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

16 August

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli soldiers in Nablus shoot and wound 18-year-old Fu'ad Jawdah after they mistake bottle he threw at them for petrol bomb (FJ 8/22).

17 August

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Residents of Baqa al-Gharbiyyah village prevent MK Meir Kahane from entering village (FJ 8/22).

18 August

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: On 'Id al-Adha holiday, Palestinian families begin three-day sit-in strike at International Committee of Red Cross in East Jerusalem after they are refused permission to visit relatives in Hebron Prison, who began hunger strike today to protest inhumane treatment (FJ 8/22).

19 August

Other Countries: Soviet-Israeli meeting in Helsinki, first official contact in 19 years, ends after 90 minutes (CSM 8/19).

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Bailiffs seize assets of Jerusalem Electric Co. following JEC's failure to pay debt of 15 million shekels to Israel Electric Co. (FBIS 8/22, FJ 8/22). Israeli High Court bars authorities from demolishing three homes in 'Ayn Hud after villagers hold ten-day sit-in. (Authorities claim houses exist "illegally") (FJ 8/22).

20 August

Social/Economic/Political
workers strike to protest 8/19 Israeli action against company (FJ 8/22). Israeli authorities order closure of al-Mawqif after "illegal" leaflet was printed on its press (FJ 8/22).

21 August

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Two Israeli youths in IDF uniforms stabbed while hiking: villages of Hizma and 'Anabta under curfew (FBIS 8/22). Fourteen-year-old Fu'ad Salman, of Golan Heights, is shot by IDF while herding sheep (FJ 9/12).

Other Countries: PLO Chairman Arafat arrives in Romania for two-day official visit (FJ 8/29).

22 August

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli High Court upholds ruling by Israeli District Commissioner of Jerusalem to close permanently al-Mithaq and al-'Ahd, on grounds papers were supported by PFLP (FJ 8/29).

Arab World: PLO Political Department chief Faruq al-Qaddumi meets visiting deputy of Soviet Foreign Ministry (FJ 8/29).

24 August

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli P.M. Peres pardons seven more Shin Bet agents from Gaza bus hijacking incident (CSM, FBIS 8/25). Peres leaves Jerusalem for two-day visit to Cameroon (with which Israel is to reestablish diplomatic relations) (CSM 8/25). Knesset Interior Committee recommends demolition of Arab village of al-Zubaydat, on grounds that homes were built "without license on state land" (FJ 8/29). In Golan Heights, Arab residents distribute leaflet rejecting their inclusion on Israeli voter registration roll (FJ 8/29).

Military Action
Arab World: Amal holds ceremony to commemorate killing of Shi'a militiamen in fight with French UNIFIL soldiers (FBIS 8/26).

25 August

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israel and Cameroon renew diplomatic relations (JP 8/27).

Military Action
Arab World: U.S. and Egypt hold joint military maneuvers in Mediterranean (CSM 8/26).

26 August

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israel and Cameroon renew diplomatic relations (JP 8/27).

Military Action
Arab World: New UNIFIL commander Brig. Gen. Gustave Hagglund meets Amal leader Nabih Birri. Israel Radio reports he says he will allow "freedom fighters" to pass through UNIFIL-controlled areas (FBIS 8/27).

27 August

Social/Economic/Political
Other Countries: PLO Political Department chief al-Qaddumi meets French Foreign Minister Jean-Bernard Raimon in Paris. They discuss Palestinian and Mideast situation and PLO-French relations after remarks by Chirac opposing Palestinian state are published in Yediot Aharonot (FBIS 8/27).
28 August

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Jerusalem Post reports two other Shin Bet members have implicated Shamir in scandal (FBIS 8/28). Al-Nahar reports $10 million is to be paid to Musa al-Alami project near Jericho (FJ 8/28).

Arab World: Egyptian Pres. Mubarak arrives in Jordan for unannounced one-day working visit. King Hussein meets Soviet First Deputy Foreign Minister and Soviet delegation in Amman (FBIS 9/2).

29 August

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF soldier is injured in attack by two Palestinians at Bayt Furik. Village is placed under curfew in response (FJ 9/5).

30 August

Social/Economic/Political


Military Action
Arab World: SLA attacks village of Qabrika, near Tyre, wounds five, kills one girl, destroys ten houses (JP 9/1; FBIS 9/2).

31 August

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli Trade and Industry Ministry announces $6.2 million plan to build new factories near at least four West Bank settlements and enlarge existing ones at ten others (FJ 9/5). Report in Yediot Aharonot says F.M. Shamir will be questioned by police in connection with Shin Bet investigation (FBIS 8/3).

1 September

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: F.M. Shamir's office denies Shamir is to be questioned in connection with Shin Bet investigation (FBIS 9/1).

Other Countries: Representatives of DFLP, Palestinian Communist party, and Fateh meet in Prague to repair differences (FBIS 9/3). PLO Deputy Chairman Salah Khalaf (Abu Iyad) tells al-Qabas (Kuwait) joint Soviet-Algerian mediation effort with Palestinian factions to hold PNC meeting was a success (FBIS 9/3). Eighth nonaligned movement conference opens in Harare, with representatives of 101 nations participating. PLO is represented by Chairman Arafat, who speaks at opening session (FJ 9/5).

2 September

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Three members of al-Najah University student council sentenced to administrative detention in Junayd prison (FJ 9/5). Hadashot reports F.M. Shamir knew details of Shin Bet affair as it was happening (FBIS 9/2).

Arab World: U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Murphy arrives in Amman for one day of talks with King Hussein on peace process (JP, FBIS 9/3).

3 September

Social/Economic/Political
Other Countries: European Economic Community agrees to grant West Bank and
Gaza equal status with other Mideast countries in import of products to EEC countries (FJ 9/19).

4 September _______________________

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Former political prisoner Hasan 'Abd al-Qadir Ilayan of Gaza dies in mysterious explosion near home village of Bayt Lahya, Gaza. Ilayan was one of 605 released in 20 May prisoner swap between Israel and PFLP-GC (FJ 9/12).

Military Action
Arab World: Three French UNIFIL soldiers killed by roadside landmine east of Tyre. Bomb is believed to have been planted by Shi'i militiamen (NYT 9/6).

5 September _______________________

Social/Economic/Political
Arab World: U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Murphy in Egypt for talks with Egyptian Pres. Mubarak on Egypt-Israeli summit and proposed Jordan-Israel-Egypt peace (MEI 9/14).

Other Countries: Pan Am airliner hijacked in Karachi by five Arabs: 21 dead, more than 100 injured. Pakistani authorities arrest four perpetrators on scene, arrest fifth later (NYT 9/6).

Military Action
Arab World: IDF soldier accidentally killed by other Israeli soldiers during attack on Hizballah outpost at Zibqin village four miles north of "security zone" (eighth IDF soldier this year, not including two kidnapped whose fate is unknown). IDF say Hizballah launched rocket attacks on northern Israel from this location; capture four fighters and take them to Israel; blow up six houses. Later, SLA shell village after one of its soldiers is killed in attack. P.M. Peres tours "security zone" with SLA commander Antoine Lahd, and says he does not want UNIFIL troops along Israeli border (JP 9/7; NYT 9/6; AFP 9/5).

6 September _______________________

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Jerusalem Post reports F.M. Shamir knew that Shin Bet chief approved killing of two men arrested in April 1984 bus attack (JP 9/6).

Other Countries: Two gunmen kill 22 during prayers in Istanbul's Neve Shalom synagogue, wound three, then kill themselves (NYT 9/6). In Prague, DFLP, Fateh, and PCP publicly announce PLO withdrawal from 11 February 1985 pact with Jordan (FJ 9/12).

7 September _______________________

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: F.M. Shamir says he will never concede territories in exchange for peace. Survey shows 45,000 settlers are now in occupied territories among 1.3 million Palestinians (MEI 9/14).

Arab World: At Tunis press conference, PLO Deputy Chairman Abu Iyad says PLO opposes terrorist acts, individual and state-sponsored, following Karachi and Istanbul incidents (FJ 9/12). U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Murphy in Damascus for talks with Syrian President al-Asad; Asad stresses importance of international conference (MEI 9/14). Syria has ordered most of Abu Nidal's group in Damascus to leave, and detained 14 (including Abu Nidal's nephew 'Abd al-Karim al-Banna, who was released after two weeks following Libyan intervention), according to Al-Ittihad (Abu Dhabi) (AFP 9/7).

Other Countries: Nonaligned movement conference in Harare ends; accuses U.S. of "state terrorism" in bombing of Libya; calls
on U.S. to "end unprovoked aggression against Libya as well as military maneuvers in Gulf of Sidra (NYT 9/8). Pakistan's President Zia al-Haq says Pan Am terrorists have no apparent connection to any government; will be tried in Pakistan (under threat of death penalty); says Palestinian hijacking in Pakistan showed "bad taste" but would not reduce Pakistan's support for Palestinian cause (NYT 9/8).

Military Action

Arab World: Israel Navy reimposes blockade of port of Sidon; intercepts three commercial vessels, prevents them from entering port. State of emergency declared in Palestinian camps near Sidon for fear of Israeli attack (FBIS 9/8).

8 September

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Birzeit University administration and employees reach agreement, end strike (FJ 9/12). Poll in West Bank and Gaza conducted by Newsday (US), al-Fajr, and Australian Broadcasting Corp. shows 93 percent of Palestinians favor PLO, while 78 percent favor "acts of force" in pursuit of Palestinian cause (NYT 9/9; WP 9/9). Israeli military censor threatens action against al-Fajr for not submitting poll results for censorship (FJ 9/12).

Other Countries: Turkey upgrades rank of its envoy to Israel. New representative is now ambassador in Turkish Foreign Ministry. In Paris, bomb explodes in post office at city hall, kills one, and injures 19; "Committee of Solidarity with Arab and Middle Eastern Political Prisoners" claims responsibility. Group wants suspected terrorists released from French jails, including Georges Ibrahim 'Abdallah, under investigation for assassination of U.S. military attaché in 1982 (WP 9/9).

9 September

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Tabar agreement, condition for Egyptian-Israeli talks, incomplete, jeopardizing Peres-Mubarak talks, scheduled for 9/11 (WP 9/10). Spanish F.M. Francisco Ordonez visits Israel, stresses Spain's commitment to Palestinian right to self-determination during dinner hosted by F.M. Shamir; calls for international conference on Mideast (FBIS 9/11).

Arab World: Frank Reed, American director of private West Beirut school, is kidnapped by Islamic Jihad in West Beirut (WP 9/10).

Other Countries: U.S. Sec. of Defense Weinberger says Karachi Pan Am hijack-massacre looks like work of Abu Nidal, but Defense Department says there is "no connection to Syria or Lebanon here" (WP 9/10).

Military Action

Arab World: IDF warplanes again strike at alleged headquarters of Palestinian Popular Struggle Front near Sidon; at least three are killed (MEI 9/12).

10 September

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli officials say Ivory Coast will open embassy in Jerusalem on 9/15 (MEI 9/12).

Arab World: Negotiations over Tabar end with agreement to go to arbitration, permitting 9/11 Peres-Mubarak meeting (CSM 9/12).

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF intercept Palestinian Liberation Front fighters in rubber dinghy as they attempt to reach Nahariya, Israeli seaside resort; fighters escape to...
Lebanon, but are later captured by Amal militiamen (NYT 9/11, 9/14). PLO Chairman Arafat appeals for their release (AFP 9/10). Israeli cabinet meets to set "guidelines" for Peres-Mubarak summit (NYT 9/9).

*Arab World:* IDF air raid aimed at Palestinian ammunition dump in Sidon devastates civilian industrial district, kills three, wounds 17, ruins at least 20 workshops and factories with little damage to dump. Raid is response to attempted Palestinian attack on Nahariya (WP, NYT 9/11).

11 September

**Social/Economic/Political**

*Arab World:* Egyptian Pres. Mubarak and Israeli P.M. Peres meet in Alexandria (first time in five years Egyptian and Israeli leaders have met); Egypt returns ambassador to Israel, withdrawn after 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon; two states agree on arbitration over Tabal; discuss Palestinian issue (NYT, WP 9/12). In Tunis, PLO Chairman Arafat meets EC representative Claude Cheysson (FBIS 9/14). Islamic Jihad denies it kidnapped American Frank Reed in West Beirut (CSM 9/12).

*Other Countries:* French government rejects demands for release of convicted terrorists in exchange for ending bomb campaign (WP 9/12). *Washington Post* reports Israeli Trade Minister Ariel Sharon visited Istanbul secretly for three days in July (WP 9/11).

**Military Action**

*Arab World:* IDF and SLA fight Shi'i guerrillas in south Lebanon; five UNIFIL soldiers wounded in crossfire; IDF use helicopter gunships and artillery against Shi'a who attacked SLA outpost.

12 September

**Social/Economic/Political**

*Occupied Palestine/Israel:* For past three days, Jerusalem municipal workers have prevented Palestinian farmers from selling their produce in Jerusalem market, giving advantage to Israeli growers (FJ 9/19).

*Arab World:* In West Beirut, Joseph Ciccipio, American deputy controller of American University of Beirut, is kidnapped, bringing to 18 the number of foreigners missing in Lebanon after being kidnapped (NYT, WP 9/13). In Alexandria, Egypt and Israel end summit, issue joint statement declaring 1987 "a year of negotiations and peace," but two sides fail to agree on Palestinian issue (NYT, WP 9/13). Israeli P.M. Peres says international conference should be convened and that Israel and Egypt agree to set up preparatory committee for this purpose (NYT 9/16). In Tunis, French F.M. Claude Cheysson meets PLO Chairman Arafat on marketing of Palestinian produce from occupied territories (FJ 9/19).

*Other Countries:* In Paris, bomb explodes in cafeteria in Paris suburb, wounding 41. "Committee in Solidarity with Arab and Middle Eastern Political Prisoners" claims responsibility (NYT, WP 9/13).

**Military Action**

*Arab World:* IDF aircraft bomb Palestinian checkpoint four miles south of Sidon and wound four (AFP 9/12; WP 9/13).
(199 wounded) since force was formed eight years ago (NYT 9/14).

14 September ____________________________

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: As Israeli P.M. Peres sets off for Washington, F.M. Shamir says "big part" of Israeli government opposes international conference (NYT, WP 9/15). Young Arab woman is killed by IDF after stabbing soldier (FBIS 9/16).

Other Countries: In Paris, third bomb in a week explodes (eighth since December 1985), killing policeman and seriously wounding two. "Partisans of Right and Liberty" (Arab group) claims responsibility. Paris announces sweeping measures to fight bombing wave, including requirement that all foreign visitors obtain visas (NYT 9/15).

15 September ____________________________

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli bulldozers demolish Arab-owned groves at Za'atara near Bethlehem to make way for parking lot for tourists (FJ 9/26). IDF shoots and kills 30-year-old mother, Muyassar Jamil al-Hih, at Hebron Mosque (FJ 9/15).

Arab World: In Beirut, group called "Arab Revolutionary Cells—'Umar al-Mukhtar Forces" claims responsibility for Beirut kidnapping of Frank Reed and Joseph Ciccioppio (NYT 9/16).

Other Countries: In Washington, Israeli P.M. Peres meets President Reagan at White House, de-emphasizes endorsement of international conference, stresses need for direct negotiations at bilateral level with each of parties concerned in peace process (NYT 9/16). Amnesty International of London announces it has compiled allegations of torture at Khiyam detention center in S. Lebanon (run by SLA with Israeli supervision), including detailed account of torture of West Bank resident; group says it is publicizing charges because Israel has failed to respond to its appeals for an independent probe (WP 9/17). In Paris, bomb explodes in police station, killing one and wounding 51 (NYT 9/16).

16 September ____________________________

Military Action
Arab World: Unidentified gunmen attack French UNIFIL battalion east of Tyre; no injuries (NYT 9/18).

17 September ____________________________

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Demonstrations are held throughout West Bank to commemorate anniversary of massacres at Sabra and Shatila (FJ 9/19). Strikes and demonstrations continue through 9/20; shops and businesses stay closed, students and workers remain at home (FJ 9/26). Israel announces it has licensed first Arab bank in West Bank since 1967. Bank, with headquarters in Amman and first branch in Nablus, will be allowed to deal in Israeli, Jordanian, and foreign currencies (FJ 9/19).

Arab World: Thousands of Lebanese in Tyre, Lebanon, led by Amal officials march in support of UNIFIL after 9/16 attack on French UNIFIL forces (for which Hizbullah is held responsible). In south Lebanon general strike is held to show resident' support for continued UNIFIL presence. (Speaker of Lebanese Chamber of Deputies Husayn al-Husayni recently returned from Paris where he asked Pres. Mitterand not to recall French contingent) (NYT 9/18).

Other Countries: In Paris, five killed, 60 injured in bomb explosion, bringing to ten
number killed in five bombings in last two weeks (WP, NYT 9/18). Peru grants PLO embassy status in Lima (FJ 9/26).

18 September

Social/Economic/Political
Arab World: In East Beirut, French military attaché is assassinated. Anonymous callers link killing to terror wave in France. Assassination is 123rd French fatality in Lebanon (including 26 French UNIFIL soldiers) in eight years (WP 9/19).

Other Countries: French government spokesman says terrorists are being manipulated by “groups” or “states” that want France out of the Mideast (WP 9/19).

Military Action
Arab World: In south Lebanon, two UNIFIL soldiers are wounded as attacks on UNIFIL continue: so far, 4 dead and 28 wounded in last five weeks (WP 9/19). Eighty members of “Nasserite Popular Liberation Army” are deployed outside ‘Ayn al-Hilwah to serve as buffer between Amal and Palestinians (FJ 9/26).

19 September

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Washington Post reports that investigation into Shin Bet cover-up ended without recommendation of charges; national police chief David Kraus says report on matter was sent to Attorney General Yosef Harish (WP 9/19).

Other Countries: John Cardinal O’Connor of New York accepts invitation to visit Israel from PM Peres; Cardinal says “a homeland has to be provided for the Palestinian people” (NYT 9/20). UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar threatens to pull UNIFIL out of S. Lebanon and blames Israel for “major crisis” facing force; urges Security Council to take “urgent action” to get Israeli troops out of S. Lebanon (NYT 9/20).

Military Action
Arab World: Five French UNIFIL soldiers are wounded in S. Lebanon clashes (NYT 9/20).

20 September

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: In Rafah, several dozen youths throw stones at IDF soldiers in violent demonstration commemorating anniversary of Sabra and Shatila massacres; Isma’il Abu Libdah, 19, is killed by IDF, and a ten-year-old boy is injured (FJ 9/26; FBIS 9/22).

Military Action
Arab World: French UNIFIL troops withdraw from nine of their positions to less exposed areas in response to anti-French violence in S. Lebanon (NYT 9/21).

21 September

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Ten-year-old boy shot during symbolic funeral for Abu Libdah; Rafah placed under curfew while military authorities bury him (FJ 9/26). In Nablus, Israeli authorities do not renew work permit of al-Najah University President Dr. Mundhir Salah on grounds he used post to “conduct incitement in university circles,” according to Ha’Aretz of 9/21 (FBIS 9/24).

Arab World: Saudi Arabia gives PLO a check for $28.5 million. Total Saudi aid to PLO is $114 million/year (FJ 9/26).

22 September

Social/Economic/Political
Other Countries: Israeli P.M. Peres meets Soviet F.M. Shevardnadze for 90 minutes at UN. Peres calls meeting “beginning of dia-
一角 (WP 9/23); it is highest level meeting since 1967 rupture. Peres says they agree to consider normalizing relations (NYT 9/23). At request of France, Israel tells UN Security Council that it won't dismantle “security zone” inside Lebanon as Security Council demands (NYT 9/23).

**Military Action**

**Arab World:** IDF mass troops and equipment on both sides of the Lebanese border; military sources repeat warnings that Israel will use “all means necessary” including use of troops to defend SLA from new attacks by Muslim guerrillas and to maintain control of “security zone.” Mobilization is largest concentration of troops since June 1985 withdrawal (WP, NYT 9/23).

23 September  

**Social/Economic/Political**

**Occupied Palestine/Israel:** Israeli authorities close Nablus offices of Construction and Public Institutions Unions and Union of Public Service Workers for one year for “security reasons,” alleging groups are linked to PFLP (FJ 9/26).

**Arab World:** Egypt's ambassador to Israel assumes functions in Tel Aviv (WP 9/24).

**Other Countries:** UN Security Council adopts resolution calling on Israel to withdraw troops from S. Lebanon and to permit UNIFIL to move up to border. U.S. abstains; 14 members of council vote in favor of resolution (WP 9/24).

**Military Action**

**Arab World:** IDF warplanes bomb Palestinian targets in Druze-controlled Shuf mountains southeast of Beirut, the tenth airstrike in Lebanon this year; two women are killed. *New York Times* reports five wounded, four Druze villages bombed (NYT 9/24). Defense Minister Rabin tours SLA outposts before raid, vows to crush attempts to attack SLA which has lost 16 men in recent weeks. French continue to evacuate positions for safer ground (NYT, WP 9/23). Shamir says Israel is not planning an invasion (NYT 9/24).

24 September  

**Social/Economic/Political**

**Occupied Palestine/Israel:** Israeli Housing Ministry Director Sasson Shila says Israel wants to double number of housing units in settlements in occupied territories from 60,000 now under construction (FJ 10/3).

**Arab World:** Former Jordanian P.M. Ahmad 'Ubaydat and 12 other Jordanian ministers send cable to Egyptian President Mubarak denouncing Egyptian-Israeli summit, which issued joint statement with no mention of Palestinian rights (FBIS 9/25).

**Military Action**

**Arab World:** In S. Lebanon, gunmen attack two Nepalese UNIFIL posts, wound one soldier (raising to 35 the number of UNIFIL soldiers wounded in last month) (NYT, WP 9/25). Underground group announces it has kidnapped Frenchman from East Beirut (NYT 9/25).

25 September  

**Social/Economic/Political**

**Other Countries:** French police arrest nine in connection with recent bombing wave in Paris (NYT 9/26).

**Military Action**

**Arab World:** IDF jets bomb target in Mieh Mieh refugee camp in southern Lebanon (one Palestinian killed, three civilians wounded) several hours after SLA shells five Shi'i villages (WP, NYT 9/26).

27 September  

**Social/Economic/Political**

**Occupied Palestine/Israel:** Israeli settler stabbed to death in Gaza market; Gaza put

Military Action
Arab World: Heavy fighting between rival Christian militias in East Beirut; Syrian-backed Muslim and Christian militiamen under Ilyas Hubayqa cross green line from West Beirut (first time in civil war that armed forces have crossed from west Beirut to east) and attack Lebanese forces under Samir Ja'ja'. Fighting is brought under control by Lebanese army (NYT 9/28); 62 dead, 198 wounded by one account (WP 9/29). 52 dead, 200 wounded by another (NYT 9/29). New York Times quotes local sources saying fighting resulted from coup attempt against President Jumayyil.

28 September

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israel appoints mayors of Hebron, Ramallah, and al-Birah: respectively, 'Abd al-Majid Zir, Khalil Musa Khalil, and Hasan Tawil, all political moderates close to Jordan. (Israel had dismissed elected mayors in 1982) (WP 9/29). Thousands of Israelis jeer as P.M. Peres dedicates square in Ashqelon named for Moroccan King Muhammad V (NYT 9/29).

29 September

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Two pardoned Shin Bet legal advisers are to be transferred to other jobs within the agency, Attorney General Harish decides (JP 9/30). Jordanian government recognizes Israeli-appointed mayors of Hebron, Ramallah, and al-Birah, but Amman-based Zuhdi Sa'id, deputy director of PLO Department of Occupied Territories, denounces the appointments, and calls for elections in West Bank. In Damascus, PFLP leader Dr. George Habash issues “death sentence” for the three mayors (JP 9/30).

Other Countries: In interview at UN, Syrian F.M. Faruq Shar’ says world should expect continuing terrorist attacks against American targets until U.S. stops backing Israel occupation of West Bank, Golan Heights, and S. Lebanon (WP 9/30). Also at UN, PLO political director Faruq al-Qaddumi meets Soviet F.M. Shevardnadze (F) 10/3).

30 September

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli Justice Ministry lawyers have been refusing to cooperate with Shin Bet’s legal department to protest fact that two top Shin Bet lawyers, pardoned for role in Shin Bet cover-up, were allowed to keep jobs (NYT 9/30). Jordan says it will resume payment of salaries of 280 lawyers and judges in West Bank who boycott Israeli legal system in show of solidarity with Palestinians (JP 10/1).

Other Countries: Mordechai Vanunu, former Israeli nuclear reactor employee, disappears in London after giving story to Sunday Times about Israeli nuclear weapon factory (5 October) (WP 11/10). French Minister of Cooperation cites evidence linking Syria with terrorist bombing groups but stops short of accusing Syria of backing terrorists (NYT 10/1).

Military Action
Arab World: In S. Lebanon, IDF kill two Arabs (FBIS 10/1).

1 October

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli authorities drop distribution of Arabic daily al-Fajr for seven days for censorship violations (JP, FBIS 10/2). Jerusalem Post reports occupa-
tion authorities in West Bank are blocking distribution of new Arabic evening paper for territories, *al-Masa'*, wanting paper to take a pro-Jordanian editorial line. Publisher Mahmud Abu Zuluf says paper is independent (JP 10/1).

Other Countries: U.S. Sec. of State Shultz meets Syrian F.M. Faruq al-Shar' in New York to discuss Syrian help in releasing U.S. hostages in Lebanon; al-Shar' in UN speech reiterates Syrian denials of involvement in terrorism and declares readiness to assist international efforts against terrorism (WP 10/2).

Military Action

Arab World: Shi'i militiamen and Palestinians continue fighting around Rashidiyyah camp near Tyre (CSM 10/2).

2 October

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Jerusalem Domestic Service announces Israel and Jordan signed memorandum on joint responsibility for new Arab bank in Nablus. Agreement is reached after intervention by U.S. Sec. of State Shultz in secret talks in London (FBIS 10/2). Israeli Trade Minister Ariel Sharon is fined by Israeli High Court of Justice for illegally appointing two trade attachés to New York and Bonn (JP 10/3).

Other Countries: *Washington Post* reports Reagan administration launched secret and deliberate campaign of deception aimed at convincing Qadhafi he was about to be attacked by U.S. bombers and ousted in coup. Plan was proposed 8/14 in memo by National Security Adviser Admiral John Poindexter. Pres. Reagan and government spokesman later deny planting false reports; Shultz justifies using press to scare Qadhafi (NYT 10/3).

Military Action

Arab World: Palestinian sources report mortar battle at Rashidiyyah camp (population 20,000) between Amal and Palestinians (MEI 10/12).

4 October

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: P.M. Peres, in last days of term as P.M., says coalition government will fall if he is prevented from pursuing peace initiatives when he becomes F.M. (WP 10/5).

Arab World: Former Jordanian P.M. Ahmad 'Ubaydat resigns from Jordanian senate (FBIS 10/6). *Middle East International* reports 'Ubaydat's resignation was requested by King Hussein and P.M. Rifa'i after 'Ubaydat sent letter embarrassing to Hussein to Egyptian Pres. Mubarak (MEI 10/12). Al-*Kayed* says Jordan has begun issuing three-year passports to displaced persons from Gaza and Beersheba who live in Jordan (MEI 10/12).

5 October

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli officials refuse comment on report on nuclear weapons factory (JP 10/6).

Other Countries: In London, *Sunday Times* reports Israel secretly manufactures nuclear weapons at Dimona in southern Negev and has stockpiled at least 100 nuclear weapons, making it sixth-ranked nuclear power in the world. Story is based on testimony of Mordechai Vanunu (ST 10/5; NYT 10/7; WP 10/6).

Military Action

Arab World: Amal and Palestinians fight for sixth consecutive day. Later in day, fighting eases as cease-fire is announced. Representatives of Amal and Palestinian National Salvation Front meet with Syrian V.P. Khaddam (NYT 10/6).
6 October ........................

**Social/Economic/Political**

**Occupied Palestine/Israel:** P.M. Peres calls Sunday Times report on Israeli nuclear bomb factory "sensationalist" and repeats longstanding Israeli policy on nuclear weapons (i.e., Israel "will not be the first to introduce" them) (WP, NYT 10/7).

**Other Countries:** In London, trial opens of Nizar Hindawi, Jordanian accused of trying to blow up El Al jumbo jet with 375 passengers on board on 4/17 by giving girlfriend suitcase with bomb inside. Prosecution says Hindawi told British investigators that Syrian military intelligence officers gave him money, passport, explosives, and bomb training (NYT, WP 10/7). Israeli diplomatic mission in Geneva announces name of third Tabar arbitrator: Gunnar Lagergren of Sweden. Other two are Pierre Bellet of France and Dietrich Schindler of Switzerland (JP 10/7).

**Military Action**

**Arab World:** Eight Israeli jets attack PFLP training camp and ammunition dump north of Tripoli, ten miles from Syrian border; nine are wounded—seven guerrillas and two civilians. First Israeli bombing activity in north Lebanon in 15 months, but 12th in Lebanon this year (WP, NYT 10/7). Video recordings of three French hostages are received in West Beirut news agency office (NYT 10/7).

7 October ........................

**Social/Economic/Political**

**Occupied Palestine/Israel:** Second Israeli settler in ten days is stabbed in Gaza market. Settlers demonstrate with chants of "Death to Arabs" and throw rocks at Arab-owned vehicles (WP 10/8).

**Arab World:** In Beirut, prominent Sunni cleric Shaykh Subhi al-Salih, moderate and vice president of Council of Islamic Jurisprudence, is slain by unknown gunmen (NYT 10/8). PLO Chairman Arafat confirms PLO's military command posts will be shifted from Tunis to Yemen and Iraq, but denies strains with Tunisian government (NYT 10/9).

8 October ........................

**Social/Economic/Political**

**Occupied Palestine/Israel:** Israeli Housing Minister David Levy inaugurates two new Jewish settlements in Gaza Strip, bringing total to 15 (NYT 10/9). Funeral of slain Israeli settler in Gaza erupts into anti-Arab demonstration; crowds shout "Death to Arabs," military authorities close dozens of Arab shops in Gaza City (NYT, WP 10/9).

9 October ........................

**Social/Economic/Political**

**Occupied Palestine/Israel:** Prisoners in Kafr Yuna prison in Israel end 11-day hunger strike; prisoners in six other prisons also end strike (FJ 10/17). Nablus branch of Cairo-Amman bank opens; official opening set for 10/16 (FJ 10/10).

10 October ........................

**Social/Economic/Political**

**Occupied Palestine/Israel:** Israeli P.M. Peres submits resignation to President Herzog as part of 1984 rotation agreement; F.M. Shamir will assume his post (NYT 10/11). In West Bank, Israeli settler is knifed outside Hebron; town is placed under curfew (NYT, WP 10/11).

11 October ........................

**Social/Economic/Political**

**Arab World:** PLO Executive Committee opens two-day meeting in Baghdad to discuss recent developments in territories and refugee camps in Lebanon (FJ 10/17).
12 October ______________________

Military Action
Arab World: In Lebanon, eleven-day siege of Rashidiyyah camp is lifted by Amal to allow evacuation of wounded (NYT 10/13).

13 October ______________________

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli soldiers shoot and wound 17-year-old Palestinian who fails to stop at checkpoint (FJ 10/17).

14 October ______________________

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Transfer of Israeli premiership, scheduled for today, is delayed because of quarreling over cabinet appointment (NYT, WP 10/16).

Arab World: PLO Executive Committee ends two-day meeting in Baghdad with a call to Arabs to end attacks on Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon and a condemnation of Israel's appointment of three mayors in West Bank (FJ 10/15).

15 October ______________________

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: In Israel, transfer of power is postponed indefinitely. Knesset passes vote of confidence in Shamir (NYT 10/16). One person killed, 70 injured in Jerusalem as three grenades are thrown at group of IDF soldiers in swearing-in ceremony at Western Wall; area is sealed off as police search for suspects (NYT, WP 10/16). Responsibility for attack is claimed by PLO, DFLP, and Abu Nidal group (NYT 10/17). Twenty-nine Palestinians, including six children under 11, are detained (FJ 10/17).

Other Countries: At UN, representatives of nine countries involved in UNIFIL meet to discuss new protective measures. UN Secretary General Perez de Cuellar proposes spending an extra $10.5 million on 30 armored vehicles, reinforcement of UNIFIL positions, creation of three new positions, and shifting of headquarters (JP 10/16).

16 October ______________________

Social/Economic/Political

Military Action
Arab World: Israeli Phantom jet shot down over Lebanon, while IDF warplanes launch large-scale attack on Palestinian camp of Mieh Mieh, 13th and reportedly largest raid this year (4 are killed, 12 wounded). Warships bombard camp from Sidon coast. Israeli helicopters rescue one of the crewmen 90 minutes after plane was shot down; other crewmen are reportedly held by Shi'i militiamen (WP, NYT 10/17; WP 10/18).

17 October ______________________

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Board chairman of Cairo-Amman bank says opening of Nablus branch of bank is delayed due to "building repairs and employee training" (FBIS 10/20). Third Palestinian is arrested in connection with 10/15 Jerusalem bombing. All three suspects claim to be members of Islamic Jihad (JP 10/20).

Military Action
Arab World: IDF search for Israeli fighter pilot missing off Lebanese coast near Sidon (WP 10/18).
18 October

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: P.M.-designate Shamir asks U.S. Sec. of State Shultz to close PLO offices in U.S. because PLO claimed responsibility for grenade attack in Jerusalem (WP 10/19).

Military Action
Arab World: Amal hints at willingness to exchange captured Israeli pilot for Lebanese and Palestinian captives held by Israel and SLA (WP, NYT 10/19).

19 October

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: In Ashdod, Gaza, Arab municipal worker is stabbed by unknown attacker (JP 10/20).

Arab World: Arab League Council ends two-day meeting, 86th ordinary session, in Tunis in presence of nine foreign ministers; condemns Hasan-Peres meetings; agrees to hold first summit meetings in four years (date and place to be set). Council decides member states will sever diplomatic ties with Ivory Coast to protest opening of Ivorian embassy in Jerusalem (FBIS, WP 10/20; AFP 10/19).

Military Action
Arab World: IDF confirm Israeli fighter pilot, shot down 10/16, is being held by Amal (NYT 10/20).

20 October

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Yitzhak Shamir is sworn in as PM, replacing Peres according to 1984 rotation agreement; he will serve 25 months; wins 82–17 confidence vote in Knesset (WP, NYT 10/21). Two Gaza residents are attacked by three Israelis posing as policemen a day after an Arab is stabbed in Ashdod (FJ 10/24).

21 October

Social/Economic/Political

22 October

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israel Radio announces Israeli occupation authorities have appointed fourth Arab mayor, Tahir Hijazi, as mayor of ‘Arabta municipality in Tulkarm district (FBIS 10/24). Jerusalem Post reports total of four Palestinians have been arrested in connection with 10/15 Jerusalem bombing (JP 10/22).

Arab World: In Lebanon, kidnappers release Lebanese Christian AUB professor after five month detention (NYT 10/23).

Other Countries: Car bomb in Athens kills high-ranking PLO official Munthir Abu Ghazalah (NYT 10/22).

23 October

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Two Palestinians (Mustafa Mahmud Karush and Tawfiq Ibrahim ‘Abdallah) are sentenced to life imprisonment for killing Israeli soldier in November 1984 (WP 10/24).

Military Action
Arab World: Palestinian guerrillas in rubber dinghies attack Shi’i militia camp in south Lebanon, killing 5, following overnight clashes between Amal and Palestinians in Rashidiyyah in which 3 residents were killed. Fighting ends Syrian-sponsored truce (NYT 10/24).
24 October ______________________

Social/Economic/Political
Other Countries: In London, Nizar Hindawi is found guilty of plotting to blow up El Al airliner and is sentenced to 45 years in jail. Britain breaks off diplomatic relations with Syria, charging it has “conclusive evidence” that Syrian diplomats and intelligence officers were involved in bomb plot (NYT, WP 10/25).

Military Action
Arab World: Palestinians and Amal resume fighting around Rashidiyyah camp south of Tyre; 16 killed and 29 wounded in 24 hours (WP says 18 killed, 50 wounded) (NYT, WP 10/25).

25 October ______________________

Social/Economic/Political
Arab World: U.S. recalls ambassador from Syria in support of Britain’s charges of Syria’s involvement in 4/17 attempt to bomb El Al jet in London (WP 10/25).

Military Action

26 October ______________________

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: At Jerusalem press conference, Australian priest claims that Mordechai Vanunu, who sold story of Israeli nuclear weapons secrets to Sunday Times of London, and who disappeared from London 30 September was being held in Israel where he was taken against his will (NYT 10/27).

Arab World: Syrian Foreign Minister denies anyone in Syrian government was involved with bomb plot (WP 10/27).

Military Action

27 October ______________________

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Blind 28-year-old Palestinian is sentenced to life imprisonment for leading a guerrilla band, killing British tourist and Israeli businessman in East Jerusalem (NYT 10/28).

Other Countries: Led by Greece and France, 12-member European Economic Community rebuffs British pressure to adopt punitive sanctions against Syria at foreign ministers meeting in Luxembourg (NYT, WP 10/28). U.S. considers sanctions against Syria (NYT 10/28).

Military Action
Arab World: Truce in Lebanon is broken, Amal and Palestinians resume clashes near Sidon (30 killed, 80 wounded) (NYT 10/28).

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Arab services publishes when people, Occupied were Military minister stand group Other commemorate ation" Syria stead was Lauro tinian been been given 29 October Social/Economic/Political Occupied Palestine/Israel: Several thousand people, including several Jews, march to commemorate 30th anniversary of 1956 Kafr Qasim massacre (WP 10/30).

Other Countries: Le Monde reports that Syria helped France reach "truce" with group believed to have exploded bombs in Paris. "Truce" will last until February when Georges Ibrahim 'Abdallah is to stand trial. Meanwhile, Saudi newspaper publishes interview with French interior minister saying Syrian and French secret services were involved in "real cooperation" to prevent terrorist bombings (NYT, WP 10/30).

Military Action Arab World: In Lebanon, Palestinian-Amal rocket and artillery battles spread to Beirut suburb Burj al-Barajinah, which has been quiet since the summer when 200 were killed in Palestinian camps. Druze leader Walid Jumblatt warns Palestinians against using south Lebanon for "military adventurism." AP reports UN and Palestinian sources estimate 3,500 Palestinian guerrillas have returned to refugee camps in Lebanon in past six months (NYT, WP 10/30). Syria begins formation of joint leftist force to fight Fateh in the Lebanese camps. Force would comprise fighters from Druze Progressive Socialist party, Lebanese Ba'th, Syrian Social Nationalist party, and Lebanese Communist party (JP 10/30).

30 October Social/Economic/Political Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli military authorizes order one-week closure of Bethlehem University in response to clashes between students and police (WP 10/31).

Other Countries: Police in Britain announce they have no evidence that Vanunu committed crime, nor evidence that Vanunu, officially listed as missing since 10/8, was abducted (NYT 10/31). French government denies it struck deal with terrorist group to end bombings (WP 10/31).

Military Action Arab World: Shi'a and Palestinians, fighting around Burj al-Barajinah, close highway to Beirut airport; two are dead, ten wounded, in fighting (JP 10/31).

2 November Social/Economic/Political Occupied Palestine/Israel: Unrest in West Bank marks anniversary of Balfour Declaration (NYT 11/3).

Arab World: Islamic Jihad frees American hostage David Jacobsen after 17 months' captivity in West Beirut. Six Americans remain missing, two held by Islamic Jihad (NYT, WP 11/3).

3 November Social/Economic/Political Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli occupation authorities issue expulsion order for Akram Haniyyah, editor of East Jerusalem daily al-Sha'b, for "hostile activities on behalf of Fateh" (WP 11/4).

4 November Military Action Arab World: Gun battles resume in Burj al-Barajinah between Amal and Palestinians after two-day lull; 5 are killed, 22
wounded (NYT 11/5). WP says 10 killed, 29 wounded (WP 11/5).

5 November  

Social/Economic/Political
Other Countries: Delegation of Israeli leftists flies to Romania to meet 31 PLO leaders, defying Israeli law (NYT 11/7; WP 11/6). Israel and U.S. sign agreement granting Israel $6 million for “Star Wars” research (JP 11/6).

6 November  

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Jerusalem branch of Israeli Journalists Union protests expulsion of al-Sha'b editor Akram Haniyyah (JP 11/7). Other Countries: U.S. intelligence sources reveal that U.S. sent military spare parts to Iran in exchange for release of U.S. hostages in Lebanon, and persuaded Israel to do the same. Operation has been going on since 1985 (NYT 11/7). Turkish prosecutors accuse Abu Nidal group of 9/6 massacre at Istanbul synagogue (WP 11/7).

7 November  

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Four Israeli leftists who met PLO officials in Romania are given court summonses upon their return to Israel (JP 11/9).

8 November  

Social/Economic/Political
Arab World: King Hussein appeals for foreign aid to finance his $1.3 billion development plan for West Bank and Gaza (JP 11/9).

9 November  

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israel acknowledges it has Mordechai Vanunu in custody, detained under court order. (Vanunu could face trial for treason for disclosing Israeli nuclear weapons secrets to English newspaper.) Vanunu will be represented by lawyer Amnon Zichroni, well-known activist for Israeli-Palestinian peace (JP, NYT, WP 11/10). In Jerusalem, Faysal Husayni of the Arab Studies Center and Palestinian journalist meet with human rights activist Anatoly Shcharansky to seek Shcharansky's help in preventing expulsion of al-Sha'b editor Akram Haniyyah (NYT 11/13).

Other Countries: U.S. Sec. of State Shultz is reportedly worried about arms shipments to Iran, which he feels undermine U.S. antiterrorism policy (NYT 11/9).

10 November  

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli Deputy P.M. Yitzhak Navon criticizes government's delay in announcing arrest of Mordechai Vanunu, who disappeared in London after telling an English newspaper about Israeli nuclear bomb factory (WP 11/11). Newsweek reports Peres approved Israel's role as middleman in U.S.-Iran arms deal (JP 11/10).

Other Countries: Britain wins support of European Community allies for ban on arms sales to Syria and other limited measures (WP, NYT 11/11). Washington Times publishes interview with French P.M. Chirac in which he says Israel might have set up 4/17 El Al bomb plot to embarrass Syria (NYT 11/10). Pres. Reagan rejects congressional demands that he disclose details of dealings with Iran, citing need for secrecy in obtaining release of American hostages in Lebanon (NYT 11/11).

11 November  

Social/Economic/Political
Other Countries: Two French hostages,
held in Lebanon, arrive in France (NYT, WP 11/12). Pres. Reagan decides to persevere to seek release of American hostages in Lebanon through Iranian contacts, causing dismay in U.S. administration (NYT, WP 11/12).

12 November

**Social/Economic/Political**

*Occupied Palestine/Israel*: In response to right-wing protests, human rights activist Anatoly Shcharansky says he didn’t know Palestinians he met on 11/9 were pro-PLO (NYT 11/13). IDF soldiers shoot and kill a Palestinian man in Gaza after he failed to stop at a roadblock. Israeli is stabbed and wounded by unknown attacker in market (WP 11/13).

**Other Countries**: Pres. Reagan acknowledges sending military supplies to Iran, defends action as necessary for establishing link to moderate elements there (NYT 11/12).

13 November

**Social/Economic/Political**

*Occupied Palestine/Israel*: P.M. Shamir says he is prepared to attack guerrilla bases inside Syria (WP 11/13).

**Other Countries**: Israel tells Britain Mordechai Vanunu left Britain voluntarily (contrary to speculation Israeli agents abducted him) (WP 11/14). In nationally broadcast TV address, Pres. Reagan denies he paid “ransom” for U.S. hostages in Lebanon (WP 11/14).

**Military Action**

*Arab World*: In south Lebanon, two Shi’is are killed in clash with IDF (JP 11/14).

**Journal Source Abbreviations**

- AFP (Agence France Presse)
- CSM (Christian Science Monitor)
- FBIS (Foreign Broadcast Information Service)
- FJ (Al-Fajr, Jerusalem)
- JP (Jerusalem Post)
- MEI (Middle East International)
- NYT (New York Times)
- WP (Washington Post)

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