Palestine Chronology
16 November 1985–15 February 1986

This section is part nine 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.

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16 November

Social/Economic/Political
Other Countries: Soviet spokesman Albert Vlasov states Soviet Union will renew ties with Israel only if Israel agrees to PLO participation in M.E. peace talks [JP 11/17].

17 November

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli military destroys house in Jaba village of alleged member of guerrilla cell responsible for several attacks in Hebron area, according to military sources [JP 11/18]. Military seals homes of 3 Palestinians in Sa'ir village who allegedly fired at civilian and military vehicles in the West Bank, according to military sources [JP 11/19]. 9 Palestinians are arrested in Aylut village, near Nazareth, in confrontation with Israeli authorities over attempt to confiscate their land [FJ 11/22]. Israeli Cabinet sends message to Reagan-Gorbachev summit meeting asking them to agree on allowing Soviet Jews to emigrate [LT, CT 11/18].

Arab World: King Hussein and Pres. Mubarak arrive in Oman for talks [FT 11/18]. Syrian Vice Pres. Abd al-Halim Khaddam states the Jordanian-PLO peace plan of last February is “dead” [JP 11/17]. Toronto Star reports Yasir Arafat has appealed to Syria to join the Jordanian-Palestinian M.E. peace initiative, welcomed Syria's rapprochement with Jordan
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Other Countries: Four Palestinians accused of hijacking Achille Lauro are convicted, along with 5th man arrested in Genoa before the ship sailed, on preliminary charges of illegal possession of weapons and explosives [WP, LAT 11/19].

18 November

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: P.M. Peres tells Knesset committee Israel has agreed to substitution by U.S. of condition that PLO recognize Israel's right to exist with the condition that PLO agree to direct negotiations with Israel (1 of 3 U.S. conditions for PLO participation in talks; others are renunciation of terrorism and acceptance of UN resolutions 242, 338) [JP 11/19].

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19 November

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Tel Aviv court sentences 16-year-old Palestinian to 7 years for hiding bodies of 2 Israeli teachers slain near Jerusalem [LT 11/20]. Boston Globe reports 70 military operations have been carried out against Israeli and SLA troops in S. Lebanon security zone in first 2 weeks of November; Israel recently staged 10-day blockade on port of Tyre, shelled Tyre and 6 other villages north of security zone with heavy artillery and tank fire on 11/18 [BG 11/19; WP 11/21].

Other Countries: U.S. officials deny U.S. has changed position on PLO recognition of Israel's right to exist before it may participate in M.E. peace talks [JP 11/20]. Italian magistrates identify 16 Palestinians sought in hijacking of Achille Lauro [NYT 11/20].

Military Action
Arab World: Israeli fighter jets on routine flight over Lebanon shoot down 2 Syrian MIG-23s in Syrian air space after they try to approach the Israeli aircraft, according to commander of Israeli air force [NYT, WP, JP 11/20].

20 November

Social/Economic/Political
Arab World: Yasir Arafat meets for 4 hours in Baghdad with Vladimir Poliakov, undersecretary of Soviet Foreign Ministry [WP 11/21].

Other Countries: Jerusalem Post reports a Sri Lankan deputy minister recently confirmed for the first time that Israel and Sri Lanka have bilateral trade relations, denied Israelis advise Sri Lankan police [JP 11/20].

Military Action
Arab World: Syria moves SAM-6 and SAM-8 anti-aircraft missile batteries into Lebanon [JP 12/18; MEP 12/20].
21 November

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Lod military court sentences 2 West Bank Palestinians to life for murder of Jewish couple near Jerusalem [WP, TS 11/22].

Arab World: Yasir Arafat and top aides, meeting in Baghdad, reiterate rejection of UN resolutions 242 and 338 [TS 11/22; MG 11/23].

Other Countries: Jonathan Jay Pollard, counterintelligence analyst for the U.S. Navy, is arrested by FBI on charges of spying and selling classified code information to Israel [NYT, WP 11/22].

Military Action
Arab World: Transmitters of the Christian Missionary Middle East Television station in S. Lebanon are blown up for second time in several months [JTA 11/25].

22 November

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Jewish Press carries report stating P.M. Peres and King Hussein have met secretly to discuss M.E. peace prospects [JWP 11/22]. Jerusalem Post reports that Bir Zeit Municipal Council has elected new mayor, 'Isam Rabi'a, and asked the authorities to recognize him, after 3 years of refusing to cooperate with the civil administration. (Rabi'a is an engineer and member of the council) [JP 11/22].

Other Countries: Asst. Sec. of State Richard Murphy reports to Israeli officials in Jerusalem on results of Geneva summit meeting, indicates M.E. given low priority, issue of Soviet Jews discussed. Murphy flies to Cairo for more talks [BG 11/23; JP 11/24].

23 November

Social/Economic/Political

Arab World: Israeli forces patrolling in S. Lebanon security zone kill 2 armed Palestinian gunmen; 2 Israelis are wounded [JP 11/24]. President Mubarak states Egypt is urging PLO to reconsider position on UN resolutions 242 and 338 to ease way for intl. M.E. peace conference; comments follow 3 hours of talks with U.S. Asst. Sec. of State Richard Murphy [JP 11/24].

Military Action
Arab World: Syria begins placing longer-range SAM-2 anti-aircraft missiles along Syrian border with Lebanon, withdrawing shorter-range SAM-6 and SAM-8 missiles from Lebanese territory [JP 12/18; MEP 12/20; NYT 12/26]. Egyptian airliner carrying nearly 100 passengers is hijacked over the Mediterranean by Arabs identifying themselves as "Egypt's Revolution." After landing in Malta, several bodies are thrown out of the plane [WP, BG, TS 11/24].

Other Countries: Israel and Argentina pledge to increase volume of bilateral trade at conclusion of visit to Argentina by Trade Min. Ariel Sharon [JP 11/24].

24 November

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Meron Benvenisti publishes study update stating number of Israelis living in West Bank and East Jerusalem may be as high as 140,000, compared to 930,000 Palestinians in the same area [NYT 11/25; CSM, JTA 11/26].
Arab World: Central Committee of the Palestine National Council convenes in Baghdad [JP 11/25]. Jordanian Parliament selects 4 new deputies to fill vacancies left by deaths of members from West Bank, where elections have not been held since 1967 [JP 11/25].

Other Countries: Sec. of State Shultz states Soviet Union cannot be considered part of M.E. peace process until it restores diplomatic ties with Israel, improves policy on emigration of Soviet Jews [JTA 11/25]. California state legislator Tom Hayden promises P.M. Peres to help raise money in U.S. to train South African blacks in Histadrut programs in Israel; U.S. Democratic party will cooperate with Israeli Labor party in program [JP 11/25].

Military Action
Arab World: After hijackers throw 5 bodies out of hijacked plane in Malta, 80 Egyptian army commandos storm plane. Hijackers detonate grenades; about 60 people, including all but one hijacker, die in resulting blaze [NYT, WP 11/25; JTA, NYT, WP 11/26].

25 November

Social/Economic/Political
Arab World: Two groups take responsibility for Egyptian hijacking, stating it was in retaliation for Israeli bombing of Tunis headquarters: “The Organization of Egypt’s Revolutionaries,” and “The Organization of Arab Revolutionary Brigades” [JP 11/26].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli tour guide Baruch Jihan is stabbed and wounded in Jerusalem’s Old City; 50 Arabs are arrested [NYT, JTA 11/26].

26 November

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli authorities appoint Palestinian Zafir al-Masri mayor of Nablus, the first new West Bank mayor since elections were held in 1976. (Nablus has been run by Israeli mayor since dismissal of elected council in 1982.) Al-Masri is chairman of Nablus Chamber of Commerce [CSM, NYT 11/27; FJ 11/29]. Two leading Israeli newspapers name Rafael Eitan, former adviser on terrorism to P.M. Menachem Begin, as the man who purportedly handled Jonathan Pollard’s spying for Israel [NYT, LAT 11/27].

Other Countries: The Guardian reports Pres. Reagan signs into law a compromise Senate resolution postponing $1.9 billion in arms sales to Jordan until 3/1/86 unless King Hussein starts direct talks with Israel [MG 11/27].

Military Action
Arab World: Suicide bomber Hamziyyah Mustafa drives car with explosives into SLA checkpoint, killing herself. Pro-Syrian Arab Socialist Ba’th party claims responsibility [LAT 11/27].

27 November

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Ultra-Orthodox, anti-Zionist Neturei Karta sect has applied for representation on the Central Committee of the Palestine National Council [JTA 11/27]. High Court orders military commander of occupied territories, prison commissioner to show cause within 30 days why 60 administrative detainees held in Beersheba prison should not be returned to prisons in occupied territories; detainees argue their transfer violates int’l. law [JP 11/28].

Military Action
Arab World: Masked Palestinian gunmen
in Sidon execute 3 women and a man accused of collaborating with Israel during its 3-year occupation of S. Lebanon [JP 11/28].

28 November

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli investigation reveals Jonathan Pollard worked for semisecret Bureau of Science Relations (Lekem) in Washington, D.C., headed by Rafael Eitan, career Mossad agent who was adviser on terrorism to 2 previous Israeli prime ministers [LAT, NYT 11/29]. Israeli officials confirm 2 diplomats have been recalled from U.S. since Pollard spy scandal broke: Ilan Ravid, scientific affairs attaché at the Israeli Embassy, and Yosef Yagur, scientific consul in New York [WP 11/29]. Israeli army prevents distribution of (East Jerusalem) Palestinian newspapers in occupied territories [JP 11/29].

Arab World: Abu Nidal group issues statement in Beirut claiming responsibility for killing 2 Palestinians in Jordan this week, says they were agents of the Jordanians and Fateh organization [NYT 11/29]. Sudan orders expulsion of 3 refugee resettlement agencies implicated in airlift of Ethiopian Jews from Sudan to Israel: Intergovernmental Committee on Migration (Geneva); Joint Voluntary Agency (U.S.); and International Catholic Migration Commission [NYT 11/28].

Other Countries: Jewish Telegraphic Agency reports U.S. Agency for Intl. Development has set aside $5 million in 1986 budget for grants to provide funding for research, cooperation between Israel, third world [JTA 11/29].

Military Action
Arab World: Israeli troops sweep into Kafra and Yatayat villages in S. Lebanon and round up villagers for questioning, after rockets were fired into northern Israel [LAT 11/29].

29 November

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Curfew is imposed on Qalqiliyyah after an Israeli is shot and wounded there; attacker escapes, but a Palestinian resident is shot after he refuses to obey an order to halt, according to military sources [JP 12/1].

Other Countries: “Suspicious” 2-alarm fire severely damages offices of American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee in Washington, D.C. [CT 11/30; NYT 12/1]. Arson is suspected [PI 12/1; JTA 12/2].

30 November

Military Action
Other Countries: Bomb left on steps of Los Angeles mosque is safely dismantled [NYT 12/1].

1 December

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli govt. publicly apologizes to U.S. over Pollard spy case, states spying on U.S. was wrong “to the extent that it did take place,” promises to investigate, dismantle unit which conducted the affair [WP, LAT 12/2]. Israeli govt. approves resumption of talks with Egypt on territorial disputes, other issues [NYT, CSM 12/2]. Israeli contractor Avraham Gindi is arrested for alleged role in illegal West Bank land deals involving sale of land for villas near Karnei Shomron, land unapproved by govt. for settlement [JP 12/2].

Military Action
Arab World: Guerrillas ambush Israeli patrol in S. Lebanon, wounding or killing 5 soldiers [NYT, BG 12/2].
2 December

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Arab local councils in Israel strike for one day to protest Israeli failure to pay $1.8 million in budget allocations owed to the councils for past 3 months; Israeli officials promise to pay within one week [JP 12/3; FJ 12/6]. Three Palestinians are sentenced to life imprisonment for killing of reserve soldier in Ramallah last February, for killing of man suspected of collaborating with Israeli authorities [JP 12/3]. Israel will allow U.S. officials to question Rafael Eitan about Pollard spy case [NYT, WP 12/3].

Other Countries: Two Palestinians and a Briton go on trial in Nicosia for September murder of 3 Israelis in the Larnaca marina; they admit the killing but do not plead guilty [WP, PI 12/3].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Prominent Palestinian lawyer 'Aziz Shehadeh is murdered by unknown assailants in Ramallah [NYT 12/3; FJ 12/6].

Arab World: Israeli infantry unit strikes deep into S. Lebanon overnight, killing five Palestinians from the PFLP-GC, according to military sources; several Palestinians are also captured [JP 12/4].

3 December

Social/Economic/Political
Arab World: Abu Nidal group takes responsibility for murder of attorney Aziz Shehadeh, says all “hirelings” of Israel face same fate [WP 12/4].

Military Action
Arab World: Israeli tanks, troops, helicopter gunships fight 8-hour battle with Palestinians at base in Biqa’ Valley, beyond security zone; Israeli military states it killed 5 guerrillas from PFLP-GC, captured several others [BG, NYT 12/4].

4 December

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Asst. Sec. of State Richard Murphy meets in Jerusalem with 9 leading Palestinians from the occupied territories in what is described as “routine” discussion of peace prospects. The 9 include Zafir al-Masri, Rashad al-Shawa, Iliyas Furayj, and Hanna Siniora [JP, JTA 12/5; FJ 12/6]. Israeli authorities issue deportation order against Yusin Jabir Rajub from Dura village, near Hebron, stating he has been working for Abu Musa faction of Fateh since his release in 5/20 prisoner exchange [JP 12/5]. Avi Tzur and Claude Malka, former aides to former Agriculture Min. Michael Dekel, are arrested in connection with investigation into fraudulent West Bank land sales [JP 12/5].

Pres. Chaim Herzog addresses Israeli Communist party convention in Haifa, the first Israeli president to do so [LT 12/5].

Arab World: Boston Globe reports PLO leadership decided in last week’s meeting that fighting units must now seek approval from PLO military council before conducting any operations; attacks will only be carried out in Israel and occupied territories [BG 12/4].

Other Countries: World Jewish Congress launches global campaign to persuade Vatican to give formal diplomatic recognition to Israel [JTA 12/5; WP 12/7].

5 December

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli authorities serve deportation order against Mahmud 'Abd al-Hafiz Dis of Bani Na'im, near Hebron, saying he is a senior member of Fateh in the Hebron area. Dis’ lawyer, Lea Tsemel, begins appeal [JP 12/6]. Two West
Bank Palestinians are found shot to death in orchard of Moshav Sdot Micha [JP 12/6].

6 December

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Palestinian political prisoner Jibril Rajub, from West Bank, enters third week of hunger strike to protest his detention without charge or trial [F] 12/6]. Pres. Chaim Herzog pardons 2 members of Jewish underground convicted of conspiring to blow up Dome of the Rock [NYT, WP, JP 12/9].

Arab World: National Catholic Reporter reports SLA and Israeli army hold hundreds of prisoners—mostly Shi'a, but including some Palestinians—in S. Lebanon detention center at Khiam; detainees are tortured, held without charge, denied access to lawyers [NCR 12/6].

Other Countries: Sec. of State Shultz describes Syria as being of “key importance,” indicates U.S. is trying to persuade Damascus to join M.E. peace process [JP 12/8].

7 December

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli Communist party concludes 20th conference, approves political program calling for full equality between Arabs and Jews in Israel, just and durable solution to Palestinian question, peace and nuclear disarmament in the world [F] 12/13].

Arab World: Dr. Baha’ al-Din Muhammad Idris, right-hand man to former Sudanese Pres. Numayri, is found guilty of charges including sabotaging the national economy and breaking Arab boycott of Israel in trial for “Operation Moses” airlift; he is sentenced to 10 years’ imprisonment, fined 5 million Sudanese pounds [LT 12/9].

Other Countries: UN General Assembly votes 118-1 on resolution condemning all acts of terrorism as criminal; Cuba is the only dissenter [WP 12/8; CT 12/10].

8 December

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Absorption Min. Ya'acov Tzur states 330,000 Jews have emigrated from Israel since its establishment [JTA 12/12]. Eighteen-year-old Israeli soldier is found stabbed to death near Mazor village [JTA 12/9]. Settlers trying to squat in Jericho for 4th time in past weeks are stopped by army [JP 12/9].

Arab World: Pres. Mubarak reiterates need for PLO role in M.E. peace process as “sole representative of the Palestinians” [WP 12/9].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli troops capture 2 Palestinians from DFLP trying to cross S. Lebanon border into Israel, according to military sources; a 3rd escapes [NYT, JP 12/9].

9 December

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Mahmud 'Abdal-lah Ida'is, from Bani Na'im, and Yunis Salem Rajub, from Dura, both released in 5/20 prisoner exchange, are deported from West Bank to Jordan, after refusing to appeal to High Court on grounds they would not get a fair trial. (Total deported is now 24) [F] 12/13, 1/3]. Eight Israeli soldiers die in fire of unknown origin that destroyed their barracks in West Bank military base. Three Palestinian organizations claim credit; claims are dismissed by Israeli army area commander [NYT, WP 12/10].
10 December

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Forty-six Arab local councils resume strike after Israeli govt. transfers only half of IS 2.6 billion owed to them; IS 1.5 billion in development funds has been due since April [FJ 12/13].

11 December

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: “Committee to Confront the Iron Fist” forms in Jerusalem to publicize human rights abuses in occupied territories, especially administrative detention, 8/4 reinstatement of deportation policies [FJ 1/3]. Lawyers representing Palestinian political prisoners hold press conference to publicize hunger strike being staged by 1,500 prisoners for past week to protest prison conditions [FJ 12/13]. Israel submits request for $3.5 million in economic and military aid for fiscal 1987, the largest request ever [WP, LAT 12/12]. First settlement under the unity govt. is opened at Migdalim, 1 of 6 such planned [JTA 12/12]. Defense Min. Rabin states UN troops are no longer needed in S. Lebanon, security zone is well enough patrolled by SLA and Israel [WP 12/12].

Other Countries: U.S. investigative team headed by Abraham Sofaer, State Dept. legal advisor, arrives in Israel to question 2 Israeli diplomats and senior counterterrorism official in Jonathan Pollard spy case; team includes reps. of U.S. Attorney General, Justice Dept., States Attorney for D.C., and FBI [NYT 12/12]. UN General Assembly passes resolution calling on Israel immediately to cease cooperation with South Africa, especially in military and nuclear realms. (U.S. and Israel vote against the resolution) [DW 12/13].

12 December

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Some 1,500 Palestinian political prisoners in Junayd, Jenbron, Hebron prisons end 2-week hunger strike protesting poor prison conditions after director of Israel Prison Authority agrees to discuss prisoner demands immediately [MG, LT, JP 12/12; FJ 12/20]. U.S. investigators begin inquiry into Jonathan Pollard case in Jerusalem; Israelis impose complete news blackout on subject [JP 12/12; WP 12/13].

13 December

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Following Israeli promises to meet their demands, Palestinian political prisoners suspend hunger strike [FJ 12/20]. Israeli contractor Avraham Gindi is charged in Tel Aviv district court with fraud and theft in West Bank land scandal case, attempts to jump out 6-story window [NYT 12/14].

Other Countries: U.S. customs officials make highly publicized raids on 3 Napco Inc. factories, probing Israel’s acquisition of electroplating technology for tank cannon barrels, say Israel had no permit to export the technology; Israel issues denials [WP, NYT 12/14; JP 12/22]. New York Times reports new director of UNRWA, Commissioner General Georgio Giacomelli, has stated agency is $20 million short of $191 million budget, the minimum needed to maintain services at 1985 levels [NYT 12/13]. A Briton and 2 Palestinians are convicted of murdering 3 Israelis aboard a yacht in Larnaca, Cyprus in September; they are sentenced to life imprisonment [NYT, WP 12/14].

14 December

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: P.M. Peres an-
announces Israel and Egypt tentatively agree to settle Taba border dispute through arbitration if direct negotiations fail [TS 12/15].

15 December

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: International Center for Peace in the Middle East holds simulated int'l. peace conference, filmed for TV; Hanna Siniora, Iliyas Furayj, Harold Saunders, Abba Eban, Moshe Ma'oz, among others, participate [JP 12/16; FJ 12/20]. Israel states Syrian missiles stationed along border with Lebanon in past 3 weeks threaten reconnaissance flights over Lebanon, must be withdrawn [NYT, WP 12/16].

Military Action
Arab World: SLA militia shell 5 villages in S. Lebanon security zone; Israeli tanks shell 4 villages southeast of Tyre [BG 12/16].

16 December

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli authorities bar delegation of 13 prominent West Bank and Gaza Palestinians from crossing into Jordan to discuss PLO's stance on UN resolutions 242, 338 with Yasir Arafat [LAT, WP 12/16; FJ 12/20]. Avi Tzur, former aide to former Agriculture Min. Michael Dekel, is charged with issuing false documents, accepting more than $50,000 in bribes. (Tzur is first Israeli official charged with fraud in land sales) [WP 12/17; OB 12/15]. Pro-Fateh student lists win elections at Birzeit and Hebron universities [FJ 12/20].

Other Countries: UN General Assembly votes 86-23, with 37 abstentions, to condemn Israel for committing “war crimes,” to isolate it completely because it is “not a peaceloving state [PI 12/17; NER 12/23].

17 December

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Palestinian ex-prisoner Khalid Tantash is deported across Wadi 'Araba to Jordan in almost total media blackout; Tantash was awaiting High Court review of his appeal. (25 Palestinians have been deported since September) [FJ 1/3]. Israeli authorities close al-Najah University, saying measure is to prevent symposium on armed struggle; university spokesman Sa'eb Erakat states action is to prevent student council elections [NYT 12/18; BG 12/19]. Jerusalem Post reports investigation begins into unsolved murders of some 20 Palestinians; police believe murders are connected to West Bank land sales [JP 12/17].

18 December

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israel and Ivory Coast announce plans to restore diplomatic relations, severed since the 1973 war [WP, JTA 12/19].

Other Countries: UN Security Council unanimously passes resolution condemning “all acts of hostage-taking and abduction” and calling for release of all hostages [NYT, WP 12/19].

19 December

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Twenty-one Palestinian ex-prisoners file petition with High Court for order nisi forbidding their possible deportation (in wake of Khalid Tantash deportation); appeal is rejected [FJ 1/10]. Zafir al-Masri is installed by Israeli authorities as mayor of Nablus, says municipal council will comprise former associates from Nablus Chamber of Commerce [CT 12/20]. Roadblocks are removed from al-Najah University [CT 12/20].
Arab World: One thousand demonstrators in Cairo demand release of Sulayman Khatir, Egyptian policeman facing trial for shooting 7 Israeli tourists in Sinai last October [JP 12/20].

Other Countries: Jerusalem Post reports 2 Labor MKs needed police protection from JDL intimidation during recent 12-day speaking tour of U.S. for Peace Now; MKs are Ora Namir and 'Abd al-Wahab Darawsha [JP 12/20].

20 December

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Decapitated and badly decomposed body of al-Fajr journalist Hasan 'Abd al-Halim Fakia, missing since 10/3, is found outside Jerusalem. Police say grenade found near body indicates cause of death; al-Fajr editor Hanna Siniora states 'Abd al-Halim was murdered for researching story on West Bank land fraud [MG 12/21; JP 12/22; F] 1/3]. Jerusalem Post reports Ziyad Abu ‘Ayn was charged in military court with sedition and planning terrorist attacks. (Abu ‘Ayn was extradited from U.S. in 1981, sentenced, released in 5/20 prisoner exchange) [JP 12/20]. Al-Fajr reports 13 more Palestinians are placed under administrative detention, bringing total to over 100 since September [F] 12/20]. Al-Fajr reports Israeli troops closed al-Najah University 5 out of 8 days during the past week [F] 12/20]. U.S. State Dept. announces Israel has dismantled unit which handled Jonathan Pollard, has returned all documents Pollard supplied, has taken action "to prevent any repetition of such activities"; intelligence sharing between U.S. and Israel will resume [NYT, WP 12/21].

Military Action
Other Countries: Three gunmen who took hostages during robbery trial in France surrender to police; police state they belong to Abu Nidal faction [NYT 12/21].

21 December

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: One thousand Palestinians march in Nazareth, protesting what they call discriminatory municipal funding [TS, JP 12/22]. Israeli officials state Rafael Eitan, responsible for handling Jonathan Pollard, has been removed from post, is expected to retire soon [NYT 12/22].

Other Countries: U.S. State Dept. Official states neither Israel nor Napco Inc. are in violation of the law for export of electroplating technology to Israel [JP 12/22].

22 December

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Mediterranean-Dead Sea canal project for providing hydroelectric power is officially declared cancelled [JTA 12/26].

23 December

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli police forensic experts are "reasonably sure" al-Fajr journalist Hasan 'Abd al-Halim was killed by a bomb [JP 12/24].

Arab World: Pres. Mubarak warns that Yasar Arafat has "one or two months" to accept UN resolutions 242 and 338, otherwise King Hussein may lose patience and negotiate separate peace with Israel [WP 12/24]. Arafat deputy Salah Khalaf (Abu Iyad) confirms PLO has been given 2 months to accept 242 and 338, says PLO will never do so [MG 12/24].

Other Countries: National Assoc. of Arab-Americans (NAAA) calls for investigation into U.S. Justice Dept. handling of espionage allegations made 7 years ago against
former Senate aide Stephen D. Bryen, now asst. defense secretary with top-secret security clearance [LAT, JTA 12/24].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli is shot, wounded in Hebron market; soldiers shoot 2 Palestinians in aftermath, curfew city, arrest 3 dozen Palestinians [FJ 1/3].

24 December

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Palestinian political prisoner Jabril Rajub concludes 34-day hunger strike after authorities transfer him from solitary confinement, promise either to charge and try him within 20 days or to release him [FJ 1/3]. Israeli journalist Amnon Kapeliouk is convicted of violating laws prohibiting travel to countries at war with Israel for attending 17th PNC in Amman in 11/84 [NYT 12/25].

25 December

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Arab local councils inside the green line end strike following agreement with Israeli officials over $6 million in owed funds; P.M. Peres acknowledges Arab councils receive smaller budgets than Jewish ones, states inequity should be righted [JP 12/26; FJ 1/3].

Arab World: PLO rep. in Cairo Tayyib ‘Abd al-Rahim states PLO seeks Arab summit conference to adopt unified peace policy [BG 12/26].

Military Action
Arab World: Body of Lebanese Jew Chaim Cohen Halala is found with 3 gunshot wounds in head; Organization for the Oppressed of the Earth claims responsibility, says he was killed in retaliation for 12/22 SLA shelling of Shi‘ite villages in S. Lebanon which killed 5, wounded 8. Organization holds 3 other Lebanese Jews hostage, warns against further shelling [WP, BG 12/26; WP 12/23]. 2 SLA militiamen are killed by Lebanese guerrillas in S. Lebanon security zone [PI 1/2].

26 December

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli and American officials state Syria has moved SAM-6 and SAM-8 missiles back inside Lebanese territory this week [BG, TS 12/27].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Two Palestinians are strangled to death in Gaza prison by fellow cellmates who believed they were collaborating with Israeli authorities, prison officials say [JP 12/27].

27 December

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Al-Fajr reports ultra-Orthodox, anti-Zionist Neturei Karta sect is issuing travel documents they hope will replace their Israeli passports [FJ 12/27].

Military Action
Other Countries: Gunmen hurl grenades, fire submachine guns at crowds of travelers near El Al counters in Rome and Vienna airports, killing 16, wounding 118. Four gunmen are killed, 3 wounded and captured [NYT, WP, LAT 12/28]. One tells police he is “Palestinian freedom fighter” born in Shatila camp [WP 12/28; OB 12/29]. PLO officials deny organization is responsible [NYT 12/28]. Israeli officials blame attacks on Palestinians, vow revenge “in every place and at any time [Israel] sees fit” [LAT, MG 12/28].

28 December

Social/Economic/Political
Arab World: In Damascus Nabih Birri, Walid Jumblatt, Elie Hubayqa sign peace
agreement brokered by Syrian V. Pres. 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam over past 3 months [NYT, WP 12/29]. Plan increases Syrian supervision over Lebanon, gradually gives more power to Muslims [WP 12/30]. Sulayman Khatir, Egyptian policeman charged with killing 7 Israelis in the Sinai last October, is convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment with hard labor [WP, NYT 12/29]. Organization of the Oppressed of the Earth threatens to kill 3 Lebanese Jewish hostages unless Israel and SLA release 300 Shi'ite hostages from Khiam detention camp, stop shelling S. Lebanese Shi'ite villages [NYT, WP 12/29].

Other Countries: Note found in pocket of gunman who attacked Rome airport states the airport attacks were reprisal for 10/1 Israeli bombing of PLO headquarters in Tunis, that 7 attacking gunmen belong to "Martyrs of Palestine" organization, previously unheard of [NYT, WP 12/29]. Italian police find Moroccan passport in pocket of dead attacker which came from same stock as those used by Malta hijackers [OB 12/29]. Pres. Reagan sends message asking Israel not to be deterred from the peace process in wake of airport attacks; White House official says Israel is being asked not to retaliate [NYT 12/29].

29 December

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Cabinet votes to give $6 million to Arab and Druze local councils, whose accumulated debt is $8.5 million; P.M. Peres states Arab councils receive 30 percent of what Jewish councils receive, Israeli govt. funds are not invested in industry and sewage in Arab sector, Arab education system is very bad [JP 12/30]. Attorney General Yitzhak Zamir reveals a govt. bill has been drafted to impose strict regulations on media, jour-

nalists; bill is discussed in cabinet meeting [JP 12/30].

Other Countries: Austrian Interior Min. Karl Blecha states he "rules out" any involvement by Fateh organization in airport attacks, group responsible has not yet been identified [NYT 12/20]. U.S. officials clarify position on Israeli response to attacks, ask that it be "measured," not provoke war in M.E. [NYT 12/30].

30 December

Social/Economic/Political

Arab World: King Hussein arrives in Damascus for talks with Pres. Asad, first meeting between the 2 since 1979 [NYT, WP 12/31]. Jordanian officials say 2 countries will soon exchange ambassadors [MG 12/31].

Other Countries: Austrian Interior Min. Blecha states 2 surviving gunmen from airport attacks say they belong to Abu Nidal faction, originally intended to take Israelis hostage, hijack El Al airplane [WP, LAT 12/31]. Pres. Reagan clarifies position, says it would be "fine with us" if Israel retaliated for airport attacks [WP, BG 12/31]. Greek official states Greece and PLO agree to cooperate in fighting terrorism [BG 12/31].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli is shot and wounded in central Hebron; attacker escapes, area is curfewed [JTA, JP 12/31]. Israeli troops shoot 2 local residents who refuse to halt for I.D. check in wake of attack [MG, JP 12/31].

31 December

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Electric Co. official announces Israel will build first nuclear power plant in Negev [JP 1/1].
Arab World: King Hussein and Pres. Asad end two days of talks; no official statement is issued [NYT, TS 1/1]. Yasir Arafat issues statement blaming unnamed Arab intelligence services for backing renegade Palestinian groups, denounces terrorism [WP 1/1], vows to continue legitimate armed struggle against Israeli occupation [TS 1/1].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Ha'aretz reports attacks on Israeli military have increased in past 10 days (leading up to 21st anniversary of founding of Fateh), cites 4 grenade and arson attacks, including 12/22 arson of Egged buses in Gaza [F 1/3]. Israeli troops and SLA militia raid S. Lebanese Shi'ite village of Kunin, arrest 32 men, force 2,000 residents to leave, blow up and burn houses, according to witnesses quoted by Lebanese police; Israeli military state SLA searched Kunin for gunmen who attacked SLA patrol night before, killing 4 [NYT 1/1].

Arab World: Unidentified gunmen ambush Pres. Jumayyil's empty limousine, in apparent assassination attempt [WP, TS 1/1]. Asad Shaftari, intelligence head of the Lebanese Forces (Christian) also narrowly escapes death when his car is attacked [LAT 1/1].

1 January

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli military court orders journalist Hamdi Farraj, 11 other Dheisheh refugee camp residents held since 2/1/85 without trial released on grounds general prosecutor failed to prove charges against them [F 1/10].

Arab World: Christian Science Monitor reports King Hussein and Pres. Asad agree to restore diplomatic relations between their countries at ambassadorial level [CSM 1/2]. Egypt and U.S. sign agreement on $140 million in U.S. aid to Egypt, the second installment of $500 million grant approved by Congress last year [JP 1/2]. SLA releases 20 Shi'ite prisoners from Khiam detention center in S. Lebanon as New Year's gesture. (Red Cross has not been allowed to visit the Khiam center) [JP 1/3].

Other Countries: Austrian Interior Ministry states 3 Palestinians who attacked Vienna
airport had instructions to take Israeli hostages, hijack El Al plane to Tel Aviv, blow up plane "in or over Tel Aviv" [DT, FT 1/3]. Peter Goldman, director of Americans for a Safe Israel, and Rabbi Avraham Weiss, coordinator of Americans Against Terrorism, announce start of nationwide campaign to remove PLO offices from U.S. [JTA 1/3]. Nadav Safran, director of Harvard U.'s Center for Middle Eastern Studies, will resign post in wake of discovery he accepted $152,000 from CIA for writing book, sponsoring conference on Islamic fundamentalism [DT, LT 1/3].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Rocket fired from S. Lebanon damages property in Kiryat Shmona [BG 1/3]. Israeli taxi driver is found shot twice in head near Lod (second such incident in 2 days); 4 Palestinians are detained for questioning [FJ 1/10].

Arab World: Israeli and SLA troops shell targets in S. Lebanon in retaliation for shelling of Kiryat Shmona [TS 1/3].

3 January

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Al-Fajr reports Israeli troops destroyed or sealed homes of 10 Bethlehem and Hebron families in past week because members of the families were arrested on charges of membership in the PLO; none of the detainees had been tried [F] 1/3]. Phone caller claims responsibility for 1/2 murder of Israeli taxi driver on behalf of Fateh's Force 17, states driver was Mossad agent [LT 1/4].

Arab World: Al-Fajr reports Jordan will permit daughter of Nablus Mayor Bassam Shaka'a to travel only one-way into the West Bank from Amman; she is refusing the condition [F] 1/3].

Military Action
Arab World: Israeli and SLA troops trade fire with Shi'ite, Sunni, leftist militias in S. Lebanon; SLA kills 2 [JP 1/5].

4 January

Social/Economic/Political
Arab World: Washington Post reports Yasir Arafat accused Syrian and Libyan intelligence services of instigating wave of terrorism that swept Mediterranean in recent months [WP 1/5; MG 1/6]. Libya officially denies involvement in 12/27/85 Vienna, Rome airport attacks [PI 1/5].

Military Action
Arab World: Israeli troops, SLA militia comb 3 S. Lebanese villages north of security zone, firing rocket-propelled grenades and searching for guerrillas [PI 1/5]. Israeli troops are reported to have moved 30 tanks into S. Lebanon security zone [BG 1/5]. Syria is reported to have withdrawn SAM-6, SAM-8 anti-aircraft missile batteries into Syrian territory from Lebanon's Biqa' Valley [NYT, WP 1/5].

5 January

Social/Economic/Political
Arab World: Jerusalem Post reports high-ranking delegation of PLO "security experts" arrives in Vienna to help Austrian authorities investigate airport attack; PLO offered similar cooperation to Italian govt. [JP 1/5]. Arab League issues communiqué that "vigorously condemned" what it called U.S. military threats against Libya [NYT 1/6]. Egypt's official Middle East News Agency denies Fateh's Force 17 unit has moved its headquarters to Cairo [JP 1/6].

6 January

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli govt. statistics are issued showing immigration to Israel in 1985 was lowest ever [NYT 1/7]. Gaza military court sentences 2 Palestin-
ians to 22 and 28 years in stabbing of Israeli truck driver last September; another Palestinian receives 25 years for attempted murder of Israeli in Khan Yunis a few months ago; 5 others get 14–22 years for attacks near Tel Aviv [JP 1/7].

**Arab World:** Syria denounces Arafat's statements blaming Syria, Libya for airport attacks, saying "Arafat's allegations amount to an open invitation to America and Israel to attack Syria and Libya" [WP 1/7]. Egyptian policeman Sulayman Khatir, convicted of shooting 7 Israelis in Sinai last October, is found hanged to death in military prison hospital [LT 1/7].

**7 January**

**Social/Economic/Political**

**Other Countries:** Reagan administration announces economic sanctions against Libya, orders U.S. oil companies, Americans working there to leave Libya or face criminal penalties [NYT 1/8; LAT, PI 1/9]. U.S. State Department announces U.S. Ambassador to Egypt Nicholas Veliotes will resign in April [WP 1/8; LT 1/9].

**8 January**

**Social/Economic/Political**

**Occupied Palestine/Israel:** Ten MKs investigating reports of illegal construction on the Haram al-Sharif (Temple Mount) anger crowd of Muslims by attempting to take photographs; Israeli police use tear gas and night sticks to rescue them [LAT, LT 1/9]. Raphael Eitan, purported head of Israeli espionage operation in Washington, is chosen chairman of the board for Israel Chemicals [NYT 1/9].

**Arab World:** Anti-government demonstrators at three Egyptian universities call for vengeance in death of Sulayman Khatir [CT, LT 1/9].

**Other Countries:** Pres. Reagan freezes several hundred million dollars' worth of Libyan gov't. assets held in U.S. financial institutions [LAT, BG 1/9]. Reagan administration releases 13-page white paper on Libya listing 58 incidents of politically motivated violence during past 6 years which it links to Libya [LAT 1/9].

**Military Action**

**Arab World:** Syrian Faysal Fu'ad Hasan, from Salamiyyah village, is hanged in Damascus on charges of supplying Israel with information on Syrian security [JP 1/9].

**9 January**

**Social/Economic/Political**

**Occupied Palestine/Israel:** Police arrest 3 militant Jewish nationalists who attempt to raise Israeli flag in the Haram al-Sharif [NYT, WP 1/10]. State of Israel Bond Organization announces it received a record $505 million in 1985 [JW 1/10]. Palestinian convicted of killing Israeli soldier in Hebron 4 months ago is sentenced to life imprisonment [JP 1/10].

**Arab World:** Syrian Naft Fu'ad Hasan, also convicted of spying for Israel, is hanged in public in Damascus, one day after his brother was executed on same charges [LT, JP 1/10]. Islamic Conference Organization passes resolution condemning U.S. sanctions against Libya, calling on Muslim countries to counter them [NYT 1/10].

**Other Countries:** Former U.S. Ambassador to the UN Jeane Kirkpatrick has been named recipient of $100,000 award from Miriam Klein Foundation for demonstration of "commitment to the survival of the Jewish people" [PI 1/9].

**10 January**

**Social/Economic/Political**

**Occupied Palestine/Israel:** Jerusalem Post re-
ports nearly 2 dozen Nablus Palestinians have been detained, questioned for 2 weeks without charges on suspicion of involvement in land fraud scandal [JP 1/10]. Al-Fajr reports Israel's Land Administration and Green Patrol uprooted 6,000 olive and almond trees near Qattaneh village in past week; villagers are appealing to High Court for compensation [FJ 1/10].

Other Countries: British P.M. Thatcher states retaliatory or preemptive strikes to punish or prevent terrorism are “against international law” and a policy which could lead to “much greater chaos” [WP, LAT 1/11]. Jewish Week reports Jerry Falwell’s new group, the Liberty Federation, advocates strong support for Israel, moving U.S. embassy to Jerusalem [JW 1/10]. W. German Interior Minister Karl Blecha states 2 forged passports used in Rome and Vienna airport attacks were taken from Tunisian workers in Libya last year [MG 1/11]

11 January

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Deputy advisor on antiterrorism to P.M. Peres, Gideon Mahanayim, states “best way” to fight terrorist organizations is by assassinating their leaders [BG 1/12]. American Enterprise Institute (Washington, D.C.) and Arab Council for Public Affairs (East Jerusalem) cosponsor panel in which Palestinian political scientists respond to papers prepared by AEI academics [FJ 1/17].

Arab World: Islamic Conference Organization concludes annual conference with condemnation of U.S. economic sanctions against Libya, fails to adopt concrete response [CSM 1/13].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli Druze policeman Jamil Faris is shot to death, another policeman, 4 Palestinian passers-by wounded in Nablus by unidentified gunmen; round-the-clock curfew is imposed, house-to-house searches are conducted, number of Palestinians are arrested [WP, JP 1/12; JTA 1/13; FJ 1/17].

12 January

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Salih Baransi, head of the Cultural Heritage Center in Taybah village, is placed under town arrest. (Baransi received his last town arrest order in 9/83, which was lifted so he could receive medical treatment) [FJ 1/17]. Israeli authorities announce Jordan has approved negotiations between a few West Bank families and Israel over establishing a lending bank in West Bank; approval falls short of Palestinian request for full-service commercial bank [JP 1/13, 17].

Arab World: PFLP and Abu Musa faction of Fateh both claim responsibility for 1/12 shooting of border policeman in Nablus [PI 1/13].

13 January

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Following all-night session, Israeli Inner Cabinet approves package compromise deal to send Taba dispute to binding international arbitration if conciliation fails; agreement conditional on Egypt's return of ambassador to Tel Aviv, full normalization of relations. P.M. Peres threatened to bring down gov't. if cabinet disagreed [WP, NYT 1/14]. Thirteen Palestinians are detained in connection with land fraud case, bringing total to 30 [JP 1/15]. Haifa U. sociologist Sami Smooha publicizes recent poll results showing 58% of Israelis believe it is “impossible to trust most Arabs,” 47% want Palestinians to be encouraged to leave the country [JP 1/14].
**Arab World:** PLO Executive Committee begins meetings in Baghdad; 4 seats belonging to opposition factions remain empty, Muhammad 'Abbas does not attend. PLO spokesman tells *Toronto Star* the Soviet Union offered to help reunite PLO factions in return for a guaranteed part in M.E. peace negotiations [TS 1/15]. Egyptian chief coroner confirms Sulayman Khatir committed suicide [LT 1/14].

**Other Countries:** Reagan administration urges Syria to expel Abu Nidal group from Syrian-controlled Biqa' Valley [JTA 1/14].

### 14 January

**Social/Economic/Political**

**Occupied Palestine/Israel:** Sixteen-member delegation of MKs returning to investigate reports of illegal construction at the Haram al-Sharif spark controversy with Muslim crowd by attempting to photograph and pray there; police use riot sticks, tear gas to rescue them, 19 Palestinians are arrested [NYT, LAT 1/15]. East Jerusalem shopkeepers strike to protest the scheduled visit [FJ 1/17].

**Other Countries:** In effort to combat terrorism, Italy has expelled a group of Palestinian students whose permits had expired, police have begun raiding Arab meeting places [NYT 1/15].

### 15 January

**Social/Economic/Political**

**Other Countries:** In New York, U.S. federal marshals arrest Craig Leitner, 1 of 5 (including 4 Americans) charged in Israel for the 3/4/84 assault on a Palestinian bus near Ramallah which injured 6; Leitner is arraigned, ordered held without bail pending extradition hearings [NYT, WP 1/16]. U.S. officials state Israel may lose $77 million in as-yet-undispersed military assistance under Gramm-Rudman budget cuts [JP 1/16].

**Military Action**

**Arab World:** Forces loyal to Lebanese Pres. Amin Jumayyil defeat forces loyal to Elie Hubayqa, commander of the Christian Lebanese Forces militia, in fierce fighting over the Syrian-sponsored peace agreement Hubayqa signed and which Jumayyil opposes because it requires concessions from Christians; 350 reported killed in fighting [WP, LAT 1/16; NYT 1/17; TI 2/3].

### 16 January

**Social/Economic/Political**

**Occupied Palestine/Israel:** Agriculture Ministry announces plans to build reservoir in the Jordan Rift Valley in coming year to draw on water from the Jordan River [JP 1/17].

**Arab World:** Elie Hubayqa resigns as head of Lebanese Forces, flees the country; 11 Muslim factions advance on Jumayyil's forces [NYT, WP 1/17].

**Military Action**

**Arab World:** Israeli soldier wounded in S. Lebanon security zone by roadside bomb [JP 1/17].

**Other Countries:** *New York Times* reports Soviet Union has stationed 2 destroyers and intelligence-gathering ships off Israeli coast, apparently to give Libya early warning of any possible Israeli air strike; Soviet surveillance aircraft have increased monitoring of activities across Mediterranean [NYT 1/17].

### 17 January

**Social/Economic/Political**

**Occupied Palestine/Israel:** *Al-Fajr* reports 30 West Bank residents have been arrested over past weeks in connection with land fraud investigation [FJ 1/17].

**Arab World:** W. German Nazi-hunter Beate Klarsfeld arrives in W. Beirut, offers
to substitute herself for 5 missing Lebanese Jews held hostage by Shi'ite Organization of the Oppressed of the Earth until SLA, Israel release Shi'ite prisoners from Khiam detention center in S. Lebanon [JP 1/19].

Other Countries: U.S. Asst. Sec. of State Richard Murphy leaves for London for meetings with King Hussein, later with P.M. Peres [LAT 1/18; NYT 1/19]. Spain formally recognizes Israel [NYT, PI 1/18; NYT 1/19]. Govt. statement issued in Madrid states PLO should be included in M.E. peace talks, Spain does not recognize "any measures directed toward the annexation of Arab territories occupied since 1967" [CT, LT 1/18]. U.S. vetos UN Security Council resolution offered by Lebanon "strongly deploring" Israeli violence in S. Lebanon, asking again all Israeli troops leave the area; vote is 11-1, with 3 abstentions [LAT, NYT 1/18; JTA 1/21].

18 January

Social/Economic/Political
Arab World: New York Times reports PLO officials are seriously considering Soviet offer to help mend relations with opposition Palestinian factions [NYT 1/19]. Amsterdam News reports Israeli Pres. Chaim Herzog declared 1/20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in Israel [AN 1/18].

Other Countries: U.S. Asst. Sec. of State Murphy meets with King Hussein in London [NYT 1/19].

19 January

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Palestinian political prisoners in Fara' detention center go on 1-day general strike to protest deteriorating prison conditions [F] 1/24.

20 January

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Jerusalem Post reports family of 1 of 3 Israeli soldiers reported missing in action during Lebanon war received information their relative was alive, imprisoned by Syrians; families are being briefed in Paris. Israeli Army, Foreign Ministry deny knowledge of the report [JP 1/21]. Jerusalem city inspectors tell Knesset Interior Committee allegations of unlicensed construction on the Haram al-Sharif have been investigated, are baseless [JP 1/21]. Sephardi Chief Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu and Deputy Prime Minister David Levy inaugurate settlement in Dabboya building in heart of Hebron (where settlers have squatted since 1979) to provide permanent homes for dozens of settler families [JP 1/21; F 1/24].

Other Countries: U.S. Asst. Sec. of State Richard Murphy meets with P.M. Peres at The Hague, then shuttles back to London where King Hussein is staying [WP 1/21].

21 January

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Thirteen apartments renovated for Jewish occupancy are consecrated at religious ceremony in heart of Hebron; Housing Ministry has invested $1 million this year for Jewish housing in Hebron [JTA 1/22].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Bomb explodes in Afula (5th attack in recent months), causing light injury [JTA 1/22].

Arab World: Car bomb explodes in East Beirut 30 yards from Phalange party office; 30 killed, 133 injured [FT, CT 1/22; TI 2/3].

22 January

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: A senior Israeli official states P.M. Peres has proposed negotiating a settlement with Palestinian
Arab World: Al-Quds (Jerusalem) Committee set up by the 46-member Islamic Conference Organization meets in Morocco at request of Yasser Arafat, appeals for support in preventing further Israeli disruptions at Islamic shrines in East Jerusalem [JP 1/22; LT 1/23].

Other Countries: Security Council debates Moroccan, UAE resolution on “The Situation in the Occupied Arab Territories” in wake of confrontations at Haram al-Sharif; Egypt states Israel “must” withdraw from East Jerusalem; Palestinians in West Bank must have right to self-determination, Saudi Arabia warns of “wrath of hundreds of millions of Muslims” if “aggressions” continue [JP 1/22; JTA 1/23].

23 January

Social/Economic/Political

Arab World: Fourteen-member al-Quds Committee concludes meetings in Morocco with call for “jihad in all its forms” until East Jerusalem, occupied territories are liberated [JP 1/24].

Other Countries: Italian prosecutors issue arrest warrant for Abu Nidal, charging him with mass murder in Rome airport attack [NYT 1/24].

24 January

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Al-Fajr reports administrative detainee ‘Adnan Ghanim has been severely tortured in Gaza prison since his 12/22/85 arrest, appears to have suffered brain damage; Committee Against the Iron Fist has adopted the case [FJ 1/24].

Arab World: Al-Fajr reports Committee in Defense of Democratic Freedom in Jordan this week demanded release of Palestinian writer Hamadah Rami, arrested 1/13; Rami belongs to the Palestinian Writers and Journalists Union, is a member of the PLO’s High Council on Education, Culture, and Science [F 1/24]. Arab Organization of Human Rights also protested recent crackdown on journalists, writers, unionists, PNC members in Jordan, demanded release of detainees [F 1/24]. Elie Hubeqa returns to Lebanon (9 days after being ousted) to lead Syrian-backed campaign against Pres. Amin Jumayyl [NYT 1/25]. Syrian-backed forces continue to fight Jumayyl’s forces [NYT 1/25].

25 January

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Over 150 Palestinians, Israelis replant olive saplings uprooted by the Nature Reserves Authority 3 weeks ago, north of Jerusalem; 6 Israeli officials reportedly try to uproot some replanted saplings, army disperses both groups [JP 1/26]. Israeli military delegation ends 5-day visit to Liberia for talks on “future cooperation” [JDW 1/25].

Arab World: Yasir Arafat arrives in Amman for talks with King Hussein [CSM 1/27]. Jordanian govt. sends parliament a new electoral law that would reassert Jordan’s responsibility for the West Bank, provide representation for Palestinian refugees in Jordan; parliamentary legal committee is studying the law [NYT 1/26].

Other Countries: UN Undersecretary-General Brian Urquhart states PLO should accept UN resolutions 242, 338, that Israel should not dictate who represents Palestinians at peace talks [JP 1/26].
Interpol issues worldwide wanted notice for Abu Nidal [PI 1/31].

Military Action

Arab World: SLA shells Shi'ite village of Kafra in S. Lebanon, killing 1 UNIFIL soldier [NYT 1/26]. Libyan leader Col. Mu'ammar Qadhdhafi boards missile-bearing patrol boat, sails into Gulf of Sidra, 1 day after U.S. 6th Fleet began maneuvers off Libyan coast [WP 1/26].

26 January

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Group of Sephardi Jews announce founding of Committee for Israeli-Palestinian Dialogue, to counterpetate that Sephardim "hate the Arabs" [JP 1/27].


Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Bomb explodes in Jerusalem restaurant, causing structural damage; 20 Palestinians are detained [JTA 1/27].

27 January

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Jewish Telegraphic Agency reports 4 more Palestinians have been served deportation orders: Hasan Mahmud Ahmad al-Amudi and Jalal Hafiz Hisham 'Azayzah, both from Gaza, and Mahmud Fanun, from the West Bank, are charged with working for the PFLP; Adnan Ghanim, from Hebron, is charged with infiltrating from Jordan [JTA 1/28]. Bank of Israel announces Israel's foreign debt totalled $23.915 billion at end of last September [JP 1/28]. Kalandiya refugee camp residents attack soldier, try to steal his weapon after he hits a woman, girl with army vehicle while dodging stones thrown at him; police launch investigation into incident [JP 1/28].

Military Action

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28 January

Social/Economic/Political

Arab World: Egyptian Pres. Husni Mubarak calls for intl. conference, stresses PLO is sole legitimate representative of Palestinians [JTA 1/29]. Fighting breaks out in Sabra and Shatila refugee camps between Palestinians and Shi'ite Amal militia; at least 3 are killed [CT 1/29].

Other Countries: Asst. Sec. of State Richard Murphy testifies before House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Europe and the M.E. that Israel and Jordan have narrowed gap on M.E. peace talks, King Hussein still won't move without PLO; Murphy urges approval of $1.9 billion arms sale to Jordan [JTA 1/29]. W. German Chancellor Helmut Kohl tells P.M. Peres only a compromise solution supported by the PLO can bring peace to the M.E., that Germany would not deny other peoples a right it claimed for itself [MG 1/29]. European Common Market agrees to ban arms sales to countries "clearly implicated in supporting terrorism" [NYT, WP 1/28]. New York State Legislature passes resolution condemning UN Zionism Equals Racism resolution [JTA 1/29].

29 January

Social/Economic/Political

Arab World: Pres. Mubarak asks France to organize intl. conference on M.E. peace to
contact “both parties”—Israel and the Palestinians—in preparation for real conference [NYT, JTA 1/30]. Mubarak holds talks with W. German officials [NYT 1/30].

Other Countries: British Foreign Office stops processing documents on behalf of Arab Boycott Office, following visit by P.M. Peres [JTA 1/30].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Gunman carrying Jordanian army papers crosses Jordan River, kills 2 Israeli soldiers on patrol, wounds 2 others before he is shot to death [NYT, LAT 1/30].

Arab World: Israeli warplanes bomb Palestinian guerrilla bases in S. Lebanon, killing at least 5, wounding 6; Israeli army states targets were 3 houses used by opposition PLO factions, including Abu Musa’s Fateh faction, which claimed responsibility for 1/26 bombing of Jerusalem restaurant [WP, LAT 1/30]. Vacuum bombs were reportedly used in the raid [F] 1/31.

30 January

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Dr. ‘Azmi Shu’aybi, ‘Ali Abu Hilal, and Hasan ‘Abd al-Jawad drop High Court appeal against deportation orders against them on grounds they cannot expect a reasonable decision [NYT 1/31]. Sephardi Chief Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu proposes erecting a synagogue on the Haram al-Sharif [JTA 1/31].

Arab World: Talks break down between Yasir Arafat, King Hussein after 5 days of discussion on how to secure role for PLO in M.E. peace process; PLO will accept UN resolutions 242, 338 only if the U.S. recognizes Palestinian right to self-determination within context of Jordanian-Palestinian confederation, and if U.S. guarantees effective peace conference [WP, BG 1/31]. Arab League condemns U.S. economic, military pressures against Libya, rejects Libya’s demand for economic retaliation [WP, LAT 1/31]. Anonymous phone caller claims responsibility on behalf of Abu Nidal group for 1/29 killing of 2 Israeli soldiers in West Bank [BG 1/31].

Other Countries: U.S. vetos UN Security Council resolution stating “provocative” visit by Israel MKs “violated the sanctity of the Haram al-Sharif” in Jerusalem; vote is 13-1, with 1 abstention [NYT 1/31; JTA 2/3]. Reagan administration postpones indefinitely proposed $1.9 billion arms sale to Jordan [LAT 1/31; NYT, WP 2/1]. United Jewish Appeal announces its 1985 campaign raised total of $637 million, a $51.1 million increase over the year before [JTA 1/31].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Two gunmen open fire from a moving car outside Jerusalem’s Old City, killing an Israeli undercover police detective investigating drug cases, injuring 2 others; 4 Palestinians are arrested [WP, NYT 1/31].

31 January

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israel expels 3 Palestinians for “political subversive activities” to Jordan; the High Court, which heard their appeal 1/30, refused to hear arguments based on international law. The 3 are Dr. ‘Azmi Shu’aybi from al-Bireh, ‘Ali ‘Abdallah Muhammad Hilal of Abu Dis, and Hasan Mahmoud Faraja of Dheisheh camp [JP 2/2].

1 February

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Nearly 150 demonstrate against “repressive Israeli practices in the occupied territories,” particu-
larly administrative detention and deportation, in protest called by Committee to Confront the Iron Fist. (Action follows 1/31 deportation of 3 Palestinians to Jordan) [F] 2/7.

2 February

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: The Observer (London) reports Israel and Iran cooperated in secret $1 billion arms-for-oil deal in 1977, codenamed “Operation Flower,” in which Israel received Iranian funding to produce missiles capable of delivering nuclear weapons [OB 2/2]. Jewish Telegraphic Agency reports Israel will commemorate 7 U.S. astronauts killed on space shuttle Challenger with a 10,000-tree forest planted by Jewish National Fund in Jerusalem hills [JTA 2/3].

3 February

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli Northern District Commissioner Yisrael Koenig resigns “because various ministers had blocked court orders to destroy illegal building by Arabs.” (Koenig gained notoriety for document 10 years ago urging drastic measures to restrict Palestinians in Israel, to Judaize the Galilee) [F] 2/7]. East Jerusalem shuts down in strike protesting Israeli moves against the Haram al-Sharif in past weeks; strike coincides with call by Morocco-based Jerusalem Committee for 30-minute work stoppage in all Muslim countries [F] 2/7].

Other Countries: Morris Draper begins tour of duty as U.S. Consul General in Jerusalem, replacing Wat Cluverius, who has been appointed special advisor on the M.E. peace process to Asst. Sec. of State Richard Murphy [JTA 2/6].

Military Action
Arab World: Bomb explodes in East Beirut, killing 10, wounding 21 [NYT, WP 2/4].

4 February

Social/Economic/Political
Arab World: Egyptian naval patrol rams Israeli pleasure boat off coast of Taba, injuring several tourists aboard [LT 2/6].

Other Countries: U.S. State Dept. issues legal brief stating an American Jew’s religious and/or political affinity for Israel may form part of basis for depriving him/her of U.S. citizenship; brief was prepared in relation to MK Meir Kahane case [NYT 2/5].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli planes intercept Libyan executive jet over Mediterranean, force it to land in Israel; military sources state they were looking for Abu Nidal. Passengers are interrogated, plane released. Libya denounces action, charges U.S. complicity [NYT, WP 2/5]. Syria accuses Israel of air piracy, requests emergency session of UN Security Council to discuss interception of Libyan jet [NYT 2/5]. U.S. State Dept. refrains from making judgment on action [NYT 2/5]. Bomb explodes in Ramat Gan, injuring 3 [NYT, LAT 2/5].

Other Countries: Bomb explodes in Paris bookstore, wounding 4 [NYT 2/5]. Group calling itself the Committee of Solidarity with Arab and Middle Eastern Political Prisoners claims responsibility [NYT 2/5]. (A bomb found the day before in the Eiffel Tower was safely defused) [LAT, NYT 2/5].

5 February

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israel deports 3 more Palestinians to Jordan: Mahmud
Arab World: King Hussein and Yasir Arafat begin new round of talks in Amman [BG 2/6]. Arafat reportedly gives Hussein 3-point plan whereby PLO would accept UN resolution 242 in return for firm measures calling for Palestinian state; PLO was in return given countersuggestion that originated with U.S. officials [JP 2/11]. Egypt, Israel begin 2 days of talks on Taba border dispute [BG 2/6]. Ahmad Jibril, head of PFLP-GC, states passengers on U.S., Israeli commercial airliners may become targets for reprisals for Israel's interception of Libyan jet [TS 2/6].

Military Action
Other Countries: Bomb explodes in Paris sporting goods store, wounding 9 [WP, LAT 2/6].

6 February

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israel deports West Bank Palestinian prisoner Ahmad Balu to Jordan. (Balu was never released from jail following completion of his 16-year term; although Israelis offered to let him go abroad, he chose to complete his sentence and be reunited with his family) [F] 2/14].

Arab World: Christian Science Monitor reports King Hussein demanded written acceptance of UN resolutions 242, 338 from

Yasir Arafat during last week's negotiations as basis for negotiating with Israel. Hussein had obtained 2 U.S. concessions in return: acceptance of intl. conference hosted by UN, including permanent members of Security Council, and direct negotiations with PLO (if it accepted 242, 338) [CSM 2/6].

Other Countries: U.S. vetos UN Security Council resolution condemning Israel for intercepting Libyan jet [PI 2/7; JTA 2/10]. Hundreds of evangelical American Christian leaders attend 5th annual pro-Israel National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C. [WP, JTA 2/6].

7 February

Social/Economic/Political
Arab World: Col. Mu'ammar Qadhafi has ordered his air force to intercept any Israeli civilian plane within range over Mediterranean and force it to land in Libya [NYT, LAT 2/8]. Christian Science Monitor reports Syria has threatened to retaliate at the time and place of its own choosing for Israeli interception of Libyan airliner [CSM 2/7].

8 February

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: P.M. Peres states Israel should consider giving Palestinians in occupied territories limited form of self-government [LT, JP 2/10].

Arab World: Yasir Arafat and special U.S. envoy Wat Cluverius leave Amman after 2 weeks of indirect negotiations through Jordanian gov't. officials, having failed to reach a compromise [NYT 2/9].

9 February

Social/Economic/Political
Arab World: Washington Post reports Soviet ambassador to Amman met Yasir Arafat at
11 February

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Attorney General Yitzhak Zamir resigns [NYT 2/12]. Russian Jewish dissident Anatoly Shcharansky arrives in Israel, receives high-level welcome [NYT, WP 2/12].

12 February

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: P.M. Peres outlines plan to "devolve" Israeli control of health, education, welfare, municipal services to Palestinians in occupied territories, says plan does not call for army withdrawal, would be temporary until negotiations began with Jordan [BG, NYT 2/13]. Israel and Ivory Coast formally renew diplomatic ties [BG, LT 2/13]. Thousands of demonstrators protest outside Kach party convention in Jerusalem [NYT, BG 2/13].


Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Military command announces Israeli patrol boat fired on Turkish vessel which refused to stop 2/10, killing captain [JC 2/13].

13 February

Social/Economic/Political
Arab World: Yasir Arafat holds talks in Cairo with Pres. Husni Mubarak [NYT 2/14].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Bombs explode in Afula, Haifa, cause no injury; 3rd bomb found on Egged bus safely defused. Several Palestinians detained [NYT 2/14].

10 February

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israel deports 2 more Palestinians to Jordan: 'Adnan Ghanim and A. 'Abd al-Majid Radad, both West Bankers released in the 5/20/85 prisoner exchange. Ghanim was brutally tortured during his detention since 12/22/85, suffering severe head injury [F 2/14]. Peres proposes "devolution" of local, municipal affairs into hands of occupied territories residents, states he is not advocating "unilateral autonomy" [JP 2/11]. Israelis, Palestinian leaders in occupied territories reject unilateral autonomy [MG, JP 2/11].

Arab World: Jerusalem Post reports 2 leading Palestinian diaspora leaders, Prof. Walid al-Khalidi, of Harvard University, and Hassib al-Sabbagh, Geneva-based financier, visited Amman last week to participate in negotiations between King Hussein, Yasir Arafat [JP 2/10]. Al-Fajr editor Hanna Siniora and Gaza lawyer Fayiz Abu Rahmah also participated in negotiations between Wat Cluverius and Yasir Arafat [JTA 2/10].

Military Action
Other Countries: Newsweek reports U.S. 6th Fleet jets have secretly been practicing precision attacks in the Negev desert for over 3 months [NWK 2/10].

least 3 times in past 2 weeks, playing significant role in persuading him not to accept UN resolutions 242, 338; Soviets have promised to throw weight behind reunifying fragmented PLO [WP 2/10]. Jordanian P.M. Zayd al-Rifa'i flies to Damascus to brief Syrian Pres. Hafiz al-Asad on latest developments and to invite Asad to visit Amman [NYT 2/10]. Officials from the 6 Palestinian groups comprising the Palestine National Salvation Front meet in Damascus, discuss strategy [NYT 2/10].
Journal Source Abbreviations

AAN (AAUG Newsletter) JWP (Jewish Press)
AMJ (A.M. Journal) LAT (Los Angeles Times)
AN (Amsterdam News) LM (Le Monde)
AW (Aviation Week and Space Technology) LT (The Times [London])
BG (Boston Globe) MEI (Middle East International)
BR (Barrons) MEP (MEP Survey)
BW (Business Week) MG (Manchester Guardian)
CC (Christian Century) MGW (Manchester Guardian Weekly)
CSM (Christian Science Monitor) MJ (Muslim Journal)
CT (Chicago Tribune) NA (The Nation)
DFA (Defense and Foreign Affairs) NCR (National Catholic Reporter)
DT (Daily Telegraph) NER (Near East Report)
DW (Daily World) NR (New Republic)
EC (Economist) NS (New Statesman)
FBIS (Foreign Broadcast Information Service) NWK (Newsweek)
FT (Financial Times) NYTM (New York Times Magazine)
GIST (Department of State) OB (Observer)
GU (Guardian [U.S.] ) PI (Philadelphia Inquirer)
HE (Human Events) PP (Palestine Perspectives)
JC (Journal of Commerce) TI (Time)
JDW (Jane's Defense Weekly) TS (Toronto Star)
JP (Jerusalem Post) USN (U.S. News and World Report)
JTA (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) VO (NAAA Voice)
JW (Jewish Week) VV (Village Voice)
WP (Washington Post)