



News of Terrorism and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

(October 8 – 13, 2015)



Left: Death notice issued by Fatah for the "heroic shaheed," Muhammad Sayyid Muhammad Ali (Facebook page affiliated with Fatah, October 10, 2015). Right: Muhammad Sayyid Muhammad Ali, a Palestinian terrorist from the Shuafat refugee camp, stabs an Israeli Border Policeman. The attack occurred near the Nablus Gate in the Old City of Jerusalem (Facebook page of QudsN, October 13, 2015).

The Current Wave of Palestinian Terrorism (Updated to October 13, 2015)

■ This past week the wave of Palestinian terrorism and violence that began more than a month ago during the Jewish High Holidays reached new heights. The current wave of terrorism, feeding off itself, is intensifying. It is part of the Palestinian Authority (PA) and Fatah's policy of "popular resistance" (i.e., popular terrorism). Popular terrorism has alternately increased and decreased over the past six years, but the current wave is particularly severe and significantly different in nature from those preceding it.

■ This past week popular terrorism spread from Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria into additional locations in pre-1967 Israel. Most of the attacks attacks inside Israel were stabbing attacks carried out by young lone terrorists, which has become the leading

modus operandi of the current wave of Palestinian terrorism (which has gone viral under the influence of Facebook and the other social media). In addition to the stabbing attacks there was a **combined stabbing-vehicular attack**, the **detonation of a gas balloon** in a car and three attempts to grab the weapons of Israeli soldiers. There was also a **combined stabbing-shooting attack on a bus in Jerusalem**.

■ During the past week terrorist attacks, which had been concentrated in greater Jerusalem, spread to other locations in Israel, including Kiryat Gat in the south, Tel Aviv, Afula in the north, and Gan Shmuel (near Hadera) and Raanana (in the center of the country). The attacks have been carried out by **young lone terrorists**, most of them from east Jerusalem, and some from Judea and Samaria. There were also two Israeli Arabs (from Nazareth and Um el-Fahm), Palestinians staying in Israel illegally, two women and two children. They were motivated for the most part by the lie spread by the Palestinian media that Israel allegedly threatened Al-Aqsa mosque, as well as by the frustration, desperation and anger of the younger generation. Generally speaking, the terrorists have not been operatives of any established terrorist organization, and the current wave of terrorism has not been directed by any organization, but rather is directly inspired by the intensive incitement accompanying it.

■ **The current wave of terrorism has been accompanied by violent demonstrations, riots and public disturbances in Judea and Samaria and the Arab population centers in Israel** (mainly in cities with mixed Jewish-Arab populations such as Jaffa, Nazareth and Ramla, and Israeli Arab towns villages in the center of the country.) In Judea and Samaria **thousands of Arabs** participated in the daily riots and protests taking place in dozens of locations. In some locations there were hundreds of rioters and in others, several dozen. Compared with routine riots and demonstrations, such large numbers are exceptional, but in the past there have been public disturbances with many more participants. Dozens and sometimes several hundred Israeli Arabs have participated in the demonstrations and riots, but so far there have been no mass demonstrations involving the general Israeli Arab population. **Note:** An exceptionally large demonstration of approximately 20,000 people was held in the northern city of Sakhnin to show solidarity with the Palestinians.

■ The current wave of violence and terrorism is particularly deadly. So far **eight Israelis have been killed in shooting, stabbing and vehicular attacks, and by thrown stones. About 29 Palestinians** have been killed, 13 in the Gaza Strip and 16 in Israel, Judea and Samaria. Eleven of the Palestinians were killed while carrying out terrorist attacks, five were killed while participating in riots, 11 were killed in the Gaza

Strip in clashes at the border security fence and two were killed in an IDF airstrike carried out after rocket fire from the Gaza Strip into Israeli territory.

- **Hamas foments the wave of terrorism with an intensive propaganda campaign**, inciting attacks with the intention of encouraging a "third intifada" in Judea and Samaria. In the Gaza Strip Hamas allowed young Palestinians to let off steam in a series of riots near the border security fence in the northern and southern Gaza Strip. The rioters threw stones at IDF forces and on several occasions **broke through the fence and invaded Israeli territory**. However, despite the Palestinians killed in the clashes by IDF preventive fire, Hamas has not fired rockets into Israeli territory and in ITIC assessment has enforced its authority on the rogue organizations. Hamas' objective is to prevent escalation of the sort that occurred following the abduction and murder of the three Jewish boys in Gush Etzion in June 2014.

- In ITIC assessment, **Mahmoud Abbas**, the PA chairman, does not want the situation to deteriorate further, which would only serve the interests of Hamas and destabilize the PA. However, it is doubtful whether he can influence the dynamics of the current wave of terrorism. His security forces continue coordination with Israel and to a certain extent can contain the violence in Judea and Samaria, but **the PA has no real influence on the Palestinians carrying out the terrorist attacks in Jerusalem and other locations inside Israel**.

Terrorist Attacks and Riots in Greater Jerusalem

Overview

- This past week **Jerusalem** remained one of the focal points of the current wave of terrorism. There was a shooting attack on a bus, a series of stabbing attacks, a vehicular attack, and an IED exploded, causing a fire in a vehicle near an Israeli roadblock:

- **A combined shooting and stabbing attack, Armon Hanatziv, Jerusalem, October 13, 2015**: Two Palestinian terrorists in their 20s from east Jerusalem, armed with a gun and meat cleaver, got on a number 78 bus. **They opened fire and began stabbing passengers**. Border Police and Israel Police Force policemen arrived on the scene and shot the terrorists, killing one and wounding the other (Facebook page of the Israel Police Force, October 13, 2015). **Two Israelis were killed**.

- **The two terrorists were from Jabel Mukaber in east Jerusalem**. They were **Bahaa Muhammad Khalin Alian**, 22, who was a youth leader, and Hamas-affiliated **Bilal Abu Ghanam**, 23, a released prisoner (detained on July 23, 2015) (Twitter

account of Al-Aqsa TV, October 13, 2015; Facebook page of PALDF, October 13, 2015; Alquds-online.org, July 23, 2015, Facebook page of Bahaa Alian).



Bahaa Muhammad Khalin Alian (left) and Bilal Abu Ghanam, who carried out the attack in Armon Hanatziv (Twitter account of Al-Aqsa TV, October 13, 2015).

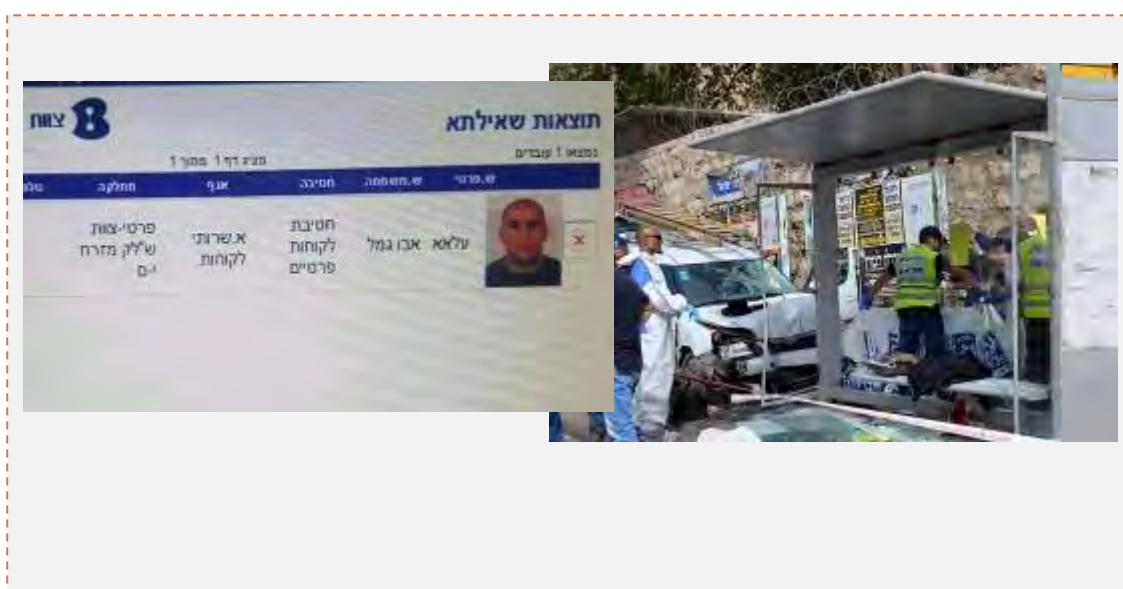


Bilal Abu Ghanam wears a Hamas headband on the day of his release from an Israeli jail (Facebook page of PALDF, October 13, 2015).



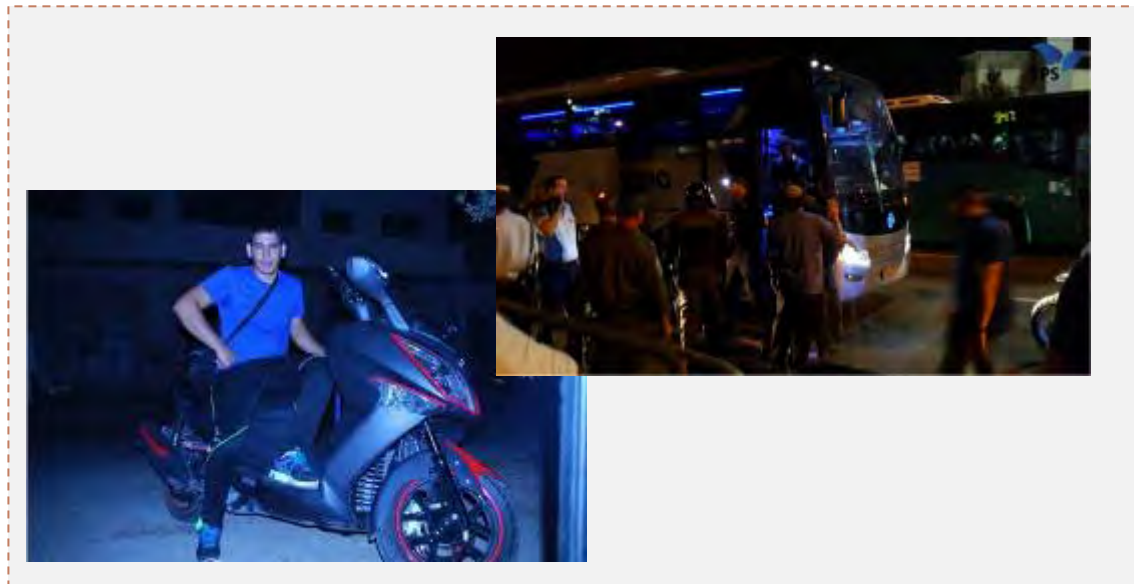
Left: The meat cleaver used to attack the bus passengers. Right: The number 78 bus where the attack took place (Facebook page of Shihab, October 13, 2015).

■ **Vehicular and stabbing attack on Malchei Israel Street, Jerusalem, October 13, 2015:** A Palestinian terrorist driving a vehicle belonging to Bezeq, Israel's largest communications company (where he used to work), drove into a bus stop on Malchei Israel Street in Jerusalem. **He killed one man and wounded another.** He was **Alaa Abu Jaml** from **Jabel Mukaber** (related to the terrorists who carried out the mass murder in the synagogue in the Har Nof neighborhood in December 2014.). After running them over he got out of the car and stabbed other Israelis (Facebook pages of QudsN and Gaza Al-'Aan, October 13, 2015).



Left: Israeli work-related document of Alaa Abu Jaml (Facebook page of Gaza al-'Aan, October 13, 2015). Right: The scene of the attack. The terrorist's vehicle is at the left (Facebook page of QudsN, October 13, 2015).

■ **Stabbing attack at the entrance to Jerusalem, October 12, 2015:** A Palestinian terrorist got on a bus near the entrance to Jerusalem. He stabbed a 19 year-old IDF soldier, inflicting minor injuries, and tried to grab his weapon. He was shot and killed by police (Ynet, October 12, 2015). The terrorist was **Muhammad Nazmi Shamasneh**, 22, from the village of Qatana (northwest of Jerusalem) (Facebook page of Gaza al-'Aan, October 12, 2015).



Left: Palestinian terrorist Muhammad Nazmi Shamasneh (Facebook page of Gaza al-'Aan, October 12, 2015). Right: The scene of the attack at the entrance to Jerusalem (Tazpit News Agency, October 12, 2015)

■ **Stabbing attack in Pisgat Zeev, north Jerusalem, October 12, 2015:** Two Palestinian boys stabbed a young Israeli man and a 13 year-old Israeli boy. The young man was seriously wounded and the boy was in critical condition. The two Palestinian boys were **Ahmed Manasra**, 13, and his cousin **Hassan Manasra**, 15, both from the village of Beit Hanina, near Pisgat Zeev. Israeli security forces at the scene shot and killed Hassan Manasra, and wounded Ahmed Manasra (Ynet, October 12, 2015).



Left: The bicycle of the Israeli boy attacked by the two Palestinians. Right: The scene of the attack in Pisgat Zeev (Tazpit News Agency, October 12, 2015).

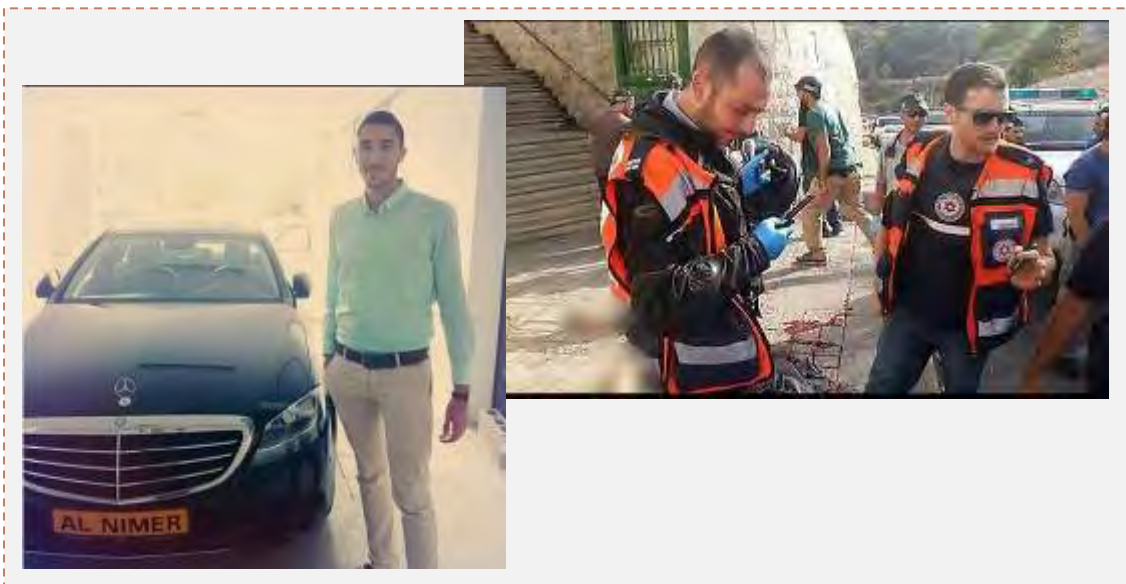
■ **Stabbing attack at Ammunition Hill, Jerusalem, October 12, 2015:** A Border Policeman standing near the light railway stop at Ammunition Hill saw a young woman who aroused his suspicions. He stopped her and when he asked to examine her bag she took out a knife and stabbed him. Despite his wound he drew his gun and shot her. He was taken to a hospital for treatment. The terrorist, a 16 year-old girl from Beit Hanina in north Jerusalem, was critically wounded (Facebook page of the Israel Police Force, October 12, 2015).



The scene of the stabbing attack at Ammunition Hill, Jerusalem (Photo by Hillel Meir for the Tazpit News Agency, October 12, 2015).

■ **Stabbing attack in the Old City, Jerusalem, morning of October 12, 2015:** A Palestinian terrorist attempted to stab a Jewish security guard near the Lions' Gate. There were no casualties and the terrorist was killed (Facebook page of the Israel

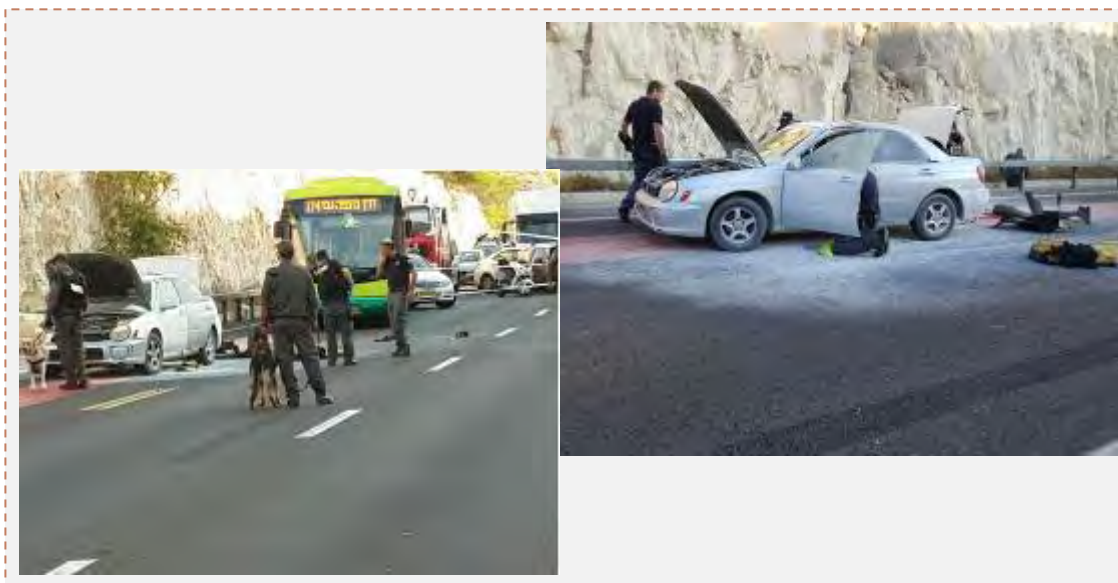
Police Force, October 12, 2015). The terrorist was **Mustafa al-Khatib**, 18, from **Jabel Mukaber in east Jerusalem** (Wafa News Agency, October 12, 2015).



Left: Palestinian terrorist **Mustafa al-Khatib**. Right: The scene of the attack (Facebook page of QudsN, October 12, 2015).

- **Attempt to detonate a car near the al-Za'im roadblock, south of Jerusalem, morning of October 11, 2015:** A traffic policeman identified a suspicious vehicle on the road between Ma'aleh Adumim and the al-Za'im roadblock, south of Jerusalem. He signaled the female driver to stop, and when he approached she detonated a device that exploded on a gas balloon. The policeman suffered minor injuries and was taken to a hospital for treatment. The female terrorist was also injured (Facebook page of the Israel Police Force, October 11, 2015).

- The female terrorist was **Israa al-Gha'bis** (Ma'an News Agency, October 11, 2015). The initial Israel Security Agency investigation indicated that she was 31 and lived in **Jericho and Jabel Mukaber** in east Jerusalem. She was not previously known to the Israeli security forces (Facebook page of Red Alert, October 11, 2015).



The car driven by the female terrorist at the al-Za'im roadblock south of Jerusalem (Filastin al-'Aan, October 11, 2015).

- **Stabbing attack near the Nablus Gate, Old City of Jerusalem, October 10, 2015:** A Palestinian terrorist stabbed two Israeli Border Policemen. While they were examining the ID card of a suspicious young Palestinian, he took out a knife and stabbed them, one in the neck. The police shot and killed him (Facebook page of the Israel Police Force, October 11, 2015). He was **Muhammad Sayyid Muhammad Ali**, 25, from the Shuafat refugee camp in northern Jerusalem (Facebook page of QudsN, October 10, 2015).



Left: Death notice issued for the death of the "heroic shaheed." The picture in the upper left hand corner is Mahmoud Abbas, in the center is the Fatah logo, and at the right is a picture of Yasser Arafat (Fatah-affiliated Facebook page, October 10, 2015). Right: Palestinian terrorist Muhammad Sayyid Muhammad Ali stabs a Border Policeman in the head (Facebook page of QudsN, October 13, 2015).

■ **Stabbing attack on Hanevi'im Street, Jerusalem, October 10, 2015:** A 16 year-old Palestinian stabbed two young Israelis. The attack occurred on Hanevi'im Street in Jerusalem, not far from the Nablus Gate, when the two Israelis were returning from praying at the Western Wall. Policemen in the area saw the knife-wielding terrorist and ordered him to halt. He ran towards them and they shot and killed him (Facebook page of the Israel Police Force, and Israel HaYom, October 10 and 11, 2015). One of the Israelis incurred minor wounds, the other was critically wounded. The terrorist was **Ishaq Qasem Badran Amrish** from **Kafr Aqab**, north of Jerusalem (Fatah-affiliated Facebook page, October 10, 2015).

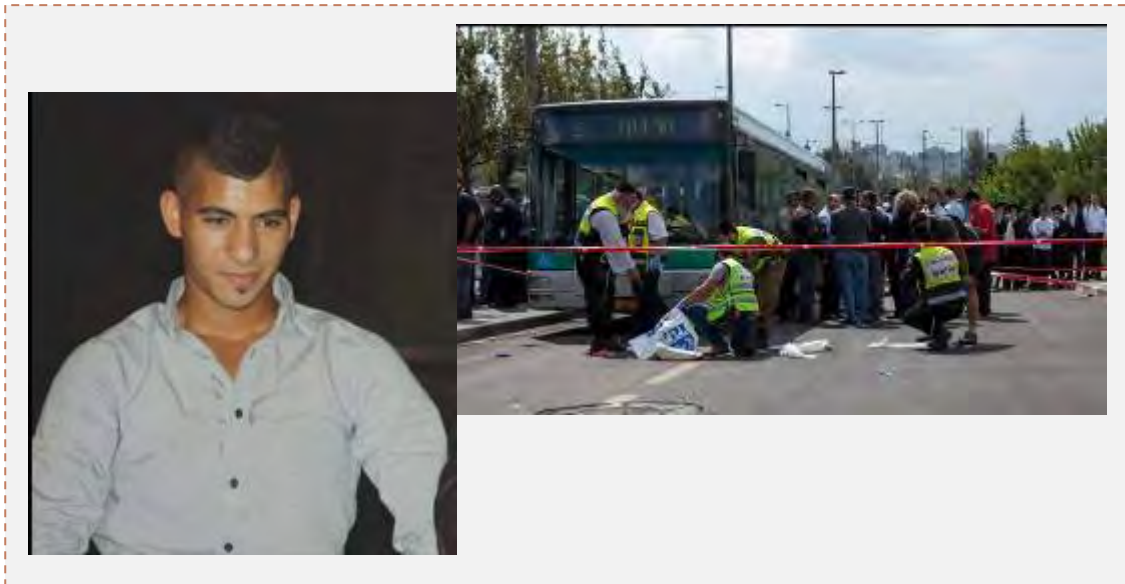


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■ **Stabbing attack on Shmuel Hanavi Street in Jerusalem, October 9, 2015:** A 17 and a half year-old Palestinian terrorist from Hebron used a vegetable peeler to stab a 16 year-old Israeli boy, then fled the scene. The Israeli boy incurred minor wounds. Israeli security forces in the area apprehended the stabber and took him for questioning (Israel HaYom, October 11, 2015).

■ **Stabbing attack near the national headquarters of the Israel Police Force, October 8, 2015:** A Palestinian terrorist armed with a knife stabbed a 25 year-old yeshiva student at the light railway station near the Israel Police Force national headquarters. As he fled from the scene he was spotted by a motorcycle policemen. He tried to get into a car nearby but the police overcame him, detained him and took him for questioning. The yeshiva student was critically injured and taken to a hospital for treatment (Facebook page of the Israel Police Force, October 8, 2015). The

Palestinian terrorist was **Subhi Abu Khalifa**, 15, from the **Shuafat refugee camp** (Facebook page of QudsN, October 8, 2015).



Left: Palestinian terrorist Subhi Abu Khalifa. Right: The scene of the stabbing (Facebook page of QudsN, October 8, 2015).

Terrorist Attacks in Other Locations in Israel

Overview

Other focal points of the current wave of terrorism were locations in Israel besides Jerusalem. There were **seven stabbing attacks and a combined stabbing and vehicular attack**. The series of terrorist attacks inside Israel was accompanied by demonstrations and riots in the mixed Jewish-Arab cities and in Arab towns and villages in northern and central Israel (although the general Israeli Arab population has not yet taken to the streets). The Higher Arab Monitoring Committee called a general strike for October 13 in solidarity with the Palestinian people, Jerusalem and Al-Aqsa mosque. In addition, there was a mass demonstration in the northern Arab city of Sakhnin on the afternoon of October 13, 2015.

The Terrorist Attacks

■ **Stabbing attack near Beit Levenstein Hospital in Raanana, morning, October 13, 2015:** A Palestinian terrorist used a knife to stab Israelis near the hospital. One was stabbed in the neck and critically wounded, and three others incurred minor injuries. The terrorist then ran towards the main street. A man who drove by realized what was happening and hit the terrorist with his car. A taxi driver helped him overcome the terrorist. Israeli policemen detained the terrorist (Facebook page of the Israel Police Force, October 13, 2015). The terrorist worked as a cleaner in Beit Levenstein

Hospital. He was **from east Jerusalem** and carried an Israeli ID card (Ynet, October 13, 2015).

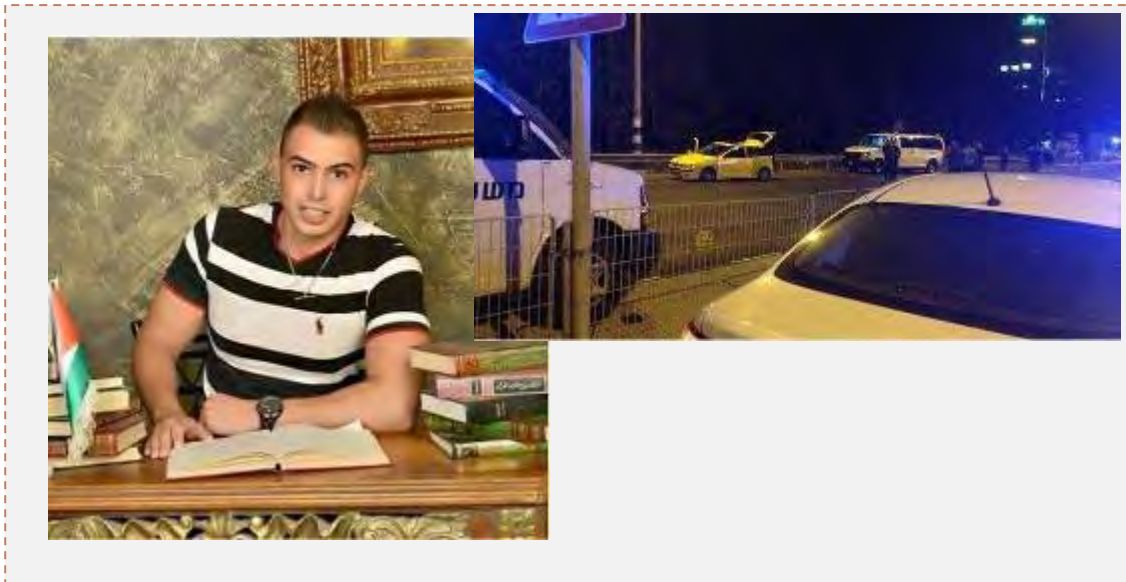
■ **Stabbing attack in Raanana, morning, October 13, 2015:** A Palestinian terrorist stabbed an Israeli at a bus stop on the main street. Israeli civilians overcame the terrorist and held him until the police arrived. The wounded man was evacuated for medical treatment. The terrorist was critically wounded and evacuated to a hospital (Facebook page of Red Alert, October 13, 2015).



The injured terrorist stabber lies on the main street in Raanana (Facebook page of QudsN, October 13, 2015).

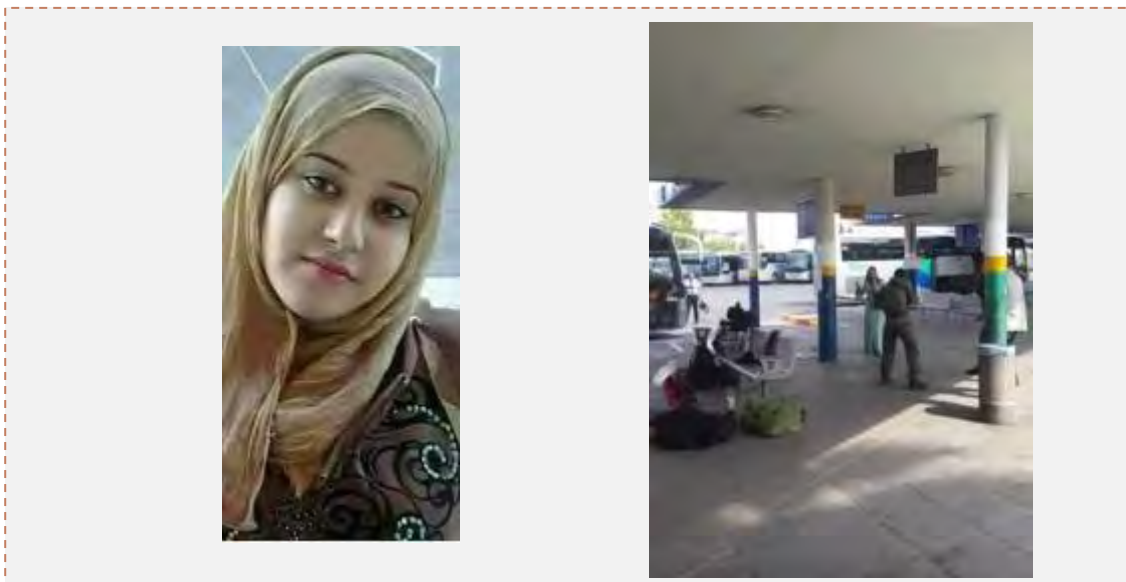
■ **Combined stabbing and vehicular attack near Gan Shmuel, near Hadera, October 11, 2015:** A 19 year-old female IDF soldier was critically wounded and a 20 year-old male IDF soldier was seriously wounded in a combined stabbing and vehicular attack near the Israeli community of Gan Shmuel, near Hadera. A 14 year-old Israeli boy and a 45 year-old man suffered minor injuries. The terrorist was apprehended by a police patrol near the entrance to the community. According to the initial investigation, he first ran over the woman soldier, exited his car, stabbed her and then stabbed the others (Ynet, October 11, 2015). The terrorist was **Alaa' Ra'ed Mahamid (Zayoud) from Um el-Fahm¹** (Facebook page of Gaza al-'Aan, October 11, 2015).

¹ He lived in Um el-Fahm within the family reunification framework of his father, who comes from the village of Silat al-Harithiya, in the Jenin region.



Left: Palestinian terrorist Alaa' Ra'ed Mahamid (Zayoud). Right: The scene of the vehicular attack at Gan Shmuel (Facebook page of Gaza al-'Aan, October 11, 2015).

■ **Stabbing attack at the central bus station, Afula, October 9, 2015:** A female terrorist entered the central bus station, took out a knife and was apparently going to attack a soldier near one of the platforms. Two Border Policemen, a soldier and a security guard saw her holding the knife and ordered her to drop it. When she did not they shot at her legs (Facebook page of the Israel Police Force, October 9, 2015). The terrorist was **Israa Zaydan Tawfiq 'Abed**, 29, divorced and mother of three, an Israeli Arab from Nazareth and a student at the Technion, the Israeli Institution of Technology, in Haifa (Israeli HaYom, October 11, 2015).



Left: The female terrorist, Israa Zaydan Tawfiq 'Abed, from Nazareth. Right: Israeli security personnel order her to drop the knife (Al-Masdar; Kinanblan.blogspot.co.il, October 9, 2015).

■ **Stabbing attack in Afula, October 8, 2015:** A Palestinian terrorist stabbed Israelis on the main street in Afula, seriously wounding a 21 year-old IDF soldier. He was

pursued and caught by civilians, who held him down until the police came. He was **Tareq Abd al-Fattah Yahya**, 20, a Palestinian from the village of Arqa near Jenin. He was not previously known to the Israeli security forces (Ynet, October 8, 2015).



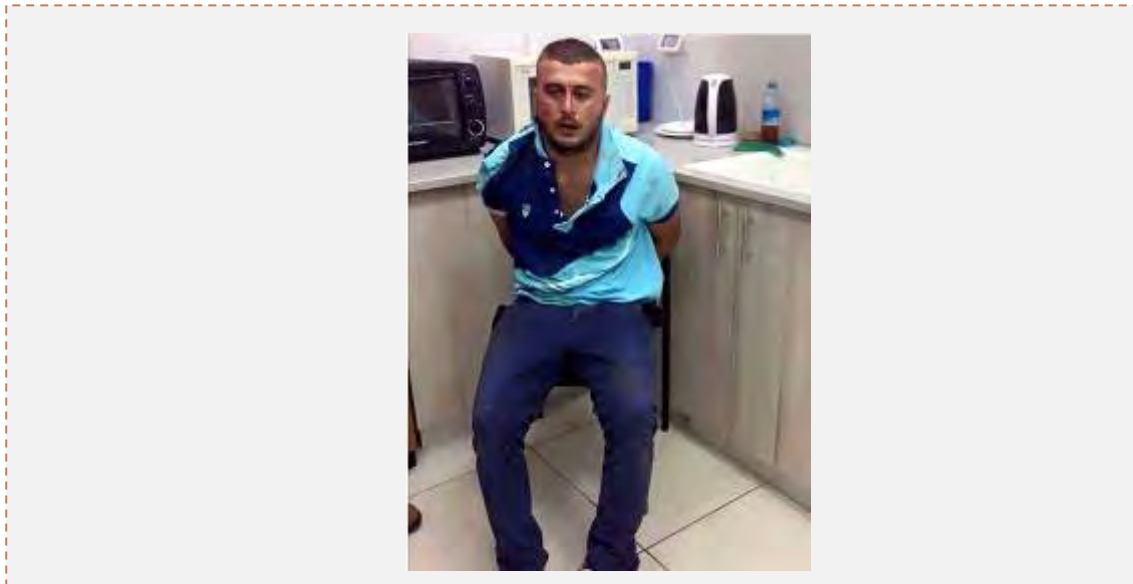
Palestinian terrorist Tareq Abd al-Fattah Yahya (Dunia al-Watan, October 8, 2015).

■ **Stabbing attack in Tel Aviv, October 8, 2015:** A Palestinian terrorist used a screwdriver to stab a female IDF soldier in the middle of Tel Aviv, the area of the Kiriya compound. He tried to grab her weapon, was unsuccessful, and stabbed four other Israelis. An armed IDF officer got out of his car and shot and killed the terrorist (Facebook page of the Israel Police Force, October 8, 2015). He was **Ta'er Abu Ghazala**, 19 from Kafr Aqab, north of Jerusalem (Facebook page of Silwanticnet, October 8 2015).



Left: The screwdriver used by Ta'er Abu Ghazala in the stabbing attack. Right: Ta'er Abu Ghazala (Facebook page of QudsN, October 8, 2015).

■ **Stabbing attack in Petah Tikva, evening, October 7, 2015:** A Palestinian terrorist stabbed an Israeli man near the entrance to a mall in Petah Tikva. He was overcome by Israeli civilians, who called the police. The victim suffered minor wounds. The terrorist was not previously known to the Israeli security forces (Haaretz, October 7, 2015). **Tamer Varidat**, from Dahariya, south of Hebron (Facebook page of PALDF, October 8, 2015).



Tamer Varidat (Facebook page of PALDF, October 8, 2015).

Terrorist Attacks and Clashes in Judea and Samaria

Overview

■ This past week two stabbing attacks were carried out in Kiryat Arba. Stones were thrown at Israeli vehicles on the roads and there were daily violent confrontations between Palestinian rioters and the Israeli security forces. Several thousand Palestinians participated in the confrontations, which were held in dozens of locations in Judea and Samaria (among them the Huwwara roadblock in Nablus, the Kasbah in Hebron, Qalandia, the Jalameh crossing in Jenin).

Terrorist Attacks

■ **Stabbing attack in Kiryat Arba, October 9, 2015:** A Border Policeman was stabbed by a Palestinian terrorist at the western gate of Kiryat Arba. He took out a knife and stabbed the policeman who was examining him. He was shot and killed by a Border Police force (Facebook page of Red Alert, October 10, 2015). The terrorist was **Muhammad Fares al-Jaabari**, from Hebron (Facebook page of PALDF, October 10, 2015).



Death notice for Muhammad Fares al-Jaabari issued by Hamas (Facebook page of PALDF, October 10, 2015).

- **Stabbing attack in Kiryat Arba, October 8, 2015:** A Palestinian terrorist stabbed a 30 year-old Israeli man at the western gate of Kiryat Arba, wounding him critically. He was evacuated to a hospital in Jerusalem for treatment. The Israeli security forces searched the area for the terrorist, who, according to reports, escaped (NRG, October 8, 2015).

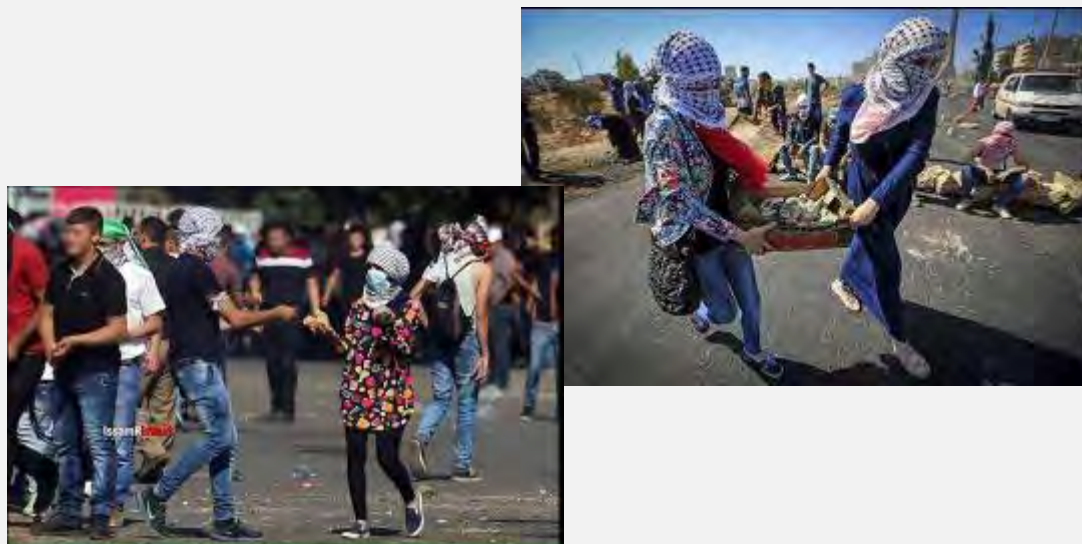
Riots, Violent Demonstrations, Stones and Molotov Cocktails



Israeli civilian vehicles attacked by stone-throwing Palestinians near Beit Umar (northwest of Hebron) (Facebook page of Red Alert, October 11, 2015).



Palestinians throw Molotov cocktails at IDF forces near Bab al-Zawiya in Hebron (Facebook page of QudsN, October 10, 2015).



Young Palestinian women help prepare stones for throwing at clashes with Israeli security forces in El-Bireh (Facebook page of Gaza al-'Aan, October 11, 2015).

PA Attorneys' Bar Association Holds Protest at IDF Beit El Roadblock

- On October 12, 2015, the PA bar association held a protest march and demonstration at the IDF roadblock near Beit El, north of Ramallah (also called the "Courthouse Roadblock"). Some of the attorneys wore black judicial robes.
- According to bar association chairman **Hussein Shabaneh**, the demonstration was held to protest claims in the Israeli press that the association supported terrorism against civilians. The claims appeared after the bar association awarded Palestinian

terrorist **Muhannad al-Halabi**² a posthumous honorary LL.D (doctor of law) degree. **Hatem Shahin**, deputy chairman of the bar association, claimed they had the right to honor the "heroes of the Palestinian people" (Website of the PA bar association, October 12, 2015).

■ On October 10, 2015, the council of the PA bar association held a conference where they decided to award Muhannad Halabi a posthumous honorary LL.D degree. After they reached the decision, the council members paid a condolence call at the Halabi residence because he had been a law student who excelled at his studies (Website of the PA bar association, October 12, 2015).



Hussein Shabaneh (arrow), chairman of the PA bar association, marches at the head of a protest march to the Courthouse Roadblock (Website of the PA bar association, October 12, 2015).

² On October 3, 2015, Muhannad Halabi stabbed and killed two Israelis in the Old City of Jerusalem, wounding two others.



Left: Hussein Shabaneh, chairman of the PA bar association. Right: PA attorneys demonstrate at the Courthouse Roadblock, near Beit El (YouTube, October 12, 2015).

Israel's South

Rocket Fire Attacking Israel and the IDF Response

■ This past week **three rocket hits** were identified in Israeli territory. The rockets were fired by so-called "rogue" terrorist organizations and not by Hamas:

- On **October 11, 2015**, a rocket was fired into Israeli territory. It fell in an open area in the western Negev. There were no casualties and no damage was reported.
- On **October 10, 2015**, rockets were fired at Israeli communities near Ashqelon and the Gaza Strip. Two rockets were intercepted by the Iron Dome aerial defense system (NRG, October 10, 2015).

■ In response to the rocket fire the Israel Air Force (IAF) attacked two posts in Gaza City belonging to Hamas' military-terrorist wing. Reportedly, a woman and her daughter were killed when the ceiling of their house collapsed; the house, in the Al-Zeitun neighborhood of Gaza City, was close to the post (Ynet and Al-Aqsa TV, October 11, 2015).

Gazans Riot Along the Border and Break Through the Security Fence into Israeli Territory

Overview

■ This past week there were a number of incidents where hundreds of Palestinians approached the border security fence and threw stones and Molotov cocktails at IDF forces. In some instances **they broke into Israeli territory** and were apprehended by

the IDF or forced back into the Gaza Strip. **Nine rioters were killed by IDF fire during the incidents.**

- In ITIC assessment, the riots were spontaneous and unorganized. **Hamas**, which controls the Gaza Strip, allows such events to be held in solidarity with the current wave of anti-Israeli terrorism and to allow the Gazans to let off steam. However, Hamas does not fire rockets and continues to restrain the rogue terrorist organizations, in order to prevent escalation.

The Events in the Gaza Strip

- On **October 13, 2015**, hundreds of Gazans reportedly rioted near the border at Dir al-Balah in the southern Gaza Strip. Several dozen broke through the border security fence in the southern Gaza Strip and invaded Israeli territory. During the event Gazans shot at the vehicle of a senior IDF officer. Palestinian sources reported that dozens of Gazans were wounded (Haaretz, October 14, 2015).

- On **October 12, 2015**, dozens of Gazans broke through the border security fence in the southern Gaza Strip and invaded Israel territory for the second time in a week. IDF forces used riot control measures to halt them near the fence. Five Palestinians who had broken into Israeli territory were taken for questioning by the Israeli security forces (Ma'an News Agency and NRG, October 12, 2015).

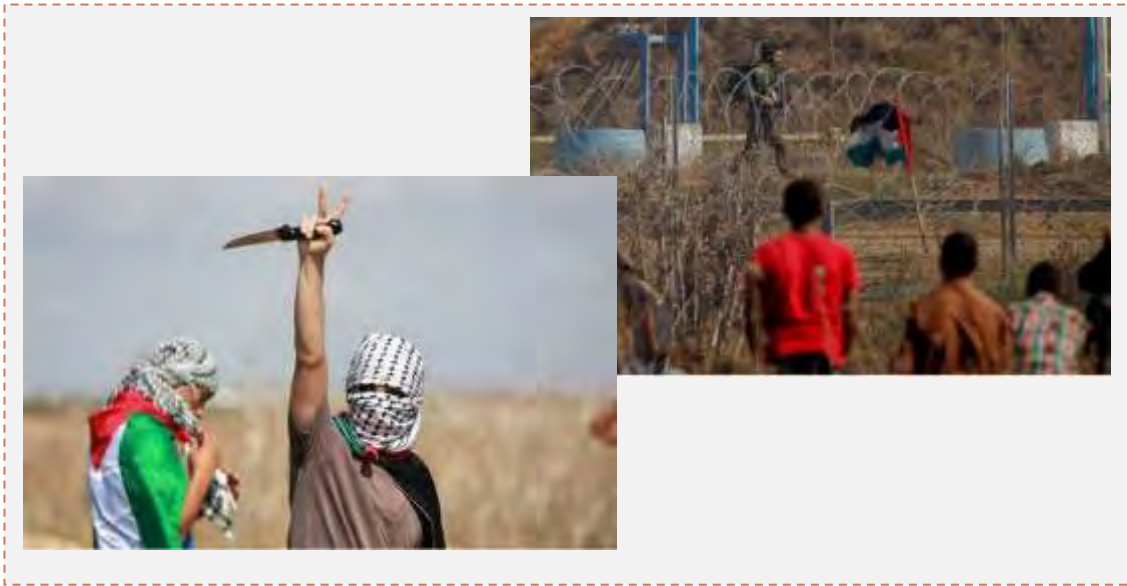
- On **the evening of October 10, 2015**, dozens of Palestinians broke through the border security fence in the southern Gaza Strip and invaded Israeli territory. IDF forces repelled them and most of them returned to the Gaza Strip (Ma'an News Agency and NRG, October 10, 2015).

- On **October 10, 2015**, there were clashes east of Khan Yunis. Two Palestinians were killed and about 20 were wounded (Yedioth Aharonot, October 11, 2015; Wafa News Agency, October 9, 2015; Facebook page of Gaza al-'Aan, October 9, 2015; Facebook page of QudsN, October 10, 2015). One of the Palestinians killed was apparently a Hamas operative.³

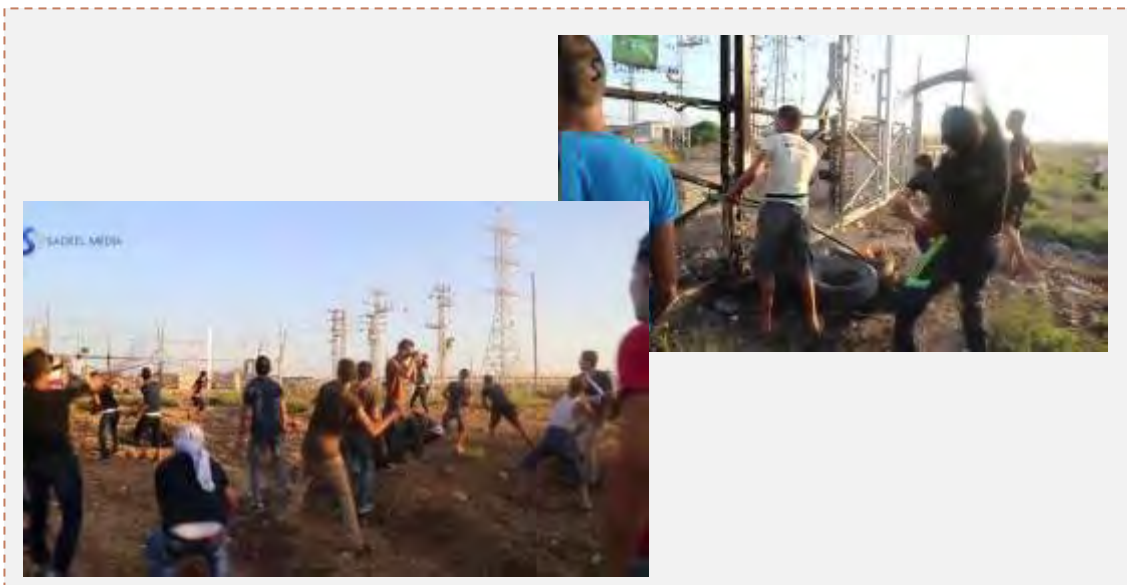
- On **October 9, 2015**, hundreds of Palestinians approached the border security fence, entered the proscribed area, burned tires and threw Molotov cocktails and small improvised charges at IDF soldiers. The IDF forces used riot control measures to disperse them. **Seven Palestinians were killed and about 60 were wounded.** Five

³ During the clashes on October 10, 2015, **Jihad Salem Al-Ubeid**, 22, from Gaza City, was killed. His funeral was held by the Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades, Hamas' military-terrorist wing, in Dir al-Balah. He was apparently a Hamas operative.

hundred Gazans tried to enter Israeli territory through the Erez crossing and were repelled.



Left: masked Palestinian wields a knife near the border security fence (Facebook page of Gaza al-'Aan, October 9, 2015). Right: Palestinians near the border security fence (Wafa News Agency, October 9, 2015).



Palestinians near the border security fence throw stones and burn tires (Facebook page of Gaza al-'Aan, October 9, 2015).

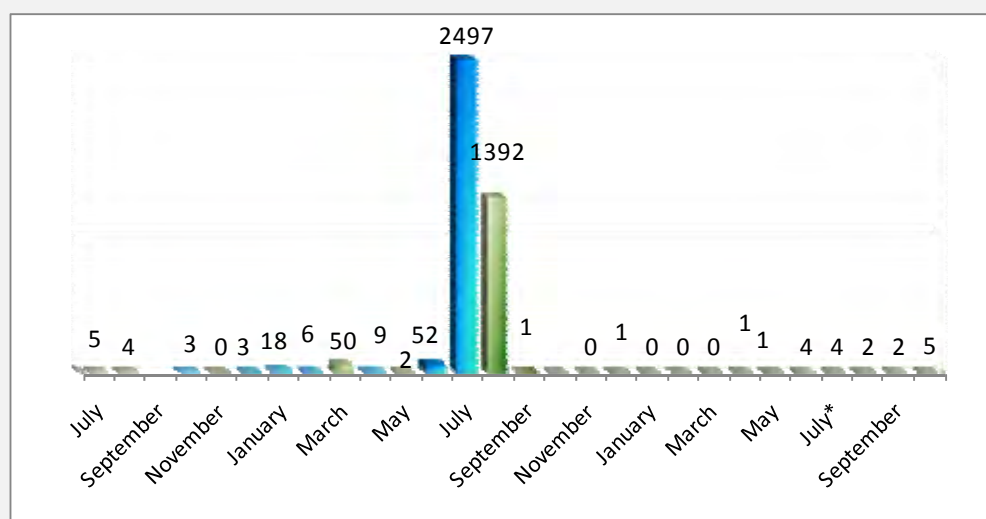
Palestinians Attack Israeli Vehicle with Sniper Fire near The Border Security Fence

■ On October 11, 2015, a Palestinian sniper or snipers in the Gaza Strip shot at an Israeli vehicle near the border security fence at one of the Israeli communities in the western Negev. The vehicle was hit. No casualties were reported (Facebook page of Red Alert, October 11, 2015).



The Israeli vehicle hit by Palestinian sniper fire in the western Negev (Facebook page of Red Alert, October 11, 2015).

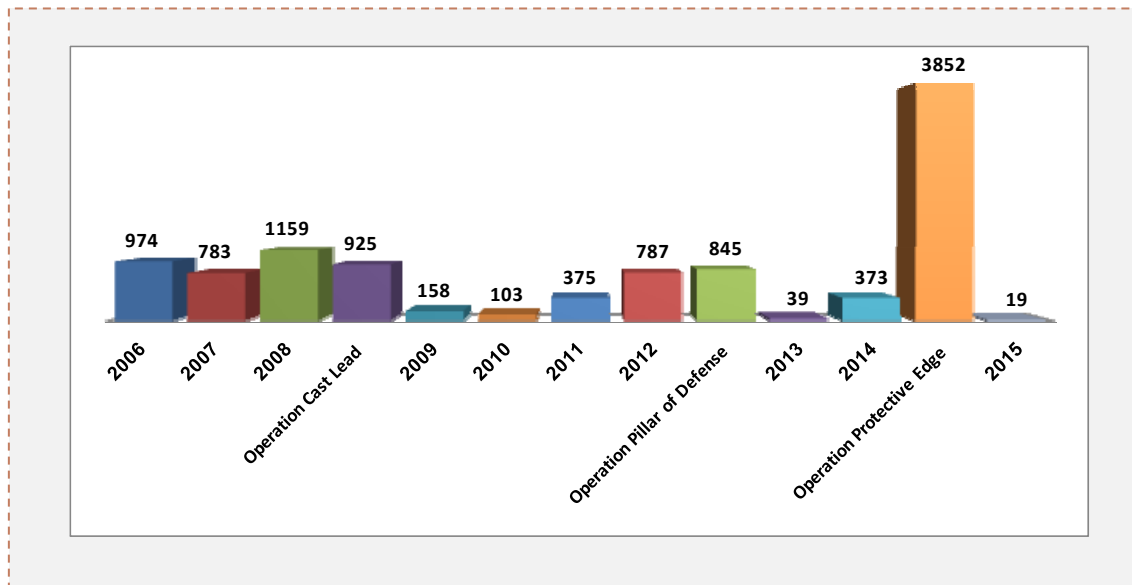
Monthly Distribution of Rocket Fire (2014 – 2015)⁴



*The data include the three rockets launched by ISIS's Sinai Province from the Sinai Peninsula in July by ISIS's Sinai Province.

⁴ As of October 13, 2015. The statistics do not include mortar shell fire or rockets which misfired and fell inside the Gaza Strip.

Annual Distribution of Rocket Fire in Israel's South⁵



*Three of the rockets that hit Israeli territory in 2015 were launched in July by ISIS's Sinai Province.

The Battle for Hearts and Minds

Palestinian Media Incitement for the Current Wave of Terrorism

The Palestinian Authority

■ The current wave of terrorism has been encouraged by intensive incitement from the PA- and Fatah-controlled media. While PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas and Palestinian Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah have expressed support for "the peaceful popular resistance," **they have had no significant influence on the situation on the ground** (certainly not on the terrorists carrying out attacks in Jerusalem and other locations in Israel). However, **in the past few days there has been a decrease in the volume of incitement in the PA's official media (TV and radio), and the "open mic" program was suspended.**

Hamas

■ The intensive incitement accompanying the current wave of terrorism **has been led by senior Hamas figures and the Hamas media**, which refer to it as "**the Jerusalem intifada.**" Some examples of Hamas incitement are the following:

⁵ The statistics do not include mortar shell fire or rockets which misfired and fell inside the Gaza Strip.

- **Ismail Haniya**, deputy head of Hamas' political bureau, delivered a Friday sermon in Gaza City in which he stated that the Gaza Strip supported "the Al-Aqsa and Jerusalem intifada." The Gaza Strip, he said, was prepared for it. He called for "the spirit of the intifada and the resistance [i.e., terrorism]" to be strengthened, and for support of the Palestinian people in every location (Al-Aqsa TV, October 9, 2015).



Ismail Haniya delivers a Friday sermon in the Gaza Strip
(Twitter account of Ismail Haniya, October 9, 2015).

- On October 9, 2015, **Musheir al-Masri**, Hamas spokesman in the Gaza Strip, gave a speech at a Hamas conference in Khan Yunis. He claimed that today Gazans were fighting with their blood against the enemy, using knives and their firm stance. He called for putting "the option of resistance" into play in the West Bank and called on all the organizations and on every Palestinian to participate in the "Jerusalem intifada." At times, **during the speech, he brandished a knife** (Al-Aqsa TV, October 9 2015).

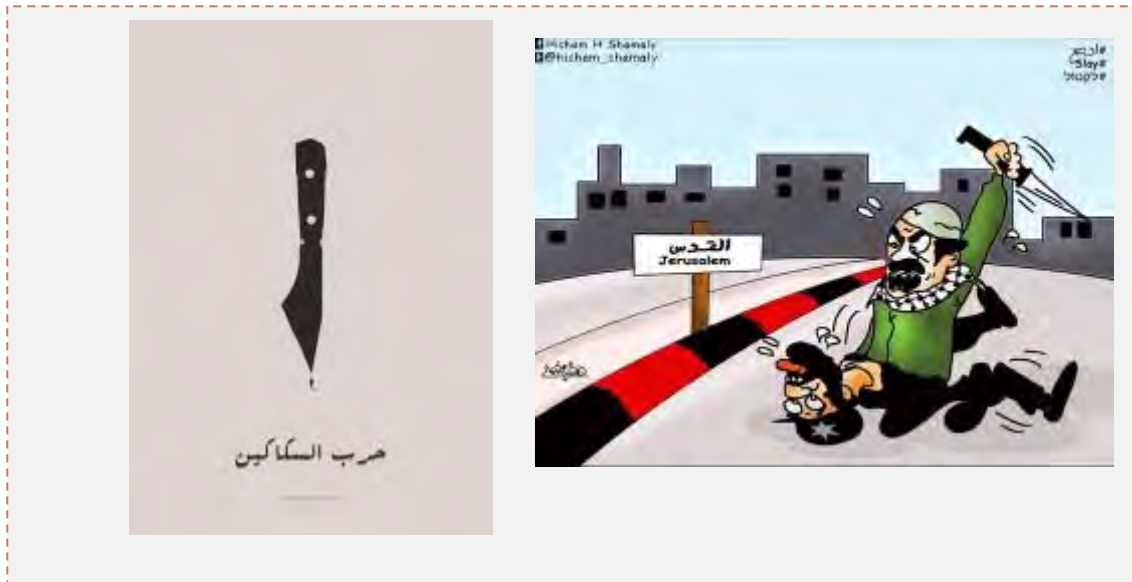


Musheir al-Masri holds a knife during a speech in Khan Yunis in support of the "Jerusalem intifada" (Paltimes YouTube channel, October 9, 2015).

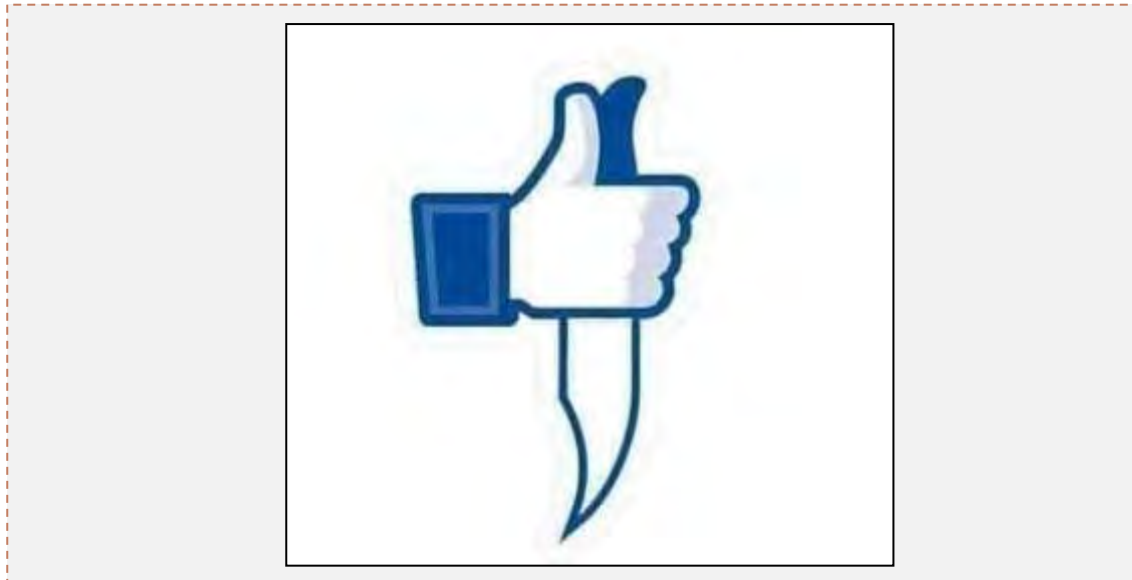
- During a mass Hamas rally in Jabaliya, **Abd al-Latif al-Qanu'**, a Hamas spokesman, claimed that "the knives and stones of the Jerusalem intifada will one day join forces with the rocket launchers of the resistance in the Gaza Strip." The Jerusalem intifada, he claimed, was underway in all the Palestinian territories and no one could stop it (Website of Hamas' governmental information office in the Gaza Strip, October 10, 2015).
- **Sami Abu Zuhri**, Hamas spokesman in the Gaza Strip, condemned the statements made by John Kerry, the American secretary of state, calling the stabbing attacks "terrorist." He claimed that the "stance the United States shows the ugly face of the American administration" (Official Hamas website, October 10, 2015).

Incitement to Violence in the Palestinian Social Networks

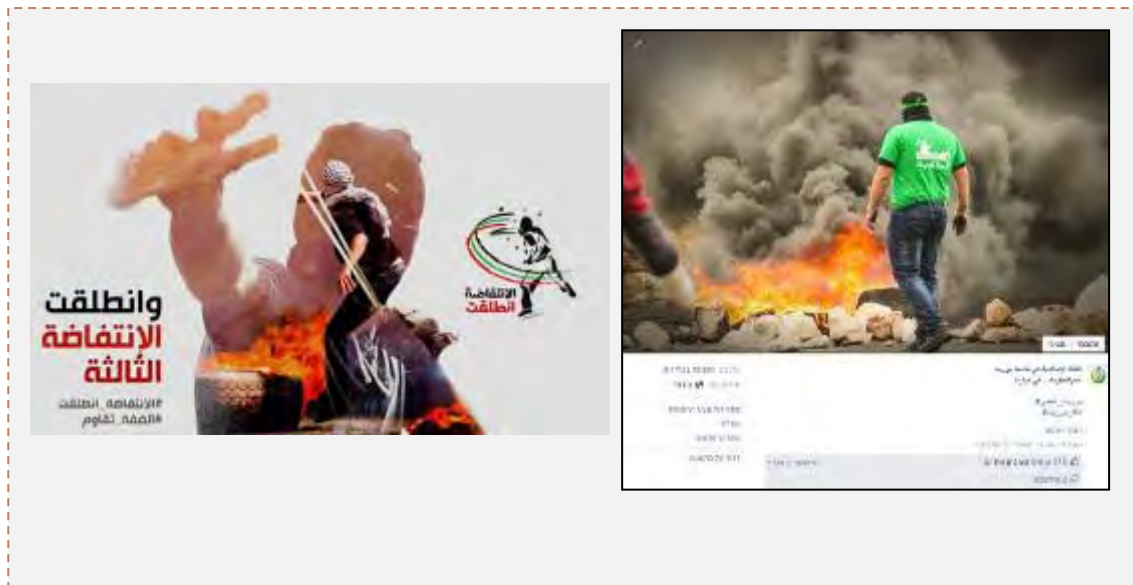
■ This past week as well notices appeared on Islamist and Palestinian Facebook pages (especially those affiliated with Hamas) encouraging violence and terrorism. They called for Palestinians to join confrontations and announced that **organized transportation would be provided to focal points of various planned confrontations** (for example, at the Huwwara roadblock). **The Hamas-affiliated Islamic bloc at Al-Najah University**, among others, gave advice on the proper conduct in clashes with the Israeli security forces (Facebook page of PALDF, Facebook page of PALINFO, Facebook page of the Islamic bloc at Bir Zeit University, Facebook page of the Islamic bloc at Al-Najah University, Facebook page of the Jerusalem Brigades). Examples of incitement:



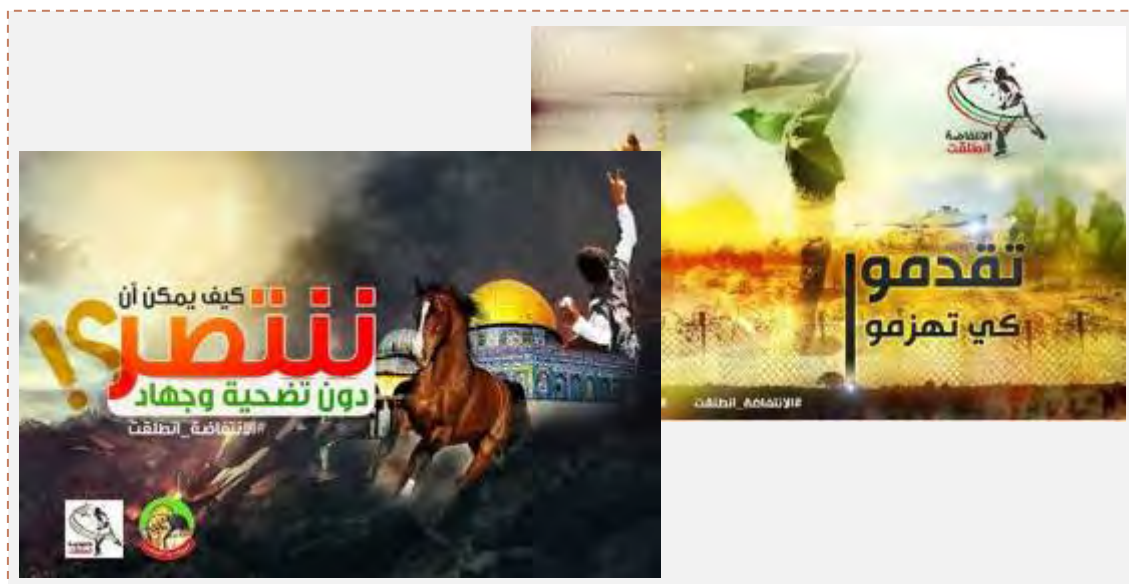
Left: Israel is represented by a knife, and the Arabic reads, "The war of knives" (Facebook page of PALINFO, October 11, 2015). Right: A Palestinian stabs a Jew in Jerusalem. The Arabic, Hebrew and English in the upper right corner read, "Slay" (Facebook page of PALDF, October 8, 2015).



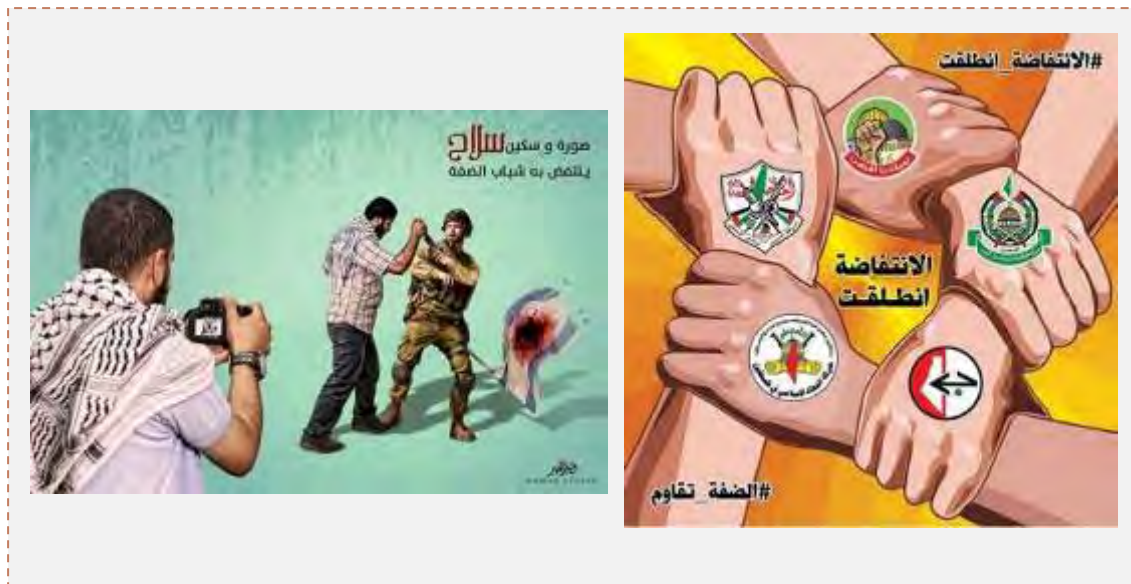
The Facebook "like" holds a knife (Facebook page of Abu Hamza, October 13, 2015).



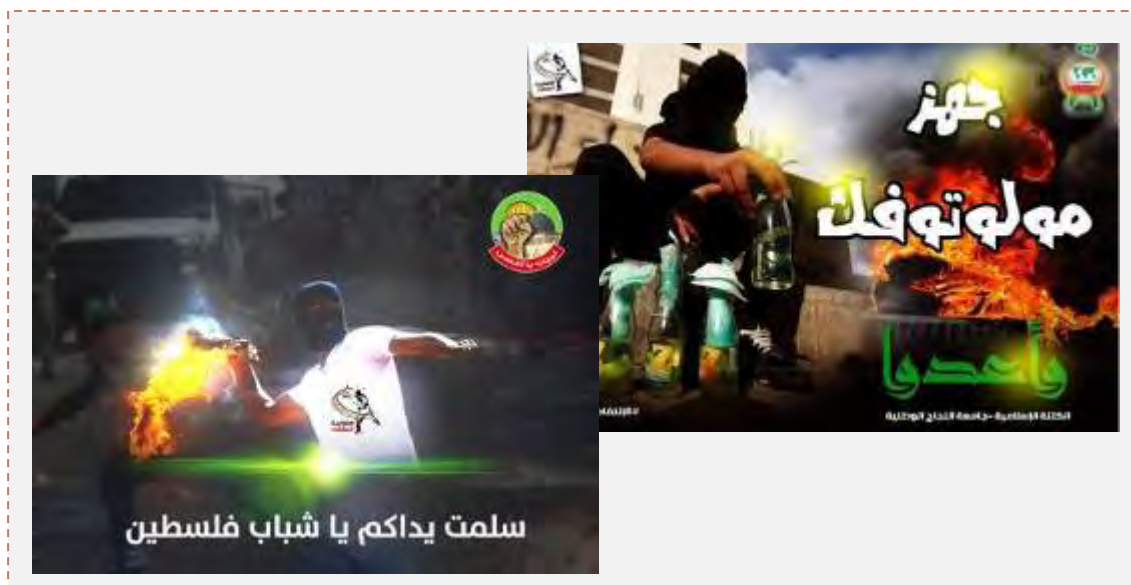
Left: The Arabic reads, "The intifada has broken out" (Facebook page of the Islamic bloc in Hebron, October 8, 2015). Right: The Islamic bloc in Bir Zeit University calls for "resistance." The Arabic reads, "Yes, resistance...is possible" (Facebook page of the Islamic bloc in Bir Zeit University, October 8, 2015).



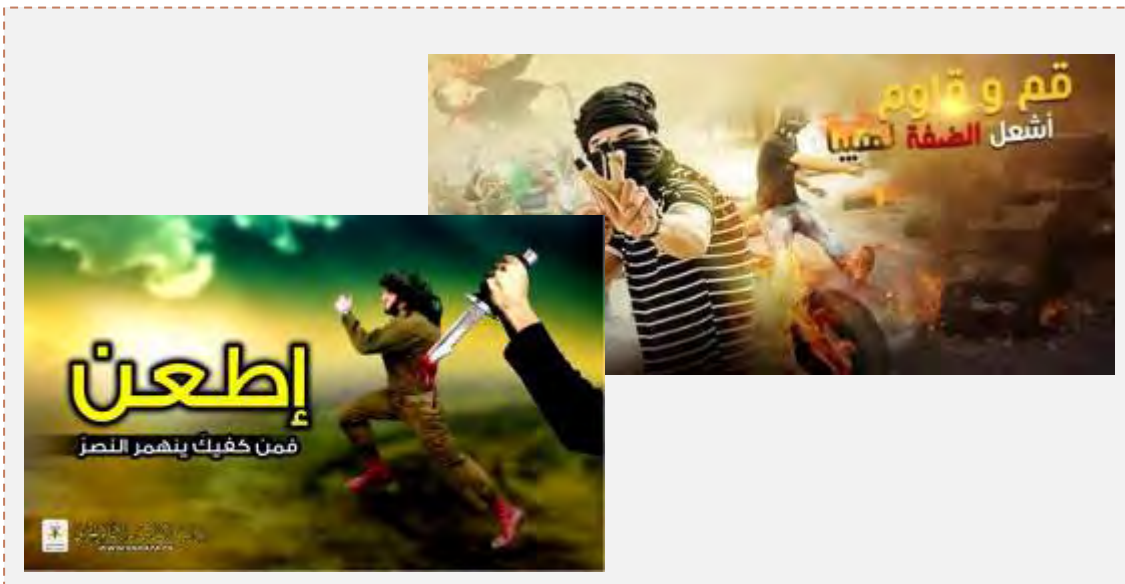
Left: The Arabic reads, "How can we win without sacrifice and jihad?!" Right: In the foreground a masked Palestinian holds a Palestinian flag and Al-Aqsa mosque is in the background. The Arabic reads, "Forward, to overcome [Israel]" (Facebook page of the Islamic bloc in Hebron, October 8, 2015).



Left: A Palestinian stabs an IDF soldier, the Magen David on Israeli flag has been bloodied and another Palestinian photographs the scene. The Arabic reads, "A photograph and a knife are the weapons the young men of the [West] Bank use to carry out the intifada." Right: A five-handed seat composed of the various Palestinian organizations. The Arabic reads, "The intifada has broken out," and at the bottom, "#[West] Bank_uprising" (Facebook page of PALDF, October 8, 2015).



Left: A masked Palestinian throws a Molotov cocktail. The Arabic reads, "May your hands be blessed, oh youngsters of the [West] Bank." Right: A masked Palestinian prepares Molotov cocktails. The Arabic reads, "Prepare your Molotov cocktails" (Facebook page of the Islamic bloc of Al-Najah University, October 9-10, 2015).



Left: A [Palestinian] hand stabs an IDF soldier in the back. The Arabic reads, "Stab, and your hands will bring victory." Right: Masked Palestinians throw stones and burn tires during a riot. The Arabic reads, "Arise and resist, burn the [West] Bank with flames" (Facebook page of the Jerusalem Brigades, October 12, 2015).