Palestine Chronology
16 May–15 August 1987

This section is part fifteen of a chronology begun in Journal no. 51 (Spring 1984). The chronology focuses on events and actors which affect Palestinian communities throughout the world, with priority given to occupied Palestine/Israel.

16 May

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israeli: Israeli soldiers erect checkpoints at entrances to Gaza's Islamic University, detain 300 students; more than 30 are arrested, sent to Ansar II detention camp overnight [FJ 5/24].

Other Countries: U.S. Sec. of State Shultz meets with Israeli F.M. Peres in New York [WP 5/17].

17 May

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israeli: Communications Minister Amnon Rubinstein, head of Labor-aligned Shinui party, says his party is pulling out of national unity government in effort to force new elections [LAT, NYT 5/18]. Israeli cabinet votes to implement 2-tiered tuition scale charging army veterans lower tuition rate than non-veterans [FJ 5/24]. Israeli troops seal off rooms in Qalqiliyyah houses belonging to families of 3 men accused of throwing firebombs at military vehicles [F] [5/24]. Ahmad Nasr, resident of Khan Yunis refugee camp, is arrested, served expulsion order on charges of leading Fateh youth movement in Gaza [FJ 5/24]. Town arrest orders are issued against 4 residents of W. Bank and Gaza Strip, bringing total number currently under town arrest in occupied territories to 74 [FJ 5/24]. Three preparatory schools in Gaza Strip town of Rafah are ordered closed indefinitely [FJ 5/24].

Arab World: PLO Executive Com. statement indicates decision to pursue normalization of relations with Egypt. PLO delegation led by Faruq al-Qaddumi arrives in Tripoli, Libya [FJ 5/24].

Other Countries: Israeli F.M. Peres tells meeting of Am. Jewish Com. in New York that role of U.S.S.R. in proposed international peace conference needs clarification [NYT 5/18]; meets with Soviet Ambassador Yuri Dubinin in Washington [WP, CSM 5/19]; in speech at AIPAC conference, says talks with Jordan might
deny PLO role in peace process [BG, LAT 5/18]. Also speaking before AIPAC, U.S. Sec. of State Shultz officially endorses negotiations in preparation for international peace conference on the Middle East [WP 5/18].

18 May .............................................

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Estimated 2,000 Arab and Jewish students participate in rally at Hebrew University to protest government decision to charge higher tuition for students who have not served in the army; officials of Haifa and Hebrew universities announce they will not carry out plan [NYT 5/19]. Six Palestinian political prisoners believed members of Islamic Jihad escape from Gaza Prison [F] 5/24]. Military authorities in Gaza impose ban on fishing [F] 7/12].

Military Action
Arab World: Israeli war planes attack Mieh Mieh refugee camp in S. Lebanon; 1 Palestinian is killed, 3 wounded [LAT 5/19; F] 5/24].

19 May .............................................

Social/Economic/Political

20 May .............................................

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Heads of Israeli universities set tuition rate at U.S. $1,600 for all students [F] 5/24]. Bayt Jann residents demonstrate at Ministry of Educa-
tion in Upper Nazareth to protest ministry's indifference to 3-week-old school strike [F] 5/24]. Military court sentences 3 bedouin accused of Fateh membership to prison terms of 18 to 24 months [F] 5/24]. W. Bank Israeli military commander states more than 350 Palestinians are being held in detention camps built for no more than 150 [F] 5/24].

Other Countries: Former director general of Israeli Foreign Ministry David Kimche, on business visit to New York, is served with subpoena by independent counsel Lawrence Walsh [BG 5/22].

21 May .............................................

Social/Economic/Political

Arab World: Lebanon's parliament votes to annul 1969 Cairo Agreement and U.S.-sponsored 1983 mutual recognition agreement with Israel [WP 5/22].

rules that it lacks authority to decide constitutionality of McCarren-Walter Act, under which 7 Palestinians and 1 Kenyan are threatened with deportation [LAT 5/22].

22 May ______________________

Social/Economic/Political

Other Countries: U.S. federal court excuses former Israeli official David Kimche from testifying before grand jury but reserves right to order him to return to U.S. and testify in future [NYT 5/23].

Military Action
Arab World: Israeli troops attack S. Lebanon town of Arun, half mile north of security zone, destroying houses allegedly occupied by Shi’i guerrillas; Pres. Jumayyil calls for UN intervention [BG 5/23].

23 May ______________________

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli police tear-gas worshippers gathered at Damascus Gate to mark Laylat al-Qadr; police do not interfere with estimated 2,000 worshippers marching in courtyard of al-Aqsa Mosque [F] 5/31]. Palestinian boy is injured when Jewish man attempts to kidnap him in Jerusalem’s Old City [F] 5/31]. Nephew of Jenin’s appointed mayor is shot and seriously wounded in Jenin [F] 5/31]. Israeli troops use tear gas to disperse stone-throwing student demonstrators at Gaza Islamic University but do not break into campus; students were protesting iron fist policies [F] 5/31].

Other Countries: Genoa, Italy appeals court upholds in absentia conviction of Palestine Liberation Front leader Muhammad ‘Abbas (Abu al-'Abbas) and 3 other PLF leaders for their role in Achille Lauro hijacking; prison terms of others accused in connection with hijacking are also upheld [F] 5/31].

24 May ______________________

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli High Court overturns conviction of ‘Izzat Nafsu, jailed for 7 ½ years on charges of spying; court determines case against Nafsu, a Circassian, was fabricated by Shin Bet [LAT 5/26; WP 5/27]. During 2d day of student protests at Gaza Islamic University, Israeli troops use tear gas and beat students fleeing to women’s campus; 30 students, mostly women, sustain minor injuries; the university is ordered closed for 3 days [F] 5/31].

25 May ______________________

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Pres. Herzog and other government officials call for investigation of Shin Bet interrogation methods in wake of High Court ruling that it used illegal means to obtain confession from 'Izzat Nafsu [LAT 5/26; WP 5/27]. Fateh’s Force 17 claims responsibility for slaying Jall Garusi, an Israeli shot in Gaza Strip while picking up Palestinian women workers; Force 17 alleges Garusi was Mossad agent. Members of Kach movement later attack Arab workers in nearby town; 2 are injured [F] 5/31]. Ahmad Nasr, during hearing before Israeli Military Objections Com. at ‘Asqalan Prison, withdraws his appeal against expulsion order [F] 5/31]. In Haifa, more than 2,000 Arab and Jewish students protest Israeli government’s decision to charge students who have not
served in the Israeli army higher tuition [FJ 5/31]. Palestinian political prisoners in Junayd Prison protest failure to improve conditions [FJ 5/31].

Other Countries: Norway accuses Israel of refusing to permit inspection by International Atomic Energy Agency of heavy water sold to Israel by Norway under 1959 agreement; Norway is concerned that Israel is using the heavy water to produce nuclear weapons [NYT 5/26]. Middle East sources report W. Germany is increasing efforts to reach deal that would free 2 W. German businessmen in exchange for not extraditing Muhammad and ‘Abbas Hamadi [WP 5/26].

26 May

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Reports of Defense and Foreign Relations Subcom. and Rotenstreich-Tsur commission argue government decision-making processes were faulty in handling of Pollard spy case, criticize P.M. Shamir, F.M. Peres, Defense Minister Rabin, and former Defense Minister Moshe Arens; do not recommend any action [BG, NYT 5/27]. Israeli troops use live ammunition to disperse crowd gathered in Nablus streets to celebrate end of Ramadan; 1 Palestinian is killed [FJ 5/31]. Newly elected board members of 2 Gaza trade unions are ordered to suspend their activities and cancel results of recent elections [FJ 5/31]. Lydda municipal workers destroy 9 Arab houses, charging the homes were uninhabitable [FJ 5/31]. Burned body of Jibril Ibrahim Husayn al-Darawish, former employee of United Nations Truce Supervision Organization headquarters in Jerusalem, is found in Hebron [FJ 5/31]. During press conference in Amman, recently deported student leader Marwan Barghuthi condemns Israeli policy of expulsion [FJ 5/31]. Fadwa al-Labadi, grade school teacher from Abu Dis, is fired on security charges [FJ 6/14].

Arab World: Egypt's Revolution, group opposed to Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, claims responsibility for attack on U.S. officials in Cairo [PI 5/27].

27 May

Social/Economic/Political

28 May

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: For the second time in a week, board members of 2 Gaza unions are ordered to suspend their activities [FJ 5/31].

Military Action
Arab World: Israeli military planes force Lebanese air force jet attempting to rescue small boat off Sidon coast to land in Israel; 2 crewmen are questioned and released [WP, BG 5/29].

30 May

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Residents of Druze village of Bayt Jann attempt to reclaim 15 dunams of confiscated village land; 3 Israeli soldiers are slightly injured attempting to cross makeshift barricade [FJ 6/7].

31 May

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli cabinet votes to examine Shin Bet interrogation
methods [CSM 6/1]. Jewish settlers rampage through Gaza City stoning houses; thousands of settlers hold demonstration in Tel Aviv in memory of boy killed on W. Bank [BS 6/1]. Estimated 50 Jewish settlers attack 2 Palestinian truck drivers near Nahal Oz settlement in Gaza Strip [FJ 6/7]. Israeli troops declare Balatah refugee camp closed military area to conduct comprehensive search, interrogations; more than 60 residents are arrested, 10 served with administrative detentions. Jihad Musaymi, a camp leader, is ordered deported to Jordan for inciting demonstrations [BS 6/1; FJ 6/7]. Khan Yunis refugee camp resident Ahmad Nasr is expelled to Jordan [FJ 6/7]. Reports indicate head of Arab Bank in Jordan has turned down Jordanian request to open branch of bank in W. Bank, said bank would only open office if it was located in Jerusalem [FJ 6/7].

Military Action

Arab World: Estimated 250 Islamic Resistance Front militiamen battle Israeli and SLA troops in S. Lebanon for more than 7 hours; reports indicate between 16 and 31 are killed [CSM 6/1; PI 6/2].

1 June

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Curfew on Balatah refugee camp is lifted [FJ 6/7]. House of Ramallah family, one of whose members is accused of participating in 1983 bus bombing, is partly destroyed by Israeli soldiers [FJ 6/7]. Ramallah military court agrees to investigate charges made by Rasmu Muhammad 'Asi of torture during police interrogation [FJ 6/7]. Deputy P.M. David Levy attends inauguration celebration for new Israeli settlement at al-Radar Hill [FJ 6/7]. It is revealed before Knesset Financial Com. that civil administration collected U.S. $235 million in direct and indirect taxes from occupied territories, a sum which exceeds annual allocated bud-
3 June

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: George Hazbun, secretary of Union of Public Institution Workers in Bethlehem and deputy secretary of General Federation of Labor Unions in the W. Bank, is served 3-month administrative detention order [F] 6/7]. On 1st day of Arab Education Week, over 1,500 Nazareth-area students participate in series of marches calling for improved education in Arab areas [F] 6/7]. U.S. embassy officials deliver subpoena to Al Schwimmer, Israeli businessman, demanding his appearance in 10 days before grand jury investigating Iran-contra affair [BS 6/7].

Other Countries: Los Angeles Times poll finds 67% of Americans feel Israel should return at least some of the territory captured in 1967 in exchange for peace; 50% favor negotiating with the PLO while 39% oppose it; and 37% have positive impression of Israeli government, 30% have negative impression, and 33% are uncertain [LAT 6/3].

4 June

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: General strike in E. Jerusalem and Ramallah closes most businesses. Al-Fajr editor Hanna Siniora announces plan to lead slate of Palestinian candidates in 1988 Jerusalem municipal elections [LAT 6/6; F] 6/7]. Jihad Musaymi, served with expulsion order during 5/31-6/1 search of Balatah refugee camp, is deported to Jordan [F] 6/7].

Arab World: Middle East sources report Syria has closed office of Abu Nidal's Fateh Revolutionary Council and expelled some members [NYT 6/5].

5 June

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli troops open fire to break up Nablus demonstration marking 20th anniversary of 1967 war; kill 15-year-old boy, wound 10-year-old [LAT 6/6]. Some stores reopen in E. Jerusalem and Ramallah, on 2d day of 2-day general strike [LAT 6/6]. Stone thrown at Israeli bus near Dahayshah refugee camp injures 1 woman passenger; curfew imposed on camp [F] 6/7; BG 6/8]. Israeli troops open fire after Molotov cocktail is thrown at patrol in Hebron's Bab al-Zawiya; no injuries are reported [F] 6/7]. Classes at Bethlehem University are suspended to protest 20 years of Israeli occupation [F] 6/7]. Estimated 8,000 Arabs and Jews participate in Tel Aviv demonstration protesting 20 years of occupation [F] 6/14]. Nablus' al-Najah University is ordered closed for 2 days [F] 6/14]. Israeli press reports plan to deploy additional army unit in occupied territories [F] 6/14].

Arab World: Speaker of Lebanese Parliament Husayn Husayni resigns citing Pres. Jumayyil's failure to conduct thorough investigation of assassination of P.M. Karami [BS 6/6].

Other Countries: U.S. officials confirm that grand jury investigating Iran-contra affair has issued subpoenas for Al Schwimmer, Israeli businessman, Amiram Nir, counter-terrorism adviser to prime ministers Peres and Shamir, and Ya'aqov Nimrodi, Israeli arms dealer. Israeli government is protesting the action [WP 6/6].

6 June

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Between 70 and 100 Jewish settler vigilantes raid Dahayshah refugee camp, vandalizing homes, cars and attacking camp residents, who
charge soldiers in camp did nothing to prevent violence [WP 6/9; FJ 6/14]. Israeli soldiers open fire on demonstrators at Abu Dis College of Science and Technology, wounding 1 student; student protesters at Hebron University clash with Israeli troops [FJ 6/7].

Other Countries: Israeli reports indicate U.S. court has agreed to postpone hearing on subpoena of Al Schwimmer, Israeli businessman involved in U.S. arms sales to Iran [BS 6/7]. Former USS Liberty crewmen gather in Washington for memorial service marking 20th anniversary of Israeli bombing of ship, call for new investigation of attack [PI 6/8].

Military Action
Arab World: Israeli and SLA troops join in late night attack on Amal patrol 6 miles north of security zone; 2 Amal fighters killed, 3 wounded [PI 6/8].

7 June

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Settler violence in Dahayshah camp continues; Israeli soldiers disperse settlers and Palestinians with tear gas and live ammunition; 6 settlers are arrested; curfew is imposed on camp. Military breaks up protest at Askar refugee camp and imposes curfew. Estimated 1,500 students gather at Islamic University in Gaza to protest 20 years of occupation [BG 6/8]. Israeli cabinet approves nomination of Moshe Arad as new ambassador to U.S. [WP, CSM 6/8].

Military Action
Arab World: Israeli and SLA forces clash with Amal and Hizballah fighters in Biqa' Valley; at least 3 Lebanese are killed. In separate incident, Israeli soldier is killed, 2 wounded by bomb in town of Taybah, 3 miles north of security zone [WP 6/8].

8 June

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli military arrests 13 settlers in connection with rampage through Dahayshah camp 6/6 [WP 6/9]. Reports indicate Israeli government has told 4 Israelis to ignore U.S. subpoenas and cancel any travel to U.S. [BG 6/9]. Landowners from Bethlehem-area villages of Sawahirah and 'Ubaydiyyah, who are facing confiscation of land Israeli authorities claim to have bought, are granted 1 month to file objections [FJ 6/14]. Palestinian prisoners at Junayd and Jenin prisons hold 1-day strike to protest failure of prison administration to improve conditions [FJ 6/14]. MK Meir Kahane is barred from participating in Knesset activities after he refuses to take pledge of allegiance to Israel [NYT 6/9].

Arab World: Reports indicate Sudanese government has approved establishment of PLO-run university in Khartum [FJ 6/14].

Military Action
Arab World: Brief battle between Palestinian and Amal forces around Rashidiyyah refugee camp in S. Lebanon is first between the 2 groups in over 3 months [FJ 6/14].

9 June

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Ramallah military court convicts American Roger Heacock, Birzeit University professor, of disturbing the peace, hands down $1,000 fine and suspended 2-month jail term [PI, NYT 6/10]. Curfew is imposed on Dahayshah refugee camp; large military force raids camp, conducts house-to-house search, interrogates all male residents over age 13; at least 90 are arrested [FJ 6/14]. Three unlicensed Arab houses are demolished by Israeli authorities in Hebron district [FJ]
6/14]. Palestinian youth is stabbed by 4 unidentified attackers at Bayt Jala-Hebron junction [F] 6/14].

Other Countries: Togo announces renewal of official relations with Israel, becoming the 5th black African nation to do so [CSM 6/11]. High-level U.S. delegation meets with W. German officials in Bonn to urge extradition of Muhammad Hamadi to U.S. for trial [WP 6/10]. W. German Chancellor Kohl indicates to U.S. Pres. Reagan that Bonn does not intend to extradite Hamadi [LAT 6/11].

10 June

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: At Dahayshah refugee camp, Israeli soldiers close entrance along main Hebron-Jerusalem road, extend fence on west side of camp; curfew prevents 100 tawjih students from taking exam [F] 6/14]. Accompanied by other Israeli officials and more than 800 soldiers, 6 Knesset Interior Com. members visit al-Aqsa Mosque [F] 6/14].

11 June

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Curfew at Dahayshah refugee camp is lifted [F] 6/14]. Hanna Siniora states he will consult with jurists from U.S., Europe, and Eastern bloc before deciding whether to pursue his plan to run in 1988 Jerusalem municipal elections [F] 6/14]. Employees of Jerusalem Electric Company (JEC) hold 1-day strike to protest stated intention of Energy Ministry to divide JEC’s concession rights in the occupied territories [F] 6/14]. Trees owned by 50 Palestinian families in Za’tarrah are uprooted by Israeli bulldozers [F] 6/14]. Ramallah military court hands down 7-year and 5 and one-half-year sentences to 2 youths charged with throwing bombs at military vehicles [F] 6/14].

Other Countries: At meeting in Budapest 5-member PLO delegation opens talks with 21-member Israeli delegation [JP 6/12; F] 6/14].

12 June

Social/Economic/Political
Other Countries: Meeting sponsored by Hungarian Peace Council between PLO and Israeli representatives continues in Budapest [SG 6/13].

14 June

Military Action
Arab World: SLA troops attack Shi’i village just north of Israeli security zone; one Nepalese UNIFIL soldier is wounded [LAT 6/16].

15 June

Social/Economic/Political
Arab World: Lebanon’s Pres. Jumayyil signs legislation declaring 1969 Cairo agreement null and void [PL 6/16].

Military Action
Arab World: Israeli troops occupy Norwegian-manned UNIFIL position near Marja’uyn inside Israeli security zone and withdraw several hours later; Israeli military denies incident [LAT 6/16].

16 June

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Waqf board members reject Israeli High Court’s invitation to participate in lawsuit over renovations of al-Aqsa Mosque [F] 6/28]. Israeli military authorities lift Gaza fishing ban [F] 7/12].

Military Action
Arab World: Israeli army reverses earlier statement, admits to occupying UN post in Lebanon 6/15. Israeli and SLA forces at-
tack villages in S. Lebanon; at least 5 are wounded [BG 6/17].

**17 June**

**Social/Economic/Political**


**Military Action**

*Arab World*: At least 5 are killed, 9 wounded in several incidents between combined Israeli Air Force and SLA forces and Hizballah militiamen in S. Lebanon village of Qabrikah and near ‘Ayn al-Hilwah refugee camp; raid is the 18th Israeli attack into Lebanon this year [WP 6/17; JP 6/18].

**18 June**

**Social/Economic/Political**


**19 June**

**Social/Economic/Political**

*Occupied Palestine/Israel*: Israeli military commander of W. Bank announces arrest of PFLP cell members in connection with series of W. Bank attacks, including assassina-
Other Countries: Soviet F. M. Shevardnadze begins 2 days of talks with Faruq al-Qaddumi, head of PLO Political Department, in Moscow [BG 6/26].

23 June

Social/Economic/Political

24 June

Social/Economic/Political

Arab World: 'Ali 'Usayran, son of Lebanese defense minister, and his driver are released by their kidnappers; American Charles Glass is still being held [WP 6/25].

Other Countries: Congressional panel investigating Iran-contra affair details CIA role in Israel's November 1985 shipment of American arms to Iran [WP 6/25]. Amnesty International adopts Faysal Husayni, director of Arab Studies Society who was arrested 4/13, as a prisoner of conscience [F] 6/28].

25 June

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: P.M. Shamir makes unannounced visit to Gaza [JP 6/26]. Reports indicate armed Palestinian cell in Balatah camp has been discovered and its members arrested [F] 6/28]. Israeli authorities seal homes of 3 Jericho families, leaving 46 homeless [F] 7/5]. Israel sends accounts of financial transactions connected with the Iranian arms sales to U.S. congressional com. investigating the affair [NYT 8/1].

Other Countries: U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye, chairman of Senate com. investigating Iran-contra affair, reveals Israel has agreed to provide chronologies of its role in the arms sales to Congress [CSM 6/26]. U.S.S.R. invites PLO Chairman Yasir Arafat to Moscow [BG 6/26].

26 June

Social/Economic/Political
Other Countries: U.S. immigration judge in Los Angeles orders hearing to determine whether there was obstruction of justice when government refused to produce witness in case of 7 Palestinians and 1 Kenyan charged with membership in PFLP [LAT 6/27].

27 June

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Bomb explodes on Haifa beach, injuring 2 [CSM 6/29].

28 June

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli cabinet votes to implement uniform university tu-
ation rate, abandoning controversial 2-tier plan [LAT 6/29]. Alati Mahmud Khalifah, resident of Bethlehem-district's ' Ubaydiy-yah village, is killed and 6 other villagers wounded when 2 landbrokers, escorted by bodyguards and Israeli soldiers, open fire on landowners disputing landbrokers' claims to own 6,000 dunams of village land [NYT 6/29; F] 7/5]. Israeli Prof. Ehud Kidar announces new peace plan supported by Israeli and Palestinian scholars proposing 1 state with 2 governments and a counseling body [F] 7/5]. In trial of al-Najah University's Dr. Sa'ib 'Iriqat for incitement, Israeli prosecutor argues that W. Bank and Gaza residents do not have right of freedom of expression [F] 7/5]. Sulayman Da'ud Hulaysi, brother of 2 Palestinians involved in October 1986 attack on Israeli soldiers in Jerusalem, is sentenced by Lydda military court to 6 years imprisonment and 4 years suspended on weapons charges [F] 7/5].

29 June  

Social/Economic/Political

Arab World: Reports indicate U.S. and Egypt have reached agreement allowing Egypt to produce M1A1 Abrams (often called M1) tanks [WP 6/29]. Municipal authorities from Bethlehem and Bayt Sahur issue statement condemning Israeli proposal to pump water from new Bethlehem well to Jewish settlements; drilling well at planned 900-1,000 meters would drain 5 wells supplying Bethlehem and Hebron areas [F] 7/5]. Three Israelis are arrested on charges of involvement in attacks on Palestinian workers in their Ramat Gan-Tel Aviv apartment [F] 7/5].

Arab World: Hani al-Hassan, political advisor to Yasir Arafat, arrives in Cairo for 1st high-level Palestinian-Egyptian talks since 18th session of PNC in April [F] 7/5].

30 June  

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: In annual report to Knesset, Israeli state comptroller charges series of cabinet votes supporting Lavi jet fighter project have been made on "insufficient . . . and incorrect assessments of cost" [LAT 7/1].

Other Countries: Israeli Defense Minister Rabin arrives in Washington for talks with Reagan administration officials about Lavi project [LAT 7/1].

1 July  

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: The Jerusalem Post reports Palestinian doctor has confirmed allegation by Na'ilah 'Ayish that she was pregnant at the time of her arrest in February 1987 and miscarried after being tortured by Shin Bet interrogators; Israeli police will submit results of internal investigation of the case to attorney general's office [F] 7/5]. In Tel Aviv, group of Israelis attacks 4 Palestinian workers and their Jewish employer twice in 24 hours [F] 7/5]. Israeli military authorities order 30 bedouin families in Rafah to vacate the area within 6 days [F] 7/5]. MK Meir Kahane's voting privileges are restored after he takes oath of allegiance to Israel [WP, NYT 7/2]. Israelis seal off 40 Gaza Strip stores alleging they were not keeping proper accounts [F] 7/5].

Arab World: PLO Executive Com. member Muhammad 'Abbas and Tal'at Ya'qub announce reunification of Palestine Liberation Front [F] 7/12].

Other Countries: U.S. Sec. of Defense Weinberger meets with Israeli Defense Minister Rabin to discuss future of Lavi jet fighter and U.S. aid [NYT 7/2].
2 July ____________________

*Social/Economic/Political*

**Occupied Palestine/Israel:** Prisoners at Junayd Prison conduct 1-day hunger strike to protest mistreatment at the facility [F 7/5]. Authorities seal houses of 2 Jenin families, leaving 18 homeless [F 7/5]. Defense Minister Rabin approves plan to drill new well near Bethlehem and transport water to Jerusalem and Israeli settlements [F 7/5]. Gaza's Israeli military governor evicts 6 families from their 450 dunams of agricultural land in southwest Gaza [F 7/5].

3 July ____________________

*Social/Economic/Political*

**Occupied Palestine/Israel:** Israeli military authorities ban fishing off Gaza Strip indefinitely [F 8/12].

*Military Action*

**Arab World:** Israeli fighter jets attack Biq'a Valley villa owned by Lebanese Information Minister Joseph Skaf; 13 are wounded; villa houses families of Syrian Social Nationalist party fighters [LAT 7/4]. SLA troops kill 2 frogmen allegedly trying to infiltrate Israel; 3d member of team is picked up by Amal militiamen near Tyre coast; Hebrew-language pamphlets carried by the frogmen identified them as members of al-Sa'iqa [BG 7/5; F 7/12]. Amal militias detain more than 100 Palestinians in raid near Tyre [F 7/12].

4 July ____________________

*Social/Economic/Political*

**Occupied Palestine/Israel:** Bomb explodes in crowded Qalqiliyyah restaurant, injuring 7 Palestinians and Israelis; army imposes curfew, arrests at least 50 Palestinians [BG 7/5]. Al-Najjah U. is ordered closed for 1 day [F 7/12].

5 July ____________________

*Social/Economic/Political*

**Occupied Palestine/Israel:** 'Abd al-Halim Julani, expelled in 1971, returns to W. Bank [F 7/12]. Israeli troops close an entrance to Balatah refugee camp [F 7/12].

**Arab World:** U.S. Ambassador to the UN Vernon Walters meets with Syrian Pres. Hafiz al-Asad in Damascus [F 7/12].

6 July ____________________

*Social/Economic/Political*

**Occupied Palestine/Israel:** In Bayt Jann village in the Galilee, hundreds of Palestinian Druze clash with Israeli soldiers and nature reserve officers when authorities try to evict Druze from village land annexed by Israel for a nature reserve; at least 16 Israelis and 6 Druze are injured [BG 7/7; F 7/12]. Office of Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek announces mayor will boycott French Consulate's Bastille Day celebration to protest practice of holding separate receptions for Arabs in E. Jerusalem and for Jews in W. Jerusalem [WP 7/7].

**Arab World:** U.S. envoy Vernon Walters meets in Damascus with Syrian Pres. al-Asad for 2d day of discussions aimed at improving U.S.-Syrian relations [WP, NYT 7/7].

*Military Action*

**Arab World:** Combined Israeli ground and air forces fight Hizballah guerrillas in day-long battle near Yatir in S. Lebanon [BG 7/7].

7 July ____________________

*Social/Economic/Political*

**Occupied Palestine/Israel:** Five-member delegation from Italian Communist party ar-
rive for visit to occupied territories [F 7/12]. Jerusalem authorities demolish unlicensed Palestinian-owned house in 'Isawiyah [F 7/12]. Israeli F.M. Peres and Druze leader Amin Tarif reach agreement whereby 12,000 dunams of Bayt Jann village land confiscated to form nature reserve will be returned to village [F 7/12].

8 July

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Knesset defeats bills recognizing as Jews only those converted to Judaism by Orthodox rabbis and restricting Israeli citizenship to Jews converted by Orthodox rabbis [PI 7/9]. Inner cabinet votes to grant concessions for Jewish settlements, including Jerusalem’s Jewish quarter, to Israel Electric Company (IEC); Jerusalem Electric Company (JEC) will be allowed to continue serving only its Arab customers [F 7/12]. U.S. Consulate in Jerusalem registers complaint regarding treatment of Arab Americans visiting Israel, demands equal treatment for all Americans [LAT 7/9]. Villagers from 'Ubaydiyyah hold peaceful 1-hour demonstration outside Jerusalem offices of the International Com. of the Red Cross to publicize continuing land dispute and recent violence in the Bethlehem-area village [F 7/12]. Authorities close Jerusalem's Hakawati theater for 24 hours, preventing commemoration of 15th anniversary of Ghassan Kanafani's murder [F 7/12]. Kidnappers of Muhammad Walid Naji, 3-year-old Gaza boy kidnapped 30 June, are apprehended by police; boy is found safe in citrus orchard [F 7/12].

9 July

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Faysal Husayni, director of the Arab Studies Society and spokesman for Com. Confronting the Iron Fist, is released from prison after serving 3-month administrative detention [F 7/12]. JEC workers observe 1-hour strike to protest inner cabinet's decision to split company's concession rights [F 7/12]. Israeli military closes road connecting Balatah refugee camp to Nablus-Ramallah road after several vehicles at the camp are stoned [F 7/12].

Arab World: Reports indicate Jordanian UN delegation is protesting Israeli plans to divert water from W. Bank Palestinian towns to Jewish settlements [BG 7/9].

Other Countries: Israeli F.M. Peres and Egyptian Pres. Mubarak discuss proposed UN-sponsored peace conference in Geneva [BG, CSM 7/10].

11 July

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Faysal Husayni, director of the Arab Studies Society, is issued six-month town arrest order [F 7/19].

12 July

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: First Soviet delegation to visit Israel since 1967 war arrives unannounced in Jerusalem; 8-member group is expected to remain at least 2 months [WP, CSM 7/14]. Italian Communist party delegation ends visit to occupied territories [F 7/12].

13 July

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Nablus military court sentences 2 Palestinians to 7 years imprisonment and 5-year suspended term for membership in an illegal organization, possession of weapons, and assaulting col-
laborators; Gaza court hands down sentences ranging from 3–7 years in cases of 6 Palestinians charged with membership in an illegal organization and involvement in bombing Israeli vehicles [F] 7/19. Jerusalem water department's request to drill 3d well at 'Ayn Samia is denied [F] 7/19.

Other Countries: Jordan's King Hussein and British P.M. Thatcher discuss proposed international peace conference during meetings in London [BS 7/14].

14 July

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli police arrest 2 Jaffa Palestinians on suspicion of involvement in stabbing of Israeli soldier and his girlfriend [F] 7/19. Gaza military court hands down IS 1,500 fine and 4-month suspended jail sentence in case of 3 fishermen accused of entering closed area [F] 7/19. Reports indicate 1,000 dunams of banana trees in Jericho-district village of al-'Awja may be lost due to lack of water; agricultural society is applying for permission to dig new well [F] 7/19.

Military Action
Arab World: Palestinian fighters and Amal militiamen engage in heaviest fighting since signing cease-fire in April [F] 7/19.

15 July

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: During tour of Hebron Prison, Prison Authority Director David Mainmon concedes overcrowding is a major problem in Israeli prisons [F] 7/19. Israeli police block MK Meir Kahane and group of supporters from entering Bayt Jann village; Kahane has sent 2 letters to Bayt Jann's local council since the violent clash between villagers and Israelis over disputed land [F] 7/19. Israeli troops close off Haddadin quarter of Nablus' Old City with cement, barbed wire [F] 7/19.

Other Countries: PLO Political Department head Faruq al-Qaddumi ends 2-day official visit to Spain [F] 7/19.

16 July

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Nablus court upholds 6-month administrative detention orders of 6 Palestinians, residents of Balatah refugee camp [F] 7/19. In case of Samir Baba, Palestinian charged with leading armed cell responsible for murder of Israeli soldier in 1984, military prosecutor drops charges based on forcibly-extracted confession, says he will demand 14-year sentence if Baba confesses to lesser charges [F] 7/19.

17 July

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Nablus' al-Rawda Community College is ordered closed for 1 week by Israeli authorities in response to student demonstration on 7/16 [F] 7/26. W. Bank legal adviser endorses dismissal of Salih Balu from Jericho municipal council, on which he has served since 1972 [F] 7/26.

19 July

Social/Economic/Political

20 July

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Egypt's F.M. 'Ismat 'Abd al-Magid begins 3-day visit to Israel during which he will meet with
Israeli and Palestinian officials [CSM 7/21]. Results of tawjihi exams are announced [F 7/26]. Unions from the occupied territories hold conference in Jerusalem in solidarity with employees of JEC [F 7/26]. Balatah refugee camp resident Na’il Amin Fata’ir is deported after Israeli High Court determined he was in the territories illegally [F 7/26].

21 July

Social/Economic/Political

Other Countries: International Defense Review reports Israel test-fired medium-range ballistic missile with nuclear capability over Mediterranean Sea earlier this month [WP 8/1]. UNRWA statement expresses concern over threat to Palestinians living in refugee camps near Tyre posed by battling militias [F 7/26].

22 July

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Egyptian F.M. ‘Ismat ‘Abd al-Magid meets with 13 Palestinians from occupied territories in Tel Aviv [F 7/26]. Estimated 20,000 Palestinians and Israelis participate in opening ceremonies for Nazareth’s 12th voluntary work camp [F 7/26]. W. Bank military governor orders Muslim Youth Society in Hizma closed for 3 months [F 7/26].

Arab World: Unity and Liberation Front announces its formation in statement issued in Lebanon; the front, a coalition of 13 pro-Syrian groups, calls for joint action against Israel, the PLO, and the Lebanese Phalange party [F 7/26].

Other Countries: Palestinian political cartoonist Naji al-Ali is seriously injured by unidentified gunman in London [F 7/26].

23 July

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Residents of Gaza’s Jabalya refugee camp meet with UNRWA officials to request help in obtaining drinking water for the camp [F 7/26]. Defense Minister Rabin meets with several W. Bank mayors [F 7/26].

Arab World: Fateh Central Com. ends 2-day meeting in Tunis [F 7/26].

24 July

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: ‘Umar Ibrahim Faraj is sentenced to life imprisonment for killing an Israeli policeman [F 8/2].

26 July

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli landbroker Shmu’el Einav is sentenced to 3 months imprisonment and fined IS 3,000 on charges of attempted bribery [F 8/2]. Defense Minister Rabin says 109 Palestinian cells have been uncovered this year [F 8/2].

27 July

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: F.M. Peres reveals he met with Yugoslavian Pres. Lazar Mojsov in Geneva earlier this month [WP 7/28]. During speech in Netanya, Deputy Defense Minister Michael Dekel says U.S. and other Western countries have “moral and political” duty to oversee transfer of Palestinians from W. Bank to Jordan [NYT 7/31]. Al-Shabibah wins all 11 seats in al-Najah University student council elections [F 8/2]. Israeli military court in


Other Countries: U.S.S.R. issues Israel its 3d warning of the week pressing Israel to abandon deployment of nuclear-armed Jericho II missile [NYT 7/29; WP 8/1].

Military Action

Arab World: Israeli troops land on S. Lebanon shore, kill 7 Nasserite Popular Liberation Army soldiers in battle near Sidon [WP 7/28].

28 July

Social/Economic/Political

Other Countries: In Hebrew broadcast, Soviet state radio warns Israel against developing nuclear missile [CSM 7/30].

29 July

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: F.M. Peres attacks statement by Deputy Defense Minister Michael Dekel suggesting transfer of W. Bank Palestinians to Jordan [NYT 7/31]. Israel gives U.S. congressional com. investigating Iran-contra affair 60-page chronology of Israel’s role in the affair during 1985; a 2d chronology is being prepared detailing Israel’s activities in 1986 [NYT 8/1]. Gaza military court orders 14 years imprisonment and 10 years suspended sentence in case of Mahmoud Tawfik Muslih charged with membership in Fateh and reporting on collaborators [F] 8/2. In Khan Yunis, 2 boys are killed, 7 wounded when a grenade they find explodes [F] 8/2. Members of W. Bank village leagues apply to form Palestinian-Jordanian pro-confederation party [F] 8/2.

30 July

Social/Economic/Political

Arab World: After emergency meeting in Damascus, PFLP politburo announces dismissal of spokesman Bassam Abu Sharif, who participated in 7/27 meeting between PLO Chairman Arafat and Egyptian Pres. Mubarak, saying the meeting violated the resolutions passed at the 18th PNC [F] 8/2.

Other Countries: U.S. officials confirm U.S. and Jordan conducted their largest joint military exercises last week [CSM 7/31].

31 July

Social/Economic/Political

Other Countries: U.S. State Dept. condemns proposal made by Israel’s Deputy Defense Minister Michael Dekel that Palestinians on the W. Bank be expelled to Jordan [NYT 8/1]. U.S. Dep. of Commerce files complaint against supermarket chain charging it broke U.S. laws prohibiting participation in Arab boycott of companies that deal with Israel [WP 8/1]. U.S. Sec. of State George Shultz informs congressional sponsors of bill aimed at closing
PLO offices in U.S. that Reagan administration opposes closing PLO office at UN but is considering closing Palestine Information Office (PIO) [WP 8/9].

2 August

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli army officer is shot, killed in attack on military vehicle in Gaza City; Force 17 later claims responsibility for the attack. Curfew and travel ban are imposed. [WP 8/2; MEI 8/8].

Arab World: Muhammad Shuqayr, Islamic affairs adviser to Lebanese Pres. Jumayyil, is killed by gunmen in his W. Beirut home [WP 8/3]. Reports indicate Amal has released 30 Palestinians from Burj al-Shamali refugee camp in Tyre; it is believed Amal still holds 130 Palestinians in S. Lebanon [FJ 8/2].

3 August

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: MK Meir Kahane and some followers demonstrate in Gaza City on site of 8/2 murder of Israeli soldier [MEI 8/8; FJ 8/9]. Hassan Jabarin, member of al-Ansar movement from Umm al-Fahm, is arrested at Tel Aviv airport on charges of meeting with PLO supporter while on business trip to Rome [FJ 8/16]. W. Bank union leader George Hazbun is released from administrative detention [FJ 8/9].

4 August

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Gaza fishermen are permitted to return to sea, and curfew in some sections of Gaza City is lifted [FJ 8/9].

Military Action

Arab World: Israeli troops inside Israel's S. Lebanon security zone fire on UN peacekeeping force, wounding 2 Norwegians; Defense Minister Rabin apologizes for the incident [WP 8/5].

5 August

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli military re-opens checkpoints on Israel-Gaza Strip border [CSM 8/6; FJ 8/9]. Israeli border police shoot, injure Palestinian protester during demonstration in Nablus [CSM 8/7].

Other Countries: Jane's Defence Weekly reports Jordan and U.S.S.R. are close to finalizing sale of Soviet MiG-29 aircraft to Jordan [JP 8/6].

6 August

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: In W. Bank, 2 Israeli settlers are injured when firebomb is thrown into their car [CSM 8/7].

7 August

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israel demands Lawrence Walsh, independent counsel investigating Iran-contra affair, withdraw subpoenas of David Kimche and Al Schwimmer in exchange for continued cooperation of Israeli government [LAT 8/8]. Worshippers at al-Aqsa Mosque protest Saudi army actions in Mecca [FJ 8/16].

8 August

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Police use tear gas and clubs to disperse some of the more than 3,000 ultra-Orthodox marching in Jerusalem to protest showing films on Friday nights [JP 8/15]. Israeli officials remove Taybah monument commemorating Palestinian writer Hanna Muqbil [FJ 8/16].
Other Countries: Ghazi Khuri, director of PLO office in Holland, dies after long illness [FJ 8/16].

9 August

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Knesset votes in favor of continuing development and production of Lavi jet fighter [WP 8/12]. Dr. Thabit Ahmad Thabit, official of W. Bank dentists union, is released after 4½-month administrative detention [F] 8/16. Israeli troops remove barbed wire barricades in Gaza City, allowing stores to reopen [F] 8/16.

Other Countries: The Washington Post reports that in September 1985 Israel and U.S. attempted to locate and rescue U.S. hostages in Beirut not released after arms shipments to Iran [WP 8/9].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Palestinian and Lebanese groups claim responsibility for Katyusha rocket attacks on N. Israel and S. Lebanon security zone [CSM 8/11].

Arab World: Israeli helicopters raid Hizballah base near Tbibninah, S. Lebanon [WP 8/10].

10 August

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: U.S. envoy Charles Hill meets with Israeli P.M. Shamir to discuss proposed international peace conference [LAT 8/13]. Fu'ad Ishkantra from Rafah is sentenced to 20 years imprisonment on charges of Fateh membership and building explosives; another Rafah resident, Nabil Ghazi Sha'th, receives 15-year sentence on similar charges [F] 8/16. Israeli authorities confiscate nearly 300 sheep in 'Ayn Malih in Jordan Valley area; sheep are returned after owner pays JD 900 fine [F] 8/16. Palestinian is arrested trying to enter Baytar Ilit settlement near Bethlehem [FJ 8/16].

Arab World: Egypt cancels media coverage of upcoming joint Egyptian-U.S. land, sea, and air military maneuvers [WP 8/11].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Katyusha rockets land in N. Israel and S. Lebanon security zone in 2d day of attacks [CSM 8/11].

Arab World: Israeli helicopter attack in Nabatiyyah region of S. Lebanon kills 1 Lebanese, wounds 2 others; retaliating Lebanese militiamen shoot, injure 6 Israeli soldiers in attack on Israeli-SLA post in security zone [WP 8/11; FJ 8/16].

11 August

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: U.S. State Dept. official Charles Hill meets with F.M. Peres in Israel [LAT 8/13]. In 4-hour speech at Tel Aviv University, Ariel Sharon, former defense minister, argues that then-P.M. Menahem Begin and the entire cabinet approved all decisions made during the 1982 invasion of Lebanon [JP, NYT 8/13]. Reports indicate 60 youths are participating in Kach movement military training camp [F] 8/16]. Israeli military governor of Tulkarm area designates 500 dunams of Yasuf and Jama'in village land as closed military area [F] 8/16]. Arab woman is kidnapped in Lydda [F] 8/16]. Gaza fishermen are fined between IS 400–800 for fishing in restricted area [F] 8/16].

Other Countries: U.S. government urges Israel to cancel production of Lavi warplane [WP 8/12].

12 August

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: U.S. envoy Charles Hill meets with P.M. Shamir be-
fore ending 3-day visit to Israel [LAT 8/13]. Former Israeli cabinet ministers deny charges made by Ariel Sharon that the full cabinet was responsible for all decisions and actions made during the invasion of Lebanon in 1982, call for commission of inquiry [JP, NYT 8/13]. Israeli troops raid Birzeit University student hostel [FJ 8/16]. Israeli authorities close an entrance to Balatah refugee camp and another to Nablus [FJ 8/16].

Arab World: More than 300 Palestinian refugees demonstrate at Syrian checkpoint outside Beirut's Shatila refugee camp demanding Syria lift siege and allow residents to rebuild camp [CSM 8/13; FJ 8/16].

13 August

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: In New York, 3 former leaders of the Jewish Defense League plead guilty to racketeering charges related to bomb attacks against Soviet targets in New York [WP 8/14]. Labor party ministers decide to abandon push for early elections [JPI 8/15]. Birzeit University reopens after 4-month closure [CSM 8/14; FJ 8/16]. At least 4 foreign students are arrested, 2 injured in clash between demonstrating students and Israeli soldiers in front of U.S. Consulate in East Jerusalem [CSM 8/14; FJ 8/16].

14 August

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: In Nablus, Israeli troops shoot, injure 3 Palestinians after firebomb attack on military patrol [FJ 8/16].

15 August

Military Action

Arab World: Syrian observers intervene to halt fierce fighting around Palestinian refugee camps near Sidon, S. Lebanon; 5 Palestinians, 3 Amal fighters are among the injured [WP 8/16]. U.S.-Egyptian joint military maneuvers are scheduled to begin [WP 8/11].

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Journal Source Abbreviations

BG (Boston Globe)       LM (Le Monde)
BS (Baltimore Sun)       LT (The Times [London])
CSM (Christian Science Monitor) MEI (Middle East International)
FJ (al-Fajr, Jerusalem)  NYT (New York Times)
FT (Financial Times)     OB (Observer)
GU (Guardian [U.S.])    PI (Philadelphia Inquirer)
IN (Independent)        SG (Saudi Gazette)
JP (Jerusalem Post)      WSJ (Wall Street Journal)