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16 MAY–15 AUGUST 1992

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16 MAY

Chmn. **Arafat** sends letter to **King Fahd** thanking him for recent Saudi pledge to pay for **renovation of Islamic shrines** in East Jerusalem. Arafat also urged Fahd to use his influence to “close the ranks of our Arab nation.” (Saudi offer has been met with hostility by **Jordan**, which has traditionally held responsibility for maintaining the shrines. See entries in April, May 1992 in *JPS* 84.) (Sanaa VOP 5/17 in FBIS 5/21)

3,000 Palestinians in al-Shaja'iyya district of **Gaza City** demonstrate against internecine killings. (Qol Yisra'el 5/17 in FBIS 5/20)

17 MAY

Israeli civilian killed by gunmen in Bayt Lahiya, **Gaza**. (MM 5/18)

18 MAY

State Dept. clarifies 5/12/92 statement regarding **UNGA Res. 194** (asserting right of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes; see *JPS* 84) by noting that only **UNSC Res. 242, 338** constitute **framework for current peace talks**. Earlier statement prompted angered rebuttals from Israel. (MM 5/19)

Saudi cabinet declares its offer to repair **Islamic sites in East Jerusalem** is a “basic part of its Islamic responsibilities” and not a political move (see 5/16). (MM 5/19)

19 MAY

Gunbattle breaks out between Palestinians and **IDF undercover troops** posing as **Hamas** activists in **Rafah refugee camp, Gaza**. The troops, wearing **captured Hamas uniforms**, were challenged by suspicious residents who demanded that the group speak to them in Arabic. At least 1 IDF soldier was wounded.

Clash breaks out between **Israeli settlers** and residents of **Husan, W. Bank**, after settlers **rampage through village**, smashing automobile windows and attacking villagers. (MM 5/20)

Hizballah-led Islamic Resistance fighters **capture SLA position** inside Israeli “**security zone**” in ‘Alman-Shumariya region of **S. Lebanon**—first time SLA position has been overrun in 4 years. 2 SLA troops killed, 4 others captured; 2 attackers died. Islamic Resistance forces later withdraw.

IDF, SLA shell **Jabal al-Safi**, several villages in Iqlim al-Tuffah and Nabatiyya region, **S. Lebanon**. Hizballah forces fire rockets into “**security zone**.” (MM 5/20, 5/21)

20 MAY

IDF declares state of alert in “security zone” and N. Israel as artillery and rocket attacks continue between **Hizballah-led Islamic Resistance Movement** and **IDF, SLA** forces in **S. Lebanon**. (MM 5/20)

International Committee of the Red

Cross calls on Israel to halt mistreatment of detainees in o.t. (MM 5/21)

Jordan's acting PM notifies UNESCO that it has historical responsibility for maintaining Islamic shrines in East Jerusalem, states that all funds must be channeled through Jordan. Political battle deepens between Jordan and Saudi Arabia over which country will fund repairs to Islamic sites in Jerusalem (see 5/16, 5/18).

Jordan also announces that Chmn. Arafat sent letter to King Hussein thanking him for pledging funds to restore the shrines. (AFP, Radio Jordan 5/20 in FBIS 5/21; MM 5/21)

Strike observed in o.t. to commemorate May 1990 killing of 7 Palestinians workers in Rishon le Zion by an Israeli soldier. (MM 5/20)

21 MAY

PLO supporters, running as "Nationalist Muslim List," win 9 of 12 seats in elections for chamber of commerce and industry in Nablus. Hamas supporters win other 3 seats. Elections were the first for the chamber in 18 years. (MM 5/21)

Palestinian negotiator Haydar 'Abd al-Shafi condemns internecine killing of Palestinians in o.t. (Qol Yisra'el 5/21 in FBIS 5/21)

IDF planes bomb Islamic Resistance positions near Janta in E. Lebanon's Biqa' Valley, 5 km. from border with Syria; 6 Hizballah fighters and 1 Iranian Revolutionary Guard fighter are killed. Jets also bomb 2 other villages in S. Lebanon while helicopters attack home of Hizballah commander in Jibshit.

IDF, SLA artillery shell 5 villages as fierce fighting enters third day. (MM 5/21; WP, MM 5/22)

23 MAY

Haydar 'Abd al-Shafi addresses 3,000 Palestinians at al-Shati' refugee camp, Gaza, calls for end to internecine killings. (MM 5/26)

24 MAY

Gunbattle in Gaza City leaves 3 Palestinians, 1 Border Guard dead; a second Israeli is wounded. IDF imposes 3-day travel ban on Gaza. Curfew clamped on Nusayrat, Maghazi refugee camps and Sabra, Shaykh Radwan

neighborhoods of Gaza City.

Palestinian from Gaza later stabs, kills Jewish girl in Bat Yam, near Tel Aviv, triggering anti-Arab riot by Jewish residents. PM Shamir states assailant should have been killed at the scene. (ITV 5/24 in FBIS 5/26; WP 5/25, 5/28; MM 5/26)

In statement published in Egyptian press, Yemeni official asserts Yemeni Jews are free to travel anywhere but Israel (Housing Min. Ariel Sharon stated 5/19 that Israel is trying to arrange for emigration of remaining Jews in Yemen to Israel). (MENA 5/24 in FBIS 5/27)

Syria reinforces troop concentrations in Biqa' Valley following 5/21 Israeli attack on Hizballah position near Lebanese-Syrian border. (Arab Republic of Egypt Radio 5/24 in FBIS 5/24; WP 5/26)

25 MAY

Anti-Arab riots continue in Bat Yam following 5/24 killing of Jewish girl. Palestinian from Nazareth is beaten by Jews in Rishon le Zion. (Qol Yisra'el 5/26 in FBIS 5/27; MM 5/26)

Results of balloting for Bethlehem University student council announced; pro-PLO list defeats pro-Hamas candidates, wins presidency of council. (MM 5/26)

Israeli jets bomb Islamic Resistance positions in Wadi Ma'rub, al-Hallufiyya, S. Lebanon. Planes also attack Jibshit, destroying home of Yasir Nassur, Hizballah chief of operations in S. Lebanon, and, reportedly, commander of suicide attack on U.S. and French marine barracks in 1983. Raid kills Nassur, his wife, 2 daughters, and father-in-law. (WP 5/26; MM 5/29)

26 MAY

Anti-Arab riots continue for unprecedented third day in Bat Yam as thousands of Jews rampage, attack police. 11 persons are injured in the melee, including 2 policemen. Over 100 rioters are arrested.

Palestinian negotiator Haydar 'Abd al-Shafi condemns the girl's killing. (Qol Yisra'el 5/26, 5/27 in FBIS 5/27)

Representatives from Jordan, UNESCO meet in Amman to discuss proposed repairs to Islamic holy sites in Jerusalem. UNESCO promises that no steps will be taken without first consulting Jordan. (Radio Jordan 5/26 in FBIS 5/27)

Israel, Byelarus establish diplomatic rela-

tions. (Qol Yisra'el 5/26 in FBIS 5/27)

Israeli jets bomb Islamic Resistance positions in Iqlim al-Tuffah region in **S. Lebanon**. 2 Israeli planes flying over **Ba'labakk in E. Lebanon** are fired on by Lebanese, Syrian, and Hizballah anti-aircraft guns. Attacks are **most significant Israeli air raids in years**. (WP 5/27)

27 MAY

Steering committee of **multilateral peace talks** begins meeting in **Lisbon** to discuss results of 5 sets of talks held during May. (Qol Yisra'el 5/27 in FBIS 5/28)

France announces it will provide \$500 million in **loan guarantees** to Israel to assist in infrastructural development. (MM 5/28)

Police arrest 150 Jewish rioters in **Bat Yam as anti-Arab riots** continue. Rioters burn tires in the streets, attack police; 7 persons are injured. **Faisal Hussein** denounces 5/24 killing of Jewish girl which sparked the riots. (Qol Yisra'el 5/27, 5/28 in FBIS 5/28)

Gazan from Dayr al-Balah **stabs and kills settler** in Kfar Darom, **Gaza**. **Settlers later rampage** in Dayr al-Balah, damaging Palestinian crops and attacking residents. IDF evacuates schoolchildren after settlers besiege an elementary school. More than **100 settlers are arrested**. IDF imposes curfew on Dayr al-Balah and extends **travel ban** imposed 5/24 for another 3 days. (WP 5/28)

Bomb attack on IDF convoy near Arnun, **S. Lebanon** (near Beaufort Castle), kills 1 Israeli soldier. 3 guerrillas killed in subsequent gunbattle. **Lebanese National Resistance Front** claims associated fighters from **PFLP, Syrian Social Nationalist Party-Higher Council** (Da'ud Baz faction) carried out attack.

IDF continues shelling S. Lebanese villages. (ITV 5/27, Radio Lebanon, AFP 5/27 in FBIS 5/28; WP 5/28)

Fateh, Hamas supporters clash in **Qalqiliya, W. Bank**. (Qol Yisra'el 5/28 in FBIS 5/28)

Israel, Sierra Leone reestablish diplomatic relations. (Qol Yisra'el 5/27 in FBIS 5/27)

28 MAY

Lebanon calls on **UN Sec. Council** to take action to halt Israeli military activities in S. Lebanon and implement **Sec. Council Res. 425**. (MM 5/29)

Israeli DM **Arens** meets with heads of **IDF**

undercover units, expresses government's "full support" for their activities.

In Saylat al-Harthiyya, near Janin, **undercover troops kill 2 Palestinian informants** working for Israel, mistaking them for Black Panthers. (Qol Yisra'el 5/29 in FBIS 5/29; MM 5/29)

Artillery and rocket barrages continue in **S. Lebanon** as fighting between **Islamic Resistance** fighters and IDF-SLA forces continues. (MM 5/29)

29 MAY

IDF imposes curfew on Burayj refugee camp, **Gaza**. (MM 6/1)

IDF troops occupy Arnun, outside of "security zone" in **S. Lebanon** (see 5/27). (MM 5/29)

30 MAY

Chmn. **Arafat** meets with Pres. **Asad** in Damascus. (MM 6/1)

UNLU issues call no. 83 calling for control of **killings of alleged collaborators**. Proclamation also condemns visit made by Shaykh Ishaq Idris Sakhouta, head of **World Islamic League**, to Israel and o.t. (see doc. B2; 5/13/92 in *JPS* 84). (Algiers VOP 5/30 in FBIS 6/2)

Israeli security guard killed when 2 infiltrators swim to Eilat from Aqaba, Jordan. IDF, police kill 1 guerrilla, capture second following gunbattle. Two more infiltrators drown before reaching Israel. (WP 5/31)

IDF raids Aqraba, near Nablus, **arrests 71 persons**. (*Ha'Aretz* 6/2 in FBIS 6/3)

31 MAY

Settlers damage UNRWA food distribution center in Dayr al-Balah, **Gaza**. (MM 6/2)

Gaza youth dies after 5/23 release from **Shin Bet** detention; family alleges death was the result of **torture**. (MM 6/1)

1 JUNE

Chmn. **Arafat undergoes surgery** in Amman to remove blood clot on his brain (a result of 4/27 crash of Arafat's plane in Libya). (WP 6/2)

Lebanese press reports **Syria has mobilized reserve troops** following increased Israeli military actions in S., E. **Lebanon**. Syr-

ian planes fly over **Ba'labakk, E. Lebanon** (Israeli planes bombed targets near Ba'labakk 5/26). (AFP, *Al-Shira* 6/1 in FBIS 6/2)

In Jerusalem, **200,000 Israelis** celebrate 25th anniversary of "**reunification of Jerusalem**" in June 1967 (W. Bank residents were barred from Jerusalem for 24 hours). (NYT, MM 6/1)

2 JUNE

Iranian FM **'Ali Akbar Velayati** meets with Lebanese FM **Faris Buwayz** in Beirut (first Iranian FM to visit Lebanon since 1979 Iranian revolution); Lebanon seeks Iranian help in restraining Islamic Resistance forces in south, fearing Israeli reprisals. (MM 6/3; AFP 6/4 in FBIS 6/5)

UN Secy. Gen. **Butrus Ghali** expresses concern about fate of Palestinians in **Gaza**, which has been closed by IDF since 5/24. Butrus Ghali calls on Israel to "abide scrupulously" by **Fourth Geneva Convention**. (MM 6/3, 4)

Israel initiates unilateral direct-dial **telephone service to Syria, Iraq, Libya**. (MM 6/3)

3 JUNE

Pres. **Mubarak**, FM **'Amr Musa**, presidential advisor **Usamah al-Baz** meet with Pres. **Asad** in Damascus to discuss continued fighting between Islamic Resistance, combined SLA-IDF forces in **S. Lebanon**. At a press conference, Mubarak and Asad call for 8 signatories to 1991 "**Damascus Declaration**" to meet. (MM 6/3, 4)

Iranian FM **Velayati** meets with **Hizballah** officials in Damascus. (MM 6/3; NYT 6/4)

IDF closes **al-Najah University** in Nablus for one week, lifts curfew imposed 5/24 on Maghazi refugee camp in **Gaza**. (Qol Yisra'el 6/2 in FBIS 6/3; MM 6/4)

Israeli **housing min.** halts work on plans to build 200 **Jewish residences** in Muslim quarter in East Jerusalem. (MM 6/5)

Guerrillas from **Lebanese Resistance**, coalition of forces headed by Communist Party, attack **SLA** position in Qantara. (MM 6/3)

4 JUNE

Israeli **attorney gen.** postpones hearings to discuss proposed building of 200 **Jewish homes in Silwan**, East Jerusalem, following appeal by Jerusalem Mayor **Teddy Kollek**

(MM 6/5).

Israeli **Central Elections Comm.** approves 25 party lists for the upcoming 13th Knesset elections. (*Davar* 6/4 in FBIS 6/5)

IDF lifts 5/27 **curfew of Dayr al-Balah, Gaza**. (Qol Yisra'el 6/4 in FBIS 6/4)

IDF **helicopters** attack **PFLP-GC** base in al-Rashidiyya refugee camp near Tyre, **S. Lebanon**. IDF-SLA shells Malita, Luwayza, Wadi al-Akhdar north of "**security zone**." (Radio Free Lebanon 6/4 in FBIS 6/4; MM 6/4)

Israeli **Border Guard** stabbed and wounded in Bethlehem; his Palestinian assailant is shot and killed. (MM 6/4)

Iranian FM **'Ali Akbar Velayati** concludes visit to Syria. (Syrian Arab Republic Radio 6/4 in FBIS 6/5)

5 JUNE

IDF **jets** bomb **PFLP-GC** base in 'Ayn al-Hilwa refugee camp near Sidon, **Lebanon**. (MM 6/5)

UNIFIL says Israeli navy boats are fired upon from al-Rashidiyya camp **S. Lebanon**. (Qol Yisra'el 6/5 in FBIS 6/5)

6 JUNE

Chmn. **Arafat** leaves hospital in Amman, accompanied by King Hussein. (Radio Monte Carlo 6/6 in FBIS 6/8)

FMs of Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, and the PLO meet in Amman to discuss peace process, Lebanon situation. (MM 6/8)

Islamic Resistance detonates roadside bomb near Jazzin, killing 2 **SLA** fighters. **Israel, SLA** respond by shelling villages in Iqlim al-Tuffah region. (Radio Lebanon 6/6 in FBIS 6/7; WP 6/7; MM 6/8)

7 JUNE

Police arrest 115 **peace activists** near Janin trying to march from Israel into **W. Bank**, including a member of **Belgian parliament**. Marchers were participating in 6-day march by 400 Israeli and foreign activists calling for end to Israeli occupation in o.t. (WP, MM 6/8)

Four **FMs meeting in Amman** conclude their talks, issue final communiqué calling for extraordinary session of Arab League Council to discuss Lebanese situation. (Jordan TV, AFP 6/7 in FBIS 6/8)

Fateh and Hamas proclaim "pact of honor"; leaflet issued in o.t. seeks to end or-

ganizational feuding and further dialogue between **Islamic Resistance Movement and PLO**. (Jordan TV 6/7 in FBIS 6/8; MM 6/8)

Mukhtar of Gaza's Dayr al-Balah refugee camp, Shafiq al-Hasi, is **killed** by masked men in local market. (Qol Yisra'el 6/7 in FBIS 6/8)

Cairo-Amman Bank opens branch in Tulkarm. (*Al-Sha'b* 6/7 in FBIS 6/10)

8 JUNE

Acting **PLO security head Atif Basaysu assassinated** by gunmen in Paris. Basaysu assumed security function left by **Salah Khalaf (Abu Iyad)** following his assassination in January 1991. (WP 6/9)

Two anonymous phone calls—one claiming **Kach** responsibility, the other claiming **Kahana Hay** responsibility for the killing—were received at the Paris offices of the Associated Press. *Al-Hayat* cites French “political sources” to confirm PLO charge of **Mossad** responsibility; Israel denies charges. (FBIS, MM 6/9)

Belgian MP Michael Maertens and two Israelis are released after being arrested 6/7 in **peace march round-up**; 112 remaining are expected to be released 6/9. (MM 6/8)

IDF slightly eases **entry restrictions** on Gaza Strip imposed 5/24; “trickle” of workers allowed to enter Israel. (MM 6/8)

Head of Israeli mil. intelligence Maj.-Gen. Uri Saguy says the 4 infiltrators from Aqaba in 5/30 **attack on Eilat** beach were Fateh members trained in Libya, not Islamists, as revealed from interrogation of captured infiltrator. (MM 6/11)

Chmn. **Arafat** appoints new **7-member Fateh command in Lebanon**. (*Al-Shira'* 6/8 in FBIS 6/9)

9 JUNE

Israeli undercover units kill Palestinian man in Rummaneh while hunting a different wanted activist; Tawfiq Sbayhat becomes **1,100th Palestinian killed** by Israeli forces or settlers since beginning of intifada. Police storm home of **Palestinian peace delegate Fraih Abu-Meddain** in Gaza, “hurl abuse” at him overnight. (MM 6/9)

Hamas denies joint issuance of “pact of honor” leaflet with **Fateh** 6/7, states document was published unilaterally by Fateh. (AFP 6/9 in FBIS 6/10; MM 6/10)

10 JUNE

IDF further eases **restrictions on Gaza Strip** as number of workers entering Israel grows substantially, still far short of normal 30,000/day. (MM 6/10)

Slain PLO leader **Atif Basaysu** is buried beside his mentor **Salah Khalaf (Abu Iyad)** in **Tunis**, after Egypt reportedly turned down his mother's request that he be buried in Cairo. (MM 6/11)

Amid thousands of mourners, **IDF troops** force their way into **Basaysu's home in Gaza**, remove pictures from the walls. (MM 6/10)

U.S. amb. in Beirut Ryan Crocker announces **U.S.** will donate **\$3 million** to help rebuild **American University of Beirut's College Hall**, which was destroyed in a car bomb attack 11/8/91. (MM 6/10)

Israel and China sign memo of understanding on **economic relations** in Beijing, prelude to a trade agreement to be signed when Chinese officials make reciprocal visit to Israel. (Qol Yisra'el 6/10 in FBIS 6/11)

11 JUNE

King Hussein and Chmn. **Arafat** meet in Amman, exchange **'Id al-Adha** holiday greetings. (Radio Jordan 6/11 in FBIS 6/12)

U.S. Def. Dept. source says Israel has rejected a U.S. request to question jailed former brig. gen. **Rami Dotan**, who is at center of arms procurement **scandal involving U.S. contractors**. Israeli def. min. suggests U.S. send written questionnaire instead. (WP 6/12)

12 JUNE

Israeli troops backed by tanks, artillery, and helicopters advance beyond the “**security zone**” in **S. Lebanon** and clash with **Islamic Resistance Movement** fighters, killing 2. UNIFIL sends reinforcements, urges forces to withdraw. (Radio Lebanon 6/12 in FBIS 6/12; NYT 6/13)

13 JUNE

Israel Radio reports **2 Palestinians suspected of collaboration** are killed by masked men in Gaza Strip; Hamas claims responsibility. (NYT 6/14)

14 JUNE

Former Soviet Pres. **Gorbachev** arrives in Israel, meets with PM **Shamir**, attends dinner at Pres. **Herzog's** residence. (Qol Yisra'el 6/14, 6/15 in FBIS 6/15)

At **Erez Crossing, Gaza**, Israeli troops fire warning shots and drop gravel from a helicopter to disperse crowd of Pal. workers who rioted after being **blocked from entering Israel** for work. (WP 6/15)

Israeli long-range artillery inside the "security zone" heavily bombard villages in Iqlim al-Tuffah region, **S. Lebanon**; Israeli aircraft stage mock raids over Sidon refugee camps. (Radio Lebanon 6/14 in FBIS 6/15)

Russia agrees to allow Jewish immigrants to fly to Israel aboard **regular El Al and Aeroflot flights**. (Qol Yisra'el 6/14 in FBIS 6/16)

Israeli air force chief Maj. Gen. Herzl Bodinger on ITV calls for "disruption" of **Iranian nuclear effort**; tells reporters this means "international political action, and aggressive action, if needed." (WP 6/15)

15 JUNE

"Over 14,000" laborers from **Gaza Strip** arrive at jobs in Israel, according to ITV; figure is about half the normal number. (Qol Yisra'el 6/15 in FBIS 6/16)

Former Soviet Pres. **Gorbachev** criticizes **PLO stance** during Gulf war, does not plan to meet with Palestinian reps. (Palestinian delegation had not requested a meeting with Gorbachev, according to his spokesman.) (Qol Yisra'el 6/15 in FBIS 6/16)

Israeli aircraft launch mock raids over Sidon, Iqlim al-Tuffah region, **S. Lebanon**; helicopters fire tracer bullets over al-Rashidiyya camp. Palestinian and Lebanese forces respond with anti-aircraft fire. Security sources say **20 killed, 53 wounded** in Israeli raids since 5/21. (AFP 6/15 in FBIS 6/15)

16 JUNE

Police disperse settlers who were blocking main road near Kfar Darom, Gaza Strip, in protest of the IDF's failure to erect **fences around settlements**. (Qol Yisra'el 6/16 in FBIS 6/16)

Two Gaza Strip residents and **advisors to the Palestinian delegation**, Walid Zakut and Fares Hussuna, are summoned by **Shin Bet** for interrogation. Zakut is placed under **6**

months admin. detention; Hussuna's status is unknown. (Qol Yisra'el 6/16 in FBIS 6/18; MM 6/16)

Suspected **collaborator killed** near Nablus; Palestinian **teenager shot dead** by IDF near Nablus. (Qol Yisra'el 6/16 in FBIS 6/16; MM 6/16)

New **Chinese amb.** Lin Zhen denies reports of Chinese sales of nuclear weapons to Middle East countries. (Qol Yisra'el 6/16 in FBIS 6/16)

17 JUNE

Three of 11 Gaza Palestinians slated for **deportation** 1/2/92 accept compromise of **3-year "voluntary exile."** (Qol Yisra'el 6/17 in FBIS 6/18; MM 6/18)

Israeli undercover squad shoots dead "wanted" activist near Janin. (MM 6/18)

Radwan Abu Ayyash, head of advisory council to the Palestinian delegation, founds 178-member **Palestinian Social Solidarity Society**, a new socio-political org. that will have branches throughout the o.t. Leaders seek a permit that will allow them to operate in the o.t. (ITV 6/17 in FBIS 6/18)

German nationals Heinrich Struebig and Thomas Kemptner, the **last Western hostages in Lebanon**, are freed by their Shiite captors in Beirut. (NYT 6/18)

UNRWA announces that the EC has contributed ECU 13 million (about \$16.7 million) to **construct new 232-bed hospital** in Khan Yunis, **Gaza**. (*UNRWA News* 6/24)

18 JUNE

Palestinian delegates hold first public meeting with PLO Chmn. **Arafat** in Amman. (WP 6/18)

Islamic Conference Organization (ICO) concludes 2-day emergency meeting in Istanbul, recommends **international military action against Serbia**, reaffirms **three past resolutions** supporting Palestinian people's struggle and Arab-Israeli peace process, and condemning Israeli attacks in S. Lebanon. (FBIS, MM 6/19)

UNRWA announces **Japan's grant** of Y900 million (about **\$6.9 million**) for purchase of flour for Palestinians. Japan is one of UNRWA's leading donors, contributing over \$27 million in 1991. (*UNRWA News* 6/24)

After shelling of and ground advance toward Nabatiyya, **Israeli air force** attacks targets in Siddiqin, north of **S. Lebanon "security zone."** Hizballah unit attacks IDF po-

sition in eastern zone, 2 IDF soldiers wounded; **SLA expels 5 Shiite families** from "security zone." (MM 6/19; Qol Yisra'el, Radio Lebanon 6/18 in FBIS 6/19)

U.S. House of Reps. passes res. 113 hailing "reunification" of Jerusalem, "congratulating" its residents. The 72-cosponsor bill passed the Senate on 7/10. (MEPARC 7/92)

19 JUNE

Israeli Police Min. Ronni Milo says Palestinian negotiators (including **Faisal Hussein** and **Haydar 'Abd al-Shafi**) will be **arrested** upon their return to Israel for publicly meeting with PLO Chmn. **Arafat** in Amman 6/18. Palestinians in Amman state decision is "unacceptable and offensive." (Radio Monte Carlo, Jordan TV 6/19, *Al-Ra'y* 6/20 in FBIS 6/22; NYT 6/20)

In Amman, **PLO Exec. Comm. mbr.** Mahmud 'Abbas **chairs meeting of "higher Palestinian comm. supervising the negotiations,"** which includes bi- and multilateral delegates, PLO officials, head of steering comm. (Radio Jordan 6/19 in FBIS 6/22)

20 JUNE

Head of Pal. delegation **Haydar 'Abd al-Shafi** says higher comm. supervising the negotiations forms 4 working teams: 1 on bilateral talks, 1 on multits, 1 to oversee the advisory comm., and 1 in charge of admin. affairs. (Radio Jordan, *Al-Ra'y* 6/20 in FBIS 6/22)

21 JUNE

Israel backs away from **threat to arrest Palestinian negotiators** who met with Chmn. **Arafat** in Amman on 6/18; police spokeswoman says they will instead be "investigated." (NYT, WP 6/22)

PLO Exec. Comm. meets in Amman. PLO Chmn. **Arafat** met with **PNC speaker 'Abd al-Hamid al-Sa'ih**, deputy speakers, and secy. gen. to select PNC comm. members. (Radio Jordan 6/22 in FBIS 6/22)

Israeli patrol (tank and 2 armored cars) **clashes with Hizballah fighters**, 1 km. north of "security zone," near Kawkaba. (VOL, Radio Lebanon 6/21 in FBIS 6/22)

Israeli **Central Elections Comm.** says number of eligible voters for 6/23 elections is 3,409,000. 514,000 are first-time voters, of these 300,000 are immigrants. (Qol Yisra'el 6/21 in FBIS 6/22)

Poll conducted for the Israeli **Council of Peace and Security** shows 68% of reserve generals in favor of **land for peace**, 71% feel security arrangements possible if much of **Golan Heights** is returned to Syria. (WT 6/22)

About **21,000 workers are allowed to enter Israel** from the Gaza Strip. (Qol Yisra'el 6/21 in FBIS 6/23)

22 JUNE

Jordanian FM **Kamil Abu Jaber** hosts coordination meeting for Jordanian-Palestinian delegations. (Radio Jordan 6/22 in FBIS 6/23)

Single military court judge in Nablu hands down **first maximum sentence of 9 years** to Fateh activist Mahir al-Masri, after convicting him of murder. Under recent ruling, 3-judge panel is no longer required to mete out sentences longer than 5 years. (*Ha'Arezt* 6/22 in FBIS 6/23)

King Hussein confers the Distinguished Jeweled Renaissance Medal upon Chmn. **Arafat** at al-Hashimiyya palace. (Radio Jordan 6/22 in FBIS 6/24)

23 JUNE

Labor party wins substantial victory in Israeli elections with 44 out of 120 seats. **Likud** wins 32, left-wing **Meretz coalition** wins 12; Tsomet 8, National Religious Party 6, SHAS 6, United Torah Jewry 4, Democratic Front (Arab) 3, Moledet 3, Arab Democratic Party 2. Rabin to form coalition with smaller parties to obtain 61-seat majority. Curfew is imposed on entire o.t., barring Palestinian entry to Israel or East Jerusalem. (NYT, WP, MM 6/24; MM, FBIS 6/26; NYT 6/27; *Al-Fajr* 6/29)

Israel shells Kafr Rumman, Nabatiyya areas, **S. Lebanon**. (VOL 6/23 in FBIS 6/24)

24 JUNE

Chmn. **Arafat**, PLO Exec. Comm. mbr. **Yasir 'Abd Rabbuh**, advisor **Nabil Shaath** meet with Pres. **Mubarak** in Cairo. (MENA 6/24 in FBIS 6/25)

Jordan formally rejects U.S. "Aqaba Plus" plan to station UN inspectors in the Gulf of Aqaba and along the Jordanian-Iraqi border to monitor **compliance with UN sanctions against Iraq**. (MM 6/25; *Jordan Times* 6/25 in FBIS 6/25)

Asst. Secy. of State **Edward Djerejian** de-

livers first official **U.S. reaction to Israeli elections**, addresses other topics in testimony before House subcomm. on Europe and the Middle East. Secy. of State **James Baker** calls for **quick resumption of peace talks** once the Labor-led govt. takes power. (MM, NYT 6/25)

Syrian Pres. **Hafiz al-Asad** invites PM **Mahmud al-Zu'bi** to form new govt. after accepting **resignation of current govt.** (MM 6/25)

Israeli jets overfly Sidon, nearby camps at low altitude in **S. Lebanon**. (VOL 6/24 in FBIS 6/24)

25 JUNE

Two Israelis are killed south of **Gaza** city; IDF seeks 4 Hamas members as suspects. (WP 6/26)

Undercover IDF troops fire on 5 armed Palestinians near **Janin**; 1 soldier, 3 Palestinians are killed. Curfew is imposed on Janin and surrounding camps. (WP, NYT 6/26; *Al-Fajr* 6/29)

Chmn. **Arafat** leaves Cairo, arrives in Tunis for first time since undergoing brain surgery in Amman 6/1. (MENA 6/25 in FBIS 6/26, MM 6/26)

26 JUNE

PM **Yitzhak Shamir**, in interview in *Ma'ariv*, says he "would have conducted negotiations on autonomy for 10 years and in the meantime we would have reached half a million people" in the West Bank. (NYT 6/27)

27 JUNE

Chmn. **Arafat** receives "important message" from **King Fahd**, delivered by Saudi amb. to Tunis Ibrahim Saad al-Ibrahim; meeting is first in 2 years between Arafat and Saudi official. (MM 7/30)

Palestinian girl attacks settler with knife in Hebron, settlers riot, curfew is imposed by IDF. (*Al-Fajr* 7/6)

28 JUNE

Shin Bet uncovers "**Hamas squad**" near Bethlehem, arrests 15 suspects, confiscates

weapons. (Qol Yisra'el 6/29 in FBIS 6/30)

British construction co. Mivan is awarded 4.84 million Jordanian dinar contract to restore **Dome of the Rock**. **Awqaf and Islamic affairs min.** 'Izz al-Din al-Tamimi **thanks King Hussein** for his 4/29 \$8.25 million donation for restoration, says UNESCO (financed with Saudi \$10 million pledge) should not interfere with the work, scheduled to begin 7/10. (*Jordan Times* 6/28 in FBIS 6/30)

Israel resumes shelling around Nabatiyya and Litani river valley, **S. Lebanon**. **Islamic Resistance** detonates bomb near al-'Ayshiyya in northern "security zone" of **S. Lebanon**, wounding 4 IDF soldiers. Israel escalates shelling of Kafr Rumman area, killing 4, as well as sniper and machine-gun fire throughout Nabatiyya area. (Radio Lebanon, VOL, ITV 6/28 in FBIS 6/29)

29 JUNE

In Jericho, **17 Palestinian peace delegates are detained and questioned** for 3 hours concerning their 6/18 public meeting in Amman with PLO Chmn. **Arafat**. Police say the 17 will be summoned for interrogation again; **Faisal Husseini** said the group will refuse to answer questions, stressing their immunity as delegates. (NYT 6/30)

Israeli fin. min. issues order preventing construction and housing min. from **signing new contracts** until a new govt. is formed. Freeze applies to both Israel and the o.t. (*Ha'Aretz* 6/29 in FBIS 6/29)

Benjamin Netanyahu announces intention to run for **leadership of the Likud party**. (NYT 6/30)

Alleged plot to assassinate Iraqi Pres. **Saddam Hussein** by 4 officers of the Republican Guard is reportedly defused, Hussein embarks on extensive **purge of military officers**. (NYT 7/9)

Pres. **Asad** endorses new 37-member cabinet; Ba'ath "heavyweights" retain over two-thirds of seats. (MM 7/30)

Lebanese army units in south are put on alert, shell Israeli targets inside "**security zone**." Israel and SLA shell Jabal al-Safi, Arnun areas; Israeli air force stages mock raids over Iqlim al-Tuffah, Bint Jubayl, fires rockets at "Hizballah target" in **UNIFIL village** of Haris. Israel reportedly moves to **incorporate Arnun into "security zone."** (Radio Lebanon, Radio Free Lebanon, Qol Yisra'el 6/29 in FBIS 6/29)

30 JUNE

Probable PM-elect **Yitzhak Rabin drops call for 1-year settlement freeze**, says "no new settlements" will be established while peace negotiations are underway. Labor's **guidelines for the new govt.** also retreat from Labor positions on autonomy, elections, res. 242, reportedly to draw right-wing parties into emergent governing coalition. (*Yedi'ot Aharonot* 6/30 in FBIS 6/30; NYT 7/1)

Two senior Israeli fin. min. officials are installed at construction and housing min. to **oversee the latter's financial activities**, inspect contracts for compliance with finance min. budget. (Qol Yisra'el 6/30 in FBIS 6/30)

PLO political advisor **Nabil Shaath** and Palestinian delegation spokeswoman **Hanan Ashrawi** meet with **German econ. min.** Juergen Moellemann, **min. of state for for. aff.** Helmut Schaefer, hold "constructive and substantive" talks on economic aid for Palestinians. (MM 7/1)

Col. Anwar Madi, **commander of PLO forces in S. Lebanon**, is **assassinated** in 'Ayn al-Hilwa refugee camp near Sidon. Madi was chosen for the post on 6/8. Killing follows assassination of PLO security chief **Atif Basaysu** in Paris on 6/8. (NYT, WP 7/1)

Hizballah announces it will participate in planned **Lebanese elections**. (MM 7/2)

Twenty-seven U.S. **senators** send letter to Secy. of State **Baker** expressing concern over May State Dept. statements regarding **UN Res. 194** on Palestinian right of return. (MEPARC 7/92)

1 JULY

Meretz negotiating team rejects Labor's guidelines for new govt., criticizes lack of substance on res. 242, autonomy, elections, settlement freeze. (Qol Yisra'el 7/1 in FBIS 7/1)

IDF raids PFLP target near al-Rashidiyya, **S. Lebanon** with assault helicopters and navy boats. Four rockets were fired with no injuries caused. (Qol Yisra'el 7/1 in FBIS 7/2)

2 JULY

Pres. **Haim Herzog** formally invites **Yitzhak Rabin to form a new government**. (WP 7/2)

PM-designate **Yitzhak Rabin** calls on Fin. Min. **Yitzhak Modai to stop releasing funds**

for construction in the o.t. (*Hadashot* 7/3 in FBIS 7/6)

Hamas and Fateh members clash in Bani Suhayla, **Gaza**. Militant Hamas **'Izz al-Din al-Qassim** battalions stage protest of Fateh in Khan Yunis. (AFP 7/5 in FBIS 7/6)

"**Association of Religious Sages in Palestine**" is founded in Jerusalem. Most of the 77 members are junior clerics and Muslim Brotherhood or Hamas activists, and not senior *waqf* or Supreme Islamic Council clergy. Founding of org. seen as Hamas strategy of establishing institutions to rival those of PLO. (*Ha'Aretz* 7/6 in FBIS 7/9)

3 JULY

Labor, Meretz set up joint team to discuss differences over Labor draft of **basic guidelines** for emerging govt. (see 6/30, 7/1). (Qol Yisra'el 7/3 in FBIS 7/6)

IDF attempts to break-up "military-like" **Islamic Jihad** parade in Bethlehem by shooting "indiscriminately," **kill 1 Palestinian**. Palestinians clash with IDF troops in Bani Suhayla, Rafah Camp, **Gaza**. **Undercover unit** shoots, wounds 1 of 3 youths painting graffiti in Shaykh Radwan, **Gaza**. Masked Palestinian youth shot dead by IDF in **Bethlehem** (MM 7/3; *Al-Fajr* 7/6)

4 JULY

Chmn. **Arafat** meets with **PRC Pres.** Yang Shangkun, who affirms Chinese support of ind. Palestinian state, withdrawal of Israeli forces from all occupied Arab lands. Meeting follows establishment of **Chinese-Israeli diplomatic relations** (see *JPS* 83, 11/28, 12/23, 1/22, 23; 6/10 above). (Algiers VOP 7/4 in FBIS 7/7)

UNLU issues call no. 84. (Sanaa VOP 7/4 in FBIS 7/6)

5 JULY

Arye Bar, **Israeli construction and housing min. dir. gen.** meets with Fin. Min. **Yitzhak Modai** on behalf of hospitalized Housing Min. **Ariel Sharon**; Modai instructs treasury to **approve construction of 4,000 new housing units in Israel and o.t.** (Modai had earlier approved 2,000 of the housing min.'s 4,500-unit request.)

Housing min. announces **more than 16,000 housing units** are in various stages of construction in o.t. (*Yedi'ot Aharonot* 7/5 in

FBIS 7/6)

Hamas members storm houses of **Fateh** members in Khan Yunis, wounding several. **IDF opens fire** on residents of Jabaliya, Dayr al-Balah camps, **Gaza**, wounding 3. (AFP 7/5 in FBIS 7/6)

Hizballah attacks Israeli intelligence position in Bint Jubayl (inside **S. Lebanon** "security zone"); Israel shells Litani River basin. Armed dispute in 'Ayn al-Hilwa camp near Sidon kills 2. (VOL, Voice of the Oppressed 7/6 in FBIS 7/6)

Israel releases 4 Palestinians into custody of **Red Cross** in Tyre, **Lebanon**. The 4 "Fateh activists" had served out sentences at Asqalan prison following their arrest 12/20/90 on a "suspicious vessel" (embarked in Cyprus) off the Lebanese coast. (Qol Yisra'el 7/5 in FBIS 7/6; AFP 7/5 in FBIS 7/7)

Arab League Council concludes 2-day emergency meeting in Cairo to discuss situation in S. Lebanon; endorses 2 draft resolutions urging an end to Israeli aggression and promoting reconstruction, as well as a statement urging **UNSC to resort to Chapter VII** of UN Charter to halt Israeli aggression, implement res. 425. (MENA 7/5 in FBIS 7/7; MM 7/6)

Jordanian parliament passes law legalizing independent political parties; first multi-party elections since 1954 will be held in 11/93. (MM 7/6)

6 JULY

U.S. informs Israeli and Arab delegations that bilateral talks will resume 8/28 in Rome. (*Al-Quds* 7/6 in FBIS 7/7)

MK 'Abd al-Wahhab Darawsha (Arab Democratic Party) expresses desire to be included in **Labor coalition**, "surprising" Labor negotiators. Darawsha also charges Rabin with racism in continuing the ban on Arab parties participating in govt. Arab parties won 5 seats in the 6/23 elections, and the Arab vote accounted for at least 5 Labor and Meretz seats. (IDF Radio 7/6 in FBIS 7/7; MM 7/7)

New York Times reports Iraqi Pres. **Saddam Hussein** has purged 135 military officers in wake of **coup attempt** that reportedly began 6/29. *Washington Post* reports at least 140 officers have been executed. (NYT, WP 7/7)

King Hussein flatly denies Iraqi allegations that Jordan was involved in **staging 6/29 coup attempt**. Jordan has been host to an increased U.S. intelligence contingent monitoring Iraqi actions. (WP 7/7)

Fateh and Hamas distribute leaflet of agreement to end the violence in the **Gaza Strip**; 2 Palestinians are killed in Gaza Strip as a result of the **current violence**. (Algiers VOP 7/7 in FBIS 7/8; WP 7/10)

Association for Civil Rights in Israel releases 1991-92; report cites progress, central problems in o.t. still "rampant." (*Ha'Aretz* 7/7 in FBIS 7/10)

7 JULY

Fateh-Hamas violence escalates in **Gaza Strip**, over 1,000 involved, over 30 injured in clashes in Khan Yunis, Rafah, al-Mughazi, Shati' camps—called worst Fateh-Hamas clashes since beginning of intifada. (Qol Yisra'el 7/7,8 in FBIS 7/8; MM 7/8)

Several **rocket-propelled grenades** are fired at **IDF outpost** in southern **Golan Heights**, near intersection of Israeli, Jordanian, and Syrian borders. IDF returns fire, conducts search, finding leaflets of **Hizballah-Palestine**. (Qol Yisra'el 7/8 in FBIS 7/9)

Lebanese govt. announces **massive refugee resettlement plan** to assist the estimated 800,000 people displaced from their homes since the civil war began in 1975; repatriation of refugees in key element of **1989 Taef agreement**. (Radio Lebanon 7/7 in FBIS 7/8; NYT 7/9)

8 JULY

EC grants ECU 29 million (about \$35 million) for o.t. housing projects to **Palestinian delegation's Housing Council**. Accord sets precedent of intl. actor dealing directly with the o.t. as a distinct political entity. **EC rep.** Thomas Dupla meets with Dani Rothschild, **coordinator of Israeli govt. activities in the o.t.**, who indicated that **state-owned lands** may be for the first time allocated for Palestinian housing needs. (*Al Hamishmar* 7/9 in FBIS 7/9; MM 7/9)

Ten Palestinians are hospitalized in **Gaza Strip** as a result of **Hamas-Fateh violence**. IDF imposes curfew on Rafah. (WP 7/10)

Reps. of **National Reconciliation Committee** (NRC—4 Fateh and Hamas mbrs. each, 3 W. Bank leaders, 3 Palestinian Israelis) meet with **Hamas** leaders at **Haydar 'Abd al-Shafi's** home in **Gaza**, meet later with Fateh leaders at **Red Crescent Society** to investigate and halt violence in Gaza Strip. (MM 7/9)

Undercover IDF soldier is killed ac-

cidently by another undercover unit near Barta, **W. Bank**. (Qol Yisra'el 7/9 in FBIS 7/9)

Outgoing Fin. Min. **Yitzhak Modai** rejects all demands by housing min. officials to **expedite his signature on 1,000's of new o.t. contracts**—does not want to “impose a fait accompli” on new govt. Move rescinds 7/5 agreement with housing min. (IDF Radio 7/8 in FBIS 7/8)

Islamic World League issues statement in Mecca urging end to **Fateh-Hamas violence** in Gaza Strip. (SPA 7/8 in FBIS 7/9)

Fateh, PFLP, Arab Liberation Front, DFLP, and Palestinian People's Party issue statement warning Hamas to halt “attacks and excesses.” (Algiers VOP 7/9 in FBIS 7/10; Sanaa VOP 7/10 in FBIS 7/13)

Number of military officers purged and/or executed by Iraqi Pres. **Saddam Hussein** since 6/29 reported coup attempt estimated at 200. (NYT 7/9)

9 JULY

Labor party Chmn. **Yitzhak Rabin** forms **governing coalition** with Meretz and SHAS (Torah Observing Sephardim) parties, for a total of **62 seats** in the Knesset (see 6/23). Right wing Tsomet party under **Rafael Eytan** left out over increasing disagreement with Rabin (see docs. C1, C2). (NYT 7/10)

Hamas and Fateh release “joint statement” calling for **temporary truce** after meeting in Amman. (WP 7/10)

Haydar 'Abd al-Shafi condemns **violence in the Gaza Strip**, calls on two sides to “immediately and unconditionally” halt attacks, intends to continue mediation in statement on behalf of NRC (see 7/8). (*Al-Fajr* 7/9 in FBIS 7/9)

EC grants ECU 15 million (about \$20 million) for industrial and agricultural development to 4 Palestinian loan institutions in o.t. Agreement was signed in Jerusalem by **EC rep.** Thomas Dupla and **Faisal Hussein**, and is part of ECU 60 million package allocated to the o.t. (*Al-Fajr* 7/10 in FBIS 7/17)

Amnesty International releases report criticizing Israel's holding of **2,000 Palestinians** in “**administrative detention**” without charge or trial and its “**unjustifiable**” **killing of 90 Palestinians**. Report states about 170 **Palestinians, most of them suspected collaborators**, were killed by other Palestinians (see doc. A2). (WP 7/10)

PLO issues statement **rejecting Lebanese plan for refugee resettlement and compensation** calling on Lebanon to support Pales-

tinian right to return and settle in their own independent homeland. (VOL 7/9 in FBIS 7/15)

Jersualem Post reports PM **Shamir** has urged Pres. **Bush** to free **Jonathan Pollard**, convicted to life sentence in 1986 for spying for Israel. (WP 7/10)

Bahij Abu al-Hana, head of Biqa' Valley branch of Abu Nidal's Fateh Revolutionary Council, is shot dead near his home in Ta'lbaya, Lebanon. (AFP 7/9 in FBIS 7/9)

10 JULY

Fateh and Hamas reportedly reach agreement to end violence after massive efforts by **Haydar 'Abd al-Shafi** and NRC (see 7/8). Violence and threats on peace delegates continue. (ITV 7/10 in FBIS 7/13; MM 7/10)

Palestinian Israeli delegation including MK **'Abd al-Wahhab Darawsha** and **Umm al-Fahm Mayor Shaykh Raid Salah** arrives in Gaza City to “offer good offices” for mediation of **Hamas-Fateh violence** in Gaza Strip. (MM 7/10)

PLO sources announce **Oman has been asked to help mediate PLO's conflict with GCC countries**, which cut off large amounts of aid as a result of Palestinian position in the Gulf war. (AFP 7/10 in FBIS 7/17)

11 JULY

PM-designate **Rabin** appoints **Shimon Peres** as for. min., but reserves the right to “**lead**” **negotiations on Palestinian autonomy**. **Rafael Eytan** announces he and Tsomet's MKs **will not join the governing coalition**. (WP 7/12)

Clashes continue between **Fateh and Hamas**, injuring dozens, in Gaza Strip as **Hamas rejects 7/10 “agreement.”** Opposing rallies are held in camps. Meanwhile, Hamas reps. in Amman praise agreement. Palestinian delegation from W. Bank led by **Faisal Hussein** arrives in Gaza City to help mediate the conflict. (MM 7/10; ITV 7/11 in FBIS 7/13; *Jordan Times* 7/12 in FBIS 7/14)

Pres. **Mubarak** meets with Syrian FM **Faruk al-Shara'** in Cairo. (MENA 7/11 in FBIS 7/13)

Syrian VP **'Abd al-Halim Khaddam**, PM **Mahmud al-Zubi'** meet separately with Lebanese PM **Rashid al-Solh** in Damascus, discuss S. Lebanon, bilateral relations, national accord implementation. (Syrian Arab Republic Radio 7/11 in FBIS 7/13)

12 JULY

PM-designate **Rabin announces new cabinet** to the Labor party Cent. Comm. He named himself DM, **Mordechai Gur** dep. DM (in charge of "day-to-day" affairs), **Avraham Shochat** fin. min., **Benyamin Ben-Eliezer** construction and housing min., **Shulamit Aloni** education min. Labor has 13 minister portfolios, Meretz 3, and Shas 1—interior. (NYT 7/13)

Labor issues separate **letters of commitment** on social and political matters to **HADASH** (Democratic Front) and **Arab Democratic Party**, two Arab parties supporting but not part of new coalition who have a total of 5 Knesset seats. (ITV 7/12 in FBIS 7/13)

Chmn. **Arafat** meets with Pres. **Mubarak** in Cairo. (MM 7/13)

PLO political advisor and delegation advisory comm. mbr. **Nabil Shaath** says **Egypt** is "the" Arab state capable of restoring Arab solidarity and **boosting Palestinian negotiating strength**, as well as materially aiding the Palestinian people. (MENA 7/12 in FBIS 7/14)

Palestinian delegation spokeswoman **Hanan Ashrawi** is detained for several hours upon crossing the Allenby bridge from Jordan, regarding the delegation's **6/18 public meeting with PLO Chmn. Arafat**. (Qol Yisra'el 7/12 in FBIS 7/13; NYT 7/13)

Israel, SLA heavily shells Iqlim al-Tuffah region in **S. Sebanon**, reportedly in retaliation for bomb attack on Israeli patrol. (MM 7/13)

UNLU issues addendum to **call no. 84** (issued 7/4) commending and supporting efforts to end intra-Palestinian violence in **Gaza Strip**.

13 JULY

PM **Rabin addresses new Knesset**, offering to travel to Arab capitals, inviting Palestinian delegation and Arab country leaders to Jerusalem, and calling for Palestinian acceptance of autonomy. **Yitzhak Shamir addresses Knesset**, offers praise for old admin., warnings and criticism for the new. Knesset approves **new cabinet** by a vote of 67 to 53, 17 new cabinet mbrs. sworn in. Pres. **Bush congratulates Rabin**, invites him to Kennebunkport, Maine, announces Secy. of State. **Baker** will travel to the region to **meet with Rabin, Arab leaders** (see docs. C4, C5, C6). (ITV 7/13 in FBIS 7/14; NYT, WP 7/14)

Faisal Hussein, not considered part of the Palestinian negotiating team by PM **Rabin**

because he is from Jerusalem, and therefore not among Rabin's 7/13 "invitees," offers counter-invitation for Rabin to call him at home in Jerusalem. Hussein's position is seen as direct challenge to Syria, which sees Rabin as "carbon copy" of Shamir. (MM 7/14)

Fateh and Hamas sign new, more elaborate agreement to end violence in Gaza Strip as a result of NRC mediation (see 7/8, 10). Eighteen committees have been set up to enforce the agreement. (Qol Yisra'el 7/14 in FBIS 7/14)

Israeli undercover unit disguised as Arabs **infiltrate, join 20 Hamas marchers** in Gaza city. Hamas activist attacks 1 soldier, IDF opens fire; in ensuing confusion, **1 Hamas activist dies** (from IDF bullets) as Hamas reportedly believes undercover IDF are Fateh activists. (Qol Yisra'el 7/13 in FBIS 7/14; MM 7/22)

Pres. **Asad** meets with Lebanese Pres. **Ilyas al-Hirawi**, joined later by VP **'Abd al-Halim Khaddam** and FM **Faruk al-Shara'** in Damascus. (Syrian Arab TV 7/13 in FBIS 7/14)

SLA commander **Antun Lahd** categorically rejects Lebanese elections given current circumstances. (MM 7/14)

Israel, SLA shells **Hizballah target, UNIFIL village** of Yatar killing 1 civilian, in response to Islamic Resistance mortaring of "security zone" village of Bayt Lif. (MM 7/13; Radio Lebanon 7/13 in FBIS 7/14; WP 7/14)

14 JULY

Israeli Border Police capture suspected armed Palestinian activist near **al-Najah University, Nablus**. In pursuit of 20 "wanted" armed activists, **IDF** demands that everyone leaving university submit to body search; **200 students** barricade themselves inside the university. Army says activists entered the university following campus elections (which favored Fateh over Hamas, 11 to 0). Leaders **Faisal Hussein** and **Sa'ib 'Urayqat** travel to Nablus to calm the situation. (Qol Yisra'el 7/15 in FBIS 7/15)

Outgoing PM **Shamir** meets privately with PM **Rabin**, formally hands over prime ministership. (Qol Yisra'el 7/14 in FBIS 7/14)

Qalqiliya (W. Bank) Chamber of Commerce holds elections, PLO-identified **National List** wins 8 of 9 seats, Islamic List (Hamas) wins 1. (Qol Yisra'el 7/14 in FBIS 7/14)

Israeli undercover unit shoots dead

"wanted" Fateh Black Panther activist near Janin, **W. Bank**. (MM 7/14)

Arab and Palestinian leaders and delegates **reject Rabin's invitation** in 7/13 speech for meeting in Jerusalem before positive concrete steps are taken by new govt., express cautious optimism about peace process. (NYT, WP 7/14, 15)

IDF fires incendiary shells into Nabatiyya area, **S. Lebanon**. **Islamic Resistance** attacks Israeli patrol, IDF resumes shelling "**security zone**" border villages of Jarju, 'Ayn Bu Siwar. (Radio Lebanon 7/14 in FBIS 7/15; Voice of the Oppressed 7/15 in FBIS 7/15)

Pres. **Mubarak** sends cable of congratulations to PM **Rabin**. (MENA 7/14 in FBIS 7/14)

15 JULY

Israeli soldiers surround al-Najah University in Nablus. Some 3,000-4,000 students and others refuse to submit to searches; **IDF imposes curfew** on Nablus and 4 nearby refugee camps. (WP 7/16; NYT 7/17)

PLO Exec. Comm. issues statement criticizing Rabin's "iron fist policy," and calling for int'l. action to lift the siege. (Algiers VOP 7/15 in FBIS 7/16)

Construction and housing min. **Benjamin Ben-Eliezer** "**cancel[s] endorsement**" of approved but unsigned contracts for 3,000 housing units in the o.t. Council of Jewish Settlements of Judea, Samaria, and Gaza considers this a "**declaration of war**." (Qol Yisra'el, IDF Radio 7/15 in FBIS 7/16)

Fateh official Abu-Nidal al-Asmar narrowly escapes death as a bomb destroys his car in Sidon. (AFP 7/15 in FBIS 7/15)

Israeli **undercover** unit shoots dead **Hamas-'Izz al-Din al-Qassim faction** mbr. in Gaza City. (MM 7/16)

Amal claims an attack on an SLA patrol in al-Qantara, **S. Lebanon**, kills 6 Israeli soldiers and 1 Amal militiaman. SLA responds by shelling "**security zone**" border villages of al-Qantara, al-Qabrikha. (VOL 7/15 in FBIS 7/15; Radio Lebanon 7/15 in FBIS 7/16)

PM **Rabin** "**rules out**" Palestinian legislative elections as outlined in Camp David Accords. (WP 7/16)

Pres. **Herzog** leaves for 2-day visit to **Turkey**, first trip to Turkey by an Israeli president. (Qol Yisra'el 7/15 in FBIS 7/16)

16 JULY

Israeli govt. declares **1-week freeze on signing contracts** for govt.-subsidized housing, including those affecting **construction in the o.t.** Freeze also is called on planning and early proceedings of **new roads in o.t.** About 3,000 units in early stages in o.t. are affected by the freeze, and govt. is still unsure about what to do with 4,000 completed units unattached to infrastructure, 12,000 in various stages of construction, and about 500 completed units that have been populated in the o.t. About 60% of these **16,500 scheduled units** are in "political settlements." Financial incentives encouraging settlement will be ended. (Qol Yisra'el, *Ha'Aretz* 7/16 in FBIS 7/16; MM, NYT, WP 7/17)

The Jerusalem Report states that **100 of the 142 settlements in the o.t. are "political settlements"** according to PM **Rabin**, and can therefore expect **significant cuts in govt. aid**. These include all **16 settlements in the Gaza Strip**, as well as large **W. Bank settlements of Qedumim, Elqana, and possibly Ariel**. (**Likud MK and Ariel mayor Ron Nahman** claims freeze will have "opposite result" in his settlement, plans to increase its pop. from 11,000 to 20,000 in a year.) (*Al Hamishmar* 7/16 in FBIS 7/16; *Ha'Aretz* 7/17 in MM 7/17)

Fateh gunman shoots, wounds 3 unarmed **Hamas** supporters in Rafah, **Gaza**. **Hamas** gunmen shoot, wound 1 unarmed **Fateh** supporter. Some 1,000 **Fateh** supporters then raid mosque in Yibna camp, **Hamas** gunmen inside open fire, wound 8. **IDF** troops impose curfew on Yibna. Two-week total for **Fateh-Hamas** violence is **1 dead, about 150 wounded**. (MM, WP 7/17)

Palestinians throughout o.t. stage **commercial strike** called for by PLO-backed UNLU to protest **seige at al-Najah University**. **Palestinian-Israeli leaders** including all **6 MKs** meet to discuss strategy, form delegation to meet with PM **Rabin** concerning al-Najah. Some 250 prominent Palestinians begin **hunger strike** in Nablus to protest siege. (MM 7/16, 17; Qol Yisra'el 7/16 in FBIS 7/17)

U.S. State Dept. calls for "restraint" from Israel in its handling of situation at **al-Najah University**, Nablus. **IDF** soldiers continue to surround campus, searching all students who leave; students refuse to leave until army withdraws. (WP 7/17)

Faisal Hussein announces Israeli defense establishment proposal to deport wanted men in **al-Najah University** for 3 years as step to

lifting siege; Palestinians are drafting counter-proposal, and have sent a letter to PM **Rabin** to lift siege and curfew of Nablus. (Qol Yisra'el 7/16 in FBIS 7/17)

PLO representative calls on UN Secy. Gen. **Butrus Ghali** to provide int'l. protection for Palestinians in o.t., implementation of res. 681 to deal with siege at **al-Najah University**. (Radio Algiers Network 7/16 in FBIS 7/17)

PM **Rabin** agrees to meet with Pres. **Mubarak** in Cairo after U.S. Secy. of State Baker's upcoming visit; meeting would be first such visit since 1986. (WP 7/17)

Palestinian "**rejectionist**" groups—**Hamas** and the **Palestine National Salvation Front** (PFLP-GC, Fateh Uprising, Communist Revolutionary Party, and Sa'iqa)—**meet in Damascus to discuss strategy** of blocking the peace process and escalating the intifada. (MM 7/16)

King Hussein arrives in Damascus for visit with Pres. **Asad**. (Syrian Arab Republic Radio 7/16 in FBIS 7/16)

Islamic Resistance attacks Israeli, SLA roadblock in **Kafr Huna, S. Lebanon**. Israel overflies Arqub region, strengthens positions in al-Qantara, al-Tayyiba with armored vehicles. (Radio Lebanon 7/16 in FBIS 7/17)

Syrian VP **'Abd al-Halim Khaddam** says Syria **will not withdraw** to eastern Lebanon in September, states that **Taef accord** requires withdrawal within 2 years of constitutional adoption of political reforms. (VOL 7/16 in FBIS 7/16)

17 JULY

Standoff at **al-Najah University**, Nablus, ends with peaceful **compromise**. Army lifts 4-day encirclement of campus and curfew on city, 6 Palestinian men agree to give up weapons, accept 3-year expulsion to Jordan. (MM 7/17; WP, NYT 7/18)

Hanan Ashrawi and **Haydar 'Abd al-Shafi** are interrogated in police HQ in Jerusalem on **6/18 meeting with PLO Chmn. Arafat** in Amman. (IDF Radio 7/17 in FBIS 7/17)

SLA soldiers clash with DFLP members in central "security zone," S. Lebanon. (Qol Yisra'el 7/17 in FBIS 7/21)

Israeli **charge d'affaires to Austria** Peter Aran is elevated to rank of **ambassador** as Israel ends its protest of Austria's election of Kurt Waldheim as president. (*Yedi'ot Aharonot* 7/17 in FBIS 7/17)

Up to 1,000 Muslims demonstrate, burn U.S. and Israeli flags in Istanbul in protest of Israeli Pres. **Haim Herzog's** current visit. (MM 7/17)

19 JULY

At first meeting of new Israeli cabinet, **Rabin reaffirms 1-week freeze** of all new settlement construction contracts in o.t. (see 7/16), and calls for a review of all previous decisions to build settlements. (NYT 7/20)

Secy. of State **Baker** meets with PM **Rabin** in Jerusalem, hold joint news conference. Baker says that if plans to curtail settlements significantly are carried out, **U.S. will reconsider the \$10 billion** in loan guarantees. After hearing "different signals coming from this new Israeli government," Baker said the U.S. would like to hear "some new and different signals coming from those on the Arab side." (NYT, WP 7/20)

Pres. **Asad** reassures Lebanese Pres. **Ilyas al-Hirawi** that "no one" will interfere in upcoming Lebanese elections, affirms that "no one will be allowed to undermine Syria's credibility in Lebanon." (Voice of the Mountain 7/19 in FBIS 7/21)

193 mbrs. of **U.S. Congress** call for **immediate action on loan guarantees** to Israel in bipartisan **letter to Pres. Bush**. (NYT 7/20)

Agents of Israeli National Insurance Institute raid **al-Hakawati Palestinian National Theater** in East Jerusalem, confiscate computer, printer, and photocopier in lieu of **NIS 18,000 debt in real estate taxes**. NII also confiscates 1 bus of the **al-Ram Bus Co.** also in East Jerusalem. (*Jerusalem Post* in MM 7/20)

20 JULY

Secy. of State **Baker** continues talks with PM **Rabin**, joined by **fin. min.** and **Bank of Israel** gov. concerning **loan guarantees**. Baker also proposes **U.S.-Israeli** defense pact in return for Israeli **readiness to withdraw from Golan Heights**, parallel with Syrian readiness for peace agreement. (*Yedi'ot Aharonot* 7/21 in FBIS 7/21, 7/23 in FBIS 7/23; NYT, WP 7/21)

Baker then meets with 5 members and advisors of the **Palestinian delegation**, led by **Faisal Hussein** and **Hanan Ashrawi**. Ashrawi says the **Palestinians would "tolerate" a near-total settlement freeze**, as well as an accountable loan guarantee package. (NYT, WP 7/21)

Palestinian leaders **submit memorandum to Baker** calling on U.S. to resume dialogue with the PLO and **halt all settlement construction** in the o.t., including East Jerusalem

(see doc. B3). (Algiers VOP 7/20 in FBIS 7/21)

PLO Exec. Comm., PNC chairmanship, and general secretariat of Palestinian factions meet in Tunis to discuss Baker visit, Rabin govt., and peace process. (MENA 7/21 in FBIS 7/22)

Islamic resistance fighters attack SLA post in Tayr Harfa, **S. Lebanon**, damaging 1 tank, killing 1, wounding 4 Israeli soldiers. **Israel shells villages** of Haddathah, 'Ayta al-Jabal, Haris north of "security zone," conducts helicopter mock raids. (VOL, Radio Free Lebanon 7/21 in FBIS 7/21)

21 JULY

PM **Rabin** meets with Pres. **Mubarak** in Cairo, first meeting of Egyptian and Israeli heads of state in 6 years. Leaders exchange views on the peace process, bilateral relations; **Mubarak accepts invitation to visit Israel**. (WP 7/22)

Housing Min. **Benyamin Ben-Eliezer** and Fin. Min. **Avraham Shochat** expand 7/16 settlements freeze to **cancel plans for total of 6,681 settlement units** "in blueprint stage," but will proceed with construction of **10,467 units in more advanced stages**. Work will definitely continue on the 1,686 of these that are in the "Greater Jerusalem" area, and the other 8,781 will be subject to "further review." Work was also halted on several "political roads"; no mobile homes may be moved into the o.t., nor may they be moved from current sites in the o.t. (*Ha'Aretz* 7/21 in FBIS 7/21; *Davar* 7/22 in FBIS 7/22; NYT, WP 7/24)

King Hussein meets with Secy. of State **Baker** in Amman, **denies Jordan is shipping supplies to Iraq** in defiance of UN sanctions. Leaders also discuss peace process. Baker says the U.S. **opposes all settlements**, but that "security installations are something different." (WP 7/22, 23)

Palestinian leadership continues meeting in Tunis, criticizes **Rabin's "partial step"** settlement halt; leadership sends messages regarding peace process to Pres. **Mubarak** and **Asad, King Hussein**. (Tunisian Republic Radio, MENA 7/21 in FBIS 7/22; Algiers VOP 7/22 in FBIS 7/23)

Palestinian man is killed by **Border Police** near Janin. (Qol Yisra'el 7/22 in FBIS 7/23)

Activists slated for deportation 1/2 appeal to PLO leadership to mobilize **int'l condemnation** of Israel's "voluntary exile" rulings used against them, as well as against 6 activists in **al-Najah University** siege compro-

mise. Families of the 11 deportees have sent similar message. Israel's state attorney has asked High Court to delay appeal hearings of 11 deportees until late August. (MM 7/30)

One IDF soldier is killed, 3 wounded as **Islamic Resistance** bomb explodes under an Israeli tank near north-central "**security zone**" border village of Bayt Yahun. Three nearby SLA outposts are mortared as fighting escalates in Bra'shit, Haddathah areas. Israel shells Wadi al-Akhdar, Jabal Safi, Malita areas. (VOL 7/21 in FBIS 7/22; Radio Lebanon 7/21, 22 in FBIS 7/22; IDF Radio 7/21 in FBIS 7/22; NYT 7/24)

As part of effort to **disarm all factions in Lebanon, min. of state** Nazih al-Bizri states that "time is not right" to collect weapons from the Palestinians. Palestinians in Lebanon possess mostly light weapons. (Radio Lebanon 7/21 in FBIS 7/22)

22 JULY

Secy. of State **Baker** meets with Pres. **Mubarak** in Cairo, then travels to Damascus to meet with Pres. **Asad, FM Faruk al-Shara'**. (Syrian Arab Republic Radio 7/22 in FBIS 7/22; WP 7/23)

Peace Now reports there are **10,443 housing units** under construction in W. Bank and Gaza Strip, 8,000 of which are in advanced stages. Population of these units could add **50,000 settlers** to the current total of about 120,000 (see doc. C8). (WP 7/23)

Political committees in o.t. headed by **Sari Nusseibeh** issue statement **warning against "excessive optimism"** in Palestinian approach to negotiations. (ITV 7/22 in FBIS 7/24)

Mahmud Abu Hasan al-Zarini, "no. 2 fugitive in the o.t." and **leader of Fateh-affiliated Black Panthers** in Janin, is shot dead by **undercover Border Police** in Janin. Suspected **collaborator** and his father are killed in Kafr Ra'i, near Janin, by Palestinian militants. (MM 7/23; Qol Yisra'el 7/23 in FBIS 7/24)

IDF squad breaks into, **searches Gaza home** of Palestinian delegation mbr. **Zakariya al-Agha**. IDF later states that his home was not searched, but that the roof was needed as a temporary lookout post. (Al-Agha, who lives on the 2nd floor of a 4-story building, asserted that soldiers entered and remained only in his apartment.) (Qol Yisra'el 7/22 in FBIS 7/23)

IDF upholds restriction of Gazan laborers under the age of 20 from travelling to Israel for work, stating most violence is com-

mitted by those under 20. (*Ha'Aretz* 7/22 in FBIS 7/24)

After meeting with Gaza Strip farmers, Israeli ag. min. **upholds ban on marketing Palestinian goods in Israel**, but says Israel must better facilitate Gazan exports to EC. (*Ha'Aretz* 7/23 in FBIS 7/24)

United Torah Jewry submits motion of **no-confidence in Rabin govt.** to protest appointment of **Shulamit Aloni** as education min. (Qol Yisra'el 7/22 in FBIS 7/22)

General Electric Co. pleads guilty to charges of fraud and corrupt business practices in connection with its **sale of military jet engines** to Israel in the 1980s, agreeing to pay nearly \$70 million in fines. A GE manager had conspired with Israeli Gen. **Rami Dotan** to divert **\$27 million in U.S. military aid** with fraudulent vouchers. Dotan is now serving 13 years in Israel, which refuses to hand him over to U.S. investigators. (WP 7/23)

23 JULY

Secy. of State **Baker** holds news conference with FM **Faruk al-Shara'** in Damascus, urges negotiation by Israel and Syria on **Golan Heights**. **Baker** then travels by armored motorcade to pay surprise visit on Lebanese Pres. **Ilyas al-Hirawi** at his home in Zahle, where he affirms U.S. **support of 10/89 Taef agreement, Syrian withdrawal** by end of September in meeting attended also by FM **Faris Buwayz** and PM **Rashid al-Solh**. Lebanese leaders had earlier (7/15) stated their refusal to meet with Baker outside of Lebanon. (Radio Lebanon 7/23 in FBIS 7/24; WP 7/24)

Ha'Aretz details new National Master Plan for construction (NMP 31). Plan sets goal of **140,000 settlers in o.t. by mid-1990s**, down from 250,000 of previous govt. For this increase, **10,000 housing units will be required** in the o.t. (*Ha'Aretz* 7/23 in FBIS 7/27)

Janin, other towns, villages, and refugee camps throughout the o.t. stage **strike in solidarity with Palestinians in Israeli jails**, called for by UNLU. (MM 7/23)

On Mount of Olives in East Jerusalem, an "unlicensed" **Greek Orthodox church is demolished**. Two Palestinian homes were demolished elsewhere in East Jerusalem on the same grounds. (MM 7/23)

Two **Black Panther activists** give themselves up to Border Police in the W. Bank, following 7/22 killing of Mahmud Abu Hasan al-Zarini. (MM 7/23)

Fateh Revolutionary Council (Abu Nidal) spokesman Walid Khalid is shot dead in Mar

Ilyas camp, **Beirut**. (NYT 7/24)

Israeli fighter jets raid 13 villages, Hizballah bases in Iqlim al-Tuffah, Jabal Safi regions, **S. Lebanon**, in 18th Israeli air raid this year. (IDF Radio 7/23 in FBIS 7/23; NYT 7/24)

24 JULY

FMs of Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt, and Palestine (PLO pol. dept. head Faruk Qaddumi) meet in Damascus at invitation of Syrian FM **Faruk al-Shara'** to coordinate negotiating strategy. **Haydar 'Abd al-Shafi** and other Palestinian delegation members also attend talks. Egypt and the Palestinians reportedly support the Israeli-American plan for an autonomy agreement by 10/30; Syria, Lebanon, and Jordan oppose this. (Radio Lebanon, SANA 7/24 in FBIS 7/24; MM 7/24)

King Hussein meets with Pres. **Asad** in Damascus. (Syrian Arab Republic Radio 7/24 in FBIS 7/27)

Prominent Palestinian Israelis meet in Tunis with PLO officials. (ITV 7/23 in FBIS 7/24)

PLO Exec. Comm. issues memo rejecting Israel's "theatrical step" of **cancelling 6,600 o.t. housing contracts** that were only imaginary projects of Shamir and Sharon. (Algiers VOP 7/24 in FBIS 7/27)

At news conference with Saudi FM **Prince Saud al-Faisal** in Jidda, Secy. of State **Baker** **praises Israel's partial freeze** of new settlement construction but says U.S. will need to decide whether the action meets **conditions for granting loan guarantees**. (NYT 7/25)

Israeli jets raid Hizballah targets in Jabal Safi, Iqlim al-Tuffah regions, **S. Lebanon**, following up 7/24 attacks. (Qol Yisra'el 7/24 in FBIS 7/24; MM 7/24)

Fateh Revolutionary Council blames Mossad in collaboration with PLO in 7/23 killing of Walid Khalid (*Al-Anwar* 7/24 in FBIS 7/28)

Lebanese govt. sets dates for **first general elections in 20 years**, despite **Christian opposition** to holding the vote before Syrian withdrawal. Regional elections rounds will be held 8/23, 8/30, and 9/6. (WP 7/25)

25 JULY

Arab FMs meet with Pres. Asad, conclude meeting in Damascus, issue final statement endorsing **new round of peace talks**, calling for participation of PLO and diaspora Palestinians, acknowledging Israeli "change

of tone" but lack of commitment to peace (see doc. B5). (NYT 7/26)

Secy. of State **Baker** says he would like to reconvene peace talks in **Washington, D.C. on 8/10**. (NYT 7/26)

IDF soldiers shoot at vehicle, killing 4-year-old Palestinian boy; vehicle reportedly was suspected of carrying "wanted" activists. (Qol Yisra'el 7/26 in FBIS 7/27)

Amal fighters clash with **Israeli, SLA patrol** in **S. Lebanon**; Israeli artillery and helicopters shell and strafe Litani river basin, al-Tayyiba, Zawtar regions (Voice of the Mountain 7/26 in FBIS 7/27)

26 JULY

IDF admits it made a mistake in 7/25 killing of Palestinian boy, 3 soldiers involved are **suspended from activity**. (Qol Yisra'el 7/26 in FBIS 7/27)

Lebanese FM **Faris Buwayz**, Egyptian FM **'Amr Musa** meet with Pres. **Asad** in Damascus. (VOL 7/26 in FBIS 7/27)

World Zionist Organization opens its **32nd Zionist Congress** in Jerusalem. (JP 8/8)

27 JULY

Rabin survives first no-confidence vote by **59 to 48**, jointly dismissing 5 separate motions submitted by parties opposed to settlement policy, peace moves. (see 7/22). (MM 7/28)

Israeli **undercover unit** corners, shoots dead unarmed 17-year-old Palestinian activist in Khan Yunis. Three Palestinians are **wounded by plastic bullets** in clashes with IDF in Shati' camp. (MM 7/28)

MK **'Abd al-Wahhab al-Darawsha** sends letter to PM **Rabin** demanding that the office of Arab affairs advisor be disbanded, because of its negative effects on Jewish-Arab relations in Israel. (MM 8/6)

DFLP head **Nayif Hawatima** says he would **reconsider his boycott of the peace process** if the leadership insists on comprehensive Palestinian representation, linkage of any autonomy agreement to self-determination, right of return, and complete halt to settlement. (*Al-Sharq al-Awsat* 8/6 in FBIS 8/7)

Janin continues to protest Israeli burial of **Black Panther leader** Mahmud Abu Hasan al-Zarini in military cemetery in Jericho, demands return of body; commercial strike enters 5th day (see 7/23). (MM 7/27)

Greece "strongly protests" 7/23 demoli-

tion of Orthodox church in East Jerusalem. (MM 7/27)

Israeli armored force advances north of "security zone" into western Biqa' valley, **clashes with Hizballah**. Israel shells Kafr Rummam, Litani river basin. (Radio Lebanon 7/27 in FBIS 7/27; Voice of the Oppressed 7/28 in FBIS 7/28)

28 JULY

Chmn. **Arafat** offers to meet with PM **Rabin**, à la South Africa's De Klerk and Nelson Mandela, to promote Middle East peace. (London MBC TV 7/28 in FBIS 7/29; MM 7/29)

FM **Shimon Peres** meets with **Russian for. min. Middle East head** Viktor Posuvalyuk, who later meets with **Hanan Ashrawi**. (Qol Yisra'el 7/28 in FBIS 7/30)

Under increasing pressure, Israel agrees to allow U.S. investigators to question Brig. Gen. **Rami Dotan** and others who **diverted \$40 million of U.S. aid** for unauthorized purposes. Justice and Def. Dept. do not wholly believe that Dotan and others were acting solely in their own interests, implying that the govt. of Israel may be implicated in the fraud, which would constitute a **default on Israel's aid agreements** with the U.S. Another conspirator, Harold Katz, will be questioned also on his connections to **Jonathan Pollard** (see 6/11, 722). (WP 7/29)

West Bank towns of Nablus and al-Kabatijya **join Janin in commercial strike** (see 7/27). (MM 7/28)

FM **Shimon Peres** and the U.S. State Dept.'s **Richard Armitage** announce joint assistance project for 5 former **Soviet Muslim republics**. (*Davar* 7/30 in FBIS 7/31; MM 7/29)

29 JULY

Housing Min. **Benjamin Ben-Eliezer** estimates that **50,000 settlers will move into the o.t.** over the next year if the approximately 10,000 units now under construction are completed and populated. (MM 7/30)

Israel allows **Faisal Hussein's Arab Studies Society** to reopen in Jerusalem after 4-year closure. (ITV 7/29 in FBIS 7/30; MM 7/30)

PM **Rabin** appoints 2 **SHAS MKs to dep. min. positions** in education and housing. (Qol Yisra'el 7/29 in FBIS 7/31)

Israel and the Vatican pledge to establish **diplomatic ties** with appointment of joint commission to meet in November. (WP,

NYT 7/29)

Manager of **Jordan National Bank** Tawfiq Fakhuri meets with FM **Shimon Peres**, Bank of Israel officials, agrees to open a branch in the West Bank. (*Al Hamishmar* 8/3 in FBIS 8/4)

30 JULY

Near Ramallah, **Shin Bet** arrests 3 members of **Hamas-Izz al-Din al-Qassim** faction, believed to be responsible for deaths of 3 Israelis, 20 Gaza Palestinians. (Qol Yisra'el, ITV 8/8 in FBIS 8/10; WP 8/9; JP 8/15)

Palestinian man **stabs 2 Israeli policemen** in Jerusalem, killing 1, and is shot and killed by a passerby and police. (WP 7/31)

Body of **Mahmud Abu Hasan al-Zarini** is returned, buried by family in **Janin** under tight Israeli security. Seven-day **commercial strike ends** (see 7/22, 27). (MM 7/30)

Jordanian house of reps. issues statement supporting Palestinian national rights and intifada, criticizing all settlements and deportations, and calling for inter-Arab solidarity. (Radio Jordan Network 7/30 in FBIS 7/31)

With Hizballah consent, Syrian-backed Lebanese army force **takes over barracks in Ba'labakk**, Biqa' Valley, which have been under Hizballah control since 1982. (AFP, Radio Lebanon 7/30 in FBIS 7/31)

Israeli air force raids **Jabal Safi**, Iqlim al-Tuffah regions, **S. Lebanon**. Casualties this year from **27 Israeli raids total 44 dead, 100 wounded, mostly civilians**. (AFP, Qol Yisra'el 7/30 in FBIS 7/30)

1 AUGUST

IDF kills **Fateh mbr.** in **Khan Yunis, Gaza**. Three soldiers are wounded in the clash; IDF imposes curfew on the town. (IDF Radio 8/2 in FBIS 8/4; WP 8/3)

PLO criticizes Jordanian lower house for not mentioning "the sole legitimate representative," or calling strongly for an independent Palestinian state in its 7/30 statement. PNC "rejects" statement as Jordanian "interference in internal Palestinian affairs." (*Jordan Times*, *Sawt al-Sha'b* (quoting Wafa) 8/2 in FBIS 8/3)

UNLU issues call no. 85, calling for general strike 8/9, strike in Jerusalem 8/13. (Sanaa VOP 8/2 in FBIS 8/3; *Al-Fajr* 8/10)

Israel, SLA shells Malita, Jabal Safi, Jarju', Kafr Rumman regions, S. Lebanon. (Voice of the Mountain 8/2 in FBIS 8/3)

2 AUGUST

Palestinian Israeli delegation including HADASH MK Hashim Mahamid, returns to Israel after meeting with Chmn. **Arafat** and PLO pol. dept. head **Faruk Qaddumi** in Tunis. (ITV, Qol Yisra'el 8/2 in FBIS 8/3; *Hadashot* 8/3 in FBIS 8/4)

Two Palestinian Israelis are named to dep. min. posts, the highest positions attained by Arabs in 19 years. Nawaf Masalha, Labor party administrator, will serve as deputy health min., and Meretz mbr. Walid Sadiq will serve as dep. ag. min. (WP 8/3; Jerusalem Channel 2 TV 8/4 in FBIS 8/5)

Israeli air force raids village of al-Qulaylah, S. Lebanon. (Qol Yisra'el 8/2 in FBIS 8/3)

3 AUGUST

PM Rabin, apparently giving increased priority to Syrian-Israeli negotiations, names Tel Aviv University professor **Itamar Rabinovich** as chief negotiator with Syria. (WP 8/4)

Fateh Cent. Comm. meets in Tunis (*Al-Fajr* 8/5 in FBIS 8/6)

One of 3 IDF soldiers wounded in **8/1 Khan Yunis clash** dies. (Qol Yisra'el 8/3 in FBIS 8/5)

Hamas, PFLP, and DFLP reject o.t. elections if ceiling of authority is administrative self-rule, and not 1-year transition to independence. (*Al-Ra'y* 8/4 in FBIS 8/6)

Israeli air force raids **Jabal Safi** region, **S. Lebanon** (6th air raid in 2 weeks), shells **Kafr Rumman, Nabatiyya, Iqlim al-Tuffah** areas. (Qol Yisra'el, VOL 8/3 in FBIS 8/3)

4 AUGUST

IDF patrol on Jordanian border shoots, kills 3 armed infiltrators from Jordan. Israel "holds Jordan responsible" for the unauthorized border crossing (Jordan denies); Hizballah-Palestine claims responsibility. **Israeli navy fires on, kills 4** "terrorists conducting naval training" off Lebanese coast **north of Beirut**. Islamic Jihad Org. claims operation. (Qol Yisra'el 8/4 in FBIS 8/4; Radio Free Lebanon, Radio Monte Carlo 8/4 in FBIS 8/5; MM 8/4; Qol Yisra'el 8/6, VOL 8/7 in FBIS 8/7)

Detained and interrogated in a W. Bank jail 8/3, **Mustafa Mahmud Abdul Hadi Barakat** dies of an asthma attack "brought

about by conditions in detention" according to an American examiner present at the Israeli army autopsy. (NYT 8/11)

Israeli Police Min. Moshe Shahal orders **Ateret Cohanim** mbrs. to move out of 2 **East Jerusalem houses** settled 18 months ago. (Qol Yisra'el 8/4 in FBIS 8/4)

Israeli Radio announces formation of **new radical Palestinian-Israeli group, the National Front for the Struggle Against Zionism**, which calls for separating the Arab population from Israeli administration and infrastructure, eventually liberating all lands from Zionist control. (Qol Yisra'el 8/4 in FBIS 8/4)

Red Eagles (close to the PFLP) and **Black Panthers** (close to Fateh) issue joint communique in o.t. (Algiers VOP 8/4 in FBIS 8/5)

Malta, historically in solidarity with Arab nations, **lifts its economic boycott on Israel** and South Africa. (Qol Yisra'el 8/4 in FBIS 8/4)

PM Rabin appoints Housing Min. **Benjamin Ben-Eliezer** to serve also as labor and social affairs min., Tourism Min. **Uzi Baram** to serve also as religious affairs min. (Qol Yisra'el 8/4 in FBIS 8/4)

5 AUGUST

Israeli Police Min. Moshe Shahal says changes are not necessary to 8/5/86 amendment to **antiterror law outlawing meetings with the PLO; clause should be deleted completely** as rest of law already deals with "those who endanger Israeli security." (Qol Yisra'el 8/5 in FBIS 8/6)

Israel Lands Admin. orders temporary freeze on all new private **settlement construction in o.t.** while scope of private construction is assessed. (Qol Yisra'el 8/5 in FBIS 8/6; MM 8/5)

Palestinian, Jordanian delegation mbrs. meet in Amman. **Sa'ib 'Urayqat and Zakariya al-Agha** announce that their delegation will arrive in Amman 8/20 to travel with the Jordanian delegation to Washington. PLO pol. advisor **Nabil Shaath** arrives in Amman for 5-day working visit. (Radio Jordan, JTV 8/5, *Al-Ra'y* 8/6 in FBIS 8/6)

Labor MK Avigdor Kahalani, a tank commander on the Golan Heights during the 1967 war, is named to head the **Golan Heights lobby in the Knesset**; says with the voting power of the expected 70 adherents to the lobby's principles, **only minor border adjustments are possible** through negotiations. (Qol Yisra'el 8/5 in FBIS 8/5)

Islamic Resistance fighter is killed in

clash with SLA patrol in eastern "**security zone.**" SLA, Israel shell, seriously damage PFLP target in Rashidiyya region. (Voice of the People 8/5 in FBIS 8/5; Qol Yisra'el 8/5 in FBIS 8/6)

6 AUGUST

PM Rabin leaves for U.S. Prior to his departure, **Likud leads demonstration** against settlement policies, attended by smaller parties, **5,000 settlers** in Jerusalem. (Qol Yisra'el 8/6, 7 in FBIS 8/7; WP 8/7)

Palestinian negotiators meet in East Jerusalem, announce appointment of **Dr. Nabil Qassis** of Ramallah, unaffiliated politically, as dep. chmn. of delegation. (Qol Yisra'el 8/7 in FBIS 8/7)

WZO's **32nd Zionist Congress** passes resolution refocusing settlement priorities to reflect Rabin's policies, holds closing session in Jerusalem. (JP 8/8)

Jerusalem Post reports conclusion by Federation of Israel Chambers of Commerce that **Arab primary and secondary boycotts have cost Israel \$45 billion** over 40 years. (MM 8/6)

7 AUGUST

PM Rabin meets with UN Secy. Gen. **Butrus Ghali** in New York. Rabin is accompanied by **Tami Arad**, wife of missing Israeli airman **Ron Arad**, to stress his appeal for UN action on POWs and MIAs. (Qol Yisra'el 8/7 in FBIS 8/10)

8 AUGUST

IDF kills 3 in clash with resistance forces near Bra'shit, Bint Jubayl in central "**security zone.**" Israeli artillery, helicopters rake the region. (Qol Yisra'el 8/8, VOL 8/9 in FBIS 8/10)

9 AUGUST

Reporting an interview with FM **Peres** in the Italian paper *Il Messaggero*, Deputy FM Yossi Beilin announces that Rabin gov't. will ask the Knesset in October to **legalize meetings with the PLO**, as long as they are not considered harmful to Israel. Rabin promised during the campaign to change the 1986 law. (Qol Yisra'el 8/9 in FBIS 8/10; NYT, WP 8/10)

Settlers attempt to build new house in defiance of partial settlement freeze, clash with IDF over its construction near Kiryat Arba, W. Bank. With police protection, **15 Jewish families occupy**, claim legal ownership of **7 houses in Muslim quarter** of Old City of Jerusalem. **Rabin criticizes actions** of settlers at both sites. (IDF Radio 8/9 in FBIS 8/10; NYT, WP 8/10)

Masked men kill 2 suspected collaborators in Gaza Strip. (Qol Yisra'el 8/10 in FBIS 8/11)

Fateh-affiliated candidate defeats Hamas candidate for leadership of o.t. **Union of Engineers**, but Hamas candidates win local branches in Janin, Hebron. (Qol Yisra'el 8/9 in FBIS 8/12)

Fateh Revolutionary Council concludes 2-day meeting in Tunis, issues final statement. (Algiers VOP 8/12 in FBIS 8/12)

Israel shells central S. Lebanon "security zone" and targets north. (VOL 8/9 in FBIS 8/10)

10 AUGUST

Pres. **Bush** meets with PM **Rabin** in Kennebunkport, ME, agrees "in principle" to support \$10 billion loan guarantee request, "satisfied" with Rabin's progress on settlement curtailment. (NYT, WP 8/11)

Israeli **cabinet condemns 8/9 settlement attempts** in West Bank and East Jerusalem, resolves to investigate, "**plug loopholes**" that allow public funds to be used through private groups for "provocative" Jewish settlement in East Jerusalem. Cabinet also grants **diplomatic status to EC rep.** in charge of o.t. aid programs. (Qol Yisra'el, IDF Radio 8/10 in FBIS 8/11; MM 8/11)

U.S. announces that all parties have agreed to attend **new round of peace talks in Washington 8/24.** (NYT, WP 8/11)

Alleged mbr. of **FRC (Abu-Nidal)** Salam Muhammad Mukahal is killed by unidentified attackers in Biqua' Valley. FRC denies any connection with Mukahal. (AFP 8/10 in FBIS 8/11; Voice of the People 8/11 in FBIS 8/12)

11 AUGUST

Pres. **Bush**, PM **Rabin** hold news conference. Pres. **Bush** announces he will send Congress a **new Israeli loan guarantee proposal**, which stipulates that the amount Israel

spends after 10/1/92 on construction in the o.t. will be deducted from the \$10 billion. (Congress can debate the bill at the earliest 9/8, after a recess that begins 8/12.) Pres. **Bush** also announces his intention to pursue **\$5 billion sale of F-15 jets to Saudi Arabia** (see doc. A3). (NYT, WP 8/12)

DFLP head **Nayif Hawatima** arrives in Amman for several-day working visit. (*Al-Ra'y* 8/11 in FBIS 8/11)

Fateh mbr. Husayn Tamari is **assassinated** in 'Ayn al-Hilwa camp, near Sidon, **Lebanon.** (VOL 8/12 in FBIS 8/13)

Israel, SLA shells Iqlim al-Tuffah region, **S. Lebanon.** (Radio Lebanon 8/10 in FBIS 8/11)

12 AUGUST

PM **Rabin** and Secy. of Defense **Cheney** meet, **agree to transfer \$700 million worth of surplus U.S. military hardware to Israel**, including training aircraft, attack and transport helicopters. Rabin later meets with Democratic candidates **Clinton and Gore.** Rabin expresses his **opposition to proposed U.S. sale of F-15s to Saudi Arabia.** (MM, WP 8/13; MM 8/14)

Israeli housing min. halts all govt. purchase, renovation, and settlement of properties in **East Jerusalem**; private purchase is still allowed. (NYT 8/13; Qol Yisra'el 8/12 in FBIS 8/12)

Israeli fin. min. announces that **loans raised with U.S. guarantees** will be deposited in special bank account, will not be used to augment regular budgets. (Qol Yisra'el 8/13 in FBIS 8/13)

Settlements in occupied outskirts of Jerusalem—Ma'ale Adumim, Giv'at Ze'ev, Etzion Bloc, Efrat, Betar, Kfar Adumim, and Adam—organize "Greater Jerusalem" forum to safeguard their interests, **encourage govt. to annex greater Jerusalem area to Israel.** (*Davar* 8/13 in FBIS 8/13)

MK **'Abd al-Wahhab Darawsha** leads delegation of Arab Democratic Party to Egypt to express FM **Peres'** desire to visit Egypt, **negotiate lifting of Arab boycott.** (MM 8/12)

Israel reports that **Syria test fired 2 North Korean Scud-C missiles recently.** (IDF Radio 8/12 in FBIS 8/13; WP 8/14)

Fateh mbr. Hamzah Mubarak is **assassinated** in 'Ayn al-Hilwa camp, **Lebanon.** (VOL 8/12 in FBIS 8/13)

IDF shells, overflies Iqlim al-Tuffah region, **S. Lebanon.** (VOL 8/13 in FBIS 8/13)

13 AUGUST

Pres. **Bush** announces that **James Baker** will leave his post as secy. of state 8/23 to become chief of staff at the White House. Baker will bring his 4 closest aides with him, will continue to direct the peace process, and will leave **Lawrence S. Eagleburger** as acting secy. of state. (WP 8/14)

In private meeting with top **AIPAC executives**, PM **Rabin** sharply criticizes the lobby for steering Israel toward an unneeded confrontation with the U.S. over the loan guarantees. According to the *New York Times*, Rabin said the organization "should not pursue their own initiatives, but rather take instructions from the Israeli embassy in Washington." (WP 8/16; NYT 8/22)

IDF shells Iqlim al-Tuffah, Litani River regions, overflies Nabatiyya and Sidon, **S. Lebanon**. (VOL, Radio Lebanon 8/13 in FBIS 8/13)

14 AUGUST

Jerusalem Mayor **Teddy Kollek** says **Palestinians from East Jerusalem should be**

allowed to participate in the peace talks, and should be given the right to vote for the Palestinian "autonomy council." (*Ma'Ariv* 8/14 in MM 8/14)

Two katyusha **rockets are fired at SLA post** in eastern "security zone," Israel responds by shelling Iqlim al-Tuffah region, north of "security zone." (Qol Yisra'el 8/14 in FBIS 8/17)

15 AUGUST

Palestinian spokeswoman **Hanan Ashrawi** announces that the Palestinian delegation has **protested to the U.S. consul in Jerusalem over the U.S.'s granting of loan guarantees** to Israel. (MENA 8/15 in FBIS 8/17)

Seven Palestinian factions—Islamic Jihad, PFLP-GC, Fateh Uprising, Sa'iq, Palestinian communists, Popular Struggle Front, and Hizballah-Palestine—call for **general strike in o.t. on 8/24**. (Al-Quds Palestinian Arab Radio 8/16 in FBIS 8/17)

King Hussein is admitted to the Hussein Medical Center to **undergo tests** and treatment of a urinary tract hemorrhage. (Radio Jordan 8/15 in FBIS 8/17)

CHRONOLOGY SOURCE ABBREVIATIONS

- AFP (Agence France Presse, Paris)
 CSM (*Christian Science Monitor*, Boston)
 FBIS (Foreign Broadcast Information Service Daily Report, Near East and South Asia)
 ITV (Israel Television Network, Jerusalem)
 JP (*Jerusalem Post*, International Edition, Jerusalem)
 LAT (*Los Angeles Times*, Los Angeles)
 MEI (*Middle East International*, London)
 MEPARC (*Middle East Policy and Research Center*, Washington, D.C.)
 MET (*Middle East Times*, Nicosia)
 MM (*Mideast Mirror*, London)
 NYT (*New York Times*, New York)
 VOL (Voice of Lebanon, Beirut)
 VOP (Voice of Palestine, Algiers or Sanaa)
 WJW (*Washington Jewish Week*, Washington, D.C.)
 WSJ (*Wall Street Journal*, New York)
 WP (*Washington Post*, Washington, D.C.)
 WT (*Washington Times*, Washington, D.C.)

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