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16 NOVEMBER

Hamas-PLO reconciliation meeting in Khartoum collapses as Hamas fails to show up (see JPS 86, 10/11); Chmn. Arafat meets with Sudanese Islamic leader Hasan al-Turabi, who had offered to serve as mediator. Hamas releases statement in Amman demanding apology from Arafat for threatening their group, tying it to Iran (see JPS 86, 11/7).

Jewish settlers toss grenade into crowded market of Jerusalem's Old City Muslim quarter, killing 71-year-old Palestinian man, wounding 11 others. Radical groups Kach and Kahane Hay both claim responsibility for the attack, 2 years after the assassination of Rabbi Meir Kahane in New York. (MM 11/16; MM, NYT, WT 11/17)

In Tel Aviv, some 100,000 demonstrate against territorial compromise on the Golan Heights. (WT 11/17; Qol Yisra’el 11/17 in FBIS 11/17)

Commission investigating Palestinian prisoner conditions issues 20 main recommendations that have been approved by the police min. (MM 11/16)

18 NOVEMBER

Vatican issues statement charging that Israel is “dragging its feet” in the effort to establish diplomatic ties. Statement precedes normalization renegotiations between respective FM officials. (WT 11/19; Qol Yisra’el 11/19 in FBIS 11/20)

Two pro-Syrian Lebanese National Resistance Front gunmen, 1 Hizballah gunman are killed in clashes and artillery exchanges with IDF near Nabatiyya, north of “security zone.” (Qol Yisra’el 11/18 in FBIS 11/19; NYT 11/19)

German FM Klaus Kinkel meets with FM Shimon Peres and PM Rabin. (Qol Yisra’el 11/18 in FBIS 11/19)

19 NOVEMBER

Seventh round of peace talks ends in Washington. Palestinian delegation presents Israeli delegation with memorandum of responses to Israeli autonomy plan. (WP 11/20; al-Sha'b 11/20 in FBIS 11/23)

IDF undercover unit shoots dead wanted Black Panther near Janin. (MM 11/23)

Islamic Resistance attacks SLA personnel in Jazzin and points south in Lebanon. Israel, SLA shell, strafe region. (VOL 11/19 in FBIS 11/20)

20 NOVEMBER

Arab delegates to Washington peace talks warn that unless the incoming Clinton ad-
ministration prods Israel into concessions, they will abandon negotiations early next year. Syria accepts invitation to resume negotiations in Washington 12/7. (NYT 11/21)

PLO office in London announces it sent a letter to the Pope asking to set up a Palestinian-Vatican commission similar to that of Israel and the Holy See, which is now exploring bilateral ties. (Reuters in MM 11/20)

AIPAC names new president. Steve Grossman, a businessman and chairman of the Massachusetts Democratic party, will replace David Steiner, who resigned 11/4. (NYT 11/21)

21 NOVEMBER

IDF undercover unit shoots dead armed Palestinian in Khan Yunis, Gaza Strip. (MM 11/23; Qol Yisra’el 11/21 in FBIS 11/24)
IDF undercover unit shoots dead 2 wanted, unarmed Black Panther mbrs., apparently after they had surrendered and were handcuffed. IDF denies the charge, saying they were shot when 1 prepared to open fire on their unit. (MM 11/23)

23 NOVEMBER

"Extended Palestinian leadership" concludes 3-day meeting in Tunis. Decision on whether or not to participate in 12/7-17 round of negotiations is delayed until after consultations are held with Arab states, Moscow, and Washington. (AFP, MENA 11/23 in FBIS 11/24)
Ten Palestinian factions issue statement denouncing Israeli-Jordanian draft agenda, urging withdrawal from peace talks. (QPAR 11/23 in FBIS 11/25)

In address to military graduates, King Hussein reiterates his call for democracy in Iraq, offers no apology to Gulf states for Jordan’s stance in Gulf war, and warns Islamists not to use extremism to achieve political goals. (MM 11/23; RJN 11/23 in FBIS 11/24; NYT 11/24)

24 NOVEMBER

The Coordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls (COCOM), a 17-mbr. Western trade group established to monitor high-tech sales to communist countries, meets in Paris. Meeting is attended by new ex-Soviet nations—Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Armenia, among others—to bolster int'l. resolve to counter sensitive sales to “destabilizing” countries—Iran, Iraq, Syria, and others. (NYT 11/25)

General strike is widely observed in o.t. (Qol Yisra’el 11/24 in FBIS 11/25)
Commander of undercover IDF unit that shot Palestinian boy dead 11/23 is relieved of his post. (WT 11/25)

25 NOVEMBER

Israel shells Kafr Rumman area, Lebanon. (Ha’Aretz 11/26 in FBIS 12/1)

26 NOVEMBER

French Pres. Mitterrand concludes 2-day visit to Israel, after meeting with PM Rabin, FM Peres, Faisal Husseini. At news conference, Mitterrand says the PLO is "the only valid partner" in peace talks, and without its participation the talks cannot move forward. (MM 11/26, 11/27; ITV, Qol Yisra’el 11/26, 11/27 in FBIS 11/27; NYT 11/27)

Israeli appeals court rules that Palestinian Israeli poet Shaﬁq Habib is not guilty of fomenting violence in poems praising the intifada; overturns $3,100 fine, 3-year suspended jail sentence. (NYT, WP 11/27)

Israeli org. of Jews who left Arab countries in 1948 calls for precise accounting of property and assets left behind to use when issue of refugee compensation comes up at peace negotiations. (MM 11/26)

27 NOVEMBER

Israeli delegation presents Lebanon with proposal to establish a joint working group of military officers to discuss security arrangements on border. (Ha’Aretz, Radio Lebanon 12/15 in FBIS 12/15)
IDF shoots Palestinian man dead in Gaza City. (Qol Yisra’el 11/27 in FBIS 11/30)

28 NOVEMBER


29 NOVEMBER

After speech commemorating 1947 UN partition res., PM Rabin says Chmn. Arafat is blocking peace talks for personal, not ideological reasons, because the PLO, like the World Zionist Organization after the founding of Israel, will become marginalized when a political settlement is reached. (Qol Yisra'el 11/29 in FBIS 11/30; MM 11/30)

On this UN-sponsored Day of Solidarity with the Palestinians, general strike observed in the o.t., King Hussein, Chmn. Arafat call for expanded UN role in peace negotiations. (Qol Yisra'el 11/29 in FBIS 11/30; MM, WT 11/30)

Russian amb. to Tunisia meets with Chmn. Arafat in Tunis, delivers message from Russian Pres. Yeltsin. (Algiers VOP 12/28 in FBIS 12/30)

IDF shoots Palestinian youth dead in Hebron. (Qol Yisra'el 11/29 in FBIS 11/30)

30 NOVEMBER

Israeli govt. submits proposed amendment to Knesset that would permit contacts with the PLO. (Qol Yisra'el 11/30 in FBIS 12/1)

Ramallah-based Palestinian Public Opinion Research Center releases poll of 1,000 o.t. residents on peace process. 68% said the negotiations have "a chance" for achieving peace; 25% see no hope in negotiations, whatever the terms. 76% accept autonomy if it leads to Palestinian sovereignty, 61% say rejectionists have no reliable agenda to confront the peace process. (al-Fajr 12/1 in FBIS 12/3)

Peace Now releases o.t. demographic survey, concluding that settlement movement in o.t. has failed, with inflated govt. investment over the years resulting in a small number of settlers who only provoke violence (see doc. C1). Yesha Council (of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza) charges Peace Now with tailoring facts to fit their political orientation. (IDF Radio 11/30 in FBIS 12/1; MM 12/1)

Al-Quds al-Arabi publishes interview with Chmn. Arafat criticizing Syria for “adopting” the ten rejectionist factions, Iran and the Gulf states for supporting Hamas. (MM 12/1)

Kat yusha rocket fired at IDF post in “security zone” (first such firing since 11/12), followed by bombardment of SLA positions north of zone. Israel, SLA shells Iqlim al-Tuffah region. (Radio Lebanon, VOL 12/1 in FBIS 12/1)

1 DECEMBER

FM s of Islamic Conference Organization meeting in Jidda issue statement describing Jerusalem as a “central issue for the Muslim nation” that cannot be excluded from current peace talks (see doc. A1). (MM 12/2)

Israel suspends press credentials of 2 foreign journalists, reprimands 4 others, on charges of violating censorship laws in reporting on 11/5 IDF accident killing 5 soldiers. (MM 12/1; NYT 12/2)

IDF fatally shoots Palestinian boy during widespread clashes in Gaza Strip. (Qol Yisra'el 12/1 in FBIS 12/1)

2 DECEMBER

Knesset passes (37 to 36) first reading of bill submitted 11/30 to allow contacts with PLO. (ITV 12/2 in FBIS 12/3)

Jerusalem Post reports Israeli govt. has allocated NIS 10 million for development of Arab neighborhoods in East Jerusalem. (MM 12/2)

3 DECEMBER

Israeli security sources say a large-scale roundup of Hamas and rejectionist PLO activists underway since October has put 450 under admin. detention. (Reuters 12/3 in MM 12/3)

DFLP-Nayif Hawatima faction gunmen storm, occupy HQ of DFLP-’Abd-Rabbuh faction in Yarmuk camp, Damascus. Yasir ‘Abd Rabbuh will represent the PLO at the 12/4 Arab coordination meeting in Lebanon. (Sanaa VOP 12/5 in FBIS 12/7)

4 DECEMBER

FM reps. of Lebanon, Syria, Jordan,
Egypt, and PLO hold coordination meeting in Lebanon, agree to participate in negotiations beginning 12/7. (MM 12/4; Radio Lebanon 12/4 in FBIS 12/7)

Steering comm. overseeing multilateral talks ends 2-day meeting in London. Progress limited on most contentious issues—greater Palestinian participation, and formation of working groups on Jerusalem and human rights. The 5 existing working groups are scheduled to meet in February. (MM 12/4)

Al-Fajr reports that the EC has allocated 4 million ECU ($6.5 million) for operation of hospitals in o.t., and will exempt Palestinian agricultural exports from EC states' import duties. (FBIS 12/8)

FPLP leader George Habash urges solidarity with the PLO in statement to Egyptian newspaper. (MENA 12/4 in FBIS 12/4)

5 DECEMBER

UNLU issues call no. 90. (Algiers VOP 12/5 in FBIS 12/8)

6 DECEMBER

Palestinian leadership meets in Tunis, decides to send truncated delegation of 4 reps. of the usual 14 to upcoming negotiations to protest lack of progress. (MENA, Algiers VOP 12/6 in FBIS 12/7; MM 12/7)

7 DECEMBER

Eighth round of peace talks begins in Washington. Truncated Palestinian delegation (see 12/6) appeals to the U.S. to intervene. White House announces that Pres. Bush will meet with all delegation heads at the end of this round (12/17). (NYT 12/8; Radio Jordan 12/7 in FBIS 12/8)

Three IDF soldiers are killed in drive-by shooting in Bayt Lahiya, Gaza Strip, the most costly single attack on the IDF by o.t. Palestinians since the beginning of intifada 12/9/87. Hamas-'Izz al-Din al-Qassim wing claims responsibility. (MM 12/7; WP 12/8; NYT 12/9; Qol Yisra'el 12/7 in FBIS 12/8)

DFLP-'Abd-Rabbuh faction calls for expanded meeting of DFLP leadership to discuss 12/3 Hawatima faction takeover of Rabbuh's Damascus HQ, still being held. (Sanaa VOP 12/7 in FBIS 12/8)

Separate IDF and Border Police under-cover units clash by mistake, wounding 3, near Jenin. (MM 12/8)

8 DECEMBER

Israel seals Gaza Strip indefinitely to facilitate search for suspects in 12/7 drive-by shooting of IDF soldiers. (Qol Yisra'el 12/7 in FBIS 12/8; MM 12/8)

Israeli human rights group B'Tselem releases report stating that Palestinians are being killed in the o.t. at the same rate as under the previous gov't. Human rights abuses in general have improved slightly in some areas, but "grave . . . violations . . . continued." (MM 12/9)

IDF shoots 2 Palestinian youths dead—1 in Rafah, Gaza Strip, 1 in Bayt Sahur, W. Bank. (MM 12/9)

9 DECEMBER

General strike is upheld throughout o.t., and Arab delegations in Washington suspend today's meetings, to mark 5th anniv. of intifada. IDF shoots Palestinian youth dead near Jenin. (MM 12/9; SARR 12/9 in FBIS 12/9)

PM Rabin meets with PM John Major in London. (MM 12/10)

10 DECEMBER

Palestinian delegation presents Israeli delegation with detailed response to Israel's agenda for negotiations. Israel has not presented its new "semiautonomy" proposals because of the Palestinian delegation cut. (Qol Yisra'el 12/11 in FBIS 12/11)

EC transfers 15 million ECU ($20 million) to o.t. credit institutions, 29 million ECU ($40 million) to the Palestinian Housing Council. (Davar 12/8 in FBIS 12/11)

First Israeli-Palestinian Intl. Academic Conf. on Water opens in Zurich. Israelis and Palestinians each field 25 experts, among some 100 participants. (MM 12/11)

Islamic Jihad mbr. kills 1, wounds 3 Israeli policeman in heavily armed battle near Jenin, before being killed (MM 12/10, 12/11)

To mark Intl. Human Rights Day, Knesset ed. comm. releases Israeli racism survey. Poll finds almost 40% support violence against Arabs in response to Arab acts of terror, nearly 30% favor pressuring Arabs to leave Israel. (MM 12/11)
11 DECEMBER

IDF shoots Palestinian youth dead in Hebron. (Qol Yisra'el 12/11 in FBIS 12/11; MM 12/11)

12 DECEMBER

Hamas gunmen fire on IDF jeep near Hebron, killing 1, wounding 2 soldiers. Israel lifts Gaza Strip curfew in force since 12/7; 1 Palestinian killed, up to 90 wounded in ensuing clashes; curfew then reinforced. (NYT 12/13; MM, WP 12/14)

13 DECEMBER

Hamas activists kidnap Nissim Toledano, Israeli border policeman, threaten to kill him unless Israel releases their founder, Shaykh Ahmad Yasin, serving a life sentence, by 9:00 p.m. Israel misses the deadline, shows tape on state t.v. of Yasin calling on Hamas not to kill the policeman. (MM, NYT, WP 12/14; Qol Yisra'el, IDF Radio 12/13 in FBIS 12/14). One Palestinian is killed, 30 wounded in IDF-Palestinian clashes throughout Gaza Strip. (MM 12/14)

14 DECEMBER

Israel seals o.t. (the 7th day for the Gaza Strip), conducts massive manhunt for kidnapped policeman, demands proof that he is still alive, arrests 1,000 suspected Islamic activists. (Qol Yisra'el 12/14 in FBIS 12/14; MM, NYT, WP 12/15; WP 12/16)

Israeli delegation presents Palestinian delegation with 19-page document on interim self-rule, affirming UNSCR 242 and 338 as the basis for negotiation, asserting "inner linkage" of interim and final phases. Appearing for the first time in writing is the proposal for tripartite land management in the interim phase: autonomy for Palestinian lands, Israeli management of lands used by IDF and settlers, and joint management of other lands (see doc. C2). (Ha'aretz 12/15 in FBIS 12/15; MM 12/15)

Pres. Asad makes major speech on peace process to federation of trade unions (see doc. B1). (MM 12/14; SARR 12/14 in FBIS 12/16; Ha'aretz 12/16 in FBIS 12/16)

Lebanon rejects Israel's 11/27 proposal to set up joint military working group.

(15 DECEMBER

Palestinian delegation presents counter-proposal for joint agenda to Israeli delegation; announces willingness to draft joint statement of principles with Israel. (Ha'aretz 12/16 in FBIS 12/16)

Israeli border policeman kidnapped by Hamas 12/13 found dead near settlement of Kfar Adumim in W. Bank. Israel arrests 1,200 suspected Islamic activists (700 in W. Bank, 500 in Gaza Strip). (Qol Yisra'el 12/15 in FBIS 12/15; RMC, VOL 12/15 in FBIS 12/16; MM 12/16; NYT, WP 12/16)

National Association of Arab Americans and American Jewish Congress issue joint statement urging the Clinton admin. "to take an active role in helping to move the talks forward." (MM 12/16)

16 DECEMBER

Israeli cabinet empowers IDF to order expulsions of Islamic activists for a maximum period of 2 years, with the possibility of appeal within 60 days. Expulsions are ordered for 415 activists, which are delayed pending a Supreme Court appeal. Justice Min. David Libai votes against the expulsions. (Qol Yisra'el 12/17 in FBIS 12/17)

Number of Palestinians arrested as suspected Islamic activists swells to 1,600. O.t. residents are barred from traveling to Jordan. (al-Nahar 12/16 in FBIS 12/17; NYT, WP 12/17)

17 DECEMBER

Israel expels 415 suspected Muslim activists, 251 from the West Bank, 164 from the Gaza Strip to Lebanon. High Court of Justice temporarily blocks the expulsions, then votes 5 to 2 to permit them. UNIFIL forces try to block buses carrying deportees from traveling through their territory. Lebanese army blocks the deportees from entering govt.-controlled territory, leaving them stranded between Israeli and Lebanese checkpoints. (WP 12/17, 12/18; Qol Yisra'el, Radio Lebanon, VOL 12/17, 12/18 in FBIS 12/18; NYT 12/18)

Eighth round of Arab-Israeli peace talks ends. Arab parties boycott 12/17 meetings to protest deportations. PLO announces talks
suspended until deportees allowed back. (Tunisian Republic Radio 12/17 in FBIS 12/18; NYT, WP 12/18)

Pres. Bush meets separately with all delegations involved in peace talks for 20-25 minutes each; he meets with Palestinians and Jordanians together, then with Jordanians alone for 15 minutes. (Radio Jordan 12/17 in FBIS 12/18)

**Hamas** denounces the expulsions as “total war”; their legitimate targets, previously limited to soldiers, now include “every Zionist in Palestine.” **Arab MKs condemn deportation ruling**, threaten to withdraw support of governing coalition. UNLU issues supplement to call no. 90 condemning the deportations. (IDF Radio 12/17 in FBIS 12/18; AFP '12/17, Sanaa VOP 12/18 in FBIS 12/21)

**U.S. State Department** “strongly condemns the action of deportation” (see doc. D1). Pres.-elect **Bill Clinton** is critical, though not condenmatory of the expulsion. UN Secy.-Gen. Butrus-Ghali asks Israel to “rescind the expulsion order.” (NYT 12/18)

### 18 DECEMBER

UN Security Council “strongly condemns” the 12/17 deportations and demands the deportees’ “safe and immediate return” in res. 799 (see doc. A2). **Arab League and Islamic Conference Organization** issue similar condemnations. (NYT 12/19; MENA 12/18 in FBIS 12/18; SPA 12/19 in FBIS 12/23)

UNIFIL announces its support of Lebanon’s decision not to allow the 415 deportees into Lebanese-controlled territory; will prevent them from entering UNIFIL areas. (VOL 12/18 in FBIS 12/21)

**PLO Exec. Comm.** issues statement condemning the deportations. Chmn. **Arafat** calls on Lebanon not to admit the deportees. **Hamas** spokesman in Amman Ibrahim Ghawshah says the PLO’s response to the expulsions “fell far short of what the Palestinian people expected.” (MM 12/18; Algiers VOP 12/18 in FBIS 12/21)

**Meretz** Knesset faction backtracks from 12/17 approval of deportations as a “necessary evil,” passes res. stating deportations are a “gross violation of human rights and int'l law.” (Qol Yisra’el 12/18 in FBIS 12/18)

Israeli Daahat poll shows 91% of Israeli Jews support deportations. 55% felt deportations would “reduce the scope of terror attacks,” 26% felt they would increase such attacks. (Yediot Aharanot 12/18 in FBIS 12/18; MM 12/18)

**IDF** shoots Palestinian man dead in al-Arub camp. **W. Bank.** (MM 12/21)

### 19 DECEMBER

**IDF** temporarily lifts curfew in Khan Yunis, **Gaza Strip**, but serious riots break out: IDF shoots 6 Palestinians dead (2 under age 16), wound 50. (MM 12/21; MENA 12/20 in FBIS 12/21; Qol Yisra’el 12/19 in FBIS 12/23)

### 20 DECEMBER

**Hamas** accepts Chmn. Arafat’s 12/19 invitation to attend Palestinian leadership meetings in Tunis beginning today, is prepared to “transcend all previous disagreements” to close Palestinian ranks over the deportations issue. (RFC 12/20 in FBIS 12/21; al-Sharq al-Awsat 12/21 in FBIS 12/23)

**PLO begins meetings** with Palestinian peace talks delegation in Tunis. **PLO issues statement criticizing Israel, the U.S.** in the wake of 7 Palestinian deaths. (MM 12/21)

**Hamas** and pro-PLO UNLU issue first-ever joint statement in o.t. canceling their independently called strike days, urging cooperation in “comprehensive escalation” against Israel to ensure return of the 12/17 deportees. Hamas and PLO activists hold joint rally in East Jerusalem. (MM 12/21; AFP 12/20 in FBIS 12/21; WP 12/21; Qol Yisra’el 12/20 in FBIS 12/22)

**Ten Palestinian factions and Islamic Jihad** issue separate statements condemning the deportations, as well as current peace talks. (QPAR, Voice of the Oppressed 12/20 in FBIS 12/21)

**Meretz** faction ministers meet with PM **Rabin**, urge him to open dialogue with the PLO, ease restrictions in the o.t. (WP 12/21)

U.S. Secy. of State **Eagleburger** terms the deportations “a terrible mistake.” (MM 12/21)

### 21 DECEMBER

Deported Palestinians attempt to cross back south into Israeli-controlled territory, SLA fires warning shots and mortars, injuring 3. **Deportees issue statement** calling for continued Lebanese refusal to admit the deportees, comprehensive Arab withdrawal from the peace talks, and int'l pressure on Israel. **Meretz mins.** call on govt. to allow deportees to enter “security zone.” (Qol Yisra’el 12/21, al-Ra'y 12/22 in FBIS 12/22)
22 DECEMBER

Israeli High Court of Justice unanimously rejects appeals to allow back Palestinian deportees. Israel lifts 15-day-old closure in northern Gaza Strip, 7-day-old closure on parts of W. Bank; Palestinians uphold strike for 5th day. (IDF Radio 12/22 in FBIS 12/23; NYT, WP 12/23)

Hamas announces dissatisfaction with Arab and Islamic response to deportations, calling for int'l. protection for the deportees and Arab withdrawal from the peace process. (MM 12/22)

Meretz submits 11-point plan to PM Rabin for improving o.t. conditions before the next round of peace talks. (MM 12/23)

Palestinian-Israelis observe 1-day general strike. (MM 12/22)

After 6 hours fierce debate, Kuwaiti National Council issues statement condemning Israel's expulsion of 415 Palestinians. (MM 12/23)

Jerusalem district court reopens appeal hearings for two Silwan families evicted in Oct. and Dec. 1991. The Jerusalem district attorney issued a brief to the court stating that the Custodian of Abandoned Properties improperly transferred the houses to a settler housing association, which may entitle the Palestinian families to compensation or reclamation of their homes. (MM 12/22)

23 DECEMBER

Israel rejects U.S. appeal to allow Palestinian deportees to settle in "security zone," agrees to allow UN and Red Cross to provide food to the deportees. (Davar 12/24 in FBIS 12/28)


FM Shimon Peres says "Israel must enter a dialogue with any Palestinian or Palestinian organization that expresses a willingness to reach a peace agreement." (Yediot Aharonot 12/23 in FBIS 12/23)

Two Palestinian brothers killed, up to 80 wounded in clashes with IDF in Gaza Strip. (NYT 12/24)

24 DECEMBER

FM's of Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, PLO, conclude meeting in Cairo, issue statement urging UN to give Israel a deadline to repatriate 12/17 Palestinian deportees, imply peace talks in jeopardy. (NYT 12/25)

Chmn. Arafat says "I would have caught the murderer of the soldier [kidnapped 10/13 by Hamas and found dead 10/15] and killed him!" in interview on deportations, peace talks. (Davar 12/27 in FBIS 12/28)

Palestinian-Israeli delegation including MKs and local council heads, makes deportees-solidarity visit to Red Cross HQ in Gaza, which turns into large demonstration. (ITV 12/24 in FBIS 12/30)

25 DECEMBER

Israeli cabinet decides 8 to 6 to deny Red Cross from supplying relief to 12/17 Palestinian deportees through Israeli-controlled territory. (NYT 12/26)

Israeli chief delegate to talks with Syria Itamar Rabinovich terms Syrian VP 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam's recent remarks to 3 visiting U.S. senators "positive." Khaddam had spoken of comprehensive peace with security guarantees, deemphasizing linkage with other Arab-Israeli tracks. (Qol Yisra'el 12/25 in FBIS 12/29)

26 DECEMBER

Lebanon asks U.S. to pressure Israel to allow aid to reach 415 Palestinian deportees, and refuses deportees' request to admit their sick and wounded to Lebanese hospitals. PLO reiterates support of Lebanese stance. (NYT 12/27)

Hamas spokesman Ibrahim Ghawshah strongly denounces Chmn. Arafat's 12/24 statement implying Israel should have executed the killer of the border policeman.
(Sawt al-Sha'b 12/27 in FBIS 12/28)

Israeli radio announces that 30 out of 44
Labor MKs support negotiations with the
PLO. (Qol Yisra'el 12/26 in FBIS 12/28)

IDF shoots dead 15-year-old Palestinian
during clashes in Shati' camp, Gaza Strip.
(Qol Yisra'el 12/26 in FBIS 12/28)

SLA patrol clashes with Palestinian
guerrillas in the “security zone,” southern
Lebanon, killing 1. (Radio Lebanon 12/27,
VOL 12/26 in FBIS 12/29)

27 DECEMBER

Palestinian leadership concludes meet-
ings in Tunis, issues final statement calling
for repatriation of deportees and escalation
of intifada. The 2 other major issues on
Hamas’ and the rejectionists’ agenda—withdrawal
from the peace talks and restructuring
the PLO—were not resolved, though contin-
ued dialogue unanimously supported. (RMC
12/27 in FBIS 12/28; Jordan Times 12/29 in
FBIS 12/29)

PM Rabin meets with UN special envoy
James Jonah (undersecy.-gen. for political af-
airs), refuses to allow humanitarian aid to
reach the 415 Palestinian deportees. (WP
12/28)

U.S. jets shoot down Iraqi fighter that
entered the southern “no-fly zone.” (WP, NYT
12/28)

28 DECEMBER

Israel announces that 10 of the 415
Palestinians were mistakenly expelled
and may return to Israel for possible trial. (Qol
Yisra'el 12/29 in FBIS 12/30; WP 12/29)

UN special envoy James Jonah meets
with Palestinian delegation mbrs., rejection
front and Hamas reps. in East Jerusalem.
(IDF Radio 12/28 in FBIS 12/29)

Lebanon bars UN special envoy James
Jonah from passing through its territory to
visit the Palestinian deportees. (WP 12/29)

Survey finds 46 MKs favor direct talks
with PLO. 67 are against, with 2 abstaining.
(Yedio't Aharonot 12/28 in FBIS 12/29)

29 DECEMBER

Palestinian deportees issue statement to
UN Secy.-Gen. Butrus-Ghali, vowing that
they will stay in no man's land between Is-
raeli and Lebanese-controlled territory in
southern Lebanon until UN “forces Israel” to
take them back. (NYT 12/30)

Lebanese PM Rafiq al-Hariri meets with
UN special envoy James Jonah in Beirut, re-
jects Israeli offer to allow Red Cross to pro-
vide aid to the 12/17 Palestinian deportees.
(NYT 12/30)

Gaza Strip civil admin. closes Islamic
and al-Azhar Universities indefinitely. (ITV
12/29 in FBIS 12/30)

30 DECEMBER

PM Rabin meets with UN special envoy
James Jonah, calls on a third country to ac-
cept the deportees for the 2-year term of their
exile. (Qol Yisra'el 12/30 in FBIS 12/30; WP
12/31)

UN Secy.-Gen. Butrus-Ghali meets with
Chmr. Arafat in Geneva, says Israel should
place the 415 deportees in internment camps,
and prosecute suspected offenders in Israeli
courts. French FM Roland Dumas meets with
Butrus-Ghali and Arafat, proposes that
UNIFIL take care of the deportees until a set-
tlement is found. (NYT 12/31)

IDF clamps curfew on entire Gaza Strip
until 1/3 to prevent clashes on Fated Day,
1/1. (Qol Yisra'el 12/30 in FBIS 12/31)

31 DECEMBER

Israel offers to allow back 10 Palestini-
ans mistakenly deported. The 10 say they would
like to return immediately, but that the only
crossing point has been mined by Israel.
Israel offers to allow an intl. org. to escort
them back through 1 of 3 Lebanese-con-
trolled crossing points. (NYT 1/1; Qol
Yisra'el 12/31 in FBIS 12/31, 1/4)

Lebanon rejects 12/30 French proposal
to place the deported Palestinians under the
provisional care of UNIFIL in Lebanese-con-
trolled territory. PM Rafiq al-Hariri meets
with Russian then U.S. amb. to Lebanon.
(NYT 12/31; VOL 12/31 in FBIS 1/4)

Al-Quds reports that the Palestinian dele-
tation to peace talks has unanimously re-
jected PM Rabin's 12/27 invitation to an in-
formal meeting. (al-Quds 12/31 in FBIS 1/5)

Four Palestinian factions (PFLP, DFLP-
Hawatima faction, PPSF, PLF) issue state-
ment criticizing Palestinian leadership's
12/27 statement for its lack of a plan of
political action to counter the 12/17 deporta-
tions. (QPAR 1/2 in FBIS 1/4)

PLO advisor and Palestinian delegation
steering comm. head Nabil Shaath says the
deportations and the peace process are “two
battles which have to be led separately," and the Palestinians may have to "bring it [the deportations] to the table of negotiations." (AFP 12/31 in FBIS 1/4)

*Ha'aretz* reports that the o.t. security service Shin Bet initially gave PM Rabin a list of 6 Hamas leaders to be deported, and came up with 1 more name when asked to expand the list. Shin Bet was later surprised at the scope of expulsions the IDF was then ordered to carry out. (WP 1/1; *Ha'aretz* 12/31 in FBIS 1/4)

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1 JANUARY

PM Rabin says that if the PLO and Hamas announce a complete halt to the intifada, and pass a 9-month test-period of calm he would begin allowing back the deportees at a rate of 100/month. Hanan Ashrawi terms the offer "unfeasible." (IDF Radio 1/1 in FBIS 1/4)

Lebanon rejects 12/31 Israeli proposal to allow the 10 mistakenly deported Palestinians to return to Israel through Lebanese-controlled crossing points. Lebanon says they must return the way they came, via Zumayriyya, which has been closed and mined by Israel and the SLA. (AFP 1/1 in FBIS 1/4)

Deportees spokesman 'Abd al-'Aziz al-Rantisi welcomes French proposal to put UNIFIL in provisional care of the deportees, as long as it is a temporary solution until UNSCR 799 is implemented. (Radio Lebanon 12/31 in FBIS 1/4)

PM Rabin tells Red Cross officials that Israel will allow passage of relief to the deportees only if Lebanon does also. (AFP 1/1, Qol Yisra'el 1/2 in FBIS 1/4)

Dahaf Institute poll of 523 Jewish Israelis finds 68% feel Israel should not allow a Red Cross convoy of supplies to pass through the "security zone," 32% feel passage should be allowed. 47% feel Israel should agree to PLO participation in peace talks, 53% oppose. (Yedio't Aharonot 1/1 in FBIS 1/4)

Demonstrations throughout o.t. mark Fateh Day. (MM 1/1)

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2 JANUARY

Hamas and the deportees issue separate statements rejecting PM Rabin's 1/1 proposal for the deportees' return in exchange for a halt to the intifada. (Qol Yisra'el 1/2 in FBIS 1/4)

Sudanese Islamic leader Hasan al-Turabi opens 3-day meeting between Hamas and Fateh leaders in Khartoum. Ibrahim Gha\-shah heads the Hamas delegation, Nasr Yusif that of Fateh. (MM 1/4; AFP 1/2 in FBIS 1/4; SUNA 1/5 in FBIS 1/7)

Israel shells area near Palestinian deportees' tent camp in southern Lebanon. (NYT 1/4; AFP 1/2, VOL 1/3 in FBIS 1/4)

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3 JANUARY

SLA commander Antun Lahd states opposition to Israel's deportation of 415 Palestinians, says he will not aid them. (Voice of the South 1/3 in FBIS 1/4)

Convoys of trucks with supplies for the deportees organized by Palestinian Israelis is stopped at northern border by IDF. (JP 1/9)

Shin Bet agent is killed at a West Jerusalem "safe house" by a Palestinian informer who regularly supplied information about Islamic groups. (MM 1/4; NYT 1/4, 1/5)

IDF lifts 4-day curfew in Gaza Strip, clashes erupt. One Palestinian killed by IDF, 1 by other Palestinians. (NYT 1/4)

Israel announces it will install a new 52-km fence enclosing the Gaza Strip, at a cost of NIS 6 million. (ITV 1/3 in FBIS 1/5)

Kuwaiti paper al-Syasa carries editorial by Sabah family-member rebuking the National Council for its 12/22 condemnation of Israel's 12/17 expulsions, adding that "Israel is not the enemy... Our enemies are those who supported the wicked occupation [of Kuwait]." (MM 1/4)

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4 JANUARY

PLO-Hamas meeting in Khartoum ends with no agreement on 2 basic issues: participation in the peace talks and Hamas inclusion in the PLO. Chmn. Arafat offered Hamas 18 of 452 seats in the PNC, Hamas is requesting 40%. The orgs. agreed to form 3 joint committees: 1 to oversee continuation of their dialogue, 1 to follow up the deportees issue, 1 to coordinate o.t. intifada activities. (MM 1/5; al-Fajr, MENA 1/5 in FBIS 1/6)

Rejectionist "ten Palestinian forces" issue statement calling for repatriation of the deportees, escalation of the intifada. (QPAR 1/4 in FBIS 1/5)

Hamas issues leaflet calling for attacks on Israeli security forces and Shin Bet agents—the first such call ever. (*Ha'aretz* 1/5 in FBIS 1/5)

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5 JANUARY

UN Secy.-Gen. Butrus-Ghali says that if new UN mediation mission (beginning 1/7) fails, the UNSC should consider further measures against Israel. Israeli amb. to UN used Yaacobi terms statement “unacceptable.” (MM 1/6; Qol Yisra’el 1/6 in FBIS 1/6)

Israeli Justice Min. David Libai calls the 12/17 deportations a “grave step”; tells mayor of W. Bank settlement of Ariel (Likud MK Ron Nahman) that Israel cannot apply its law to settlements, that settlers must live under military govt. as do the Palestinians. (ITV 1/5, Hadashot 1/6 in FBIS 1/6).

Ten Palestinians are injured in major clashes in Gaza City. One thousand Hamas supporters, some armed, march in Shati’ camp. (Hadashot 1/6 in FBIS 1/6)

6 JANUARY

Knesset curtails MK Hashim Mahamid’s immunity and freedom of movement for 3 months, in response to his recent pro-in-tifida statements. (IDF Radio 1/6 in FBIS 1/6)

IDF shoots Palestinian youth dead near Hebron. (MM 1/7)

7 JANUARY

Faisal Husseini sends letter to acting Secy. of State Eagleburger informing him that the Palestinian delegation will not participate in any bilateral or multilateral peace talks until Israel allows back the 12/17 deportees. (AFP 1/12 in FBIS 1/12)

Pres. Mubarak meets with Chmn. Arafat, then with UN Secy.-Gen. Butrus-Ghali in Cairo. (MENA 1/7 in FBIS 1/7)

Israel agrees to allow 2 Red Cross officials access to 415 deported Palestinians to ascertain their medical situation. (NYT, WP 1/8)

Knesset approves appointment of Meretz MK Yossi Sarid to be environment minister by vote of 56-34. (JP 1/9)

8 JANUARY

FM Shimon Peres meets with UN special envoy Chinmaya Gharekhan, says any new UN pressure on Israel to abide by UNSCR 799 on deportees could imperil peace process. (NYT 1/9)

Israeli TV reports that main leadership of Hamas is in the U.S. (ITV 1/8, Ha’aretz 1/10, ’Al Hamishmar, Davar 1/11 in FBIS 1/12)

9 JANUARY

PLO Exec. Comm. mbr. Mahmoud ‘Abbas (Abu Mazen) arrives in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, to attend a celebration at the Palestinian embassy 1/11, the first official visit to Saudi Arabia by a PLO official since the Gulf crisis. ‘Abbas says he hopes to start restoring ties between the PLO and the Gulf. (al-Hayat 1/10 in MM 1/11)

UN special envoy Chinmaya Gharekhan meets with Palestinian reps., headed by Faisal Husseini, in East Jerusalem. (Qol Yisra’el 1/9 in FBIS 1/11)

Israeli amb. to the U.S. Zalman Shoval says State Dept. assured him that “in no case” will U.S. allow the UNSC to pass a res. leading to sanctions against Israel for their refusal to implement res. 799. (NYT 1/10; MM 1/11)

Red Cross reps. visit deportees. Two deported Palestinians are evacuated; 1 for health problems, the other, a 16-year-old who was deported by mistake. Lebanon allows the 1-time airlift from UNIFIL-controlled territory, but says 9 deportees allowed to return must go back the way they came (see 12/31, 1/1). (NYT, WP 1/10; Qol Yisra’el 1/9, 1/10 in FBIS 1/11)

Israel has information on Palestinian and Islamic elements in the U.S. that funnel support to Hamas in Israel and the o.t., and will pass it on to the U.S. if U.S. will "take action against these elements." (Davar 1/10, 1/11 in FBIS 1/12)

10 JANUARY

Israeli cabinet cancels the 60-day deadline for filing appeals challenging individual expulsions; concession is insignificant as exiles have not filed any appeals because to do so would give legitimacy to the deportations. (NYT 1/11)

Three Meretz ministers plus Health Min-
ister Haim Ramon (Labor) call for Israel to repatriate all those deported since 1967, provided they are no longer involved in terrorism. (MM 1/11)

Force of 500 Iraqis raid UN weapons depot in DMZ between Iraq and Kuwait, make off with 4 Silkworm missiles, prompt protest in the UN by U.S., other coalition mbrs. (WP 1/11)

11 JANUARY

At Islamic Conference Org. mini-summit in Dakar, Senegal, Chmn. Arafat states Palestinians will not participate in upcoming peace talks unless UNSCR 799 is implemented. At Arab FMs meeting in Cairo, PLO FM Faruq al-Qaddumi and Exec. Comm. mbr. Yasir ‘Abd-Rabbuh reaffirm this stand. (MENA 1/11 in FBIS 1/11; MM 1/12)

At Arab FMs meeting in Cairo, Syrian FM Faruq al-Shara’ says the bilateral talks are in the Arabs’ interest and should not be stopped, while “Israel wants many things” in the multilateral talks, so it is those that should be suspended. (Syria and Lebanon have boycotted the multilaterals from the outset). (Reuters in MM 1/12)

U.S. State Dept. announces “strong desire to avoid having the UNSC face the Chapter 7 sanctions issue” regarding the 12/17 Palestinian deportees. (MM 1/12)

Saudi press downplays diplomatic importance of PLO official Mahmud ‘Abbas’ visit, saying he has “no other objectives” than to attend a Fatah anniversary celebration in Riyadh (see 1/9). In evening speech, ‘Abbas regrets Palestinian Gulf crisis stand, hopes that “this event . . . will not remain a barrier” between Palestinians and the Gulf states. Prince Salman bin ‘Abd al-Aziz says Saudi Arabia is committed “at all levels” to the Palestinian cause, a stand that has never changed (see docs. B2, B3). (SPA 1/11 in MM 1/11; RMC 1/12 in FBIS 1/13)

Arab League unanimously votes to boycott chemical weapons talks in Paris 1/13-14 to protest Israel’s continued refusal to sign the 1967 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. (MENA 1/11 in FBIS 1/12; NYT 1/14)

12 JANUARY

FMs of 20 Arab countries end 2-day Arab League meeting, issue statement calling on UNSC to impose sanctions on Israel, implement Chapter 7 of UN charter (authorizing force) if it refuses to allow back the 12/17 deportees. FMs also demand protection of o.t. Palestinians by a UN force. (MM 1/12; NYT 1/13; MENA, RFL 1/12 in FBIS 1/13)

Palestinian delegation issues statement outlining “basic requirements for reviving a genuine peace process” (see doc. B4). (al-Quds 1/13 in FBIS 1/14)

Al-Fajr reports that PLO Exec. Comm. mbr. Yasir ‘Abd-Rabbuh has said that statements by Palestinian delegation steering comm. head Nabil Shaath on the deportees issue (see 12/31) do not express the PLO’s position. (al-Fajr 1/12 in FBIS 1/13)

UNLU and Hamas issue 2 joint statements in the o.t. (Sanaa VOP 1/12 in FBIS 1/14)

13 JANUARY

Israel cancels deportation orders against 6 more of those expelled 12/17; total “mistakenly expelled” is now 16. (NYT 1/15)

Ukrainian Pres. Leonid Kravchuk ends 2-day visit to Israel by opening Ukrainian embassy in Tel Aviv. During his stay, he met with PM Rabin, spoke to the Knesset, and signed a number of bilateral agreements. (Qol Yisra’el 1/12, 1/13 in FBIS 1/12, 1/13, 1/14)

FM Peres makes first explicit Israeli call for mutual verification of nuclear weapons between Arabs and Israelis—once peace is attained—in speech to chemical weapons conf. in Paris. (MM 1/13)

U.S. and coalition warplanes bomb Iraqi missile, radar targets. (NYT, WP 1/15)

14 JANUARY

Acting Secy. of State Eagleburger warns that there will be “more pressure in the Security Council for some kind of Chapter 7 enforcement” of UNSCR 799, which “puts the Israelis and us and a lot of other people in an awkward spot,” and that Israel is “going to have to find some solution to the problem, whether it’s to take them back and put them in jail or whatever it is.” (MM 1/15)

Palestinian, Jordanian, and Lebanese presses level harsh criticism on the U.S. and the West for their 1/13 attack on Iraq. Gulf states are notably cool or silent, Syria and Egypt try to strike medium in their criticisms of both Iraq and the West. Fateh issues statement condemning the attack on Iraq, as well as a 28th anniversary statement. (MM 1/14; Algiers, Sanaa VOP 1/14 in FBIS 1/15)

IDF kills 2 Palestinians, wounds 45 in
clashes in Gaza Strip. Border Police surround, fire anti-tank missiles at house near Jenin, kill 1 suspected Black Panther activist as he tries to escape. (MM, WT 1/15; Qol Yisra'e1 1/14 in FBIS 1/15)

Chemical weapons agreement signed in Paris. Russia, the U.S., Egypt, and Iran are among the 120 signatories; despite Arab League's 1/11 unanimous boycott. Negotiated since 1968, the treaty banning production, stockpiling, and use of such weapons, as well as mandating their destruction with a complex verification regime, will go into effect after a minimum ratification period of 2 years. (NYT, WP 1/14)

15 JANUARY

Israel allows Red Cross to deliver medicine and mail to Palestinian deportees in southern Lebanon. (AFP 1/15 in FBIS 1/15)

Gazan Islamic Jihad activist stabs 4 at Tel Aviv bus station before being shot and killed by a bystander. (MM 1/15; Qol Yisra'e1 1/15 in FBIS 1/15)

16 JANUARY

IDF kills 10-year-old Palestinian girl, wounds 15 in dispersing Gaza Strip demonstrations. (WT 1/17)

King Hussein flies to Muscat for talks with Sultan Qaboos. Visit closely follows PLO leader Mahmud 'Abbas' visit to Saudi Arabia (see 1/11). (MM 1/15)

17 JANUARY

Israeli Supreme Court begins hearing to determine final ruling on the legality of the 12/17 deportation of 415 Palestinians to Lebanon. (MM, NYT 1/18)

Deported Palestinians symbolically dismantle tents, hold protest march near Zumayriyya crossing point in southern Lebanon to mark 1 month since expulsion (NYT 1/18; VOL 1/17 in FBIS 1/19)

Egyptian FM 'Amr Musa and FM Peres meet in Jerusalem, discuss deportees issue. (MM 1/18; IDF Radio, Qol Yisra'e1 1/17 in FBIS 1/19)

Peace Now accuses Israeli govt. of expanding settlements in areas where it pledged to curtail growth; criticizes road-building program in o.t. at expense of roads inside the green line. (MM 1/18)

IDF shoots 3 Palestinians dead during clashes in Shati' camp, Gaza Strip. (MM 1/18)

U.S. shoots down Iraqi jet, mounts cruise missile attack on Iraqi industrial park near Baghdad, in response to Iraq's restriction of UN weapons inspectors and repudiation of the "no-fly zones." (NYT, WP 1/18)

18 JANUARY

U.S. and coalition warplanes strike nuclear production plant, other targets in northern and southern Iraq. (NYT, WP 1/19)

PLO issues statements condemning U.S. attacks on Iraq "at a time when the U.S. administration and Pres. Bush are obstructing the execution of UN resolutions concerning Israel." (Algiers VOP 1/18 in FBIS 1/19)

Saudi cabinet issues statement urging UNSC to enforce resolutions on Israel and Serbia as it does in the case of Iraq. (MM 1/19; NYT 1/20)

19 JANUARY

Knesset votes 39-20 to revise 1986 law to legalize contacts with all factions of the PLO. (MM 1/13, 1/19; NYT, WP 1/20)

U.S. State Dept. releases its annual human rights report, noting 62% rise in IDF killings of Palestinians during 1991 (see Special Doc.). (MM 1/20)

Pres.-elect Clinton transition team announces Edward Djerejian will retain his post as Asst. Secy. of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs; Dennis Ross, of Policy Planning, will become a consultant to the State Dept. on the peace process; Martin Indyk, exec. dir. of AIPAC-affiliated Washington Institute for Near East Policy, will become chief advisor on Arab-Israeli issues at the Nat'l Security Council. (NYT 1/19)

Settlers open fire on Palestinian youths stoning their car, killing a 12-year-old boy, in Gaza City. Since 1/14, 5 Palestinians under the age of 15 have been killed in the Gaza Strip. (MM 1/19)

Kyrgyzstan's Pres. Askar Akayev, during a visit to Jerusalem, calls for "independence for the Palestinians." He is the 1st Muslim head of state to visit Jerusalem since Anwar Sadat. (MM 1/20)
20 January

Between meetings with PM Peres and PM Rabin in Jerusalem, UN special envoy Chinniyya Gharekhan says the UNSC “cannot wait any longer” for Israel to repatriate the 12/17 deportees. Israel formally asks the UN to delay further action until the High Court ruling (see 1/17). (MM 1/20; WT 1/21)

Jordan Times reports that the PLO “kitchen cabinet” (the “American lobby”) of pol. advisor Nabil Shaath, Exec. Comm. mbr. Mahmud 'Abbas, and Yemen-based Bassam Abu-Sharif believe that linkage between the deportations and the peace talks is “not necessary.” (Jordan Times 1/20 in FBIS 1/21)

EC Commission says it plans no sanctions or downgrading of Israel's trade status despite its objections to the deportations. (MM 1/22)

Israel announces that the mostly Muslim former Soviet Republic of Kyrgyzstan will open an embassy in Jerusalem. (NYT 1/21)

Bill Clinton is inaugurated 42nd president of the U.S. (NYT 1/21)

21 January

Chmn. Arafat, in dramatic phone call on Israeli TV organized by Abie Nathan, who arrived in Tunis 1/20, commends the Knesset for repealing the ban on PLO contacts, calls for forging “a peace of the brave,” invites PM Rabin to meet. (MM 1/21; Algiers VOP 1/22 in FBIS 1/25; WT 1/23)

European Parliament (the EC’s advisory assembly) condemns Israel for the 12/17 deportations, asks EC to consider delaying a planned upgrade in Israel’s trade status (see 1/20, 2/1). (MM 1/22)

22 January

PM Rabin declines Chmn. Arafat’s 1/21 invitation to a meeting, adding that “the PLO in Tunis is not a party to the negotiations.” (NYT, WT 1/23)

IDF shoots, wounds up to 40 during protests in the Gaza Strip. (WT 1/22; Qol Yisra’el 1/22 in FBIS 1/26)

Higher Council of Islamic Affairs ends 3-day conf. in Cairo, issues statement condemning Islamic violence as well as the tendency in the West to stigmatize Islam as a violent religion, and calling for equal enforcement of UN resolutions. (MM 1/22)

23 January

British helicopters fly Red Cross officials into the “no man's land” in southern Lebanon to evacuate 17 Palestinians. 4 who are sick, 13 deported by mistake (11 of whom to be returned to jail). There are now 396 left. (NYT, WT 1/24)

Pres. Clinton telephones PM Rabin, expresses hope that the deportees issue will be solved as soon as possible. (NYT 1/29)

Syrian, Egyptian, Lebanonese, and Jordanian amb. to the U.S. brief Asst. Secy. of State Edward Djerejian on the Arab League position on deportees. (Saudi Arabian TV 1/23 in FBIS 1/26)

IDF shoots Palestinian dead near Ramalla. (Qol Yisra’el 1/24 in FBIS 1/26)

Roadside bomb wounds 1, kills 2 IDF soldiers in “security zone”; Israel shells Hizbullah target villages 25 mi. south of Beirut. (NYT, WT 1/24; MM 1/25)

24 January

Israeli human rights group B’Tselem announces that their own investigation reveals that “dozens” still among the deportees were mistakenly deported. (Qol Yisra’el 1/24 in FBIS 1/25)

Israel cancels benefits and subsidies for Israeli settlement in some West Bank areas. Benefits remain for settlement in the Gaza Strip, Golan Heights, and East Jerusalem. (WT 1/25)

25 January

UN Secy.-Gen. Butrus-Ghali issues report calling on UNSC to take “whatever measures are necessary” to make Israel comply with res. 799 (calling for the return of the 12/17 Palestinian deportees), and discussing plans to station UN observers in the o.t. (see doc. A3). (NYT, WT 1/27)

U.S. Secy. of State Warren Christopher calls PM Rabin, emphasizes need to solve the deportations issue to reinvigorate the peace process. (NYT 1/26; Qol Yisra’el 1/26 in FBIS 1/26)

PM Rabin calls format of peace talks “not a successful one,” as Israel has never reached agreements when it negotiates with more than one Arab party, but adds that it would be a “waste of time” to try and change it. (MM 1/25; NYT 1/26)

Palestinian delegation to bilateral peace
talks, reps. of Saudi Palestinian community send separate cables of thanks for continuing support to King Fahd, receive cables of thanks from the king. (Saudi Arabian TV 1/25 in FBIS 1/26; MM 1/27)

Five-mbr. World Bank comm. meets with Palestinian chambers of commerce heads, as part of research for the economic and regional devt. multilateral talks. (MM 1/26)

26 JANUARY

PM Rabin rejects UN Secy.-Gen. Butrus-Ghali's 1/25 report as it "totally ignores terrorism"; Foreign Ministry says there is "no room" for int'l observers in the o.t. (WT 1/27)

PLO submits draft UNSC res. imposing sanctions on Israel—restrictions on foreign companies doing business with Israeli firms in the o.t., and a ban on Israel's participation in any UN-sponsored human rights meetings—designed to force Israel to comply with UNSCR 799. (NYT 1/27)

U.S. amb. to Israel William Harrop says the U.S. does not want to see sanctions imposed on Israel, nor does it want to use its veto in the UNSC, which it hasn't used in 2½ years. (NYT 1/27)

Hadashot finds 78% of Jewish Israelis favor the deportations. (NYT 1/30)

27 JANUARY

IDF shoots Islamic Jihad gunman dead in Gaza City. (Qol Yisra'el 1/27 in FBIS 1/27)

Palestinian National Salvation Front, 10 Palestinian rejectionist orgs. issue separate statements denouncing Israel's lifting of the ban on contacts with the PLO as a step toward Israel-PLO dialogue. (QPAR 1/27 in FBIS 1/29)

28 JANUARY

Israeli High Court annuls overall expulsion decree, but upholds each individual expulsion order, and orders govt. to hear individual appeals. Deportees reject the call for individual appeals. (WP 1/29; MM 1/28)

PLO condemns the High Court rulings, calling for "urgent UNSC meeting" to impose sanctions on Israel. (AFP 1/28 in FBIS 1/28)

PM Rabin says any "operative steps" the UN takes against Israel would "wipe out the chances for peace in the Middle East." (NYT 1/30)

29 JANUARY

Labor MK Yael Dayan meets with Chmn. Arafat in Tunis—the 1st public encounter with an Israeli legislator since the law banning such contacts was repealed 1/19. (AFP 1/29, Algiers VOP 1/30 in FBIS 2/1)

Sources say PLO Exec. Comm. mbr. Yasir 'Abd-Rabbuh, leader of 1 wing of the DFLP, is the main force behind a new party in the o.t.—the Palestinian Democratic Union to be based in Ramallah. Comprising several PLO and independent factions, the party will support the peace process and will operate publicly, the first such org. to do so since 1967. (ITV 1/29 in FBIS 2/1; MM 2/3; al-Sharq al-Awsat 2/3 in FBIS 2/5)

Sixty-eight U.S. senators send letter to Secy. of State Christopher calling for the U.S. to veto any resolution that "unjustifiably condemns Israel" (see doc. D2). (MEPARC 2/93)

30 JANUARY

PLO Exec. Comm. issues statement denouncing 1/28 Israeli High Court decision on deportees, supporting UN efforts to resolve the crisis and place observers in the o.t. (Algiers VOP 1/30 in FBIS 2/1)

Two Hamas mbrs. open fire on 3-man IDF jeep patrol, killing 2, inside Israeli settlement in Gaza Strip. (NYT 1/31; MM 2/1; WP 2/3)

31 JANUARY

Israel announces it is holding 2 Palestinian-Americans on suspicion of distributing $230,000 to Hamas. Information obtained from their arrest led to the arrest of 40 more suspected Hamas activists in the o.t. (WP 2/1; IDF Radio, Qol Yisra'el 1/31 in FBIS 2/1)

Gulf Cooperation Council condemns Israel's 12/17 expulsion of 415 Palestinians, calls for application of Chapter 7 of UN charter, imposition of phased sanctions to force Israeli compliance with UNSCR 799. (WAKH 1/31 in FBIS 2/1; MM 2/1)

IDF opens fire on allegedly stolen car that avoided a roadblock, killing 2 of 3 Palestinians inside, near Jenin. (Qol Yisra'el 2/1 in FBIS 2/2)
1 FEBRUARY

As part of U.S.-brokered deal, Israel offers to allow 100 Palestinian deportees to return, to reduce the exile period to 1 year and allow relief to the remaining 296. U.S. Secy. of State Christopher says "further action by the UNSC is unnecessary" (see doc. D3); Israel’s offer came with a U.S. pledge to block any sanctions. (MM, NYT, WP 2/2)

PLO, Palestinian spokeswoman Hanan Ashrawi reject Israel’s "100" offer. (Algiers VOP 2/1 in FBIS 2/2; WP 2/2)

Chmn. Arafat meets with King Hussein in Amman, then leaves for Baghdad. (Radio Jordan 2/1, Jordan Times 2/2 in FBIS 2/2)

Israel announces it has arrested a 3rd Palestinian-American connected to Hamas (see 1/31). (Qol Yisra’el 2/1 in FBIS 2/1)

EC FM’s meeting in Brussels welcome Israel’s “100” offer, but have yet to determine whether it is sufficient to resume negotiations on extending economic cooperation with Israel. FM Peres is attending. (NYT 2/2)

U.S. announces it will include the actions of Hamas in its annual global terrorism report, officially labelling the org. as "terrorist." (WT 2/3)

2 FEBRUARY

PLO and the deportees reject Israeli "100" offer. (MM 2/2; WT 2/3)

Chmn. Arafat meets with Pres. Saddam Hussein in Baghdad, second such visit since the Gulf war. (Baghdad INA, Algiers VOP 2/2 in FBIS 2/3)

Amnesty International “deplores” the 12/17 deportations, calls on Israel to repatriate all of them (see doc A4). (MM 2/2)

Hamas rep. in Jordan condemns U.S. for labelling the org. as terrorist, stating that Hamas is an Islamic national liberation group, whose aims and methods are sanctioned under intl. law. (WT 2/3)

3 FEBRUARY

Addressing the Knesset, PM Rabin says that his “100” offer and U.S. acceptance of it preserves Israel’s “ability to remove for a limited time hundreds of inciters, leaders, organizers.” (NYT 2/4)

Chmn. Arafat announces Pres. Saddam Hussein encouraged him to continue the peace talks with Israel during their 2/1-2 meeting. (MM 2/3)

Great Britain denounces Israel’s “100” offer, urging full compliance with UNSCR 799, but saying sanctions “would not be helpful.” (MM 2/3)

UN diplomats announce France has drafted a UNSC statement declaring that Israel has not satisfied UNSCR 799 with its “100” offer. (WT 2/4)

4 FEBRUARY

UN Secy.-Gen. Butrus-Ghali says he would welcome the return of 100 deportees, provided it was a step toward implementation of UNSCR 799. (MM 2/4)

Israeli interministerial comm. completes new guidelines for Shin Bet in interrogation of prisoners, pending PM Rabin’s approval. The 1987 Landau Commission’s “moderate physical pressure is allowed” clause will be replaced by a specific list of employable measures, and interrogators whose prisoners die under questioning will be immune from criminal charges, unless the rules were broken. (Qol Yisra’el 2/4 in FBIS 2/10; MM 2/5)

Pres. Clinton announces that Secy. of State Christopher will tour the Middle East 2/17-2/24, to persuade Arabs and Israelis to resume the peace talks. Christopher spends the day on the phone with officials in Russia and the Middle East. (WP, WT 2/5)

5 FEBRUARY

Israel releases list of 101 deported Palestinians who may return immediately to the o.t. Deportees refuse to accept the list and pledge that none will return until all are allowed back. (Qol Yisra’el 2/5 in FBIS 2/5; Radio Lebanon 2/5 in FBIS 2/8; NYT 2/6)

Palestinian UN rep. Nastr al-Kidwa meets with UN Secy.-Gen. Butrus-Ghali, informs him of the PLO’s decision not to participate in any peace talks until UNSCR 799 is implemented. (Sanaa VOP 2/5 in FBIS 2/8)

Chmn. Arafat meets with King Hussein in Amman, then flies to Cairo for 3-day visit. Talks with Pres. Mubarak focus on the deportees and peace talks, as well as arranging a Secy. of State Christopher-Arafat visit when the former visits the region beginning 2/17. (MENA, RJN, RMC 2/5 in FBIS 2/8)

Two polls find 61% and 54% of Israeli Jews are against the U.S.-Israeli package deal to allow 100 deportees back. (Ma’Ariv, Yedio’t Aharonot 2/5 in MM 2/5)
IDF shoots 3 armed Palestinians dead in a car in the 
Gaza Strip. IDF shoots 2 dead, wounds 30 more 
Palestinians in ensuing demonstrations. (NYT 2/6; MM 2/8)

6 FEBRUARY

Mufti of Jerusalem Sa'd al-Din al-'Alami, head of 
the Higher Islamic Council in the West Bank, dies. (Qol Yisra'el 2/7 in FBIS 2/8)

IDF shoots 1 Palestinian youth dead, wounds 27 during 
funeral for those killed 2/5 in Gaza Strip. (MM 2/8)

7 FEBRUARY

U.S. announces it has “protested against the delay 
in consular access and the condition of treatment” of 3 
Palestinian-Americans being held by Israel on suspicion of 
aiding Hamas (see 1/31, 2/1). (NYT 2/8)

Heads of Israeli delegation negotiating with 
Palestinians leaves for meetings in the U.S. (Qol Yisra'el 2/7 in FBIS 2/8)

Israel transfers 5 sick deportees from 
Marjayun hospital in southern Lebanon to 
IDF base in Israel. (Qol Yisra'el, Radio Leba- 
non 2/7 in FBIS 2/8)

Former Jerusalem governor Anwar Khat- 
tib dies in East Jerusalem. (MM 2/9)

IDF shoots 2 Palestinian youths dead in 
the West Bank. (MM 2/8)

8 FEBRUARY

PM Rabin meets with Sen. Patrick Leahy 
(D-VT), chmn. of the foreign operations sub- 
comm., to discuss U.S. aid to Israel. Rabin 
says afterwards that “Israel is more than enti- 
tled to receive the full aid.” Issue of aid cut 
did not arise in Leahy’s earlier meetings with 
Fin. Min. Shohat (Qol Yisra’el 2/8 in FBIS 2/8; MM 2/8; WT 2/9)

Itamar Rabinovich takes office as new Is- 
raeli amb. to Washington. (Qol Yisra’el 2/9 in 
FBIS 2/9)

Hanan Ashrawi and head of Palestinian 
dlegation to multilateral talks on refugees 
Muhammad Hallaj meet with State Dept., 
NSC officials involved in the peace process 
(with followup meetings 2/11).

PLO pol. adv. Nabil Shaath reiterates 
1/12 Palestinian conditions for resumption of 
peace talks. (MM 2/8)

IDF soldiers disguised as Arabs shoot 
dead 2 Palestinian youths near Jerin. (Qol 
Yisra’el 2/8 in FBIS 2/9; WP, WT 2/9)

9 FEBRUARY

Pres. Mubarak meets with Pres. Asad in 
Damascus. (MENA, SARA 2/9 in FBIS 2/10)

Palestinian gunmen shoot 50-year-old Is- 
raeli dead in Gaza Strip. (MM 2/10)

10 FEBRUARY

Israel announces it will allow lawyers to 
see 3 detained Palestinian-Americans. (WT 
2/11)

Undercover IDF soldiers shoot dead 2 
Palestinian youths, armed with a sword and 
an axe, who were writing graffiti. (WT 2/16)

11 FEBRUARY

On 1st day of 8-day visit to the U.S., FM 
Peres meets with UN Secy.-Gen. Butrus- 
Ghali, UNSC Pres. Ahmad Senoussi (Mor- 
occo), terms Israel’s “100” offer “rather consis- 
tent” with UNSCR 799. Senoussi agrees 
not to convene UNSC for the time being. 
(MM 2/11; Qol Yisra’el 2/11 in FBIS 2/12)

Chmn. Arafat blames U.S. for surging vi- 
olence in the o.t. (Algiers VOP, AFP 2/11 in 
FBIS 2/12)

Press reports that Israeli o.t. military 
commanders recently issued a “sweeping and 
comprehensive” decree forbidding settlers 
from construction (including additional 
rooms), drawing up master plans for settle- 
ments, or any preconstruction activities. 
(Ha’aretz 2/11 in FBIS 2/12)

Israel releases 1 of 3 detained Palestin- 
ian-Americans on insufficient evidence. The 
detainee consistently denied any connections 
with Hamas, and accuses his interrogators of 
beating him during his 3 weeks in captivity. 
(MM 2/11; WT 2/12)

While capturing 4 wanted Hamas sus- 
pects, 200 IDF soldiers stage 12-hour raid in 
Khan Yunis, firing automatic weapons and 
anti-tank rockets at houses after ordering 
families out, badly damaging 20 homes of up 
to 35 families. Palestinian gunmen wound 2 
IDF soldiers in separate drive-by shootings in 
Gaza Strip. (MM 2/12; WT 2/13)

Poll of 1,140 Jordanians reveals that 
54.2% oppose any form of confederation 
with a Palestinian entity in the event of Israeli 
withdrawal, 44.6% favor; 23% support 
Jordanian withdrawal from the peace talks if 
progress is not made on other tracks, 72% op-
pose; and 72.5% support the military option if talks fail. (al-Nahar 2/11 in FBIS 2/12)

12 FEBRUARY

UNSC Pres. urges Israel to implement "as soon as possible" UNSCR 799, stresses the importance of resuming the peace talks (see doc. A5). Palestinian UN delegate Nasir al-Kidwa called "completely meaningless" the UNSC's "rubber-stamp" (Hanan Ashrawi's word) of the 2/1 U.S.-Israel "100" offer. (WP 2/13)

Undercover IDF soldiers raid Palestinian wedding party in West Bank, shoot and wound the bride's father and arrest her brother. (WT 2/13)

13 FEBRUARY

PM Rabin declares the UNSC's 2/12 action on the deportations as a "formal conclusion" that now "paves the way for resumption of the peace talks." (NYT 2/14)

Islamic resistance gunmen attack SLA patrol, killing 1 and wounding 9. Israel, SLA retaliate by bombing target villages north of "security zone." (WP 2/14)

14 FEBRUARY

IDF shoots Palestinian stonethrower dead near Nablus. Palestinian gunmen wound 2 settlers in drive-by shooting near Hebron. (WT 2/15)

15 FEBRUARY

Human rights group al-Haq accuses Israel of "summary executions" in deaths of 6 Palestinians 1/27, 2/5, and 2/10. (WT 2/16)

CHRONOLOGY SOURCE ABBREVIATIONS

AFP (Agence France Presse, Paris)
CSM (Christian Science Monitor, Boston)
FBIS (Foreign Broadcast Information Service Daily Report, Near East and South Asia)
GPO (Government Press Office, Jerusalem)
ITV (Israel Television Network, Jerusalem)
JTV (Jordan Television Network, Amman)
LAT (Los Angeles Times, Los Angeles)
MEI (Middle East International, London)
MENA (Middle East News Agency, Cairo)
MEPARC (Middle East Policy and Research Center, Washington, D.C.)
MET (Middle East Times, Nicosia)
MM (Mideast Mirror, London)
NYT (New York Times, New York)
QPAR (Al-Quds Palestinian Arab Radio, clandestine)
RFL (Radio Free Lebanon, clandestine)
RMC (Radio Monte Carlo, Paris)
SANA (Syrian Arab News Agency, Damascus)
SARR (Syrian Arab Republic Radio, Damascus)
SPAN (Saudi Press Agency, Riyadh)
VOL (Voice of Lebanon, Beirut)
VOP (Voice of Palestine, Algiers or Sanaa)
WJW (Washington Jewish Week, Washington, D.C.)
WSJ (Wall Street Journal, New York)
WP (Washington Post, Washington, D.C.)
WT (Washington Times, Washington, D.C.)

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