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CHRONOLOGY

16 MAY-15 AUGUST 2001

This section is part seventy-one of a chronology begun in JPS 13, no. 3 (Spring 1984). Chronology dates reflect Eastern Standard Time. For more detail on events related to the peace process, see the Peace Monitor in this issue.

16 MAY

Israeli-Palestinian clashes, now in their 8th mo., continue, with **Israel Defense Forces (IDF)** increasingly striking Palestinian targets and entering areas controlled by the **Palestinian Authority (PA)** without provocation so as to “keep them guessing and [have] them spend more time defending themselves” and with **Palestinians** stepping up their sniping at soldiers and settlers and firing of mortars (especially in Gaza). To date, around 511 Palestinians, 82 Israelis have been killed. Today, **1 Palestinian** is shot dead by IDF troops. The **IDF** also shells the **PA Preventive Security Force (PSF)** offices in Jabaliya, Jinin; directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Khan Yunis; sends tanks, bulldozers into 2 PA-controlled areas in Gaza, occupying a multistory building in al-Qarara nr. Gush Katif settlement and a factory in Dayr al-Balah. **IDF soldiers** at a checkpoint on the Nablus–Ramallah road halt a **Red Crescent** ambulance en route to pick up a critically ill patient, severely beat 3 medics, empty the ambulance and damage supplies; the harassment ends when the **International Comm. of the Red Cross (ICRC)** intervenes. (AFP [Internet], HP 5/16; MM, NYT, PCHR, WP, WT 5/17; LAW, WT 5/18)

The **IDF** concedes that the 5/14 attack on a **PSF** post in Beitunia that left 5 PSF officers dead was a “blunder” and that the area was quiet when soldiers attacked. (WP 5/17; AN, HJ 5/17 in WNC 5/18, 5/21; HA, NYT 5/18)

PA Information M Yasir ‘Abid Rabbuh appeals to **Congress** to support the recommendations of the **Mitchell Comm.**, the U.S.-led international inquiry into the causes of the al-Aqsa intifada headed by **fmr. U.S. sen. George Mitchell**. The comm.’s preliminary report (submitted to Israel and the PA on 5/1) suggests a two-pronged approach to restoring calm based on **Israel** halting all settlement construction, the **PA** making a 100% effort to halt violence. The comm.’s final report is expected in 1 wk. The **State**

Dept. says **Secy. of State Colin Powell** is considering meeting with Sharon, Arafat on the sidelines of his trip to Africa, Europe 5/22–30. (WT 5/18) (see Peace Monitor)

In Washington, **U.S. Pres. George W. Bush** holds a strategy session on the Middle East with his top foreign policy advisers, including Secy. of State **Powell**, **Secy. of Defense Donald Rumsfeld**, **National Security Adviser (NSA) Condoleezza Rice**. Powell advocates using the recommendations of the **Mitchell Comm.** and the **Jordanian-Egyptian initiative** as the basis for a cease-fire plan (see Peace Monitor in JPS 120). Both plans call for a full freeze on settlement construction, which admin. officials claim they cannot directly demand from **Israeli PM Ariel Sharon**. (MM 5/16; MM, NYT 5/17)

17 MAY

Israel’s Internal Security M Uzi Landau says **Sharon** is escalating Israel’s response to Palestinian unrest and may resort to “all-out” combat if violence continues apace. The **IDF** sends bulldozers into Rafah to demolish several greenhouses; tanks covering the bulldozers fire several shells. The **IDF** also shells a **PSF** post in Qalqilya; conducts arrest raids in Aqraba, Nablus. **Palestinians** fire several mortars at **Jewish settlements** in Gaza, hitting 1 home but causing no injuries. (Globes 5/17 in WNC 5/18, 5/21; WP, WT 5/18; PCHR 5/24; LAW 5/25)

18 MAY

In Netanya, Israel, a **Hamas suicide bomber** kills **5 Israelis**, injures 110. After dark, **Israel** sends **F-16s** to drop 1,100 lb. bombs on **PA security targets** in Gaza City, Nablus, Ramallah, and Tulkarm, killing **12 Palestinians**, wounding 90—marking Israel’s 1st use of warplanes against the Palestinian areas since the 1967 war. (**Sharon** makes the decision to use F-16s in a mtg. with **FM Shimon Peres** and **DM Benjamin Ben-**

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Eliezer; he has not met with his security cabinet in 3 wks.) An **IDF** officer is also killed when his car is ambushed in the West Bank. **Britain, European Union (EU), Russia, the UN, the U.S.** condemn the sharp escalation; urge PA, Israeli leaders to bring violence to a halt. (AP, BBC, HA, JP [Internet], MM, REU 5/18; AFP, Interfax 5/18, *al-Quds* 5/19, JT, MA, RMC 5/20 in WNC 5/21; LAW, PCHR, NYT, WP, WT 5/19; QA 5/19, *El Pais* (Madrid) 5/22 in WNC 5/23; HP, NYT, WT 5/20; *al-Ra'i* 5/20, MA 5/21 in WNC 5/22; MM 5/21; PCHR 5/24; LAW 5/25; MEI 6/1)

19 MAY

Israeli-Palestinian clashes continue at a high level, leaving **3 Palestinians** dead; **1 Palestinian** dies of injuries received earlier. **IDF** helicopters shell **5 PSF** targets in Jinin, Tulkarm. The IDF also directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of al-Azza refugee camp, Hebron, Jinin, Khan Yunis, Nablus, Rafah. **Palestinians** fire 4 mortars at Gadid settlement in Gaza, causing no injuries. (LAW 5/19; HP, NYT, WT 5/20; NYT 5/21; PCHR 5/24; LAW 5/25)

The **Arab League** convenes an FMs mtg. to discuss **Israel's** sharp escalation of violence against the **Palestinians** on 5/18, issues a statement calling on Arab states to halt all political contacts with Israel as long as Israeli violence, blockages continue. (AP 5/19; MENA 5/19, JT, MENA, RMC 5/20 in WNC 5/21; NYT, WT 5/20; JT, *al-Quds* 5/21 in WNC 5/22; MM 5/22; WJW 5/24; MENA 5/28 in WNC 5/30) (see Peace Monitor)

20 MAY

The **IDF** shells the home of **PSF West Bank head Jibril Rajub**, injuring 6 bodyguards; Rajub, his family are home but are not injured. The IDF also directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at al-Arub refugee camp, Bayt Jala, al-Bireh, Hebron, al-Khadir, Ramallah. **Jewish settlers** establish a new settlement enclave in Nabi Salih, nr. Ramallah; occupy 2 Palestinian shops in Jerusalem's Old City; set Palestinian wheat fields on fire nr. Hebron. **Israel's Peace Now** reports that at least **15 new Jewish settlement sites** have been established since Sharon was elected in 2/01. (HP, Peace Now press release 5/20; NYT, PMC, WT 5/21; HA, WP 5/22; HA, MM, NYT 5/23; PCHR 5/24; LAW 5/25; MEI 6/1)

The **Mitchell Comm.** gives **Israel**, the **PA** its final report, which is identical to its

preliminary report (see 5/16). Comm. heads **Mitchell** and **fmr. sen. Warren Rudman** send a letter to the **Anti-Defamation League** stressing that the report makes no direct linkage between halting violence, halting settlements. (MENA 5/21 in WNC 5/22; ITAR-TASS 5/21, AYM, HJ, MENA 5/22 in WNC 5/23; MM, NYT, WP, WT 5/22; MM, WP 5/23; AYM, HA, JT, MA, MENA, QA, *al-Ra'i* 5/23 in WNC 5/24; WJW 5/24; QA 5/25 in WNC 5/29; MEI 6/1; NYT 6/2) (see Doc. A2, B2, C2 in *JPS* 120)

Angry over **Sharon's** decision to use F-16s on 5/18 without consulting the full cabinet or security cabinet, the **full Israeli cabinet** limits the "kitchenette" (**Sharon, Peres, Ben-Eliezer**) to ordering strikes against 3 types of Palestinian targets without prior approval. (HA 5/21; MA 5/21 in WNC 5/22) (see Peace Monitor)

U.S. VP Dick Cheney states that **Israel** should stop using American-supplied F-16s against Palestinian targets. **Sharon** says **Israel** will use as much military force against the Palestinians as it deems necessary. (MM, NYT, WT 5/21; *al-Quds* 5/21 in WNC 5/22; QA 5/21 in WNC 5/23; WJW 5/24; MEI 6/1)

21 MAY

Israeli-Palestinian clashes continue, leaving **2 Palestinians** dead. Under police surveillance, **Israelis, Jewish settlers** march through Jerusalem to celebrate Jerusalem Day, marking **Israel's** capture of East Jerusalem in the 1967 war. **IDF** helicopter gunships shell **PSF** post, a factory in Gaza where **Israel** claims mortars have been made. The IDF also sends tanks into al-Qarara to fire on several Palestinian homes; bulldozes Palestinian agricultural land nr. Netzarim settlement; fires heavy machine guns at residential areas of Bayt Jala, al-Bireh, Hebron, Gaza City, al-Tira. (NYT, WT 5/21; London Press Association 5/21 in WNC 5/22; HP 5/22; NYT 5/23; PCHR 5/24; LAW 5/25; MEI 6/1)

Powell urges **Israel**, the **PA** to implement the **Mitchell Comm.** recommendations by declaring an unconditional cease-fire but does not endorse the comm.'s call for a settlement freeze (saying **Israel** should "restrain" settlement expansion as a confidence-building measure after violence halts). **Powell** says he will not meet with Arafat or **Sharon** as discussed on 5/16; instead charges **U.S. Amb. to Jordan William Burns**, who has been nominated as asst. secy. of state for Near East affairs, with exploring what confidence-building measures could be employed

once violence ceases. (MENA 5/21 in WNC 5/22; ITAR-TASS 5/21, AYM, HJ, MENA 5/22 in WNC 5/23; MM, NYT, WP, WT 5/22; MM, WP 5/23; AYM, HA, JT, MA, MENA, QA, *al-Ra'i* 5/23 in WNC 5/24; WJW 5/24; QA 5/25 in WNC 5/29; MEI 6/1; NYT 6/2)

22 MAY

U.S. Amb. **Martin Indyk, U.S. Consul General Ronald Schliecher** hold talks with **Sharon** on the Mitchell Comm. findings, especially regarding a **settlement** freeze. Sharon calls for an unconditional cease-fire, which he says must be followed by a 2-mo. "cooling-off period" before any "concessions" can be discussed; orders the **IDF** to "stop taking the initiative in attacking Palestinians." The **PA** says it sees no reason to clamp down on the intifada, make preemptive arrests without some confidence-building gestures fr. Israel. (MM 5/22; MM, NYT, WP, WT 5/23; MA 5/23 in WNC 5/24; MM, NYT, PCHR 5/24; MM 5/25; QA 5/25 in WNC 5/29; MEI 6/1)

Although Sharon calls on the IDF to stop instigating attacks, the **IDF** continues to retaliate for Palestinian actions, responding to "life-threatening" incidents of stone-throwing with live fire, rubber-coated steel bullets, shells, and heavy machine gun fire, particularly at residential areas east of Jerusalem, Hawara, Khan Yunis. The **IDF** demolishes 2 **Palestinian homes** in East Jerusalem, 1 in al-Mughraqa; bulldozes Palestinian land in Beitunia, Hebron, al-Mughraqa, al-Qarara; erects new posts in al-Qarara, outside Ramallah. **100s of Palestinians** stage a nonviolent march in Hebron to protest continued Israeli attacks on medical workers. Also in Hebron, **Jewish settlers** stone Palestinian cars, and the IDF declares the vegetable market and Old Quarter a closed military zone. Jewish settlers also stone Palestinian cars on the Nablus-Qalqilya road; shoot and wound a Palestinian herder in Tubas, kill 3 sheep. **Palestinians** fire 2 mortars at Netzer Hazani settlement in Gaza. **1 Palestinian** dies of injuries received earlier. (Gush Shalom press release, HP 5/22; NYT, WP 5/23; NYT, PCHR 5/24; LAW 5/25; NYT 6/2)

23 MAY

Israeli-Palestinian clashes abate slightly but are still at a relatively high level, leaving 1 **Israeli civilian** (a worker on a road crew nr. Ariel settlement) dead in a West Bank shooting. **Bush** phones **Arafat**,

Sharon to urge both sides to contain violence. Sustained gun battles are reported nr. Gilo settlement outside Jerusalem, in Rafah. **Palestinians** fire 4 mortars, 12 homemade grenades at targets in Gaza; detonate a roadside bomb in the West Bank. **IDF** tanks enter 4 PA-controlled areas nr. Khuza in Gaza to bulldoze agricultural land, shell a **PSF** post; conduct an arrest sweep in Atil village. The **PSF** arrests the Palestinian owner of an iron-casting company on charges of manufacturing mortars. (AP 5/23; WP, MM, NYT, PCHR, WT 5/24)

24 MAY

Israeli-Palestinian clashes continue, leaving 2 **Palestinians** dead. **Palestinians** fire mortars at a Jewish settlement in Gaza; in response, the **IDF** sends 5 tanks into nearby PA-controlled territory. The **IDF** also shells residential areas of Bayt Jala, Bethlehem; bulldozes 30 dunams of Palestinian land nr. Gaza City. (REU 5/24; WP 5/25; PCHR 6/4)

On the anniversary of the IDF pullout fr. s. Lebanon, **Israel** shoots down a civilian light aircraft that crosses the border fr. **Lebanon**, killing the pilot. Israel sends jets into Lebanese airspace to break the sound barrier. (HA, MM 5/24; RL 5/24 in WNC 5/29; NYT, WP, WT 5/25; MEI 6/1)

25 MAY

As **Israeli-Palestinian clashes** continue, 2 **Islamic Jihad suicide bombers** detonate a car bomb in Hadera, Israel, wounding 67. A **Hamas suicide bomber** attempts to ram an **IDF** post in Gaza, but soldiers fire on his approaching vehicle, detonating it; in response, the IDF demolishes a **PA police station**, shells residential areas of Rafah. **Fatah activist Azzam 'Abd al-Fatah Mezher** is killed, 5 Fatah mbrs. are wounded when their car explodes. Israel says a grenade they were carrying exploded; the PA claims it is an assassination. (NYT, WP, WT 5/26; WT 5/27; MM 5/29; MEI 6/1; PCHR 6/4)

Lebanese celebrating the 1st anniversary of Israel's withdrawal fr. the south stage demonstrations along the blue line. A **demonstrator** is wounded when he tries to climb the border fence and is shot by **IDF** troops. (WP 5/26)

26 MAY

Israeli-Palestinian clashes diminish. The **Popular Front for the Liberation of**

Palestine (PFLP) detonates a **car bomb** in West Jerusalem, causing no injuries. (NYT, WP, WT 5/27; MM 5/29; MEI 6/1)

The **Organization of the Islamic Conference** calls on members to suspend diplomatic relations with Israel until it lifts the siege on Palestinian areas. (ATL, IRNA 5/26, IRNA, MENA 5/27 in WNC 5/29; IRNA 5/26, SA 5/28 in WNC 5/30; WP, WT 5/27; HJ 5/27 in WNC 6/1)

27 MAY

Another **car bomb** explodes in West Jerusalem during the morning rush hour, lightly injuring 2 Israelis. The **IDF** directs heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Tubas; bulldozes Palestinian land nr. Khan Yunis. (NYT, WP, WT 5/28; MM 5/29; MEI 6/1; PCHR 6/4)

U.S. special assistant **Burns** (confirmed as asst. secy. of state for Near East affairs on 5/25) holds separate mtgs. with **Sharon**, **Arafat** on implementing the Mitchell Comm. recommendations; urges them to resume security talks. **Sharon spokesman Raanan Gissin** warns that Israel's suspension of assassinations, "delay" in responding to recent bombings will not last indefinitely, stating, "Our patience is running out." (IGPO, WP, WT 5/27; AYM 5/27 in WNC 5/29; NYT, WP, WT 5/28; *al-Quds* 5/28 in WNC 5/30; CNN, MM 5/29; MEI 6/1; NYT 6/2)

28 MAY

Burns holds another round of talks with **Arafat** and **Sharon**, who agree to resume security talks on 5/29. Arafat reportedly proposes implementing the Mitchell Comm. recommendations over the shortest time possible; his timetable includes forming an international monitoring comm., redeploying IDF troops to their 9/28/00 positions, halting settlement activity, implementing all outstanding Oslo provisions (e.g., 3d further redeployment, prisoner release). He also gives **Burns** a map showing **18 Jewish settlements** that have been established in the West Bank, Gaza since 9/28/00. (CNN, MM, NYT, WP, WT 5/29; AYM, SA 6/3 in WNC 6/4)

29 MAY

Israeli-Palestinian clashes leave a total of **3 Palestinians**, **3 Jewish settlers** dead. In Gaza, 2 Palestinians are shot dead in a failed suicide attack on an **IDF** post that lightly injures 2 soldiers. The **IDF** shells resi-

dential areas of Khan Yunis, Nablus, Rafah; places a closure on Nablus. A group calling itself the **Fatah Hawks** briefly detains **2 journalists** (1 American, 1 British) in Rafah, telling them to warn the **UK**, **U.S.** that more kidnappings of their nationals could take place if their pro-Israel bias does not cease. **Fatah** denies involvement in the incident, noting it disbanded its Fatah Hawks wing in the mid-1990s; the **PA** vows to arrest the perpetrators. **Jewish settlers** damage Palestinian property, throw stones at Palestinians in Hebron; trespass onto Palestinian property, threaten residents with guns, damage a water system nr. HaHarsina Junction. (BBC, HA, MM 5/29; AP, MM, NYT, WP, WT 5/30; PCHR 6/4; Christian Peacemaker Teams press release 6/11)

Asst. Secy. of State **Burns** convenes **Israeli-PA security talks** in Tel Aviv. PSF head **Rajub**, **Shin Bet** head **Avi Dichter** boycott. No progress is made, but the sides agree to meet again. (AP, NYT, WP, WT 5/30; SA 5/31 in WNC 6/1; QA 6/3 in WNC 6/6)

30 MAY

Islamic Jihad detonates a **car bomb** in Netanya, Israel, lightly injuring 8 Israelis. Another bomb is found, disarmed on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway. **Sharon** phones **Powell** to warn that Israel will have to take action if the current "intolerable" situation does not change. **Powell** urges Sharon and **Arafat** (whom he phones) to deescalate the situation. (NYT, WP 5/31; SA 5/31 in WNC 6/1; WT 6/1)

The **U.S.** initially cancels a 2d round of **Israeli-PA security talks** on the Mitchell Comm. because of the refusal of **PSF Gaza head Muhammad Dahlan**, PSF West Bank head **Rajub** to attend. The U.S. ends up convening the session later this evening at Erez, but talks are unproductive. (AP 5/30; WP 5/31; MA, SA 5/31 in WNC 6/1; QA 6/3 in WNC 6/6)

31 MAY

Israeli-Palestinian clashes leave a total of **2 Palestinian**, **1 Jewish settler** dead. Israeli DM **Ben-Eliezer** approves deployment of **special forces units** to bolster the **IDF** in the West Bank; some units will operate undercover, lying in ambush for Palestinian attackers, while others will operate overtly in a show of force. **Jewish settlers** increase vigilante attacks in the West Bank, shooting at

and stoning Palestinian cars, beating a group of Palestinians nr. Nablus. In Bethlehem, a Palestinian, previously questioned by the PSF for selling land to Israelis, is killed in a drive-by shooting outside his home, raising speculation that Palestinians targeted him as a **collaborator**. (HA, MM, NYT 6/1; HP 6/2)

In Washington, **Israeli pres. Moshe Katsav** meets separately with **Bush, Powell**; asks the U.S. to set a deadline for the Palestinians to halt attacks on Israel. Bush makes no commitment. Afterward, Katsav says Bush did not ask Israel not to retaliate against Palestinian attacks; warns **Arafat** that he has a "few days, no more" to end the violence or face a sharply escalated IDF military response. Powell phones Arafat and asks him to "implement the Mitchell Comm.'s call for an immediate, unconditional cease-fire." (JP [Internet] 5/31; WP, WT 6/1; WJW 6/7)

Orient House head and PLO Jerusalem Affairs M Faisal Husseini dies unexpectedly of a heart attack in Kuwait. (BBC, CNN, HA, JP [Internet] 5/31; AFP 5/31 in WNC 6/1; MM, WP, WT 6/1; DUS 6/11 in WNC 6/12; *al-Quds* 6/20 in WNC 6/22)

1 JUNE

A **Hamas suicide bomber** detonates a device outside a nightclub in Tel Aviv, killing **16 Israelis** and injuring more than 80, mostly teenage Russian immigrants on a Friday night out. **Arafat's** spokesman condemns the attack, calls on all parties to show restraint. The **PA** orders Palestinians to close offices and stores and return to their homes, fearing a massive retaliation. **Israel** seals the West Bank and Gaza; reinforces internal closures on all Palestinian population centers, dividing the West Bank into 8 enclaves, Gaza into 4. Meanwhile, **Jewish settlers** set up a new enclave on Batn al-Masi hill in the West Bank. A **Palestinian** known for selling land to Jews is found murdered in Bethlehem. (CNN, HA, IGPO, JP [Internet] 6/1; NYT, WP, WT 6/2; MA 6/2, JT, SA 6/3 in WNC 6/4; NYT 6/3; MM 6/4; DUS 6/4 in WNC 6/5; WJW 6/7; AFP [Internet] 6/8; MEI 6/15)

Before the bombing, **Israel** allows **10,000s of Palestinians** into Jerusalem to attend **Faisal Husseini's** funeral in Jerusalem. He is buried in a family tomb in the al-Aqsa Mosque compound. As **Israeli police** stand back and watch, Palestinians make their largest open display of Palestinian nationalism in the city since 1967. Some Palestinians throw stones at Sharon's East Jerusalem residence, and a Jewish tourist

fires a teargas canister at mourners, but generally the event is peaceful. (AP, HA, YA [Internet] 6/1; MA, Radio France International 6/1, *al-Quds* 6/2 in WNC 6/4; HP, NYT 6/2; WJW 6/7; JP, MEI 6/15)

2 JUNE

Overnight, **international leaders** press **Israel**, the **PA** to show restraint, deescalate tensions in light of the 6/1 suicide bombing. **Powell** phones **Arafat** to warn him to declare a cease-fire and immediately arrest **Hamas** and **Islamic Jihad** mbrs., or the **U.S.** would sever all relations with the PLO and would not intervene with Israel to prevent a massive retaliation. **German FM Joschka Fischer**, in Israel on other matters, races to Ramallah to meet with Arafat, whom he warns to make a statement in his own words calling for a halt to violence or lose all **EU** political and economic support to the PA. During a heated session, Fischer, **UN special coordinator Terje Larsen** work with Arafat to draft a statement condemning the bombing and ordering an immediate and unconditional cease-fire, which Arafat reads publicly this morning. (MENA 6/2, AFP, Interfax, ITAR-TASS, MENA 6/3 in WNC 6/4; NYT, WT 6/3; MM, NYT, WP 6/4; WP 6/5; XIN 6/5 in WNC 6/6; *al-Abram* [Internet] 6/9; JP, MEI 6/15)

Meanwhile, **Sharon** holds a 7-hr. mtg. with his **security cabinet** to discuss how to respond to the 6/1 bombing. According to an anonymous U.S. admin. official, they draw up plans to "carry out a massive, full-force invasion" of **PA**-controlled territory lasting up to a wk. After **Arafat** reads his cease-fire call, the security cabinet places its strike plan in reserve but declares that the IDF will resume instigating actions against Palestinians (see 5/22). (NYT, WT 6/3; JT 6/3 in WNC 6/4; MM, NYT, WP 6/4; Interfax 6/4 in WNC 6/5; MM, WP 6/5; *al-Abram* [Internet] 6/9; UPI 6/12; JP, MEI 6/15)

Meanwhile, **2 Israelis** injured in the 6/1 bombing die, bringing the Israeli toll to 18. Nr. the site of the bombing, **100s of Israeli Jews** surround a **mosque**, chanting "Death to Arabs!" stoning the mosque, breaking windows, trapping some 20 worshipers inside, attacking journalists, setting fire to 2 cars outside. Although the situation builds for hrs., **Israeli police** look on but do not intervene, saying, "We don't have enough manpower, and we won't use tear gas against Jews." Israelis also gather at the disco where the bombing occurred, carrying signs saying,

"Enough passivity. We want war." In Jaffa, a mob of **Israeli Jews** sets fire to a restaurant owned by **Israeli Arabs**. The **IDF** tightens internal closures on PA areas, reports only a handful of incidents of sniping at Jewish settlements. **Hamas** says it will not abide by Arafat's cease-fire. (HA, NYT, WT 6/3; AN 6/3 in WNC 6/4; NYT, WP 6/4; WP 6/5; HA 6/7; *al-Abram* [Internet] 6/9; JP, MEI 6/15)

The **EU** dispatches up to 24 **security experts** to Bayt Jala, Rafah to monitor the **PA's** cease-fire compliance. The experts are coordinated by **Alistair Crooke**, **security adviser to EU special envoy Miguel Moratinos**. (MA 6/6 in WNC 6/7; NYT 6/8; AFP 6/8 in WNC 6/11; MA 6/11 in WNC 6/12) (see Peace Monitor)

3 JUNE

A relative calm prevails in the West Bank and Gaza given the exceptionally tight closure. The **IDF** records only 3 Palestinian shooting incidents. Another **Israeli** injured in the 6/1 bombing dies, raising the toll to 19. The **PA** accuses the **IDF** of attempting to assassinate **senior Islamic Jihad mbr.**

Muhammad Bisharat, 1 of Israel's most wanted, by detonating a remote-controlled bomb nr. his car in Tulkarm. The **IDF** fires tank shells at residential areas of Tal al-Sultan; bulldozes 15 dunams of Palestinian land nr. Kefar Darom settlement. **Jewish settlers** occupy 10s of dunams of Palestinian land nr. Bethlehem. (HP, WP, WT 6/4; PMC 6/6; NYT 7/2)

PA security officials meet with reps. of **all Palestinian factions** to press Arafat's cease-fire call. (NYT, WP, WT 6/4; SA 6/5, MENA 6/6 in WNC 6/7; HJ 6/7 in WNC 6/11; MEI 6/15) (see Peace Monitor)

After an "intense internal debate," the **Bush admin.** decides not to send a high-level diplomatic mission to work with **Israeli**, **PA** officials to secure a more durable cease-fire, deciding instead to press **Arafat** to act more forcefully to suppress violence. **Powell** praises **Israel** for its restraint. When asked if he has urged Israel to avoid retaliation, Powell says, "I have not given that direct comment to the Israeli government." (NYT 6/4; WP 6/6)

4 JUNE

As **Israeli-Palestinian clashes** pick up slightly, **Israel** says it is not satisfied with the **PA's** cease-fire efforts. A serious exchange of gunfire, grenades, missiles takes place in

Rafah, leaving **22 Palestinians**, **3 IDF soldiers** wounded. Another **Israeli** injured in the 6/1 bombing dies, raising the toll to 20. The **PSF** arrests 2 Palestinians in connection to the 6/1 bombing. **Palestinians** fire 1 mortar in Gaza, causing no damage. The **IDF** bulldozes 50 dunams of Palestinian land nr. Kefar Darom settlement; shells residential areas of Asira. **Jewish settlers** shoot at Palestinian homes, vehicles in Hebron, Jinin; attack Palestinians nr. Dahiyat al-Barid, Tulkarm. (AFP [Internet], HP 6/4; NYT, WP, WT 6/5; MM, PMC 6/6; MM 6/11)

In light of today's Gaza gun battle, the **Bush admin.** concludes the **Israeli-Palestinian situation** is on the verge of spinning out of control. After securing **Sharon's** consent, the **State Dept.** announces that **CIA Dir. George Tenet** will head to the region to seek a more durable cease-fire but emphasizes that the pressure will be on **Arafat** to demonstrate he is serious. **Powell** demands the **PA** arrest Islamists who may be planning attacks, resume security cooperation with Israel. (NYT, WP, WT 6/5; MM, NYT, WP 6/6; JT 6/7 in WNC 6/8; MEI 6/15)

5 JUNE

In Ramallah, **senior Fatah mbr. Ashraf Bardawil** is injured when a bomb in or nr. his car explodes; **IDF** helicopters were hovering over the area at the time, raising speculation it was an assassination attempt. The **IDF** also arrests **Majdi Alawna**, a **senior PA liaison official with Israel in Nablus**, on charges of sabotaging cooperation with Israel. Nr. Ramallah, **IDF** troops fire rubber bullets to disperse a crowd of **Palestinians** protesting the closure of the Ramallah-Birzeit road, injuring 6. **Palestinian stone throwers** seriously injure a **Jewish settler baby** nr. Nablus. **Jewish settlers** set fire to Palestinian fields, grain storage units in Hawara, Jit. **Israel** allows shipments of food, fuel into the West Bank, Gaza for the 1st time since the 6/1 bombing. Another **Israeli** injured in the 6/1 Tel Aviv bombing dies, raising the toll to 21. (HA, MM, REU 6/5; MM, PMC, WP 6/6; WJW 6/7)

6 JUNE

In retaliation for the injury to a settler baby on 6/5, **100s of armed Jewish settlers** torch several Palestinian homes in Luban al-Sharqiyya and al-Zawiya nr. Nablus. When Palestinians confront the settlers, **IDF** troops fire on them with rubber-coated steel

bullets, seriously wounding several. **1,000s of settlers** rally in Zion Square in Jerusalem to denounce **Sharon**, to demand he declare war on the Palestinians. **Settlers** also attack Palestinians, foreign journalists in Hebron; place 5 caravans on Khillat al-'Ayn hill nr. al-Khadir to establish a new settlement. The **IDF** confiscates 200 dunams of Palestinian land nr. Ramallah, bulldozes 1,000 olive trees in preparation for a new settler bypass road. **Israel** reopens the Egypt, Jordan border crossings to Palestinians, but not to goods; allows 2,000 Palestinians to return to their jobs in the West Bank, Gaza industrial zones on the borders with Israel. A **Palestinian**, last seen on 4/4 when he was taken into **PSF** custody, is found at an **IDF** checkpoint nr. Bethlehem, claiming to have escaped fr. the **PA General Intelligence Service** fearing he would be killed. (PMC, REU 6/6; MENA 6/6 in WNC 6/7; HA, HP, NYT, WP 6/7; MENA 6/7 in WNC 6/8; AFP [Internet], MM 6/8)

Tenet meets with **Egyptian pres.**

Mubarak in Cairo, with **Jordan's King Abdallah, Burns** in Amman before heading to Israel and the PA areas to meet with **Israeli, PA** officials. (MM, WP, WT 6/6; MENA 6/6 in WNC 6/7; WP 6/7)

7 JUNE

2 Palestinians die of injuries received earlier, including senior Fatah mbr. **Bardawil** who was wounded on 6/5 in a possible assassination attempt. The **IDF** directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Khan Yunis, Rafah; raids 3 PA-controlled areas in Gaza, 1 in Hebron; occupies an uninhabited building in Nablus for use as an IDF post. **Palestinians** fire mortars at 2 Gaza settlements, causing no damage. **Jewish settlers** attempt to set up a new enclave nr. Nablus, where a settler was killed a wk. ago, but the IDF intervenes, declares the area a closed military zone. **IDF troops** bar an ambulance carrying a **Palestinian man** suffering a heart attack fr. crossing a checkpoint to reach a hospital; the man dies en route to the hospital via a 2d, longer path. Troops also bar a **Palestinian woman** in labor from crossing a checkpoint to reach Jericho hospital 40 m. away; after she gives birth, the soldiers allow her to walk through the crossing with her newborn. **Israeli security forces** arrest a number of Palestinians fr. Hebron working illegally inside the Green Line, escort them to Gaza, where they are barred fr. returning to Hebron. (HA, HP 6/8; HA 6/11)

Tenet holds preliminary mtgs. with **Sharon** in Tel Aviv, **Arafat** in Ramallah. **Israel** presents two lists of Palestinians it wants arrested immediately: 34 Palestinians who committed anti-Israeli attacks and were released fr. PA prisons since the intifada began; some 300 Palestinians who "participated in the recent violence against military and civilian targets." The **PA** says it will coordinate with Israel and act on tips to prevent attacks, noting that it has already passed information to Israel regarding 2 possible suicide bombings since 6/1, but will not make preventive arrests without probable cause. (HA, MM 6/7; HJ, MENA, *al-Quds*, SA 6/7 in WNC 6/8; MM, NYT, WP 6/8; DUS 6/8 in WNC 6/11; NYT 6/9)

In Ramallah, reps. of the **nationalist and Islamist groups** call on **Arafat** to open a "national dialogue" to discuss forming an emergency government that includes all Palestinian factions. (AYM 6/8 in WNC 6/11; HJ 6/10 in WNC 6/12; AYM 6/12 in WNC 6/14) (see Peace Monitor)

8 JUNE

Palestinians fire mortars at **Jewish settlements** in Gaza, causing no damage. A **Palestinian sniper** injures an Israeli civilian driving nr. Ramallah. **2,000 Palestinians** take part in a nonviolent demonstration to reopen the Ramallah-Birzeit road. When demonstrators cross the **IDF** barricades, troops open fire with rubber-coated steel bullets, injuring 17. **Jewish settlers** place caravans on a hill nr. Surif, outside Hebron, in an attempt to establish a new enclave. (HA, NYT, WP, WT 6/9; HP 6/10; MM 6/11)

Tenet presents **Israeli, PA security officials** with a U.S.-drafted cease-fire plan. Meanwhile, **Burns** meets with Israeli, PA officials (including **Arafat**) to try to reopen a political dialogue. (MM 6/8; ITAR-TASS 6/8 in WNC 6/11; NYT, WP, WT 6/9; NYT, WT 6/10; HJ 6/10, HJ, MENA 6/11 in WNC 6/12; SA 6/10 in WNC 6/13; NYT, WP, WT 6/11; HJ 7/1 in WNC 7/3) (see Peace Monitor)

In Jerusalem, **3,000 Israeli, Palestinian women** hold a rally for peace on the anniversary of the occupation of the West Bank, Gaza. At least 144 similar rallies, vigils are staged in 15 countries, 27 U.S. cities. (Women in Black press release 6/18)

9 JUNE

In Gaza, **3 bedouin women** are killed by **IDF** shelling. **Peres** says the IDF may have

fired at the wrong target when responding to gunfire on Netzarim settlement, an adjacent IDF post. The **IDF** also bulldozes Palestinian land in Dayr al-Balah. **Palestinians** fire rocket grenades at IDF tanks in Rafah, causing no injuries; launch at least 7 mortars at Gush Katif settlement bloc, damaging 1 building, injuring 1 Thai worker. (CNN 6/9; HP, NYT, WP, WT 6/10; HA, MM, NYT, WP 6/11; DUS, HJ 6/11 in WNC 6/12; MEI 6/15)

Israeli, PA security officials present their written responses to the U.S. draft cease-fire plan to the U.S. emb. Meanwhile in Cairo, **Tenet** briefs **Mubarak** on his mtgs. with the sides to date. **Burns** continues to meet with **Israeli, PA political officials**. (WP, WT 6/10)

10 JUNE

Palestinians fire 8 mortars at 2 **Jewish settlements** in Gaza, damaging green-houses. A **Palestinian** dies after **IDF** soldiers bar his crossing through a checkpoint to Nablus hospital for kidney dialysis. The **IDF** also bulldozes Palestinian land nr. Kissufim crossing in Gaza and in Abud, Luban al-Sharqiyya, al-Khadir, al-Zawiya in the West Bank. **Jewish settlers** fire on Palestinian cars nr. Alon Moreh settlement. (HP, IGPO, PMC 6/10; MM, NYT 6/11; PMC 6/12)

Tenet discusses his cease-fire plan with **PA security officials** in Ramallah, but a 3-way mtg. with **Israeli security officials** is postponed to give the U.S. more time to review both sides' 6/9 responses. (JT, SA 6/10 in WNC 6/11; WT 6/11; DUS, HJ, MA, *al-Ra'i* 6/11 in WNC 6/12)

11 JUNE

In the West Bank, **Islamic Jihad activist Imad Abu Thyab** is critically injured when his car explodes. Palestinians suspect it was an assassination attempt by the IDF. A **Jewish settler baby** dies of injuries received on 6/5; **1 Palestinian** dies of injuries received earlier. An **Israeli government demolition crew**, guarded by 100s of **Israeli police**, bulldozes a **Palestinian home** in **East Jerusalem**. **Jewish settlers** stone Palestinian cars in Hebron. (Gush Shalom press release, MM 6/11; MM, NYT, WT 6/12)

In Jerusalem, **Tenet** gives **Israeli, PA security officials** a revised U.S. cease-fire plan that is based on the PA doing everything possible to halt Palestinian violence and on Israel slowly removing the blockades on PA areas and withdrawing to 9/28/00 positions.

After 4 hrs. of talks, neither side is willing to accept it as is, each demanding additional requirements be included. (AFP [Internet], MM 6/11; NYT, PMC, WT 6/12; AKH 6/12 in WNC 6/13; *al-Nabar, al-Ra'i* 6/12 in WNC 6/14; MEI 6/15) (see Peace Monitor)

12 JUNE

Palestinian snipers kill a **Greek** monk driving nr. Ma'ale Adumim settlement, wound an **IDF soldier** nr. Shavei Shomron settlement. Palestinians also fire mortars at Jewish settlements in Gaza, causing no damage. The **IDF** shells residential areas of Khan Yunis, bulldozes Palestinian land nr. Rafah. **Jewish settlers** seize 800 dunams of Palestinian land btwn. Hebron, Israel. (MM, HP, WP, WT 6/13)

After another round of security talks this morning, **Sharon** accepts the **U.S.** cease-fire plan with reservations. **Tenet** continues bilateral mtgs. with the **PA** team, while outside the Ramallah venue, **100s of Palestinians** demonstrate against a cease-fire. Late in the evening (EST; early morning 6/13 Jerusalem time), after hrs. of talks during which **Mubarak** reportedly phoned 3 times to press the PA, **Arafat** also accepts **Tenet's** proposal with reservations. (AFP [Internet], AP, MM, PMC, UPI 6/12; NYT, PMC, WP, WT 6/13; QA 6/13 in WNC 6/15; WP, WT 6/14; SA 6/14 in WNC 6/18; MEI 6/15; AKH 6/15 in WNC 6/20; NYT 6/16; MEI 6/29) (see Peace Monitor; Doc. D2)

Expressing concerns of possible mass expulsions of West Bank Palestinians by Israel, **Jordan** toughens its immigration rules, making it harder for **Palestinians** to enter. (*al-Quds* 6/11 in WNC 6/12; HA 6/12; JT, *al-Quds* 6/12 in WNC 6/13; NYT 6/13; JT 6/15 in WNC 6/18; HJ 6/18 in WNC 6/21; *Economist* [Internet] 6/21) (see Peace Monitor)

13 JUNE

A previously unknown **Jewish settler group**, the **Brigade of Gilad and Shalhavet** (named for 2 settlers killed during recent fighting), claims responsibility for ambushing a Palestinian car, killing **1 Palestinian**, wounding 3. **Jewish settlers** also bulldoze Palestinian land in al-Zawiya village, nr. the settlements of Shilo and Aley; vandalize Palestinian property in Bayt Dajan, Bayt Furik. A **Palestinian sniper** wounds a **settler** nr. Ofra settlement. The **IDF** bulldozes Palestinian land in Abud; sets up 5 new observation towers on the Na-

blus–Qalqilya road. For the 3d day, **IDF** troops surround the homes of **30 Palestinian families** nr. Kefar Darom settlement, bulldozing land, destroying electricity and water connections, and placing sand barricades and barbed wire, apparently to pressure them to evacuate so a buffer zone can be created around the settlement. (HP, IDF Radio, MM 6/13; WP, WT 6/14; WJW 6/21; MEI 6/29)

Tenet holds a final mtg. in Tel Aviv with **Israeli, PA security officials** to set a timetable for implementing the cease-fire, which goes into effect when the mtg. concludes, and to agree on initial steps to be taken within 48 hrs. Follow-up mtgs. will be held by a new **trilateral security comm.**, directed by a CIA official. The PA says it received “a clear **U.S.** pledge that the U.S. will commit itself to implementing the recommendations of the Mitchell Comm. in their entirety,” that the **EU** provided similar assurances. **Hamas, Islamic Jihad** denounce the plan, vow to continue the intifada. (MM, NYT, WP 6/13; AYM, MENA 6/13 in WNC 6/14; MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/14; AYM, HJ, DUS, QA, *al-Quds*, SA 6/14 in WNC 6/15; NYT 6/16; *al-Quds* 6/21 in WNC 6/22) (see Peace Monitor)

14 JUNE

An **IDF intelligence officer** is fatally shot by his **Palestinian** informant, who in turn is shot dead by the officer’s bodyguard. The **Brigade of Gilad and Shalhavet** takes responsibility for killing **1 Palestinian**, wounding 3 in a 2d drive-by shooting. **Jewish settlers** also attack Palestinians in Sha’r and Tammun, severely injuring 3. The **IDF** directs shells and heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Nablus; confiscates 100s of dunams of land nr. Khan Yunis to create a buffer zone around Gush Katif bloc, set up a new IDF post; confiscates 10s of dunams nr. al-Mintar crossing; conducts an arrest raid into Nablus. (AP, HP, MM 6/14; MA [Internet], NYT, WP, WT, YA [Internet] 6/15; *al-Quds* 6/15 in WNC 6/19; AYM 6/18 in WNC 6/20; WJW 6/21)

The **PA-Israeli cease-fire** implementation begins. The **IDF** moves tanks out of most PA-controlled areas; moves troops out of Netzarim Junction; reopens major Gaza roads to Palestinian traffic; reopens the Gaza–Egypt border crossing. The IDF does not redeploy forces fr. Nablus, Rafah, and Ramallah, where most of the day’s clashes occur; **Sharon** says Israel will not lift clo-

tures in areas where the cease-fire has not been implemented or has been violated. West Bank PSF head **Rajub** announces on IDF Radio that **Arafat** has called on all Palestinian security forces to abide by the cease-fire. (AP 6/14; HA, NYT, WP, WT 6/15)

Syrian troops turn over to the **Lebanese army** 5 strategic positions in and around Beirut. (RL 6/14 in WNC 6/15; MM, WT 6/15; AFP, RL 6/15 in WNC 6/18; NYT 6/16, 6/20; MEI 6/29) (see Peace Monitor)

15 JUNE

Israeli-Palestinian clashes diminish, with neither side reporting any major incidents. The **PA** reportedly has not arrested any of the top 34 Palestinians wanted by Israel or collected any mortars or illegal weapons, though officials have held mtgs. with **Hamas** in an effort to keep them fr. staging attacks. (HA 6/15; NYT 6/16; WT 6/17)

The **trilateral security comm.** convenes its 1st weekly mtg. to assess the initial cease-fire steps. Sides agree to move into stage 2 of the Tenet plan, lasting 5 days, during which further steps would be taken to lift the siege on PA areas and halt violence. **Israel** opens the Jordan border crossings; increases number of goods allowed into Gaza through the Qarni crossing; resumes delivery of fuel, gas to the PA; allows goods embargoed at ports into PA areas; allows VIP movement into Israel and btwn. the West Bank and Gaza, subject to authorization. (IDF Radio, HA 6/15; NYT 6/16)

16 JUNE

In Rafah, **1 Palestinian boy** is killed, 3 are injured when **PSF officers, Palestinian citizens** try to prevent several **Palestinian gunmen** fr. firing on Israeli positions. In Gaza, **5 Palestinian stone throwers** are wounded by **IDF** gunfire; the IDF says it was using nonlethal “crowd dispersal methods” in keeping with the cease-fire agmt. Palestinian traffic is reportedly moving freely inside Gaza, but in the West Bank, Israel has eased closures on Hebron, Jericho, Jinin only. (NYT, WP, WT 6/17; NYT, WT 6/18; MM 6/28)

In Gothenburg, Sweden, the **EU** Ms issue a declaration on the situation in the Middle East, urging **Israel** and the **PA** to implement the Tenet cease-fire plan, and Israel to suspend settlement construction and end the siege on Palestinian population centers. (AP 6/17; MM 6/18)

17 JUNE

Israeli-Palestinian clashes continue at a low level, prompting **Israel**, the **PA** to exchange accusations that the other has violated the cease-fire agmt. **Islamic Jihad** detonates 2 roadside bombs nr. IDF patrols in the West Bank and Gaza, causing no injuries. **IDF** soldiers fire on Palestinian demonstrators in Khan Yunis, killing a **12-yr.-old Palestinian boy**. However, the **IDF** pulls back troops fr. sensitive points in Gaza; **Israeli, PA security teams** conduct joint patrols for the 1st time in mos.; **IDF, PSF cmdrs. in Gaza** jointly oversee IDF efforts to dismantle roadblocks, remove tanks fr. Netzarim Junction. (NYT, WP, WT 6/18; AKH 6/18 in WNC 6/19)

Sharon refuses a UN request to allow FM **Peres** to join a mtg. btwn. **Arafat, UN Secy.-Gen. Kofi Annan** in Ramallah today, saying there can be no PA-Israeli negotiations without a complete cessation of Palestinian violence. Sharon's decision sparks a sharp exchange with Peres, who supports holding the mtg., during a Knesset session. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/18)

18 JUNE

Israeli-Palestinian clashes increase slightly. A faction of **Fatah** claims responsibility for the drive-by shooting deaths of **2 Jewish settlers** in the West Bank. In response, the **IDF** reimposes the blockade on Silat al-Dahir, Tulkarm. **Palestinians** fire mortars at Israeli targets in Gaza, causing no damage. In Haifa, the **IDF** disables **4 pipe bombs** discovered hidden in a motor bike. The **IDF** dismantles roadblocks, eases restrictions on Halhul and Qalqilya, but sets up barriers on the Betin-'Ayn Yabrud road, tightens the closure on Hebron, confiscates 10s of dunams of Palestinian land nr. Ofra settlement, conducts an arrest sweep in Aqraba. Most secondary routes in the West Bank remain sealed. **Jewish settlers** burn 10s of dunams of Palestinian fields in Luban al-Gharbiyya, raze agricultural land in al-Zawiya, assault 3 Palestinian children (ages 8, 11, 13) in Hebron. (PMC 6/18; MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/19; NYT, WJW 6/21; MEI 6/29)

28 survivors of the 1982 Sabra-Shatila massacre in Lebanon bring a war crimes case against **Sharon** before a **Belgian court**. Earlier this mo., **2 other survivors** submitted a similar case to the same court. (REU 6/18; *Guardian*, HA, *Independent*, WP 6/19; MM 6/20; WJW 6/21; AFP [Internet]

6/26; WJW 6/28; MM 7/11; MEI 7/13, 7/27) (see Peace Monitor)

19 JUNE

Palestinians fire 5 mortars at Gush Katif settlement in Gaza, causing no damage. **Jewish settlers** fire on Palestinian homes in Safarin, injuring 1 Palestinian; place 3 mobile homes, a tent on a new settlement site nr. Tulkarm. The **IDF** reinforces the blockade on Tulkarm, digging 3 trenches around the city; tightens closures on Jinin, Nablus; digs trenches around Tubas. Another **Israeli** injured in the 6/1 Tel Aviv bombing dies of her injuries, raising the toll fr. the attack to 22. A **Palestinian** dies of injuries received on 6/17. (MM 6/19; AP, NYT, WP, WT 6/20; WJW 6/21; LAW 6/23)

Israel accuses the **PA** of failing to act to prevent "terrorism" during the 1st wk. of the cease-fire implementation, declares that the 6-wk. cooling-off period (stage 3 of the Tenet plan) will not begin on 6/20 as scheduled, demands that **Sharon** "reassess" the cease-fire with the Palestinians. Sharon convenes his **security cabinet** to discuss the issue. (AP, MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/20; MM 6/21; DUS 6/25 in WNC 6/27)

Lebanon says that in 6 days, **Syria** has withdrawn 6,000 troops fr. the Beirut area. Some troops reportedly have redeployed to the Biqa' Valley, but most have returned to Syria. (NYT 6/20; JT 6/20 in WNC 6/21; *Economist* [Internet] 6/21; *al-Nabar* 6/22 in WNC 6/26; *al-Nabar* 6/26 in WNC 6/28; MEI 6/29) (see Peace Monitor)

20 JUNE

IDF soldiers fatally shoot **1 Palestinian** at a roadblock nr. Ramallah. (Soldiers say the man was "moving suspiciously," they fired at his legs but "somehow struck" him in the heart.) **IDF** sends troops into PA-controlled al-Qarara; flies low-level **F-16** sorties over Jinin, breaking the sound barrier; bulldozes **3 Palestinian homes** in Gaza City, nr. Netzarim settlement; tightens the closures on Ramallah, Tulkarm (digging more trenches across roads leading to the city). The **PSF** arrests **2 Palestinians** in the shooting death of a Greek monk on 6/12. Inside Israel, a **pipe bomb** hidden in a trash can explodes in a bus station in Hadera, causing no injuries. A **Palestinian sniper** kills a **Jewish settler** nr. Nablus. In response, **Jewish settlers** enter a nearby Palestinian village, damage buildings, set fire to an olive grove. Settlers

also raze an olive grove nr. Tulkarm. **10s of armed Jewish settlers** protest outside **Sharon's** offices in Jerusalem. (HA, JP [Internet], PMC 6/20; MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/21; MA 6/21 in WNC 6/22; QA 6/21 in WNC 6/25; MEZ 6/24; MEI 6/29)

After further talks with his **security cabinet**, **Sharon** decides not to abandon the Tenet plan but says **Arafat** has "done nothing" to stop violence, warns that plans for a major military strike are ready but will be held in abeyance for now. **Arafat** accuses Israel of focusing on isolated incidents while ignoring PA successes in controlling violence; notes that the IDF has not stopped using tanks, machine guns against Palestinians or prevented **Jewish settlers** fr. harassing, attacking Palestinians. **EU, U.S.** say the PA is making a noticeable effort but should do more. (AP 6/20; NYT, WP, WT 6/21; DUS 6/25 in WNC 6/27)

At the weekly **trilateral security comm.** mtg., **Israel** presents a timetable for the IDF to completely lift its blockades in the West Bank, Gaza and to redeploy to 9/28/00 positions, but says it will not implement it until all violence ceases. Several **District Coordination Offices (DCOs)** have reopened in the West Bank as required in stage 2 of the cease-fire, which ends today. **Israel** has also reopened 5 mi. of sea off limits to Gaza fishermen; allowed 1,000s of Palestinian workers to return to an industrial park on the Gaza border; left 2 of 9 Palestinian homes in Rafah that the IDF occupied as security outposts. (NYT, WT 6/21; AYM 6/23 in WNC 6/26)

After phone calls to **Arafat, Mubarak**, and **Sharon, Bush** announces he will send **Powell** to the region the following wk. to reinforce the shaky cease-fire. (MM 6/20; MENA 6/20 in WNC 6/21; MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/21; JT 6/22 in WNC 6/25)

21 JUNE

In Gaza, **Palestinians** fire a large-caliber mortar, antitank grenades at 2 **IDF** border posts, lightly wounding 1 soldier, damaging 1 building. Some **150 Jewish settlers** set fire to Palestinian cars, 15 dunams of wheat fields, some 1,700 olive trees nr. Nablus; attack farmers attempting to put out the fires. The **IDF** imposes a curfew on Bayt Lahia. (AP 6/21; NYT, PMC, WT 6/22; LAW 6/23; HP 6/26)

22 JUNE

In Gaza, **2 IDF soldiers** are killed, 1 is lightly wounded when a **Hamas suicide bomber** lures them toward his jeep and detonates a device, while snipers simultaneously fire on them. The **IDF** responds with tank, heavy machine gun fire, injuring 3 Palestinians; reimposes roadblocks in n. Gaza. The **IDF** enters a PA-controlled area of Gaza to demolish 3 **Palestinian homes**; directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Bayt Lahia; conducts an arrest raid in Silat al-Dahir. **Jewish settlers** block 3 West Bank roads, stoning Palestinian cars, setting fire to fields; open fire on Palestinian homes nr. Tulkarm, seriously injuring 1 Palestinian. (MM, PMC 6/22; LAW, NYT, WP, WT 6/23; MEI 6/29)

Shin Bet head **Dichter** gives PSF head **Rajub** a list of several dozen Palestinians whom he says the **PA** must arrest within 24 hrs. or **Israel** will act on its own to ensure its "self-defense." (NYT, WP, WT 6/25; MEI 6/29)

23 JUNE

Low-level **Israeli-Palestinian clashes** continue, leaving **1 Palestinian** dead. In a predawn raid, the **IDF** sends bulldozers and tanks into Rafah, under cover of shells and machine gun fire, to demolish at least **19 Palestinian homes**. **Jewish settlers** close the Hebron-Bethlehem road, attack Palestinian vehicles. The **PA** detains **Islamic Jihad Gaza head Abdallah Shami** for "acting against the Palestinian interests" in criticizing the cease-fire. (LAW 6/23; MEZ, WT 6/24; AFP [Internet] 6/28; MEI 6/29)

24 JUNE

In an apparent **IDF** assassination, **Osama Jawabiri**, a mbr. of the **al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade (AMB)** and on Israel's wanted list, is killed by a bomb planted in a public phone in Nablus; 2 children are wounded. **Israel** complains that none of the wanted Palestinians on the list given to the **PSF** on 6/22 have been arrested, but **Arafat** says he has arrested a number of militants in recent days, including **Fatah** mbrs. A **2d Palestinian** dies of injuries received earlier. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/25; AYM 6/25 in WNC 6/26; DUS 6/25 in WNC 6/27; NYT 6/26; WJW 6/28; MEI 6/29)

25 JUNE

In Hebron, a **Fatah sniper**, retaliating for the Jawabiri assassination on 6/24, shoots and wounds a **7-yr.-old Jewish settler**, sparking a firefight in which **12 Palestinians**, **4 IDF soldiers** are wounded. In response, the **IDF** seals, places a curfew on the Palestinian section of Hebron, bulldozes Palestinian land s. of Hebron; **Jewish settlers** place more caravans at a new illegal outpost site nearby. **Jewish settlers** also place caravans on Palestinian land nr. Qalqilya, attack Palestinian cars in Wadi al-Juz, cut off water to Palestinian villages nr. Halmish settlement. **Palestinians** fire on a settler bus nr. Jerusalem. A gunfight erupts nr. Neve Dekalim settlement, wounding an 11-yr.-old Palestinian. The **IDF** tightens closures on Qalandia, Tulkarm; confiscates 20 dunams of Palestinian land nr. Qalqilya; bulldozes Palestinian land in Tulkarm; continues to impose curfews on Bayt Lahia, Bayt Lid, Safarin. **Shin Bet** announces that 11 days prior, it captured **Aziz Salha**, who has confessed under interrogation to being involved in the murder of 2 IDF reservists in Ramallah on 10/12/00. (PMC 6/25; AP, HP, MM, WP, WT 6/26; MA 6/26 in WNC 6/27; MM 6/27; JP 7/6; WP 7/7)

Fmr. U.S. sen. **Mitchell**, head of the Mitchell Comm., recommends that in order to move the cease-fire forward, **Israel** should immediately implement a full settlement freeze, the **U.S.** should invite **Arafat** to the White House. Meanwhile, in Israel, DM **Ben-Eliezer** says Israel plans to remove **15 illegal settler outposts** that have been set up since the al-Aqsa intifada began, noting that they are a danger to security and cannot be defended adequately. (HA, HP, MM, WT 6/26; MA 6/26 in WNC 6/27; MM, WT 6/27; WJW 6/28)

26 JUNE

Islamic Jihad mbrs. fire on the Jewish enclave of Hebron, causing no injuries; the **IDF** tightens its closure on the Palestinian section of the city. The **IDF** also sends 5 armored vehicles into Silat al-Dahir (under curfew for 7 days) to occupy several homes under construction for use as military outposts; confiscates 100s of dunams of Palestinian land nr. Morag settlement; bulldozes Palestinian land in al-Qarara; conducts arrest sweeps in Dayr Istya (occupying 1 home as an observation post), Kfar Dik; reinforces the closure on Nablus by digging a trench across

a road, establishing a new checkpoint; re-closes the Birzeit–Ramallah road. **Jewish settlers** destroy Palestinian olive groves in Bizarya, Burqa, Ras Karkar, Tulkarm; attack a Palestinian farm in Bani Odeh, killing 50 sheep; throw stones at Palestinian cars on the Qalqilya–Nablus road. (HP, MM 6/26; NYT, WT 6/27)

In Washington, **Bush**, **Powell** hold “an unusually blunt” mtg. with **Sharon** on how to proceed with the cease-fire plan. Sharon says he will not move onto the 6-wk. cooling-off stage until violence completely ceases for 10 days; only after 8 wks. of total calm would Israel make any confidence-building gestures. Bush stresses the PA’s progress in reducing violence to date, urges Sharon to be “more receptive” to the cease-fire proposals, recommends that the cooling-off period begin immediately. (AP, MM 6/26; AYM, *al-Quds* 6/26 in WNC 6/27; BBC, HA, JP [Internet], MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/27; NYT, WJW, WP 6/28; MA 6/29, 7/1 in WNC 7/2; JP 7/6; see also WP 6/20)

27 JUNE

The **IDF** directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Rafah, Salim; tightens the closures on Salim, Tulkarm, several villages nr. Ramallah; places new checkpoints at 2 intersections outside Tulkarm, a new observation tower at al-Muntar crossing in Gaza; extends the curfews on PA-areas of Hebron for the 3d day, on Silat al-Dahir for the 8th day; imposes a curfew on Dayr Istya; opens fire on a **PSF** checkpoint at the entrance to Qalqilya, causing no injuries; conducts an arrest sweep in Abruqin; fires on Palestinian fishermen off the coast of Rafah. **Palestinians** fire on **Jewish settlers** in the West Bank, causing no damage; fire antitank grenades at an **IDF** post in Gaza and detonate a roadside bomb nr. an IDF patrol nr. Nablus, causing no injuries. **Jewish settlers** open fire on a bus transporting **Palestinian workers**, injuring 9; set fire to Palestinian trees in Dayr Istya. A **Palestinian**, possibly a collaborator, is found shot dead in Qalqilya; **1 Palestinian** dies of injuries received earlier. (HP, JT [Internet] 6/27; HP, NYT 6/28)

After a brief stop in Egypt to confer with **Mubarak** and urge him to press **Arafat** to halt violence, **Powell** opens mtgs. with **Israeli**, **PA** officials on strengthening their cease-fire. Powell reiterates that, while the U.S. does not believe that complete quiet is likely or necessary for implementation of

Tenet's plan to move forward, only **Sharon** can decide what level of violence is low enough. (MM 6/27; MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/28; WP 7/1; MEI 7/13)

Survivors of the Sabra-Shatila massacre file a suit against Israeli PM **Sharon** in Lebanese court. (*Daily Star* [Internet] 6/28; JT 7/29 in WNC 7/30) (see Peace Monitor)

28 JUNE

Israeli-Palestinian violence continues, leaving **1 Jewish settler** dead. **Palestinians** fire 3 large mortars at a Jewish settlement in Gaza, causing no damage. The **IDF** tightens the closure on Tulkarm; flies helicopters over Bethlehem. **Jewish settlers** block roads, stone passing Palestinian vehicles nr. Qalqilya; shoot at water tanks on buildings in Ramallah; vandalize Palestinian homes in Silat al-Dahir, which is under its 10th day of curfew. (HP 6/28; MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/29; *Between the Lines* 7/01)

After mtg. separately with **Arafat** and **Sharon**, **Powell** announces that the sides have agreed that after 7 days of "complete quiet," they will observe a 6-wk. cooling-off period, followed by "several mos." of confidence building, after which negotiations would resume. FM **Peres** says that if even 1 Palestinian attack takes place during the 7-day or 6-wk. periods, the clock would be reset to zero. At least **3,000 Palestinians** rally in Gaza City to protest **Powell's** visit. (AP, CNN, USIS Washington File 6/28; XIN 6/28 in WNC 6/29; MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/29; HJ 6/29, MENA 6/30, 7/1 in WNC 7/2; AYM 6/30 in WNC 7/6; WP 7/1; MM 7/2; WJW 7/5; MEI 7/13) (see Peace Monitor)

29 JUNE

Palestinians fire up to 6 mortars, several grenades at an **IDF** post in Gaza, causing no damage. The **IDF** fires a shell at a Palestinian vehicle in Khan Yunis, injuring 5 Palestinians. Around **1,000 Palestinian demonstrators** clash with IDF soldiers at a checkpoint outside al-Bireh. Another serious clash is reported in Tulkarm. The **IDF** also directs heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Bayt Sahur, Silat al-Dahir; bulldozes Palestinian land nr. Salfit; places a closure on Bayt Furik; tightens the closure on Dayr Istya, Qalqilya; sets up new blockades, checkpoints around Azun, Nablus, Qalqilya. **Jewish settlers** raze 10s of trees in Dayr Balut, cut off running water to **6 Palestinian villages** nr. Nablus. (AFP [Internet], HP 6/29; HP, NYT, WP 6/30)

Around **100 Israeli, international peace activists** attempt to reach the Palestinian village of **al-Khadir**, nr. Bethlehem, where they have planned to set up a "peace camp" with local **Palestinians** to protest ongoing Israeli violence. The activists are halted outside the village by the **IDF**, which says the area is a closed military zone, although **settlers** pass unimpeded. When the activists set up a nonviolent roadblock to settler vehicles, Israeli police arrest the organizers, force the others onto their busses and back to Tel Aviv. Inside al-Khadir, 150 Palestinian participants also demonstrate, but the IDF disperses them with gunfire, wounding 4, and imposes a curfew. (Gush Shalom press release 6/29)

On the sidelines of a conference in Lisbon, **Arafat**, **Peres** hold talks on maintaining the cease-fire. (RTP Internacional TV [Lisbon] 6/30 in WNC 7/2; AFP [Internet], NYT, WT 7/1; MM 7/2, 7/5)

Hizballah fires rockets at an **IDF** post in Shaba' Farms, injuring 2 soldiers. **Israel** sends warplanes into Lebanese air space 5–6 times. (*Daily Star* [Internet] 6/30; *al-Safir* 6/30 in WNC 7/2; WT 7/1; MM, WP, WT 7/2; *al-Safir* 7/4, SA 7/5 in WNC 7/7; MEI 7/13)

30 JUNE

An **Israeli** official says that since **Israeli-Palestinian violence** has continued, the initial 7-day period of Powell's new cease-fire time line has not yet begun. The **IDF** directs machine gun fire on residential areas of Silwad; bars Palestinians fr. exiting Qalqilya; begins bulldozing 100s of dunams of Palestinian land n. of Jerusalem for a new 300 m. settler bypass road; blocks, digs trenches across the Bayt Rima–Abud road, roads leading to Jinin fr. the south; sets up a new checkpoint outside Tulkarm. **Jewish settlers** attempt to set up a new settlement site nr. al-Jamla, n. of Jinin; continue leveling 200 dunams of land nr. Masha for a 70-unit expansion of Elkana settlement. (HP, PMC 6/30; WT 7/1; HP 7/2)

Arafat, **Peres** meet for a 2d time in Lisbon. (WT 7/1; MM 7/3; MENA 7/3 in WNC 7/6; MM 7/5)

Holding Syria responsible for the 6/29 Hizballah attack, **Israeli** warplanes fire missiles at a **Syrian** radar station nr. Baalbek, **Lebanon**, wounding 1 Lebanese, 2 Syrian soldiers. The attacks sparks an exchange of rocket fire btwn. **Hizballah**, **IDF** forces in Shaba' Farms, causing no injuries. (AP, WT 7/1; MENA, RL 7/1 in WNC 7/2; MM, WP 7/2;

IRNA, MENA 7/1, Interfax, SA 7/2 in WNC 7/3; *al-Safir* 7/4, SA 7/5 in WNC 7/7)

1 JULY

Israeli-Palestinian violence escalates, leaving **5 Palestinians** dead. A **6th Palestinian** dies of injuries received earlier. The **IDF** assassinates senior Islamic Jihad mbr. **Bisharat**, firing 8 rockets at his car as he drives nr. Jinin, also killing 2 passengers. The **PA** charges **Israel** with a major violation of the cease-fire. The **IDF** also directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Bethlehem, Rafah. (HP, MM, NYT, WT 7/2; *al-Quds* 7/2 in WNC 7/3; MM 7/3; QA 7/3, AKH, JT 7/4, AN 7/5 in WNC 7/7; MM 7/4; *Economist* 7/5; MEI 7/13)

2 JULY

Israeli-Palestinian violence continues to escalate, leaving **2 Palestinians**, **1 Israeli civilian** dead. Fatalities include a critically ill **Palestinian** woman who dies at a checkpoint nr. Ramallah after being held there for 2 hrs. and denied passage to a hospital, and an **Israeli** fatally shot by a Palestinian in a West Bank market. The **PFLP** detonates 2 remote-controlled car bombs in Yehud, inside Israel; 4 Israelis are treated for shock. The **IDF** begins work on a new settlement by-pass road nr. Bethlehem; bulldozes 100s of dunams of Palestinian land nr. Gush Etzion where a new settlement enclave was set up 1 mo. ago; confiscates 5 dunams of Silwad land for a helipad serving Ofra settlement; sets up a new checkpoint outside Jinin; tightens roadblocks around Bethlehem, Qalqilya, Tulkarm. **Jewish settlers** set fire to 5 Palestinian cars in Hebron; burn olive trees nr. Ramin. (HP, MM 7/2; NYT, PMC, WP, WT 7/3; MM 7/4; MEI 7/13)

The **U.S.** convenes a special mtg. of the **trilateral security comm.**; reprimands the **PA** for not doing enough to rein in violence, **Israel** for resuming "targeted killings." (AP 7/2; NYT, WP, WT 7/3; NYT 7/5)

3 JULY

A **Jewish settler** is found murdered nr. Hebron. The **IDF** retaliates by sealing the neighboring villages of Yatta and Yibna and bulldozing homes, cave dwellings, 10s of other structures, wells, olive groves, leaving at least **500 Palestinians** homeless. The **IDF** also bulldozes 30 Palestinian stalls at a market outside Jinin, where a settler was killed on 7/1; orders 4 Palestinian families to evac-

uate an area in Sawisa, nr. Hebron, then demolishes their tents. This evening, **1,000s of Jewish settlers** rally in Tel Aviv to protest the "inadequate" security provided by the **Israeli government**. After dark, **Palestinians** toss homemade grenades at an **IDF** post in Rafah, causing no injuries. (Gush Shalom press release, al-Haq press release, MM 7/3; HP, NYT, WT 7/4; AFP [Internet] 7/5; HA 7/12; MEI 7/13)

Sharon meets with **senior cabinet mbrs.** to discuss contingency plans should the cease-fire collapse completely. He secures their authorization to step up assassinations. The **State Dept.** repeats its opposition. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 7/4; JT 7/4 in WNC 7/7; NYT 7/5)

4 JULY

The **IDF** tightens closures throughout the West Bank; directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Rafah, at a **PSF** post outside Qalqilya; demolishes **5 Palestinian homes** in Bayt Hanina; establishes new checkpoints outside Qalqilya, Tulkarm; continues demolitions in Yibna (see 7/3), destroying an unknown number of homes, farming structures, cisterns. **Palestinian gunmen** fire on 2 vehicles traveling along the Israeli border nr. Tulkarm, killing **1 Israeli civilian**; **1 Palestinian** dies of injuries received earlier. (HP 7/4; LAW 7/9)

Israel's security cabinet selects 26 Palestinians as prime targets for assassination. The **UN**, the **U.S.** reiterate their opposition. The **PA** says Israel is essentially renouncing the U.S. cease-fire arrangement. As the cabinet mtg. takes place, plainclothes gunmen shoot, wound **senior Fatah mbr. Hazim Natshe**, on Israel's most wanted list, in an apparent assassination attempt in Hebron. (HA 7/4; AYM, DUS, MA, QA 7/4, MA, MENA 7/5 in WNC 7/7; AP, NYT, WT 7/5; AP 7/6; MEI 7/13; MM 7/18; MA 7/18 in WNC 7/19)

5 JULY

Israeli-Palestinian violence continues, leaving **1 Palestinian** dead. The **PA** reports a 6-hr. battle btwn. the **IDF**, Palestinians in Rafah in which 20 homes are damaged by tank fire, but the **IDF** claims the damage was caused by Palestinians tossing 50 homemade grenades at an **IDF** post. **Jewish settlers** fire on a Palestinian car traveling in the West Bank, wounding **4 Palestinians**. **Palestinians** fire mortars at Dugit settlement in Gaza,

causing no injuries. (BBC, MM 7/5; AFP [Internet] 7/6)

6 JULY

The **UN** admits that it has misled **Israel** about the existence of a videotape filmed by the **UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL)** 1 day after the 10/7/00 abduction of 3 **IDF** soldiers in Shaba' Farms that might provide clues to where the soldiers are being held; says it will give Israel the tape but will blur the faces of **Hizballah** mbrs., since its mandate bars it fr. providing either side with military intelligence. Israel, Lebanon, Hizballah all protest. (WP, WT 7/7; WT 7/8; MM 7/9; MA 7/9 in WNC 7/10; MEI 7/13, 7/27) (see Peace monitor)

7 JULY

Nr. Rafah, **IDF** troops open fire on stone-throwing Palestinians, killing an **11-yr.-old Palestinian boy**. **2 IDF soldiers** are injured by a roadside bomb nr. Nablus. The **IDF** directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Bayt Lahia, Rafah, al-Sudaniyya; fire heavy machine guns at a **PSF** post in Bayt Sahur; open fire on Palestinians at al-Mintar crossing and in al-Bireh, Hebron, Khan Yunis, Tulkarm; occupy a Palestinian home in al-Khadir as a military outpost; seal an entrance to Tulkarm. **Jewish settlers** ambush a Palestinian taxi nr. Ramallah, shooting and wounding 4 Palestinians; set fire to 5 Palestinian cars, vandalize several homes in Hebron; vandalize homes on the Zatarā-Nablus road; fire at Palestinians in Tulkarm; severely beat 3 Palestinians in Jinin. **Arafat** instructs the **PSF** to place a number of Palestinians wanted by Israel in "protective custody." (PMC 7/7; NYT 7/8; NYT, WT 7/9; NYT, HA 7/11; WJW 7/12)

8 JULY

Israeli-Palestinian violence continues. The **IDF** says that overnight **Palestinians** threw 60 grenades at an **IDF** post in Rafah, where a Palestinian boy was killed on 7/7, but caused no damage. Following the boy's funeral today, Palestinians fire on the same **IDF** post, causing no injuries. **Undercover IDF units** kidnap **senior Hamas mbr. Ayoub Sharawi**, wanted by Israel for allegedly "dispatching terrorist cells," fr. Hebron. The **IDF** also directs machine gun fire at residential areas of Khan Yunis (injuring 2), Yibna; occupies **2 Palestinian homes** in Nabi Saleh as military posts, evicting re-

sidents and injuring 12, including **1 Palestinian woman** who suffers a miscarriage; bulldozes 40 dunams of Palestinian land nr. Netzarim settlement; sets fire to an olive grove along the Zawata-Bayt Ibia road; fires on a **Force-17** post in Hebron. **Palestinians** detonate a roadside bomb nr. an **IDF** vehicle outside Hebron, injuring at least 1 soldier; fire on a **Jewish settler** bus nr. Ramallah, injuring 1 settler. **Jewish settlers** vandalize Palestinian property, severely beat 3 Palestinians in Hebron; vandalize Palestinian homes, cars in al-Sahla; bulldoze land, set fire to cattle pens, damage water wells in al-Musafir. **2 Palestinians** are shot, wounded by snipers nr. Abraham Avino settlement in Hebron. The **PA** sentences **Tahir Walid Jabir** to life in prison with hard labor for collaborating with Israel. (PMC 7/8; HA, HP, NYT, PMC, WT 7/9; NYT 7/10; MEI 7/13)

After an **Israeli cabinet** mtg. on the security situation, DM **Ben-Eliezer** says Israel will ease its "policy of restraint," gauge its response to "terrorist attacks in terms of their potential to do violence, and not their results." The cabinet reportedly approves **IDF Chief of Staff Shaul Mofaz's** revisions to the **IDF's** 6/2 assault plan, entitled "The Destruction of the Palestinian Authority and Disarmament of All Armed Forces," which he recommends be implemented after the next suicide bombing inside Israel that causes heavy casualties. (HA 7/8; MM 7/11; AFP [Internet], CBS News [Internet] 7/12; HA, WP 7/13; REU 7/14; WP 7/16; AN 7/16 in WNC 7/17) (see Peace Monitor)

With **Sharon's** permission, **Peres** meets with **Palestinian Council (PC) Speaker Ahmad Qurai'** to discuss the cease-fire. (NYT 7/12; MA 7/17 in WNC 7/18; MM 7/19)

9 JULY

The **IDF** demolishes at least **14 Palestinian homes** in Shu'fat refugee camp in **East Jerusalem** in the largest demolition campaign in the city in recent yrs., leaving 150 Palestinians homeless, injuring 20. **Israeli police** scuffle with **Palestinian residents**, injuring 5, arresting several. Later, the **IDF** demolishes **10 Palestinian homes** in Gaza, sparking an exchange of gunfire that leaves 5 Palestinians wounded. A **Hamas suicide bomber** detonates a car bomb nr. an **IDF** post nr. Gush Katif settlement in Gaza, killing himself, causing no other injuries. A **critically ill Palestinian man** dies of a heart attack when the **IDF** delays his ambulance's passage through a checkpoint. An **IDF sol-**

dier dies of injuries received on 7/8. The **IDF** also directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Bayt Sahur (hitting a **PSF** post); tightens access to Jerusalem and the closure on Jinin, Tulkarm; places a curfew on Sinjil, fires percussion grenades for no apparent reason. **Jewish settlers** place caravans on confiscated Palestinian land in Ramin to expand Annab settlement; stage a 4-hr. assault on Palestinians, their property in Hebron, also attack journalists who come to cover the incident. **Palestinians** fire mortars at 2 Gaza settlements, causing no damage. (HP, LAW, MM 7/9; HA, MM, NYT, WP, WT 7/10; PMC, WT 7/11; JT, *al-Quds* 7/11 in WNC 7/12; HJ, JT 7/12 in WNC 7/13; ATL 7/12 in WNC 7/16; MEI 7/13; HA 7/24)

10 JULY

In a predawn operation, the **IDF** bulldozes at least **17 Palestinian homes**, 12 stores in Rafah refugee camp, leaving 150 Palestinians homeless and sparking a gunfight that leaves **5 Palestinians, 3 IDF soldiers** wounded. Terming the demolitions "highly provocative," the U.S. announces plans to send **Dep. Asst. Secy. of State for Near Eastern Affairs David Satterfield** to the region to push U.S. cease-fire initiatives. Meanwhile, **Palestinians** fire a mortar at Nahal Oz kibbutz, causing no injuries but marking the 1st confirmed mortar attack inside the Green Line since 5/4. A **Palestinian woman** gives birth at an **IDF** checkpoint when soldiers deny her passage, the **baby** dies before reaching a hospital. For the 2d time in 2 days, a **Palestinian man** dies of a heart attack at an **IDF** checkpoint when soldiers refuse to allow him passage to a hospital. **Jewish settlers** set fire to 50 dunams of Palestinian agricultural land nr. Avni Hefets settlement. (MEZ, MM, WP 7/10; HP, NYT, PMC, WP, WT 7/11; JT 7/11 in WNC 7/12; HJ, IRNA 7/12 in WNC 7/13; ATL 7/12 in WNC 7/16)

11 JULY

Palestinians fire another mortar at Nahal Oz kibbutz, causing no damage. The **IDF** fatally shoots a **Palestinian** passenger in a taxi that passes a checkpoint without stopping. The **IDF** also shells residential areas of al-Khadir; bulldozes Palestinian trees btwn. Abu Dis and Jabal al-Mukabir; tightens the closures on Bethlehem, Nablus. Inside Israel, **Israeli police** arrest a **Palestinian** carrying a bomb. The body of a **Palestinian** suspected

of collaborating with Israel is found in a West Bank village. Israel's **Peres** says that, although the **PA** is still not making a 100% effort to halt violence, evidence in recent days suggests that the **PSF** is taking action against renegade gunmen; **Israeli security sources** corroborate reports that **Arafat** has ordered the **PSF** to place a number of wanted Palestinians in "protective custody" but say Israel considers this "insufficient." **Peres** also says that **15 illegal settlement outposts** should be dismantled within 2–3 wks. (HA, HP 7/11; NYT, WP 7/12)

The **Israeli** government orders the demolition of 34 **Palestinian homes** in al-Midya, on the border of the Green Line, where Israel intends to create a buffer zone with the West Bank. The **Jerusalem Municipality** also orders the demolition of 2 more houses and 15 dunams of surrounding land in Shaykh Jarrah, **East Jerusalem**, for construction of a train line linking West Jerusalem with the Pisgat Ze'ev settlement. (Orient House press release 7/11; PMC 7/12)

12 JULY

Israeli-Palestinian clashes increase sharply. **Palestinian gunmen** shoot at a vehicle nr. Nablus, wounding **3 Jewish settlers**. In retaliation, the **IDF** temporarily reoccupies a hill inside PA-controlled Nablus and shells **PSF** buildings in the city, killing 1 **PSF** officer, wounding 2 officers and a child. The **IDF** also occupies 3 **Palestinian homes** in nearby Kafr Khalil, which it does not surrender when troops withdraw fr. Nablus. Outraged **settlers** attack a nearby Palestinian village, smashing windows of Palestinian cars and an ambulance with stones and rifle butts, burning olive groves. After 1 **Jewish settler** is killed, 1 is wounded by a **Palestinian sniper** in Hebron, the **IDF** shells several Palestinian buildings, destroying a **PSF** post, injuring 2 **PSF** officers, up to 92 Palestinian civilians, and cutting off power to the PA-controlled area of the city. Angry **settlers** stone Palestinian homes, set fire to a garage, 1 car in Hebron; smash taxi windows, slash tires in the nearby Palestinian village of Halhul. (AP 7/12; MM, NYT, WP 7/13; MA, *al-Quds* 7/13 in WNC 7/16; *In Focus* 7/18)

Sharon sends his son **Omri** to Ramallah to stress to **Arafat** "the absolute need to stop the terror and violence," reportedly warns that Israel is prepared to launch a major strike if Palestinian attacks do not cease. (HA, MM, NYT 7/13; WP, WT 7/14; SA 7/14 in WNC 7/17; MM 7/16, 7/19)

13 JULY

Israeli-Palestinian violence escalates, leaving **2 Palestinians** dead. After a **2d Jewish settler** wounded on 7/12 dies of his injuries, the **IDF** sends tanks, armored personnel carriers, heavy machine guns into the **PA**-controlled area of **Hebron** to fire on **4 Force 17** positions in the midst of Palestinian residential areas, leaving more than 20 Palestinians injured, 10s of houses damaged and triggering a major exchange of gunfire. In Tulkarm, **senior Hamas mbr. Fawwaz Badran** is killed when his car explodes in an apparent Israeli assassination operation. **IDF soldiers** see a **Palestinian woman** place a bomb outside a Jewish settlement in Gaza and run away. When they approach to dismantle the bomb, another **Palestinian** throws a grenade at them, causing no injuries. Soldiers shoot him dead. The **IDF** also seizes a **Palestinian home** in Nabi Salih as a new outpost, fire on an ambulance in Tulkarm. (MM 7/13; WP, WT 7/14; Palestinian Red Crescent Society press release 7/16)

14 JULY

Scattered **Israeli-Palestinian violence** continues. The **IDF** occupies the 2d floor of a **Palestinian home** in Um Safa. (*In Focus* 7/18)

Dep. Asst. Secy. of State **Satterfield** begins a 10-day visit to the region to discuss with Israeli, PA officials ways of halting violence. (NYT 7/15; WP 8/7)

15 JULY

The **IDF** sends tanks into PA-controlled **Hebron** fr. 3 directions to destroy **5 Force 17** posts, wounding 9 Palestinians. Armed **Jewish settlers** occupy a Palestinian building in the city, fire on Palestinians, wounding 1. Inside Israel, **2 Palestinians** are killed while they are allegedly preparing a bomb nr. the stadium where the Maccabiah Games are scheduled to open today. In Bethlehem, **Israeli undercover agents** kidnap **senior Islamic Jihad mbr. Mahmud Hamdan**. (MM, WP 7/16; MM 7/17; AP 7/21; al-Haq press release 7/23)

In Cairo, **Peres, Arafat** meet after holding separate talks with Pres. **Mubarak** on the deteriorating Israeli-Palestinian situation. Peres warns Arafat that Israel will not hold back if there is another major bombing. (ITAR-TASS 7/15 in WNC 7/16, 7/17; MM, WT 7/16; MM 7/19; MENA 7/19 in WNC 7/23)

The **Israeli cabinet** approves construction of new communities in a vacant Negev area of Halutza Sands, bordering the southeast corner of the Gaza Strip, that the previous government had considered giving to the **PA** in a land-swap deal as part of a final status agmt. (NYT, WP, WT 7/16)

16 JULY

In response to Palestinian gunfire overnight, **IDF** tanks enter PA-controlled **Hebron** before dawn to shell **PSF** posts, injuring 5 Palestinians. This evening, an **Islamic Jihad suicide bomber** kills **2 IDF soldiers**, wounds 9 others at a bus stop in Binyamina inside Israel. In response, the **IDF** sends tanks into **Jinin, Tulkarm** to shell **PSF** posts there. DM **Ben-Eliezer** places forces on alert, cancels a trip to Washington for a mtg. with **Powell**. The **PA** reiterates its call for a halt to actions inside Israel. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 7/17; HA 7/18; SA 7/18 in WNC 7/19; MM 7/23; MEI 7/27)

17 JULY

The **IDF** assassinates **Izzeddine al-Qasam Brigades Bethlehem regional cmdr., Omar Saada**, firing 2 wire-guided missiles at his home, also killing a Hamas colleague. When neighbors and relatives come to the scene to survey the damage, the IDF fires a 3d missile, killing Saada's brother (a peace activist) and a 4th Palestinian, wounding 10. The **PA** arrests **5 Palestinians** for allegedly collaborating with Israel on the strike. For the 1st time, West Bank **Palestinians** fire 2 mortars at the **Jewish settlement** of Gilo, outside Jerusalem, causing no damage. The **IDF** directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at Bayt Jala, Bayt Sahur in response. The IDF also shells residential areas of Qabatiyya (destroying a **Force 17** post), Tulkarm; raids al-Arub, Fajar, al-Fawar, Salfit; places a closure on Qalqilya, reinforces troops in the area. **Jewish settlers** vandalize Palestinian cars in al-Fawar. The **IDF** says it defused **2 bombs** in Tel Aviv, outside a West Bank settlement. (AFP [Internet], BBC, CNN, HP, PMC 7/17; AP, MM, NYT, WP, WT 7/18; AYM, SA 7/19 in WNC 7/20; AP 7/21; WT 7/23; MEI 7/27)

Sharon phones **Bush** to urge him to press for a statement strongly condemning **Arafat** at the upcoming **G-8** summit. Sharon also reportedly tells Bush that Israel plans to carry out "preventive operations" in the near future. An hr. later, Sharon receives a call fr. **Powell** urging Israeli restraint, but, late this

evening, the **IDF** sends tank, troop reinforcements into the West Bank in its largest deployment since the start of the al-Aqsa intifada, raising speculation that a massive attack is imminent. (MM 7/20)

18 JULY

Israel continues to reinforce its West Bank forces, stationing **paratrooper units** in areas nr. Bethlehem, Jinin. **Palestinians** fire 4 mortars at Netzarim settlement, Nahal Oz kibbutz inside Israel. The **IDF** flies low-level **F-16** sorties, drops thermal balloons over the Gaza Strip; directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at Palestinian residential areas of Hebron, setting 7 **Palestinian homes** on fire; tightens the closures on Qalqilya, Tulkarm. **Jewish settlers** reportedly confiscate several **Palestinian homes** in the Palestinian section of Hebron nr. Kiryat Arba. In Bethlehem, **1,000s of Palestinians** hold anti-Israeli demonstrations following the funeral for Hamas's **Saada**. **1 Palestinian** dies of injuries received on 7/16. (AP, HA, HP 7/18; NYT 7/19)

At a **G-8** preparatory mtg. in Rome, the FMs of **Britain, France, Germany, Italy** insist that dispatching an impartial observer force to the West Bank and Gaza is necessary to restore a lasting cease-fire, renew peace talks. Secy. of State **Powell** says sending a force is "premature," since **Israel** does not approve, but he does not reject the idea outright. (WP, WT 7/19)

19 JULY

Mbrs. of the **Comm. for Road Safety**, the armed wing of the militant Jewish settler group **Kach**, spray a Palestinian vehicle with automatic weapons fire, leaving **3 Palestinians** dead, 4 wounded. The gunmen then run an **IDF** roadblock and escape into Israel. In Hebron, the **IDF** shells Palestinian residential areas, injuring 20, and exchanges gunfire with **Force 17, PSF** officers; **Jewish settlers** fire on, try to set fire to several Palestinian homes, causing no injuries. The **IDF** also directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Bayt Hanun, Bayt Jala. **Palestinian gunmen** fire on a **settler bus** nr. Ariel, causing no injuries; the **IDF** seals 3 nearby Palestinian villages while troops sweep the area. (AFP [Internet], AP, MM 7/19; HP, MM, NYT, WP, WT 7/20; WP, WT 7/21; MA 7/22 in WNC 7/23, 7/24; *al-Quds* 7/22 in WNC 7/25; MM 7/24; MEI 7/27; JP 8/3)

At the **G-8** preparatory mtg. in Rome, FMs unanimously adopt a resolution supporting "**third-party monitoring**" as a means of facilitating a cease-fire, but agree that both **Israel**, the **PA** would have to approve. **Powell** backs the resolution after the wording is changed to call for "third-party monitors" rather than "international observers." **Israel** denounces the proposal. (AFP [Internet], AP, BBC, HA 7/19; MM, NYT, REU, WP, WT 7/20; MENA 7/20, AFP, MENA 7/22 in WNC 7/23; AYM 7/21 in WNC 7/25; WP 7/23; MEI 7/27) (see Peace Monitor)

20 JULY

In Hebron, 2 explosions rip through a Palestinian home next door to the local **Fatah** headquarters, killing **2 Palestinians**, including **Fatah tanzim leader Raja Abu Rajab**, and wounding 10. **Fatah** claims it was an IDF assassination; **Israel** accuses **Fatah** of making false accusations to escalate the violence. The **IDF** directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas in and around Hebron, setting fire to 1 home, injuring 2 Palestinians. **Jewish settlers** fire on, throw stones at Palestinians driving nr. Ramallah, critically injuring 1; set a Palestinian home on fire in Nabi Salih. **Palestinians**, the **IDF** exchange gunfire around Gillo-Bayt Jala. (HP 7/20; WP, WT 7/21; HA 7/22; MEI 7/27)

21 JULY

In Genoa, **G-8** heads of state endorse the FMs 7/19 statement calling for **third-party monitors**. (DUS 7/21, MENA 7/22 in WNC 7/23; MM 7/23; *al-Quds* 7/23 in WNC 7/24; MM 7/24; AFP, MENA 7/24 in WNC 7/25; MM 7/25) (see Doc. A3)

22 JULY

Palestinians fire a mortar at a **Jewish settlement** in Gaza, causing no damage. Afterward, **PSF** officers attempt to arrest the group at a checkpoint, exchanging gunfire with them, wounding 3. In Haifa, **Israeli police** arrest a **Palestinian** for planting a bomb nr. a building complex, disassemble the device. **Israel** announces that several days prior, the **Shin Bet** arrested **Arafat bodyguard Anis Namura** on charges of organizing a group to carry out attacks on Israeli targets in the West Bank. The **PA** denies **Namura** is a **Force 17** mbr. **Palestinians** report that the **IDF** has recently moved more helicopters into **Jewish settlements** in the

West Bank. (WP 7/22; MM 7/23; REU, WT 7/24; MEI 7/27)

At a **Likud Central Comm.** mtg. in Tel Aviv, **Sharon** is criticized for "being soft," not "crushing" **Arafat**, the **PA**. Leading the criticism is **fmr. PM Benjamin Netanyahu**. (MM, NYT, WP 7/23; MA 7/23 in WNC 7/24; MM 7/25, 7/26; MEI 7/27; JP 8/3)

23 JULY

The **IDF** raids the home of suspected **Islamic Jihad mbr. Mustafa Yassin** in Anin, fatally shoot him when he allegedly attempts to flee; a would-be Palestinian bomber detained in Haifa on 7/22 named Yassin as his handler during interrogation. The **IDF** also fatally shoots a **Palestinian** teenager during clashes nr. a Gaza roadblock. (REU 7/23; MM, WP 7/24; NYT, PMC 7/25; MEI 7/27)

Late this evening in Gaza City, a rally by some **3,000 Palestinians** protesting the **PA's** recent crackdown on activists per the Tenet plan devolves into clashes with the **PSF** when 100s of the protesters attack the nearby home of **PA military intelligence chief Musa Arafat**. Clashes spread to **Nus-sayrat camp**. (REU 7/23; AFP [Internet], REU 7/24; RMC 7/24 in WNC 7/25; MM, NYT 7/25; SA 7/26 in WNC 7/27; MEI 7/27)

24 JULY

A **Jewish settler** is found murdered nr. Ramallah. **Palestinians** throw 15 grenades at a Rafah checkpoint during the day, causing no injuries. The **IDF** bulldozes 45 dunams of Palestinian land along the Gaza border nr. Nahal Oz kibbutz. (MM, NYT, WP 7/25)

25 JULY

Israel assassinates **senior Hamas mbr. Salah al-Din Darwaza**, firing 5 antitank missiles at his car as he drives through Nablus. Armed **Jewish settlers** fr. Morag attack a **PSF** post, a residential building in Rafah, sparking an exchange of gunfire involving the **IDF** and **PSF** that leaves 3 soldiers injured. The **IDF** bulldozes the **PSF** post, surrounding agricultural land. In response, **Palestinians** fire a mortar at Morag, causing no damage. (LAW 7/25; HP, NYT, WP 7/26; JP 8/3)

At the weekly **trilateral security comm.** mtg., the **PA** warns that it will not be able to continue the security mtgs. if Israeli assassinations continue. The **PA** hands **Israel** a list of **31 Jewish settlers** wanted for carrying out attacks on Palestinians, warning that the

PA will take action if **Israel** does not arrest them. (AFP [Internet], NYT 7/25; MM, WJW 7/26; *al-Quds* 7/26 in WNC 7/27; SA 7/30 in WNC 7/31)

26 JULY

The **IDF** conducts sweeps in Dayr Istya, Hussan, and Qalqilya, arresting 11 Palestinians (including 5 **Fatah** mbrs., 2 **PSF** officers); at least 5 are released later. A **Jewish settler** is killed in a drive-by shooting nr. the West Bank settlement of Givon; **Palestinian gunmen** also fire into Givon, causing no injuries. In the West Bank, 2 roadside bombs explode nr. an **IDF** vehicle, nr. a settler school bus, causing no injuries. (AFP [Internet], HP 7/26; NYT 7/27)

27 JULY

Israeli-Palestinian violence continues. **IDF** tanks demolish 2 **PSF** outposts on the Ramallah–Birzeit road, shell and destroy another **PSF** post nr. Beitunia. (LAW 8/6)

28 JULY

In retaliation for 3 mortars fired at a **Jewish settlement** in Gaza overnight that caused no damage, **IDF** helicopters shell a Palestinian building nr. Khan Yunis allegedly used as a mortar factory. The **IDF** also shuts a main Nablus–Jordan Valley road; sends tanks into **PA**-controlled Hebron to fire on a **PSF** outpost, critically wounding 1 **PSF** officer. The **Popular Army Front–Return Battalions** (a new group that carried out at least 2 incidents, 3/28, 4/22) publishes a list of **33 Jewish settler leaders** it warns could be targeted for assassination. **1,000s of Hamas supporters** attend a rally in memory of Salah al-Din Darwaza, assassinated on 7/25. (WT 7/29; LAW 8/6)

29 JULY

Mbrs. of the Israeli ultranationalist group, **Temple Mount Faithful**, march on the Temple Mount/Haram al-Sharif to lay a cornerstone for the 3d Temple. **Israeli police** block the marchers, but **Palestinians** who gathered at al-Aqsa in anticipation of the group's attempt to enter the mosque compound throw stones at **Jewish worshippers** praying at the Wailing Wall, injuring 15. **100s of Israeli police** enter the compound, disperse the crowd with tear gas, concussion grenades, injuring 35, arresting 31. **IDF** soldiers assault **7 press photographers**, **1**

reporter covering the incident, breaking cameras, confiscating film. **Palestinians, IDF** troops trade gunfire nr. Ramallah, leaving 3 Palestinians, 2 soldiers wounded; shell residential areas of Hebron, Rafah. A **car bomb** explodes in a parking garage in Pisgat Ze'ev settlement, causing no injuries. (MENA 7/29 in WNC 7/30; NYT, REU, WP, WT 7/30; JT, MENA, XIN 7/30 in WNC 7/31; AYM 7/30 in WNC 8/2; LAW 8/6)

30 JULY

Nr. **Jinin**, an explosion kills **6 Fatah mbrs.**, 3 of whom are on Israel's most-wanted list, 1 of whom is a PA military intelligence officer. **Fatah** says they were assassinated by **IDF** tank fire; **Israel** claims they were assembling a bomb when it exploded. After Palestinians fire a mortar at Kefar Darom settlement in Gaza, injuring 1 girl, **IDF** helicopters fire shells at the main **PSF** headquarters in Gaza City, destroying a building that Israel claims was a mortar factory, injuring 7 PSF officers. The **IDF** also fatally shoots a **PSF officer** and an **Islamic Jihad mbr.** nr. Qarni crossing; directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Hebron, Rafah. A **small bomb** explodes in a supermarket in Pisgat Ze'ev, and a **road-side bomb** explodes nr. a **Jewish settler school bus** nr. Ofra, neither causing injuries. Nr. Tulkarm, **Palestinian gunmen** fire across the Green Line at an **Israeli border police** car, injuring 3 officers. (AFP [Internet], BBC, NYT, REU, WP, WT 7/30; NYT, WP 7/31; SA 7/31 in WNC 8/1; LAW 8/6; MEI 8/10)

31 JULY

The **IDF** shells **Hamas's** press office in Nablus, killing **8 Palestinians**, wounding 7. Among the fatalities are **Hamas political leaders Jamal Mansur** and **Jamal Salim**, the targets of assassination and prominent public figures known for running a network of welfare programs and medical clinics. Also killed are **Fahim Dawabsha**, another Hamas mbr. on Israel's wanted list; **2 journalists** interviewing Mansur; 2 children outside the building. The attack triggers firefights, especially around Jerusalem, mortar strikes, and 2 ambushes of **Jewish settler vehicles** that leave 7 settlers wounded. **100s of Palestinians** gather outside the Hamas office to protest. **Sharon** terms the attack "one of our most important successes." The **State Dept.** "strongly deplores"

the "highly provocative" incident. **Mubarak** sends an "urgent letter" to **Bush** pressing for the U.S. to intervene with Israel. Meanwhile, the **IDF** demolishes **2 Palestinian homes** in Shu'fat; sends tanks, bulldozers into Bayt Sahur to shell residential areas, demolish part of a home, a water network; directs heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Bayt Jala, Gaza City, al-Khadir, Khan Yunis, Rafah; bulldozes additional land outside Ramallah; conducts arrest sweeps in Bayt Hanina, East Jerusalem, Shu'fat, al-Tur, Wadi al-Juz; sets up new checkpoints nr. Nablus, Ramallah, Zawata; tightens the closures on Salfit, Tulkarm. **IDF soldiers** also severely beat **2 journalists** at a checkpoint nr. Qalandiyya; **2 Palestinians** are killed in clashes elsewhere. **Jewish settlers** vandalize Palestinian cars in East Jerusalem. (AP, HP, LAW, PMC, REU 7/31; MENA 7/31 in WNC 8/1; MENA 7/31, ATL, JT, MA, MENA, XIN 8/1 in WNC 8/2; NYT, WP, WT 8/1; XIN 8/1, AN 8/2 in WNC 8/3; HP 8/2; MENA 8/4 in WNC 8/6; LAW 8/6; JP, MEI 8/10)

A **PA security court** sentences **4 Palestinians** to death for collaborating with Israel in the assassination of **senior Fatah official Thabet Thabet** on 12/31/00. A 5th defendant is acquitted. (WT 8/1; AYM 8/4 in WNC 8/10; WT 8/7)

1 AUGUST

In Nablus, **10,000s of Palestinians** attend the funeral of those killed in the 7/31 IDF attack in Nablus. Palestinians across Jerusalem, Gaza, the West Bank observe a general strike; marches are held in Jinin, Qalqilya, Ramallah, Tulkarm, refugee camps in Lebanon. Meanwhile, **Israel** continues to defend the assassination strike, saying it will carry out more such assaults if Israeli lives are at risk. Meanwhile, **1 Palestinian** is killed in a severe clash with the **IDF** in Hebron. The **IDF** also directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Khan Yunis, Rafah, Ramallah, Silat Dahir, Tulkarm; conducts arrest raids, searches in Abu Dis, al-Arub, Nablus; reinforces positions around Birzeit, Jinin, Qalqilya, Tulkarm. A **pipe bomb** explodes in Jerusalem, causing no injuries. **Palestinian gunmen** kill **3 suspected Palestinian collaborators** in Bethlehem, Ramallah. (REU 8/1; HP, NYT, WP, WT 8/2; LAW 8/6; MEI 8/10)

Responding to **Mubarak's** urgent appeal (8/1), **Bush** states that "we're still very much engaged in the process . . . that we take violence very seriously," but not indicating that

the U.S. will do more. Egyptian FM **Maheer** says Egypt is "astonished that the United States has not reacted with the necessary firmness to this [latest] Israeli behavior." (NYT, WP, WT 8/8; AKH 8/8 in WNC 8/10)

The **PA** suspends participation on the **trilateral security comm.** to protest **Israel's** 7/31 strike against Hamas. (WP 8/2, 8/6)

2 AUGUST

The **IDF** fatally shoots a **Palestinian** said to be planting a bomb nr. Nablus, sparking a gun battle lasting several hrs., leaving 2 Palestinians wounded. Another **Palestinian** is caught attempting to plant a bomb on an Israeli bus in Kiryat Shimona. **IDF** commandos land a helicopter nr. a **PSF** post nr. Nablus, abduct **low-level Fatah mbr. Murad Bisharat**, who is released hrs. later; Israel Radio reports that he was kidnapped by mistake; a senior Fatah mbr. was the intended target. **Palestinians** fire 2 mortars at Kefar Darom settlement in Gaza, causing no damage. In response, the **IDF** sends 3 tanks into a nearby PA-controlled area. The **IDF** also directs shells, heavy machine gun fire on residential areas of Bayt Sahur, Bethlehem, Hebron, al-Khadir, Khan Yunis, Rafah, Ramallah, Tulkarm; demolishes part of a girls' school in Hebron. **Israel's Jerusalem Municipality** confiscates 100 dunams of Palestinian land in the Jabal al-Mukabir neighborhood of East Jerusalem for a settler bypass road. A **PA security court** sentences a Palestinian to death for collaborating with Israel in the 7/25 Darwaza assassination. (HA, HP 8/2; NYT, WP 8/3; AYM 8/4 in WNC 8/10; HA 8/8; MEI 8/10)

3 AUGUST

Although the **official PA news agency Wafa** carries another appeal for a halt to armed attacks against Israel, the clashes continue at a high level. A **Palestinian woman** carrying a bomb is detained, disarmed at the Tel Aviv central bus depot. **Palestinians** fire a mortar at a Jewish settlement in Gaza, injuring 1 **settler**. Fearing massive protests against the 7/31 Nablus attack, **Israel** places age restrictions on Palestinians attending Friday prayers at al-Aqsa Mosque. **Palestinian gunmen** fatally shoot a suspected Palestinian **collaborator** in Bethlehem. **PA officials** say some **60 suspected collaborators** have been arrested in Jinin. (AP, HA, REU 8/3; WP, WT 8/4; MEI 8/10)

After a **UN** comm. concludes that **UNIFIL** erred in its handling of the 10/00 video but did not conspire against Israel in bad faith, Secy.-Gen. **Annan** invites **Israel, Lebanon** to send officials to New York to view the edited tapes, evidence collected at the scene. (NYT, WP, WT 8/4; NYT 8/8; WJW 8/9; MEI 8/10) (see 7/6)

4 AUGUST

In Ramallah, 2 **IDF** missiles narrowly miss the car of **Fatah *tanzim* leader Marwan Barghouti** in an apparent assassination attempt. **Israel** claims that a **Force 17 mbr.** traveling in a 2d vehicle, injured in the attack, was the intended target. **Arafat** appeals to the **U.S., China, the EU, Russia** to intervene with **Israel** to prevent violence fr. spinning out of control. The **IDF** also destroys a Palestinian olive grove nr. Nablus, 20 dunams of agricultural land in Jericho; shells residential areas nr. Bethlehem. **Palestinian gunmen** exchange fire with IDF forces outside Gilo settlement. **1 Palestinian** dies of injuries received earlier. (NYT, PMC, WP, WT 8/5; *al-Quds* 8/5 in WNC 8/6; LAW, PMC 8/6; MEI 8/10)

In Tel Aviv, **1,000s of Israelis** take part in a **Peace Now** march protesting **Israeli** violence against **Palestinians**. (Gush Shalom press release 8/5; NYT, WJW 8/9)

5 AUGUST

The **IDF** assassinates **Hamas student activist 'Amr Hadiri** (also reported as Omar Madiri), firing missiles at his car as he drives in Tulkarm. Also nr. Tulkarm, the **IDF** fatally shoots a **Palestinian** allegedly planting a roadside bomb. A **Palestinian** opens fire outside the **Israeli DMin.** in Tel Aviv, wounding 8 IDF soldiers, 2 Israeli civilians. The shooter is wounded, captured in his attempt to flee and later dies of his injuries. **Palestinians** open fire on a Jewish settler family driving in the West Bank, killing **1 pregnant settler**, seriously wounding her husband, lightly injuring 2 children. In response, the **IDF** seals Jericho, Nablus, Qalqilya, Ramallah, Tulkarm, and parts of Bethlehem, Hebron, Jinin. **IDF** helicopters shell the **PSF** headquarters in Rafah. The **Israeli DMin.** broadcasts a list of **7 wanted Palestinians** (3 **Islamic Jihad**, 2 **Fatah**, 1 **Hamas**, 1 **PFLP**), vowing to take action against them if the **PA** does not arrest them immediately. (AFP [Internet], PMC, REU 8/5;

AFP [Internet], JP [Internet], LAW, NYT, WP, WT 8/6; WJW 8/9; MEI 8/10)

6 AUGUST

IDF undercover agents kidnap a **Palestinian** suspected of training to be a suicide bomber. A **Jewish settler** is killed by Palestinian gunfire nr. Tapuach settlement. A **Palestinian** is reportedly beaten to death in **IDF** custody nr. Tulkarm. A **pregnant Palestinian woman**, denied passage through 3 **IDF** checkpoints to reach a hospital, gives birth in her car. The **PA** releases a list of **60 Jewish settlers** wanted for planning attacks on Palestinians, says that if Israel does not arrest them immediately, it will "deal with them as terrorists." (AFP [Internet], PMC 8/6; WT 8/7)

The **PC** forms a subcomm. to draw plans for a unity government with opposition **nationalist and Islamist groups**. (AYM 8/6 in WNC 8/13; AYM 8/8 in WNC 8/10; JT 8/8, SA 8/10 in WNC 8/13; WT 8/9; AKH 8/10 in WNC 8/14) (see 6/7)

7 AUGUST

Israel eases the **IDF's** open-fire restrictions, allowing soldiers to initiate fire on Palestinians who "appear to be preparing an attack." A **Jewish settler** is fatally shot outside Tzofim settlement. The **IDF** seals neighboring Qalqilya in response. The **IDF** also directs heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Bethlehem; tightens the closures on Jinin, Khan Yunis, Tulkarm. **2 roadside bombs** explode nr. **IDF** convoys in the West Bank, causing no damage. (PMC, WP, WT 8/8)

The **U.S.** rejects **PA** requests to intervene with **Israel** to prevent the further deterioration of violence and to send **international observers** to the region immediately, instead dispatching Dep. Asst. Secy. of State **Satterfield** for a week-long tour of the region. He will discuss regional tensions with officials in Lebanon, Syria, Israel, and the West Bank and Gaza, but will not bring new initiatives. (NYT, WP, WT 8/8; NYT 8/10; JT 8/12 in WNC 8/14)

8 AUGUST

A **Palestinian suicide bomber** detonates a device at an **IDF** checkpoint in the West Bank, injuring **3 IDF soldiers**. In retaliation for the killing of a settler on 8/7, the **IDF** places a curfew on 'Ayn Bus, Jama'in; shells a **Force 17** post, a **PA military intel-**

ligence post in Salfit and a **Force 17** office in Asira, destroying the buildings but causing no injuries. The **IDF** also directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Asira, Jericho; tightens closures on Khan Yunis, Qalqilya, Rafah; reinforces troops around al-Mahatin, Qalqilya; bulldozes 10 dunams of agricultural land in al-Qarara. (AP, HP 8/8; WP 8/9)

9 AUGUST

A **Hamis suicide bomber** detonates a device at a crowded West Jerusalem pizzeria, killing **13 Israelis**, **1 American**, **1 Brazilian** and wounding at least 90. Afterward, angry **Israelis** in Jerusalem, **Jewish settlers** in Hebron attack Palestinians in the streets, with little intervention fr. **Israeli police, soldiers**. Fearing a massive Israeli strike, **Palestinians** throughout the occupied territories close offices and stores, take refuge in their homes. Meanwhile, **Palestinian gunmen** fire on a vehicle nr. Jinin, killing **1 Jewish settler**, wounding 3. The **IDF** directs heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Bayt Lahia, Jericho, Khan Yunis, Nablus, Rafah; bulldoze a **Palestinian home** in Gaza. (AP, BBC, HA 8/9; ITAR-TASS, MENA 8/9 in WNC 8/10; NYT, PMC, WP, WT 8/10; JT 8/10 in WNC 8/13; WP 8/11)

Immediately after the bombing, the **IDF senior command, Israeli cabinet** convene separately to discuss response scenarios. The cabinet agrees to a new strategy of hitting **PA** targets only with the aim of forcing **Arafat** to choose btwn. a full cease-fire and destruction of the PA. This evening, **Sharon** meets with his **security cabinet**, which also decides to set up new police stations in East Jerusalem. (HA 8/9; CNN, HA, JP [Internet], LAW, NYT, REU, WP, WT 8/10; MENA 8/10 in WNC 8/13; WT 8/11; *Times* [London] 8/13; WT 8/15)

Late tonight (2:00 A.M. local time), **Israel** sends **F-16s** to destroy a **PSF** post in Ramallah; sends more tanks into Gaza, bulldozing 1 **PSF** post. **Israeli security forces** occupy **10 unofficial PLO offices in East Jerusalem**, including **Orient House** (the symbolic PLO FMin.); also detain **8 Orient House employees** for questioning, confiscate files, remove the Palestinian flag, raise an Israeli flag. The **IDF** takes over the Abu Dis mayor's residence, several surrounding homes Israel claims are used as **PA security command centers**, marking the 1st reoccupation of sites in area B. **Sharon** declares that "Orient House will not open again. Ever. We will not

leave Abu Dis." The **State Dept.** says the actions mark a "political escalation." **Russia** warns that Israel has crossed a "dangerous line." In response, Israel removes the Israeli flag fr. Orient House. (HA 8/9; CNN, HA, JP [Internet], LAW, NYT, REU, WP, WT 8/10; MENA 8/10 in WNC 8/13; WT 8/11; JT, *al-Quds* 8/12 in WNC 8/14; *Times* [London] 8/13; AYM 8/13, SA 8/14 in WNC 8/15; ATL 8/15 in WNC 8/16)

A **PA security court** in Nablus sentences another **Palestinian** to death for collaborating with Israel in the 2/19 assassination of Hamas mbr. Mahmud Madani. (*Independent* [Internet] 8/10)

10 AUGUST

Palestinians, foreign nationals demonstrate outside **Orient House** to protest the Israeli confiscation. **Israeli police** break up the rally, beating some protesters, arresting 8. Similar protests are held in Ramallah. **Israel** claims that **senior Hamas mbr. Abdallah Barghouti**, 1 of the 7 Palestinians on the list it handed to the **PA** on 8/5, planned the 8/9 suicide bombing. The **IDF** demolishes a **PSF** post in Gaza City, sets up a new checkpoint on the Birzeit–Ramallah road. (International Solidarity Movement press release, Israeli FMin. press release 8/10; WP, WT 8/11; MEZ 8/15)

11 AUGUST

Demonstrations continue outside **Orient House**. **Israeli police** arrest 5 **Palestinian demonstrators**, 7 **foreign nationals**. **Israel** claims that when police seized Orient House, they found arms, explosives. The **PA** arrests 4 **Hamas** mbrs., including **Abdallah Barghouti** (see 8/10), in connection with the 8/9 bombing. (UPI 8/11; NYT, WP, WT 8/12; HP, NYT 8/13; SA 8/13 in WNC 8/14)

12 AUGUST

In Kiryat Motzkin, nr. Haifa, a **Palestinian suicide bomber** detonates a device outside a cafe, wounding 15 **Israelis**. **Islamic Jihad** takes responsibility. (The bomber, **Muhammad Nasr**, was a fmr. PSF guard who quit his job at the Jinin jail after Islamic Jihad leader Iyad Hardan, who had befriended Nasr during his incarceration there, was assassinated on 4/5.) Afterward, **Israeli Jews** attack, severely beat an **Israeli Arab family** in Haifa. Meanwhile, the **IDF** directs heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Hebron, killing a **7-yr.-old Pales-**

tinian girl in her home, wounding 19 others; on hearing the news of the girl's death, the child's grandmother has a fatal heart attack. The **IDF** also occupies the **Palestinian Telecommunications (Paltel)** building in Abu Dis, which handles Palestinian telephone service in the Jerusalem area; Israel says Paltel may continue operations in coordination with IDF officers posted on site. The **IDF** directs heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Bethlehem; demolishes a **Palestinian home**, bulldozes agricultural land in al-Qarara. **Jewish settlers** uproot a Palestinian olive grove nr. Ma'ale Shomron settlement. Demonstrations continue outside Orient House. **Peace Now** sponsors a protest vigil outside the PM's office in Jerusalem. **Israeli police** set up a new police post at Damascus Gate, new security cameras in several areas in the Old City. (AFP [Internet], IDF press release 8/12; HP, NYT, WP, WT 8/13; MENA, *al-Ra'i* 8/13 in WNC 8/14; NYT 8/14; MA 8/14 in WNC 8/15; MEZ 8/15; *Independent* [Internet] 8/16)

Sharon authorizes **Peres** to open security talks with **senior PA officials** but requires him to seek special permission to meet with **Arafat**. (FMin. press release 8/12; AP, HP, WT 8/13; AYM 8/13 in WNC 8/14; WT 8/14; *al-Ra'i* 8/16 in WNC 8/17)

In Cairo, FM **Maier**, **Mubarak's senior adviser Osama Baz** meet with **Oslo architect and fmr. Israeli MK Yossi Beilin** to discuss ways of achieving an Israeli-Palestinian cease-fire, renewing negotiations. (MENA 8/13 in WNC 8/14)

13 AUGUST

Palestinians across the West Bank, Gaza, East Jerusalem observe a general strike. **IDF soldiers** severely beat mbrs. of an **Egyptian TV crew** filming the strikes nr. Qalqilya; fatally shoot 1 **Palestinian** wanted for killing a Jewish settler on 7/24. The **IDF** also bars a **pregnant Palestinian** fr. crossing a checkpoint to reach a hospital to deliver her baby; directs shells, heavy machine gun fire at residential areas of Gaza City, Rafah; shuts the Rafah crossing; reinforces the closures on Jinin, Khan Yunis, Tulkarm. **Jewish settlers** attack Palestinian residents of Hebron. **Israeli police** arrest 10 **protesters** outside Orient House. (AP, HA, HP, REU 8/13; AYM 8/13 in WNC 8/14; CNN, NYT, WP, WT 8/14; MENA 8/14 in WNC 8/15; NYT 8/15)

Late this evening, the **IDF** sends tanks and bulldozers, escorted by helicopters, into **Jinin** to surround **PA** offices, demolish the

local **PSF** headquarters and a PSF check-point; soldiers also occupy the local governor's office. The PSF, which evacuated the sites hrs. earlier, does not engage the IDF troops; the incursion sparks only isolated exchanges of gunfire, which leave 3 Palestinians wounded. **Israel** says the move—marking the IDF's 1st sustained foray into a major PA-controlled city—is to punish the **PA** for not halting a number of recent suicide bombers who have come fr. Jinin; says it has no intention of permanently reoccupying the area. (AP, HA, HP 8/13; CNN, NYT, WP, WT 8/14; ITAR-TASS 8/14 in WNC 8/15; MEZ, NYT, WT 8/15; SA 8/16 in WNC 8/17)

Egypt dispatches a high-level delegation, led by Mubarak adviser **Baz**, to Washington for 4 days of talks with U.S. officials to urge the U.S. to focus on restarting Israeli-Palestinian negotiations as well as resuming security contacts. (MENA, SA 8/13 in WNC 8/14; WP 8/14; MENA, SA 8/14 in WNC 8/15; NYT 8/16) (see Peace Monitor)

14 AUGUST

Several hrs. after entering **Jinin** on 8/13, the **IDF** withdraws. Significant exchanges of gunfire btwn. Bayt Jala and neighboring Gilo settlement prompt the **IDF** to reinforce positions around Bayt Jala, Bayt Sahur, Bethlehem during the day, raising speculation that a 2d Jinin-style operation is planned. The IDF does not move into these towns but does direct heavy machine gun fire at Bayt Jala; occupy 3 buildings outside Bayt Jala; enter, impose curfews on 3 nearby villages in area C. DM **Ben-Eliezer** says he suspended an incursion after the PA began to restrain gunmen in Bayt Jala. **Israel** announces it will allow 459 trucks carrying food and fuel to enter Gaza. Overnight, the

IDF shells residential areas of Hebron. (CNN, NYT, REU, WT 8/14; AP, HA, IGPO, HP, MEZ, NYT, REU 8/15; NYT, WT 8/16; *al-Quds* 8/16)

15 AUGUST

The **IDF** reinforces positions around Bayt Jala in response to an hrs.-long exchange of gunfire btwn. Bayt Jala, Gilo; **F-16s** also overfly the area. In Hebron, **Israeli undercover agents** assassinate **local Fatah tanzim leader Imad Abu Sunayna**, who was on Israel's most-wanted list. **Israeli undercover agents** also arrest several **Islamic Jihad mbrs.** in Jinin; based on their confessions, police reportedly find, disarm a bomb nr. Haifa. A **Palestinian sniper** shoots, wounds an **Israeli truck driver** nr. Ma'ale Adumim. The **IDF** sends tanks into Khan Yunis; conducts arrests raids in al-Arubb, Bayt Umar, Baqa' al-Sharqiyya, Izbat al-Tayib. Armed **Jewish settlers** block the Nablus-Ramallah road, stone and club Palestinian cars. Demonstrations continue outside **Orient House**. An **alleged Palestinian collaborator** dies in **PA** custody. **Israel** says it will facilitate the transfer of 17,000 heads of livestock fr. the Elat port to the PA areas over the next few days. (AP, HA, HP, IGPO, MEZ, REU 8/15; *Guardian* [Internet], NYT, WP 8/16; NYT, WP, WT 8/17)

In Washington, Mubarak adviser **Baz** holds mtgs. with **White House, State Dept., CIA** officials, warning that the U.S.'s continued "inaction" in the Middle East could allow extremists to take hold in moderate Arab countries, undermine U.S. prestige. Baz urges the U.S. to more clearly define to both sides in an even-handed way what is needed to proceed with the Mitchell recommendations. (MENA 8/15 in WNC 8/16; NYT 8/16)

CHRONOLOGY SOURCE ABBREVIATIONS

- AFP (Agence France-Presse, Paris)
- AKH (*al-Akbbbar*, Cairo)
- AN (Arab News, Riyadh)
- AP (Associated Press, Internet)
- ATL (Anatolia, Ankara)
- AYM (*al-Ayyam*, Ramallah)
- BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation World Service, Internet)
- CNN (Cable News Network, Internet)
- DUS (*al-Dustur*, Amman)
- HA (*Ha'Aretz* [Internet], Tel Aviv)
- HJ (*al-Hayat al-Jadida*, Ramallah)
- HP (Hear Palestine [Internet], Washington)
- IGPO (Israeli Government Press Office, Jerusalem)
- IRNA (Islamic Republic News Agency, Tehran)

- JP (*Jerusalem Post International Edition*, Jerusalem)
 JT (*Jordan Times*, Amman)
 LAW (Palestinian Society for the Protection of Human Rights and the Environment, Jerusalem)
 MA (*Ma'ariv*, Tel Aviv)
 MEI (*Middle East International*, London)
 MENA (Middle East News Agency, Cairo)
 MEZ (al-Mezan Center for Human Rights, Jabaliya)
 MM (*Mideast Mirror*, London)
 NYT (*New York Times*, New York)
 PCHR (Palestinian Center for Human Rights, Gaza)
 PMC (Palestine Media Center, Internet)
 QA (*al-Quds al-Arabi*, London)
 REU (Reuters, Internet)
 RL (Radio Lebanon, Beirut)
 RMC (Radio Monte Carlo, Paris)
 SA (*al-Sbarq al-Awsat*, London)
 UPI (United Press International, Internet)
 WJW (*Washington Jewish Week*, Rockville, MD)
 WNC (World News Connection [Internet], Washington)
 WP (*Washington Post*, Washington)
 WT (*Washington Times*, Washington)
 XIN (Xinhua–New China News Agency, Beijing)
 YA (*Yedi'ot Abaronot*, Tel Aviv)

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Palestinians search for survivors amid the rubble of the PSF's Nablus headquarters, targeted by Israeli F-16s on 5/18 in retaliation for a suicide bombing. (AP Photo/Nasser Istayeh)