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

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March 1  

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Convicted Jewish underground defendant Avinoam Katrieli released from prison after serving 10 mos. of 15-mo. sentence [JP 3/3].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF raid Bir Zeit U., allegedly find banned literature; 40 detained; university provisionally closed for one week [JP 3/3].

Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: 2 roadside bombs injure 3 IDF troops near 'Abassiya. Bomb injures IDF soldier near Burj al-Shamali [PRI 3/2]. Katyusha fired at IDF outpost, Qasmiya Bridge; no injuries. 2 RPGs launched at IDF position near Bidias; no injuries [JP 3/3]. In Beirut newspaper appeal, Amal orders resistance fighters to avoid firing upon IDF troops from area recently evacuated by Israel to forestall an Israeli return [PRI 3/2].

March 2  

Social/Economic/Political
Arab World: In Tunis, Chmn. Arafat objects to portions of Pres. Mubarak’s 2/24 peace proposals; states talks must take place under UN supervision, PLO appointments to joint delegation cannot be subject to conditions or limitations; denounces US “hypocrisy” towards PLO [NYT 3/3].

Military Action
Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: IDF move 800 troops, 3 tanks, over 30 other vehicles into Ma'arakah; 1 killed, 17 ar-
rested, 2 homes destroyed; winter food stocks ransacked, mosques desecrated; IDF fire upon Reuters photographer Patrick Baz, 2nd journalist, as they carried white flag in village. IDF destroy house in Teir Dibba. In Beirut, Nabih Berri threatens attacks on Israeli towns if S. Lebanese villages are attacked by IDF [NYT, WP 3/3, JP 3/4].

March 3

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Cabinet approves plans for 2nd phase of 3-phase IDF withdrawal from Lebanon; no deadline set [NYT 3/4].

Military Action
Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: IDF fire upon car near Qsaibeh, kill 11-yr.-old Hassan Kubaisi, wound one of his sisters [WP 3/4, 5]. RPG fired at IDF liaison office bldg., Nabatiya. IDF outpost in Bidias attacked twice with RPGs. RPG shots fired at IDF position in Jwaiyeh. No injuries reported. IDF kill resistance fighter at Qasmiya after gunfight [JP 3/4].

March 4

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Bir Zeit U. officials condemn 3/1 IDF raid on university [JP 3/5].


Other Countries: US, Israel conclude free trade agreement; all tariffs between the 2 countries to be eliminated by 1995 [NYT 3/5]. US State Dept. rejects congressional request to allow PLO UN observer Zuhdi Terzi to travel to Washington and address members of Congress [WP 3/5].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF close 8 stores in Halhoul after Israeli taxi stoned. 2 detained in Beit Jalla after Israeli car similarly attacked [JP 3/5]. In Issawiya (Jerusalem) Border Police destroy 2 homes built without permit [FJ 3/8].

Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: bomb explodes in Ma'arakah religious bldg., at least 12 killed, over 50 wounded; among the dead are 2 top Amal guerrilla leaders, Muhammad Saad, Khalil Jaradi; blast occurred less than 30 hrs. after IDF completed massive raid [NYT, LAT 3/5]. 16-yr.-old 'Ali Ma'rour dies of heart attack while running from attacking IDF troops in Sila [NYT 3/10]. IDF raid Jabal Amal hospital in Tyre, beat director Dr. Ahmad Mroueh, fire shots, destroy property; at least 35 arrested, including some donating blood for victims of Ma'arakah blast [LAT 3/5]. IDF announce it will require special passes to cross Qasmiya Bridge on Litani River; southbound trucks carrying food, products across bridge also need permits; northbound vehicles forbidden, required to use Qa'qa'iya Bridge [JP 3/4]. 3 Katyushas fired at IDF post at Qasmiya Bridge. RPGs, shots fired at IDF posts in Bidias, Tyre. Roadside bombs explode near IDF vehicles in Tyre, 'Abbasiya. No casualties in any of the actions [JP 3/5].

March 5

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Foreign Min. official David Kimche summons diplomats from UNIFIL, UN Sec. Council nations for explanation of recent anti-resistance campaign in S. Lebanon; accuses Pres. Gemayel of provoking violence [PI 3/6].
MK's Meir Cohen-Avidov, Yuval Ne'eman return from US with pledges of $70,000 for Keren Hebron fund, a tax-deductible US charity for families of Jewish underground defendants [JP 3/5]. Palestinian prisoners at Jnaid, Na'hfa prisons initiate hunger strike in solidarity with striking inmates at Ashkelon prison (begun 2/22) [FJ 3/8]. Clash between nationalists and Islamic fundamentalist factions injures 8 at Islamic U., Gaza; 20 arrested; studies suspended for one day [FJ 3/8]. Jewish underground defendant Dan Be'er'i plea bargain with Jerusalem District Court to reduce number of charges against him in connection with plot to blow up al-Haram al-Sharif [JP 3/6]. Strike called by 52 Palestinian town councils ends after Interior Min. promises to cover their municipal debts totalling IS 1.4 billion [FJ 3/8].

Arab World: Thousands of Shi'ites march in Beirut protesting 3/4. IDF raid on Ma'arakah [WP 3/6].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Grenade thrown at IDF patrol in Sa'ir; IDF detain over 150, destroy property; 24-hr. curfew imposed. [MG, FJ, JP 3/7].

March 6

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Central Bureau of Statistics reports 37% of occupied territories' work force employed in Israel during 1984: 50,000 from W. Bank, 40,000 from Gaza; 44,000 worked in construction, 13,000 in agriculture [JTA 3/7]. Housing Min. begins building permanent structures in 3 settlements formerly containing temporary housing: Arzmona in Gaza, Cadim in N. portion of W. Bank, and Na'amah in Jordan Valley [JP 3/6]. Haifa U. suspends Palestinian student leader Amir Makhoul, imposes sentences on 3 other Arabs, 1 Jewish student, for activities stemming from 1/17 disturbance at university during speech by MK Eitan [JP 3/7].

Arab World: After meeting with Pres. Mubarak in Hurghada, Egypt, King Hussein expresses support for 2/24 Mubarak proposal for talks between US, joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegation [NYT, WS] 3/7].

Other Countries: Reagan administration defers sending Israel's $2.6 billion aid request to Congress for approval; states Israel has not made sufficient progress toward solving economic problems [NYT 3/7].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Authorities bulldoze 2 homes "illegally" built in Shuyuh [JP 3/7]. Roadside bomb explodes as settler's car passes in Hebron area; nearby note claims DFLP responsibility [JTA 3/8].

Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: RPGs, shots fired at IDF, SLA posts in Shukin, Ansar; no casualties [JP 3/7]. IDF kill 2, wound 1 resistance fighter in Kafir Sir. SLA soldier wounded in Yatar. IDF raid Bidadia; arrest 20 [DT, CSM, NYT 3/7]. IDF, Shin Bet agents arrest dozens in Tyre. Taxi driver killed by IDF near Tyre. IDF raid Burj Eliya; 12-yr.-old boy killed. Civilians in Teir Dibba forced to sit outside village during IDF raid [LT 3/7]. 7 Beirut-based journalists arrested by IDF near Tyre; later released [on 2/26 Israel issued ban on Beirut-based journalists in areas under IDF control] [NYT MG 3/7].

March 7

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: In Jerusalem, The Foreign Press Assoc. protests 3/6 IDF treatment of 7 journalists arrested near Tyre, S. Lebanon [NYT 3/7]. Led by Rabbi Moshe Levinger, more than 50 Gush Emunim
settlers from Kiryat Arba march through downtown Hebron in celebration of Purim [F] 3/15.

Other Countries: US Sec. of State Shultz testifies before Senate subcommittee that Israel has not made enough progress toward solving economic problems to warrant $2.6 billion in new aid [NYT 3/9].

Military Action

Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: IDF soldier killed in clash with Lebanese Army, resistance fighters after IDF kill 2 resistance fighters, pursue other suspects across 1st-stage withdrawal line near Kawkharian al-Siyad [NYT, WP 3/7]. Resistance fighters battle SLA near Shukin; 4 SLA fighters wounded, 1 resistance commando killed [JP 3/8]. IDF position near Deir Qanun al-Nahr, SLA post near Qa'qa'ya Bridge attacked; no casualties reported [NYT 3/9]. IDF raid Hallusya; 8 arrested; 4 houses destroyed. IDF raid Teir Filsay; arrest 14 [WP 3/8]. IDF raid Kafr Danis, make undisclosed number of arrests [LT 3/8]. SLA, Shin Bet forces kill 16-yr. old Insaf Kourani, wound 3 other women in Yatar; IDF, SLA block evacuation of wounded by Irish UNIFIL troops [LT, WP 3/8]. UNIFIL also report SLA attempts to block entrance of UNIFIL into village [WP 3/8].

March 8

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF close Bir Zeit U.'s new campus for 2 mos. following 3/1 raid [LAT 3/9].

Other Countries: In interview with Paris-based al-Watan al-'Arabi, Chmn. Arafat asserts Israel, Syria holding secret negotiations over mutual withdrawal of forces from Lebanon; cites 12,000 Syrian troops pulled back from ceasefire line after 1st stage of IDF withdrawal as proof of collusion [MG 3/7]. US, Israel reach “understanding” on Israeli request for $2.6 billion in new aid, specifics yet to be arranged [NYT 3/9].

Military Action

Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: SLA officer killed by resistance in Jezzine [NYT 3/9]. IDF fire rockets around homes in Bidas [LT 3/9]. Resistance fighters battle IDF unit at Qasmiya Bridge for several hours, firing more than 50 RPGs, mortar rounds; 5 Israelis wounded, 1 critically [NYT 3/11].

March 9

Social/Economic/Political

Other Countries: Pres. Mubarak arrives in Washington to urge greater US role in Middle East peace process; also seeks $870 million in increased economic, military aid [NYT 3/10].

Military Action

Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: 2 Katyushas fired at IDF units, undisclosed locations. RPGs fired at IDF troops, Bidas; no reported injuries. RPG fired at IDF liaison unit HQ, Nabatiya; no injuries reported [JP 3/10].

March 10

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Yedioth Aharonot reports secret talks between Jordanian Min. of State 'Adnan Abu Odeh and Dir. Gen. of PM's office Avraham Tamir on composition of joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegation; PM Peres denies report [BG, JTA 3/11]. Cab. ministers Aryeh Nehamkin, Yosef Shapira appear as character witnesses in trial of Jewish underground member Uri Maier [JP 3/11]. More than 100 Palestinian students stage sit-in
March 11

**Social/Economic/Political**

*Occupied Palestine/Israel*: Govt. assures US that recent Ethiopian Jewish immigrants will not be settled in occupied territories; states those in Kiryat Arba are not recent immigrants [JP 3/12]. Palestinian students at Haifa U. strike to protest police action during 3/10 sit-in [F] 3/15.

**Military Action**

*Arab World*: IDF raid Zrariya, N. of new defense line; 34 killed, 7 wounded, over 100 arrested including at least 10 Lebanese Army soldiers who tried to resist; 11 homes destroyed; IDF fire upon Intl. Red Cross ambulances attempting to enter town [NYT, MG 3/12]. IDF extend 2/26 travel ban on cars with fewer than 2 passengers to all areas under Israeli control (previously applied only to predominantly Shi'ite areas in which IDF had been attacked in the past) [JTA 3/12].

March 12

**Social/Economic/Political**

*Occupied Palestine/Israel*: Over 300 Jewish and Arab students hold sit-in at Hebrew U. to protest harsh measures recently taken against students by Haifa U. [F] 3/15.

**Other Countries**: In Washington, Pres. Reagan refuses to support Pres. Mubarak's 2/24 proposals [NYT 3/13]. US vetoes proposed UN Sec. Council resolution condemning Israel's "iron fist" policies in S. Lebanon; vote was 11 to 1, 3 abstentions [NYT 3/13].

**Military Action**

*Occupied Palestine/Israel*: 63-yr.-old Miriam Amru killed in al-Majd by IDF soldiers involved in weapons training at a nearby IDF base [F] 3/22.

*Arab World*: Action in S. Lebanon: 2 IDF soldiers killed, 2 wounded in ambush near Qasmiya Bridge. Car bomb explodes next to IDF vehicle S. of Jejizine; 1 injured. 2nd bomb explodes 2 hrs. later; at least 2 IDF personnel wounded [NYT, LAT 3/13].

March 13

**Social/Economic/Political**

*Other Countries*: In Washington, Pres. Mubarak expresses dissatisfaction with US policy towards peace talks, calls it "almost a defeatist approach" [WP 3/14].

**Military Action**

*Arab World*: Action in Lebanon: IDF planes raid alleged Sa'iqi base near Bar Elias; no reports of injuries [NYT 3/14]. 3 Katyushas fired at IDF post near Rashaya; no injuries. RPGs fired at IDF post, Kafr Ruman, and SLA unit in Tyre; no casualties [JP 3/14].
March 14

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Jewish underground defendant Yossi Edri concludes plea bargain with prosecution; charges against him are reduced [JP 3/15]. Several hundred students demonstrate outside Haifa U. protesting police action during 3/10 sit-in on campus [JP 3/15].

Other Countries: After meeting with British PM Thatcher in London, Pres. Mubarak fails to get UK support for his 2/24 peace proposals, although Thatcher affirms British support for direct negotiations [MG, FT 3/15].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Green Patrol seizes 45 goats belonging to Bedouin shepherds near Dimona; goats later sold by Green Patrol officers [JP 3/31].

Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: IDF kill 3 resistance fighters near Tyre. roadside bomb south of Qasmiya Bridge explodes near IDF vehicle; no casualties.

March 15

Social/Economic/Political


Arab World: King Hussein states 2/11 Arafat-Hussein accord is "last chance" for peace; asserts PLO must be part of peace plans [NYT 3/17].

Other Countries: US Sec. of State Shultz announces US will send State Dept. official Richard Murphy to Middle East soon to "maintain momentum" of peace talks [NYT, WP 3/16].

Military Action

Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: IDF raid Barish; 70 detained [WP 3/16]. IDF kill 2 Lebanese Army troops, 3 resistance fighters, N. of IDF defense line at Litani River [MG 3/16]. IDF arrest 4 journalists near Tyre [LT 3/16].

March 16

Social/Economic/Political


Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: After stones were thrown at Israeli vehicle in Ramallah, IDF seals off central part of city. IDF set up roadblocks on way to Bir Zeit U. to prevent demonstrations against 3/8 closing of part of campus. Stone thrown at Israeli car in Nablus injures passenger [JP 3/17].

Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: IDF kill 3, wounded 3 during raid on Toura [F] 3/22]. IDF raid Burj Rahhal; 5 arrested. RPGs fired at IDF unit near Hmair; no injuries reported [NYT 3/17].

March 17

Military Action

Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: 2 IDF soldiers killed, 5 wounded in ambush near Jibsheet. 2 Katyushas fired at IDF post in Jwaiyeh; no casualties reported. Roadside
bomb explodes near IDF patrol E. of Jwaiyeh; no report of injuries [JP 3/18].

**March 18**

**Social/Economic/Political**

**Occupied Palestine/Israel:** Bedouin shepherds demonstrate in front of Min. of Agriculture protesting 3/14 seizure of 45 goats from Negev Bedouin [JP 3/31].

**Arab World:** Pres. Mubarak arrives in Amman for talks with King Hussein on peace process [NYT 3/19].

**Other Countries:** In Washington, Jordanian FM Tahir al-Masri calls on US to revive 1982 Reagan Plan [LAT 3/19].

**Military Action**

**Occupied Palestine/Israel:** IDF begin 3-day door-to-door census survey in Dheisheh camp; information sought for “security reasons” [FJ 3/22].

**Arab World:** Action in S. Lebanon: IDF kill 2, destroy 1 home, detain undisclosed number during raid on Ma’roub [JP 3/19]. Similar raids carried out on Jibsheet, Barish, Karmiya, Burj Rahhal, Karoun [FJ 3/22].

**March 19**

**Military Action**

**Occupied Palestine/Israel:** IDF close UNRWA-run boys preparatory school in Qalansaya for 1 mo. after stones allegedly thrown at IDF from school [FJ 3/22]. Green Patrol seizes large flock of Bedouin goats near Mitzpe Ramon (2nd time since 3/14); goats later sold by Green Patrol officials [JP 3/31].

**Arab World:** IDF sources indicate intention after final withdrawal to erect “security zone” in S. Lebanon to be patrolled by SLA; also state that “extremists” in zone will be deported [LT 3/19]. IDF raid Abba, S. Lebanon; 1 killed, 1 wounded; 1 home destroyed, undetermined number arrested. IDF close road from Israeli border to Marjayoun [JP 3/20].

**March 20**

**Social/Economic/Political**

**Occupied Palestine/Israel:** PM Peres indicates he no longer objects to Pres. Mubarak’s proposed US talks with joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegation as long as direct Arab-Israeli talks follow [CSM 3/21]. Attorney Gen. Yitzhak Zamir indicates 6 Israelis who met with Chmn. Arafat 2/16 will not be prosecuted for “meeting with the enemy” [JP 3/21].

**Other Countries:** UN figures, released to The Times of London indicate average daily attacks against IDF troops in S. Lebanon have doubled since recent initiation of IDF “iron fist” policy [LT 3/21].

**Military Action**

**Occupied Palestine/Israel:** IDF Gen. Amnon Shahak bans political demonstrations in W. Bank [JTA 3/21]. Bomb at bus stop injures 3 in Petah Tikva [JP 3/21].

**Arab World:** Action in S. Lebanon: SLA initiates 4-hr. gun battle with Irish UNIFIL troops near Ber‘asheet; uses 40 schoolchildren as shield [DT 3/21, LT 3/22]. IDF, SLA come under attack in 4 locations in Tyre, Hasbayya areas; no casualties reported [FJ 3/22].

**March 21**

**Social/Economic/Political**

**Occupied Palestine/Israel:** In visit to settlers in Katif, DM Rabin asserts Gaza “must remain an inseparable part of the state of Israel” [JTA 3/22].
Other Countries: Pres. Reagan indicates US willingness to meet with joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegation (as proposed by Pres. Mubarak) as long as it contains no PLO members; reiterates opposition to direct US role in peace talks [WP, WS] 3/22.

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Car stoned in Nablus; no injuries [JP 3/22].

Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: IDF cross 1st-stage withdrawal line, raid Humin al-Tahta, Jabaa, Sarba, Jal al-'Arab, Rumin, Ankun, Kafr Malki, Kafr Fila; 23 killed, including CBS journalists Tawfiq Ghazawi, Bashir Matni (killed when IDF tank fired upon their car, marked as a camera car); 32 homes destroyed; resistance forces engage IDF; 1 Israeli wounded. IDF also raid Srifa, Janata. IDF soldier wounded 3/8 dies [NYT, JTA, WP 3/22, NYT 3/23]. Roadside bombs explode near IDF vehicles near Ma'roub, 'Arab Salim, al-Bazouriya; no injuries. SLA patrol fired upon near Jarjoura; no casualties [JTA 3/22].

Other Countries: Alia Royal Jordanian Airlines offices in Rome, Athens, Nicosia bombed; 5 employees injured; Black September claims responsibility [TS 3/22].

March 22

Social/Economic/Political
Other Countries: In Washington, Jordanian FM Tahir al-Masri says US desire to meet with Palestinian-Jordanian delegation with no PLO members is unrealistic; asserts no Palestinian can participate without PLO's public approval [NYT 3/23].

Military Action
Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: IDF raid Qal'eh; 1 killed, 1 wounded, 28 detained. IDF enter Abba; destroy furniture belonging to families of men detained 3/19; also kill 50 cows belonging to detainee's family [NYT 3/23]. Irish UNIFIL unit blocks road in front of IDF convoy to protest the convoy's "preventive gunfire" which landed near the UN troops [NYT 3/23].

March 23

Social/Economic/Political
Arab World: US military transport planes airlift remaining Ethiopian Jews in Sudan to Israel in move coordinated by the CIA [LAT 3/23, NYT 3/24].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Green Patrol cmdr. Alon Galili shoots and seriously wounds Mahmud Abu Zeidan near Sdeh Boker, claims Abu Zeidan was trying to steal a car; local bedouin disagree [JP 3/25].

Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: shots fired at IDF post in Magdosha, SLA unit in Tyre; no injuries [JP 3/24].

March 24

Social/Economic/Political
Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: 17-yr.-old Mir'i Salah Farhan shot by IDF during stone-throwing incident at Qalandiya camp [JTA 3/25, FJ 3/29]. Gasoline bomb thrown at IDF patrol in Tulkarm camp; no reported injuries [FJ 3/29].

March 25

Social/Economic/Political

Arab World: In Amman, Fateh Deputy-in-command Khalil al-Wazir (Abu Jihad) states PLO forces loyal to Chmm. Arafat have moved back into S. Lebanon and that over 60 have been killed fighting the IDF in past 5 mos. [JP 3/26]. In Damascus, "Palestine National Salvation Front" is created to obstruct 2/11 Arafat-Hussein accord, to work for greater "strategic alliance" with Syria; front includes PFLP, PFLP-GC, Sa'iqa, Popular Struggle Front, Palestinian National Front, and Abu Musa's Fateh dissidents [WP 3/26].

Military Action
Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: IDF summon mukhtars from villages SE of Tyre to meeting in Bint Jbeil; are told 500 IDF advisors will remain in security zone subsequent to IDF withdrawal [LT 3/30].

March 26

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: DM Rabin threatens "scorched earth" policy in S. Lebanon if Shi'ite military actions continue [JP 3/27]. In Jerusalem, Arab Lawyers Union calls on members to create delays in W. Bank military courts by refusing to enter guilty pleas, refusing to accept prisoner testimonies until determining admissibility of confessions; aim is to protest recent heavy sentences imposed by IDF courts [FJ 3/29]. Jewish underground defendant Dan Be'eri indicates settler leader Rabbi Moshe Levinger was present at meeting to discuss blowing up the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem [FJ 3/29].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF disperse student demonstrators at Hittin school, Jenin, with tear gas after students allegedly threw stones; 2 arrested [JP 3/27].


March 27

Military Action
Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: IDF raid Shahur; 10 arrested; SLA vehicle ambushed in Nabatiya; 1 wounded. SLA unit attacked in Jarjua; no casualties. Katyusha fired at IDF position, Burj al-Shamali; no reported injuries [JP 3/28].

March 28

Military Action
Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: IDF ambush resistance unit on banks of Litani River; 3 killed [LT 3/30].

March 29

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: In interview with Jerusalem Arabic-language paper al-Quds,

Military Action

March 30

Social/Economic/Political

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: 2 Dheisheh residents shot, injured by authorities in Bethlehem during Land Day demonstration [FJ 4/5]. Stones thrown by Israeli car in Qalqilya injures woman [JTA 4/2]. IDF erect roadblocks around al-Najah U. [FJ 4/5].


March 31

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: According to report issued by West Bank Data Base Project, 41% of W. Bank under direct Israeli govt. control, 11% under indirect control (due to development restrictions); remaining available growth areas specified for solely Jewish development [NYT, WP 4/1].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Settler shot and killed in Ramallah; 24-hr. curfew imposed on Ramallah, al-Bireh; DFLP claims responsibility [LAT, JP 4/1; LAT 4/6].

Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: Lebanese Forces continue fighting Muslim militias, Palestinian fighters, Lebanese Army units in 'Ain al-Hilweh, Sidon area [NYT 4/1]. RPGs fired at IDF positions in Tyre, Qasmiya, Jwaiyeh; no injuries. Landmine defused by IDF near Lake Karoun [JP 4/1].

April 1

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: High Court rejects petition by MK Kahane to cancel Knesset's 12/18 decision to strip Kahane of parliamentary immunity with regard to freedom of movement; orders Kahane to pay IS 500,000 court costs [JP 4/2]. Foreign Min. official David Kimche tells UN diplomat Jean-Claude Aime that Israel does not want UNIFIL troops to be deployed along Israel-Lebanon border after IDF withdrawal [JP 4/2]. Inner cabinet unanimously approves plan to exchange 1,150 prisoners held by Israel for 3 IDF soldiers held by PFLP-GC in Syria (see 5/20/85) [JP 5/22].
Other Countries: US State Dept. spokesman Bernard Kalb, referring to 3/31 report by West Bank Data Base Project, states US opposed to W. Bank settlements, feels that settlement activity does not preclude chances for negotiated settlement [JP, JTA 4/2].

Military Action

Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: IDF convoy attacked with RPGs near Jwaiyeh. 8 Katyushas fired at IDF position, Douer; no casualties reported. 2 SLA soldiers killed during ambush near 'Arab Salim [JP 4/2]. IDF soldier injured 3/30 in Douer, S. Lebanon, dies of wounds [JP 4/2].

April 2 ____________________________

Military Action
Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: IDF transfer more than 1,100 prisoners from Ansar camp in S. Lebanon to site in Israel [NYT 4/3]. Roadside bomb kills IDF soldier near Douer; 2 others wounded. IDF soldier wounded by mine near Ba’alul. Resistance fighter killed by IDF near Deir Qanun al-Nahr. Anti-tank missile fired at IDF patrol, undisclosed location; no injuries [JP 4/3].

April 3 ____________________________

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Defying IDF curfew, 1,500 Palestinians attend funeral of Karim Khalaf in Ramallah [PI 4/4]. Min. of Police, Prisons Service indicate accused Jewish underground defendants now in custody will be released on 48-hr. leave for Passover holiday; 5 held for murder will not be released [JP 4/4]. New IDF SLA liaison chief asserts predecessor, Col. Avraham Hido (killed in 2/19 clash with resistance in S. Lebanon), may have been killed “in error” by SLA troops traveling with him [JP 4/4]. Fight breaks out between Palestinian, Jewish students at Haifa U. (scene of several recent incidents) [JP 4/4].

Other Countries: US State Dept. states Israel violated Articles 49, 76, 77 of 4th Geneva Convention in its 4/2 transfer of 1,100 Ansar inmates to Israel [NYT 4/4].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Border Police shoot and injure 18-yr.-old Sameh Sha’ar in Nablus during mock funeral for Karim Khalaf [PI 4/4, FJ 4/5].

Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: IDF release 752 Ansar prisoners near Tyre [NYT, WP 4/4]. IDF raid Shihabiya; several arrested [NYT 4/4]. Roadside bomb explodes as IDF patrol passes near Douer; 1 injured. 2 IDF soldiers wounded by roadside bomb near al-Bazouriya. Katyusha, RPGs, shots directed at IDF liaison HQ, Nabatiya; no report of casualties. RPG fired at IDF HQ, Tyre; no reported injuries. IDF raid Deir Zabna [JP 4/4].

Other Countries: Anti-tank rocket fired at building housing Jordanian embassy in Rome; Black September claims responsibility [WP 4/5].

April 4 ____________________________

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: E. Jerusalem merchants strike in support of better prison conditions for Palestinian prisoners in Ashkelon prison [WP 4/5].
Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Police arrest 132 after stones thrown, road blocked during protest at Ibrahimiyia College, Jerusalem; demonstrators were protesting conditions for Palestinians in Ashkelon prison [NYT 4/5]. After protest by Association for Civil Rights in Israel, IDF reduces area in Ramallah under 24-hr. curfew (imposed after 3/31 killing of IDF soldier); central market area remains closed [LAT 4/6].

Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: IDF raid Kawthariyat al-Siyad across front lines; 8 killed. 2 IDF soldiers injured by roadside bomb near Tyre; 3rd wounded by similar bomb near Qasmiya. IDF gunboat shells Rashidiya area; 3 killed, 12 wounded [PI 4/5].

Other Countries: Rocket fired at Alia Royal Jordanian Airlines plane at Athens airport; no injuries; Black September suspected of attack [WP 4/5].

April 5

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Cabinet Mbr. Sharon indicates he will run for PM in 1988 elections as Herut candidate [NYT 4/6]. Striking Palestinian political prisoners at Ashkelon prison end 41-day partial hunger strike for better conditions [FJ 4/12].

Military Action
Arab World: Roadside bomb near Qasmiya bridge injures 1 IDF soldier [JP 4/7].

April 6

Military Action
Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: Roadside bomb injures 2 IDF soldiers near Nabatiya [JP 4/7].

April 7

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: PM Peres said to favor Israeli acceptance of US invitation to join in "Star Wars" space weapons research [JP 4/8].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF lifts curfew of Ramallah, al-Bireh [imposed 3/31], but orders 23 Ramallah stores closed for 2 mos.; allege owners saw 3/31 killing of settler but did not cooperate with police investigation [FJ 4/12, 4/26].

April 8

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF open al-Far'a prison to foreign journalists, deny 1/30 allegations of torture made by Intl. Commission of Jurists, but admit 2 cases of abuse occurred in the past [WP 4/9]. Body of 21-yr.-old IDF soldier found near Beit Ayre settlement; apparently victim of political violence [LAT 4/9]. Herut party youth movement Betar cancels attempt to hold opening ceremonies for office on Tel Rumeida, Hebron, after IDF threaten intervention [JP 4/9]. In discussions with UN Undersec. Gen. Brian Urquhart, DM Rabin asserts Israel does not object to extension of UNIFIL mandate (due to expire 4/19) but doubts UNIFIL's usefulness in border areas [JP 4/7, 4/9].

April 9

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Poll of Israelis (excluding kibbutz residents, settlers) indicates 43.5% oppose any territorial compromise as part of peace process, 33.6% support partial compromise, 16.6% would return entire W. Bank; same poll indicates 63.3% favor immediate withdrawal from
S. Lebanon [JTA 4/10]. Herut party Betar youth movement holds ceremony in Hebron marking opening of Betar office at Tel Rumeida; IDF forbade [4/8] holding of ceremony at Tel Rumeida itself [JP 4/10].

Military Action
Arab World: Action in Lebanon: IDF planes bomb alleged Popular Struggle Front base in Shamlan; 4 killed, 4 wounded. IDF seal Tyre; over 25 arrested [NYT, PI 4/10]. 16-yr.-old Sana Mheidleh drives explosives-laden car into IDF position at Bater al-Shouf, killing herself and 2 Israelis; 2 others wounded [PI 4/10].

April 10

Arab World: Chmn. Arafat, King Hussein meet in Amman; discuss 2/11 peace accord, fighting in S. Lebanon [NYT 4/11].

April 11

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Local newspapers carry Agence France Presse report indicating IDF imposed greatest number of harsh sentences on residents of occupied territories in 1984 than any year since 1967; 5,226 convicted in 1984, 64% increase over 1983 [FJ 4/12].

Arab World: Chmn. Arafat meets with delegation of US congressional representatives [LAT 4/12, JP 4/15].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: 1 Border Police- man injured by grenade thrown at patrol in Sa'ir; curfew imposed, several arrested [JP 4/14].

Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: IDF withdraw from Nabatiya, Jabaa, Habbush, Ansar, Jibsheit, Humin al-Fawqa, Nabatiyah al-Fawqa; retain control of Beaufort Castle [WP, FT, NYT 4/12]. IDF major killed, 2nd soldier wounded, by mine in Hasbay region [JP 4/14].

April 13

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: 200 representatives of professions, student groups, other institutions in occupied territories call for PLO unity, criticize 2/11 Arafat-Hussein agreement [FJ 4/19].

Arab World: Jordan removes travel restrictions (imposed 4/30/83) on residents of occupied territories (W. Bank residents were not allowed to remain in Jordan for more than 30 days; were required to fill out questionnaire concerning trip) [FJ 4/19].

Military Action

April 14

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: In Likud-orchestrated move, Cabinet defeats motion to send Cabinet Mbr. Ezer Weizman to Cairo to meet Egyptian PM Kamal Hassan 'Ali [WP 4/15].

Arab World: US State Dept. official Richard Murphy meets with King Hussein in Amman [LAT 4/15].

Military Action
Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: IDF arrest more than 60 in al-Bass camp near Tyre [NYT, PI 4/15]. Lebanese Forces bombard Mieh Mieh, 'Ain al-Hilweh [PI,
LT 4/15]. Reports surface that IDF, SLA maintain secret underground torture center, jail at site of former Lebanese Army barracks at Khiam; ICRC attempting to visit prisoners [LT, JP 4/14, CSM 4/15].

April 15

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: US State Dept. official Richard Murphy meets with PM Peres, Deputy Premier Shamir in Jerusalem [JP 4/16]. Cabinet reverses 4/14 decision, votes to allow Cabinet Mbr. Ezer Weizman to travel to Egypt [NYT 4/16]. Haifa court convicts 5 Palestinian students from Haifa U. of "unlawful assembly" in reference to 1/19 fight between Palestinian, Jewish students [JP 4/16]. Members of Ramallah municipal council (who struck in April 1982 when occupation authorities deposed Mayor Karim Khalaf) reject IDF proposal to return to their posts [FJ 4/19].

Military Action
Arab World: Lebanese Army deploys units in Sidon area to stop fighting between SLA, Lebanese Forces and Palestinian/Muslim fighters [NYT 4/16].

April 16

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: US State Dept. official Murphy meets with W. Bank leaders at US consulate in E. Jerusalem; group presents petition signed by 22 leaders from occupied territories stating their support of PLO as sole representative of Palestinian people, urging creation of Palestinian state [WP 4/14]. Palestinian artist Sulayman Mansour prevented from traveling across Allenby Bridge to attend European seminars on Palestinian art [FJ 4/19].

Military Action
Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: IDF, SLA raid Yater; 8 arrested, 7 homes destroyed; Irish UNIFIL troops forced to leave post in village by gunpoint; IDF later blocks other UNIFIL troops from entering village [PI, MG 4/17]. Roadside bomb explodes as IDF patrol passes near Burj al-Shamali camp; no injuries. 4 IDF troops wounded when vehicle hits mine E. of Tyre [JP 4/17].

April 17

Social/Economic/Political

Arab World: Lebanese Cabinet resigns in wake of fighting between Murabitoun, Palestinian fighters and Amal, PSP militias in Beirut [NYT 4/18]. UNRWA closes Beirut office in wake of fighting [MG 4/18].

Other Countries: UN Sec. Council approves (13–0, 2 abst.) extension of UNIFIL mandate in S. Lebanon until 10/19 [BG 4/18].

Military Action
Arab World: Action in Lebanon: Amal, PSP militias engage in heavy fighting with Murabitoun, Palestinian fighters in Beirut; Marabitoun effectively destroyed [NYT 4/19]. IDF planes bomb DFLP base in Bar Elias; no report of casualties [NYT, PI 4/18]. 3 IDF troops injured by roadside
bomb near Kafr Kanna [MG 4/18]. Mine blast wounds 3 IDF soldiers in western occupation sector. IDF kill 3 resistance fighters in eastern occupation sector. IDF raid Shabriha, Shuhur; at least 4 arrested [JP 4/18].

April 18

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF release 37 of more than 1,100 Lebanese and Palestinians transferred 4/2 from Ansar prison camp [BG 4/19]. Convicted Jewish underground defendants Uri Maier, Dan Be'eri, Yossi Edri sentenced to terms ranging from 25 mos. to 3 yrs. [JP 4/19]. High Court orders Defense Ministry to explain absence of appeals court system in occupied territories [F] 4/26.

Arab World: In Baghdad, joint PLO-Fateh leadership meeting rejects proposals of US State Dept. official Murphy which call for public PLO recognition of Israel's right to exist, UN Sec. Council Resolutions 242, 338 [FT 4/22].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF soldier shot, wounded in Gaza; assailant killed by 2nd soldier [JP 4/19].


April 19

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: DM Rabin indicates Israel will establish 3 to 10 mile "security zone" in S. Lebanon; states UNIFIL played "negative" role in area and that Israel would be "better off" without its presence [MG 4/20]. Jewish Press reports Jerusalem Deputy Mayor Nissim Ze'ev charged city's Arab-Jewish youth activities encourage inter-ethnic dating, marriage; demanded Palestinians be banned from such activities [JP 4/19].

Other Countries: In Washington, Intl. Center for Research and Public Policy releases survey indicating 55% of American public believes peace will come to Middle East only when Palestinian state is created; only 27% felt such a state would constitute a threat to Israel; 70% feel US policy in region should be evenhanded [F] 4/26.

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Bomb explodes in Jerusalem street; no injuries; 77 arrested [JP 4/21]. IDF raid, close Bethlehem U. indefinitely [LT 4/20]. In al-Bureij camp, Border Police fire on crowd, killing 12-yr.-old 'Issa Isma'il 'Issa, wounding 2nd youth; over 250 arrested in subsequent demonstrations [JP 4/21]. Israeli taxi driver shot, killed on W. Bank; 3 suspects arrested, contend motive was robbery [JP 4/21, 22]. IDF arrest 35 young boys from 'Ain Arik, including 5-yr.-old Muhammad 'Ali Dhyab, on charges of participating in 2/85 stone-throwing incident; older boys beaten [F] 4/26.

April 20

Military Action

April 21  _______________________

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: DM Rabin announces Cabinet decision to withdraw completely from Lebanon by early June; also indicates possible continued IDF presence in S. Lebanon, even outside proposed security zone, if “necessary” [NYT 4/22].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF impose restrictions against travel to Jordan for residents of Beit Hanina, Jerusalem, Ramallah, Qalandiya, Shu'fat; measure is apparently collective punishment for 4/19 slaying of Israeli taxi driver [F] 5/3.

Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: IDF kill 2 civilians trying to cross Litani River into Israeli-held territory [JP 4/22].

April 22  _______________________

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: US, Israel sign free trade agreements; all tariffs between the 2 countries to be eliminated within 10 yrs. [NYT 4/23].

Arab World: Chmn. Arafat indicates US must support PLO as legitimate representative of Palestinian people for negotiations to progress [JP 4/23].

Military Action


April 23  _______________________

Social/Economic/Political

Other Countries: In Athens, former Austrian PM Bruno Kreisky, Western diplomats announce Israel to exchange 1,000 Palestinian prisoners for 3 IDF soldiers captured in 1982 and held by PFLP-GC; ICRC serving as intermediary [LAT 4/24].

Military Action


April 24  _______________________

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Palestinian landowners meet in Nazareth to discuss recent property tax increases as high as 1,500% [F] 5/3. Al-Hakawati theater troupe receives threatening letter calling for group’s “extermination” [F] 5/3.

Military Action

Arab World: IDF soldier wounded in early April dies of wounds [JP 4/26].

Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: IDF completes another stage of withdrawal, evacuating most of Beqaa, Jabal Barkuk, Jezzine; still control area S. of Litani R. [NYT 4/25]. IDF soldier wounded early April dies of wounds [JTA 4/26].

April 25

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: E. Jerusalem merchants strike in reaction to 4/23 killing of Arab taxi driver [JP 4/26].

Arab World: In Damascus, Pres. Assad urges support be given to S. Lebanese resistance until IDF is driven from all Lebanese territory [FT 4/26].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Bomb explodes in Kiryat Malachi; one police sapper injured. Israeli stabbed in Khan Yunis; 3-day curfew imposed [JP 4/26, FJ 5/3]. IDF impose curfew in 20 W. Bank villages as hundreds of Gush Emunim settlers stage Israeli independence day march from Salfit to Qalqiliya; Peace Now stages counter-demonstration [FJ 4/26]. Stones thrown at IDF vehicles in al-Am'ari camp, Jalazoun camp, Qalandiya camp, Balata camp [FJ 5/3].


April 26

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Reports circulate regarding Kach's intent to establish armed patrols in E. Jerusalem to "maintain order" [FJ 4/26]. US State Dept. official Murphy meets with Palestinians from occupied territories to persuade them to join joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegation for future peace talks; is told no Palestinian will participate except through the PLO and that the US must not ask for more concessions from the Palestinian people [FJ 5/3].


Military Action

Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: Palestinian, Muslim fighters enter Abra, Mieh Mieh village, Qayaa, Hilaliya, Bramiya, Majdalun, Qanah; looting reported [NYT, LAT 4/27]. 4 IDF soldiers wounded as mortar rounds hit IDF position in Tyre. SLA position near Yater attacked; no report of casualties [JP 4/28].

April 27

Social/Economic/Political

Arab World: In Damascus, Pres. Assad meets with Palestine National Salvation Front leaders, including George Habash, Ahmad Jabril, Sa'id Musa (Abu Musa) [JP 4/28].

April 28

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Defense Min. announces Palestinians returning to occupied territories may now bring in unlimited amount of funds [JP 4/29]. Shu'fat mukhtar receives threatening letter from Kach movement; letter states 4/24 murder of Palestinian taxi driver was in revenge for attacks on Jews [FJ 5/3].
Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: RPG fired from Jordan at IDF patrol in Hamat Gader area; no casualties [JP 4/29].

Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: IDF complete partial pullback from Tyre [JP 4/29]. IDF fire upon Irish UNIFIL truck [BG 4/30].

April 29

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: PM Peres tours E. Jerusalem neighborhoods (1st visit of Israeli PM to E. Jerusalem since capture in 1967) [WP 4/30]. Deputy Premier Shamir indicates Likud would leave government if commission of inquiry into causes and conduct of war in Lebanon were created [MG 4/30].

Military Action
Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: IDF complete withdrawal from Tyre; Shi'ite militiamen erect checkpoints outside Palestinian camps outside city to prevent return of Palestinian fighters [NYT 4/30]. SLA exchanges artillery fire with Palestinian, Muslim forces near Jezzine [JP 4/30].

April 30

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF lift travel restrictions to Jordan [imposed 4/21] for residents of Jerusalem, Beit Hanina, Ramallah [FJ 5/3].

Other Countries: US State Dept. states final status of occupied territories should receive “prior consent” of their inhabitants [LAT 5/1].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF impose curfew on Qalandiya, Balata camps after stone-throwing incidents [FJ 5/3].

May 1

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Affidavit submitted by Jewish underground defendant Menachem Livni states at least 7 rabbis were consulted, informed of group’s terrorist activities, including settlement leader Moshe Levinger, former Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, and MK Eliezer Waldman [JP 5/2].


Other Countries: In Washington, Aerospace Daily reports Israel has deployed Jericho II nuclear-armed missiles in Negev, Golan [JP 5/3].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Stones injure 2 on Israeli bus near Arroub camp; one passenger fires at nearby taxi, wounds occupant [JP 5/2].

Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: IDF kill 4 resistance fighters near Rihan [NYT 5/2].

May 2

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Jerusalem Post reports port under construction at Ra’s Naqoura in SLA-controlled “security zone” in S. Lebanon [JP 5/2]. Israeli official states threat of IDF retaliation will create “balance of fear” for residents of “security zone” in S. Lebanon [TS, MG 5/3]. IDF dig trenches along border with Lebanon to prevent suicide car attacks; intend to guard border with elite troops, sophisticated electronic warning devices [LT 5/3, DT 5/4, MG 5/6].
Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF sentences Bethlehem U. student council president Jabara Shamali to 6 mo. house arrest following 4/19 raid which allegedly uncovered “seditious material” [LM 5/4].

May 3

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Cabinet Min. Ariel Sharon reportedly assaults Faysal Younis as he hunts near Sharon’s farm [FJ 5/3, citing reports published in Al Hamisn].

Other Countries: US State Dept. claims it cannot confirm whether or not Israel has deployed nuclear-armed missiles (as reported 5/1 in Aerospace Daily); states Israel should place its nuclear activities under Intl. Atomic Energy Agency scrutiny [WP 5/4, JTA 5/7].

May 4

Social/Economic/Political
Arab World: King Hussein states PLO must be recognized as “legitimate representative” of the Palestinian people in any future peace negotiations [WP 5/5, 5/10].

Military Action
Arab World: SLA arrests 5 Dutch UNIFIL soldiers near Jabal Batzil, S. Lebanon, questions them for several hours until persuaded by IDF to release them [JP 5/7].

May 5

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Cabinet approves $200 million aid to assist northern towns in attracting new settlers [JP 5/6, 5/7].

May 6

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli bus stoned in N. Jerusalem; no injuries. Pipe bomb thrown at bus near Qalqiliya; no injuries [JP 5/7].

Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: IDF, SLA organizing local militias in “security zone” villages [MG 5/3, JP 5/6]. Travel restrictions in zone include: cars must travel in pairs at night; all cars must contain at least 2 persons; walking outside villages at night forbidden; hunting forbidden; residents will be held responsible for behavior of family members, visitors [LAT, JP 5/7, LT 5/8].

May 7

Social/Economic/Political

Arab World: PLO, Jordan reported to have agreed on list of joint Palestinian-Jordanian negotiating delegation; US State Dept. spokesman Edward Djerejian indicates US willing to meet with delegation provided it has no PLO members; Jordanian officials await official response to list from State Dept. official Richard Murphy [CSM 5/7, NYT 5/8]. Chmn. Arafat arrives in Amman for talks with King Hussein [JP 5/8].

Other Countries: US Congress ratifies US-Israel free trade agreement [NYT 5/8].
May 8

Social/Economic/Political


Military Action

Arab World: Off Lebanese coast near Tyre IDF gunboat sinks rubber dinghy carrying 5 Palestinian fighters [PI, NYT 5/9]. RPG wounds IDF soldier in Kantara, S. Lebanon [JP 5/9].

May 9

Social/Economic/Political


Other Countries: In Lisbon, US Sec. of State Shultz states Palestinian participation in negotiations "essential"; indicates he will discuss specific names of Palestinians during coming visit with Arab, Israeli leaders [NYT 5/10]. Chmn. Arafat arrives in Beijing seeking Chinese support for Palestinian-Jordanian peace efforts [NYT 5/10].

Military Action

Arab World: Action in S. Lebanon: 21-yr.-old Wafa Nur al-Din detonates bomb hidden in suitcase, killing herself and 2 others, including SLA officer [MG, TS 5/10].

May 10

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: PM Peres, Deputy Premier Shamir tell US Sec. of State Shultz that Israel will not meet with Palestinian-Jordanian delegation including members of Palestine National Council (US considers the PNC and PLO separate organizations and was considering Jordanian suggestion that PNC members be included in proposed joint delegation) [LAT 5/11]. Peres indicates he has no objections to US meeting with Palestinian-Jordanian delegation if such meeting would promote future direct talks with Israel [NYT 5/12]. Police inquiry appointed to investigate 5/7, 5/9 incidents in which Border Police afforded Jewish underground defendants special privileges [JP 5/10]. Jewish Agency announces 4 new settlements to be erected within 4 mos. [WP 5/11]. "First Conference on Palestinian Thought" opens in Nazareth [F] 5/17.
Other Countries: Chinese PM Zhao Ziyang tells Chmn. Arafat China supports proposals for intl. conference under UN auspices dealing with peace in the Middle East [LAT 5/11]. In Portugal, Yusuf al-Awad is acquitted of 1983 assassination of Issam Sartawi [WP 5/11].

May 12

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Defense Min. official Nachman Shai admits Israel obtained US-made krytron timing devices in violation of US export laws (devices can be used for nuclear weapons) [NWK 5/12, WP 5/14]. Border Police fine, dismiss officer for granting privileges to Jewish underground defendants; MK Meir Kahane states he will pay officer's fine [NYT 5/13, LT 5/14, JP 5/24]. Jewish underground defendant Yehuda Etzion admits participation in 1980 bombing against Nablus Mayor Bassam Shak'a; describes plot to destroy al-Haram al-Sharif as “cleansing” of a Jewish holy site [JTA 5/15].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: 3 bombs explode in Jerusalem; no injuries. Police defuse 4th bomb near hotel in which US Sec. of State Shultz is residing; Abu Musa faction of Fateh, pro-Arafat Force 17 [based in S. Yemen] both claim responsibility [LAT MG 5/13].

May 13

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Labor party wins Histadrut elections with 67.3% of vote [NYT, WP 5/15]. State comptroller Yitzhak Tunik releases report indicating police regularly make unjustified arrests, harass suspects [LAT 5/14].

Arab World: In Tunis, PLO officials confirm Chmn. Arafat gave King Hussein list of Palestinians suitable for Palestinian-Jordanian delegation, reportedly without approval of PLO Executive or Fateh Central Committees. List given to US Sec. of State Shultz who rejected it; list contained names of PNC Pres. Shaykh 'Abd al-Hamid Sayeh, PLO Executive Committee mbrs. Muhammad Milhelm, Archbishop Elia Khoury. Fateh Second-in-Command Salah Khalaf (Abu Iyad) states King Hussein ready to declare Palestinian-Jordanian confederation to negotiate with Israel; states it would be wrong for PLO to accept such a move [CSM, MG 5/14].

May 14

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Udi Adiv, former Matzpen member convicted in 1972 of spying for Syria, released from Ramle prison [MG 5/15].


Military Action
Arab World: IDF issue identity cards to residents of S. Lebanon “security zone” who request them [LAT 5/16]. IDF report resistance fighters fire from S. Lebanon across border at IDF ambulance; later retract report to avoid panic in N. Israeli towns [WSJ 5/16].

May 15

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Maariv publishes poll indicating 65% of Israelis oppose any territorial concessions in W. Bank, 21.9% favor returning some W. Bank settlements
[JTA 5/16]. Tzomet and Tehiya parties to merge [DFA 5/85].

Other Countries: US State Dept. admits it has known since early 1985 that Israel illegally obtained US-made krytron firing devices; has asked Israel to explain how devices have been used, return any unused devices [NYT, WP 5/16]. US State Dept. Director of Counter-terrorism Robert Oakley reveals PLO guarded US embassy in Beirut from mid-1970s to 1982 [TS 5/16].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli bus fired on with automatic weapon near Halhoul; 1 passenger injured; 1-day curfew imposed [JP 5/16].

May 16

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Govt. offers to return unused krytrons illegally obtained from US [NYT 5/17]. Central Bureau of Statistics announces Consumer Price Index rose by 19.4% in April [WP 5/16]. Cabinet holds emergency meeting to discuss economy [FT 5/17].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF impose curfew on Halhoul following 5/15 attack on bus in vicinity [JTA 5/17].

May 17

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israel, Egypt agree on timetable for repatriation to Gaza of 5,000 Palestinians in Egyptian section of Rafah [WP 5/18]. 4 Jewish suspects arrested in connection with 4/23 killing of Palestinian taxi driver [NYT 5/20].

May 18

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Bomb explodes at soldiers' hitchhiking post on Geha hwy.; no injuries [JP 5/19].

May 19

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Cabinet agrees on 20 measures to improve economy [NYT 5/20]. Supreme Court calls on Knesset to enact election law to ban "undemocratic" parties [NYT 5/20]. Court convicts Jewish underground defendant Ze'ev Friedman of 1980 attempted bombing of Dr. Ahmad Natshe in Bethlehem [JP 5/20]. Hebrew U. engineer states he purchased US-made krytrons (without necessary export license) for the school's physics dept. in 1976 [NYT 5/20].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Stone thrown at Israeli bus near Jalazoun camp injures passenger. Gasoline bombs thrown at 2nd Israeli bus on W. Bank; no injuries reported [JP 5/22].

May 20

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israel, PFLP-GC complete prisoner exchange; 1,150 prisoners held by Israel released in return for 3 IDF soldiers held by PFLP-GC; freed prisoners include Ziad Abu Ain (extradited by the US to Israel in 1981), Kozo Okamoto (convicted of 1972 attack at Lydda airport); 605 freed within Occupied Palestine/Israel [WP, NYT, JP 5/21]. Hundreds of Israeli demonstrators protest against prisoner release, demand parallel release of Jewish underground defendants [JP 5/21, NYT 5/22].
Arab World: In Amman, Chmn. Arafat accuses Syria of instigating Amal's attacks against Palestinian camps in Beirut [DT 5/22].

Military Action
Arab World: Action in Lebanon: Amal, Lebanese Army's Shi'ite 6th Brigade battle Palestinian fighters in Sabra, Shatila, Burj al-Barajneh camps; at least 35 killed, 125 wounded [NYT 5/21].

May 21

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: DM Rabin states recently-released Palestinian prisoners now residing in Occupied Palestine/Israel will be rearrested if commandos kidnap Israelis in the future for bargaining purposes [JP 5/22]. Amid calls by Likud bloc that the suspects be pardoned in wake of 5/20 release of Arab prisoners, Pres. Chaim Herzog states he will deal with clemency requests regarding the Jewish underground defendants only after sentencing [JP 5/23]. Settlers block Emmanuel-Jerusalem road protesting 5/19 attack on Israeli bus [JP 5/22].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF arrest 42 Palestinians celebrating 5/20 release of prisoners by Israel [LM 5/23]. 3 residents of al-Fardis (all former prisoners released in 5/20 prisoner exchange) agree to leave village after some 50 residents of Tekoa settlement raid village, demanding their expulsion. Settlers also harass residents of Hebron, Qalqilya [JP 5/22, 23].

Arab World: Action in Lebanon: Fighting continues between Amal, Lebanese Army's 6th Brigade and Palestinian fighters in Sabra, Shatila, Burj al-Barajneh; pro-Arafat and Abu Musa forces join together to defend camps; at least 30 killed; Nabih Berri states he will never permit return of armed Palestinians to S. Lebanon [NYT 5/22].

May 22

Social/Economic/Political


Military Action

May 23

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Jewish underground defendant Menachem Neuberger pleads guilty to charges of plotting to blow up al-Haram al-Sharif [WP, PI 5/24]. PM Peres asks Attorney Gen. Yitzhak Zamir
for legal opinion concerning release of Jewish underground defendants; opposes executive branch interference in legal process [JTA 5/24].

Arab World: Officials from Amal, Palestine National Salvation Front meet in Mukhtara, Lebanon to seek resolution of Shi'ite-Palestinian fighting in Beirut [NYT 5/24]. PFLP, DFLP, Chmn. Arafat accuse Shi'ite fighters of massacres against Palestinian civilians in Beirut camps; Arafat also accuses Nabih Berri of making secret agreement with Israel to hinder anti-Israeli resistance in S. Lebanon [WP 5/24, LM 5/25]. Syrian FM Faruq al-Shara accuses Chmn. Arafat of provoking recent Amal-Palestinian fighting in Beirut [MG 5/24].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Settlers attack homes of Talib Gheith in Hebron, Muhammad Abu Kishik in Askar camp (both former prisoners released 5/20) [NYT 5/25].

Arab World: Action in Lebanon: fighting continues between Amal, Lebanese Army's 6th Brigade and Palestinian fighters in Beirut camps; Palestinians launch Katyushas against Shi'ite areas of city; 33 killed, 193 wounded [NYT, MG 5/24]. Amal stages searches for Palestinians throughout Beirut; at least 200 arrested [PI 5/25].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF announce discovery of purported PFLP cell in W. Bank responsible for 2/4 killing of IDF soldier in Ramallah; 30 arrested; 5 homes in Saffra, Beitur al-Tahta destroyed [PI, LM 5/25]. Settlers drive through Hebron, smash car windows, fire shots at home of Palestinian released in 5/20 prisoner exchange [LAT 5/25].

Arab World: Shi'ite-Palestinian fighting continues in Sabra, Shatila, Burj al-Barajneh camps, Beirut; at least 12 killed, 100 wounded; Syrian-sponsored ceasefire plan fails; Amal refuses to allow Red Cross into camps [NYT, WP, PI 5/25].

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Gen. Amnon Shishak tells settler leaders they cannot take law into their own hands (in wake of attacks, threats against prisoners released 5/20) [NYT 5/25]. Poll indicates 70% of Israelis support 5/20 prisoner exchange agreement; 73% also support clemency for Jewish underground defendants [MG 5/26]. 10 injured in clash between students representing rival Palestinian factions at Bir Zeit U. [JP 5/27].

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May 25 ______________________

Military Action
Arab World: 5,000 Palestinians hold general strike in 'Ain al-Hilweh camp, Lebanon, to protest recent fighting in Beirut. Shi'ites in Nabatiya, Lebanon also protest [WP 5/26].

Social/Economic/Political
Arab World: Action in Lebanon: Amal, Palestinian fighters clash in Wavell camp; 4 killed; Syrian troops intervene. Similar fighting continues in Beirut camps [NYT 5/26]. IDF kill 3 resistance fighters near Tebnin [OB 5/26].

May 26 ______________________

Social/Economic/Political
Tunis, PLO Central Comm. holds emergency meeting to discuss Beirut fighting [NYT 5/27].

Military Action
Arab World: Fighting continues between Shi'ite, Palestinian forces in Beirut; at least 3 killed, 57 wounded; 26,000 have fled; Amal fires on Red Cross convoy attempting to enter Burj al-Barajneh [NYT, WP, LT 5/27]. IDF kill 13 resistance fighters inside "security zone" in S. Lebanon [LT 5/28].

May 27 ________________

Social/Economic/Political

Arab World: In Tunis, Chmn. Arafat claims Amal, Lebanese Army's 6th Brigade troops massacred 60 Palestinian civilians on 5/26 in Sabra camp, Beirut [LT, MG 5/28].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Gasoline bombs thrown at Israeli bus near Dura; no injuries. 2nd bus stoned near Am'ari camp [JP 5/28].

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Arab World: Continued heavy fighting between Shi'ite, Palestinian forces in Beirut halts Red Cross attempt to evacuate wounded in camps; at least 8 killed, 35 wounded [NYT, LAT 5/28]. 5 IDF troops wounded by resistance action in Majdal Salim area, S. Lebanon [JP 5/28].

May 28 ________________

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Fearing more fac-
tional confrontations, Al-Najah U. administration closes campus for 2 days [JP 5/29].

Arab World: In Tunis, PLO Central Comm. affirms Palestinians' right to defend themselves in Beirut camps [LM 5/30].

Other Countries: King Hussein arrives in Washington for talks with US officials [NYT 5/29].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Carrying weapons, settlers enter Deir al-Hatab, demand expulsion of Samir Salah Yusef Husayn (former prisoner released 5/20) [TS 5/29].

Arab World: Palestinian fighters mount counterattack from Sabra camp, Beirut, against besieging Amal, Lebanese Army's 6th Brigade troops; 20 Shi'ites killed [NYT 5/29].

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Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Nationalist Palestinian organizations call for general strike to protest Shi'ite attacks on Beirut camps [JP 5/30]. Court releases convicted Jewish underground defendant Ze'ev Friedman after serving 13 mos. detention during trial; leniency shown because Friedman suffers from a "severe illness" [JTA 5/31]. Knesset defeats motions for inquiry into Lebanon war [NYT 5/30]. IDF releases 249 ex-Ansar prisoners held in Israel [WP 5/30].

Arab World: In Tunis, PLO Central Comm. approves joint Palestinian-Jordanian peace efforts aimed at creating independent Palestinian state in confederation with Jordan [WP, PI, WSJ 5/30].

Other Countries: In Washington, King Hussein states PLO, Jordan in agreement on holding negotiations with Israel in con-
text of int'l. conference; asserts PLO participation will be on basis of UN Sec. Council resolutions 242, 338 [NYT 5/30, LM 5/31].

**Military Action**

*Arab World:* Fighting continues in Beirut between Shi'ite, Palestinian forces [NYT 5/31].

**May 30**

**Social/Economic/Political**

*Occupied Palestine/Israel:* PM Peres rejects King Hussein's 5/29 call for int'l. conference on Middle East peace; US State Dept. asserts US has "major difficulties" with concept of such a conference [NYT, WP 5/31]. Confessed Jewish underground defendant Menachem Neuberger sentenced to 22-mo. prison term [NYT 5/31].

**May 31**

**Military Action**

*Arab World:* Amal fighters, backed by troops of Lebanese Army's 6th Brigade, gain complete control of Sabra camp, Beirut. Nabih Berri announces ceasefire, accepted by PNSF [NYT, WP 6/1]. Palestinian, Amal fighters engage in artillery battle near Baalbek [LT 6/3].

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