

Intifada - a non-PA umbrella group of nationalist and Islamist factions - issues its first leaflet.

**Oct. 24:** Jibril Rajoub, Preventive Security head in the West Bank, notes that Palestinian police have not participated in the Intifada but that they "will not stand aside if Israel enters Area A or if Israel declares that the Palestinians and the PLO are not partners in the peace process."

- Israeli forces attack an UNRWA elementary school near Kfar Darom with tank missiles and re-occupy a location in Area A violating agreements previously reached incl. at Sharm Esh-Sheikh.

- In IDF shelling of areas around Beit Jala, Hebron, Jericho, Rafah and Tulkarem, one Palestinian is killed, eight are wounded, and at least six Palestinian homes are damaged.

- Near Netzarim junction, the IDF uproots Palestinian olive groves.

- PM Barak allows Jewish settlers to return to Mitzpe Hagit, one of the illegal settlement outposts evacuated in 1999.

**Oct. 25:** The Palestinian death toll in the ongoing Al-Aqsa Intifada reaches 123, incl. 39 children. The total injured is 5,862. ▼



- Israeli troops use Palestinian homes in Hebron as new military outposts; Palestinian residents in Israeli-controlled H-2 remain under curfew for the 26th consecutive day.

- In a coordinated event, West Bank Palestinians and tens of thousands of people from across Jordan march toward Jerusalem in a nonviolent demonstration of support for the right of return. Palestinians are stopped at Israeli checkpoints and Jordanians near Allenby Bridge, where

Jordanian riot police injure hundreds.

**Oct. 26:** During a visit to Beit Jala and Aida RC, Latin Patriarch Michel Sabbah stresses that Palestinian Christians and Muslims are one people with a shared destiny.

- After a Palestinian suicide bomber from Islamic Jihad on a bicycle lightly



Gaza residents forced to use the beach to move between Gaza City and the middle and southern Strip

injures an Israeli soldier outside Gaza's Kissufim settlement, Israel blocks the main north-south road in Gaza, effectively dividing the Strip in half, and bulldozes seven dunums of Palestinian land near Kfar Darom. ◀

**Oct. 27:** At the end of their week-long mission in the

WBGs, a medical team from Physicians for Human Rights-US releases its findings, saying that the IDF has used live ammunition and rubber bullets excessively and inappropriately to control demonstrators, and that Israeli soldiers appear to be shooting to inflict harm, rather than solely in self-defense.

- Clashes intensify throughout the WBGs, leaving four Palestinians dead and over 200 injured. ▶

- *Ha'aretz* reports that the IDF will invest \$6.25 million in armored ambulances, buses, and other vehicles, bulletproof vests, bulletproof windows for



houses facing Palestinian areas, concrete blocks, and night-vision and other optical equipment. 1,000 reservists residing in settlements have been called up for service in the last month.

**Oct. 28:** Following the funerals for four Palestinians killed the day before, clashes intensify further, leaving 50 Palestinians injured. ◀



- Jewish settlers move four caravans to Havat Maon, one of the illegal enclaves that Barak ordered evacuated in 1999.

**Oct. 29:** At a press conference, PA Min. of Industry and Trade Maher

Al-Masri says that all economic sectors are in a 70%-decline and that the Israeli govt. is holding back custom revenues. Many Palestinians have become unemployed, as employers are unable to keep them on the payroll.

- Barak-Sharon talks over a national emergency govt. collapse when Sharon demands a veto over all peace process decisions.

- Terminally ill Riad Awad, 26, dies at Allenby Bridge after being banned from returning to his hometown of Beit Jala for two consecutive days.

- The Rabbis Union, led by former chief rabbi Avraham Shapira, states, "The rights and obligations of the Nation of Israel to sovereignty over the Land of Israel and to the settlement of the land are an eternal command by the Creator to the entire nation, for the entire land, throughout all the generations. Every concession weakens us, and gives our enemies more strength and confidence to fight us."

- Clashes erupt in Nablus and the Netzarim junction in Gaza, killing four