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# CHRONOLOGY

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## 16 NOVEMBER

In Gaza, the **Israel Defense Forces (IDF)** pulls out of al-Shuka nr. Rafah, ending a 3-day incursion, during which 7 Palestinian **homes** were destroyed, roads and water networks were damaged; makes an air strike on the **homes** of a mbr. of the **Popular Resistance Comms. (PRCs)** in Jabaliya refugee camp (r.c.), a mbr. of the **Hamas-dominated Executive Support Force (ESF)** in Rafah (also destroying 3 neighboring houses) after warning the residents to leave; makes air strikes destroying another **home** in Rafah, 1 in Bayt Lahiya, a workshop in Khan Yunis also giving advanced warning; bulldozes 3 **homes** nr. the Sufa crossing in Rafah; sends bulldozers into Abasan nr. Khan Yunis to level land. **Palestinians** fire 3 **rockets** fr. Gaza into Israel, causing no damage or injuries. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Jenin and in Bethlehem, Balata r.c. and Dayr Ishtiyya nr. Nablus (searching a mosque), Tulkarm. (NYT 11/17; OCHA 11/22; PCHR 11/23)

## 17 NOVEMBER

In Gaza, the **IDF** sends troops into Bayt Lahiya, raiding homes, fatally shooting the **body guard of senior Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) mbr. Salih Zaydan**; makes air strikes destroying a Palestinian **home**, an **ESF** post in Shatti' r.c. nr. Gaza City, 1 **home** in Jabaliya, offices of a **Muslim charity** nr. Gaza City after warning occupants to leave; fires missiles from a helicopter gunship at a mosque in Gaza City, causing severe damage. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches around Nablus,

in Qalqilya (firing on stone-throwing youths who confront the troops, killing 1 **Palestinian**, wounding 29, demolishing 2 **Palestinian homes**). (OCHA 11/22; PCHR 11/23)

## 18 NOVEMBER

The **IDF** continues operations nr. Bayt Lahiya, firing on residential areas, fatally shooting 1 **Palestinian** teenager, wounding 5 Palestinians ages 6-18; makes air strikes on a Hamas training camp n. of Shatti' r.c., causing damage but no injuries. A **Jewish settler** severely beats a Swedish human rights worker, injures another international human rights worker escorting Palestinian children past Tal Rumayda settlement in Hebron. **Jewish settlers** fr. Tal Rumayda also throw stones at a Palestinian woman and her 3-yr.-old son, leaving the boy with a head injury. **Jewish** settlers fr. Ma'on settlement nr. Hebron prevent Palestinian farmers fr. working in their fields nearby. A **Palestinian woman** dies of injuries sustained during 11/6 IDF air strikes on Jabaliya. A **Palestinian man** dies of injuries received during an 11/4 IDF attack on Jabaliya. (International Solidarity Movement press release 11/18; OCHA 11/22; PCHR 11/23)

## 19 NOVEMBER

In Gaza, the **IDF** pulls out of Bayt Lahiya early in the morning. Later in the day, the **IDF** calls off air strikes on the Jabaliya r.c. homes of **local PRC leader Muhammad Barud**, a **senior Hamas mbr.** when, after warning residents to leave, 100s of Palestinians, including **Palestinian Authority (PA) PM Ismail Haniyeh**, arrive to act as human shields to protect the homes. Also in Gaza, an **IDF** drone fires on a car of Hamas

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mbrs. driving nr. Gaza City, killing a **75-yr.-old Palestinian bystander**, wounding 2 Hamas mbrs., 7 civilians (including 4 children) in an apparent assassination attempt. **Hamas mbrs.** fire 8 rockets fr. Gaza into Israel, seriously wounding 1 Israeli, lightly wounding 2. In the West Bank, **IDF undercover units** make an arrest raid on Yatta nr. Hebron. The **IDF** also conducts arrest raids, house searches in Bayt Kahil nr. Hebron, in and around Nablus. (NYT, WP, WT 11/20; OCHA 11/22; PCHR 11/23)

## 20 NOVEMBER

In Gaza, the **IDF** makes an air strike on a car driving in Gaza City, assassinating **Hamas mbrs.** 'Abd al-Qadir Habib, Basil Obaid, wounding 5 bystanders, including a 2-yr.-old boy; sends bulldozers into areas nr. the Sufa crossing to demolish 2 Palestinian homes, into Khan Yunis to demolish 3 greenhouses. In the West Bank, the **IDF** fatally shoots a **Palestinian teenager** who approaches soldiers nr. Jericho carrying a toy gun; sends undercover units into Bethlehem, arresting a wanted **Islamic Jihad** mbr.; conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Bethlehem (sealing the Orphan Care Society in Bethlehem) and in Abu Dis nr. East Jerusalem, Qabatya nr. Jenin. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received in a 1/5 attack on Jabaliya. (NYT, WT 11/21; OCHA 11/22; PCHR 11/23)

## 21 NOVEMBER

Overnight, the **IDF** sends troops back into Gaza City, surrounding the home of **senior Hamas military cmdr. Ayman Dayif Allah Hassanian**, ordering him to surrender, fatally shooting him and **2 bystanders** (including a 70-yr.-old woman) in an exchange of gunfire, also bulldozing 20 dunams (d.; 4 d. = 1 acre) of olive, citrus groves. **Palestinians** fire **5 rockets** fr. Gaza into Israel, hitting a factory, killing an **Israeli**. Early in the morning, the **IDF** sends troops back into n. Gaza, clashing with Palestinians in Bayt Hanun, Bayt Lahiya, Jabaliya and also shelling the area, killing **1 Palestinian gunman**, wounding at least 17 Palestinians; also leaving 2 IDF soldiers injured. The **IDF** also fires on Palestinian fisherman off the s. Gaza coast, wounding 1. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Jenin (firing on stone-throwing Palestinians, wounding 2) and Nablus, in al-Birah, Jericho, Tulkarm r.c. In Gaza City,

an **unidentified gunman** shoots, wounds fm. **Palestinian Council (PC) mbr.** 'Abd al-'Aziz Shahin (**Fatah**) as he leaves a radio studio after giving an interview criticizing **Hamas**. In Khan Yunis, **unidentified gunman** kidnap, hold for several hrs. **2 Italian Red Cross employees**, releasing them unharmed without comment. (MM 11/21; MM, NYT, OCHA, WP 11/22; PCHR 11/23)

## 22 NOVEMBER

The **IDF** sends additional tanks, troops into n. Gaza, bringing the total number of troops in n. Gaza to around 1,000, placing snipers on the rooftops of Palestinian homes, occupying the home of **Reform and Change PC mbr. Jamila Shanti**, fatally shooting **2 Hamas mbrs.**, a **Palestinian woman**, a **17-yr.-old Palestinian boy** and wounding at least 1 gunman, 14 bystanders in Bayt Hanun, Bayt Lahiya, Jabaliya r.c. An IDF soldier is wounded by an antitank missile in Bayt Hanun. The **IDF** also fires on Palestinian fishermen off the Rafah coast, wounding 1. In Gaza City, the **IDF** makes an air strike destroying a money exchange, damaging several nearby homes. **Hamas, Islamic Jihad**, the **PRCs** claim responsibility for firing **8 rockets** fr. Gaza into Israel today, causing no damage or injuries. In the West Bank, the **IDF** assassinates **al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade (AMB) mbr. Fadi Armour** in Jenin r.c., wounding a 2d target, **Islamic Jihad mbr. Ashraf al-Sa'di**; bulldozes 2 Palestinian homes, 2 animal pens nr. Qalqilya; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Qabatya and in and around Hebron, Nablus. A **Jewish settler** injures a 14-yr.-old Palestinian boy in a deliberate hit-and-run nr. Bethlehem. (MM 11/22; MM, NYT, PCHR, WP 11/23; NYT 11/24; OCHA 11/29; PCHR 11/30)

## 23 NOVEMBER

A **64-yr.-old Palestinian woman** detonates a suicide bomb nr. **IDF** soldiers in Bayt Lahiya, lightly wounding 3; the attack is claimed by **Hamas**, marking its 1st suicide bombing in 2 yrs., in retaliation for the 11/8 shelling of Bayt Hanun that killed 19 Palestinians; the woman's family says that she was motivated to stage the attack because her son had been killed, a grandson severely injured, and her mother's house demolished by the IDF. (Separately, **Israel** reportedly is considering paying compensation to the families of those killed on 11/19;

Israel has previously refused to pay compensation for such artillery errors.) Also in n. Gaza, the **IDF** makes an air strike on a car, assassinating **PRC** **cmdr. Fa'iq Abu al-Qumsan**, whom Israel claims have been responsible for rocket fire into Israel, his dep. **Mahmud al-Basyuni**, and **Ahmad Abu al-Qumsan**, also a **PRC** mbr.; kills **4 Palestinians** (at least 2 of them armed, 1 a bystander), wounds at least 18 (at least 17 of them bystanders) in clashes, shelling related to ongoing operations in which 4 **IDF** soldiers are lightly wounded by an antitank rocket. The **IDF** also fires on Palestinian fishermen on the Gaza shore, causing no damage or injuries. **Palestinians** fire at least 5 **rockets** fr. Gaza into Israel, causing no damage or injuries. In the West Bank, the **IDF** demolishes a Palestinian **home**, an animal farm in Qarawat Bani Hassan nr. Salfit; fires on stone-throwing Palestinian children nr. Hebron, seriously wounding 1; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Jenin town and r.c. **PA security forces** demonstrate in Gaza City against the Hamas-led government's failure to pay back salaries. (MM, NYT, WT 11/24; OCHA 11/29; PCHR 11/30)

#### 24 NOVEMBER

The **IDF** continues operations in n. Gaza, fatally shooting an **armed Palestinian**, a **Palestinian cameraman** filming nr. Jabaliya, and a **10-yr.-old Palestinian boy**, wounding at least 7 civilians; 2 **IDF** soldiers are injured by a roadside bomb nr. Bayt Lahiya. The **IDF** also sends bulldozers into the Khan Yunis area to level land. In the West Bank, the **IDF** sends troops into 'Askar r.c., fires on stone-throwing Palestinian youths who confront them, wounding 2 with live ammunition; patrols in Salfit, firing on stone-throwing Palestinian youths who confront them, wounding 1 with live ammunition; conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Nablus, Tulkarm and nr. Hebron; raids a clinic in Nablus, confiscating medical files, computers. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received during an 11/3 **IDF** attack on Bayt Hanun. (NYT 11/25; OCHA 11/29; PCHR 11/30)

#### 25 NOVEMBER

In Gaza, the **IDF** makes an air strike on a car driving nr. Gaza City, killing **1 Hamas mbr.**, wounding a bystander; fatally shoots a **Palestinian** nr. Bayt Lahiya attempting to fire a rocket into Israel, also wound-

ing 8 bystanders; shells a group of armed Hamas mbrs. nr. the Qarni crossing, killing **1 Hamas mbr.**, a **PA Preventive Security Forces (PSF) officer** at a post nearby; fires into al-Qarara, wounding 1 Palestinian farmer; shells the **PA Education Min.** offices nr. Bayt Lahiya; directs shells, air strikes on Bayt Hanun and Jabaliya, severely damaging 1 Palestinian **home**, an UNRWA clinic, a PA school; warns residents of a pending air strike on another Palestinian home nr. Jabaliya, but 10s of neighbors gather in the home, forcing the **IDF** to call off the operation. **Palestinians** fire 1 **rocket** fr. Gaza into Israel, causing no damage or injuries. **PA Pres. Mahmud Abbas** phones **Israeli PM Ehud Olmert** to offer a total cease-fire in Gaza (including halts to rocket fire, digging of tunnels) in exchange for a halt to **IDF** operations in the Strip. Olmert agrees that if Palestinians halt actions first at 6:00 A.M. local time on 11/26, the **IDF** would halt operations, quickly withdraw troops fr. Gaza if the truce holds. Some **Izzeddin al-Qassam Brigades** factions say they will not adhere to the truce until Israel halts actions first. Meanwhile, in the West Bank, **IDF** troops patrolling in Abu Dis chase a group of Palestinian children who throw stones at their vehicles, firing into the air and firing percussion grenades, detaining 4 children ages 11-13 for questioning; demolishes 4 shops nr. Salfit. **PA security forces** demonstrate in Gaza City against the Hamas-led government's failure to pay back salaries. (IFM, NYT, WP, WT 11/26; OCHA 11/29; PCHR 11/30)

#### 26 NOVEMBER

Soon after the 6:00 A.M. Palestinian cease-fire deadline, the **IDF** withdraws all troops fr. Gaza, ending n. Gaza operations that began on 11/21 that killed 22 Palestinians (including at least 6 civilians), wounded at least 67 (including 28 children), destroyed 10 houses and 10 businesses, razed 80 d. of agricultural land. (After the pullout, the UN reports extensive damage—estimated at \$6.4 m.—to Dahaniyya airport buildings by the **IDF** stationed there, noting that damage could not have been caused by crossfire with Palestinians.) Btwn. 6:00 and 10:15 A.M. local time, **Palestinians** fire 9 **rockets** fr. Gaza into Israel, damaging a house but causing no injuries; Israel does not retaliate and the truce seems to hold. **Two Palestinians** are killed when a tunnel they are digging under the Rafah border collapses. In the West Bank,

**IDF** troops patrol in 'Azun nr. Qalqilya, fire on stone-throwing Palestinian youths who confront them, wounding 1; conduct arrest raids, house searches in and around Nablus, in Qabatya (fatally shooting **2 Palestinian** bystanders) and Qalqilya, nr. Bethlehem and Hebron; issues a military order confiscating 565 d. of land belonging to al-Nabi Samwil, Bayt Surik, Bayt Iqsa villages n. of Jerusalem for construction of the **separation wall**. The **Israeli High Court** rejects a petition to reroute a section of the **separation wall** that would envelope Bayt Hanina, Bir Naballah, al-Jadira, al-Jib, and Qalandia villages, cutting them off fr. the rest of the West Bank. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received in the 10/13 **IDF** attack on Abasan. (IFM, WP 11/26; MM, NYT, WP, WT 11/27; OCHA 11/29; PCHR 11/30; OCHA 12/13; PLONAD 2/14)

### 27 NOVEMBER

In the West Bank, the **IDF** makes an arrest raid on Qalqilya, killing **PRC mbr. 'Abd al-Raziq Bakir Nazzal, a bystander**; conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Nablus and nr. Bethlehem, Hebron (severely damaging an electricity network in al-Sammu'), Jenin. In retaliation for the deaths in Qalqilya, the **AMB** fires **2 rockets** fr. Gaza toward Israel; 1 lands in Gaza the other nr. Sederot, causing no damage or injuries. In Hebron, **4 Jewish settler women** fr. Ramat Yishai attack several Palestinian children, violently beating a 9-yr.-old girl. (NYT 11/28; OCHA 11/29; PCHR 11/30)

### 28 NOVEMBER

**Palestinians** fire a **rocket** fr. Gaza into Israel in violation of the cease-fire, causing no damage or injuries; **Olmert** expresses "frustration," but does not order a response. In the West Bank, the **IDF** sends an undercover unit in a vehicle with Palestinian license plates into Qabatya to arrest a wanted Palestinian; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Bayt Jala; demolishes **2 Palestinian homes** under construction nr. Nablus, **4 homes** in Jenin, **2 homes** nr. Hebron, **2 offices** of the Palestinian General Petrol Corp. (which supervises the import of fuel fr. Israeli companies in accordance with Israeli-Palestinian accords). (BBC 11/28; WT 11/29; OCHA 11/29; PCHR 11/30)

### 29 NOVEMBER

The **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in Balata r.c., Nablus and nr. Bethlehem, Hebron. (OCHA 12/6; PCHR 12/7)

### 30 NOVEMBER

The **IDF** troops on the n. Gaza border fire on, wound a Palestinian who strays nr. the border fence nr. Bayt Lahiya. In the West Bank, the **IDF** demolishes a Palestinian **home**, **3 shops**, a warehouse in Qalqilya as well as **1 home** in nearby Wad al-Rasha, **2 animal farms** in nearby Wad Qana, **2 homes** nr. Bethlehem; conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Nablus (firing on stone-throwing youths who confront them in Nablus, killing **1 Palestinian teenager**, wounding **3**), and nr. Bethlehem, Hebron, Jenin, Ramallah. In Hebron, **Israeli border police** fatally shoot a **Palestinian** who throws a Molotov cocktail at police, lightly injuring **1 officer**. (NYT 12/1, 12/2; OCHA 12/6; PCHR 12/7)

### 1 DECEMBER

The **AMB** fires a **rocket** fr. Gaza into Israel, violating the unilateral Palestinian truce but causing no damage or injuries. In the West Bank, the **IDF** patrols in Anabta nr. Tulkarm (firing on residential areas and shops, causing no casualties), 'Azun (firing on residential areas and stone-throwing youths who confront troops, wounding a **13-yr.-old Palestinian**), Tulkarm (firing on homes, causing no injuries); conducts arrest raids in Bayt Sahur. Possibly related to ongoing Fatah-Hamas violence, a **PSF officer** is found shot dead in his home in Jabaliya. (MM 12/1; NYT 12/2; OCHA 12/6; PCHR 12/7)

### 2 DECEMBER

The **IDF** patrols in al-Sammu' nr. Hebron, occupying a house as an observation post, search a car, firing tear gas at school children; searches homes nr. Kiryat Arba settlement in Hebron, occupying **2 as IDF posts** to protect the movement of local settlers; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Karma nr. Hebron; raids, seals the **al-Buraq Center for Islamic Studies** in Ramallah, confiscating documents, computers. A **10-yr.-old Palestinian boy** dies of injuries received fr. **IDF** fire on Jabaliya r.c. on 11/25. (OCHA 12/6; PCHR 12/7)

## 3 DECEMBER

**Israel** says it will not expand the Gaza cease-fire to the West Bank, noting that Palestinians have fired 15 **rockets** fr. Gaza into Israel since the unilateral truce went into effect on 11/26. **IDF** troops on the Gaza border e. of Gaza City fire on Palestinian farmers who stray too close to the border fence, causing no injuries. In the West Bank, the **IDF** fires on stone-throwing youths in 'Askar r.c. nr. Nablus, killing a **15-yr.-old Palestinian**; patrols in Hebron's al-Rajabi neighborhood, firing percussion grenades, severely beating a 16-yr.-old Palestinian boy who throws stones at troops; conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Ramallah and in Hebron, Nur al-Shams r.c. nr. Tulkarm, al-Sammu'. A **Jewish settler** injures 3 Palestinians in a deliberate hit-and-run at Hawara checkpoint outside Nablus. **Jewish settlers** fr. Haggai nr. Hebron fire on a Palestinian home in nearby Khirbat Qalqas, seriously wounding a 6-yr.-old Palestinian boy. Under **IDF** protection, **Jewish settler women** fr. Kiryat Arba hold a gathering on a plot of Palestinian land, which they have planned to confiscate for some time, adjacent to the settlement. (MM, NYT, WP 12/4; OCHA 12/6; PCHR 12/7; AIC 1/17)

## 4 DECEMBER

**IDF** troops on the n. Gaza border shoot, wound a Palestinian shepherd grazing his flock nr. the border fence. In the West Bank, the **IDF** sends an undercover unit into Tulkarm to arrest **wanted AMB mbr. 'Anan Ya'ish**, wounding and capturing Ya'ish, fatally shooting 1 **Palestinian bystander**, wounding a 2d; conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Hebron and in 'Askar r.c., 'Azun, Balata r.c., Bethlehem (arresting **Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine [PFLP] politburo mbr. Mahmud Fannun**). **Jewish settlers** fr. Haggai uproot 100 Palestinian olive trees in nearby Qalqas. (WP 12/5; OCHA 12/6; PCHR 12/7)

## 5 DECEMBER

The **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in Balata r.c., Kafr Dan nr. Jenin, Nablus. (OCHA 12/6; PCHR 12/7)

## 6 DECEMBER

**IDF** troops on the n. Gaza border fire on Palestinians collecting scrap metal nr.

the border fence, wounding 4. The **Israeli navy** fires on Palestinian fishermen w. of Rafah, damaging some boats but causing no injuries. The **AMB** fire 3 **rockets** fr. Gaza into Israel, causing no damage or injuries. Also in Gaza, **Palestinian haulers** hold a 1-day strike to protest new Israeli restrictions barring the passage of specific types of trailers through the Qarni industrial crossing. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in 'Askar r.c., Nablus, Qalqilya, al-Walaja nr. Bethlehem. Inside Israel, **Israeli police** demolish Israeli police demolish 17 **homes** in the unrecognized village of Twayyil in the Negev. (Palestine Information Center, *Palestine Times* [London] 12/6; MM, PCHR 12/7; IMEMC 12/12; OCHA 12/13; PCHR 12/14)

## 7 DECEMBER

**IDF** troops on the n. Gaza border shoot, wound 2 Palestinian farmers working his land nr. Bayt Lahiya, 2 Palestinians collecting scrap metal nr. the border fence outside Bayt Hanun. For a 2d day, the **Israeli navy** fires on Palestinian fishermen w. of Rafah, damaging some boats but causing no injuries. In the West Bank, the **IDF** raids al-Hurriyya and al-Siraj radio stations, confiscating equipment; conducts house searches in Jenin. (OCHA 12/13; PCHR 12/14)

## 8 DECEMBER

**IDF** troops on the n. Gaza border fire on Palestinians collecting scrap metal nr. the border fence nr. Bayt Hanun, wounding 2. For the 3d day, the **Israeli navy** fires on Palestinian fishermen w. of Rafah, damaging some boats but causing no injuries. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Jenin, Nablus. In Gaza, some 6,000 **Palestinians** turn out for 2 demonstrations in support of **Haniyeh**. (WT 12/9; OCHA 12/13; PCHR 12/14)

## 9 DECEMBER

The **IDF** conducts house searches in Hebron's al-Takrusi neighborhood. In Sa'ir nr. Hebron, 2 **Palestinians** are killed, 1 is wounded by unexploded IDF ordnance. **Jewish settlers** fr. Ramat Yishai in Hebron beat 3 Palestinian children ages 7-17. **Jewish settlers** fr. Kiryat Arba vandalize Palestinian homes in Hebron. In Bureij r.c., **ESF, Fatah mbrs.** exchange fire, leaving 1 bystander wounded. **PA security forces** in

Jenin protest the Hamas-led government's failure to pay back salaries. Some **1,000 PA security forces** protest on the same issue in Gaza, where demonstrators storm the PC building, fire in the air, exchange fire with PC security guards and the ESF. (OCHA 12/13; PCHR 12/14; AIC 1/17)

#### 10 DECEMBER

The **IDF** sends tanks, bulldozers into al-Qarara nr. Khan Yunis to bulldoze land, marking the IDF's 1st such incident since the 11/26 Gaza cease-fire when into effect. **IDF** troops on the Gaza border shoot, wound a Palestinian farmer working his land nr. the border fence outside Bayt Lahiya. In the West Bank, the **IDF** sends undercover units into Bethlehem to arrest **PA intelligence officer Muhammad Salahat**, no explanation is given; patrols in Jenin, Tulkarm town and r.c. (firing on residential areas, causing no injuries); conducts arrest raids, house searches in Balata r.c., in and around Hebron. In Gaza, **suspected Fatah gunmen** open fire on **Hamas-affiliated Interior M Said Siyam's** convoy in an apparent assassination attempt, causing no injuries. (NYT, WP 12/12; OCHA 12/13; PCHR 12/14)

#### 11 DECEMBER

In the West Bank, the **IDF** sends an undercover unit into Tulkarm in a vehicle with Palestinian license plates to arrest 3 wanted Palestinians; demolishes a Palestinian **home** in Issawiyya nr. Jerusalem, partially demolishes a 2d home in nearby Ras al-Amud; conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Hebron and in 'Askar r.c., Nablus, Qalqilya (firing percussion grenades into a Palestinian home causing a **56-yr.-old Palestinian woman** to have a fatal heart attack). A **Palestinian** fires at an IDF checkpoint btwn. Sanur and Qabatya nr. Jenin, injuring 1 soldier. In Gaza City, **suspected Hamas gunmen** open fire on the car of **PA General Intelligence col. and Fatah mbr. Baha Balusha** on its way to drop off Balusha's children at school, killing all **3 children** (ages 6-9), **the driver**, wounding a bodyguard, 2 children outside the school in a failed assassination attempt; the gunmen are dispersed by **ESF** mbrs. who return fire; **Hamas** denounces the shooting as a "gruesome crime"; no group claims responsibility. (MM 12/11; NYT, WP, WT 12/12; OCHA 12/13; PCHR 12/14; MM 1/10)

#### 12 DECEMBER

**IDF** troops on the n. Gaza border nr. Bayt Hanun open fire on Palestinian farmers who stray too nr. the border fence, seriously injuring 1. **Palestinians** fire **3 rockets** fr. Gaza into Israel, causing no damage or injuries, bringing to 21 the number of rockets fired since the Gaza cease-fire went into effect on 11/26. In the West Bank, the **IDF** demolishes a Palestinian **home** in al-Walaja nr. Bethlehem; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Abu Dis, Jenin town and r.c., and nr. Bethlehem, Tulkarm; bars a **Palestinian** heart attack victim fr. crossing a checkpoint to reach a hospital in Nablus, allowing him to die. Following the 12/11 attack on Balusha's car in Gaza City, **Abbas** deploys extra security forces under his command across the Strip, sparking an exchange of gunfire btwn. **Fatah, Hamas** mbrs. during a Fatah demonstration in Khan Yunis against the killings, leaving 4 Fatah mbrs. injured. Inside Israel, **Israeli police** demolish **4 homes** in the unrecognized village of Um Mitnan in the Negev. (MEMC, MM 12/12; OCHA, WP 12/13; PCHR 12/14)

#### 13 DECEMBER

**IDF troops** at Gaza's Qarni crossing fatally shoot a **Palestinian** who strays close to the border fence, marking the 1st IDF killing since the 11/26 cease-fire went into effect. **Israeli naval vessels** fire on Palestinian fisherman off the coast nr. Rafah, wounding 3. In the West Bank, a **Palestinian** stabs, wounds a private Israeli security contractor at Qalandia checkpoint outside Jerusalem. The **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in 'Askar r.c., Balata r.c., Tulkarm r.c. and nr. Bethlehem, Hebron, Jenin, Nablus, Qalqilya; begins work on a new segment of the **separation wall** s. of Tulkarm that will isolate 2,000 d. of Palestinian land btwn. the wall and the Green Line. The **Israeli High Court** rules that a section of the **separation wall** northeast of Jerusalem btwn. Dahiyat al-Barid and al-Rama may stand. In Jenin, **AMB** gunmen fire on the governorate building, set fire to a **PA police** station, exchange fire with police (injuring a 14-yr.-old bystander) to protest the fatal PA police shooting of an AMB mbr. in an incident involving a stolen vehicle. In Nussayrat r.c., **unidentified assailants** throw an explosive device into a crowd of **Hamas** supporters holding a rally, injuring several. In Gaza City, **ESF, PSF**

mbrs. exchange fire, wounding a Palestinian girl. In Khan Yunis, **suspected Fatah gunmen** assassinate **Hamas cmdr. Bassam al-Farra**, forcing him to kneel, shooting him execution-style; **Haniyeh**, currently in the **Sudan**, cuts short his regional tour to return to Gaza to deal with the escalating intra-Palestinian violence. (NYT, PCHR, WP, WT 12/14; OCHA 12/20; PCHR 12/21; AIC 1/17)

#### 14 DECEMBER

**Israel** closes the Rafah border to prevent **Haniyeh** fr. returning to Gaza, alleging that Haniyeh's delegation intended to bring in some \$30 m. in cash donations collected during his 16-day regional tour. In response, **10s of Hamas mbrs.** raid the Rafah crossing, exchanging fire with expelling **Presidential Guard mbrs.** guarding the post, occupying the transit hall on the Palestinian side of the border, later trading fire with **Egyptian border police**, leaving 15 Palestinians (mostly Hamas mbrs.) injured. Late in the evening, **Israel** allows Haniyeh to cross Rafah without the money, which is escorted to the Arab League by 2 Hamas officials under an arrangement brokered by **Egyptian intelligence chief Omar Sulayman**. **Suspected Fatah mbrs.** fire on Haniyeh's convoy as it crosses into Gaza in an apparent assassination attempt, killing **Haniyeh's bodyguard**, wounding his son and a political adviser, more than 10 other Palestinians; **Hamas** accuses **fmr. PA security chief and powerful Fatah PC mbr. Muhammad Dahlan** of orchestrating the attack; Dahlan denies responsibility. Separately in Gaza, **PA security forces** arrest **PRC mbr. Hisham Mukhaymar** for participation in the 12/11 shooting death of intelligence official **Balusha's** children, sparking an exchange of gunfire btwn. PRC mbrs. and PA security forces. **PRC mbrs.** later kidnap a **PA security officer**, saying he would not be released until Mukhaymar is freed. In the West Bank, **suspected Fatah gunmen** fire on a rally in Balata r.c. marking Hamas's 19th anniversary, leaving 4 Hamas supporters wounded. Other rallies to mark **Hamas's** anniversary are held in Qalqilya, Tulkarm. Meanwhile, the **IDF** moves tanks, bulldozers 100 m into n. Gaza nr. Bayt Hanun, but no land leveling is reported. **Palestinians** fire 1 **rocket** fr. Gaza into **Israel** in violation of the 11/26 cease-fire, causing no damage or injuries. In the West Bank, the **IDF** sends undercover units in 2 vehicles with Palestinian

license plates into 'Ayn Bayt al-Ma' r.c. nr. Nablus to ambush, assassinate **wanted AMB mbr. Muhammad Zaytawi**, wounding 1 woman, 5 children; fires on stone-throwing youths nr. Ariel settlement, fatally shooting a **Palestinian** bystander; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Hebron, Tulkarm (confiscating film fr. journalists covering the incident). (BBC, al-Jazeera, REU 12/14; NYT, WP, WT 12/15; OCHA 12/20; PCHR 12/21)

#### 15 DECEMBER

The **IDF** patrols in al-Sammu' (firing flash bombs and live ammunition, searching a police station, causing no injuries), al-Zahiriyya nr. Hebron (searching cars, firing on weapons, percussion grenades, causing no injuries); conducts arrest raids, house searches in Nablus. To mark the 19th anniversary of the movement, **Hamas supporters** stage rallies across Gaza and the West Bank after Friday prayers, with **Haniyeh** addressing 10,000s of supporters in Gaza City, where he said that his government has the names of those involved in the 12/14 assassination attempt against him and will turn them over to the Interior Min. for investigation; **Fatah mbrs.** fire on some rallies in Gaza but cause no injuries. At a large rally in Ramallah, **PA security forces** controlled by **Abbas** clash with **Hamas supporters**, who denounce **Fatah** for the 2/14 attempted assassination of Haniyeh, beating marchers and firing into crowds, killing a **14-yr-old Palestinian**, wounding 32 unarmed Hamas supporters. A **14-yr-old Palestinian boy** injured in clashes btwn. the AMB and PA police in Jenin on 12/13 dies. (BBC, REU 12/15; NYT, REU, WP, WT 12/16; OCHA 12/20; PCHR 12/21)

#### 16 DECEMBER

**Jewish settlers** fr. Haggai settlement nr. Hebron vandalize nearby Palestinian homes. **Jewish settlers** fr. Suissa nr. Hebron uproot 60 Palestinian olive trees in nearby al-Sammu'. **Jewish settlers** fr. Avigail nr. Hebron rampage through nearby Um Fagarah village. **Jewish settlers** rampage through Madama village nr. Nablus, fire in the air, attack local Palestinians before being evacuated by the **IDF**. **Fatah mbrs.** hold rallies in Gaza, Jenin, Nablus, Qalqilya, Ramallah, Tubas, Tulkarm to celebrate **Abbas's** decision today to call for early elections; in Gaza, **Fatah** and **Hamas** mbrs. clash, exchange fire, leaving 18 Palestinians injured



(7 wounded by gunfire). Angry over the death of a Palestinian boy in Jenin on 12/15, **Palestinian gunmen** briefly kidnap a PA official, release him unharmed. (AP 12/16; NYT, WT 12/17; OCHA 12/20; PCHR 12/21; AIC 1/17)

### 17 DECEMBER

In the West Bank, the **IDF** patrols in Jenin, searching several stores; conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Hebron; demolishes a new addition to a Palestinian home nr. Hebron. In a predawn raid on a Force 17 training camp in Gaza, **suspected Hamas gunmen** kill a **Force 17 officer**. In Gaza City, **suspected Fatah gunmen** fire on **PA FM Mahmud Zahhar's** motorcade in an apparent assassination attempt, causing no injuries. Hrs. later, **suspected Hamas mbrs.** direct gunfire, several mortars at the presidential compound in Gaza City (Abbas is not there), hitting inside the compound and a nearby home, wounding 5 Palestinians; in response, **PA security forces** under Abbas's control take over the Agriculture and Transportation Mins. to "secure the area." **Fatah-Hamas** clashes continue in Gaza City and Jabaliya, leaving at least **3 Palestinians** dead (a PSF colonel, a Presidential Guard mbr., a female bystander), at least 24 wounded. After nightfall, **senior PA security officer and Fatah mbr. Col. Adnan Rahmi** is found shot dead in n. Gaza. **Fatah mbrs.** kidnap several **Hamas mbrs.** in n. Gaza. In the evening, **Fatah, Hamas** agree on a cease-fire, removing armed mbrs. fr. the streets. (NYT, WP, WT 12/17; OCHA 12/20; PCHR 12/21)

### 18 DECEMBER

The **IDF** raids, occupies a Palestinian home in Nablus as an observation post. **Jewish settlers** set up tents at the evacuated Homesh settlement site. Dozens of **Jewish settlers** fr. several settlements in the Nablus march through Wadi Malih village e. of Tubas, rally in the area throughout the day, preventing Palestinian farmers fr. working their land. The **Fatah-Hamas** truce holds during the day, but in the evening, **Hamas mbrs.** kidnap and briefly hold **fmr. Fatah PC mbr. Sufian Abu Zayda** in n. Gaza; **Fatah mbrs.** kidnap and briefly hold **local Hamas leader Imad Deeb** in n. Gaza, also releasing several Hamas mbrs. kidnapped on 12/17; **Hamas, Fatah gunmen** trade fire in Jabaliya r.c., leaving **1 Fatah mbr.** dead,

12 Palestinians wounded; **PA security officers, ESF mbrs.** trade fire in Gaza City, wounding 2 bystanders; **suspected Hamas gunmen** open fire on a car carrying **Fatah mbrs.** in Gaza City, wounding 1 Palestinian. (NYT, WP, WT 12/19; OCHA 12/20; PCHR 12/21)

### 19 DECEMBER

An **IDF** soldier is lightly injured by a roadside bomb placed along the Gaza border fence. In the West Bank, the **IDF** sends an undercover unit into Nablus in 2 vehicles with Palestinian license plates to ambush a carload of **AMB mbrs.**, assassinating **AMB mbr. 'Inab Abu Kishik**, wounding 2 others; sends an undercover unit in a taxi with Palestinian license plates into al-Til where they ambush, assassinate **local AMB leader Muhammad Hamad**, wounding 1 bystander; fatally shoots a **13-yr.-old Palestinian girl** who strays close to the separation wall nr. Tulkarm; conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Hebron and in Allar and al-Til nr. Tulkarm, 'Askar r.c., Balata r.c., Bethlehem, Nablus. **Jewish settlers** leave the Homesh settlement site after camping there overnight. **Jewish settlers** fr. Emmanuel bulldoze Palestinian land in Qalqilya to expand the settlement. **Fatah-Hamas** clashes continue across Gaza throughout the day (involving automatic weapons fire, mortars, RPGs), leaving **6 Palestinians** dead, at least 22 wounded: an **ESF mbr.** is shot dead, 11 Palestinians are wounded in an hr.-long exchange with **Fatah mbrs.** outside al-Shifa hospital; 2 **Fatah mbrs.** are killed and 9 wounded in an ambush in Gaza City; 2 **Fatah mbrs.** are kidnapped, killed and a **Hamas mbr.** is fatally shot elsewhere in Gaza. In the evening, **Egyptian mediators** in Gaza bring together Interior M **Siyam** with the **heads of the Fatah-dominated PA security forces** to broker a new cease-fire agmt. that goes into effect immediately; the sides also agree to form a joint operating center to coordinate all of the security forces. A **Palestinian** wounded in the 12/14 **IDF** assassination of **AMB mbr. Zaytawi** in 'Ayn Bayt al-Ma' r.c. dies. (NYT, WT 12/20; OCHA 12/20; PCHR 12/21; AIC 1/17)

### 20 DECEMBER

**IDF** troops on the n. Gaza border nr. Bayt Lahiya fire on a group of Palestinian farmers who stray too nr. the border fence, wounding 1. The **Israeli navy** fire machine guns at

Palestinian fishing boats off the Rafah coast, damaging several but causing no injuries.

**Palestinians** fire 9 **rockets** fr. Gaza into Israel, causing no damage or injuries. In the West Bank, the **IDF** makes an overnight arrest raid on Silat al-Harithiyya, exchanging fire with and fatally shooting 2 **wanted Islamic Jihad mbrs.**; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Bayt Sahur (raiding the offices of the Islamic Association), Dahaysha r.c. nr. Bethlehem. The **Fatah-Hamas** cease-fire in Gaza generally holds, though just after it is announced, **PA Preventive Security Force (PSF) mbrs.** controlled by Abbas fire on a group of **Hamas mbrs.** in Gaza City, sparking an exchange that leaves 2 **PSF mbrs.** dead. During a funeral process for the men in Gaza City later in the day, Fatah mbrs. fire in the air, set cars on fire, but cause no injuries. (IFM, NYT, PCHR 12/21; OCHA 12/27; PCHR 12/28)

#### 21 DECEMBER

The **IDF** patrols in Tulkarm town and r.c.; conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Bethlehem, Hebron. **Palestinians** fire 6 **rockets** fr. Gaza into Israel, lightly injuring a 2-yr.-old Israeli boy. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received when the Israeli navy fired on the Rafah coast on 12/13. (MM 12/22; NYT, WT 12/23; OCHA 12/27; PCHR 12/28)

#### 22 DECEMBER

**Palestinians** fire at least 5 **rockets** fr. Gaza into Israel, causing no damage or injuries; 1 rocket lands inside Gaza, injuring a 2-yr.-old Palestinian boy; **Hamas** says that it has not fired any of the nearly 50 rockets fired since the 11/26 Gaza truce was declared; **Islamic Jihad** has taken responsibility for many. **Jewish** settlers fr. Tal Rumayda stone a Palestinian girl, vandalize her family's home in Hebron. **Abbas** blocks a number of government appointments made by **Hamas-led PA offices.** In Gaza City, a **Fatah**-linked clan kidnaps a **Hamas** mbr., sparking heaving exchanges of fire btwn. Fatah-Hamas supporters that leaves 1 **Hamas** mbr. dead. In Nablus, **PA security forces loyal to Abbas** fire on a group of 1,000 **Hamas** supporters celebrating the anniversary of the movement's founding, wounding 9; Fatah-Hamas tensions have been high in Nablus, where Fatah protests the Hamas-led PA's efforts to form an ESF branch under Siyam's control. (MM 12/22; NYT, WP, WT 12/23; OCHA 12/27; PCHR 12/28; AIC 1/17)

#### 23 DECEMBER

The **Israeli navy** fires 4 shells at Palestinian fishing boats off the Bayt Lahiya coast, causing no damage or injuries, but forcing fishermen to retreat to shore. In Rafah, **Fatah security officer Maj. Hassan Jarbuh** is seriously wounded in a drive-by shooting; Fatah blames **Hamas**, which denies responsibility. (NYT 12/24; OCHA 12/27; PCHR 12/28)

In Jerusalem, **Abbas, Olmert** hold talks on resuming the peace process and ways of improving Abbas position relative to Hamas, marking the 1st formal mtg. of PA and Israeli leaders since 2/05. (HA 12/28) (IFM, NYT, WP, WT 12/24; *International Herald Tribune* 12/27; HA 12/28; NYT 12/29) (see Quarterly Update for details)

#### 24 DECEMBER

The **Israeli navy** fires a shell at Palestinian fishing boats off the Bayt Lahiya coast, causing no damage or injuries. **Islamic Jihad** fires several **rockets** fr. Gaza into Israel, causing no damage or injuries; the **IDF** warns that if the rocket fire of recent days continues, it will lead to an Israeli response. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in Nablus, nr. Hebron. (NYT 12/25; OCHA 12/27; PCHR 12/28)

#### 25 DECEMBER

**Palestinians** fire 4 **rockets** fr. Gaza into Israel, 2 at the Israeli side of the Qarni crossing, causing no damage or injuries. In the West Bank, the **IDF** sends an undercover unit into Qabatya in 2 vehicles with Palestinian license plates to arrest 2 wanted Palestinians, also arresting 9 other Palestinians (including a PA intelligence officer, a PSF officer, and a police officer) and firing on stone-throwing youths who confront them, wounding 3; sends an undercover unit in a vehicle with Palestinian license plates into Jenin to arrest 2 wanted Palestinians; conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Qalqilya, in Azariyya nr. Jerusalem, and nr. Bethlehem, Hebron. (WP 12/26; OCHA 12/27; PCHR 12/28)

#### 26 DECEMBER

**IDF** troops on the n. Gaza border shoot, wound a Palestinian farmer working his land nr. the border fence e. of Bayt Lahiya. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids,

house searches in and around Hebron, nr. Bethlehem, and in Aida r.c., Jenin (detaining a senior **Islamic Jihad** cmdr.), Nablus; begins work on a new segment of the **separation wall** s. of Bethlehem nr. Um Salamuna; fences off areas along a settler bypass road through Jinata village nr. Bethlehem, declaring the areas closed military zones. (In response to the Jenin arrest, **Islamic Jihad** fires 7 **rockets** fr. Gaza into Israel, seriously wounding 2 13-yr.-old Israeli boys in Sederot.) **Israel** announces approval for a new **Jewish settlement**, Maskiyot, in the n. Jordan Valley, where construction work to house 23 settler families evacuated fr. Shirat Hayam in the Gaza disengagement began several mos. ago, though 100 families are expected to move there in the near future; the approval violates pledges to the **U.S.** to halt settlement expansion and marking the government's 1st official announcement of a new settlement since 1992 (though more than 100 unauthorized settlements have been built since 3/01); **Israel** claims the settlement is not new but the revival of a settlement approved in 1981; the site has been in use as an IDF base. (NYT, OCHA, WP, WT 12/27; PCHR 12/28)

### 27 DECEMBER

**Olmert** authorizes the **IDF** to resume "pinpoint" attacks on Palestinians firing rockets into Israel, but says that **Israel** remains committed to the 11/26 truce and would work with the **PA** to halt rocket fire. The **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Hebron. **Jewish settlers** fr. Tene nr. Hebron bulldoze 200 d. of nearby Palestinian wheat crops. (IFM 12/27; NYT, PCHR, WP, WT 12/28; OCHA 1/3; PCHR 1/11; AIC 1/17)

### 28 DECEMBER

The **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in Bayt Fajjar and Bayt Jala nr. Bethlehem. (OCHA 1/3; PCHR 1/11)

### 29 DECEMBER

**IDF** troops on the Gaza border shoot, wound a 14-yr.-old Palestinian who strays nr. the border fence n. of Bayt Hanun while hunting birds. The **Israeli navy** fires on Palestinian fisherman off the Rafah coast, arrests 3. In Gaza City, 2 **Hamas mbrs.** are killed when explosives they are handling detonate prematurely. (OCHA 1/3; PCHR 1/11)

### 30 DECEMBER

The **IDF** conducts overnight arrest raids, house searches in Jenin town and r.c. In Bureij r.c., a bomb explodes under a **PSF officer's** car, causing no injuries; no one takes responsibility. (OCHA 1/3; PCHR 1/11)

### 31 DECEMBER

In Gaza, the **IDF** sends troops into areas on the outskirts of Jabaliya r.c., fires on Palestinians hunting birds, wounding 2. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in al-'Arub r.c., Yatta, and nr. Tulkarm. (OCHA 1/3; PCHR 1/11)

### 1 JANUARY

The **Israeli navy** fires on Palestinian fishing boats off the Rafah coast, causing no damage or injuries. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Jenin and in Aida r.c., Bayt Fajjar. In Jabaliya r.c., a **Hamas** mbr. shoots, wounds the brother of a senior **Fatah** mbr., violating a deal for a general truce btwn. the factions and prompting **Fatah** mbrs. to seize 10 **Hamas** mbrs., sparking an exchange of gunfire (leaving 3 wounded, including at least 1 bystander) and the retaliatory kidnapping of 7 **Fatah** mbrs.; **Fatah** releases 7 of the **Hamas** mbrs. later in the day. In Gaza City, **unidentified gunmen** kidnap **Peruvian AFP photographer Jaime Razuri**; the **Daghmash clan**, reportedly behind the 8/27 kidnapping of 2 Fox News journalists in a bid to gain control of the local PRC faction, is reportedly behind the kidnapping, demanding that **Hamas** handover several mbrs. responsible for killing clan mbrs. in exchange for **Razuri's** release. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 1/2; OCHA 1/3; NYT 1/7; PCHR 1/11)

### 2 JANUARY

The **Israeli navy** fires 7 shells at Palestinian fishing boats off the Bayt Lahiya coast, causing no injuries, but forcing the boats to return to shore. **Palestinian militants** fire **mortars** at Qarni crossing, lightly injuring an Israeli truck driver. In Bayt Lahiya, a **Hamas mbr.** dies, 1 is wounded when a bomb he is handling explodes prematurely. In the West Bank, the **IDF** sends undercover units into Tulkarm in a vehicle with Palestinian license plates to arrest a wanted Palestinian; sends undercover units into Balata in 2 vehicles

with Palestinian license plates to arrest a wanted Palestinian, exchanging fire with the suspect, wounding him and a 2d Palestinian; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Tubas. **Fatah, Hamas** mbrs. in Jabaliya r.c. release all remaining mbrs. kidnapped on 1/1. **Fatah, Hamas** mbrs. exchange fire in Bayt Lahiya, wounding 2 Palestinians. (MM 1/2; OCHA, WP 1/3; PCHR 1/11)

### 3 JANUARY

**IDF** soldiers on the n. Gaza border fire on a group of Palestinians scavenging in the fmr. Dugit settlement site n. of Bayt Lahiya, wounding 1. **IDF** soldiers on the central Gaza border fire on Palestinian shepherds who stray nr. the border fence nr. Bureij r.c., causing no injuries. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in Bayt Kahil, Tubas, and nr. Bethlehem, Tulkarm (targeting **Islamic Jihad**); issues a military order confiscating 200 d. of Palestinian land nr. Tulkarm to build a fence around **Avnei Hefetz** settlement. The **Israeli High Court** rules that **Palestinian residents of al-Hadidiyya** (pop. 80) in the Jordan Valley pose a security threat to **Jewish settlers in Ro'i settlement** and must vacate the village by 2/10 or face eviction. In Bayt Lahiya, **suspected Hamas gunmen** fatally shoot an **AMB mbr.**; **suspected Fatah mbrs.** ambush an **ESF** patrol, wounding 2 **ESF** mbrs.; suspected **Hamas** mbrs. then kidnap 4 **Fatah** mbrs. In Khan Yunis, **PSF** and **ESF** forces clash, leaving 3 **PSF officers** dead (each side claims the other fired first); **suspected Hamas mbrs.** kidnap a **PSF** officer. In Jabaliya r.c, **Fatah, Hamas** mbrs. exchange gunfire, killing 1 **Palestinian bystander**, wounding 9 Palestinians. In Tulkarm, **unidentified gunmen** fire on the Religious Affairs Min., causing no injuries. (REU 1/3; MM, NYT, WP, WT 1/4; OCHA 1/10; PCHR 1/11; OCHA 1/31)

### 4 JANUARY

The **IDF** makes its largest daylight arrest raid in the West Bank in more than 2 yrs., sending troops, armored vehicles, bulldozers into Ramallah, with helicopter support, arresting 4 and sparking an exchange of gunfire that leaves 4 **Palestinians** dead (including at least 3 bystanders), more than 20 wounded (including a journalist); the main target, **local AMB leader Rabi'a Hamad**, is wounded but escapes. In reaction **Abbas** issues a statement saying that the raid

proves that "Israeli calls for peace and security are fake." **Haniyeh** again cuts short his regional tour to return to Gaza to deal with factional violence. In accordance with new security arrangements agreed by **Abbas, Israel, the U.S., and European Union (EU)** on 1/3, **Haniyeh** is forced to undergo a stringent security check before being allowed back into Gaza. In addition, the **IDF** sends undercover units into al-Duha nr. Bethlehem in a vehicle with Palestinian license plates, where they shoot, wound, arrest a wanted Palestinian; conducts arrest raids, house searches in al-Khadir nr. Bethlehem. Meanwhile, **IDF** troops on the Gaza border fire on Palestinian farmers working their land nr. the border fence n. of Bayt Lahiya, wounding 4. **Suspected Fatah mbrs.** ambush an **ESF** convoy in Bayt Lahiya, killing 1 **ESF mbr.**, wounding 2. Later in the evening, **ESF** mbrs. surround the Bayt Lahiya home of **PSF Col. Muhammad Gharib**, who was allegedly involved in the ambush, sparking an exchange of gunfire and RPGs that leaves **Gharib, 4 of his guards** dead, at least 36 Palestinians wounded (including 8 children). In al-Maghazi and Dayr al-Balah, 5 Palestinians are wounded in clashes btwn. **Fatah, Hamas** supporters. **Hamas** releases **Fatah mbrs.** kidnapped in Bayt Lahiya on 1/3 in a deal brokered by smaller factions. In Gaza City, a **Hamas mbr.** dies of injuries he received on 1/3 when a bomb he was handling exploded prematurely. In Jenin, **unidentified assailants** set fire to car of the **PA Prison Affairs M.** (HA, MM 1/4; MM, NYT, WP, WT 1/5; NYT 1/6; HA 1/7; MM 1/8, 1/9; OCHA 1/10; PCHR 1/11; MM 1/12)

### 5 JANUARY

**Egyptian security forces** blow up a smuggler's tunnel on the Rafah border. **Islamic Jihad** fires 3 **rockets** fr. Gaza into Israel, causing no damage or injuries. In the West Bank, **Jewish** settlers fr. Suissa nr. Hebron, begin work on a new settlers-only bypass road that will confiscate or isolate up to 150 d. of Palestinian land. In Gaza City, **unidentified gunmen** fatally shoot a **prominent local imam 'Adil Nassar**, known to be highly critical of **Hamas**; no group claims responsibility. Separately, **suspected Fatah mbrs.** throw a grenade, open fire on 2 **Hamas** mbrs., seriously wounding them. **Two Palestinians** wounded in the attack on **PSF Col. Gharib's** home on 1/4 die. In Jenin, **unidentified assailants** set fire to an Islamic club, the Teachers' Comm.

building. (MM 1/5; NYT, WP 1/6; OCHA 1/10; PCHR 1/11; AIC 2/13)

## 6 JANUARY

**IDF** troops on the Gaza border fire on residential areas of Bayt Lahiya, wounding 1 Palestinian; fire on residential areas of al-Qarara in s. Gaza, causing no injuries. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in Nablus (detaining a PA Military Intelligence officer whose brother is wanted). In Gaza City, the **Daghmash clan** kidnaps several **Hamas mbrs.**; later in the day, **Daghmash mbrs.** fatally shoot **3 mbrs. of the Diri clan**, a pro-Hamas family, and wound 5 others. In the West Bank, **suspected Fatah gunmen** kidnap **Dep. Mayor of Nablus Mahdi Hambali** in Nablus, **Interior Min. official Ibad Ghidhan** from the Interior Min. offices in Ramallah; Ghidhan is shot, wounded, released later in the day. **Suspected Fatah mbrs.** also shoot, wound **Hamas-affiliated al-Najah University lecturer Marwan Qaddumi** in his home in Nablus. In Hebron, **AMB mbrs.** enforce a strike, prevent stores fr. opening to protest **Hamas** attacks in Gaza. In Gaza City, a **Hamas mbr.** dies of injuries he sustained on 12/29 when explosives he was handling detonated prematurely. (HA, NYT, WT 1/7; OCHA 1/10; PCHR 1/11)

## 7 JANUARY

In Gaza, **IDF** soldiers in the Erez industrial zone fire on Palestinians collecting scrap metal nr. the site, wounding 1. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids nr. Jenin, Qalqilya and in Aida r.c., Balata r.c., Nablus (detaining a PA General Intelligence officer). AFP photographer **Razuri** is released unharmed in Gaza City. **Fatah gunmen** release a video of Nablus dep. mayor **Hambali**, kidnapped on 1/6, threatening to expand attacks on **Hamas** if the **ESF** is not disbanded. (NYT, WP, WT 1/8; OCHA, WT 1/10; PCHR 1/11)

## 8 JANUARY

For the 2d day, **IDF** troops stationed in the Erez industrial zone fire at Palestinians collecting scrap metal nr. the border fence, wounding 1. **Palestinians** fire a **rocket** fr. Gaza into Israel, causing no damage or injuries. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in Abu Dis, Azariyya, Nablus, and Qabatya, in and around

Hebron, and nr. Jenin, Tulkarm. **Israel's Local Committee at the Jerusalem Municipality** submits plans to build 1,000 housing units in the East Jerusalem settlement of Har Homa. Plans reportedly are also being drafted to expand the Jewish settlements of Ramat Rachel, Mei Naftuah, New Arnona, Gilo, and Givat Hamatos. In Ramallah, **unidentified assailants** attempt to kidnap the acting mayor of al-Bireh; **unknown gunmen** fire on the offices of **fmr. PA Finance M Salam Fayyad**, causing no injuries; **suspected Fatah mbrs.** fire on 13 shops and offices run by Hamas mbrs., set fire to 1. In Gaza, **10,000s of Fatah supporters** hold the largest Fatah rally since 1994 marking the 42d anniversary of the movement; speeches by Fatah leaders focus on rallying support for Fatah and against Hamas (see Quarterly Update for details). (MM, YA 1/8; MM 1/9; OCHA 1/10; PCHR 1/11; OCHA 1/17)

## 9 JANUARY

For a 3d day, **IDF** troops at the Erez crossing fire at Palestinians collecting scrap metal nr. the border fence, wounding 1 Palestinian. In the 1st such incident since the Gaza cease-fire went into effect on 11/26, an **Islamic Jihad** mbr. receives a phone call fr. the **IDF** warning him to evacuate his home pending an air strike; family and neighbors surround the home and no strike is carried out. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Bethlehem, in Silat al-Harithiyya, nr. Nablus. Inside Israel, **Israeli forces** demolish 21 bedouin homes in Twayyil in the Negev. An **ESF** mbr. is injured in an exchange of fire btwn. **ESF, Fatah mbrs.** in Bayt Lahiya. **ESF, Force 17 mbrs.** clash nr. Abbas's office in Gaza City, leaving a Force 17 mbr. wounded. After nearly 6 mos. of silence, the **PRC faction** holding captured **IDF Cpl. Gilad Shalit** say that he is in "good health" and is being treated according to "Islamic standards." (Negev Co-existence Forum press release 1/9; OCHA, WP, WT 1/10; PCHR 1/11)

## 10 JANUARY

The **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in Jericho and neighboring 'Aqabat Jabir r.c., Qalqilya, Tamun and nr. Hebron. The **Israeli navy** fire 7 shells at Palestinian fishing boats nr. Rafah, forcing the boats back to shore, causing no injuries; later in the day arrests 6 Palestinian fishermen off the Rafah

coast, confiscating 2 boats. Inside Israel, the **Israel Lands Authority** issues demolition orders for a Palestinian playground in the unrecognized village of Dahamesh nr. Ramla, stating it was built illegally on state land and “represents an incursion into farmland beyond the boundaries of the unrecognized settlement”; children in Dahamesh had no safe place to play before the playground was built with EU donor funds. In Gaza City, **DFLP, PFLP, Islamic Jihad mbrs.** hold a sit-in to protest ongoing Fatah-Hamas violence. Meanwhile, **ESF, Fatah mbrs.** exchange fire in Bayt Lahiya, wounding 1 ESF mbr. A **Force 17 mbr.** injured in clashes with Fatah in Gaza City on 1/9 dies. In the West Bank, **suspected Fatah mbrs.** vandalize, set fire to offices of the Jinata municipality (controlled by Hamas) nr. Bethlehem. (HA 1/10; PCHR 1/11; OCHA 1/17; PCHR 1/18)

### 11 JANUARY

**IDF** troops on the s. Gaza border fire on Palestinian shepherds who stray close to the border fence e. of al-Maghazi r.c., causing no injuries. The **Israeli navy** fires on Palestinian fishing boats of the Gaza coast nr. Shatti' r.c., wounding 1 fisherman, damaging 1 boat. In the West Bank, the **IDF** sends undercover units into Jenin in 2 vehicles with Palestinian license plates to arrest 2 wanted Palestinians; conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Bethlehem, Hebron. Under **IDF** escort, **Jewish settlers** fr. Suissa continue to bulldoze large areas of Palestinian agricultural land in Yatta for construction of a settler bypass road (50 d. are razed by 1/14, with another 100 d. expected to be leveled). In Battir nr. Bethlehem, **Fatah, PFLP mbrs.** exchange fire, leaving 4 Palestinians wounded. (OCHA 1/17; PCHR 1/18)

### 12 JANUARY

**Egyptian troops** demolish a smugglers' tunnel on the Rafah border. In the West Bank, the **IDF** patrols in Tamun; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Bayt Kahil. **PA security forces, ESF mbrs.** exchange fire in Jabaliya r.c., wounding 1 Palestinian. Later, **PA security forces, ESF mbrs.** in Jabaliya clash again after the PA forces discover a tunnel under their base; no one is injured. (OCHA 1/17; PCHR 1/18)

### 13 JANUARY

The **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Bethlehem. **Jewish settlers** in Hebron beat a 13-yr.-old Palestinian boy. The **Fatah-aligned PA Government Employees Union** (GEU; comprising some 80,000 members, about half of public workers, including 25,000 healthcare workers and 37,000 teachers) ends a strike that began on 9/2 to protest the Hamas-led PA's failure to pay salaries (see Quarterly Update in *JPS* 142); the workers are to receive 1-mo.'s salary immediately, with the remaining back salaries paid in installments over the next 6 mos. In Jabaliya r.c., **unidentified gunmen** shoot, wound 2 **PRC mbrs.** (NYT 1/14; OCHA 1/17; PCHR 1/18)

**U.S. Secy. of State Condoleezza Rice** begins a 3-day tour of Israel, Ramallah, Egypt, Jordan to explore with **Olmert, Abbas, Pres. Husni Mubarak of Egypt, King Abdallah of Jordan** the possibilities of reviving road map implementation and Israeli-Palestinian negotiations. (IFM, NYT, State Dept. press release, WP, WT 1/14; IFM, MM, NYT, WP, WT 1/15 MM, NYT, WP, WT 1/16; MM 1/18) (see Quarterly Update for details)

### 14 JANUARY

**IDF** troops on the Gaza border fire several tank shells killing 2 **PRC mbrs.** planting a roadside bomb nr. the border fence n. of Bayt Hanun. **IDF** troops on the s. Gaza border fire on Palestinian shepherds who stray close to the border fence e. of al-Maghazi r.c., causing no injuries. The **IDF** also send troops, bulldozers into Abasan to level land nr. the border with Israel. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Bethlehem and in and around Jenin town and r.c., Nablus. (NYT 1/15; OCHA 1/17; PCHR 1/18)

### 15 JANUARY

In Gaza, the **IDF** sends bulldozers into al-Qarara to level land along the border with Israel. **Palestinians** fire 2 **rockets** fr. Gaza into Israel, causing no damage or injuries. **Islamic Jihad mbrs.** detonate a roadside bomb nr. and IDF vehicle patrolling the border fence e. of Khan Yunis, drawing IDF fire; no injuries are reported on either side. In the West Bank, the **IDF** imposes a curfew on Hawara nr. Nablus, bulldozes 8 d. of Palestinian land nr. the Hawara checkpoint; conducts arrest raids, house searches

nr. Hebron and in Aida r.c., 'Ayn Bayt al-Ma', Nablus, Tulkarm. The **Israeli Housing Min.** announces bids for construction of 44 new **Jewish settlement** units in Ma'ale Adu-mim nr. Jerusalem. **Jewish settlers** damage a Palestinian water pipeline in Duma nr. Nablus. (MA, MM 1/15; NYT, WP, WT 1/16; OCHA 1/17; PCHR 1/18)

### 16 JANUARY

The **IDF** fires on stone-throwing Palestinians in Anata nr. Jerusalem, seriously injuring a **10-yr.-old Palestinian girl** on a school playground nearby; demolishes a Palestinian **home** in Silwan in Jerusalem; conducts arrest raids, house searches in al-'Arub, Jenin town and r.c., Tulkarm town and r.c., Yatta. **Unidentified gunmen** shoot, wound an **AMB** mbr. in Rafah. (OCHA 1/17; PCHR 1/18; AP 1/19; NYT 1/20)

### 17 JANUARY

The **IDF** sends bulldozers, a helicopter into Nablus searching for wanted Palestinians, surrounds and partially bulldozes a home before realizing it is vacant, calls in reinforcements who clash with Palestinian gunmen and fire on stone-throwing youths, killing **1 armed Palestinian**, a **15-yr.-old Palestinian boy**, wounding 5 Palestinians; fires on Palestinians demonstrating against the **separation wall** in Anata, seriously injuring a 10-yr.-old Palestinian girl; demolishes a **Palestinian home** in al-Tur in East Jerusalem; conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Qalqilya, and in Azariyya, Jenin town and r.c. A Palestinian is injured when he accidentally detonated unexploded **IDF** ordnance nr. Jabaliya r.c. In Ramallah, **unidentified masked men** set fire to 2 mobile TV units belonging to **Saudi TV channels**. (OCHA 1/24; PCHR 1/25)

### 18 JANUARY

The **IDF** sends troops into Tulkarm, fires percussion grenades, rubber bullets outside several schools preventing some children fr. reaching morning classes; conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Hebron; forces a severely ill **Palestinian** cancer patient to cross the Hawara checkpoint by foot, causing him to collapse and die. A **10-yr.-old Palestinian girl** dies of injuries sustained fr. **IDF** gunfire in Anata on 1/17. (AP 1/19; NYT 1/20; NYT, OCHA 1/24; PCHR 1/25)

### 19 JANUARY

In Gaza, **IDF** troops at Erez crossing fire on Palestinians collecting scrap metal nr. the border, wounding 1; troops on the n. Gaza border nr. Bayt Hanun fire 2 tank shells at Palestinian farmers who stray nr. the border fence, causing no injuries. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in 'Ayn Bayt al-Ma' (blowing up the **home** of a wanted Palestinian), Bayt Sahur, Nablus. **Jewish settlers** fr. Ramat Yishai throw stones a Palestinian family in nearby Tal Rumayda. (OCHA 1/24; PCHR 1/25; AIC 2/13)

### 20 JANUARY

For a 2d day, **IDF** troops at the Erez crossing fire into Gaza at Palestinians collecting scrap metal nr. the border, wounding 2 Palestinian teenagers. **IDF** troops on the Gaza Border nr. Bayt Lahiya shoot, wound a Palestinian who strays too nr. the border fence. **Egyptian forces** demolish a smugglers' tunnel on the Rafah border. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Bethlehem. **Jewish settlers** beat a Palestinian nr. Qalqilya. (OCHA 1/24; PCHR 1/25)

### 21 JANUARY

The **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in Azariyya, Yatta. In Bayt Lahiya, **ESF, Fatah mbrs.** exchange fire, causing no injuries. (OCHA 1/24; PCHR 1/25)

### 22 JANUARY

**IDF** troops on the n. Gaza border fire on a group of Palestinians collecting scrap metal in the fmr. Aley Sinai settlement, wounding 1. In the West Bank, the **IDF** demolishes 5 Palestinian **homes** in al-Jiftlik nr. Jericho, 2 homes and an 8-unit apartment building nr. Jerusalem; conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Jenin, Nablus, Qalqilya (firing on stone-throwing Palestinian youths), Tulkarm. **Jewish settlers** under the protection of the **IDF** enter Joseph's Tomb (transferred to PA control under the Oslo accords) nr. Nablus. A **Palestinian militant** dies of injuries received in an exchange with the **IDF** nr. Khan Yunis in 2006. Days after **al-Arabiyya TV** received threats fr. a caller denounced the station's portrayal of Haniyeh in a recent broadcast, **unidentified assailants** detonate a device outside

the station's Gaza City office, causing no injuries; **Hamas**, the **AMB** denounce the attack. (OCHA 1/24; PCHR 1/25; AIC 2/13)

### 23 JANUARY

The **Israeli navy** fires on a Palestinian fishing boat off the Rafah coast, arrests 3 fishermen. **IDF** troops on the central Gaza border fire on 3 unarmed Palestinians attempting to sneak into Israel to find work, killing **1 Palestinian**, wounding and arresting 2; sends bulldozers, tanks 150 m into Gaza e. of Dayr al-Balah to level, excavate land. In the West Bank, the **IDF** demolishes a Palestinian barn killing animals inside, an irrigation system, and heavily damages 3 greenhouses nr. Nablus; conducts arrest raids, house searches in 'Azun, Bayt Fajjar. **Jewish settlers** fr. Ma'ale Adumim severely beat a 16-yr-old Palestinian. Some **40 masked Palestinian gunmen** raid a vacant beach resort at a fmr. Israeli settlement site in Gaza owned by Fatah strongman **Dahlan**, overpowering the few Palestinian security guards watching the site, blowing up a reception hall, stating, without being specific, that they are sending Dahlan a message; no one is injured. **ESF**, **Fatah mbrs.** exchange fire outside the Bayt Hanun hospital, causing no injuries. In Gaza City, gunfire erupts btwn. guards outside the **Palestinian Electricity Company** offices and some 50 Palestinians demonstrating against recent power outages, leaving 1 Palestinian wounded. In Nablus, **AMB mbrs.** temporarily detain a **French diplomat** and his **2 body guards**, set fire to their car initially suspecting them of being an **IDF** undercover unit. (OCHA, WT 1/24; PCHR 1/25)

### 24 JANUARY

The **IDF** makes an air strike on a rocket launching site nr. Bayt Lahiya, causing no injuries. In the West Bank, the **IDF** patrols in Hebron, sets up flying checkpoints, searches Palestinian cars and checks IDs; fires on stone-throwing Palestinian youths outside Nablus, wounding 1; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Aida r.c., Halhul nr. Hebron, Yabad nr. Jenin. **Jewish settlers** escorted by **IDF** troops vandalize Palestinian property, cars, a cemetery in Awarta nr. Nablus. **ESF**, **Fatah mbrs.** exchange fire in Bayt Hanun, leaving 2 Fatah mbrs., 2 bystanders wounded. **Suspected Hamas gunmen** fire on a **PA** security post e. of Gaza City, wounding **3 PA security officers**.

**PFLP mbrs.** hold a sit-in outside al-Maghazi r.c. to protest ongoing Palestinian violence. A **Palestinian** accused of drug dealing dies in **ESF** custody in Rafah. (PCHR 1/25; OCHA 1/31; PCHR 2/1; AIC 2/13)

### 25 JANUARY

In Gaza, **Islamic Jihad mbrs.** fire on an **IDF** observation post on the border e. of Khan Yunis, sparking an exchange of fire that causes no injuries. **Egyptian forces** blow up 2 smugglers' tunnels on the Rafah border. **PA security forces** discover, detonate a sophisticated roadside bomb nr. the border fence e. of al-Maghazi r.c. In the West Bank, the **IDF** fatally shoots a **17-yr-old Palestinian** during an arrest raid in Tulkarm r.c.; sends an undercover unit into Tulkarm town in a van with Palestinian license plates, fatally shoots a **wanted Palestinian** who attempts to escape; patrols in Qalandia r.c., firing on stone-throwing youths who confront the troops, wounding 1; conducts arrest raids, house searches in 'Ayn Bayt al-Ma' and nr. Hebron, Nablus. In Gaza, **1 AMB mbr.** is shot execution style in n. Gaza by **Hamas gunmen** who blame the AMB for the death of one of their mbrs.; later 2 **ESF mbrs.** are killed by a roadside bomb in the same area; shots are fired at FM **Zahhar's** home, causing no injuries. **Fatah mbrs.** kidnap 9 **Hamas mbrs.** in Gaza; **Hamas** retaliates by kidnapping **5 Fatah mbrs.** In Ramallah, **AMB mbrs.** angry at **Abbas's Presidential Guard** for expelling them fr. the Muqata'a fire on the diplomatic missions of **Canada**, **China**, **Germany**, causing no injuries. (MM 1/26; NYT 1/26, 1/27; WT 1/28; OCHA 1/31; PCHR 2/1)

### 26 JANUARY

The **IDF** injures a 13-yr-old Palestinian boy in a hit-and-run incident nr. Tubas; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Abu Dis, nr. Hebron. **Jewish settlers** fr. several settlements nr. Bethlehem close off a main road southeast of Bethlehem to Palestinian traffic to protest the **IDF's** ban on their using the road. In Jabaliya r.c, **Hamas gunmen** surround the home of **local Fatah leader Mansur Shalail**, attempting to detain him in connection with the killing of 2 Hamas supporters; after several hrs. 10s of Hamas mbrs. storm the house exchange fire with Shalail and a supporter, leaving 2 **Hamas mbrs.** dead and withdrawing without detaining or harming Shalail. Meanwhile,



**Fatah mbrs.** storm the al-Hidaya mosque in Gaza City, open fire on worshippers, killing **5 Palestinians**, and taking **10 Hamas mbrs.** hostage, threaten to kill them if Shalail is harmed; the 10 are not released after Shalail is left unharmed. The incident sparks heavily clashes (including mortar and RPG fire) btwn. Hamas, Fatah mbrs. in Gaza City, including a Hamas attacks on the PSF headquarters, gun battles outside the residences of **Abbas, Zahhar, PA internal security head Rashid Abu Shibak** of Fatah. Clashes are also reported in and around Jabaliya, in Khan Yunis. In total, **14 Palestinians** are killed (including a 2-yr-old boy killed during an exchange of gunfire btwn. Hamas, Fatah mbrs. in Khan Yunis), **45** wounded in intra-Palestinian fighting during the day. **Fatah, Hamas** say that national unity talks will be suspended until fighting ceases, each blaming the other for starting the violence. Hamas claims that talks were close to an agmt. when "putschists inside Fatah rushed to blow up the situation to serve their own interests and a foreign agenda." (NYT, WP, WT 1/27; NYT, WT 1/28; OCHA 1/31; PCHR 2/1; AIC 2/13)

## 27 JANUARY

The **IDF** sends an undercover unit into Rummana nr. Jenin, raiding a home and fatally shooting a wanted **Islamic Jihad mbr.** in an apparent assassination; conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Ramallah. In Gaza, most of the Strip shuts down and streets empty as heavy **Hamas-Fatah** fighting continues in Gaza City for a 3d day, leaving at least another **6 Palestinians** dead (including 2 PSF mbrs., 2 Hamas mbrs., a 12-yr-old boy), at least **23** wounded. A **Hamas mbr.** dies of injuries received in clashes with the **PSF** in Gaza City on 1/26. **Hamas, Fatah officials** negotiate the release of 7 Hamas mbrs., 4 Fatah mbrs. kidnapped in recent days in Khan Yunis; around 12 Fatah and Hamas mbrs. remain in captivity. (NYT, WP, WT 1/28; OCHA 1/31; PCHR 2/1)

## 28 JANUARY

**IDF** troops on the n. Gaza border nr. Bayt Hanun shoot, wound 2 Palestinians who stray nr. the border fence while trapping birds. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in Qalqilya, nr. Jenin; begins construction of a new fence around Karmi'el, Ma'on settlements nr. Hebron that will confiscate around 1,000

d. of Palestinian land to create territorial unity btwn. the 2 settlements. In Gaza City, **Hamas-Fatah** violence continues for a 6th day, leaving an **ESF officer, 3 Hamas mbrs.** dead, and 8 ESF mbrs. injured; among the incidents, a bomb explodes outside the home of a **Dahlan bodyguard** (causing no injuries), Hamas mbrs. fire mortars and anti-tank rounds at the Fatah-controlled PA police headquarters. Other clashes are reported in and around Khan Yunis, nr. Jabaliya, and in Bayt Hanun. Several Palestinians are also kidnapped during the day in Hamas-Fatah rivalries: **Fatah's Brig. Gen. Sayyid Shaban**, head of the PA National Security Forces in central Gaza (quickly released); **senior Hamas cmdr. Ashraf Firwana**; 2 teenage children of a Fatah col.; a senior Fatah official; a Fatah municipal official. A **Fatah mbr.** dies of injuries received in the latest round of intra-Palestinian fighting. Fighting also spreads to Nablus, where **Fatah mbrs.** kidnap, quickly release several **Hamas mbrs.** In Jabaliya r.c., **PFLP mbrs., Islamist parties** hold a sit-in to protest the ongoing Palestinian violence. In Ramallah, **AMB mbrs.** kidnap, kill an alleged **Palestinian collaborator** with Israel. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 1/29; OCHA 1/31; PCHR 2/1; AIC 2/13)

## 29 JANUARY

A **Palestinian suicide bomber** fr. n. Gaza hikes through the Egyptian desert into Israel, hitches a ride to Elat with an Israeli motorist, detonates a device at a bakery there, killing **2 Israelis, 1 foreign worker fr. South Africa**, wounding 1; the **AMB, Islamic Jihad** jointly claim responsibility for the attack, which is the 1st inside Israel since 4/17/06. Islamic Jihad says the bombing sends "a clear message" to Fatah and Hamas to end infighting and unite against Israel. In response, the **IDF** makes an air strike on a smuggler's tunnel on the Rafah border, causing no injuries. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Nablus, nr. Ramallah. In Gaza, at least **5 Palestinians** (2 ESF mbrs., 1 PA police officer, 2 bystanders) are killed in **Fatah-Hamas** fighting in Gaza, with clashes reported in Bayt Lahiya, Gaza City, Jabaliya, Khan Yunis. In the most serious incident, **ESF mbrs.** raid, demolish a **Force 17** base s. of Khan Yunis, kidnapping and later releasing 6 Force 17 mbrs. (AP, HA, IFM, MM, NYT, REU 1/29; MM, NYT, WP, WT 1/30; MM, OCHA 1/31; PCHR 2/1)

## 30 JANUARY

The **IDF** makes an air strike destroying a vacant **Palestinian home** nr. Gaza's Qarni crossing that allegedly hid a tunnel, causing no injuries. In the West Bank, the **IDF** sends undercover units into Jenin to ambush and capture a wanted Palestinian, shooting and wounding him, 2 bystanders; demolishes 2 **Palestinian homes** in Azariyya, 2 in Bayt Hanina (also outside Jerusalem), 1 in East Jerusalem; conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Jenin. After overnight talks in Gaza City, **Fatah**, **Hamas** announce a renewed cease-fire that general holds throughout the day, though **mbrs.** of the factions trade fire in Gaza City and **1 Hamas mbr.** is fatally shot by a **Force 17 mbr.** in Khan Yunis (in fallout fr. violence there on 1/29). A **Fatah mbr.** wounded in intra-Palestinian clashes in Khan Yunis in recent days dies. (MM, NYT, REU 1/30; MM, NYT, OCHA, WP, WT 1/31; PCHR 2/1; AIC 2/13)

## 31 JANUARY

**IDF** troops on the Gaza border east of Bureij r.c. fire on, arrest 3 unarmed Palestinian teenagers who stray nr. the border fence. **IDF** troops stationed in the Erez industrial zone fire on **armed Palestinians** who approach their post, causing no injuries. **Palestinians** detonate a **roadside bomb** nr. an **IDF** unit patrolling the Gaza border fence nr. Khan Yunis, causing no damage or injuries; the **IDF** unit retaliates with heavy machine gun fire into Gaza, causing no damage or injuries. In the West Bank, the **IDF** sends an undercover unit into Nablus in a car with Palestinian license plates to arrest a wanted Palestinian, wounding 1 bystander, then firing on stone-throwing Palestinians who confront the troops, wounding a 14-yr.-old Palestinian boy; demolishes a **Palestinian home** in the old city of Nablus; conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Nablus (blowing up the 2d story of a Palestinian home), in al-Arubb r.c., and nr. Bethlehem, Hebron, Tulkarm. **Fatah mbrs.** fire on **Hamas mbrs.** in Bayt Lahiya, wounding 1. **Unidentified gunmen** shoot, wound a **Force 17 officer** in Gaza City. **Suspected Fatah mbrs.** set fire to the car of a **Hamas mbr.** in Khan Yunis. (PCHR 2/1; OCHA 2/7; PCHR 2/8)

## 1 FEBRUARY

**IDF** troops on the Gaza border fires on a group of Palestinians in the fmr. Nisanit

settlement area nr. the border fence nr. Bayt Lahiya, wounding 1. In the West Bank, the **IDF** sends an undercover unit in a car with Palestinian license plates into Tulkarm r.c., fires on a group of Palestinians wounding 4 (an **AMB mbr.**, an **Islamic Jihad mbr.**, 2 bystanders ages 10 and 16), then fires 5 shots at 1 of the wounded, **AMB mbr. Jasr Zughayb**, assassinating him; fatally shoots 2 **AMB mbrs.** in an exchange of fire in Nablus, also demolishing the **home** in which they were staying; fatally shoots a **17-yr.-old Palestinian** who attempts to cut through the **separation fence** nr. Ramallah; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Abu Dis; raids the Modern College building in Beitunia nr. Ramallah, firing on **PSF officers** dispatched to the scene responding to reports of suspicious activity, killing 2 **PSF officers**. In Gaza, a combined group of **Hamas**, **ESF mbrs.** acting on rumors of **Fatah** of smuggling weapons halt, demand to inspect a 4-truck convoy escorted by **Abbas's presidential guard** that entered Gaza fr. Israel through the Kerem Shalom crossing, sparking an exchange of gunfire that leaves at least 5 **Palestinians** dead (including 4 presidential guardsmen, 1 female bystander), 34 wounded (including 14 bystanders); the shipment of supplies (widely believed to be arms and ammunition though in separate statements, **Fatah** says it is food and medical supplies, equipment and tents, generators and spare parts) fr. the UAE reportedly was organized by Gaza strongman **Dahlan**, with the knowledge of the U.S. and Israel, and was intended for guard units loyal to him; the contents of the trucks cannot be confirmed, as they are seized during the clash (it is unclear by whom). The convoy incident precipitates **Fatah-Hamas** gunfights across the Strip that kill at least 3 **Palestinians**, wound at least another 50, and end a 3-day truce. In the most serious incidents: **PA Presidential Guard units** storm the **Islamic University** campus, clash with **ESF mbrs.** guarding the campus (leaving 22 wounded), claim to seize a large weapons cache and to detain 7 **Iranian "explosives experts"**; **Hamas** denies the presence of any Iranians in Gaza, **Fatah** does not give any proof of the arrests, Israel and the U.S. say they cannot corroborate the story; **suspected Fatah gunmen** fire on **Hamas spokesman Fawzi Barhum** nr. Gaza City, causing no injuries. Other **Fatah-Hamas** clashes are reported in Bayt Hanun, Bureij r.c., Gaza City, Jabaliya r.c., Khan Yunis, Rafah. In Gaza City, 5,000

**Palestinians** attend a rally organized by the **National and Islamic Higher Comm. for the Follow-up of the Intifada (NIHC)** calling for a cessation to intra-Palestinian violence. **Abbas** issues a presidential decree taking over 18 acres of Palestinian land nr. the Qarni crossing for construction of a presidential guard training base, to be funded by Western donors; the UN will provide training; a 16-acre presidential guard base and intelligence services training college is also being built in Jericho. (MM 2/1; NYT, WP, WT 2/2; WP 2/3; Middle East Newslines 2/5; MM 2/6; OCHA 2/7; PCHR 2/8; NYT 2/23; JTA 3/4)

## 2 FEBRUARY

The worst **Fatah-Hamas** fighting in Gaza to date leaves a total of **18 Palestinians** dead (including 2 children ages 5 and 7, 6 presidential guardsmen; including 12 in Gaza City, 3 in Jabaliya r.c., 1 in Abasan, 1 in Bayt Lahiya), more than 220 injured, with factions exchanging mortar, RPG fire; setting fire to and ransacking rival meeting halls, security compounds (including the n. Gaza headquarters of the PA Military Intelligence, PSF, General Intelligence, as well as a Force 17 barracks, ESF offices, and barracks for the Izzeddine al-Qassam Brigades). In the most serious incidents; the **Fatah-dominated presidential guard** attempts to overrun the Hamas-controlled PA Interior Min. offices in Gaza City, exchanging fire with the ESF there, as well as torching parts of Islamic University (a Hamas stronghold); **Hamas mbrs.** later attack several buildings at Fatah-dominated **al-Quds University** and destroying the **Palestinian Labor Voice** radio station in Jabaliya; and **Fatah mbrs.** raid a mosque in Abasan, firing on worshippers, killing 1, wounding 8, kidnapping 6. A **Palestinian woman** wounded in the ESF-Presidential Guard exchange on 2/1 dies. **Egyptian mediators** resident in Gaza broker talks with **Hamas, Fatah** officials, who order their mbrs. in the afternoon to begin observing a cease-fire, but exchanges continue late into the evening. (As Egyptian officials leave the talks, their convoy comes under fire, causing no injuries.) In Rafah, **300 Palestinians** march calling for a halt to intra-Palestinian violence. In the West Bank, **unidentified gunmen** fire on the home of mayor of Qalqilya, causing no injuries. Meanwhile, the **IDF** surrounds a mosque in Bayt Kahil during noon prayers, searches and questions worshippers as they

leave; conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Qalqilya. **Jewish settlers** fr. Itamar settlement shoot, wound a 15-yr.-old Palestinian shepherd outside Nablus. (MM 2/2; NYT, WP 2/3; MM 2/6; OCHA 2/7; PCHR 2/8)

## 3 FEBRUARY

In Gaza, scattered **Fatah-Hamas** skirmishes continue throughout the day (including in Bayt Lahiya, Gaza City), leaving at least **2 Palestinians** dead, 10 wounded. **Fatah, Hamas officials** meet for a 2d day and order their mbrs. once again to observe a truce, withdraw forces fr. the streets, dismantle impromptu checkpoints, but there is no sign of a return to barracks by nightfall. **Fatah** accuses **Hamas** of kidnapping around 40 of its mbrs. in recent days, including the **nephew of Fatah strongman Dahlan**, abducted today in Khan Yunis. Meanwhile, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in Qalandia; raids municipal offices in Bir Nabala n. of Jerusalem, confiscating the land register, computers, financial records, seals, checkbooks. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received during an IDF raid on Bayt Lahiya on 11/21. (NYT, WP 2/4; MM, NYT 2/5; OCHA 2/7; PCHR 2/8)

## 4 FEBRUARY

**IDF** troops on the Gaza border shoot, wound 2 Palestinians hunting birds nr. the border fence. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Jenin, nr. Bethlehem, and in al-Bireh, Tulkarm; sets up a checkpoint inside Hebron, checking cars and IDs. In Gaza, **Hamas mbrs.** attack **Fatah** bases with mortar, RPG fire. **PA General Intelligence officers** fire on the convoy of a **PA Interior Min. official** in Gaza City, wounding 2 bodyguards. In the West Bank, **suspected Fatah mbrs.** set fire to the bookshop of a prominent **Hamas mbr.** Throughout the day, **Fatah, Hamas officials** work to impose a cease-fire. In the evening, both sides exchange hostages, gunmen withdraw, joint Fatah-Hamas patrols monitor the streets. **Two mbrs. of Abbas's presidential guard** die of injuries received in clashes with Hamas mbrs. in Gaza City on 2/2. (MM, NYT, WP 2/5; OCHA 2/7; PCHR 2/8)

## 5 FEBRUARY

The **IDF** sends a bulldozer, 3 tanks 300 m. into Gaza northeast of Bayt Lahiya to level

land, withdraws the troops later in the day. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Nablus, nr. Hebron and Tulkarm, and in Beitunia (arresting a **PA Military Intelligence** officer), Bethlehem, Kafr Qalil. A **PA General Intelligence officer**, a **Hamas mbr.** die of injuries received earlier in intra-Palestinian clashes in Jabaliya r.c. (OCHA 2/7; PCHR 2/8)

## 6 FEBRUARY

The **IDF** allows departures through Rafah crossing for the 1st time since 1/8, causing a near riot among the 10,000-12,000 Palestinians gathered in the exit area, forcing the **EU monitors** to close the crossing late in the morning. **Palestinians** later fire on Rafah crossing in an attempt to force it to reopen, wounding 1 Palestinian bystander. **Palestinians** also fire 2 **rockets** fr. Gaza into Israel, causing no damage or injuries. In the West Bank, the **IDF** patrols in 'Azun, clashing with stone-throwing Palestinians who confront the troops; conduct arrest raids, house searches in and around Nablus, nr. Qalqilya, and in Hebron, Tulkarm town and r.c. **Israeli authorities** begin excavation work 50 yds. fr. the Haram al-Sharif/Temple Mount with the stated purpose of replacing a centuries-old walkway damaged in a snowstorm in 2004, denies archeological digging is underway though it admits that, by law, any artifacts must be salvaged before work can begin; **Waqf officials** protest the work; **Hamas** organizes peaceful demonstrations in Dayr al-Balah, Gaza City, Jabaliya r.c., Khan Yunis, Nussayrat r.c., Rafah against the construction. In Gaza City, **Dahlan's bodyguards** kill 1 **ESF mbr.**, wound 3 in a drive-by shooting. In Khan Yunis, **ESF mbrs.** release **Dahlan's nephew**, kidnapped on 2/3, after severely beating him. **ESF, Fatah mbrs.** exchange fire in Khan Yunis, wounding 1 bystander. **ESF mbrs.** break into a **Force 17** base in Bayt Hanun, temporarily detain 4 **Force 17** mbrs. In Gaza City, **2,000 PA employees** rally to call for a halt to intra-Palestinian violence. (IFM, MM, NYT, OCHA 2/7; MM, PCHR 2/8; PLONAD 2/9)

## 7 FEBRUARY

**IDF** troops on the Gaza border n. of Sufa crossing fire heavy machine guns into Gaza at a group of Palestinians preparing to launch rockets, wounding 1. In the West Bank, the **IDF** conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Nablus, in

Abu Dis, and nr. Bethlehem, Ramallah, Tulkarm. **Fatah mbrs. loyal to Dahlan** manning a checkpoint in Gaza City fire on the car of **PA Culture Min. dir. gen. 'Izz al-Din al-Masri (Change and Reform)** when his driver refuses to stop for inspection; no injuries are reported. In Bethlehem, **unidentified assailants** set fire to 2 cars, a shop owned by prominent **Hamas** mbrs. An **8-yr.-old Palestinian boy** dies of injuries received during clashes btwn. the **ESF, presidential guard** on 2/1 in Bureij r.c. (OCHA 2/14; PCHR 2/15)

## 8 FEBRUARY

**IDF** troops on the n. Gaza Border nr. Bayt Lahiya shoot, wound a Palestinian collecting scrap metal nr. the border fence. **Islamic Jihad** fires 6 **rockets** fr. Gaza toward the IDF post at the Sufa crossing, causing no damage or injuries, prompting the IDF to shut the crossing. In Nussayrat r.c., a Palestinian is injured when an explosive device he is preparing explodes prematurely. In the West Bank, the **IDF** sends undercover units in a car with Palestinian license plates into Baqa al-Sharqiyya nr. Tulkarm to ambush, arrest 2 wanted Palestinians; surrounds, photographs a municipal building in 'Azun; fire live ammunition, tear gas, percussion grenades at **10s of Palestinians** holding a peaceful demonstration in Hebron against Israel's construction work at the Haram al-Sharif/Temple Mount, wounding 2 Palestinians; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Hebron, Tulkarm; bulldozes 400 m<sup>2</sup> of Palestinian land nr. the entrance to 'Azun for construction of an observation tower; confiscates 400 m<sup>2</sup> of Palestinian land in Hebron for another observation tower. In Nussayrat r.c., **500 Palestinian children** organized by an NGO demonstrate against the ongoing intra-Palestinian violence and for a national unity government. Some **400 Palestinian women, children** attend a similarly rally organized by **Islamic Jihad**, the **PFLP** in Dayr al-Balah. The **NIHC** organizes a peaceful demonstration in Rafah against Israel's construction at the Haram al-Sharif/Temple Mount. (MM 2/8; OCHA 2/14; PCHR 2/15)

On the 3d day of talks brokered by **King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia** in Mecca, **Abbas, Hamas head Khalid Mishal** sign an agmt. charging **Haniyeh** to form a national unity government within 5 wks., calling an immediate intra-Palestinian cease-fire. (MM 2/8; MM, NYT, UNIS, WP, WT 2/9; *Daily*

*Star*, MM, NYT, WP, WT 2/10; MM 2/12)  
(see Quarterly Update for details)

## 9 FEBRUARY

Following Friday prayers at al-Aqsa Mosque, some **200 Israeli riot police** raid the mosque compound, clash with stone-throwing **Palestinian worshipers** protesting over Israel's excavation work nr. the Haram al-Sharif/Temple Mount (see 2/6); riots spread to other areas of the Old City, leaving at least 30 Palestinians requiring hospitalization, 15 policemen injured; some 3,000 Israeli police had been stationed around the mosque in anticipation of violence. **UNESCO** calls on **Israel** to "suspend any action [at the site] that could endanger the spirit of mutual respect." In the West Bank, the **IDF** fires live ammunition, tear gas, percussion grenades to disperse a 10s of Palestinians in Hebron peacefully protesting Israel's construction at the Haram al-Sharif/Temple Mount; also fires on stone-throwing Palestinians holding a similar demonstration outside 'Arub r.c., seriously wounding 1 Palestinian; sends troops into 'Azun, fires on stone-throwing youths who confront them, wounding 2 Palestinians. (NYT 2/9; NYT, WP, WT 2/10; MM 2/12; OCHA 2/14; PCHR 2/15)

## 10 FEBRUARY

**IDF** troops on the Gaza border e. of Dayr al-Balah fire on a Palestinian shepherd who strays nr. the border fence, wounding him. In the West Bank, the **IDF** halts a Palestinian school bus nr. Bethlehem, arrests 15 schoolchildren and detains them at detention facilities at Gush Etzion (no cause is reported); forces Palestinian stores in the Hebron market to close; sends troops into 'Azun for a 2d day, firing on stone-throwing Palestinian youths, wounding 1; conducts arrest raids, house searches in and around Nablus, in Hebron, and nr. Bethlehem, Ramallah, Tulkarm. Sporadic **Palestinian demonstrations** against **Israel's** construction at the Haram al-Sharif/Temple Mount occur in Jerusalem, the West Bank; no injuries are reported. (NYT, WP, WT 2/11; MM 2/12; OCHA 2/14; PCHR 2/15)

## 11 FEBRUARY

**IDF** troops on the central Gaza border nr. Dayr al-Balah fire on Palestinian shepherds who stray nr. the border fence,

wounding 1. In the West Bank, the **IDF** releases 15 Palestinian schoolchildren detained outside Bethlehem on 2/10; fire on Palestinians holding a peaceful march nr. Hebron to protest Israel's construction at the Haram al-Sharif/Temple Mount, wounding 2. **Jewish settlers** fr. Kiryat Arba under IDF escort plant on nearby Palestinian land, apparently with the intention of eventually annex the area to the settlement. A **Jewish settler** fires on Palestinian children throwing stones at his car nr. Hebron, wounding 1 Palestinian bystander. (OCHA 2/14; PCHR 2/15)

## 12 FEBRUARY

The **AMB** fires 4 **rockets** fr. Gaza into Israel, causing no damage or injuries. In the West Bank, the **IDF** sends undercover units into Dahaysha r.c. in a car with Palestinian license plates to arrest a wanted Palestinian teenager; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Tulkarm, nr. Tulkarm, and in and around Hebron, Nablus. **Israel's mayor of Jerusalem Uri Lupolianski** suspends for review construction work at the Haram al-Sharif/Temple Mount, though **Palestinians** hold small protests, throw stones at the **IDF** during the day in and around East Jerusalem, Hebron. **Jewish settlers** fr. Karnei Shomron and Ginat Shomron nr. Qalqilya prevent Palestinians from working their land nearby. Under **IDF** escort, **Jewish settlers** fr. Halamish nr. Ramallah uproot 50 olive trees in the Palestinian village of Dayr Nizam. In Gaza City, **200 family mbrs. of Palestinians held in Israeli jails** demonstrate outside the PC headquarters, demanding that the PA do more to free their relatives. In Khan Yunis, **unidentified assailants** kidnap, quickly release unharmed **fmr. PA atty. gen. Khalid al-Qidra**. A **Fatah mbr.** injured during 1/29 **ESF-Fatah** clashes in Jabaliya r.c. dies. (MM 2/12; MM, NYT, WT 2/13; OCHA 2/14; PCHR 2/15)

## 13 FEBRUARY

**IDF** troops on the n. Gaza border shoot, wound a Palestinian farmer who strays nr. the border fence n. of Bayt Lahiya. **AMB mbrs.** fire an RPG at an IDF observation post on the Gaza border e. of Gaza City, causing no damage or injuries; the **IDF** directs heavy machine gun fire in return, killing 1 **AMB mbr.** The **Israeli navy** fires on the Gaza beach nr. Bayt Lahiya, wounding 1 Palestinian. In the West Bank, the **IDF**

demolishes 11 bedouin **homes** nr. 3 Jewish settlements southwest of Jenin; bulldozes 38 d. of Palestinian olive, almond trees nr. Nablus; raids the offices of the al-Ihsan Charitable Society in Hebron, confiscating files, computer discs; conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Hebron and in Nur al-Shams r.c. nr. Tulkarm, Tulkarm r.c. The **PA** fires **470 mbrs of the security forces** (at least 150 fr. the Presidential Guard; the remainder fr. Force 17, Military Intelligence, the PSF) for "mutinous behavior" (see Quarterly Update for details). Today, **10s of fired security officers** stage a sit-in outside the PC offices in Gaza to demand that the PA rescind their dismissals. (*Jerusalem Post* 2/13; OCHA 2/14; PCHR 2/15; OCHA 2/21)

#### 14 FEBRUARY

In the West Bank, the **IDF** bulldozes 7 bedouin **homes** (displacing 75 bedouin), 5 other structures in Hathalin nr. Alasfir settlement southeast of Hebron; fires on 10s of Palestinians nr. Nablus demonstrating

against Israel's construction at the Haram al-Sharif/Temple Mount, wounding 1; conducts arrest raids, house searches nr. Hebron and in 'Ayn Bayt al-Ma', Nablus, Qabatya; patrols, fires on shops in Kafr Dik nr. Salfit, also firing on stone-throwing Palestinians who confront them, causing only light injuries. Also in Hebron, **20 Jewish settlers** occupy a vacant Palestinian building, but are evacuated by the **IDF** after sundown. (AP 2/14; PCHR 2/15; OCHA 2/21; PCHR 2/22)

#### 15 FEBRUARY

In the West Bank, the **IDF** demolishes 12 **Palestinian homes**, several sheep pens nr. Hebron; patrols in Marda nr. Salfit, firing on stone-throwing Palestinians who confront the soldiers, causing no casualties; conducts arrest raids, house searches in Hebron, Marda nr. Salfit, Tulkarm and nr. Bethlehem, Hebron, Qalqilya. **Jewish settlers** fr. Maskiyot settlement in the n. Jordan Valley steal 6 sheep fr. a Palestinian shepherd. (OCHA 2/21; PCHR 2/22)

#### CHRONOLOGY SOURCE ABBREVIATIONS

AFP	(Agence France-Presse, Paris)
AP	(Associated Press [Internet])
BBC	(British Broadcasting Corporation World Service [Internet])
HA	( <i>Ha'Aretz</i> , Tel Aviv)
IFM	(Israeli Foreign Ministry, Jerusalem)
IMEMC	(International Middle East Media Center, Bayt Sahur)
JTA	(Jewish Telegraphic Agency [Internet])
MA	( <i>Ma'ariv</i> , Tel Aviv)
MM	( <i>Mideast Mirror</i> , London)
NYT	( <i>New York Times</i> , New York)
PCHR	(Palestinian Center for Human Rights, Gaza)
REU	(Reuters [Internet])
UNIS	(United Nations Information Service, Geneva)
OCHA	(United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Weekly Briefing Notes, Jerusalem)
PLONAD	(PLO Negotiation Affairs Dept., Ramallah)
WP	( <i>Washington Post</i> , Washington)
WT	( <i>Washington Times</i> , Washington)
YA	( <i>Yedi'ot Abarot</i> , Tel Aviv)