Palestine Chronology, March 1 to May 15, 1984

This section forms part two 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, 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 20026).
Thursday, March 1  __________________

Social/Economic/Political:

Arab World: IDF lifts 2-day curfew on Arab Salim village in S. Lebanon after 2 Israelis killed in ambush (2/28/84).

Other Countries: USSR withdraws support from French proposal for UN force in Lebanon. Canadian MP Watson rejects Jewish community’s protest at his mtg. with Chrmn. Arafat on recent Middle East tour. Int’l. Olympic Com. pres. Samaranch pledges to try to satisfy Israel’s request to be included with European sports groupings. Int’l. Labor Org. votes to admit Israel to its Asian Regional Conference. US Senate Foreign Rel. Com. begins hearings on Sen. Moynihan’s bill to transfer US embassy in Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. After attending brother’s funeral, Israeli DM Arens meets with US Sec. of State Shultz to stress “common goals” and need for closer cooperation in Lebanon.

Friday, March 2  __________________

Social/Economic/Political:
Other Countries: Norwegian gov’t. grants NKr 6 million to Red Cross for work in Lebanon. Lebanon’s amb. to US Bouhatib says Reagan admin. damaged US credibility in Middle East by inadequate support of Gemayel gov’t.

Saturday, March 3  __________________

Social/Economic/Political:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Grave of Christian, Nazi camp survivor Teresa Angelovitch (buried in Jewish cemetery with Jewish husband) robbed by Jewish extremists, body deposited in Muslim cemetery near Ramle. Deposed Gaza mayor Shawwa speaks to Labor Party conference in Jerusalem, endorses Hussein-Arafat talks as positive step toward ending Israeli occupation.

Sunday, March 4  __________________

Social/Economic/Political:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli Cabinet approves “secret instructions” to deal with 42 West Bankers who met recently with Arafat in Amman; Cabinet Sec. Meridor maintains instructions consistent with govt. policy prohibiting mtgs. between residents of territories and “terrorist leaders.” [Israeli leftists meeting Arafat not to be prosecuted; Meridor affirms that laws applying to residents of occupied territories are different.] Gush Etzion Regional Council initiates new settlement Eruvin (near Ain Arube and Arube refugee camp); Palestinian residents protest over 6 dunums of their land expropriated for road to settlement.

Military Action:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Masked Israeli men ambush bus carrying 60 laborers and students from al-Mizra’a al-Sharqia to Jerusalem, injuring 7; Shlomo Ben-Yosef Brigade of “TNT” claims responsibility.

Arab World: 15 IDF soldiers wounded, 1 Lebanese civilian killed in explosions at Sidon port; IDF closes area. 4 Israelis wounded in bazooka attack on personnel carrier at Baalul near Karoun Lake.
Monday, March 5

Social/Economic/Political:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: 2 Galilee youths released after arrest (2/29/84) for hoisting Palestinian flag on anniversary of Sabra & Shatila massacres; in court, defendants describe torture used on them; suit filed against interrogators. MK Sarid submits letter of protest over MK Sharon's violation of Knesset "code of ethics" by accepting money for US lecture tour. [Sharon appealed for dispensation on grounds he is suing Time magazine for reporting his connection with Sabra & Shatila massacres.] PM Shamir denies charges by Sharon that his govt.'s is bowing to US pressure to impede settlement drive. MKs Zakin (Mapam) and Aloni (CRM) urge PM Shamir to declare "TNT" a terrorist organization. [1948 Prevention of Terrorism Ordinance would then allow security agencies to fight Jewish terrorism.] After 3 years, Bani Zad village resumes relation with "civil administration" upon promise of IS10 million grant for civic improvements. 8 Palestinians arraigned in military court for murder of Kiryat Arba squatter Aharon Gross (7/7/83); 5 plead not guilty, 1 claims self-defense. 7 West Bank squatters and 2 from Green Line, all of US origin and followers of Meir Kahane, arrested for bombing attempt on al-Aqsa Mosque and shooting attack on Arab bus (3/4/84); news blackout on investigations imposed.

Arab World: Gemayel abrogates US-sponsored May 17 agreement with Israel. Israel protests Egypt's permitting Palestinian conference in Cairo later this month; complains conference will provide opportunity for "anti-Israeli propaganda."

Other Countries: European Community Commission Pres. Thorn says Egypt urging Europeans to press US to deal with PLO.

Military Action:
Arab World: Israelis bomb alleged PLO positions in 2 raids on Aley, Lebanon.

Tuesday, March 6

Social/Economic/Political:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: 21 women inmates begin new hunger strike to protest rights violations at Neve Tatza prison.

Arab World: Gemayel announces plan to meet opposition representatives at Lausanne. Syrian cabinet resigns at Pres. Assad's request.

Other Countries: From Brussels, Spain's PM Felipe Gonzalez Marquez expresses interest in diplomatic relations with Israel, and hope it might contribute to peaceful solution in Middle East; reveals that, on recent visit to Riyadh, Saudi govt.'s applied no pressure not to recognize Israel. US Federal Communications Commission rejects petition by "Americans for a Safe Israel" to deny license renewal of 7 NBC stations in New England for "distorting" news of Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

Military Action:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Bullet-filled petrol bomb thrown at Israeli patrol near Ramallah; no injuries. Petrol bomb thrown at home of Kalandiya village mukhtar. 1 passenger slightly wounded on Egged bus stoned near Eizariya near Jerusalem.

Arab World: Lebanese man shot dead by IDF invaders, forcing way into Qana, S. Lebanon [HQ of Fijian UNIFIL battalion] amidst villager's protests. Israeli DM Arens inspects Sidon harbor area. IDF convoy carrying MK Sharon ambushed near Sidon; Sharon narrowly escapes injury as remote control device explodes.
Wednesday, March 7

Social/Economic/Political:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Police discover huge cache of weapons, including 107 grenades, 80 loaded magazines, mines, anti-tank bazooka shells and several dozen kilos of explosives in evacuated Palestinian village of Lifta near Jerusalem; suspected to be linked with "TNT" cells. MK Tsaban's motion to establish a committee of inquiry into the invasion of Lebanon defeated in Knesset vote (42-33). PM Shamir accuses Egypt of "retreating from the Camp David framework," citing Egypt's failure to return its ambassador to Israel. MK Rabin says PLO operations against Israel were "child's play" compared to Shi'ite "terror" against IDF in S. Lebanon. Chief of Staff Levy tells Foreign Affairs & Defense Com. 2,000 [Palestinian] "terrorists" have returned to Beirut, and IDF withdrawal from S. Lebanon would not guarantee Israel secure borders. 4 American-Israeli youths arrested for last Sunday's attack on Arab bus near Ramallah. 5 Galilee Palestinians arrested on prima facie evidence of membership in religious-nationalist organization that may have set fire to 30 vehicles in recent months. Nablus mayor Shaka'a rejects military authorities' conditions placed on his travel permit to US.

Other Countries: US amb. to OAS Middendorf affirms US and Israel have mutual strategic interests in Central America where a battle is being waged by "atheistic Communism to destroy our 'Judeo-Christian civilization'." "Moral Majority" leader Jerry Falwell reaffirms support for Israel before group at Herzl Institute, NY, stating Israel's best friends in US are "Bible-believing Christians" and US should not have interrupted Israel's "liberation" of Lebanon from Syrian and PLO "slavery." Rev. Jesse Jackson's US presidential campaign staff compile evidence of "hounding" by some Jewish-American organizations.

Military Action:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: 3 Israelis killed and 9 wounded in booby-trapped bomb explosion on bus near Ashdod; Abu Nidal's PFLP-GC in Damascus claims responsibility; 150 Arab men rounded up as suspects.

Thursday, March 8

Social/Economic/Political:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: International Women's Day celebrations held in Palestinian towns, largest of which sponsored by Women's Work Com. in Jerusalem. Israeli military blockade refuses women access to Jerusalem. 9-mo. hunger strike at Neve Tzara women's prison ends with some rights restored to inmates. In Knesset State Control Com. hearings, West Bank leaders Raja Shehadeh, Muhammad Nasser and Beit Jala mayor al-Araj accuse West Bank court system of corruption, citing hampering of legal process, confiscation of files, arbitrary transfer of cases, and Israeli officials' lying to High Court of Justice. Supreme Court reduces Kach settlers' sentence from 39 to 30 mos. for firing on passing car driven by Yatta village resident. Leaders of segregationist MENA organization protest High Court of Justice ban on their anti-Arab demonstrations planned for Nazareth central square. Over 700 Grenada & Beirut-veteran Marines arrive in Haifa aboard USS Guam for 4-days of "R&R." Noting that bomb detonated on Ashdod bus (3/7/84) was IDF type, police spokesman Nitzav Caspi suggests bombing "not perpetrated by 'terrorists.'"
Other Countries: US Joint Chiefs of staff Chrmn. Vessey holds mtg. with World Jewish Congress leaders.

Military Action:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Having already lost half their land to Israeli confiscations, Palestinian Druze residents of Beit Jann obstruct Israeli "nature reservists" destroying village road; 1 villager suffers head injuries, 1 young woman suffers broken arm when struck by Israeli with axe.

Arab World: Israeli private contractor employed by IDF ambushed and killed near Lake Karoun, S. Lebanon. [Defense Ministry now affords civilian workers military status in S. Lebanon, making surviving families eligible for increased pensions.]

Friday, March 9

Social/Economic/Political:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Central Bureau of Statistics reports overall imports for Jan.-Feb., 1984 down 11% compared with same period in 1983; fuel imports down 9%, private car imports down 57%, diamonds up by 21%. On Israeli TV Sharon presents himself as candidate for premiership. 8 Arab men arrested in connection with Ashdod bus bombing (3/7/84).

Arab World: Chinese Pres. Li Xiannian meets King Hussein in Amman. Egypt's FM Ghali in Jerusalem Post interview reveals his delegation mtg. with Israeli Labor leaders (May 1982) was assured Labor would only support surgical strike in S. Lebanon along lines of 1978 Litani campaign.

Military Action:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Unknown dawn attackers fire at Umm al-Fahm homes for 3rd time in four weeks; no casualties.

Arab World: 2 hand grenades thrown at IDF convoy outside Nabatiya; no casualties reported.

Saturday, March 10

Social/Economic/Political:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israel-sponsored Federation of Village Leagues formally dissolved.

Arab World: Lebanese rival leaders arrive in Lausanne for reconciliation talks. Soviet 1st dep. premier Aliyev begins 3-day talks with Syrian leaders in Damascus.

Other Countries: Arafat meets with Chinese Pres. Li Xiannian in Amman, accepting invitation to visit China in April. PLO sports and youth organization in Tunis announces hopes for Palestinian team participation in Los Angeles Olympics.

Military Action:
Arab World: Israeli public works engineer dies of injuries suffered in ambush while working for IDF in S. Lebanon.

Sunday, March 11

Social/Economic/Political:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Police announce 4 JDL members arrested for attack on Arab bus (3/4/84) were under surveillance for past year, background information on suspects requested from Los Angeles and NY police. Labor's hawkish Ben Gurion Circle quits Rafael Eitan's Tzomet movement in party loyalty ultimatum.

Arab World: Pres. Mubarak on US television pledges not to abrogate Camp David peace treaty as condition for joining Arab
League; reiterates Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon and progress on Palestinian autonomy conditions for returning Egypt's amb. to Tel Aviv. Syrian Pres. Assad names 3 vice-Presidents: Rifa'at Assad for defense and security, Abdul Halim Khaddam for political and foreign affairs, and Mohammed Masharqa for party affairs.

Military Action:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: 7-yr.-old Palestinian boy shot and wounded by Israeli troops at Balata refugee camp demonstration.

Arab World: IDF soldier dies from wound sustained in Sidon harbor explosions (3/4/84).

Monday, March 12

Social/Economic/Political:
Arab World: Jordan holds 1st election in 17 years to fill 8 remaining parliament seats.

Other Countries: US amb. to Cairo reportedly tells US Senators he hopes for advance notice of plans to move US embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, so he and staff will have the chance to get out of town. Netherlands govt. decides to remove last remaining office in Jerusalem to its embassy in Tel Aviv. Jamaica National Investments Co, and Wild World Promoters of Israel join in $30 million venture to export vegetables to US (duty free under Reagan's Caribbean Basin Initiative). Speaking before UJA convention in Washington, Israeli amb. to US Rosenne warns Israel will be reluctant to negotiate with any other Arab country if Egypt does not return amb. to Israel soon.

Military Action:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Kiryat Arba school bus hit by stones near Halhoul; authorities force closure of 5 nearby shops.

Tuesday, March 13

Social/Economic/Political:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: 5th American-Jewish Kach settler arrested in connection with shooting of Arab bus passengers (3/4/84) and other "TNT" activities. 6 Israeli settlers tried in Jerusalem for rioting and arson of Hebron market last year. Tel Aviv police unit leader Hafetz suspended for leaking information of "TNT" to press. Knesset defeats bill to declare "Hatikvah" Israel's national anthem, with its theme of a historic Jewish yearning for the "land of Israel." National Com. of Arab Town Councils urges adoption of national anthem that expresses the notion of two nations living in a single country. Returning from 3-day visit to Cairo int'l. trade fair, Israeli Industry & Trade Minister Patt reports no improvement in Israel-Egypt relations in sight; says 50% decrease in exports to Egypt since 1982 linked to poor political relations. US Marine commander Gen. Kelley begins 2-day official visit with IDF and DM Arens. At Jerusalem rally PM Shamir claims USSR refused renewed relations with Israel because of its hatred of the Jewish people. Members of Makuya sect of Japanese Christian zealots conduct pro-Israel march in Jerusalem.

Arab World: Beirut cease-fire called by leaders at reconciliation talks in Lausanne.

Other Countries: French Minister of Industry Fabius and Israeli Trade Minister Patt agree to further cooperation in commerce and industrial research. Pres. Reagan defends proposed arms package to Jordan before United Jewish Appeal. Added to
his recent refusal to assist in obtaining Israel's permission for West Bank delegates to attend PNC session, Reagan refuses to support or withhold veto on Jordan's draft resolution condemning Israeli settlements in occupied territories as illegal. 4 JDL members arrested for criminal trespass and possession of noxious chemicals, and held in suspicion of bomb threat at Greensburgh, NY Town Hall showing of Russian architecture film. [JDL seeks severance of all US relations with USSR until all Soviet Jews permitted to emigrate freely.]

**Wednesday, March 14**

**Social/Economic/Political:**

**Occupied Palestine/Israel:** Military sources announce plans to expel Palestinian leader Abu Ali Shahin held incommunicado for past 11 months on charges of illegal residence in Gaza. After 2-week study, IMF delegation endorses Israel Treasury policies. Druze spiritual leader Sheikh Amin Tarif criticizes Golani Druze for demonstrating in Nabi Shu'ieb against Israeli occupation. French national Henri Eichholtzer given 4-year sentence for passing informaiton to PLO; evidence convicting Eichholtzer allegedly found among documents looted from Beirut by IDF. Suspended al-Najah U.'s Council of Deans issues statement of concern over restriction on academic life.

**Arab World:** In *New York Times* interview, King Hussein rules out direct negotiations with Israel in near future and says US lost all credibility as mediator by its lopsided policy.

**Other Countries:** At New York fundraiser, MK Sharon warns arms sold to Jordan will only aim at Israel, and US "must stop immediately the dangerous arms race in the Middle East." Greek police arrest Palestinian Alani Abdul Rahim charged with assassination attempt on Israeli diplomatic mission head in Athens.

**Thursday, March 15**

**Social Economic/Political:**

**Arab World:** Participants in Lebanon reconciliation talks agree all political prisoners of Lebanon's warring factions be released. IDF reopens Sidon port after 10-day closure.

**Other Countries:** In response to remarks by King Hussein, Reagan admin. says "there is no possibility of progress toward peace" unless Jordan and other Arab countries change their attitude and agree to negotiate with Israel; White House sends cable to US amb. Viets in Amman, demanding explanation why Washington not alerted to Hussein's seeming abrupt loss of confidence; State Dep't. suggests Syrian-backed extremism provoked his rejection of Reagan "peace initiatives."

**Military Action:**

**Occupied Palestine/Israel:** Home-made bomb hurled at IDF patrol near Gaza; no casualties.

**Friday, March 16**

**Social/Economic/Political:**

**Occupied Palestine/Israel:** Jaffa settler Rafi Hen, suspected financier of B'nai Yehuda cult accused of plotting destruction of al-Aqsa Mosque, released on IS50,000 bail. 4-man Soviet peace delegation visit at invitation of peace movement representatives. Austrian Institute for Peace Research and Tel Aviv-based Int'l. Com. for Peace in the Middle East meet for 2-day conference at American Colony Hotel, Jerusalem.
Saturday, March 17

Social/Economic/Political:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: On anniversary of since-abrogated Israeli-Lebanese agreement, Lebanese Christian Agency (Phalange) opens semi-diplomatic mission in Jerusalem Hilton Hotel as liaison to Israeli gov’t.

Sunday, March 18

Social/Economic/Political:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF reserve sergeant Rami Givoni, refusing service in Lebanon, returns military orders and documents to DM’s office. Najah Nat’l. U. students resume classes after 1-mo. closure by Israeli military.

Arab World: In US TV interview, King Hussein suggests alternative sources for arms if denied sale by US.

Military Action:
Arab World: IDF command cars fired upon near Kamal al-Luz, S. Lebanon; 1 Israeli wounded.

Monday, March 19

Social/Economic/Political:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF disband Tulkarm Red Crescent Society admin. council for unspecified reasons.

Arab World: Jordan’s Queen Noor criticizes US-Israeli ties before World Affairs Council, Washington, DC.

Other Countries: On Middle East fact-finding mission, UN Undersec. Gen. Urquhart told by Shamir of Israel’s opposition to UNIFIL troops in S. Lebanon. Israel claims smuggled Palestinian vegeta-
bles from West Bank & Gaza sold on Israeli market.

Military Action:
Arab World: 1 IDF soldier killed, 1 wounded in roadside bomb blast near Sarafand, S. Lebanon; IDF conducts house-to-house search, arresting several ‘suspects.’

Tuesday, March 20

Social/Economic/Political:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Bowing to demands from Knesset, PM Shamir forms committee to discuss early elections.

Other Countries: US Sec of State Shultz says Hussein’s criticism of US dealt serious “setback” to missile sale to Jordan.

Military Action:
Other Countries: W. German press reports Israel recently supplied Iran with over $500 million in weapons, and reveals future sale plans.

Wednesday, March 21

Social/Economic/Political:
Other Countries: Canadian FM MacEachen tells Canada-Israel Com. a negotiated peace with secure Israeli borders and a Palestinian homeland in West Bank and Gaza still possible. Bowing to pro-Israel pressure, Reagan admin. abandons proposed arms sale to Jordan. Swedish gov’t. statement affirms support for Palestinian state in 1967 occupied territories.

Thursday, March 22

Social/Economic/Political:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Knesset approves motions calling for elections in May or June.
Military Action:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Some 20 born-again Jews of Mahane Yisrael yeshiva, Jerusalem attack 2 Christians and 2 Messianic Jews living nearby who are then evicted by their landlord; victims decline to file complaint against attackers.

Friday, March 23

Social/Economic/Political:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: 2 former Ansar prisoners Ghassan Zeidan & Mohammed Yunis held in Atlit prison submit habeus corpus petitions to High Court that Israel violated Nov. exchange agreement for their release. 3 Black Americans (2 bishops and 1 journalist) detained at Lydd airport because of skin color; no official apology offered; Tourism Ministry spokesman Shoshani explains Blacks singled out as part of "security check."

Arab World: PFLP-DFLP Joint Command, Palestine Liberation Front and Palestine Communist Party meet in Aden to discuss unification and revitalization of PLO.

Military Action:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Mutilated and decapitated body of Bilal Jamal Najjar, Najah U. student who disappeared (3/11/84), and was last seen in Israeli prison, found near Majdal Fadel village.

Saturday, March 24

Social/Economic/Political:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: 200-400 Palestinians and Jews gather at Kerem Shalom settlement to protest detention of Abu Ali Shahin in nearby Dahniya village, Gaza.

Arab World: Lebanese police take over positions vacated by French MNF pullout.

Military Action:
Arab World: Abu Nidal group claims responsibility for bomb blast outside Intercontinental Hotel, Amman.

Sunday, March 25

Social/Economic/Political:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: League for Human and Civil Rights in Israel charges IDF detention center at Far'a (West Bank) is factory for torture of inmates (mostly minors). 2 prisoners to be freed in Nov. 1983 prisoner exchange still held in Atlit prison, appeal to High Court for release. Haifa U.'s Arab Student Union pres. suspended for semester on charges of disturbing MK Sharon lecture (1/19/84), at which he and student companions were tear gassed while attempting to enter lecture hall. Pres. Herzog rejects pardon request by Uri Adiv. [See JPS(Winter 1984) pp. 176-178.] Naturei Karta's Rabbi Hirsch says on US television PLO is sole & democratically-chose representative of Palestinian people.

Other Countries: Israeli DM Arens reportedly calls US Sec. of Defense Weinberger "a prime candidate for psychoanalysis."

Military Action:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF uses tear gas against Arab students demonstrating near yeshiva at Joseph's Tomb, Nablus. Egged bus traveling between Kafr Saba and Qalqilya, and IDF patrol near Balata refugee camp stoned. IDF soldier wounded while forcing dispersal of demonstrators at Nur Shams refugee camp. Beitunia students protest Egypt-Israel treaty and moves by local mayor to normalize relations with "civil administration."

Arab World: In S. Lebanon, Israeli-backed
South Lebanon Army invades Jibsheat village, kills 2 women, 1 man; IDF searches village, rounding up about 100 “suspects of hostility to Israel.” IDF patrol ambushed south of Zahrani River, 1 assailant killed.

Monday, March 26 ________________

Social/Economic/Political:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: 5th anniversary of signing of Egypt-Israel peace treaty. Abu Ali Shahin wins temporary injunction against proposed expulsion from Gaza, Palestine. 4 American Jews formally charged with attack on Arab bus near Ramallah (3/4/84). 3 Alignment MKs walk out of Constitution Com. mtg. as Kach leader Kahane arrives uninvited. Tel Aviv U. pres. and Alignment candidate for Finance Min. Ben-Shahar alerts economics conference that Israeli GNP growth is slower than Arab neighbors.

Arab World: UK’s Queen Elizabeth arrives in Jordan for state visit. Shlomo Ilya, recently dismissed from post as “civil administration” head in West Bank for misconduct, appointed IDF commander in S. Lebanon.

Other Countries: Commemorating Egypt-Israel treaty anniversary, US & Israel reaffirm March 1979 memorandum, extending (for 5 more years) and expanding Israel’s prospects for arms sales in US.

Tuesday, March 27 _______________

Social/Economic/Political:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: At press conference, Rev. Shehadeh Shehadeh cites Israeli land expropriation of 68% of Palestinian land as theme for upcoming Land Day demonstrations.

Other Countries: EEC FMs issue statement denouncing Israel settlement policy and call for PLO role in peace negotiations. Israeli Pres. Herzog arrives in London for official visit. During visit to Jordan Queen Elizabeth speaks at state banquet of need for just solution to “the tragedy that has befallen the Palestinian people.”

Military Action:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Explosive charges planted near bus stop on Bethlehem road and at Jerusalem train station found and defused.

Arab World: Several young men arbitrarily arrested by IDF removed by helicopter from Jibsheat village, S. Lebanon.

Wednesday, March 28 ____________

Social/Economic/Political:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Likud bloc and Labor agree on July 23 as date for Knesset elections.


Military Action:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: On eve of Land Day, occupation forces launch wide campaign of arrests of 15 to 20-yr.-old men throughout West Bank refugee camps.

Arab World: IDF tanks storm Jibsheat mosque, S. Lebanon during 5 a.m. prayer; soldiers open fire, killing at least 6 (teenage girl bleeds to death while Israelis prevent aid from ambulance and Red Cross workers).
Thursday, March 29 __________________________

Social/Economic/Political:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli-run Hebron municipality serves orders to Palestinian shopowners in building near Sultan’s Pool to vacate as city is "repossession" it. Israeli bulldozers begin work on access road to Elon Moreh site through Palestinian-owned land. Poll by Jewish-Arab center of Haifa U. shows 55% of Israeli Jews support preventing Arabs becoming majority in Palestine again; 49% urge govt. to encourage Arabs to leave; 64% urge tightened control over Arabs; 65% believe Arabs can’t be trusted. In response to reports of Iraq’s use of chemical weapons, Min. of Science Neeman asserts "Arabs have always been known to have no scruples about using unconventional weapons."

Arab World: Syria expels UNRWA director in Damascus without explanation.

Military Action:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Unknown assailant reportedly throws bomb at demonstrators in Gaza; 3 IDF soldiers, 7 Palestinians injured; local residents claim Arab victims shot by soldiers.

Arab World: Israeli troops open fire on demonstrators and bystanders in Jenin and Qabatya villages and Balata and Dheisheh camps, 5 people wounded. Meanwhile, IDF bulldozes wheat crops, olive and almond groves of Kufr Qalil family in 2nd day of work on Elon Moreh access road as settlers look on. Fara'a prison detainee Walid A'ardeh testifies before Tel Aviv District Court to torture used to extract confession to unspecified charge. Interior Min. issues travel ban for Fr. Fawzi Khoury.

Arab World: Arab FMs meeting in Tunis warn US of unspecified retaliation if its embassy moved to Jerusalem; fail to agree on proposed reform of voting procedure and establishment of pan-Arab Court of Justice.

Other Countries: Chrmn. Arafat and Pres. Mubarak meet while attending Guinean Pres. Sekou Touré’s funeral in Conakry. US formally ends participation in Lebanon MNF. Sweden’s PM Schori criticizes Israeli policy in West Bank and Latin America during official 3-day visit to Tel Aviv. Lebanon’s PM al-Wazzan tells US amb. Bartholomew that US shares responsibility for IDF repression in South because of its "unlimited military and political support for Israel."

Friday, March 30 __________________________

Social/Economic/Political:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: 9th annual Land Day commemorated throughout Palestine in demonstrations protesting Israeli land theft and discriminatory policies; military authorities impose curfews on Balata and Ain Beit Alma refugee camps near Nablus; Israeli troops open fire on demonstrators and bystanders in Jenin and Qabatya villages and Balata and Dheisheh camps, 5 people wounded. Meanwhile, IDF bulldozes wheat crops, olive and almond groves of Kufr Qalil family in 2nd day of work on Elon Moreh access road as settlers look on. Fara’a prison detainee Walid A’ardeh testifies before Tel Aviv District Court to torture used to extract confession to unspecified charge. Interior Min. issues travel ban for Fr. Fawzi Khoury.

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Saturday, March 31 __________________________

Social/Economic/Political:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Chrmn. of Knesset Econ. Com. says Lebanon war cost Israel economy $4.5 billion; MK Gur says war costs $800,000 daily.

Other Countries: (Pro-Palestinian) Israeli journalist Livia Rokach found dead at home in Rome.
Military Action:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF shoots 14-yr.-old boy in Dheisheh refugee camp Land Day demonstration.

Sunday,
April 1

Social/Economic/Political:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF spokesman says 6,000 technicians needed to man increasingly sophisticated war equipment. Despite agreement with Gaza Islamic U. officials that no arrest be made if students dispersed peacefully, 10 students given 1-3 mos. prison sentences and IS35,000-50,000 fines by military court for participation in Land Day demonstrations. Tehiya and Rafael Eitan's Tzomet decide to run jointly in July elections.

Other Countries: Soviet CP officials begin talks with Lebanese Muslim leaders in Beirut. Canadian Progressive Conservative leader Mulroney says Israel Bonds audience Israel must help solve the Palestinians' plight.

Military Action:
Arab World: Israeli artillery units shell Bar Elias area of N. Beqaa. At least 2 Israeli patrolmen injured in roadside bomb explosion in Sidon. IDF outpost near Balul in Beqaa Valley attacked by automatic weapon fire.

Monday,
April 2

Social/Economic/Political:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Military authorities order 1-mo. closure of Bir Zeit U. after Land Day demonstrations there. Elon Moreh settler, convicted of destroying evidence in murder of Aisha Bahash (12/8/83), sentenced to 3 mos. jail and 33 mos. suspended. Deputy sheriff of Albuquerque, NM Mike Mansour arrested without charge during family visit to Deir Dibwan, West Bank.

Arab World: At Beirut news conference, Ali Kamil Bishri captured by Amal militia says IDF paid him and 3 others in Israeli-sponsored death squad to murder Imam Raghib Harb in Jibsheet, S. Lebanon (2/16/84). Pres. Mubarak says he hopes to restore full diplomatic relations with USSR soon. Egypt and Cyprus agree to restore diplomatic relations.

Other Countries: Norwegian Palestine Solidarity Committee hosts 3-day conference in Oslo on "The State of Israel and the Palestine Question." Mayors of 10 US cities attend Jerusalem Conference of Mayors sponsored in part by American Jewish Congress.

Military Action:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: 3 Arab men throw grenades and open fire on shoppers in occupied Jerusalem, wounding 48; 1 gunman killed by armed shopkeepers, 2 arrested; DFLP and Abu Nidal group claim responsibility.

Tuesday,
April 3

Social/Economic/Political:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Yesh Gvul movement requests investigation of bank information leak when MK Ronni Milo charges $5,000 donated by the "leftist and anti-Israel" Presbyterian Church. IDF reserve corporal Marcello Weksler gets 2 weeks in jail for refusing service in Lebanon. (Weksler is 124th refusenik jailed.) A decision based on British-Mandate Defense (Emergency) Regulations (1945) to ban without explanation Arabic bi-weekly al-Masira upheld by Israeli High Court.
**Arab World:** Syrian and Israeli forces begin build-up in western sector of Beqaa Valley. IDF closes 4 Awali River crossings. 7 Israelis wounded in grenade attack near Nabatiya; 3 wounded by explosive charges at Litani River bridge. DFLP demands return of men responsible for Jerusalem shoot-out (4/3/84) in exchange for release of IDF PoW held for 1 year.

**Wednesday,**
**April 4**

**Social Economic/Political:**
*Arab World: Haaretz* reports 1/3 [$16 million of $49 million] of Israel's fresh vegetable exports sent to Lebanon by Agrexco.

**Other Countries:** Koteret Rashit publishes Tel Aviv U. Institute of Strategic Studies’ report findings that Israel recently sold arms to Iran, Malaysia, Indonesia and Morocco.

**Military Action:**
*Arab World:* Israeli-appointed Gen. Antoine Lahad officially replaces Saad Haddad as head of S. Lebanon Army. Limited exchanges of fire between Israeli and Syrian positions in Beqaa Valley reported. Lebanese National Resistance Forces strike IDF vehicle on Ghassaniya-al-Kawassariya road. IDF sets up checkpoints at approaches to Ain al-Hilweh refugee camp; shoot and wound 2 passengers in car approaching checkpoint. Israeli border policeman injured in grenade attack on IDF patrol in central Sidon.

**Thursday,**
**April 5**

**Social/Economic/Political:**
*Occupied Palestine/Israel:* WZO completes placement of 30 buildings on hilltop S.E. of Nablus to form Tel Haim settlement [adjacent to former Elon Moreh, ordered dismantled in 1979]. Jerusalem mayor Kollek’s spokesman confirms plan for 75-acre Jewish cemetery east of city, saying it “will increase our hold” on West Bank. Report issued by “West Bank Data Project” concludes US funds intended for economic projects in occupied territories diverted by Israeli gov’t. for its own use. Labor Party unanimously nominates Shimon Peres as PM candidate for 7/23 elections.

**Other Countries:** Zehdi Terzi speaks before Canadian Senate Foreign Affairs Com. as final witness in 2-yr. review of Canadian policy toward Middle East. US Pres. Reagan tells Jewish Community Relations Council in private New York mtg. that if Israel expelled from UN, “We will walk out with her.”

**Friday,**
**April 6**

**Social Economic/Political:**
*Other Countries:* International Parliamentary Union, meeting in Geneva, passes resolutions condemning Israeli policies as racist and expansionist.

**Saturday,**
**April 7**

**Social/Economic/Political:**
*Occupied Palestine/Israel:* Over 200 Palestinian Druze and delegates of groups from...
Galilee, Triangle and Golan Heights hold 3rd general conference of Druze Initiative Committee in Shefa 'Amr.

Military Action:
*Arab World*: Israeli planes attack alleged Palestinian guerrilla positions in Bhamdoun.

**Sunday, April 8**

Social/Economic/Political:
*Occupied Palestine/Israel*: Israeli cabinet refuses to release secret documents for MK Sharon's use in $50$ million libel suit against *Time* magazine. UNRWA closes Ramallah Men's Teacher Training Center indefinitely in response to student protests against administrative actions. 4 Kabul residents imprisoned for demonstrating during Shimon Peres' campaign visit to their village.

*Arab World*: Lebanese PM Wazzan tells Beirut press that US officials "lied to us" in assuring the Lebanese govt. Israeli forces would be out of Lebanon by Jan. or Feb. 1983.

Other Countries: As pres. of non-aligned movement, Indira Ghandi visits Chrmn. Arafat in Tunis.

Military Action:
*Occupied Palestine/Israel*: Firebomb thrown at IDF patrol near Arroub camp, 1 soldier injured.

**Monday, April 9**

Military Action:
*Occupied Palestine/Israel*: Israeli troops seal off entrances to Arroub refugee camp after firebomb incident.

*Arab World*: IDF patrol vehicle hit by remote-control explosive device near al-Ghaziya village, S. Lebanon.

**Tuesday, April 10**

Social/Economic/Political:
*Occupied Palestine/Israel*: Palestinian lawyer Raja Shehadeh and Israeli author Amos Kenan honored in Israeli Peace Council ceremony commemorating late Issam Sartawi on anniversary of his murder. Knesset Ministerial Settlement Com. approves 4 new settlements in West Bank and 2 in Negev.

Other Countries: Al-Fajr managing editor Sam'an Khoury addresses members of National Union of Journalists convention in London on subject of press conditions in the occupied territories. Group of 54 US congressmen petition Int'l. Olympic Com. to reject any application by PLO to participate in summer games, saying "recognition of PLO ... would be morally repugnant" and that "PLO represents neither a geographical area nor the Palestinian people."

Military Action:
*Occupied Palestine/Israel*: Israeli army reserves called up for exercises.

**Wednesday, April 11**

Social/Economic/Political:
*Occupied Palestine/Israel*: WZO Settlement Dep't. co-chrmn. Weitz walks out on Ministerial Settlement Com. mtg., accusing participants of new settlement plans as "grab tactics" before upcoming election.

*Arab World*: 1 Israeli soldier wounded in attack on IDF patrol near Nabatiya, S. Lebanon.
Thursday,
April 12 _______________________

Social/Economic/Political:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: In special session, military court considers charge that confession of Abd al-Aziz Qablawi, 16, to stone-throwing at IDF vehicles was untrue and extracted by torture at Far'a prison.

Military Action:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: 4 Arab men demanding release of Palestinians held in Israeli prisons commandeer Egged bus from Tel Aviv to Gaza with about 10 hostages; Shin Bet storms bus, kill commandos Jamal Qablan & Mohammed Barakeh (1 passenger killed and 7 wounded by stray gunfire), take Ahmed & Subhi Abu Jama'a into custody, bludgeoning them to death later; DM Arens on scene confirms only 2 killed in operation. IDF then destroys Gaza home of the 4, orders their families not to rebuild, places home villages under curfew.

Arab World: Suicide car-bomber hits IDF armored personnel carrier, wounding at least 4 troops near Deir Qanoun.

Friday,
April 13 _______________________

Social/Economic/Political:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Sakhnin man Saleh Zbeidat arrested on charges of raising Palestinian flag on Land Day (3/30/84).

Arab World: 9th anniversary of outbreak of Lebanon civil war.

Other Countries: El Salvador gov't. officially moves embassy in Israel to Jerusalem; [2nd country to do so, after Costa Rica].

Sunday,
April 15 _______________________

Social/Economic/Political:
Other Countries: Minister of Commerce Patt (first Israeli official to visit Austria since 1973) heads Israeli trade delegation to Vienna.

Military Action:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF mutilates bodies of 4 commandos killed (4/12/84) before allowing 1 member of each family to identify them at midnight burial of the 4 in common grave.

Monday,
April 16 _______________________

Social/Economic/Political:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Jerusalem Post poll shows support for Labor at 41%, Likud at 28%. In radio interview Yitzhak Rabin outlines plan for complete IDF withdrawal from Lebanon in 3-6 mos. with UNIFIL replacement. California-based National Semiconductor Inc. establishes $55 million Israeli gov't.-subsidized plant at Migdal Haemek.

Other Countries: As US Congress denies further CIA funds for Nicaraguan "Contras," Honduras-based rebel "Nicaraguan Democratic Force" meets with US intelligence officials to coordinate plans for alternative aid from Israel.

Tuesday,
April 17 _______________________

Social/Economic/Political:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Prisoners' Day commemorated throughout Palestine. Israel Bureau of Statistics announces inflation rate for March reached 392%. US citizen Mike Mansour (held since 4/2/84 in solitary confinement, beaten
and abused to extract "confession") remanded by Israeli military court on charge of "cooperating with a Palestinian organization."

Military Action:
Other Countries: Israeli terrorist group "TNT" threatens violence against British cinema union ACTT in retaliation for pro-Palestinian resolution passed at its 1983 conference.

Wednesday, April 18

Social/Economic/Political:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Due to pressure from civilian sector, IDF cuts reservist service to 50 days per year. Elaborating on new Yahad Party platform, Ezer Weizman says "it's not our job to chuck the Syrians out of Lebanon" before Israel withdraws. Political prisoner Mike Mansour, denied his medication in prison, suffers heart attack; prison authorities deny him prescribed drugs. Advocate Felicia Langer demands military authorities investigate murder of Bilal Najjar (found 3/23/84) and that military advisor disclose to family the cause of death.

Arab World: King Hussein tells US Congressmen visiting Amman there can be no peace with Israel until it pulls out of Arab lands, and this condition is not negotiable. Syrian DM Tlas warns Syria will hit Israeli settlements if Israel attacks camps in Syria.

Thursday, April 19

Social/Economic/Political:
Other Countries: In Maundy Thursday apostolic letter, Pope John-Paul calls for international status for Jerusalem and says Palestinian homeland and security of Israel are fundamental to peace; Jerusalem mayor Kollek calls Pope's remarks "inappropriate." UN Security council extends UNIFIL mandate by 6 mos. amid US protest to Lebanon's call for expanded UN role in mediating S. Lebanon stalemate. El Salvador provisional Pres. Magaña says in television interview he expects increased military and economic aid from Israel now that El Salvador has moved its embassy to Jerusalem. Arab-Americans launch protest against Goldie Hawn-production of film Protocol for its anti-Arab racial stereotyping.

Friday, April 20

Social/Economic/Political:
Arab World: Lebanese Pres. Gemayel returns from Damascus with Syrian agreement that he should form new govt. giving increasing power to Lebanese Muslims.

Other Countries: Haaretz reports Israeli FM Kimche to visit US to discuss establishing special fund for Israeli assistance to Central American countries. 15-member Islamic Conference Organization committee to safeguard Islamic and Arab character of Jerusalem announces Islamic countries will break relations with Costa Rica and El Salvador for locating their embassies in Jerusalem. Reagan admin. warns Eastern bloc govt.'s relations with US cannot improve if they continue support for Palestinians and other "international terrorists."

Saturday, April 21

Social/Economic/Political:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: 4th largest Israeli Bank, United Mizrahi announces $8.8 million loss for 1983.
Other Countries: US State Dep't. denies widespread speculation US intends to fund covert activities in Central America by 3rd countries such as Israel on behalf of US interests.

Sunday, April 22

Social/Economic/Political:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: DM Arens bows to pressure for military inquiry to determine cause of death of commandos killed by IDF (4/12/84). Labor slate decides to accept party's choice of a Druze representative.

Arab World: DM Arens says Israel is in contact with Syria through ICRC regarding possible POW exchange. [Israel reportedly holds approx. 3,000 PoWs, incl. 290 Syrians.]

Other Countries: Egypt breaks diplomatic relations with El Salvador and Costa Rica in response to transfer of their embassies to Jerusalem. Bonn's Dep. FM Moellemann calls for new EEC Middle East peace initiative.

Monday, April 23

Social/Economic/Political:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: DM Arens denies reports that Israel is amassing troops in Beqaa for attack on Syria.

Other Countries: NBC television broadcast reports Israel supplies 25% of arms to rebels in Nicaragua.

Military Action:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: 2 Israelis slightly injured in roadside bomb explosion near Qalqilya.

Tuesday, April 24

Social/Economic/Political:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Haifa U. lecturer Sami Mar'i arrested for public criticism of Israeli education curriculum for Arabs; released after 24 hrs. through MK Aloni's intervention.

Arab World: In al-Ahram interview, Egypt's FM Ghali says peace process with Israel is frozen as Israel reneged on terms and spirit of Camp David. Peace Now delegation leaves for Egypt for mtgs. with senior Egyptian officials. Interviewed in Fez, Chrmn. Arafat challenges Israel to meet him on neutral ground at international conference (perhaps under UN sponsorship); says UN force in occupied territories and UN-controlled plebescite acceptable.

Wednesday, April 25

Social Economic/Political:
Arab World: Representatives of Fateh, PFLP & DFLP issue communiqué after 3-day Aden mtg., calling for renewed drive for Palestinian state by all means, including armed struggle.

Other Countries: US State Dep't. rejects view of Benvenisti's West Bank Data Project report that Israeli occupation of the West Bank is nearly irreversible. Morocco announces break in diplomatic relations with Costa Rica and El Salvador.

Thursday, April 26

Social/Economic/Political:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: 3 Tel Aviv policemen tried for beating up Palestinian man (8/81).
Other Countries: US Pres. Reagan sends Congress 4 bills aimed at detecting and prosecuting individuals who provide "support services" to nations or groups determined by Sec. of State to be involved in terrorism. Before group of French parliamentarians visiting Israel, PM Shamir blasts France for maintaining diplomatic ties with PLO.

Friday,  
April 27 __________________

Social/Economic/Political:  
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Sakhnin man Ibrahim Khalayleh arrested on charges of raising Palestinian flag on Land Day (3/30). FM Kimche denies Israeli arming of "Contras" in Nicaragua and says Israel not intending to get involved in Central America's military struggles; also says Israel cannot withdraw from Lebanon until certain of safe northern border. Hadashot reports DM Arens appoints team of inquiry into Israeli police killing of commandos (4/12/84).

Other Countries: Israel rejects invitation to conference on "The Question of Palestine" mandated by 28th General Assembly (12/13/83).

Military Action:  
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Bombs planted by Israeli terrorists on 5 Jerusalem-Kalndiya buses discovered and defused by Israeli police; about 20 Orthodox Jewish "TNT" suspects arrested, including settler leaders and IDF reservists; news blackout imposed.

Saturday,  
April 28 __________________

Social/Economic/Political:  
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli newspaper Hadashot shut down for 4 days by military censors for publishing story of DM Arens appointing reserve Gen. Zorea to head investigation of suspicious circumstances of deaths of 4 commandos (4/12/84).

Other Countries: Meron Benvenisti (West Bank Data Project) tells US radio broadcast "All Things Considered" that Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza is justified for security reasons. Hosting US Pres. Reagan in Peking, Chinese leaders criticize US policy in Central America and Middle East.

Arab World: Lebanese PM-designate Karami says country's top priority is Israel's withdrawal from Lebanon.

Sunday,  
April 29 __________________

Social/Economic/Political:  
Occupied Palestine/Israel: PM Shamir insists reaction to settler-terrorist bomb plot (4/27/84) should not hinder further settlement, calling settlers "pioneers" who create historical facts that will last for generations. Sakhnin prisoner Zbeidat released to house arrest on lawyer's petition for medical treatment of injuries suffered during torture in Acre and Jalameh prisons. Supreme Court upholds military censorship of newspaper Hadashot. Bank Leumi group reports 1983 loss of IS7,748 million ($71.9 million) after taxes. Bank Hapoalim's losses reported at $101 million.

Monday,  
April 30 __________________

Social/Economic/Political:  
Occupied Palestine/Israel: 2 more suspects arrested (one Kiryat Arba security officer) in connection with bus bombing plot (4/27/84). When asked in interview if
practice of demolishing homes of terrorists will be applied to Jews, DM Arens refuses comment, but admits existence of "legal anomaly."

*Arab World:* Chrmn. Arafat tells Kuwait newspaper *al-Qabas* of hopes to establish base in Egypt. Lebanon announces formation of new national unity gov't.; Shi'ite leader Berri refuses to join cabinet, criticizing lack of important Druze and Shi'ite role.

*Other Countries:* Swiss Socialist Party issues May Day statement of full support and sympathy for the PLO and its struggle (as well as freedom movements in El Salvador, Turkey & for Polisario); Zionist MP Hurvitz resigns from Swiss parliament and Socialist Party in protest.

**Tuesday, May 1**

*Social/Economic/Political:*

**Occupied Palestine/Israel:** Unity is central theme as Palestinian workers commemorate International Workers Day in rallies and celebrations sponsored by local trade unions.

*Arab World:* In *Nouvel Observateur* interview, Chrmn. Arafat proposes mutual recognition and talks with Israel under UN auspices. 3 Israeli members of Israeli-Lebanese Liaison Com. arrested by Lebanese Army near Barbara, central Lebanon; Israeli spokesman explains the 3 were "apparently lost."

*Other Countries:* US House Foreign Affairs Subcom. hears 7 public witnesses on issue of embassy relocation to Jerusalem. Egypt warns of break in relations with US if Washington decides to relocate embassy.

*Military Action:*

**Occupied Palestine/Israel:** After arguing with Israeli soldiers ordering him to demolish his home in Gaza, Hassan Abu Amra is arrested, beaten and rendered blind in one eye.

**Wednesday, May 2**

*Social/Economic/Political:*

**Occupied Palestine/Israel:** Labor candidate Peres tells World Jewish Congress that Camp David not only basis for negotiations between Israel and Jordan. Peace Now members end conference with decision to follow Labor Party platform in July elections. Israel Discount Bank announces 1983 loss of $17.2 million.

*Arab World:* Lebanese cabinet holds inauguration mtg. in absence of National Salvation Front leaders Berri, Jumblatt and Abdullah Rassi.

*Other Countries:* Israel asks US help in securing return of 3 Israelis seized yesterday in Syrian-held territory in Lebanon; claims they are diplomats. Before US Senate Appropriations Com., US amb. to UN Kirkpatrick slams criticism of Israel in Security Council. Addressing B'na'i B'rith Caribbean District convention in Panama City, Costa Rican Pres. Monge responds to int'l. criticism for moving embassy to Jerusalem, vowing not to "give in to diplomatic terrorism."

*Military Action:*

**Occupied Palestine/Israel:** 2 IDF-trained Kiryat Arba settlers arrested in connection with 4/27/84 bombing plot confess to attack on Hebron Islamic College where 4 Arab students were killed and 33 wounded; 3rd man reportedly sought.

*Arab World:* Syria reports 3 Israelis arrested (5/1/84) held in Syria. Israeli soldiers kill 1 and wound another...
suspected of planting roadside bomb south of Tyre.

**Thursday,**
**May 3**                                   

*Social/Economic/Political:*
*Arab World:* Chrmn. Arafat visits Jordan for talks with King Hussein on joint position on Israeli-occupied territories. Syria reports 3 Israelis captured (5/1/84) admit to spying.

*Other Countries:* Guatemalan Jewish leader Sabbaj tells American Jewish Com. "Soviet intervention" in his region threatens future of Jewish community there by inevitable nationalization of businesses.

*Military Action:*
*Occupied Palestine/Israel:* Some of the 15 Israeli settlers detained on suspicion of West Bank bombing attempts admit to murdering at least 4 Palestinians in Hebron, and bombing that injured 2 West Bank mayors (6/1980).

*Other Countries:* Palestinian journalist and secretary of Arab Journalists' and Writers' Union Hanna Moqbil killed by gunman in Nicosia, Cyprus.

**Friday,**
**May 4**                                   

*Social/Economic/Political:*
*Occupied Palestine/Israel:* Dep. PM Levy withdraws from Herut premiership race. 7 more suspects in attempted bus bombings (4/27/84) arrested, total of 26 in custody.

*Arab World:* Jordanian gov't. releases 46 political prisoners after mediation efforts by Chrmn. Arafat.

*Other Countries:* W. German police investigate "TNT" terrorist threats against W German factories, producing arms sold to Arab countries.

**Saturday,**
**May 5**                                   

*Social/Economic/Political:*
*Occupied Palestine/Israel:* Israel gov't. rejects Arafat proposal of mutual recognition and talks (5/1/84).

*Other Countries:* Chrmn. Arafat meets with Chinese PM Zhao Ziyang on 1st of 3-day visit to Peking; Zhao says China will provide "the cause of Palestinian liberation with political, material and moral assistance within its capability."

**Sunday,**
**May 6**                                   

*Social/Economic/Political:*
*Occupied Palestine/Israel:* Memorial service for slain journalist Hanna Moqbil held in Taibeh, his hometown. Israelis commemorate Remembrance Day to honor those killed in Zionist wars to take over Palestine. Israel censors Reuter report of prominent army officer's suspected key role in attempted bombings (4/27/84).

**Monday,**
**May 7**                                   

*Social/Economic/Political:*
*Occupied Palestine/Israel:* Israelis commemorate 36th ""Independence Day"" (by Jewish calendar); Naturei Karta's Rabbi Hirsch calls it "[day of] independence from God, society, family and civilization"; Mea Sharim Orthodox quarter flies black flags, police investigate reports that Palestinian flags raised in West Bank towns and villages.

*Arab World:* PLO representative in Kuwait
urges Palestinians holding travel permits to return to Palestine, as Israel has informed it will discontinue issuing permits July 30. Shi’ite leader Berri agrees to join Lebanese cabinet with new appointment as Minister of State for South Lebanon Affairs.

Other Countries: Chrmn. Arafat meets with China’s premier Deng Xiaoping in Peking before moving on to Pyongyang, PDR Korea for official visit there.

Tuesday, May 8

Social/Economic/Political:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: After lawyer’s insistence, Israeli police begin investigation into charges of torture of political prisoner Saleh Zbeidat arrested 4/13/84. Shin Bet chief briefs Israeli cabinet on Jewish terrorist underground; Jewish terror suspect signs confession to role in 1980 car bomb maiming of West Bank mayors; 2 IDF majors arrested in connection with “TNT” activities; Supreme Court rebukes police for leaking information to media about recent arrests of suspected “TNT” terrorists. Central Bureau of Statistics issues findings that 83% of Israel’s 3,452 million population are Jews. 5 IDF reserve officers demand inquiry into MK Sharon’s role in 2 battles in S. Lebanon (1982), waged without cabinet approval.

Other Countries: New York-based firm Research & Forecasts, Inc. reports findings that top US executives view Israel as role model for US business. Israel embassies to US and UN celebrate 36th anniversary of Israeli claim to statehood; Egyptian ambassadors join reception guests.

Military Action:
Arab World: Lebanese radio reports Israeli gunships approach N. Lebanese coast, drawing Syrian gunfire.

Wednesday, May 9

Social/Economic/Political:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Jerusalem’s Palestinian theater and art complex Nuzha-al-Hakawati Center opens. Popular Gaza artist Fathi Ghabin sentenced to 6 mos. prison on charge of “incitement through his painting.” Israeli police investigate complaint by prisoner Nasir Ibrahim of torture while imprisoned in Shefa ’Amr after arrest for demonstrating without permit during Shimon Peres visit to Kabul (4/8/84). In Bethlehem U. Student Council elections, Students’ Progressive Front Bloc wins 8 seats, Youth Bloc wins 1. Jerusalem police arrest 4 American-Israeli Jews for planting at least a dozen booby-trapped grenades at churches, mosques and Arab homes in recent months; police announce these arrests wrap up “TNT” case investigations. In radio interview, Science & Development Min. Ne’eman says the 1980 car bombings of Palestinian mayors “had a positive effect.” Herut elects Sharon to fourth-place position in party. 2 new settlements inaugurated: “Tel Haim” [see 3/29/30], and “Ma’aleh Levona” on Nablus-Ramallah road.

Other Countries: US State Dep’t. spokesman indicates US will not support any resolution calling for Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon that does not also call for secure northern border for Israel. Simon Wiesenthal Center in New York requests papacy investigate possible Catholic Church role in sheltering former Nazi Walter Rauff, after Israeli gov’t. failure to extradite him from Chile.
Thursday, 
May 10 __________________________

Social/Economic/Political: 
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Founding Gush Emunim member Rabbi Levinger summoned to Jerusalem police headquarters for questioning in connection with Jewish terror underground.

Arab World: Lebanon's multi-denominational cabinet meets for 1st time.


Military Action: 
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israel security forces reveal some suspected Jewish terrorists arrested since 4/27/84 plotting bomb destruction of al-Haram al-Sharif (without damaging Wailing Wall).

Friday, 
May 11 __________________________

Social/Economic/Political: 


Arab World: In S. Lebanon: Sidon resident drives car through downtown roadblock, killing 1 IDF soldier; IDF kills driver; 1 Israeli soldier killed in grenade attack on IDF patrol near Nabatiya; IDF raid Ma'arakah village south of Tyre, villagers respond with hail of stones, IDF opens fire, injuring at least 1.

Saturday, 
May 12 __________________________

Social/Economic/Political: 
Occupied Palestine/Israel: PM Shamir wins Likud nomination for premiership challenge by MK Sharon. 60 Muslim Labor Party members meet to nominate Knesset candidate.

Other Countries: In al-Anba' interview, former US Pres. Carter says under current Israeli policies Jerusalem has become city of "killing and hatred."

Military Action: 
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli soldiers open fire on car failing to stop at roadblock near Hebron, 2 killed. Israeli military command claims 2 Palestinian men suspected as guerrillas shot dead near Idna, West Bank.

Arab World: IDF shoots and kills Lebanese civilian as he approaches checkpoint in southern Sidon.

Sunday, 
May 13 __________________________

Social/Economic/Political: 
Occupied Palestine/Israel: After several
hours of questioning about Jewish terror against Arabs, police arrest Rabbi Levinger for withholding information. 31-member ad hoc com. drafts platform for new Arab-Jewish Knesset slate. "Organization of Partisans and Resistance Fighters" asks Interior & Justice ministers to ban pamphlet circulated by "Sons of the Torah," accusing Chaim Weizmann, Moshe Sharett, David Ben-Gurion and others in Jewish underground in Nazi Europe of permitting "Jewish blood to be spilled as oil to lubricate the wheels of the Zionist state." 5 men from Sakhnin go on trial for alleged murder of 15-yr.-old Jewish settler (12/84), all plead not guilty, claiming their confessions extracted by force. Ministerial Economic Com. approves Transport Minister's plan for Negev-Eilat railway.

Military Action:
Arab World: Israeli Army surround Nmariyeh village, S. Lebanon, conducts search, confiscates 20 residents' ID cards, orders them to appear at military compound. IDF patrol comes under light arms fire near Ansar, no injuries reported.

Monday, May 14

Social/Economic/Political:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Knesset Settlement Committee approves 5 new settlements in West Bank. Bodies of 2 commandos killed by Shin Bet (4/12/84) exhumed for 2nd autopsy under inquiry commission order.

Arab World: Morocco hosts conference of Jews of Moroccan origin, including 35 Israeli delegates at Rabat Hilton; Crown Prince Mohammed and cabinet members attend. In BBC interview, King Hussein accuses US of providing material help to Israel for West Bank settlements.

Other Countries: Former Nazi Walter Rauff, subject of Israeli attempts to obtain unprecedented extradition arrangements with Chile [where 350,000 Palestinians live], dies in Santiago.

Military Action:
Arab World: Grenade explodes near Israeli patrol in Sidon, no damage.

Tuesday, May 15

Social/Economic/Political:
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Justice Minister Nissim asks cabinet to reconsider approval (5/11/84) of 2 new settlements (Neriya & Ya'arat) as legal expropriation papers in dispute. Rakah councilor Karkaby protests Haifa housing discrimination, denying Arab newlyweds access to apartments reserved for young couples. Central Bureau of Statistics announces April inflation rate of 20.6, auguring 406% inflation rate for 1984. Candidate Rabin pledges Alignment gov't. could withdraw IDF from Lebanon within 6 mos., thus saving $200-250 million yearly.

Arab World: PFLP, DFLP, Palestine Communist Party & Fateh representatives meet in Algiers to form unified stand before next PNC meeting. Egyptian Afro-Asian Solidarity Committee holds conference on "Solidarity with the Palestinian People" in Cairo. In interview with Akher Sa'a, Egypt's Dep. FM Ghali calls for new Arab League that will recognize and cooperate with Israel. Residents of Ain al-Hilweh refugee camp demonstrate against Israeli occupation.

Other Countries: US gov't. turns over files to Israel on completed and pending cases of Nazis and pro-Nazis living in US.

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