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Crisis in Palestine

October 2015 has been one of the most violent months in Palestine's recent history with at least 72 Palestinians, mostly young people under twenty, having been killed and more than 7,000 injured. At least 1,200 people, including around 150 children, have been arrested as a wave of Israeli 'search and arrest operations', averaging 78 a week, have swept across the West Bank. Over the same period 9 Israelis have died in stabbing or shooting incidents.

Palestinian protests, that were triggered initially by provocative incursions onto the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound by Israeli religious zealots, right-wing members of the Knesset and Israeli military personnel, have deeper roots in the occupation and apartheid policies of Israel. September saw increasing numbers of forced evictions and land confiscations in East Jerusalem, the West Bank and the Negev. Anger has been simmering since July when the Dawabshe family in the village of Duma were burned to death in an arson attack carried out by Israeli settlers. Then in September 18-year-old Hadeel Hashlamon was shot dead by Israeli soldiers at a checkpoint in Hebron as she attempted to comply with an order to show the contents of her bag. This spontaneous protest movement is led by young people and involves many students, particularly students at the Palestine Technical University in Tulkaram and Al-Quds University in Jerusalem.

Protests throughout East Jerusalem, the Occupied Palestinian Territories and Gaza have been met with extreme force. Amnesty International have accused Israeli forces of having 'ripped up the rulebook and resorted to extreme and unlawful measures ... we are increasingly seeing Israeli forces recklessly flouting international standards by shooting to kill in situations where it is completely unjustified.' In addition to rubber bullets Israeli forces are increasingly resorting to the use of live rounds of ammunition. A number of deaths, including that of an eight-month-old baby, have been attributed to tear-gas inhalation with some suggesting that Israel is trialling a new and particularly virulent form of tear gas. In Hebron, veteran human rights activist, Dr. Hashem al-Azzeh, died after inhaling tear gas whilst attempting to reach medical treatment for a heart condition.

Israeli citizens have been incited to carry arms, leading to a series of vigilante killings (including cases of mistaken identity) to add to the incidents of 'extra-judicial' killing carried out by the police and military. While incidents of violence have occurred throughout Palestine, they have been most frequent in areas where the Israeli settler-colonial movement has been particularly active and aggressive in the past: notably, in the areas around East Jerusalem, Hebron and Nablus. There have been numerous clashes on the border between Gaza and Israel.

While there have been a number of verifiable knife and gun attacks carried out by individual Palestinians, there have been accusations of evidence being planted at the scene of such incidents. Amnesty International have cited as an example the case of 19-year-old Saad Muhammad Youssef al-Atrash who was shot by Israeli forces while retrieving an ID card from his pocket on the request of an Israeli soldier in Hebron's Old City. Israeli police labelled the incident an 'attempted stabbing', but eyewitnesses said the teen posed no threat before he was shot six or seven times by a soldier standing behind him. Al-Atrash was then left to bleed on the ground for around 40 minutes without medical treatment. Another 20 minutes reportedly passed as the teen waited in front of the ambulance before being lifted inside and taken away. The eyewitness also reported seeing soldiers 'bring a knife and place it in the dying man's hand,' according to Amnesty.

The following chronology, whilst still incomplete, attempts to provide some of the detail we need to get a true picture of what is happening right now in Palestine.



October 2015: Chronology of Events

Monday 21st September

Hebron: *18-year-old Hadeel Hashlamon is shot dead by Israeli soldiers at a checkpoint in Hebron. She was shot 10 times after apparently refusing to reveal the contents of her purse or lift her face veil.*

Thursday 1st October

Nablus: *A married couple from the Jewish religious settlement of Neria (also known as Talmon Tzafon) are shot and killed in their car near Beit Furik. They were shot in front of their four children, allegedly by members of a five-man Hamas cell who were subsequently arrested.*

Saturday 3rd October

East Jerusalem: *An Israeli policeman shoots and kills Fadi Alloun, a 19-year-old resident of the East Jerusalem neighbourhood of Issawiya, after he was suspected of stabbing a 15-year-old Israeli near Jerusalem's Damascus Gate. Video footage shows that he was unarmed at the time he was killed. He may have been shot first by an armed Israeli civilian.*

Sunday 4th October

Tulkarem: *Huthayfa Othman Suleiman, an 18-year-old Palestinian, is shot dead by Israeli forces during protests.*

Monday 5th October



Bethlehem: *Abdel Rahman Shadi, a resident of Aida refugee camp in Bethlehem, is struck near the heart by a bullet fired by an Israeli sniper. He dies in Beit Jala hospital after undergoing emergency surgery.* The Israeli military has claimed the incident was 'unintentional' as soldiers were aiming at another individual.

East Jerusalem: *Israeli security forces demolish the homes of two Palestinians behind lethal attacks on Israelis last year, and seal off another, following prime minister Binyamin Netanyahu's threat of "harsh" action amid sharply mounting unrest.*

The houses destroyed were the former homes of Ghassan Abu Jamal and Mohammed Jaabis. Abu Jamal, with his cousin Uday Abu Jamal, killed four rabbis and a police officer in an attack on a Jerusalem synagogue in 2014, before being shot and killed. Jaabis rammed an earthmover into a bus in August, killing an Israeli and wounding several others. He was shot dead by police at the scene.

The demolitions took place hours after several thousand largely right-wing Israelis demonstrated outside Netanyahu's home to protest his handling of the crisis. The protest was attended by prominent figures in Israel's national religious and right-wing political communities, including MPs from Netanyahu's own Likud party.

Likud MP Oren Hazan calls for Netanyahu to respond to violence with more settlement building in the occupied Palestinian territories. 'The right answer, the only answer for terror, is to build and build and build.'

Wednesday 7th October

Jerusalem: *A Palestinian girl is shot and injured by a Jewish settler near the Al-Sbat entrance to the Old City of Jerusalem after she allegedly tried to stab him.* The girl was seriously wounded in the incident while the Jewish settler sustained moderate injuries. Palestinian eyewitnesses said that the girl had not been holding

a knife and was attacked for no reason by the Jewish settler. After the girl threw the settler to the ground he drew a gun and shot her four times.

Hebron: *A young Palestinian man is shot dead by Israeli troops after he reportedly stabbed an Israeli soldier near the Jewish-only Kiryat Gat Settlement south of the West Bank city of Hebron.* According to Israeli police, the soldier sustained moderate injuries.

Nir Barkat, the mayor of Jerusalem, urges residents with gun licences to carry their weapons at all times. 'Given the current escalation in the security situation, those with a licensed firearm who know what to do with it must go out with [their weapon] – it's an imperative,' Barkat told Army Radio. 'In a way, it's like military reserve duty.'

Thursday 8th October

Jerusalem: *A Palestinian, Wissam Jamal, 20, dies after being shot in the chest during clashes with Israeli security forces near the Shuafat refugee camp.*

A Palestinian stabs a 25-year-old Jewish student, leaving him in a serious condition. The 19-year-old attacker was arrested.

Tel Aviv: *Later in the day, an Israeli soldier and three passersby are stabbed by a man with a screwdriver.* The attacker was killed.

Hebron: *In a third attack, a Palestinian stabs an Israeli near the Jewish settlement of Kiryat Arba.* The victim was seriously wounded and the attacker fled.

Nazareth: *In the evening a soldier in the northern Israeli town of Afula is stabbed and his attacker captured.*

Friday 9th October 2015

Nazareth: *Israa Abed, a 30-year-old mother of three from Nazareth, is shot at the central bus station in Afula, close to Nazareth.* She was surrounded by a large number of soldiers, police and what appear to be armed Israeli civilians. The Israeli media initially reported that she was shot while trying to stab a security guard. Video evidence shows that not to be the case. She was shot after long moments of standing apparently terrified as more and more people pointed their guns at her.

Israel's Justice Ministry later said that investigations into the shooting of Israa Abed showed she did not intend to carry out a stabbing attack before she was shot and injured. A video of the incident showed that Abed was standing next to an Israeli youth before the shooting, whom she could have stabbed, but did not. Abed's father, Zeidan Abed, said that no charges will be pressed against his daughter and her file will be closed. 'Police proved what I have been saying from the beginning, Israa is an educated young woman who aims to serve the community, and who did not intend to harm anyone,' he said.

It was also reported that no action will be taken against the Israeli police officers who shot the young woman. Palestinian MK Yusif al-Jabareen said the decision not to take action against the Israeli officers allows police to shoot Palestinians indiscriminately.

Gaza: *The Israeli army kills seven Palestinians in Gaza during a rally in support of Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Jerusalem.* An Israeli military spokeswoman said 200 Palestinians were protesting near a border fence in northern Gaza and were throwing rocks and rolling burning tyres toward the Israeli side.

Dimona: *Two members of Israel's Bedouin minority and two Palestinians are wounded in a stabbing attack by an Israeli man in Dimona.*

Saturday 10th October

East Jerusalem: *Two Israeli men in their sixties are wounded.* Israeli police said they were stabbed by Ishaq Badran, a 16-year-old Palestinian. The teenager was shot dead.

19-year-old Palestinian Muhammad Saed Ali, from Shuafat refugee camp, in east Jerusalem, is shot dead after he allegedly stabbed two police officers. A third policeman, a 20-year-old member of the Israeli special forces unit, was accidentally shot by other officers when they were firing at Ali.

Gaza: *12-year-old Marwan Barbakh and 15-year-old Khalil Othman are killed by Israeli army fire in protests east of Khan Younis.* Another nine were wounded.

Sunday 11th October

Gaza: *An Israeli airstrike on a Hamas target in the Gaza Strip brings down a nearby house, killing a Palestinian woman and her daughter in their sleep.* The woman killed was 30 and pregnant, her daughter was three. A five-year-old boy and a man were also wounded. The Israeli military said its air force targeted two weapons sites belonging to Hamas in response to the launching of two rockets into Israel in the previous two days.

Monday 12th October

East Jerusalem: *A Palestinian teenager, Farah Bakir, 17, a student at the Abdullah Bin al-Hussein high school, is shot and seriously injured after allegedly carrying out a stabbing attack next to Israeli police headquarters located in Sheikh Jarrah.* Two Israelis were injured.

Israeli forces shoot and kill a Palestinian teenager, Mustafa Adel al-Khatib, 18, after an alleged stabbing attempt on border police officers near Lion's Gate. A border police officer reportedly asked a Palestinian man to take his hands out of his pockets after becoming suspicious, at which point the suspect attempted to attack the officer, hitting his protective vest. The attacker was then shot multiple times. Palestinian witnesses said that there was no attempted stabbing and the man was killed as he was walking in the area.

Two Israelis are seriously injured in a third reported stabbing attack, with one Palestinian suspect, reportedly a minor, shot dead at the scene and another wounded. The stabbing attack took place near the illegal Pisgat Zeev settlement in East Jerusalem. Israeli police said that two Palestinians, aged 13 and 17, attacked an Israeli teen who was riding his bicycle. Relatives identified the Palestinians as Ahmad, 12, and Muhammad Manasra, 14, both from Beit Hanina.

Police begin setting up checkpoints in parts of annexed east Jerusalem. The move follows a decision by Netanyahu's security cabinet authorising police to seal off or impose a curfew on parts of Jerusalem.

Tuesday October 13th

Bethlehem: *Israeli forces shoot and kill a Palestinian from the Duheisha refugee camp during clashes at the northern entrance to Bethlehem.* Mutaz Ibrahim Zawahreh, 27, was hit with a live bullet in the chest and was taken to hospital in a critical condition.

An Israeli army spokesperson said that Israeli forces 'thwarted an attack' by a 'Palestinian perpetrator' who attempted to throw a Molotov cocktail at the forces. The spokesperson said Israeli forces were present in the area because they were 'responding to a violent riot of around 500 Palestinians throwing rocks.'

Thursday 15th October

Nablus: *Joseph's tomb is set on fire.* Joseph's Tomb, inside a compound in the Palestinian refugee camp of Balata in Nablus, has been the scene of recurring violence between Israelis and Palestinians. Many Jews

believe it to be the final resting place of the biblical Joseph, while Muslims believe that an Islamic cleric, Sheikh Yussef (Joseph) Dawiqat was buried there two centuries ago.

The shrine is under Palestinian control and off-limits to Israelis except on escorted trips organised by the army. The Israeli military said it would make the repairs necessary to allow visits to continue and 'take all measures to bring the perpetrators of this despicable act to justice.'

Friday 16th October

Hebron: *A soldier is wounded in a stabbing attack near the illegal Kiryat Arba settlement by a Palestinian man wearing a fluorescent vest and a press sticker on his chest.* Israeli forces shot and killed the Palestinian man, identified as Eyad Khalil Awawdeh, 26, from the Hebron district town of Dura.

Gaza: *Violent clashes erupt along the Gaza border fence leaving two Palestinians dead.* Several Palestinian protesters tried to break through into Israel near the Erez crossing. Yahiya Abd al-Qader Farhat, 24, and Mahmoud Hatim Hmeid, 22, were killed. Shawiq Jamal Jabr, 37, died from wounds sustained during a demonstration in the Gaza Strip the previous week. Another 27 Palestinians were wounded in the clashes, 11 by live bullets fired by Israeli forces.

Nablus: *Ihab Jihad Hanani, 19, is shot dead by Israeli forces during clashes.*

Bethlehem: *At least 12 are injured during clashes with Israeli forces at the northern entrance to the town.* Three youths were injured by live fire in the legs, five with rubber-coated steel bullets, and four suffered from severe tear gas inhalation. During the clashes, Israeli forces fired tear gas into a nearby home where two women and three children were helped outside by locals and aided by medics.

Israeli forces reportedly raid the area of Tuqu while firing stun grenades, tear gas, and rubber coated steel bullets. In the southern Bethlehem town of al-Khadr, one Palestinian is shot in the foot with a live bullet while others suffer from tear gas inhalation.

Ramallah: *In the al-Balou neighborhood of the al-Bireh area of Ramallah district, 15 Palestinians are injured during clashes with Israeli forces.* The injured include nine with live fire to the legs, four with rubber-coated steel bullets, including one in the head, and two from severe tear gas inhalation.

Bilin: *Israeli forces fire rubber-coated steel bullets, tear-gas bombs and stun grenades at protesters as they approach the Israeli separation wall.* The forces chased protesters between olive trees and caused dozens of Palestinians and Israeli and international activists to suffer from tear-gas inhalation.

Silwad: *Armed clashes take place between a group of Palestinian youths and Israeli forces.* The two sides reportedly exchanged fire at the western entrance of the town after an armed group opened fire on Israeli forces attempting to raid the area. Israeli forces retreated and armed clashes continued sporadically throughout the day. Clashes had erupted earlier in the day between youths and Israeli forces in the town, and Palestinian medical sources reported five injuries from live Israeli fire.

Saturday 17th October

Hebron: *18-year-old Fadil Qawasmi is shot dead by an Israeli settler.* The army said Qawasmi tried to stab another member of the public.

A Palestinian girl, 17-year-old Bayan Ayman Abd al-Hadi al-Esseili, is shot dead after allegedly stabbing a female police officer at the Ashmoret Yitzhak border police base near Hebron.

East Jerusalem: *Israeli border police stop and kill a 16-year-old Palestinian youth near Jabel Mukaber, which borders east Talpiot.* Israeli police said the youth was stopped and questioned by border police as they

believed he was walking 'in a suspicious manner'. He subsequently drew a knife and tried to stab an officer, who shot him dead.

Ramallah: *A 24-year-old Palestinian stabs and wounds an Israeli border policeman at the Qalandia crossing.* The attacker was initially shot and wounded in the leg. During a follow-up body search, the attacker drew a second knife and tried to stab another officer, after which he was shot dead.

Sunday 18th October 2015

Beersheba: *Mohannad al-Okbi, an Arab citizen of Israel from the Bedouin town of Hura enters the central bus station in Beersheba and begins shooting and stabbing people.* An Israeli soldier was killed, five police were lightly wounded and five civilians were wounded to varying degrees. In addition to the knife and gun he entered with, the attacker also snatched a weapon from the soldier he killed. The attacker was shot and killed.

Following the initial gunfire, a security guard shot an Eritrean asylum seeker. Video footage showed him being attacked and kicked by an angry mob who wrongly believed he was an accomplice. In the footage people are seen kicking him, throwing a bench at him and pinning him to the ground with a chair. He later died of his injuries.

Jerusalem: *Israeli police erect a barrier to separate the Jewish neighbourhood of Armon Hanatziv from the adjacent Palestinian neighbourhood of Jabel Mukaber.*

Hebron: *More than 200 Israeli settlers attack the Palestinian villages of Wad al-Haseen and Wad al-Nasara near the illegal Israeli settlement of Kiryat Arba.* During the attack, Israeli settlers threw stones and firebombs at Palestinian homes and injured at least three people, two of whom were minors, while Israeli forces later shot and injured one Palestinian with live fire.

Monday 19th October

Tulkarem: *Several Palestinian students are injured with rubber-coated steel bullets and suffer tear-gas inhalation when Israeli forces suppress a demonstration at the Palestine Technical University.* At least three students were treated in hospital.

Jerusalem: *In the Jerusalem village of Issawiyeh, 65-year-old Huda Darwish dies after Israeli forces fire tear gas canisters in the area.* The driver of a car carrying Darwish was delayed while attempting to exit the village through an Israeli checkpoint, and Darwish died shortly after reaching hospital.

Tuesday 20th October

Ramallah: *Israeli forces detain a Hamas-affiliated lawmaker from his home in Beitunia west of Ramallah during a predawn raid.* Dozens of Israeli soldiers descended on the home of 60-year-old Hassan Youssef and took him to the nearby Ofer detention center.

Hebron: *After an intense day of confrontations between the IDF and Palestinians the Israeli occupation forces kill a young Palestinian man identified as Hamam Said, 23, alleging that he tried to stab an Israeli soldier.* Some 1,000 Palestinians rallied in Hebron to demand that Israel return the bodies of 11 people killed by its security forces this month. An eyewitness from the International Solidarity Movement said that Israeli forces shot Hasam Said six times and that after killing him, they placed a knife next to his body.

In a separate incident two children are shot dead by Israeli soldiers after they ask for help. Israel claimed that 15-year-old Bashar Jamil al-Jabari and his 17-year-old cousin Husam Ismail Jamil al-Jabari had tried to stab soldiers at a checkpoint in the city. But according to an investigation by the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights (PCHR), the two boys had been observing a protest by Israeli settlers near the city's Ibrahimi mosque at around 9:30pm.

'While watching the demonstration, the two children stood beside an Israeli soldier, who was around the corner of [the] al-Rajabi building that the Israeli settlers are attempting to seize control over. The soldier was leaning against the wall and normally talking to the two children,' PCHR states. The children later asked the soldier to let them pass through a metal gate so they could go back home. 'When the two children heading towards the gate were only two meters away from the soldier, other Israeli soldiers fortified in a military watchtower in the area opened fire at the children and killed them immediately,' PCHR says.

Bethlehem: Israeli occupation forces shoot and kill two young Palestinian men at a checkpoint near Gush Etzion illegal settlement. They were identified as Shabaan Abu Shkeidem, 17, and Shadi Nabil Abd al-Muti Dweik, 22, both from Hebron. They were killed after allegedly stabbing a soldier at the checkpoint.

Wednesday 21st October

Hebron: Dr. Hashem al-Azzeh died after suffering excessive tear gas inhalation in Hebron's Old City. The 54-year-old activist and medical doctor was one of a few Palestinians who chose to remain with his family in Tel Rumeida, a neighborhood in central Hebron that over the course of decades has seen most of its Palestinian residents pushed out by aggressive Israeli settlers.

On Wednesday, after experiencing chest pains in his home, he found himself trapped. His family called an ambulance, but it was unable to reach him due to a series of Israeli army checkpoints along the nearby Shuhada Street. Hashem began to walk toward the checkpoint at Bab al-Zawiya, where fierce clashes were underway as Palestinians protested the death of two Palestinian teenagers shot dead the night before.

Once there, however, Israeli soldiers stopped him from moving on, and he soon found himself engulfed by tear gas. Unable to breathe, he collapsed. He was rushed to Hebron's governmental hospital, but doctors were unable to save him. A doctor said that Hashem had a history of cardiovascular disease, but it was tear gas inhalation that killed him.

Nablus: Istabraq Ahmad Noor, 15, is shot after Israeli forces claim she was planning to sneak into the Yitzhar settlement to stab settlers living there. The Yizhar settlement has gained notoriety among both Israelis and Palestinians as a bastion of extremists and its Israeli residents regularly carry out attacks on Palestinians and their property. The previous week, settlers from the Yitzhar settlement threw stones at locals picking olives in the Nablus-area village of Burin, injuring four Palestinians. Dozens of acres of Palestinian agricultural land was also burned.

Thursday 22nd October

Gaza: Israeli forces shoot and injure three Palestinians with live bullets during clashes east of al-Buriej refugee camp on the central Gaza border

West Bank: 46 people are injured in clashes with Israeli forces across the West Bank. A spokesperson for the Red Crescent said one Palestinian was shot with a live bullet, and 10 with rubber-coated steel bullets. In addition, 23 Palestinians suffered from severe tear gas inhalation, and 12 suffered injuries from beatings by Israeli forces.

Tulkarem: A Palestinian youth is injured with bullet shrapnel across his body, and three other youths are shot and injured with rubber-coated steel bullets. Several other youths suffered from tear-gas inhalation as Israeli forces suppressed demonstrations near the Palestine Technical University.

Friday 23rd October

Nablus: A masked Israeli settler attacks an Israeli-American rabbi and co-founder of the group Rabbis for Human Rights, threatening the religious leader and peace activist with a knife against his neck, following an annual olive harvest in the West Bank village of Awarta.

Israeli settlers attempt to attack the home of Istabraq Ahmad Noor who was shot after allegedly attempting to attack the illegal Yitzhar settlement. Dozens of settlers gathered near the Palestinian residence in the town of Madama near Nablus and attempted to attack the home, but were stopped by dozens of locals. The stand-off between Madama locals and Israeli settlers lasted nearly an hour, where they threw rocks at each other until the group of settlers retreated.

Saturday 24th October

Ramallah: The leftist Palestinian Member of Parliament, Mustafa Barghouti, is assaulted outside his house in Ramallah.

Sunday 25th October

Hebron: Israeli border police shoot and kill a 17-year-old Palestinian girl near the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron. The girl was identified as Dania Irsheid, 17, from central Hebron. An Israeli police spokesperson said that the girl was shot dead after police officers allegedly saw 'a knife in her hand'. No Israelis were injured during the incident.

Ariel: Israeli settlers attack and stab a Palestinian in the illegal settlement of Ariel in the northern West Bank just hours after an Israeli was allegedly stabbed in the area. The Palestinian, who was working in the settlement, was lightly wounded on his hand and had managed to escape his attackers. Just hours before, an Israeli settler in his 20s was allegedly stabbed and moderately injured by a suspected Palestinian at a road junction outside Ariel settlement.

Monday 26th October

Hebron: Israeli forces shoot dead Raed Jaradat, 22, after he allegedly stabbed an Israeli soldier just north of Hebron. The 19-year-old soldier who was stabbed, was reportedly seriously injured and taken for medical treatment at the Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem.

Israeli forces shoot dead Saad Muhammad Youssef al-Atrash, 19. Israeli forces reportedly shot and killed the teen after he allegedly attempted to stab an Israeli soldier outside the Ibrahimi Mosque in central Hebron city. No Israelis were injured during the incident.

Israeli forces shoot dead a 17-year-old Palestinian, Iyad Rawhi Jaradat, during clashes in Beit Einun village. Jaradat arrived dead at al-Ahli hospital; X-rays showed he had the bullet lodged inside his head.

Jerusalem: Dozens of Palestinian students at Al-Quds University in Abu Dis suffer tear gas in clashes that broke out when Israeli forces raided the town.

A local popular committee spokesperson, Hani Halabiya, told Ma'an that three Israeli military vehicles raided Abu Dis and deployed near the separation wall, firing tear gas canisters and rubber-coated steel bullets at students.

At least 19 Palestinians were injured, including four with live bullets during clashes with Israeli forces in the northern al-Bireh neighborhood of Ramallah in the central occupied West Bank. Medical sources said four protesters were injured with live bullets, four with rubber-coated bullets, and 11 with excessive tear gas inhalation. They were all taken to Palestine Medical Complex in Ramallah.

Clashes broke out in the area after a march was lead by students from Birzeit University, which started near the campus and headed to the neighborhood. Israeli forces suppressed the march and fired tear gas, rubber-coated, and live bullets.

Tuesday 27th October

Hebron: Israeli forces shoot and injure at least 10 Palestinians with live rounds as a march protesting Israel's refusal to release the bodies of 11 Palestinians shot dead in Hebron earlier this month erupts into fierce

clashes. Israeli forces detained eight Palestinians, including a lawyer, Farid al-Atrash, during the protest in Shuhada Street in central Hebron.

19-year-old Saad Muhammad Youssef al-Atrash is shot by Israeli forces while retrieving an ID card from his pocket on the request of an Israeli soldier. According to the IDF, al-Atrash drew a knife and tried to attack the soldier as his ID was examined at a checkpoint.

Wednesday 28th October

Jerusalem: A group of Israeli right-wingers enters the al-Aqsa compound and attempts to perform prayers after an organization, 'Return to the Mount', announced that any Jew arrested from the compound for performing prayers would be rewarded 2,000 shekels (\$515). The organisation's 'Arrest and Win' project was launched the day before in opposition to Netanyahu's professed efforts to maintain the 'status quo' at the holy site.

Thursday 29th October

Bethlehem: Israeli military forces issue a message to residents of Aida refugee camp, telling them that unless they stop throwing stones 'we will gas you until you die.' Israeli military forces raided the camp and fired tear gas and flash grenades indiscriminately at people's windows, balconies, and down the narrow streets, allegedly in response to Palestinian youths throwing stones at the Israeli separation wall that borders the community. During the raid, an Israeli soldier in a military vehicle addressed the protesters and residents of the camp through a loudspeaker in Arabic: 'Inhabitants of Aida, we are the Israeli occupation forces, if you throw stones we will hit you with gas until you die. The children, the youth, and the old people, all of you – we won't spare any of you.' The use of force was so extreme that children from Aida's two community centres and residents of nearby houses had to be evacuated to another part of the camp, and at least one youth was taken to hospital with respiratory problems.

Friday 30th October

Bethlehem: An eight-month-old Palestinian baby, Mohammad Faisal Thawabta, dies from tear gas inhalation in Beit Fajjar village south of Bethlehem during clashes in the area. Three Palestinians were injured with 0.22 caliber bullets during clashes in the village.

Nablus: Qassem Mahmoud Sabaneh is shot dead after an alleged attack on an Israeli border policeman in Nablus

East Jerusalem: Ahmad Hamada Qneibi, 23, dies from his injuries hours after allegedly attacking and injuring an Israeli in occupied East Jerusalem.

Ramallah: At least 37 Palestinians are injured in clashes in al-Balou, including eight by live fire and 29 with rubber-coated steel bullets.

Gaza: At least 17 Palestinians are wounded by live fire during demonstrations, while 19 others are reportedly injured by rubber-coated steel bullets and a further 10 suffer excessive tear gas inhalation.

Saturday 31st October

Hebron: Clashes break out between Palestinians and Israeli forces following the funeral of five Palestinian children shot dead by Israeli forces after alleged attacks earlier this month. Four Palestinians were shot and injured by live fire and two others with rubber-coated steel bullets.

Jenin: Mahmoud Talal Mahmoud Nazzal, 18, from the town of Qabatiya south of Jenin is shot dead after an alleged attack attempt on an Israeli security guard at the al-Jalama military checkpoint north of Jenin. Hebrew language news sites and the army confirmed there were no Israeli injuries.

Gaza: *Israeli forces shoot and injure two Palestinian men with live rounds during clashes east of al-Breij refugee camp in the central Gaza Strip.*

Ramallah: *Israeli forces injure three Palestinians in clashes in al-Bireh north of Ramallah.* The clashes erupted in the al-Balou neighborhood of northern al-Bireh, which has seen heavy clashes almost every day in October.