Palestine Chronology, December 1984–February 1985

This section forms part five of a chronology begun in the Journal no. 51 (Spring 1984), focusing on events within the Palestinian community, wherever it is (Israel, the occupied territories, other Arab countries, the US, Latin America, Europe, etc.), and on actions and actors which affect this community. Priority is given to occupied Palestine/Israel, with secondary emphasis on the Arab world and other countries.

Events are classified into two general categories. The Social/Economic/Political section covers important community events, protests, demonstrations, official statements, diplomatic, legal and economic activities and, where possible, attention is given to the cause and effect of social movement. Military Action deals with the use or threat of arms by institutionalized and non-institutionalized groups and individuals. When available, casualty figures are included.

The chronology was compiled by reviewing articles from over 80 publications, including the major US, European, Israeli and Arab English-language press. These articles are contained in Mideast Press Report, a weekly clipping service of Claremont Research and Publications in New York. Given the scope of the coverage, only the most important details could be included. Where possible, the original language and words of the various news reports were retained. A range of figures is given (for casualties and economic data) when estimates differ. Dates mentioned parenthetically within the text follow the American system, listing the month first, then day and year.

For complimentary sources of information, readers may wish to consult: “Report on the Palestinians under Israeli Rule,” a monthly chronology published as a supplement to Israel and Palestine (B.P. 130-10, 75643 Paris Cedex 10, France); and al-Fajr weekly newspaper (2025 Eye St. NW, Suite 902, Washington, DC 20006).
December 1

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF arrests 22 Israelis demonstrating against settler leader Moshe Levinger’s presence at Dheisheh camp [FJ 12/7].

Arab World: On 1st visit in 7 yrs., King Hussein arrives in Egypt for talks with Pres. Mubarak on joint peace strategy [NYT 12/2].

Other Countries: Georgetown U.’s Center for Strategic & Intl. Studies in Washington reports Israel may possess up to 100 nuclear weapons [JP 12/2].

December 2

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel:
Arab World: King Hussein denounces Camp David before Egyptian parliament; refuses to negotiate in place of PLO; calls for PLO role in peace talks [PI 12/3, NYT 12/3]. PLO announces move of formal PNC seat to Amman, PLO secretariat to Tunis, both from Damascus [JP 12/3].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Explosion at Qalandiya camp; no injuries [JP 12/3].

Arab World: IDF soldier wounded in ambush near Sidon, S. Lebanon. In Nabatiya, S. Lebanon, grenade injures 14 in market; bomb explodes near IDF convoy, no casualties [JP 12/3].

December 3

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: PM Peres rejects call for UN peace conference, direct talks with PLO [CSM 12/6]; offers to meet Hussein “with no preconditions” [MG 12/4]. Al-Najah U. opens after 4-mo. closure by occupation authorities [JP 12/3]. Atty. Gen. Zamir threatens Knesset members with prosecution if they meet with PLO or “enemy agents” [JTA 12/3].

Arab World: Jordan and Egypt jointly call for UN peace conference, with PLO participation, based on UN Res. 242 [NYT 12/4]. Chrmn. Arafat meets King Fahd in Riyadh [LAT 12/4].

Military Action

December 4

Social/Economic/Political
Other Countries: US State Dept. calls for direct peace talks, not intl. conference proposed (12/3) by King Hussein, Pres. Mubarak [JTA 12/5].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Police defuse bomb in Netanya [LAT 12/4].

Arab World: IDF sends armored patrol north of Awali River after Druze-Christian fighting, despite pledge of non-interference there [LAT 12/5]. 3 IDF soldiers wounded by mine near Madosha, S. Lebanon. Grenade thrown at 2 SLA vehicles in Nabatiya, S. Lebanon; no injuries [JP 12/5]

December 5

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Peace Now movement considers forming political party along with Mapam and Citizens Rights Movement [JTA 12/5].
Other Countries: PM Peres arrives in France seeking improved relations [first PM since Ben Gurion to visit] [NYT 12/6].

December 6

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF reports $3 million in stolen army property returned by citizens during November “month of grace” [JTA 12/7]. 5 members of Gaza “Islamic military group” sentenced from 9 to 13 yrs. for membership, arms and currency violations [JP 12/7]. Defense Ministry announces plan to double police force in occupied territories [JP 12/7]. Umm al-Fahm attorney Hussein Abu Hussein arrested on political charges based on “secret testimony”; supporters cite his activity in Abna’ al-Balad movement and defense of W. Bank prisoners as true reason [F] 12/14. IDF officer in charge of W. Bank judiciary sends letter to W. Bank prosecutor general stating W. Bank civil courts cannot try Israeli identity card holders in criminal or traffic cases [F] 1/11.

Military Action
Arab World: Black September claims responsibility for 12/4 assassination of Jordanian diplomat ‘Azmi al-Mufti in Bucharest [JP 12/7].

December 7

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: No. 2 Kach official Yehuda Richter given 8-yr. sentence for firing on Arab bus in March [JWP 12/7].

December 8

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: US State Dept. official Murphy arrives to discuss Lebanon, other issues [JP 12/9].


Military Action
Arab World: IDF vehicle attacked near Qasmiya, S. Lebanon; all occupants reported injured [F] 12/14.

December 9

Social/Economic/Political

Military Action

December 10

Social/Economic/Political
Other Countries: Zionist organizations host seminar at US State Dept., condemn 1975 UN Zionism-racism resolution [JTA 12/12].

Military Action
Arab World: Lebanon Radio reports IDF fires on Ansar camp detainees; several wounded [F] 12/14.

December 11

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Pentagon confirms joint US-Israeli anti-submarine exer-
cises underway [CT 12/12]. Authorities notify villages of Rantis, Luban, 'Aboud of intention to confiscate 1380 dunams as “state property” [FJ 12/14].

Other Countries: UN General Assembly calls for Palestine state (127 to 2, 20 abst.), reaffirms 1947 UN partition plan (131 to 3, 15 abst.), calls for int'l peace conference (121 to 3, 23 abst.) [FJ 12/14].

December 12

Military Action
Arab World: RPG fired at IDF convoy, shots fired at SLA vehicle near Tyre, S. Lebanon; mine explodes near convoy in Jibsheet, S. Lebanon; no injuries [JP 12/13].

December 13

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Occupation officials indicate 71% real tax increase (over prior period) from Arab residents in W. Bank [JP 12/13].

Military Action
Arab World: 2 injured in attack on IDF convoy near Tyre, S. Lebanon; IDF stages raid in 8 Shi'ite villages east of Tyre; 50 detained, 3 killed [WP 12/14, JTA 12/14].

December 14

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: DM Rabin rejects W. Bank elections [JTA 12/17].

Other Countries: UN Gen. Assembly declares Israel violates Geneva Convention in administration of occupied Arab lands (99 to 18, 25 abst.) [TS 12/15].

Military Action:
Other Countries: Fateh captain Ismail Darwish assassinated in Rome; PLO blames Mossad [FJ 12/21].

December 15

Social/Economic/Political
Arab World: Muslims and Christians in S. Lebanon observe strike called by Nabih Berri to protest Israeli 12/3 raid on Shi'ite villages [PI 12/16].

December 16

Military Action
Arab World: IDF soldier killed on patrol near Nabatiya, S. Lebanon [JTA 12/18]. RPG fired at SLA checkpoint in Nabatiya [JP 12/18].

December 17

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: US State Dept. official Murphy arrives from Amman, meets with DM Rabin [JP 12/18].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Grenade thrown at bus injures 3 in Tel Aviv [NYT 12/18].

December 18

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Knesset votes to deny MK Kahane parliamentary immunity and freedom of movement [LAT 12/26]. Kahane later stopped by police from entering Arab town of Taibe [LAT 12/27]. After Police Min. Bar Lev refuses to ban march, several dozen Herut “Young Guards” converge on Iskal, village of MK Abd al-Wahab Darousha, to demand punishment for his attempt to attend PNC; villagers, Israeli activists form counter demonstration [JP 12/19]. WZO official says no new settlements will be built with-
out “clear decision,” funding by govt. [JP 12/19].

Arab World: Al-Qabas (Kuwait) reports US State Dept. official Murphy met with Palestinian “close to the PLO” during recent trip to Amman; urged “mutual recognition” between PLO, Israel as precondition for US recognition of PLO [JP 12/19].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Bomb defused opposite Israeli police HQ, E. Jerusalem [FJ 12/21].

Arab World: IDF arrests 21 villagers from Sarafand, 'Ain al-Hilweh, S. Lebanon. SLA position in Killa, S. Lebanon fired upon [JP 12/19].

December 19

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: W. Bank lawyers group announces intention to challenge extensive Israeli “Road Plan 50” before World Court; plan would expropriate 46,000 dunums, freeze development of further 78,000 [JP 12/20].


Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Press reports indicate Israeli security forces seize 6 Gaza residents with grenade, target list including US embassy [LAT 12/19].

Arab World: Toura, S. Lebanon villagers claim IDF killed woman, girl in raid previous week [MG 12/20].

December 20

Social/Economic/Political: Fire destroys 2 rooms in Nablus District court containing thousands of files, court documents dating from 1936; loss will make land ownership more difficult to prove; criminal files left intact; arson suspected [F 1/4].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Jerusalem Post reports 349 military actions, killing 5 Jews and wounding 108, occurred within Israel since 1/1/84 [JP 12/20].

Arab World: IDF outpost near Jezzine, S. Lebanon fired upon [JP 12/21]; Jerusalem Post reports 892 attacks against IDF in Lebanon since 1/1/84; 28 killed, 275 wounded [JP 12/20].

December 21

Social/Economic/Political
Arab World: Head of IDF team negotiating with Lebanese on Israeli withdrawal predicts chaos if talks fail and IDF unilaterally pulls out [JTA 12/24].

Other Countries: US State Dept. asserts US will not grant Israel $800 million in emergency aid until Israel adopts tougher economic austerity program [NYT 12/22].

Military Action
Arab World: Katyusha fired at IDF position near Zahrani River, S. Lebanon; no injuries. SLA patrol attacked near Sidon, S. Lebanon; no injuries reported [JP 12/23].

December 23

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Settlers’ council
leader Schneller says settlers will erect new settlements without govt. approval if necessary; announces intent to light Hanukka candles in Nablus [JP 12/24]. Attorney Hussein Abu Hussein released from 12/6 detention on bail [FJ 1/4].

Arab World: Chrmn. Arafat arrives in Amman to “strengthen Jordanian-Palestinian cooperation at all levels” [JP 12/24].

December 24

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli Supreme Court upholds military authorities’ 12/4 decision not to allow local elections in occupied territories [JTA 12/26]. PM Peres visits Bethlehem, attends Christmas reception hosted by Mayor Freij [1st visit to Bethlehem by an Israeli PM] [LAT 12/25]. Trial of Shimon Barda, member of plot to bomb al-Aqsa and other holy sites, begins in Jerusalem [JP 12/25].

Other Countries: Diplomatic sources indicate US and Israel close to agreement on establishment of Voice of America radio transmitter in Israel for broadcasts to USSR [WP 12/25].

Military Action
Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: bombs explode near IDF convoy south of Sidon; no injuries. Fire fight between resistance forces and SLA unit at Akiya Bridge, Litani River; RPGs fired at SLA roadblock near Nablitiya [JP 12/25].

December 25

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Ignoring request from DM Rabin, 5 Tehiya MPs light Hanukka candles in Nablus, IDF bars settlers from participating [JP 12/26]. PM Peres states US Sec. of State Shultz sent him letter seeking greater Israeli spending cuts [NYT 12/26].

Arab World: Chrmn. Arafat cancels meetings with Jordanian officials due to illness [NYT 12/25].

Military Action
Arab World: IDF enters ‘Ain al-Hilweh, arrest 12 after explosion outside building used by pro-Israel National Guards militia [JP 12/26].

December 26

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: In accordance with unity govt. policy to establish 5 or 6 new settlements by Sept. 1985, DM Rabin and Likud representatives agree on site in NW part of W. Bank but disagree on other sites [JP 12/27].

Military Action
Arab World: IDF kill 2 members of resistance during battle near Adousiya, S. Lebanon [JP 12/27].

December 27

Social/Economic/Political

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Shots fired, gasoline bomb thrown at Israeli vehicle near Hebron [JP 12/28].

Arab World: 3 IDF troops wounded by mine near Ansar village, S. Lebanon. IDF patrol fired upon near Adousiya, S. Lebanon; no injuries [JTA 12/28].
December 28

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Yuri Heller, leader of radical settler group, declares intent to build Jewish settlement in S. Lebanon; states S. Lebanon part of “Land of Israel” [TS 12/29]. W. Bank & Gaza teachers employed by UNRWA issue statement protesting planned UNRWA budget cuts including halt in salary increases [FJ 1/4].

Arab World: 2 youths reported arrested in Quneitra, Golan Hts., for displaying Palestinian, Syrian flags over public bldgs. on politically significant dates [JP 12/28]. Jordan sentences 15 W. Bank landowners to death in abstentia for land sales to Israelis [NYT 12/29]. Kuwait-based Independent Palestinian Committee for Comprehensive Natl. Talks, comprised of representatives of major PLO groups and independents, issues statement urging unity, rejecting creation of alternative PLO; calls on signatories to July 1984 Aden-Algiers agreement to abide by its articles [FJ 1/4].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli road workers fired upon near 'Aboud; one injured [JP 12/30].

December 29

Military Action

December 30

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Cmdr., IDF N. Command Orr states [contrary to statement made by former PM Begin in June 1982] “no one can guarantee that no Katyushas will fall on Galilee” [JP 12/31].

Military Action
Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: witnesses state IDF kill 11-year old George Attallah in Sidon after fired upon by RPG; 2 other boys reported injured [TS 12/31]. Israel Radio reports SLA kills youth, injures 2nd, when they allegedly failed to stop at SLA checkpoint near Sidon [JP 12/31]. 2 IDF troops wounded as convoy fired upon near Saksakiya [JTA 12/31]. IDF report position attacked by Katyusha near Kaft Mashki; SLA force near Nabatiya fired upon; no injuries [JP 12/30].

December 31

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: World Zionist Organization Settlement Committee Chrmn. Zvili states W. Bank settlements have debts of $75 million, that 350 dwellings within settlements are empty and more than 40 settlements are inhabited by less than 30 families each [JP 1/1]. Beersheba Deputy Mayor Avivi states city will not return local mosque [turned into a museum in 1948] to Muslim population [JP 1/1].

January 1

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Jerusalem Post reports Sakhnin residents received letters from Kach movement demanding they leave Israel “of their own free will” or face leaving “against their will” [JP 1/1]. Def. Ministry offers to allow burial of Fahd Qawasmeh [assassinated 12/29 in Amman] in W. Bank if 4 Israelis missing in Lebanon are repatriated [NYT 1/2]. IDF arrest 12 during mock funeral for Qawasmeh in Hebron [TS 1/2].
Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: On 20th anniversary of founding of Fateh, bomb explodes near Jaffa Gate; police defuse bomb near Jerusalem City Hall; grenade thrown at Israeli vehicle in Gaza [JTA 1/2].

Arab World: Bomb explodes near IDF patrol in Sidon, S. Lebanon; 2 civilians injured. Shots fired at IDF patrol near Adousiya, SLA patrol near Jibsheat, S. Lebanon [JP 1/2].

January 2

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: WAFA reports Katyushas hit Metulla, Kiryat Shemona [JP 1/3, FBIS 1/3, FJ 1/4].

Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: bomb explodes as IDF patrol passes near Kafr Shabriha; 4 injured. IDF armored patrol hits mine near Lala; 1 wounded. Bomb explodes near IDF convoy in Sarafand area; no injuries [JP 1/3].

January 3

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Supreme Court sentences settler Noam Yinon to 28 mos. term for transporting stolen IDF mines to anti-Arab underground group [WP 1/4]. DM Rabin concurs with Gen. Orr’s 12/30 statement that Katyusha attacks on N. Israel possible; notes 14 such attempts since 6/82 [JP 1/4].

Arab World: Chrmn. Arafat meets with King Hussein in Amman [NYT 1/6].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Border Police near Bethlehem U. fire at group of young people who allegedly failed to stop at roadblock; one injured [JP 1/4].

Arab World: SLA officer killed, 2nd soldier wounded, in gun battle near Burj Rahhal, S. Lebanon. IDF convoy fired upon near Ansariya, S. Lebanon; no injuries [JP 1/4].

January 4

Military Action
Arab World: Katyusha fired at IDF position, Zahra, S. Lebanon; no casualties reported [FJ 1/11].

January 5

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Pres. Mubarak meets King Hussein in Aqaba, discusses Palestinian issues [WP 1/6]. Pres. Assad denounces Arafat, Hussein before Baath Party congress in Damascus; states Syria will lead “the Palestinian struggle henceforth” [WP 1/6, JP 1/6]. PLO issues statement in Aden condemning Sudanese cooperation with Israel in airlifting Ethiopian Jews from Sudanese refugee camps into Israel [FJ 1/11].

Military Action
Arab World: IDF kill Syrian soldier who crossed Golan Hts. cease fire line, and fired upon IDF vehicle; IDF state Syrian may have been deranged [JP 1/6]. 2 Katyushas fired at IDF positions, S. Lebanon; locations not reported [FJ 1/11].

January 6

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF approve application [submitted 1/81] for new hospital in Hebron [FJ 2/15].

Arab World: Several Golan Druze leaders give up Israeli citizenship to avoid social and religious ban in community [JP 1/6]. PLO Exec. Com. member 'Abd al-Rahim Ahmad meets with Jordanian officials to
discuss possible common front for peace talks [TS 1/8].

Military Action

Arab World: IDF reports following activity in S. Lebanon: 2 Katyushas fired at IDF post near Lake Karoun, 1 near Nabatiya; no injuries. SLA soldier wounded near Sohmor. SLA roadblock fired on near Tyre; none injured. Explosives found near patrol routes in Lake Karoun vicinity; similar devices located in Sidon [JP 1/6].

January 7

Social/Economic/Political

Arab World: PLO Exec. Com. member 'Abd al-Rahim Ahmad states Syria has sent trained assassins to Europe, Middle East, Asia to kill moderate PLO leaders [MG 1/8].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Gasoline bomb thrown at IDF vehicle in Nablus; no injuries [JP 1/8]. Several dwellings damaged in Dheisheh camp as Village League members raid camp, throw gasoline bombs, rocks; group attacks homes of journalists Hassan 'Abd al-Jawwad (Bethlehem Press Office), Hamdi Farraj (al Mithaq) and others [FJ 1/11, 1/18].


January 9

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Bir Zeit U. officials hold press conference in Jerusalem, release findings of investigation into 11/21 killing of student Sharif Taibe by IDF; report cites deliberate firing into crowd without prior warning shots [NYT 1/10].

IDF Gen. Ya'ari states more than 40 Palestinians joined IDF in 1984 [JP 1/10].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF jeep destroys more than 105 olive trees in al-Mill (Area 9) near Sakhir and 'Arrabeh [FJ 2/1].

Arab World: Israeli planes bomb Mar Elias, Lebanon base of Abu Musa fighters; also hit al-Marj, Lebanon base used by Popular Struggle Front; no reported injuries [NYT 1/10].

January 10

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Govt. approves sites for 6 new settlements in W. Bank; Labor-Likud committee, previously unable to agree on all sites (12/26), decides on 2 sites in N. portion of W. Bank (Migdalim, Anei Heftez), 1 near Hebron (Asael), 1 near Jerusalem (Neot Adamim), 1 in Jordan Valley (Pele) and 1 in Gush Etzion (Betar, alternatively called Tzoref); financing not yet approved [NYT 1/11, JP 1/11]. Jerusalem Post reports PM Peres, Min. Weisman agree on need to reform Israel's policy towards Palestinians within Israel [JP 10/10]. Palestinian and Israeli artists open anti-occupation exhibit in Tel Aviv [FJ 1/18].

Military Action

Arab World: 5 IDF troops wounded when bomb explodes as patrol passes near al-Daloun, S. Lebanon [JP 1/11].

January 11

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Hundreds of Palestinians, including Bethlehem mayor Freij, receive letters from MK Kahane stating: "Leave—or face catastrophe" [FJ 1/11]. Female political prisoners at Neve
Tertza prison placed in solitary confinement for continuing their strike [F] 1/11.

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Gasoline bomb thrown at IDF patrol in Gaza; no injuries [JP 1/13]. Village League members attack Ata Manna’, head of Dheisheh Voluntary Works Committee, in Bethlehem; Border Guards fail to intervene; over 400 Dheisheh residents later destroy home of Village League leader Yassin Jabber, injuring him [F] 1/18, GU 2/6].

January 12

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Police arrest 22 Village League members in connection with recent attacks (11/2, 1/7, 1/11) against Dheisheh residents, institutions [F] 1/18].

January 13

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF close one entrance to Dheisheh camp citing stone throwing incidents; reopen another entrance previously closed [JP 1/14, F] 1/18]. In attempt to expand settlements into downtown Nablus, yeshiva students sleep overnight near Joseph’s Tomb in violation of military order [F] 1/18]. Yona Avrushmi sentenced to life imprisonment for 1983 killing of Peace Now activist Emil Grunzweig [JP 1/14].

Other Countries: Diplomatic sources indicate US, USSR to meet for discussions on Middle East; no date set [NYT 1/14, CSM 1/14].

January 14

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Cabinet approves 3-stage withdrawal from Lebanon, beginning within 5 wks. and to be completed within 6–9 mos.; DM Rabin states withdrawal not contingent upon coordination with UN, Lebanese [NYT 1/15, WP 1/15]. After receiving threats to leave, Upper Nazareth resident Awni Hanna Roak assaulted outside his home, located in building housing Kach movement election HQ’s [F] 1/25].

Arab World: Chrmn. Arafat charges Israel settling Ethiopian Jews on land from which Palestinians have been expelled [GU 2/6].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Settlers from Hinanit shoot and injure Palestinian from al-Araka [JP 1/15].

Arab World: 2 IDF troops, including a captain, killed in bombing near al-Ghazi, S. Lebanon; colonel, 6 other Israelis wounded [NYT 1/18, JP 1/15].

January 15

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Thousands of Israelis from poor Tel Aviv neighborhoods demonstrate outside Knesset protesting 1/10 decision to build new settlements while failing to assist urban poor [MEI 1/25].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Katyusha fired into N. Israel from Jordan; no damage or injuries [LAT 1/17].

January 16

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Inmates at Jnaid prison (Nablus) demonstrate against attempted housing of 26 alleged Muslim Brotherhood prisoners; IDF, Border Police, prison guards use tear gas to suppress
inmates [JP 1/17, F] 1/18]. Over 2,000 E.
Jerusalem merchants return their munici-
pal tax bills to protest 670% increase in
taxes [F] 1/18.

Other Countries: White House spokesman
Sims confirms US, USSR agree in prin-
ciple to meet together on Middle East [see
1/13] sometime in the future [WP 1/17].
New York jury in Sharon libel case (11/12)
determines that Time magazine defamed
Sharon in 1982 article on Sabra-Shatila; 
must yet decide on 2 other points [NYT 1/
17].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Katyusha fired
from Jordan lands in Jordan Valley; no
injuries or damage. DM Rabin warns Jor-
dan to stop such attacks or else Israel will
[JP 1/17].

Arab World: Gasoline bomb thrown at
Israeli television team, IDF escort in
Sidon, S. Lebanon; no injuries [JP 1/17].
S. Lebanon Civil Guard wounded by gunfire in Nabatiya [JP 1/17].

January 17 _______________________

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Fight breaks out
between Palestinian and Jewish students at
Haifa U. during speech by MK Eitan; no
arrests [JP 1/18]. Military court acquits 3
IDF sergeants of charges they mistreated 3
Palestinian political prisoners in al-Fara’a
prison between March and June of 1984 [F]
1/25].

Other Countries: US State Dept. officials
assert Israel settling Ethiopian Jews in
Kiryat Arba, W. Bank [NYT 1/18].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Colonel wounded
1/14 near al-Ghazi, S. Lebanon, dies of
wounds [JP 1/18].

January 18 _______________________

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF N. Com-
mand Cmdr. Orr predicts commandos will
attempt return to S. Lebanon after IDF
withdrawal [JP 1/20].

Other Countries: New York jury declares
Time magazine article on Ariel Sharon
(11/12) false; still debates 3rd point [NYT
1/19].

Military Action
Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: 3 IDF
troops wounded in bomb explosion near
Jwaiyeh. Katyusha fired on IDF position
near Jib Jinnine. IDF patrol attacked with
RPGs as it passes over Qasimiya Bridge.
RPGs destroy IDF jeep on coastal road
south of Zahrani River. SLA soldier
wounded by gunshots near Nabatiya [F]
1/25]. Near Qlai’ah (3 km. N. of Metulla),
IDF discover 2 Katyusha rockets, launchers
[JP 1/20].

January 19 _______________________

Military Action
Arab World: Shots fired at IDF HQ, Tyre,
S. Lebanon; no injuries [JP 1/20].

January 20 _______________________

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Proposed state
budget denominated in US dollars instead
of shekels for 1st time [JP 1/21]. 1 Leba-
nese, 5 Galilee Palestinians convicted on
terrorist charges in Haifa; group arrested in
August 1983 on charges of plotting to blow
up Shalom Tower in Tel Aviv as agents of
PFLP-GC [JP 1/21].

Arab World: IDF begin first of 3-stage
withdrawal from Lebanon as vehicles leave
Sidon area; no troops scheduled to leave
until 2/18 [JP 1/21].
Other Countries: US intelligence sources indicate Libyan leader Qadhafi has created pro-Libyan commando group, "Palestinian Arab Revolution Committees," in Beqaa Valley [NWK 1/21].

Military Action
Arab World: According to IDF sources, S. Lebanon resistance carried out over 900 attacks against IDF during 1984 [NYTM 1/20].

January 21

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Egyptian Chargé d'Affaires presents $10,000 to Jaffa Waaf Administration for Hassan Bek mosque renovation after Israeli govt., Tel Aviv municipality delay funding of reconstruction [JP 1/22]. Haifa U. files complaint against Arab Students Committee after 1/17 fight between Jews and Palestinians during speech by MK Eitan; students maintain they only protested Eitan's racist statements [JP 1/22]. IDF, Border Police confiscate over 200 dunums of land in Gaza Valley [F 1/25].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Defense sources indicate 610 IDF combat deaths in Lebanon since 6/82; 376 killed in Israel during same period from training & road accidents, suicide, etc. [JP 1/21].

January 22

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Min. for Religious Affairs Burg announces opening of Islamic court in Jerusalem [JP 1/23]. IDF announce expropriation of 2,000 dunums of land north of al-Samu; land belongs to al-Zhur, al-Baisat and Abu 'Ali tribes from neighboring village of Yatta [F 2/1].

January 23

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Haifa District Court sentences members of PFLP-GC group convicted (1/20) for attempted bombing of Shalom Tower, Tel Aviv to terms ranging from 9–20 yrs. [JP 1/24]. Kach, Tehiya supporters disrupt meeting featuring MK Muhammad Mi'ari, harass him afterwards [F 2/1]. IDF destroy 40 dunums of grapevines in Gaza Zaytin bloc; part of steps [see 1/21] to expropriate 5,000 dunums of land south of Gaza city [F 2/15].

Arab World: Jordanian parliament amends passport law; Jordanian passport holders seeking to renew passports from abroad now must have applications sent to Amman for screening; authorities there will decide on approval, may require recall of applicant to Jordan; aimed at politically-active individuals, especially on W. Bank [F 1/25].

Military Action
Arab World: SLA officer dies in booby-trapped car, Kafr Hula, S. Lebanon [JP 1/25].

January 24

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Manufacturers, govt. and Histadrut union agree on 8-mo. proposal to cut wages, subsidies [JP 1/25, LAT 1/26]. Over 600 Ethiopian Jews airlifted to Israel have been drafted into IDF; plans indicate induction of additional 2,000, creation of Ethiopian battalion in W. Bank [DW 1/24].

Other Countries: New York jury clears Time magazine of libeling Ariel Sharon in controversial article (11/12), but criticizes Time's reporting; previously ruled that ar-
January 26

Military Action

January 27

Social/Economic/Political

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli bus attacked near Qalqiliya; no injuries [F] 2/1, JWP 2/8.

Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: IDF convoy attacked near al-Buliya. Shots fired at IDF position, bomb explodes near IDF convoy near Tyre [JP 1/28]. RPGs, shots fired at SLA position in Sidon [JTA 1/29].

January 28

Social/Economic/Political
Other Countries: US Sec. of State Shultz assures visiting DM Rabin of US opposition to intl. conference on Middle East under UN auspices or with participation of USSR [JP 1/29].
Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: 3 settlers injured when their bus is stoned near Halhoul; authorities detain 1 Halhoul resident [FJ 2/1]. Nature Reserve Authority (Green Patrol) officials drive onto olive orchards in al-Mill (Area 9), destroy more than 140 trees; land was scene of recent (1/9, 1/25, 1/27) incidents [FJ 2/1].

Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: fighting breaks out between commandos and collaborators in 'Ain al-Hilweh. Reports indicate IDF kill 7-yr.-old Hawra Hadrang when troops at checkpoint open fire on car in Sidon [LT 1/29]. Mine wounds 3 IDF troops near Marjayoun. 2 IDF personnel injured as bomb explodes near convoy over Qasimiya Bridge [JTA 1/29]. Bomb explodes in Burj al-Shamali as IDF patrol passes; no injuries. Explosion occurs near SLA patrol in Deir Qanun, shots fired at SLA patrol in Sidon; no injuries. Katyusha launched at IDF position, undisclosed location; no injuries [JP 1/29].

January 30

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: For. Ministry official Kimche calls together foreign ambassadors, warns them of danger of massacres in wake of IDF withdrawal from Lebanon [PI 1/31]. Ha'aretz publishes findings of Haifa U. study among Israeli school-children indicating "kidnapper, murder, terrorist, criminal" 4 words most immediately associated with Arabs [LT 1/31]. IDF remove fence erected by settlers on Tal Rumeida [JP 1/31].

Other Countries: Geneva-based Intl. Commission of Jurists charges IDF with mistreatment of prisoners at al-Fara'a prison near Nablus; DM Rabin, in Washington, dismisses charges as "total nonsense" [WP 1/31]. White House announces Pres. Reagan will recommend $1.8 billion next year in military grants for Israel, increase of $400 million [WSJ 1/31]; also announces freeze on new arms sales to Middle East pending review of relationship between US arms sales and regional stability [NYT 1/31].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: 2 Israelis

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wounded as bus fired upon near Bethlehem [WP 1/31, 2/3].

January 31

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Central Bureau of Statistics announces Arab residents now outnumber Jews in Galilee district [1st time since 1948] [JW 2/1]. W. Bank settlers threaten vigilante action unless security forces half attacks on settlers [NYT 2/3]. Local councils of Sakhnin, 'Arrabeh, Deir Hanna strike to protest recent attempts to seize agricultural land in al-Mill (Area 9) [F] 2/1].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Settler injured 1/25 by gasoline bomb dies of wounds [JP 2/1]. Similar bomb thrown at Nablus office of Bank Leumi; no injuries [JP 2/1]. Military court in Ramallah sentences 2 teenagers to 7 and 8-year prison sentences respectively for throwing gasoline bombs last October; no damage or injuries had occurred [LAT 2/9].

Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: reports indicate pro-Syrian Palestinian commandos entering Kharrour region near Sidon, preparing to enter refugee camps subsequent to IDF withdrawal [PI 1/31]. Anti-tank missile fired at IDF liaison unit HQ in Nabatiya; no injuries. Bomb explodes near Border Police patrol in vicinity of al-Qalila [JP 2/1].

February 1

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Cabinet mbr. Arens states recent PLO-Jordan rapprochement to blame for increase in commando attacks launched from Jordan; cites no evidence [JP 2/3].

Other Countries: In Washington, DM Rabin states Syria gained “upper hand” in Lebanon war, Shi’ite “terrorism” carries greater threat than former PLO presence [JP 2/3].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Citing recent attacks upon settlers, Police, IDF raid Dheisheh camp, nearby villages; arrest 14 residents, beat relatives of other absent individuals whom they sought [NYT 2/3, MG 2/6, F] 2/8]. Gasoline bomb thrown at Israeli bus near Tulkarm; no injuries [JP 2/3].

February 2

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Sakhnin local council decides to replant olive trees destroyed recently by authorities [F] 2/8].

February 3

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Settlers erect over 12 roadblocks in W. Bank, demand stricter security measures. Cabinet declares “no compromise” in efforts to protect all residents of W. Bank [WP 2/4]. Settlers destroy 23 almond trees on Tal Rumeida hill in Hebron [where Jews have been trying to illegally settle] [JP 2/4]. Haaretz releases poll indicating 51.7% of Israelis questioned were opposed to building of new settlements [CSM 2/5].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: 12 more Dheisheh residents detained by authorities; Dheisheh women demonstrate, protest arrests [WP 2/4, F] 2/8].

Arab World: RPG fired at SLA position in Burliya, S. Lebanon; no injuries. IDF defuse 3 bombs near Kamed al-Luz [JP 2/4].
February 4

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Gunman kills IDF soldier guarding local Interior Ministry office in Ramallah; curfew imposed on Ramallah, al-Bireh, al-Amari camp; lifted later after over 100 arrested; over 100 businesses and shops closed by IDF for failure to cooperate in search for gunman [NYT 2/5, TS 2/5, JTA 2/5, MG 2/6]. Rabbi Moshe Levinger [who has been holding a "protest vigil" outside Dheisheh camp for 3 mos.], Border Policeman enter Dheisheh camp, fire shots, after stones thrown at Levinger; IDF seals off camp, detains several youths [WP 2/5, LT 2/5]. Levinger later joined by several right-wing MK’s [JTA 2/5].

Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: 2 IDF troops wounded in bomb explosion near Qlai’eh. Bombing near Jwaiyeh injures IDF soldier. Roadside bomb wounds IDF soldier north of Tyre [WP 2/5].

February 5

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: DM Rabin promises increased security patrols in W. Bank following recent resistance activity. 10-member “inner cabinet” meets, discusses W. Bank security situation [JP 2/7]. PM Peres tells cabinet Israel should reconsider granting autonomy to Gaza [F] 2/15]. Cabinet min. Weizman apologizes to Sakhnin local council for recent destruction of olive trees in al-Mill (Area 9); sets up committee to study matter of ownership [F] 2/8].

Arab World: Nabih Berri states his ministry will pay salaries of fighters resisting IDF in S. Lebanon [BG 2/7].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Severalstoning incidents occur in W. Bank, including stones thrown at IDF truck near al-Amari camp; overnight curfew imposed [JP 2/7, F] 2/15]. IDF ambulance stoned in Hebron; 9 shops, gasoline station closed, owners detained [JP 2/8, LT 2/9]. Rabbi Levinger [in 3rd month of “protest” outside Dheisheh camp] enters camp, fires shots after stones thrown at him; IDF escorts him out [JP 2/7].

Arab World: IDF raid villages of Burj al-
Shamali, Ma'arakah, S. Lebanon; arrest at least 15 [NYT, LAT 2/7].

February 7

Social/Economic/Political

Arab World: Responding to call from Nabih Berri, strike observed in Sidon, Tyre, Nabatiya and Shi'ite villages protesting 2/6 IDF raid, arrests [JP 2/8].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli taxi driver injured by stone near Dheisheh camp; curfew imposed on southern part of camp [JP 2/8]. Certain shops in Hebron and al-Bireh closed in response to stone-throwing incidents [FT 2/8].

Arab World: Bomb explodes near SLA unit in vicinity of Qlai'eh, S. Lebanon; no injuries. Grenade thrown at SLA base near Sidon; no injuries [JP 2/8].

February 8

Social/Economic/Political

Military Action
Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: SLA base fired upon near Tyre; no injuries. RPG, shots directed at IDF outposts in Rashidieh, Ansar; no injuries. One SLA soldier injured by roadside bomb, unreported location [JP 2/10].

February 9

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Memorial gathering held in Nazareth on 40th day after Fahd Qawasmeh's assassination without participation of W. Bank notables who received prior warnings from IDF (2/8) not to attend [JP 2/10]. Meron Benvenisti's W. Bank Data Project indicates 42,500 settlers on W. Bank, higher figure than previously thought [NYT 2/10]. Dheisheh women's committees hold sit-in at UNRWA HQ in camp protesting recent IDF, settlers actions [F] 2/15.

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF erect road-blocks throughout W. Bank to prevent W. Bank notables from attending Qawasmeh memorial gathering in Nazareth [JP 2/10].

February 10

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israelis, al-Fara'a refugee camp residents protest outside al-Fara'a prison, demand release of Dheisheh residents detained there after 2/1 raid on camp [F] 2/15. Authorities ask 4 unnamed Palestinians to become mayors of cities whose mayors were previously expelled.
[BG 2/11]. IDF reopen al-Bireh high school [closed 2/7] [F] 2/15]. Interior Ministry forbids hajj to Mecca for Palestinians inside “Green Line” who are under 35, or who made hajj in the past [F] 2/22].

Other Countries: France agrees to US request not to sell 2 nuclear reactors to Israel [PM Peres indicated 12/9 Israel sought to buy such reactors] [LAT 2/11].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Gasoline bomb thrown at Israeli bus near al-Azariya; no injuries [JP 2/11].

Arab World: IDF jets attack DFLP base in Ta'llbaya, Lebanon; 2 injured [NYT 2/11]. IDF soldier injured 2/4 by roadside bomb near Tyre dies. 2 IDF soldiers killed by roadside bomb north of Israel-Lebanon border near Metulla. IDF convoy attacked north of Litani River, S. Lebanon; 1 killed, 3 wounded [WP 2/11]. RPG fired at IDF patrol near Burj al-Shemali camp, S. Lebanon; 1 wounded [JP 2/11]. IDF indicate prisoners held in Ansar prison will be transferred to new site either in Israel or portion of S. Lebanon held by the SLA when IDF withdraws [JP 2/11].

February 11

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Military court in Lydda sentences Haifa resident Ziad Tawfiq Ba'alul to 15-year sentence, father Tawfiq Mahmoud Ba'alul for 5-years, for smuggling arms from Lebanon to W. Bank in 1982 [JP 2/12].

Arab World: Meeting in Amman, Chrmn. Arafat, King Hussein reach “framework for common action” on Palestinian question; accord establishes joint delegation to intl. conference including all permanent mbrs. of UN Sec. Council; calls for “confederated states of Jordan and Palestine,” total Israeli withdrawal (including E. Jerusalem); affirms previous UN resolutions on Palestinian issue; does not explicitly mention Res. 242 [WP 2/12, NYT 2/13, 2/15, JP 2/14].

Other Countries: King Fahd, on visit to Washington, urges Pres. Reagan to become “more vigorously” involved in search for Middle Eastern peace [NYT 2/12].

Military Action
Arab World: IDF jets attack HQ post of Abu Musa fighters near Ta'llbaya, S. Lebanon; at least 4 injured [WP 2/12]. IDF soldier wounded by grenade attack on SLA post in Sidon, S. Lebanon. Katyusha fired at IDF post near Burj al-Shemali, S. Lebanon; no injuries [JP 2/12].

February 12

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Govt. gives no official response to news of 2/11 Arafat-Hussein accord, but PM Peres skeptical [JTA 2/13]. Tel Aviv contractor Avner Ehrlich urges Fed. of Contractors & Builders in Israel to boycott Dheisheh camp construction workers; refers to camp as “terror base” [JP 2/13]. 25 women prisoners at Neve Tertzta begin hunger strike for better conditions [F] 2/22].

Arab World: Arafat-Hussein agreement (2/11) condemned by DFLP, PFLP, Popular Struggle Front, al-Sa’iqa in Damascus. Chrmn. Arafat leaves Amman for Tunis to convene meeting of Fateh Central Committee [LAT 2/13].

Military Action
Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: IDF raid Toura; 1 villager killed, 2 wounded, 5 arrested [JP 2/13]. RPG’s, shots fired at IDF post near Ruman; 6 wounded. Gunfire wounds SLA officer at roadblock in Sila [JP
February 13

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF court in Nablus refuses bail for 6 of the Dheisheh camp residents arrested 2/1 and incarcerated in al-Fara’a prison [F] [2/15]. High Court forbids Israeli Yakir company from further building on disputed land in Bidya [F] [2/15].

Other Countries: US State Dept. report on human rights situation in Israel, Occupied Territories generally favorable [JP 2/14].

Military Action
Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: IDF kills 11 resistance fighters, captures 9 in firefight along the Awali River [NYT 2/15]. IDF raid Burj Rahhal after bomb explodes near convoy; 150 questioned, 60 detained; 1 man killed, another wounded; 3 homes, community center bulldozed; IDF, French UNIFIL troops engage in firefight as French try to stop demolition of homes [WP 2/15, LT 2/28]. IDF troops fire upon car of NBC news correspondent Bonnie Anderson at Awali River bridge near Sidon; no injuries [WP 2/15, NYT 2/27].

February 14

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Citizens’ Rights Movement presents report to DM Rabin citing discrimination in Occupied Territories, outlining proposals for improvement; cites as example of discrimination 4,000 phone lines in Kiryat Arba as opposed to 700 in Hebron [JP 2/14]. DM Rabin states no settlement will be erected on Tal Rumeida, Hebron; Cabinet Min. Ne’eman insists previous Likud govt. approved such proposed settlement [JP 2/15].

Arab World: Chrmn. Arafat leaves for Rumania. PLO Political Dept. Head Farouq Qaddoumi, Fateh second-in-command Salah Khalaf insist PLO set up own independent state, have sole right to represent Palestinians at any peace talks [WP 2/15]. DFLP, PFLP criticize Arafat-Hussein accord [JP 2/15]. Lebanese security forces indicate over 1,000 SLA members have deserted since Israel announced withdrawal plans [LAT 2/16].

February 15

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: 3,000 demonstrate in Nazareth in solidarity with Palestinians in occupied territories [F] [2/22].

Arab World: Fateh Deputy-in-command Khalil al-Wazir denies PLO has given “mandate to anyone” to speak on its behalf [WP 2/16]. UNIFIL cmdr. Gen. Callaghan strongly protests IDF’s 2/14 confrontation with French UN troops at Burj Rahhal, S. Lebanon [DT 2/16].

Other Countries: Gush Emunim movement, Israel Aliyah Center begin immigration drive in 5 US cities offering American Jews memberships in W. Bank settlements of Ariel, Elon Moreh, Kedumim and Kiryat Arba for $1,000 [JW 2/15].
Military Action
Arab World: IDF liaison office building fired upon, SLA patrol attacked in Nabatiya, S. Lebanon; no injuries [JTA 2/15].

February 16

Social/Economic/Political
Arab World: 6 mbrs. of the Progressive List for Peace, led by MK's Miari and Peled, meet with Chrmn. Arafat in Tunis [JP 2/11]. Attorney Gen. Zamir initiates investigation to determine if group can be prosecuted under Israeli law for meeting with an “enemy agent” [JP 2/12].

Military Action
Arab World: IDF withdraws from Sidon area, beginning first stage of pullout from S. Lebanon; Lebanese army quickly takes up positions in Sidon, 'Ain al-Hilweh, Mieh Mieh [NYT 2/17, PI 2/17].

February 17

Social/Economic/Political

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli bus burned by 4 masked men after stopping it south of Dura near Hebron [JP 2/19].

Arab World: IDF colonel killed, 2 SLA soldiers wounded during ambush in 'Arab Salim, S. Lebanon. IDF major killed by roadside bomb in al-Bazouriya, S. Lebanon [JP 2/19].

February 19

Social/Economic/Political
Arab World: PLO exec. committee endorses 2/11 Arafat-Hussein accord with changes: reiterates opposition to UN Sec. Council Resolution 242; reiterates that Palestinian-Jordanian federation can occur only after independent Palestinian state is formed; proposes PLO delegation to intl. peace conference as part of joint Arab

Dahaniya, Gaza strip until his deportation] [JP 2/18, F] 2/22].

Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: assassinations of collaborators continue in wake of Israeli withdrawal from Sidon area [NYT 2/18]. Roadside bomb kills IDF soldier, wounds 3, in al-Bazouriya [JP 2/18]. IDF soldier killed in ambush near Nabatiya [WP 2/19].
delegation to be formed after “complete Arab support” of plan is secured [DT 2/21].

Other Countries: US, USSR begin talks on Middle East in Vienna [WP 2/20]. UN Human Rights Commission condemns Israeli violations of human rights in occupied Arab territories [MG 2/20].

Military Action
Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: IDF soldier wounded by roadside bomb near Lake Karoun. IDF kill commando, arrest dozens, near 'Arab Salim bridge on the Zahran River [JP 2/20]. RPGs fired at IDF position near Ansar; no casualties. RPGs, shots directed at IDF position near Deir Qanun; no injuries [JTA 2/21].

February 20

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Defying censorship laws, Koteret Rashit reports Gen. Yitzhak Mordechai at center of inquiries into the 4/13 killing of 2 Gaza residents captured alive following a bus highjacking [MG 2/21]. Rabbi Moshe Levinger, more than 100 other settlers, confront 5 Palestinian women at Tal Rumeida, Hebron; IDF later closes area [FJ 2/22].

Other Countries: US, USSR end talks in Vienna on Middle East; no accord reached; US continues to reject suggestion for intl. conference, favoring direct talks instead [NYT 2/22].

Military Action
Arab World: IDF raid al-Bazouriya, S. Lebanon in wake of recent Israeli casualties in the area; 2 killed, 200 questioned [NYT, LAT 2/21]. IDF liaison office attacked in Nabatiya, S. Lebanon; no injuries [JTA 2/21].

February 21

Social/Economic/Political
Other Countries: France Pays Arabes publishes interview with dissident Palestinian leader Abu Nidal, previously thought to have died 10/20/84; reportedly now located in Beqaa Valley, he threatens to kill King Hussein [NYT 2/22].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Bomb thrown at old central bus station, Hebron; several arrested; no injuries. Bus stoned in Halhoul; IDF close stores in vicinity [JP 2/22].

Arab World: IDF, SLA raid Teir Dibba, Deir Qanun al-Nahr, Yanuh, Zrariya, 'Arab Salim, Burj Rahhal, S. Lebanon; 3 killed, over 50 arrested; 12 homes demolished; 38 'Arab Salim residents deported from S. Lebanon [NYT, WP, PI, JP 2/22]. 2 Katyushas fired into Golan Heights; no casualties [PI 2/22].

February 22

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Gasoline bomb thrown at tourist bus, Hebron; no injuries; 24-hr. curfew imposed on market area [JP 2/24]. Police defuse bomb near St. Stephen's Gate, E. Jerusalem [JP 2/24].

Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: woman wounded in 2/21 IDF raid on S. Lebanon villages, dies; 'Arab Salim man detained 2/21, kept outdoors, dies of exposure. 2 wounded as IDF fire on car at checkpoint, undisclosed location. IDF wound journalist Fadi al-Bardan, 2 children, in shooting east of Tyre. Bomb explodes under IDF vehicle north of Tyre; 2 wounded [NYT 2/23]. IDF kill man near Deir Mimas, after shots fired [LAT 2/23].
February 23

Social/Economic/Political
Arab World: Jordan officially releases text of 2/11 Arafat-Hussein accord; Acting Information Minister Taher Hikmat asserts PLO thereby accepts UN Sec. Council Resolution 242; in contrast to PLO central committee [2/20], Jordanian text states “joint delegation” means joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation [WP 2/24]. Lebanese PM Karami condemns 2/23 IDF raids in S. Lebanon [NYT 2/24].

Military Action

February 24

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: PM Peres willing to meet with joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegation [as suggested today by Pres. Mubarak] as long as it does not include PLO members [NYT 2/26].

Arab World: Pres. Mubarak urges the Reagan administration to invite Israel, joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegation to US for groundwork peace talks; states he would attend; offers to host such meeting in Cairo; intl. conference thereafter could be last stage [NYT 2/25]. Syria condemns 2/11 Arafat-Hussein accord [WP 2/25].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: 30 stores closed in Hebron in response to 2/22 attack on bus [JP 2/25].


February 25

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Doubts continue as to cost-effectiveness of proposed Lavi fighter plane; DM Rabin orders reassessment [JP 2/26].

Arab World: PLO Political Dept. head Farouq Qaddoumi insists Jordan must accept qualifications of 2/11 Arafat-Hussein accord explained 2/19 by PLO exec. committee [WP 2/27].

Other Countries: Reagan Administration “encouraged” by renewed efforts at negotiations, but refrains from involvement until greater “agreement among the parties” exists [PI 2/26].

Military Action
Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: Katyusha fired at IDF post near Qasmiya. IDF patrol in Tyre attacked. No casualties in either attacks. IDF searches Harouf, Shabriha [JP 2/26].
February 26

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Osama al-Baz, top aide to Pres. Mubarak, meets with PM Peres, DM Rabin, Cabinet mbrs. Arens and Weizman; discusses Pres. Mubarak’s 2/24 peace proposals [WP 2/27]. DM Rabin provokes diplomatic incident by referring to French UNIFIL troops as “bastards” [following several incidents in S. Lebanon in which French UN troops have confronted IDF troops conducting raids on villages] [WP, LT 2/28].

Military Action
Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: Lebanese army unit fires on IDF unit after it crossed new cease fire line near Kawthari-yat al-Siyad [WP 2/28]. IDF raid Jibshet; 2 homes destroyed, several arrested [LAT 2/28].

February 27

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Peres “welcomes” Pres. Mubarak’s 2/24 peace proposals “without any qualifications” [NYT 2/28].

February 28

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Palestinians, Israelis throw stones at MK Kahane at demonstration at Hebrew U.; Kahane injured; 14 arrested [WP 3/1].

Arab World: Referring to Pres. Mubarak’s 2/24 peace proposals, PLO reiterates need for int’l. conference as “proper framework” for peace talks; PLO must be included, along with all 5 permanent members of UN Sec. Council [NYT 3/1].

Other Countries: Lebanon urges UN Sec. Council to condemn Israel for “inhuman military operations” in S. Lebanon; no action taken [NYT 3/1].

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