire on stone-throwing youths in Nablus; demolishes 6 **Palestinian homes**, bulldozes 15 d. nr. Rafah, leaving 131 people homeless; conducts arrest raids, house searches in 'Ayn Bayt al-Ma' r.c., Dahaysha r.c., al-Khadir. **Palestinians** fire **mortars** at Morag, wounding 5 Jewish settlers. **Jewish settlers** fr. Pdu'el harvest olives on nearby Palestinian land to which Palestinian farmers have been barred access by the IDF; **Jewish settlers** fr. Otniel harvest, damage Palestinian olive trees nr. Yatta; **Jewish settlers** fr. Avi Gayel outpost attack Palestinians harvesting olives nr. Qawawis nr. Yatta. The **IDF** also halts construction of a Palestinian apartment building nr. a settler bypass road outside Bayt Sahur, claiming the apartment complex (which has been under construction with Israeli permits since 1994, is home to 250 residents) is not within the Bayt Sahur municipal boundaries and is therefore illegal. (JTA 10/28; VOI, VOP, YA 10/28, VOI 10/29 in WNC 10/30; PRCS 10/30; WP 10/29; PM 11/1; PCHR 11/4)

Arafat's condition stabilizes overnight, but he remains critically ill. Doctors, speculating that he may have a potentially fatal blood disorder, order his transport to Paris for further tests. (BBC, HA, MM 10/28; ATL, HA, JAZ, MENA, PSCT, VOI, VOP 10/28 in WNC 10/30; NYT, WP, WT 10/29; PR 11/3)

29 OCTOBER

The **IDF** continues operations in Jenin for a 3d day, firing on stone-throwing youths, conducting arrest raids and house searches; demolishes 7 **Palestinian homes** in Rafah; confiscates 308 d. of Palestinian land in Shufa nr. Tulkarm for military purposes; bulldozes 31 d., 3 wells nr. Rafah; conducts arrest raids, house searches in 'Ayn Bayt al-Ma', al-'Aza, al-Khadir. **Armed Jewish settlers fr. Shvut Rachel** chase Palestinian olive harvesters away fr. their groves; the IDF intervenes, allowing Palestinians to continue the harvest. (HA, PM 10/29; VOI 10/29 in WNC 10/30; PRCS 10/30; PCHR 11/4)

Arafat arrives at a military hospital in Paris. Before leaving Ramallah, he authorizes **Abbas**, who is secy. gen. of the PLO Exec. Comm. and the dep. secy. of the Fatah Central Comm., to assume responsibility for day-to-day affairs of the **PLO** and **Fatah** in the territories. (Technically, **Faruq Qaddumi**, as secy. of the Fatah Central Comm., automatically becomes Fatah chmn. in Arafat's

absence, but since he based in Tunis, Abbas, as dep. secy., assumes his duties in the territories.) (BBC, HA, MM, WT 10/29; AFP, HJ, Interfax, ITAR-TASS, JAZ, *al-Quds*, PSCT, VOI, VOP 10/29 in WNC 10/30; NYT, WP, WT 10/30; MM 11/1; WJW 11/4; MEI 11/5)

30 OCTOBER

In ongoing operations in Jenin, the **IDF** fires on stone-throwing children outside a school, killing a **12-yr.-old Palestinian boy**, wounding 3 boys ages 14–17; conducts house searches, arrest raids. The **IDF** also further restricts Palestinian movement around Nablus, Tulkarm; demolishes 13 **Palestinian homes** in Rafah. (PRCS 10/30; NYT 10/31; PM 11/1; PCHR 11/4)

31 OCTOBER

The **IDF** continues operations in Jenin, fatally shooting a **wanted Palestinian** in an exchange of fire during an arrest raid, firing on stone-throwing Palestinian youths. The **IDF** closes the **Rafah crossing** to Egypt; fires on residential and agricultural areas nr. Netzarim, seriously wounding a 52-yr.-old farmer in his field; bulldozes 15 d., shells residential areas nr. Rafah; bulldozes 4 d. outside Einav settlement nr. Tulkarm; raids 20 homes, a mosque during evening prayers in Hebron, holds those in the mosque for 3 hrs. of interrogation; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Dura. In Hebron, 2 **Palestinians** are killed in a mysterious explosion. The **AMB** distributes leaflets across the territories warning the **Palestinian leadership** not to give up armed struggle or compromise on Palestinian national rights now that Arafat is in Paris for treatment. (PRCS 10/31; WT 11/2; PCHR 11/4)

1 NOVEMBER

A **PFLP suicide bomber** fr. Askar r.c. nr. Nablus detonates a device in a Tel Aviv open-air market, killing 3 **Israelis**, wounding 32. The PFLP says that the bombing was carried out to warn Palestinian leaders against being "seduced into talking about ending the resistance and haggling over the national legitimate rights and principles of our people" now that **Arafat** is out of the West Bank. In the evening, **IDF undercover units** raid Nablus, assassinate **Nablus AMB leader Majdi Mari** (whom it attempted to assassinate on 9/15/04), **AMB mbrs. Jihad Abu Salah and Fadi al-Sarwan**,

injure a 4th AMB mbr., 4 bystanders. During the day, the **IDF** closes the Qalandia checkpoint, declaring the area a closed military zone (see 10/16); fatally shoots **2 Palestinians** allegedly attempting to infiltrate Kefar Darom; fires on a group of stone-throwing Palestinian children in Askar r.c., killing a **12-yr.-old Palestinian boy**; stops, argues with, shoots and wounds 2 Palestinian teenagers walking nr. the **separation wall** nr. Jayyus; fires on stone-throwing youths in Jenin r.c.; bulldozes 39 d. of olive groves and greenhouses, **1 Palestinian home** nr. Dayr al-Balah; conducts arrest raids, house searches in 'Anza nr. Bethlehem, al-Bireh, Birzeit, Jayyus, al-Khadir, al-Mughayyir, Nur al-Shams r.c., Rafat nr. Nablus, Tulkarm. **Jewish settlers** fr. Otniel throw stones at, harass Palestinians and international peace activists harvesting olives on nearby Palestinian land, forcing them to leave. **Jewish settlers** in Hebron assault Palestinians, attack Palestinian homes nr. the Ibrahimi Mosque/Tomb of the Patriarchs. In both cases, the **IDF** troops observe but do not intervene. (BBC, HA, MM, PM 11/1; HA, JAZ, JP, VOI, VOP 11/1 in WNC 11/3; CSM, MM, NYT, PRCS, WP, WT 11/2; VOP 11/2 in WNC 11/4; PR 11/3; PCHR, WJW 11/4; MEI 11/5; JPI 11/12)

2 NOVEMBER

U.S. Pres. George W. Bush narrowly wins reelection. (MM 11/2; HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 11/3; VOP 11/3 in WNC 11/5; MM 11/4; *Globes*, HA, JAZ, JP, JT, MA, MENA, YA 11/4 in WNC 11/6; *al-Safir* 11/4, *al-Dustur*, MNR, *al-Ra'i* 11/5, *al-Dustur* 11/6 in WNC 11/9; SA 11/6 in WNC 11/10; MM 11/5; HA 11/9; JPI 11/12)

The **IDF** blows up 3 **Palestinian homes** in and nr. Askar r.c. belonging to the family of the 11/1 suicide bomber, 2 senior PFLP mbrs.; raids a clinic in Nablus, searches ambulances, interrogates paramedics; conducts arrest raids and house searches, bulldozes 50 d., demolishes 2 poultry farms and several wells nr. Kefar Darom. **AMB mbr. Fadi Qaffisha** dies of injuries received in the **IDF** assassination of Mari on 11/1. **Palestinians** fire several **mortars** at Neve Dekalim, causing no damage or injuries. A **Jewish settler** injures a 7-yr.-old Palestinian girl in a hit-and-run incident nr. Hawara south of Nablus. (PRCS 11/2; VOI 11/2 in WNC 11/4; NYT, WP 11/3; VOI 11/3 in WNC 11/5; PCHR, WJW 11/4)

3 NOVEMBER

The **IDF** sends troops, helicopters into Rafah; fires on residential areas, fatally shooting a **Palestinian** taxi driver, wounding 4 Palestinians; demolishes **20 Palestinian homes** (leaving 177 people homeless), 15 shops, 4 sewing factories. The **IDF** also fatally shoots a **Palestinian bystander** during a bungled undercover arrest raid in Jenin; bulldozes 18 d. of Bayt Lahiya land nr. Dugit; conducts arrest raids in Nablus, Ramallah. A **Palestinian sniper** wounds 2 **IDF** soldiers guarding a Jewish settlement in s. Gaza. **Palestinians** fire **mortars** at an **IDF** post in Gaza, lightly injuring 3 **IDF** soldiers, 1 Israeli military contractor; fire a mortar at Gush Katif, wounding 2 Jewish settlers. (PRCS 11/3; VOI, VOP 11/3 in WNC 11/5; NYT, PCHR, WT 11/4; VOI 11/4 in WNC 11/6; PRCS 11/11)

Arafat's health takes another turn for the worse; doctors admit him to the intensive care unit after he reportedly slips in and out of consciousness several times. (JAZ 11/3, 11/4 in WNC 11/6; BBC, NYT, WT 11/4)

4 NOVEMBER

The **Israeli security cabinet**, **IDF senior cmdrs.**, **Fatah Central Comm.**, **PLO Exec. Comm.** hold emergency mtgs. to discuss **Arafat's** failing health, after he reportedly slips into a "reversible coma." The PLO Exec. Comm. grants **PA PM Ahmad Qurai'** temporary responsibility for urgent matters involving the PA security services and finances. **Hamas** calls for formation of a collective leadership, in which it would participate, to rule until elections are held. The **IDF** places troops in the West Bank and Gaza on alert, fearing an upswing in violence if **Arafat** dies; the **PA** does the same with its security forces. The **IDF** also demolishes **4 Palestinian homes** in Rafah; fires on residential areas of al-Brazil r.c.; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Nablus, nr Hebron. (AFP, BBC, HA, REU, WP, XIN 11/4; AFP, JAZ, MENA, VOI, VOP, XIN 11/4 in WNC 11/6; BBC, CSM, HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 11/5; VOP, XIN 11/5 in WNC 11/9; PRCS 11/11)

5 NOVEMBER

The **IDF** shells residential areas of Khan Yunis, killing **2 Palestinian youths**; fires on residential areas of al-Brazil r.c., al-Mughraqa; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Askar r.c., 'Ayn Bayt al-Ma' r.c., Bayt Rima,

al-Khadir, Nablus. The **IDF** also issues a military order prohibiting Palestinians fr. construction 300 m east and 100 m west of the 1948 truce line; moves a checkpoint fr. the Green Line in the n. Jordan Valley south toward Bardala village, well inside the occupied West Bank, raising suspicions that Israel is still actively considering construction of a wall through the Jordan Valley. **Jewish settlers** fr. Hebron kidnap, hold for 12 hrs. **2 14-yr.-old Palestinians** grazing animals nr. a settlement. (VOI, VOP 11/5 in WNC 11/9; NYT 11/6; PRCS 11/11)

6 NOVEMBER

The **IDF** fatally shoots a **14-yr.-old Palestinian boy** in Jenin who allegedly throws a Molotov cocktail at troops; fatally shoots **2 Islamic Jihad mbrs.** who attempt to infiltrate Neve Dekalim; fatally shoots a **Palestinian** who opens fire on troops nr. Tulkarm; conducts rare arrest raids, house searches in Jericho; also conducts arrest raids, house searches in Birzeit, Jenin town and r.c. and nr. Hebron; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis, hitting a hospital, wounding a patient; sends 40 tanks into Rafah, bulldozes at least **10 Palestinian homes**, fires on residential areas. In Qalqilya, **2 Palestinian militants** are killed, 1 is wounded when their car explodes. **Jewish settlers** rampage through Palestinian sections of Hebron, stone and vandalize Palestinian homes and cars, harass a group of Palestinian school-girls. (AFP, XIN 11/6; VOI, VOP, YA 11/6, VOP 11/7 in WNC 11/9; NYT, PRCS, WP 11/7; PRCS 11/11)

Quray' goes to Gaza to chair a mtg. of all **Palestinian factions, PA security forces, Gaza Fatah leaders** to urge them to seek a pledge of unity during the current leadership crisis, an agmt. to halt all attacks on Israeli civilians, to ensure that the IDF has no excuse to stage major raids; holds private mtg. with **Hamas** leaders, who say they will exercise restraint toward Israel but will not guarantee a cease-fire. (VOP 11/6, XIN 11/7 in WNC 11/9; HA, NYT, WT 11/7; MM, NYT 11/8)

7 NOVEMBER

The **IDF** ambushes, assassinates **4 AMB mbrs.** driving nr. Jenin, blows up **2 homes** in Jenin r.c. belonging to the families of 2 of the men; fires on residential areas of al-Brazil r.c., al-Qarara, Rafah. **1 IDF soldier** is killed, 2 are wounded in a friendly fire incident nr.

Tulkarm. (VOI, VOP 11/7 in WNC 11/9; NYT 11/8; PRCS 11/11)

8 NOVEMBER

The **IDF** sends 50 tanks into an area around Morag, bulldozes **2 Palestinian homes** and 46 d., searches other homes, arrests at least 10 Palestinians; fires on residential areas of Nablus; conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Nablus and nr. Hebron, Jenin, Ramallah. The **National and Islamic Higher Coordinating Comm. of the Intifada** organizes marches in Ramallah, Tulkarm in support of ailing **Arafat**. (XIN 11/8; VOP 11/8 in WNC 11/10; PRCS 11/11)

9 NOVEMBER

The **IDF** fatally shoots **2 Palestinians** who enter a closed military zone nr. the Israeli border fence east of Gaza City; fires on stone-throwing youths and market areas in Nablus, killing a **14-yr.-old Palestinian**; fires on stone-throwing Palestinians in Jenin; blows up a **Palestinian home** nr. Nablus; bulldozes 20 d. in Dayr al-Balah; conducts arrest raids in Beitunia, Jenin (also sealing 4 of-fices of Islamic charities). **Palestinians** fire a **Qassam rocket** into s. Israel, fire **2 mortars** into Jewish settlements in s. Gaza, causing light damage but no injuries. **Jewish settlers** fr. Ma'ale Shomron nr. Qalqilya uproot 10s of Palestinian olive trees, bar local Palestinian residents fr. harvesting their groves; **IDF** soldiers observe but do not intervene. (JP, VOP, YA 11/9 in WNC 11/11; WP 11/10; VOI 11/10 in WNC 11/12; PRCS 11/11)

Arafat reportedly slips deeper into a coma, possibly suffering a stroke, and is put on life support. In light of **Israel's** refusal to allow his burial in Jerusalem, the PA requests that he be buried in Ramallah after lying in state in Cairo. Doctors still do not know the cause of Arafat's illness, though they have completely ruled out malignancy, poisoning. (AP, BBC, MM, REU 11/9; AFP, JAZ, JT, VOI, VOP 11/9 in WNC 11/11; *Financial Times*, NYT, PR, WP, WT 11/10)

10 NOVEMBER

At 9:30 P.M. EST (3:30 A.M. on 11/11 local time), **Arafat** dies in a Paris hospital. The PA declares a 40-day mourning period; immediately begins preparations to hold a state funeral in Cairo on 11/12, followed by his "temporary" burial in his Ramallah

compound (the Muqata) later in the day. Earlier this afternoon, in anticipation of Arafat's passing, the **PLO Exec. Comm.**, the **PA national security council**, **Fatah Central Comm.**, **senior PC mbrs.** meet in Ramallah to discuss leadership transitions, intentions to hold elections within 60 days of Arafat's death, in keeping with the unratified Basic Law. (MM 11/10; AFP, JAZ, MENA, VOP 11/10 in WNC 11/12; BBC, CSM, HA, JAZ, MM, NYT, WP, WT 11/11; AFP, ATL, DS, Interfax, IRNA, ITAR-TASS, JAZ, JT, MENA, VOI, VOP, XIN 11/11 in WNC 11/13; NYT, WP 11/12; PCHR 11/18; JPI 11/19)

The **IDF** reinforces troops around, further restricts Palestinian access to East Jerusalem; raids, kills **2 Palestinian gunmen** in an exchange of fire nr. Bayt Hanun; fatally shoots a **Palestinian** swimming in a prohibited zone off the coast of Gaza; bulldozes 50 d. nr. Khan Yunis. **Palestinians** fire **3 mortars** at Neve Dekalim, causing no damage or injuries. (HA, VOI, VOP 11/10 in WNC 11/12; PRCS, WP 11/11)

11 NOVEMBER

Within hrs. of Arafat's death, the **PC**, in keeping with the Basic Law, formally swears in **PC speaker Rawhi Fattuh** as interim head of the PA until elections are organized within the next 60 days; **Qurai'** maintains the position of PM, responsible for daily PA operations. **Qaddumi** is elected as head of **Fatah** by the 15-mbr. Fatah Central Comm. **Abbas** is voted head of the **PLO** by the PLO Exec. Comm. The **State Dept.** says that it is prepared to help the Palestinians hold elections if asked; says that **Israel** still must carry out Gaza disengagement. **France** sends **Arafat's** body off to Egypt with full military honors. Throughout the day, **Palestinians** across the territories rally, demonstrate in honor of Arafat. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 11/11; JAZ, VOI, VOP 11/11 in WNC 11/13; MM, NYT, WP, WT 11/12)

The **IDF** raids Shaykh Ajlin, exchanging fire with armed Palestinians (leaving **1 Palestinian** dead), shelling residential areas (killing **2 Palestinian civilians**, wounding 7), bulldozing 120 d.; fatally shoots an **Egyptian** who apparently infiltrated into Gaza fr. Egypt; fatally shoots **3 Palestinians** (at least 2 of them armed) s. of Netzarim; fires on stone-throwing Palestinians in Bayt Omar nr. Hebron, killing **1 Palestinian**, wounding 10; fires on stone-throwing Palestinians protesting the separation wall nr. Jayyus, wounding

2 with live ammunition; fires on residential areas of Rafah; conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Nablus. Some **100 AMB mbrs.** (some armed and masked) outside Arafat's headquarters in Ramallah call for an investigation into Arafat's death and rumors he was poisoned by Israeli agents, chant slogans denouncing **Abbas**, **fmr. PA security chief Muhammad Dahlan** as agents for the CIA. **Israeli border police** disperse **100s of Palestinians** conducting nationalist marches in East Jerusalem in memory of Arafat. In Haifa, **Israeli police** disperse **some 100 Israeli Palestinians** holding a candlelight vigil for Arafat, detain a woman carrying a Palestinian flag. (JP, VOI, YA 11/11 in WNC 11/13; HA 11/17; PCHR 11/18)

12 NOVEMBER

In the morning, a closed military memorial service for **Arafat** is held on a military base outside Cairo. The Palestinian leadership, Arafat's family, **Egyptian envoy Omar Sulayman** then escort Arafat's body by helicopter to Ramallah, where **10,000s of grieving Palestinians** overrun the Muqata in an attempt to observe his sunset funeral. **Israel** executes **Operation New Leaf—the Day After** to step up Israeli security but ensure that "Palestinians' dignity is preserved" for 3 days of mourning: declares a state of emergency, seals the occupied territories until 11/16, pulls out of all West Bank population centers, reinforces the troop presence surrounding Ramallah and leading to Jerusalem, facilitates West Bank Palestinians' access to Ramallah for the funeral, allows **PA security officers** to carry weapons for the 3-day mourning period in order to maintain crowd control. The only reported violence of the day is in Rafah, where the **IDF** fires on, shells residential areas. Meanwhile, massive symbolic funerals are held in Gaza, with (as in the West Bank) the full participation of all political groups, including Hamas. (BBC, CNN, WT 11/12; ATL, DS, Interfax, IRNA, ITAR-TASS, JAZ, JT, MENA, MNR, *al-Ra'i*, VOI, VOP 11/12 in WNC 11/16; NYT, WP, WT 11/13; HA, MM, PR 11/15; DS 11/17; PCHR 11/18)

13 NOVEMBER

A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received during the IDF incursion into Bayt Hanun in 10/04. A **Jewish settler** is injured, her 4 passengers are unharmed when her car

triggers a roadside bomb nr. Gush Etzion settlement. (VOI 11/13 in WNC 11/16; PCHR 11/18)

14 NOVEMBER

The **IDF** shoots, gravely wounds an **Israeli Palestinian** driving nr. Qalqilya, believing that his car, bearing Israeli license plates, must have been stolen; fires on residential areas of Khan Yunis; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Dayr al-Balah. The **IDF** says that **PA security officers** may continue to carry weapons in the immediate vicinity of the Muqata only (see 11/12). In Gaza, some **20 armed AMB mbrs.** storm the mourning tent where **Abbas** is accepting condolences for **Arafat's** death; **2 PA security officers** are left dead, 2 gunmen are detained; outside, 3 cars in fmr. PA security head **Dahlan's** convoy are also torched.

(VOI 11/14 in WNC 11/16; BBC, *Financial Times*, MM, WP 11/15; VOP 11/15 in WNC 11/17; BBC, *Guardian*, *Gulf News* 11/16; HA, PCHR 11/18; NYT, WT 11/19; JPI 11/26)

The **PA** sets 1/9/05 as the date for PA presidential elections. (JAZ 11/14 in WNC 11/16)

15 NOVEMBER

Ramadan ends. The **IDF** pulls out of Jenin, formally ending 2 wks. of operations in which 9 Palestinians were killed, 25 wounded. **IDF** troops, undercover units conduct an arrest raid in Yatta, fire on stone-throwing Palestinians who confront them, seriously injuring a 12-yr-old boy. **Palestinians** fire **mortars** at Gush Katif, causing no damage or injuries. The **Israeli Palestinian** wounded in Qalqilya on 11/14 dies. (BBC 11/15; MA 11/15 in WNC 11/17; PCHR 11/18)

CHRONOLOGY SOURCE ABBREVIATIONS

AFP	(Agence France-Presse, Paris)
AP	(Associated Press [Internet])
ATL	(Anatolia, Ankara)
AYM	(<i>al-Ayyam</i> , Ramallah)
BBC	(British Broadcasting Corporation World Service [Internet])
CNN	(Cable News Network [Internet])
CSM	(<i>Christian Science Monitor</i> , Boston)
DS	(<i>Daily Star</i> , Beirut)
HA	(<i>Ha'Aretz</i> [Internet], Tel Aviv)
HJ	(<i>al-Hayat al-Jadida</i> , Ramallah)
IRNA	(Islamic Republic News Agency, Tehran)
JAZ	(al-Jazeera Satellite Channel Television, Doha)
JP	(<i>Jerusalem Post</i> [Internet], Jerusalem)
JPI	(<i>Jerusalem Post International Edition</i> , Jerusalem)
JT	(<i>Jordan Times</i> , Amman)
JTA	(Jewish Telegraphic Agency [Internet])
LBC	(Lebanese Broadcasting Corporation, Beirut)
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)
MNR	(al-Manar TV, Beirut)
NYT	(<i>New York Times</i> , New York)
PCHR	(Palestinian Center for Human Rights, Gaza)
PM	(Palestine Monitor [Internet])
PR	(<i>Palestine Report</i> , Jerusalem)
PRCS	(Palestine Red Crescent Society [Internet])
PSCT	(Palestine Satellite Channel Television, Gaza)
QA	(<i>al-Quds al-Arabi</i> , London)
REU	(Reuters [Internet])
SA	(<i>al-Sharq al-Awsat</i> , London)
SANA	(Syrian Arab News Agency, Damascus)
VOI	(Voice of Israel, Jerusalem)

- VOP (Voice of Palestine, Jericho)
WJW (*Washington Jewish Week*, Rockville, MD)
WNC (World News Connection [Internet], Washington)
WP (*Washington Post*, Washington)
WT (*Washington Times*, Washington)
XIN (Xinhua–New China News Agency, Beijing)
YA (*Yedi'ot Abaronot*, Tel Aviv)



Palestinian security officers attempt to carry Arafat's coffin thronged by crowds outside Arafat's Ramallah compound, 12 November 2004. (Abbas Momani/AFP/Getty Images)