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JANUARY

Jan. 14: Israeli forces bulldoze nine Palestinian homes in Issawiyya without any warning on the grounds that they were built without permits. Sari Nusseibeh condemns the measure, calling it "part of Israel's systematic policy against the Palestinian people" as does PLC member Hatem Abdul Qader saying "These measures are part of Israel's ethnic cleansing campaign against Jerusalemite Palestinians in particular and the Palestinian people in general."

Jan. 21: Israeli forces demolish two Palestinian homes in the Burj Al-Laqlaq area of the Old City – belonging to Mohammed Salim and Yasser Ibrahim - saying they were illegally built on an archeological site.

Jan. 22: Israeli police and bulldozers demolish a three-room extension to the house of Amoun Ibrahim in the Muslim Quarter, marking the first time since 1967 that the WJM demolished a home in the Old City.

- A Palestinian gunman opens fire near a bus stop on Jaffa Street, wounding at least 15 people before being shot dead by Israeli police.

Jan. 23: The WJM demolishes two unoccupied buildings in Beit Hanina.

Jan. 27: An explosive device carried by Wafa Idris from Al-Amari RC blows up on Jaffa Road, killing one man and wounding dozens. It is not clear if Idris was a female suicide bomber or was only supposed to drop the device.

Jan. 29: PM Sharon has ordered changes to the Jerusalem security plan - involving 11-km of walls, additional police, fences, roadblocks and video surveillance equipment to control access to the city - so as to include the Arab villages (currently Area B) Abu Dis, Beit Ikxa, Anata and Hizma.

Late Jan.: WJM Mayor Olmert tells the city council that in 2001, the WJM has demolished 32 illegal structures in East Jerusalem, and seven in western parts of the city. City officials have identified 6,050 construction offenses in West and only 1,117 in East Jerusalem but issued 68 demolition for the latter area as opposed to 8 in the former.

FEBRUARY

Feb. 4: The WJM demolishes two unfinished Palestinian houses in Issawiyya belonging to the brothers Mohammed and Ahmed Dari.

- The Council of the Shinui Party votes to change its political platform to replace the phrase "a united Jerusalem, the capital of Israel" with a call for Israel "to work toward an agreement on Jerusalem that will take into account the religious and historical significance of the city for Jews, Muslims and Christians, and the existing demographic reality."

Feb. 5: Touring East Jerusalem together with right-wing Tourism Min. Benny Elon, WJM mayor Olmert announces that the WJM plans to demolish illegal houses "every week," saying that the PA was behind the illegal Arab building in order to undermine Israeli sovereignty over the capital.

Feb. 6: The WJM blocks the main Jerusalem-Ramallah road and demolishes three Palestinian houses under construction in Beit Hanina and Shu'fat - belonging to Khaled Khamis Abu Sbeih, Basam Suleyman Shweiki and Khaled Suleiman Natash - for being built illegally, despite a court order for delay.

- Israeli forces enter the office of the Multi-Sector Review Project Office (run by the Arab Studies Society and funded by the EU), detains two staff members, confiscates all documents, changes door locks, and seal the office, claiming it is part of the PA and violates orders of the Min. of Internal Security.

Feb. 8: An Israeli woman is attacked near the Armon Hanatsiv promenade and later dies of her wounds. Israeli police arrest four alleged attackers from Ath-Thori; one suspect, Samir Abu Mayala, 14, dies shortly after being arrested. Investigations at the Forensic Institute of Abu Kabir reveal two days later that the boy was shot dead in cold blood.

Feb. 18: One Israeli officer is killed and another injured in a suicide attack near Al-Izzariyya.

Feb. 24: New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, on a solidarity visit to Sbarro restaurant on Jaffa Road, site of a Palestinian suicide bombing attack 9 Aug. 2001, blames PA Chairman Arafat for nearly 17 months of Mideast violence, saying "Yasser Arafat bears the responsibility for the violence that has occurred, it rests on his shoulders, even today he could do more to end the terrorism."

Feb. 25: In a shooting attack in Neve Ya'akov by a Palestinian gunman from Dahiet Al-Barid one Israeli policewoman is killed and nine people are injured before the attacker is apprehended and severely injured himself. The Tanzim's Al-Aqsa Brigades claim responsibility.

Feb. 28: Following the shooting attack on 25 Feb. the WJM erects a 90-meter fence separating Neve Ya'acov from Dahiet Al-Barid at the cost of some NIS 100,000; it is planned to enlarge the fence by 700 meters next week.

MARCH

March 2: A Palestinian suicide bomber – Mohammed Darameh from Deheisheh RC - blows himself up in a crowd of people making their way home from a synagogue in the Beit Yisrael neighborhood, killing ten Israelis and wounding dozens others. Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades claim responsibility.

March 5: At least eight people are wounded when a bomb explodes in a sewage pipe of a school in Sur Baher. A previously unknown Jewish terror organization calling itself 'Revenge of the Oppressed' takes responsibility indicating it was in revenge for the 2 March attack in Jerusalem.

- In response to the 2 March suicide bombing residents of the Beit Yisrael neighborhood begin to organize a boycott of local stores that employ Arabs and to draft a list of local businesses that employ Arabs.

March 7: Israeli forces raid the Chamber of Commerce in East Jerusalem and confiscate documents.

March 8: Israeli forces stop and apprehend Mahmoud Salah, 23, from Beit Wazan, Nablus, in Beit Hanina near the Nusseibeh Buildings, handcuff him, lay him on the ground, undress him and shoot him dead.

March 9: A Palestinian suicide bomber blows himself up in the Moment Cafe in the Rehavia area, killing at least 11 people and wounding over 50. Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades and Hamas' Izzeddin Al-Qassam claim responsibility.

March 11: The Israeli govt. approved a package of tax breaks to aid businesses in West Jerusalem affected by suicide attacks financially.

March 17: A Palestinian suicide bomber blows himself up next to an Egged bus No. 22 waiting at a red light at the French Hill junction, lightly wounding some 25 passengers. Islamic Jihad takes responsibility.

March 20: Jerusalem District Court sentences Natsheh Ibad of Beit Hanina, 22, to 25 years in prison for collecting intelligence and identifying venues for suicide bombers in Jerusalem, as well as planting a car bomb in Pisgat Ze'ev.

March 21: A suicide bomber - Mohammed Hasheika, 22, of Talouza, near Nablus - blows himself up on King George Street, killing three others and wounding over 80. Al-Aqsa Brigades claim responsibility.

March 24: An Interior Min. commission - appointed in June 2000 - has recommended annexing all of Jerusalem's western suburbs, incl. Mevasseret Zion, Motza, and Tsur Hadassah, in order to strengthen the city by increasing its Jewish population, expanding its economic base, reducing the extent of Jewish emigration from the city and provide land for housing for foreign diplomats when their embassies moved to Jerusalem.

March 29: Two Israelis are killed and 28 wounded when a female suicide bomber – Ayat Akhras, 16, from Dheisheh RC - detonates an explosive belt in a supermarket in the KiryatHayovel neighborhood.

APRIL

April 1: A suicide bomber apparently on his way to downtown Jerusalem blows himself up in his car after being stopped at Hanevim junction by a policeman, who is killed in the blast. Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades take responsibility.

April 3: US State Dept. has advised family members of US Consulate employees in Jerusalem, and non-essential workers at the mission, to leave the city because of the deteriorating security situation.

April 5: The WJM has recently begun to build a fence between Gilo settlement and areas next to the Tunnel Road, which eventually will stretch along a 1,500-m area.

April 7: The Israeli govt. approves a proposed revision to the National Insurance Law that would make families of Palestinians, who died while carrying out attacks in Israel, ineligible for orphan and widow entitlements.

April 12: Israeli police limits the age of the some 9,000 Muslims admitted to Al-Aqsa Mosque for Friday prayers to 40 and above, while some 1,500 security forces guard the vicinity.

- A woman suicide bomber - Andaleeb Taqtaqah, 20, from Beit Fajar - detonates a powerful charge on Jaffa Road near Mahane Yehuda market, killing six and wounding 90 others. Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades claim responsibility.

April 14: *Ha'aretz* reports that over the past few months, the Homot Shalem association, backed by MK Benny Elon (National Union-Yisrael Beiteinu), has secured Jewish rights to some one-third of the Musrara neighborhood by buying vacant lots and compounds currently inhabited by Arabs.

April 16: Tank-backed Israeli units take up positions in Abu Dis, Al-Izzariyya, and Ras Al-Amud, where a curfew is placed while Israeli forces arrest "suspected militants". Later the Sawahreh, Ar-Ram, Beit Hanina and other Arab neighborhoods surrounding Jerusalem are placed under curfew as well due to warnings of terror attacks.

April 23: Overnight, Israeli forces seal off access to the area near the Shimon Hazadik synagogue in Sheikh Jarrah and forcibly evict members of the Hanoun and Al-Ghawi families from two building complexes, while Jewish settlers begin moving into the evacuated apartments, home to some 50 Palestinians. The move comes despite a pending court case still assessing the submitted evidence by the original owner Suleiman Hijazi. Clashes with left-wing demonstrators and local residents ensue.

April 26: MK Binyamin Elon has distributed leaflets in Arabic in Sheikh Jarrah, urging Arab residents to evacuate some 28 homes in the area or face a legal battle, offering monetary awards for those who move voluntarily.

MAY

May 6: WJM bulldozers demolish two Palestinian homes in Silwan, belonging to the Abu Nab and Abu Subeih families, for being built without a permit.

May 10: Four Jewish settlers – members of the outlawed Kach group - are arrested on suspicion of planning terror bomb attacks on Maqassed Hospital and a girls' elementary school on the Mt. of Olives, after two of them - Shlomo Dvir and Yarden Morag of Bat Ayin settlement - were caught with explosives in their vehicle and arrested on 28 April (when a news blackout was imposed). The other two are Noam Federman and Ofer Gamliel.

May 15: The WJM demolishes an illegally-constructed building in Har Homa.

May 21: The WJM demolishes three homes in Beit Hanina for being built illegally, two in the Ashqaria area belonging to Jamal Eddin Mahmoud Ahmad Sandouqa and Nasser NazmiBurqan and one in the Kharayeb area, belonging to Hazem Abdel-Mu'ti Ja'abari.

May 28: A Jerusalem District Court files charges of attempted murder and weapons violations against Yarden Morag, Shlomi Dvir and Ofer Gamliel, all from Bat Ayin settlement and the main suspects in an attempt to carry out a terror attack on an Arab girls' school on the Mt. of Olives.

May 29: Suspected Jewish terrorist Yosef Ben-Baruch of the Havat Maon settlement, Hebron area, is charged with attempted murder, weapons violations, and theft in the bomb plot of a girls' school and of Maqassed Hospital on the Mt. of Olives. Ben-Baruch is considered the mastermind of the foiled attack.

JUNE

June 3: *Israel Radio* reports that overnight work began on a new Jewish settlement in East Jerusalem near Jabel Mukabber where "several hundred apartments" are planned in an initial phase of construction. The WJM has approved the project and notified police of its inception. Part of the land belongs to Arabs and was previously designated as "green zone", off-limits to construction of buildings.

June 8: In accordance with a decision issued by Internal Security Min. Uzi Landau, Israeli police breaks into the Federation of Palestinian Chambers of Commerce, Industry & Agriculture, arrests its head Ahmad Hashem Zughaiar and a several employees, and confiscates documents and files.

June 10: Israeli policemen clash with Palestinian protestors trying to prevent Israeli construction workers from starting to build a new settlement on Palestinian-owned land in JabelMukabber.

June 11: The WJM demolishes six Palestinian homes under construction in Sur Baher due to illegal building, four of which belonged to the Abu Kaf family, the other two to HamzaRamouni and Imad Dabbish.

June 13: Israeli special forces raid the Ar-Rajabi family home in Silwan, beat Khader Ar-Rajabi to death and wound his son.

June 14: *Yedioth Ahronoth* discloses a secret WJM report, which predicts that within 20 years the city will no longer have a Jewish majority.

June 16: WJM mayor Olmert says that parts of the "security envelope" - a set of checkpoints and fences intended to tighten security in the city - will be located within the WJM boundaries, adding that the WJM will try to ease the difficulties encountered by people on the other side of the checkpoints, mainly referring to palestinian Jerusalem ID card holders living in areas such as Kufr Aqab.

June 17: US Pres. Bush again defers for six months the moving of the US Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem but reiterates his commitment to making the transfer sometime in the future.

June 18: A suicide bomber - Mohammed Al-Ghoul, 22, from Al-Fara' RC near Nablus - blows himself up on a crowded bus in Gilo, killing 19 people and wounding over 40. Hamas' IzzEddin Al-Qassam wing takes responsibility.

- Warning that "this will not be the last attack," Israel Police Insp.- Gen. Shlomo Aharonishsky confirms the importance of a fence with 3-m-high thick wire coils around Jerusalem, currently under way, to reduce terrorist attacks. The Israeli cabinet has approved the 'Jerusalem Defense Plan' - building of electric fences, walls, trenches, and roadblocks outside the city limits - in March.

June 19: A Palestinian suicide bomber rushes to a bus stop at the French Hill intersection and blows himself up, killing at least seven people and wounding over 40. Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades claim responsibility.

June 25: The WJM demolishes an "illegal" building at the Old City's Herod's Gate.

- Construction work on a security fence to protect Jerusalem begins near the Tunnel Road leading to the Gush Etzion settlement block. A 7-km-long fence will lead from there to Har Homa, while a second 9-km-long part will lead from the Ofer military camp near Ramallah to the Ar-Ram roadblock.

JULY

July 8: *Ha'aretz* reports that Israel and its allies at the OSCE in Europe's Parliamentary Assembly are working to foil an Italian delegate's proposal that the Holy Basin in Jerusalem –Old City and Mt. of Olives - be granted a special status, placing the management of the area under an international council comprising Israel, the Palestinians and the international community, incl. Egypt, Jordan, Morocco and Saudi Arabia. Israel's two observers at the assembly are Labor MK Colette Avital and Shinui MK Avraham Poraz.

July 9: On the order of Internal Security Min. Uzi Landau, WJM police closes down Al-Quds University and the office of its Pres., Sari Nusseibeh, saying the offices serve as a cover for PA operations in Jerusalem. Yossi Sarid calls on Israel to immediately reopen the offices. US Amb. Dan Kurtzer expresses US bewilderment about the closure decision.

- A Palestinian from Yatta, Ahmed Abu Zara, 27, opens fire at an Israeli policeman outside the Old City near Herod's Gate, injuring him. In the ensuing shoot-out as officers chase after him, a Palestinian passerby, Mahmoud Bashir, 70, from Jabal Mukabber, is killed. Abu Zara is apprehended little later near Jaffa Road.

- Over the past few days, settlers from Adam settlement, protected by Israeli troops, have confiscated some 1,400 dunums of Palestinian land near Jaba'.

July 11: Dozens of Israeli settlers from Givat Ze'ev, protected by the Israeli army bulldoze hundreds of dunums of agricultural land belonging to Al-Jib and Beit Ijza villages.

July 13: Israel brutally clamps down on a peaceful demonstration by a few dozen Palestinians and internationals outside the administration office of Al-Quds University, calling for the right to education of Palestinian students.

July 14: In response to petitions by the Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI) and Adalah, the High Court of Justice issues a show-cause order and gives the state 120 days to explain why it has officially frozen family reunification procedures since 12 May (de facto on 1 April following a suicide attack in Haifa, perpetrated by a Hamas member, who had become an Israeli citizen through marriage to an Israeli Arab).

July 15: The Knesset votes 22-8 in favor of a new law according to which families of suicide bombers will no longer receive certain stipends from the National Insurance Institute, incl. the widow's pension.

July 16: WJM bulldozers destroy an "illegally" built house belonging to Ibrahim Ad-Dibish in Sur Baher.

July 22: The Internal Security Min. decides to reopen the offices of Sari Nusseibeh at Al-Quds University after Nusseibeh signs an agreement not to take part in politics and not to conduct any PA business from the bureau.

July 30: Five people are lightly wounded when a suicide bomber - Hashem Atta Sarasra, 17, from Beit Jala - blows himself up at a falafel stand in Hanevim Street.

July 31: A bomb placed at the Hebrew University Cafeteria explodes via remote control, killing seven and injuring over 80. Two more die later of their wounds. Hamas claims responsibility, says it was revenge for the killing of Salah Shehadeh. The PA condemns the attack.

AUGUST

Aug. 1: Israeli forces remove Ras Al-Amud checkpoint and establish a new Barrier at Ras Al-Qubsa, the interjection between Abu Dis and Shayah neighborhoods, cutting Izzariyya into two parts.

Aug. 4: Near Damascus Gate a Palestinian - Ibrahim Saouw, 19, from Hebron - opens fire at a Bezeq truck, killing the security guard. In the ensuing exchange of fire, he is killed along with another Palestinian sitting in a nearby coffee shop. At least ten others are wounded, mostly Palestinian passers-by. Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades claim responsibility.

Aug. 8: PA Mufti Ekrima Sabri warns of escalation if right-wing MK Michael Kleiner carries out his threat to visit the Haram Ash-Sharif. By night, MK Michael Kleiner is permitted by police to briefly enter the Haram Ash-Sharif area, 22 months after the site was declared off-limits to non-Muslims. Kleiner, who led a group of demonstrators to the Western Wall, states: "The Temple Mount, the holiest site for Judaism, has been decreed Judenrein ... This racial discrimination must stop."

Aug. 11: The Israeli High Court of Justice closes a petition submitted last year, protesting the WJM's failure to provide public school space for over 900 Palestinian children. The state informs the court that it plans to build 245 classrooms in the Arab areas of Jerusalem over the coming four years and the court says it would check to see that the state is carrying out its word.

Aug. 21: Four Palestinian Jerusalemites – Mohammed Odeh, 29, of Silwan, Wissam Abassi, 25, of Silwan, Aladin Abassi, 30, of Silwan and Wa'el Kassam, 31, of Ras Al-Amud - are arrested on charges of belonging to a cell of 15 Hamas members that is responsible for suicide attacks that left 35 killed, incl. the suicide bombings at the Moment Cafe on 9 March and at a Rishon Letzion billiard hall on 7 May, attempts to derail trains near Lod, bombings of fuel tankers, one inside the Pi Gllot fuel depot north of Tel Aviv (23 May), and the bomb at the Hebrew University cafeteria on 31 July.

Aug. 29: *Ha'aretz* reports that the Israel army has prepared a plan - approved by PM Sharon and WJM Mayor Olmert - for the de facto annexation of Rachel's Tomb to Jerusalem, in the context of the "enveloping Jerusalem" plan for constructing a security barrier from Beit Sahour in the Sahour to Ofer army base in the north around the city. According to the plan, a wall eight meters high and several hundred meters long would be built around the tomb compound, creating a trapezoidal area that would be connected to Jerusalem, whose municipal border is 461 meters away. The Bethlehem access road would also be moved, so that instead of passing alongside the tomb, it would circle around the walled area to the north.

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 3: Ten members of the right-wing Elad group seize control of a house belonging to Fuad Dweik in Jabal Mukabber, claiming they had legally purchased it. Elad claims Dweik sold them the house six years ago and had previously signed an evacuation agreement, which he denies. Elad head David Be'eri says the house is to mark the beginning of the new "Nof Zahav" (Golden View) neighborhood in East Jerusalem of eventually 600 housing units to create continuity between Armon Hanatziv neighborhood and Silwan.

Sept. 4: The Israeli High Court bans Herut MK Kleiner from going to the "Temple Mount" on the anniversary of Sharon's Sept. 2000 visit.

Sept. 11: The Israeli security cabinet approves construction of the Jerusalem security fence and decides to include Rachel's Tomb - until now in Area C - inside the Jerusalem "security envelope," effectively ordering the de facto annexation of the holy site. The plan creates a trapezoid-shaped area around the tomb, connected to Jerusalem, and will require paving a new road to Bethlehem to bypass the tomb. PM Sharon also orders the army to step up the pace of devising a security envelope in north Jerusalem that would allow the Atarot airport to be reopened.

Sept. 12: The Israeli state prosecutor files charges against four East Jerusalem residents, accused to involvement in the deaths of 35 Israelis and foreign citizens (see 21 Aug.).

Sept. 18: The Israeli High Court of Justice approves the demolition of the family homes in Abu Dis of the two Palestinians - Nabil Halbiyeh and Osama Ayed Bahar - who conducted a double suicide bombing on Jerusalem's Ben-Yehuda pedestrian mall on 1 Dec. 2001. The homes are destroyed on 19 Sept.

Sept. 20: With an order signed by Public Security Min. Uzi Landau, police closes the offices of Al-Quds University Pres. Sari Nusseibeh, for the second time in three months, as well as the Palestinian Youth and Sport Admin., both on the grounds that they have been operating in Jerusalem without proper authorization and allegedly hosted PA activities.

Sept. 27: Worshippers under the age of 40 are not allowed by Israeli police to attend Friday prayers at the Al-Aqsa Mosque and are forced to pray on the street outside the Old City.

- The US Congress calls on the Bush Admin. to immediately begin shifting the US Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem to strengthen Israel's claim to Jerusalem as its capital. A \$8.6 billion bill authorizing State Dept. programs for 2003 specified that no funds may be used for the US CG in Jerusalem unless it is under the supervision of the US Amb.

OCTOBER

Oct. 1: US Pres. Bush signs a legislation requiring his admin. to identify Jerusalem as Israel's capital, but says that "US policy regarding Jerusalem has not changed" and that he would treat the clauses as a recommendation rather than an order. In the bill, Congress specifies for the first time

that no funds may be used for the US consulate in Jerusalem unless it is under the supervision of the American Amb. to Israel and that no money should be spent on official US documents that listed Israel without identifying Jerusalem as the capital. Palestinians say the move will complicate peace efforts and could cost lives.

Oct. 2: The trial of the Jewish terror cell – led by Yarden Morag, Shlomo Dvir and Ofer Gamliel of Bat Ein settlement – charged with attempted murder and weapons-related charges, opens at the Jerusalem District Court. The three, assisted by Yossi Ben-Baruch, are accused of plotting terror bombings of Arab targets, incl. planting a bomb in an East Jerusalem girls' school in At-Tur in April.

Oct. 3: Jordan assigns a local firm - the Mehrab Bureau for Islamic Construction - to reconstruct the pulpit of Saladin in Al-Aqsa Mosque, which was burned down in 1969, at a cost of \$70,000 and within a year. The late King Hussein had pledged to repair the pulpit.

Oct. 4: Following Friday prayers and after being thrown at with stones, Israeli police storm the Haram Ash-Sharif, using stun grenades and tear gas to disperse the some 5,000 worshippers present at the time.

- *Ha'aretz* reports that Israeli police is preparing for another Jewish takeover of an Arab property in the Musrara area (between Damascus Gate and Hanevi'im Street), after a court ruled the property was originally Jewish, i.e. owned by Jews before the state was founded and then came under the control of the Jordanian Guardian of Enemy Property, which leased it to an Arab, Kamal Shubash, one of whose heirs, Luris Shubash, claimed rights to the property. The site will be the ninth East Jerusalem Jewish residential area established outside of the major settlements built after the 1967 War. The others are the Old City's Muslim Quarter; St. John's Hostel in the Christian Quarter; the City of David in Silwan; Bet Orot on the Mt. of Olives; Ras Al-Amud; Shimon Hatzadik in Sheikh Jarrah; and Ath-Thori.

Oct. 8: The Knesset Finance Committee authorizes additional NIS 5 million to increase security for Jews living in Silwan, Ras Al-Amud and the Old City's Muslim Quarter, bringing the overall budget to NIS 27.686 million. The funds will be transferred to a private security company.

Oct. 10: The US Consulate assures a Palestinian delegation that US policy on Jerusalem is unchanged despite the new legislation, stating "The US government continues to view the question of Jerusalem as a final status matter to be negotiated between the parties", and "Therefore we will not change our practices on official publications or the way Jerusalem is listed in consular documents, including passports."

Oct. 12: Israeli forces impose a curfew on Abu Dis, Al-Izzariyya and Sawahreh to stop a protest rally of Israeli and Palestinian peace activists at the new security fence in Abu Dis. Some 1,000 demonstrators nevertheless gather and are met by soldiers who try to violently disperse them, injuring at least eight people.

Oct. 22: The Knesset Finance Committee approves the transfer of NIS 10 million to establish a sewage system in Har Homa although half of the 2,000 housing units have not yet been sold and only 700 housing units are inhabited.

NOVEMBER

Nov. 5: The Jerusalem court convicts the four members of the Silwan 'terror cell', behind Hebrew University bombing, on 35 counts of murder.

Nov. 8: Jerusalem police arrest a Jew, wearing a keffiyeh, who tries to infiltrate prayers on Al-Aqsa compound, where some 150,000 Muslim worshippers hold the first Fridays prayers of this year's Ramadan. Over 2,000 Israeli police are deployed in the city as Palestinian worshippers are given free access to the site for the first time in months.

Nov. 10: The delegation of Jordanian experts that examined the southern wall on the Al-Aqsa compound advises dismantling some 140 m² of the structure, filling and reinforcing it and then covering it up again with stone. Archaeo-logists have warned that the southern wall could collapse.