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Palestine Chronology

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

16 November_____

Social/Economic/Political

Other Countries: 41 current and former officials of American Jewish organizations deliver letter to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir expressing “profound differences” with Shamir’s views of Middle East peace process [NYT, WP 11/17].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: 4 Palestinians are deported to Jordan. Army issues orders for the destruction of 8 Khan Yunis houses [FJ 11/27].

At least 10 Palestinians are injured in clashes throughout the O.T. [FBIS 11/20].

Israeli security forces ban for 3 days for printing and distribution of E. Jerusalem’s *Al-Nahar* newspaper. [FBIS 11/16].

17 November_____

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: In an article in *Ma’ariv*, Israeli Justice Minister Dan Meridor says since the outbreak of the intifada 600 Palestinians have been killed, 350 houses demolished, over 10,000 Palestinians wounded, over 40,000 placed under detention, and 60 deported [FBIS 11/17].

Other Countries: PLO officials meet with Israeli Knesset members in Milan, Italy to discuss Israeli-Palestinian peace opportunities [FJ 11/27].

According to *Ma’ariv*, U.S. officials claim Israel Aircraft Industries was involved in attempts to smuggle U.S. missile navigation equipment to South Africa in violation of U.S. law [FBIS 11/20].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF declares Ramallah and al-Bireh closed military

zones [FJ 11/27].

Incidents in the Nur Shams and Tulkarm camps leave 2 Palestinians wounded from IDF gunfire. At least 8 others wounded in O.T. [FBIS 11/20].

Arab World: Citing PLO sources, Associated Press reports that about 200 dissident members of Abu Nidal organization were recently killed in liquidation campaign in Libya. 300 more fled to Algeria, Tunisia, and Lebanon [FBIS 11/17].

18 November

Social/Economic/Political

Arab World: U.S. ambassador to Lebanon John McCarthy returns to that country, presents credentials to Pres. Moawad. U.S. embassy in Beirut was evacuated on 9/6 [NYT, WP 11/19].

Other Countries: President Bush telephones Egyptian President Mubarak to discuss peace process efforts. Mubarak later telephones Arafat to discuss conversation with Bush [FBIS 11/20].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: W. Bank Palestinian dies of wounds received 10/24 [NYT 11/19]. Gaza woman suspected of collaboration is killed [MET 11/28].

19 November

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Arafat sends letter of support to jailed Israeli activist Abbie Nathan [MET 11/28].

Ha'Aretz reports that total cost of IDF activity to combat intifada since it began totals about IS1 billion [FBIS 11/20].

Other Countries: Amnesty International criticizes intifada leaders for endorsing killing of collaborators [MET 11/28].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: At least 3 Palestinians wounded in clashes with IDF in

Tulkarm and Nablus [FBIS 11/28].

20 November

Social/Economic/Political

Arab World: PLO Executive Committee member Jamal al-Surani arrives in Cairo carrying PLO response to Baker's 5 point framework [FBIS 11/21].

Other Countries: USSR has encouraged Syria to abandon quest for military parity with Israel, saying Soviet "new realities" stress "reasonable defensive sufficiency" for Syria [WP 11/20].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli military prohibits Gaza Islamic University's board of trustees from traveling to Kuwait for university conference [FJ 11/27].

Israeli Minister of Police Haim Bar Lev says Civil Administration is preparing to issue magnetic ID cards to W. Bank Palestinians [FJ 11/27].

Petrol bomb thrown at Israeli fuel truck in Nablus, misses truck but causes minor damage. Soldiers shoot, injure 13-year-old girl. Palestinians report 19-year-old is hospitalized from beating injures when soldiers chased suspects [FBIS 11/28].

21 November

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF shoots, wounds Rafah youth said to be writing nationalist slogans [FBIS 11/28].

Masked Palestinians stab, wound Nablus man accused of informing on the "Red Eagle" group, whose leader was killed earlier this month in IDF raid [FBIS 11/28].

In village of 'Anin, near Jenin, 2 Palestinians are wounded by gunfire. Relatives say shots came not from IDF but from settlers [FBIS 11/28].

At least 9 Palestinians are wounded throughout O.T. in clashes with IDF [FBIS 11/28].

22 November

Social/Economic/Political

Arab World: Lebanese President Rene Moawad is assassinated when an explosion destroys his car; 23 others are also killed. Moawad was in office only 17 days [FBIS 11/22; NYT, WP, LAT 11/23].

Other Countries: President Bush has received personal message from Arafat, delivered through U.S. embassy in Tunis; contents are not divulged; Bush does not plan reply [NYT, WP 11/23].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Bodies of 2 Palestinians suspected of collaboration are found; number of suspected collaborators killed during intifada stands at 144 [MET 12/5].

Military orders 2 Bethlehem houses destroyed. Authorities deport 5 Palestinians to Jordan, saying they lacked family reunification permit [FJ 11/27].

General strike called by Hamas is observed in O.T. At least 13 Palestinians are wounded in clashes with IDF [FBIS 11/29].

23 November

Social/Economic/Political

Arab World: PLO officials meet with U.S. ambassador to Tunisia Robert Pelletreau, discuss Baker plan [MET 12/5].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Palestinian woman accused of collaborating with Israel is killed in Nablus [MET 12/5]. Military seals house of Gazan who was arrested for participation in Hamas [FJ 12/4].

24 November

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Shamir tells reporters that during trip to U.S., Pres. Bush and Sec. Baker promised U.S. would not demand Israel negotiate with PLO [FBIS 11/27].

Arab World: Lebanese parliament elects Elias Hrawi as new president to replace Rene Moawad assassinated on 11/22 [NYT, WP 11/25].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli army welds shut "a number of Palestinian stores" in Ramallah after owners refuse to pay taxes. Israeli authorities deport 4 Palestinians, including children 7-months- and 4-months-old, for not having family unification permits [FJ 12/4].

Jewish group calling itself "the Sicarii" plants explosives in front doors of homes of 2 Hebrew University professors (Yoram Ben-Porat for allowing Faisal Husayni to speak on campus, and Dov Shim'on for aiding in 11/16 heart transplant from Israeli to Palestinian). No injuries [FBIS 11/24].

25 November

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: About 200 women stage procession in Nablus to mark anniversary of Algiers declaration of Palestinian state. They disperse when IDF fires tear gas [FBIS 11/29].

Arab World: Lebanese President Elias Hrawi declares cabinet of Christian leader Gen Michel Aoun as dissolved and names a new coalition government [WP 11/26].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Army declares Ramallah and al-Bireh closed military zones. Army converts Ramallah school into military post [FJ 12/4].

IDF troops sweep Tulkarm area, arrest 72 Palestinians, mostly youths. 64 are wanted by security forces, 8 are detained for fleeing soldiers [FBIS 11/29; JP 12/2].

3 Palestinians from Nablus are wounded in clashes with soldiers; one 17-year-old is shot in eye by plastic bullet [FBIS 11/29].

Arab World: Israeli Air Force shells PFLP-GC positions in Shtaura, Lebanon [NYT 11/26].

26 November

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: 'Al Hamishmar reports Israeli D.M. and chief of staff have decided to defer the issuance of magnetic ID cards to W. Bank Palestinians. The decision was made so as not to affect current talks with U.S. [FBIS 11/28].

Arab World: Pres. Hrawi threatens to use force against Aoun [NYT, WP 11/27].

Other Countries: U.S. claims it will cut off UN funding if UN recognizes State of Palestine [WP 11/27].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Army orders destruction of home in Ayn Arik, demolishes another in Hebron [FJ 12/4].

Army places Tulkarm and Nur Shams camp under curfew, lifts 2-week curfew on Shaykh 'Ajlin neighborhood in Gaza [FBIS 11/29].

27 November

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Leaflet distributed in Nablus area by Fateh renews call for Palestinians "to stop the killing of those who have gone astray and use all methods to restore them to the national line" [FJ 12/4].

Other Countries: UN Arab League delegation is considering placing before Gen.

Assembly resolution to change nameplate of PLO observer's seat to read State of Palestine. U.S. warns it will stop UN funding if resolution is passed [NYT, WP 11/28].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Authorities close agricultural school in Bayt Hanoun because of stone throwing [FJ 12/4].

28 November

Social/Economic/Political

Arab World: PLO officials in Tunis and Arab diplomats in Paris say Libya has placed Abu Nidal, leader of Fateh Revolutionary Council, under house arrest [NYT 11/28].

Other Countries: U.S. warns it will pull out of UN's Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) if agency recognizes PLO [NYT 11/29].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Military orders 2 Palestinian houses near Ramallah and 4 in Rafah destroyed [FBIS 11/30; FJ 12/4].

General strike called by Fateh is observed in Gaza Strip and parts of W. Bank. 4 firebomb and molotov cocktails are thrown in O.T.; no injuries [FBIS 11/29].

Arab World: Lebanese Pres. Hrawi orders dismissal of Gen. Aoun; Aoun refuses to vacate presidential palace [WP 11/29]; Syrian tanks, forces, take up positions near Aoun stronghold [WP, NYT 11/29].

29 November

Social/Economic/Political

Arab World: Arab League foreign ministers begin meetings in Tunis at request of Palestinians [FBIS 12/4].

Other Countries: FAO resolution endorsing PLO role in providing technical assistance to Palestinian farmers in O.T. and

criticizing Israel's administration of O.T., is passed 96-2, with 14 abstentions; U.S. and Israel vote against it [NYT, WP 11/30; FJ 12/4].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli soldiers shoot, kill 2 masked Palestinian stonethrowers in Jerusalem. 19 Palestinians are wounded by IDF gunfire in Gaza clashes [MET 12/12].

Strike to mark anniversary of UN resolution to partition Palestine is observed throughout O.T. [FBIS 11/29].

Leaflet issued in O.T. urges students to maintain discipline during exams. Similar leaflet was issued by Hamas on 11/28 [FBIS 11/30].

In Shati' camp, IDF troops shoot, wound 5 Palestinian children, aged 6 to 13. At least 5 other Palestinians are wounded in O.T. [FBIS 11/30].

30 November

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israel reserves "freedom of action" for its troops in Lebanon if Israel's security is deemed threatened [NYT 12/1].

'Al Hamishmar reports Israel has decided to renew activities of W. Bank village leagues [FBIS 11/30].

Arab World: Arab League foreign ministers conclude meetings in Tunis [FBIS 12/4]. Foreign ministers petition Bush, Gorbachev to give top priority to Palestinian question during Malta summit [NYT, WP 12/1].

Other Countries: Arab nations introduce into UN General Assembly resolution to upgrade PLO status from observer group to observer state [NYT 12/1].

U.S. urges Israel, Syria, others to show restraint in Lebanon [NYT 12/1].

Scottish police find further evidence

linking Palestinian "Abu Talb" to bombing of Pan Am flight 103 [NYT 12/1].

1 December

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Shin Bet head tells reporters that during the intifada's 2 years, more than 500 "terrorist squads" have been uncovered, and over 170 Fateh squads exposed since Arafat renounced terrorism [FBIS 12/5].

Arab World: PLO delivers to Cairo and U.S. Ambassador Pelletreau memorandum conditionally accepting Baker's 5-point formula [FBIS 12/4; WP 12/7].

Arab countries agree to postpone until 12/3 UN vote recognizing Palestinian state [NYT 12/2].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF forces ambush members of Palestinian "Black Panther" group in Nablus, kill the group's leader and 3 others; 3 more are wounded. IDF imposes curfew on Nablus [FBIS 12/7; MET 12/12].

2 December

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Beginning at 4 am, hundreds of Israeli soldiers and Shin Bet agents raid Palestinian homes in Nablus, arrest "scores" of youths. In Gaza, IDF troops shoot, wound at least 36 Palestinians. In both incidents, Israeli soldiers are reportedly dressed as Arabs, driving vehicles with O.T. license plates [NYT, WP 12/3; FBIS 12/7; JP 12/9; MET 12/12].

Members of Israeli group Yesh Gval demonstrate to show solidarity with Palestinian residents of Bayt Sahur, attempt to distribute leaflets, but are restrained by IDF troops [FJ 12/18].

Arab World: 3 killed and 9 wounded in

artillery exchange between SLA and Amal forces in S. Lebanon [WP 12/3].

3 December

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: UNLU issues leaflet number 49. [FBIS 12/7].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: 2 W. Bank Palestinian children are killed when suspicious object explodes. IDF forces shoot, kill 10-year-old girl, wound at least 27 others, including 4-year-old, in Gaza clash [NYT, WP 12/4; FBIS 12/7].

Major Gen. Yitzhak Mordekhay, head of Central Command, says security forces in W. Bank have arrested over 1,600 suspects in past 4 months [FBIS 12/6].

4 December

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: D. M. Rabin says IDF efforts to control intifada have been unsuccessful, but that intifada accounts for "only 4 percent" of Israel's defense budget [NYT 12/5].

Arab World: Jordan's P.M. Zeid bin Shaker resigns and is replaced by Mudar Badran, who has held the office twice before. King Husayn asks Badran "to work with the PLO" and support the intifada [NYT, WP 12/5].

Arab Tripartite Committee on Lebanon concludes 2-day Riyadh meeting, issues communiqué calling on all parties involved to abide by Taif agreement [FBIS 12/5].

Other Countries: Arab nations at UN ask U.S. not to threaten UN with financial sanctions in future, and to allow PLO observer's seat to be placed near observer nations; in return Arabs will drop campaign to recognize Palestinian statehood [NYT, WP 12/5].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: 2 Israeli army reserve units made up of W. Bank settlers are deployed in Jericho and Ma'radah in W. Bank [FBIS 12/5].

General strike is observed in O.T. [FBIS 12/7].

Arab World: SLA and Amal forces exchange artillery fire in S. Lebanon [NYT 12/5].

5 December

Social/Economic/Political

Other Countries: Arab nations decide to defer action on UN resolution recognizing Palestinian state, yielding to U.S. warnings it would withhold funds if resolution was passed [NYT 12/6].

U.S. undersecretary for Near Eastern and South Asian affairs John Kelly meets with Shamir, Arens, and Peres to brief them on Malta summit. Later Kelly flies to Cairo to brief Mubarak [FBIS 12/5, 12/6].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli army shoots, kills 5 Arabs crossing into southern Israel from Egypt through the Sinai [NYT, WP, FBIS 12/6; JP 12/16].

Ha'aretz reports IDF plans to build prison in Gush 'Ezyon area. The jail would hold 4,000 inmates [FBIS 12/5].

Arab World: 5 Palestinians are killed in Ayn al-Hulwah camp near Sidon when masked man opens fire in street [FBIS 12/7].

6 December

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli authorities bar Palestinian leader Faisal Husayni from O.T. for 6 months, calling him threat to Israeli security [NYT, WP 12/7].

Five Palestinians living on Egyptian

side of Canada district, divided in half by Israeli border, crossed into Gaza Strip as first of 5,000 Arabs to be reunited with their families over next 5 years [NYT 12/8; JP 12/16]. The return of Palestinians prompts angry demonstrations by Israeli settlers [JP 12/16; FJ 12/25].

Israel and Egypt sign a new agreement on agricultural cooperation [FBIS 12/13].

Arab World: Egypt, speaking for PLO, formally accepts in principle the 5-point formula of Sec. Baker, adds 3 conditions [NYT, WP, FBIS 12/7; FBIS 12/14].

New Jordanian P.M. Mudar Badran announces formation of 23-member Cabinet that excludes Muslim Brotherhood, largest bloc in new Parliament [NYT, FBIS 12/7].

Other Countries: Under U.S. and international pressure, Arab nations at UN withdraw resolution that recognizes Palestinian state [NYT, WP 12/7].

U.S. State Dep't. releases official version of Baker's 5-point framework for an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue [NYT, WP 12/7].

Undersec. Kelly arrives in Amman, briefs Husayn on Malta summit [FBIS 12/7].

7 December

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israel cautiously welcomes Egypt's acceptance of Baker's 5-point formula, reiterates opposition to PLO participation [NYT, WP 12/8].

Israeli Absorption Ministry spokesperson reports that 20,405 immigrants have arrived in Israel since the beginning of 1989; 9,295 from USSR [FBIS 12/13].

Other Countries: El Al has signed flight agreement with Aeroflot, and first Tel Aviv-Moscow flights will begin next month, according to Jerusalem Domestic Services [FBIS 12/12].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF demolishes 3 houses in Khan Yunis [FJ 12/18].

2 Syrian members of PFLP are sentenced to 25 years in prison each for their part in an October 1989 raid into Israel [FJ 12/18].

8 December

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Yedi'ot Aharonot publishes interview with Shamir in which Shamir says a Palestinian state already exists, and that is Jordan [FBIS 12/11].

Arab World: U.S. State Dep't confirms Iraq has successfully tested satellite-launching rocket; it is first Arab nation to do so [WP 12/9].

In Jordan, more than 1,000 Palestinians block Amman-Damascus highway, demonstrate against new P.M. Mudar Badran. The demonstration is dispersed by police firing tear gas [FBIS 12/11].

Military Action

Arab World: Hizballah and Amal agree to cease-fire; it does not hold and at least 10 persons are killed [FBIS 12/8].

9 December

Social/Economic/Political

Arab World: In Amman, Husayn and Mubarak meet to discuss Israeli-Palestinian peace plan. In Cairo, PLO statement says PLO "is not obliged to accept any results of any meetings" if it is "not present or represented" [NYT 12/10].

New round of talks between PLO and U.S. begins in Tunis [FBIS 12/11].

Jordanian police clash with Palestinian protestors for the second day. Police use tear gas to quell disturbances. PLO reports it is not involved with demonstrations in Jordan [FBIS 12/11].

Other Countries: On behalf of Carter-

Menil Human Rights Foundation, ex. Pres. Jimmy Carter awards annual human rights prize to Al-Haq of Ramallah and newly-formed Israeli organization B'Tselem.

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Curfew is imposed on O.T. to stop celebration of intifada anniversary. 2 Palestinians are shot, killed in W. Bank village of Bani Naim [NYT 12/10].

26-year-old Nablus Palestinian is sentenced to life in prison for killing an alleged collaborator [FJ 12/18].

10 December

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israel extends closure of 14 Palestinian schools until 2/28 [FJ 12/18].

Arab World: Arab Cooperation Council news agencies open 3 days of talks in Cairo; among items on agenda is development of news pool to ensure speedy transmission of news between nations [FBIS 12/14].

Other Countries: Vice Pres. Quayle says U.S. will campaign for new UN Gen. Assembly resolution nullifying 14-year-old assembly text equating Zionism with racism [NYT, WP 12/12; FJ 12/18].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF troops shoot, injure 27-year-old Gazan cameraman for ABC News [FJ 12/18].

11 December

Social/Economic/Political

Arab World: Foreign ministers of the Arab Tripartite Committee on Lebanon meet in Paris with French Pres. Francois Mitterrand [FBIS 12/13].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Police and bor-

der guards close al-Sawahreh School in Jabal al-Mukaber, near Jerusalem, due to rock-throwing incident [JF 12/18].

Israeli military orders Bethlehem merchants to close their shops; declares area closed military zone [FJ 12/18].

12 December

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Reuters reports that Labor Knesset member Lova Eliav met PLO official Nabil Sha'ath in Cairo. Eliav says meeting did not violate Israeli law, as it was conducted in lieu of a conference hosted by Egypt [FJ 12/18].

Arab World: Mubarak meets with Libyan leader Qaddafi in Libyan town of Sirt to discuss strengthening Arab ties [FJ 12/18].

In Amman, demonstrations in support of intifada continue for third consecutive day [FBIS 12/12].

Egypt Air commercial flight from Cairo to Damascus ends 12-year hiatus of air links them [FBIS 12/13].

14 December

Social/Economic/Political

Arab World: PLO is about ready to begin distribution of Palestinian ID cards, according to Jerusalem Domestic Service. Cards will initially be given to Palestinians living in U.A.E., followed by those in Kuwait and Qatar. Rather than replace existing passports, the cards will serve as additional identification [FBIS 12/15].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: 30-year-old Palestinian accused of collaboration is killed [MET 12/26].

Arab World: Lebanese Defense Ministry states it will cut Aoun's 15,000 troops off payroll. Sources expect Aoun to continue paying salaries from foreign aid or

taxes levied in enclave [MET 12/26].

Police arrest 10 students in Irbid, Jordan after opening of display marking anniversary of intifada leads to brawl between Palestinians and Jordanians [MET 12/26].

Syrian military intelligence post in al-Rumaylah, S. Lebanon is attacked, reports of dead and wounded vary. Syrian commander accuses Fateh forces of carrying out attack. PLO condemns raid, says it will investigate Fateh involvement [NYT, WP, FBIS 12/15].

15 December

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: More than 200 Jews and Arabs demonstrate outside Shamir's office demanding reopening of Palestinian universities [F] 12/25].

The 3 leading religious patriarchs in Jerusalem cancel Christmas celebrations in O.T., except for those religious ceremonies that call for justice and peace [F] 12/18].

Arab World: PLO Executive Committee opens 2-day meeting in Tunis [FBIS 12/20].

Other Countries: Soviet Union says it will not support U.S. effort to have UN Gen. Assembly repeal "Zionism equals racism" resolution [NYT 12/16].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: "Black Panther" group takes responsibility for killing of accused collaborator on 12/14. The killing comes less than 2 weeks after Israeli army said they eliminated the group [JP 12/23; MET 12/26].

Israeli military bulldozes Palestinian home in village of Battir [F] 12/25].

Shots are fired at IDF patrol from Egypt; no injuries [FBIS 12/19].

16 December

Social/Economic/Political

Other Countries: U.S. Congressman Douglas W. Owens (D-UT) of House Foreign Affairs Committee arrives in Damascus and meets with Vice Pres. 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam [FBIS 12/15].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli military closes indefinitely Khalid Ibn al-Walid School in Nusayrat camp [F] 12/15].

3 Palestinians from W. Bank village of Bayt Immar wounded by plastic bullets during clash with IDF [FBIS 12/19].

Arab World: 2 Fateh commandos are killed in clash with Lebanese militiamen in S. Lebanon [NYT 12/17].

Syrian soldiers in Alman, S. Lebanon fire on Palestinian patrol, sparking half-hour battle [MET 12/26].

Egyptian Interior Minister Zaki Badr survives assassination attempt in Cairo [MET 12/26].

17 December

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: The *Washington Post* reports Hamas made considerable gains in O.T. at expense of Fateh [WP 12/17].

Israeli government says missing air force navigator Ron Arad, shot down over Lebanon in 1986, is still alive and being held captive by Iran [MET 12/26].

French P.M. Michel Rocard arrives in Israel for meetings with Shamir and Peres [FBIS 12/15].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: 7 Palestinians, including 10-year-old girl, are wounded when bomb is thrown into E. Jerusalem store [F] 12/25].

Military closes indefinitely al-Tufah School in Gaza for stone-throwing inci-

dent [FBIS 12/19; FJ 12/25].

18 December

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: D.M. Rabin says his ministry authorized and paid for meetings between relatives of Israeli soldiers captured during invasion of Lebanon and representatives of PLO. Meeting supposedly took place a year ago [NYT, LAT 12/19].

French P.M. Michel Rocard meets with 13 Palestinians from O.T. and E. Jerusalem to discuss the peace process [FBIS 12/15].

Other Countries: NBC Nightly News reports Israel has purchased \$36 million of Iranian oil to encourage Iran to help free 3 Israeli hostages in Lebanon. Israeli Ministry of Energy disavows knowledge of transaction [WP 12/19, NYT 12/20].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Nablus woman accused of collaboration and prostitution is beaten to death [MET 12/26].

In three separate trials, Israeli military courts in Gaza, Nablus, and Lydda, sentence 4 Palestinians to life in prison for killing accused collaborators [FJ 12/25].

Israeli authorities demolish 2 houses in Jerusalem-area villages of Hizma and al-Ram [FJ 12/25].

Arab World: 3 people die in clash between SLA and Lebanese commandos in Israel's "security zone" [FBIS 12/19; MET 12/26].

19 December

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Gaza military officials issue administrative order allowing authorities to confiscate property of parents who fail to pay their children's fines or bail [FBIS 12/21].

Arab World: PLO Executive Committee, which met 12/15-12/17 in Tunis, issues communique reaffirming its willingness to initiate dialogue with Israel, and that only PLO may select delegates to negotiating team [FBIS 12/120].

Yasir Arafat arrives in Amman for 2-day meeting with King Husayn [FBIS 12/21].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli military closes indefinitely al-Zahra Girls Secondary School and al-Ramleh Girls Elementary School in Gaza for stone-throwing incidents [FJ 12/25].

27-year-old Palestinian dies during Shin Bet interrogation in Gaza Prison [FBIS 12/21].

20 December

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: The treasurer of Jewish Agency, Meir Shitrit, says organization will have to turn its immigrant-absorption services over to Israeli government unless Americans contribute more money [NYT 12/21].

Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University publishes annual report on military balance in Middle East. Study says Israeli military strong-arm tactics have not reduced protests in O.T. [WP 12/21; FBIS 12/28].

Arab World: Asad will visit USSR and is planning meeting with Mubarak in what political analysts in Damascus describe as reappraisal of Syrian policy in light of changing international and regional conditions [NYT 12/21].

Other Countries: Responding to NBC news report of 12/18, State Dep't says Israel informed U.S. about a month ago that it had purchased oil from Iran [NYT 12/20].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli electric company cuts electricity to Tulkarm village of Azzun [FJ 12/25].

Lydda military court sentences Khalid al-Amuri to life in prison for affiliating with PLO and throwing Molotov cocktails [FJ 12/25].

IDF declares Ramallah and al-Bireh market areas closed military zone, orders merchants to close shops [FJ 12/25].

21 December**Social/Economic/Political**

Other Countries: American Joseph Gruss, billionaire investment banker, has established private \$20 million fund to provide housing for Soviet Jewish immigrants to Israel [NYT 12/22].

Yugoslavia agrees to Ibrahim Asad's appointment as ambassador of Palestine to Yugoslavia [FBIS 12/27].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli army announces it will begin punishing parents of children who throw stones. Children under 12 cannot be jailed under Israeli law, so parents will have furniture confiscated and rooms of their houses sealed [FBIS 12/21; NYT, WP 12/22].

2 Palestinians from Bayt Furik near Nablus are killed, another is hospitalized in clash with IDF. Army places Bayt Furik under curfew [FBIS 12/22].

In Hebron, Israeli motorist is injured by thrown rocks hitting his car. In al-Bireh, 35-year-old Palestinian accused of collaboration is stabbed, wounded. In Gaza at least 23 Palestinians are wounded in clash with IDF forces, 16 of them in Rafah [FBIS 12/22].

22 December**Social/Economic/Political**

Arab World: Palestinian National Action

Command announces completion of investigation in 12/14 alleged PLO attack on Syrian military post in Lebanon, says 18 people involved in the incident have been arrested [FBIS 12/88].

Other Countries: In Paris, the European Community and 22 members of the Arab League plus a PLO representative resume formal dialogue on political and economic issues [NYT 12/23; CSM 12/22; FBIS 12/27].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: During IDF operation in Jenin district village of Jaba' 2 Palestinians, a 15-year-old and a woman, are killed by troop gunfire. At least 7 others are wounded [FBIS 12/22].

At least 20 others are wounded in clashes throughout Gaza [FBIS 12/27].

23 December**Social/Economic/Political**

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa begins Christmas pilgrimage to Holy Land, offers support for creation of independent Palestinian state as well as for Israel's "independence and territorial integrity" [NYT 12/24].

Arab World: Syrian Vice President Khaddam arrives in Cairo for meetings with Mubarak [FBIS 12/26].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: 2 Rafah Palestinians are killed in clashes with IDF troops; at least 20 are wounded. Military orders closing of 11 Gaza schools, most of them operated by UNRWA, for stone-throwing incidents [FBIS 12/27].

Arab World: Fierce fighting between Amal and Hizballah forces breaks out in southern Lebanon; police report 17 killed, 40 injured [NYT 12/24].

24 December**Social/Economic/Political**

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Speaking in Bayt Sahur, Archbishop Desmond Tutu draws parallels between plight of South African blacks and Palestinians in O.T. [NYT, LAT 12/25; FBIS 12/28].

Shimon Peres asks Israel's Cabinet to approve \$27.2 billion 1990 budget, including \$5.3 billion earmarked for defense. The army seeks an extra \$200 million to combat intifada [LAT 12/25].

The first Egyptian trade delegation to visit Israel arrives in Jerusalem. Israeli exports to Egypt totalled \$6.2 million last year, while imports from Egypt totalled \$3.2 million [FBIS 12/28].

Ariel Sharon suggests to the cabinet that the level of violence in territories could be reduced if Israel arrested or deported Faisal Husayni, Sari Nusaybah, and Jamil al-Tarifi [FBIS 12/28].

Arab World: Arafat meets with Mubarak in Cairo to discuss plans for preliminary peace talks in Washington [NYT 12/25].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israel's Supreme Court overturns decision by army's Judge Advocate General and directs army to court-martial Col. Yehuda Meir (ret.). This is the first time the High Court has moved against IDF. Col. Meir is accused of instructing troops to break limbs of Palestinian prisoners arrested in January 1988 [NYT, LAT 12/25; FBIS 12/27].

At least 25 Palestinians are wounded in clashes with IDF forces throughout O.T. [FBIS 12/27].

25 December**Social/Economic/Political**

Occupied Palestine/Israel: UNLU issues Call number 50 [FBIS 12/27].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: American pathologist reports Palestinian arrested on 12/7 died on 12/19 from numerous blows to his abdomen during interrogation [NYT, LAT 12/26].

Israeli court sentences 22-year-old Israeli Arab Samir Sarsawi to life imprisonment for commanding PLO group that last year threw grenade in crowded Haifa street [NYT, FBIS 12/26].

Ramallah man dies from IDF gunfire, at least 26 Palestinians are wounded throughout O.T. [FBIS 12/27].

26 December**Social/Economic/Political**

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Erwin Frenkel, editor of the *Jerusalem Post*, resigns, accusing publisher Yehuda Levy, appointed last July by the paper's new Canadian owners, of seeking editorial control of the English-language daily [WP 12/27].

Arab World: Jordanian government agrees to PLO requests to ease restrictions on movement of people and goods from W. Bank to Jordan [NYT 12/27].

King Husayn's government limits jurisdiction of military courts, significantly easing Jordan's 22-year-old martial law [NYT, WP 12/27].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: State-owned Israeli bus carrying Arab workers is hijacked in Israel, driven to W. Bank village of Salafa where it is torched. No injuries are reported [NYT 12/27].

29-year-old Palestinian dies of gunshot wound received 12/25 [NYT 12/27].

30-year-old Ramallah man is shot, killed by IDF after troops opened fire on stone-throwers fleeing arrest [FBIS 12/28].

Arab World: Israeli warplanes bomb, de-

stroy Lebanese Communist Party base in Rmaileh, 20 miles south of Beirut. At least 3 dead, 15 wounded. Israeli ground forces, backed by helicopters and artillery, attack another CP camp in Habih Safi, 20 miles north of Israeli-Lebanese border [FBIS 12/26; NYT, WP, CSM 12/27].

27 December

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Knesset extends for 2 years emergency regulations that make Israeli law applicable to Israelis in O.T. but not to Palestinians, who are judged in military courts. [LAT, FBIS 12/28].

Arab World: Egypt and Syria agree to restore diplomatic ties after 12-year break [NYT, WP, LAT, FBIS 12/28; CSM 12/29].

Lebanese officials say they will lodge complaint with UN Sec. Council about Israel's 12/26 air and ground attacks [NYT, WP 12/28].

Egypt signs industrial contract with the USSR [FBIS 1/2].

Other Countries: The *Washington Post* cites unnamed Arab and Western diplomats as saying PLO has kept commitments made by Arafat last year in Geneva, but PLO has not convinced Israeli public that it is sincere [WP 12/27].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Palestinians in O.T. observe strike called by Hamas [CSM 12/28].

28 December

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Jerusalem Television Service reports Knesset members Abd al-Wahab Darawshah and Muhammad Mi'ari about 2 weeks ago visited Tu-

nis and met with Arafat and other PLO leaders. The meeting was kept secret [FBIS 12/29].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli army accidentally shoots, wounds 2 12-year-old Palestinian youths during clash between masked Palestinians and soldiers [WP 12/30].

Israeli army demolishes 3 houses in Bayt Furik near Nablus, and 2 others in Hebron area; Far'oun village near Tulkarm, and Bayt Sahur are declared closed military zones [FJ 1/8].

29 December

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Police break up peace march in Jerusalem by more than 3,000 Palestinian, Israeli, and European women, when at end of hour-long procession Palestinian flag is raised [NYT, WP 12/30].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Palestinian suspected of collaborating with Israeli authorities is found dead in Gaza's Khan Yunis camp [WP 12/30].

IDF declares Ramallah and al-Bireh closed military zones. 2 houses, 1 in Litwana village near Hebron and 1 in Gaza City, are destroyed [FBIS 12/29].

30 December

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: At least 15,000 Jews and Palestinians form human chain for peace 2.5 miles long around walls of Jerusalem's Old City. At several points police try to break up crowds by firing water cannons, tear gas, and rubber bullets. At least 50 are arrested, 70 wounded [NYT, WP 12/31; FBIS 1/3; FJ 1/8].

Military Action

Arab World: At Arafat's instruction, PLO militiamen south of Sidon take up positions to prevent clashes between Hizballah and Amal from spreading to PLO-controlled areas [NYT 12/31; FBIS 1/3].

31 December**Social/Economic/Political**

Occupied Palestine/Israel: P.M. Shamir dismisses Labor Party Cabinet member Ezer Weizman for holding talks with PLO officials [NYT, WP, LAT 1/1; FBIS 1/2].

Arab World: Arafat tells reporters that "there have been no contacts" between the PLO and Ezer Weizman [FBIS 1/2].

1 January**Social/Economic/Political**

Occupied Palestine/Israel: 10 senior journalists from *Jerusalem Post*, including managing editor David Landau, resign over dispute with publisher Yehuda Levy. [WP 1/2].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israel imposes indefinite curfew on O.T. to prevent demonstrations commemorating Fateh's first operation in 1965 [WP, LAT 1/2].

Shots are fired at IDF patrol near Hammat Gader from across Jordanian border. IDF returns fire; no injuries [FBIS 1/3].

IDF demolishes unfinished home being built in Jerusalem neighborhood on grounds that stone-throwing incidents took place near the house [FJ 1/8].

2 January**Social/Economic/Political**

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Shamir rescinds 12/31 dismissal of Cabinet member Ezer Weizman. In compromise move, Weizman resigns from 12-member Inner Cabinet, but retains Science Minister

post and could be reinstated to Inner Cabinet after 18 months [NYT, FBIS, WP, LAT 1/3, CSM 1/5].

Other Countries: Amnesty International issues special report accusing Israel of encouraging security forces to kill Palestinians during clashes in O.T. [WP, FBIS 1/3; NYT 1/5].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli soldiers shoot, wound at least 9 Palestinians throughout O.T. IDF demolishes house of Palestinian accused of killing suspected collaborator [MET 1/16] and destroys house in Tulkarm built without a permit [FJ 1/8].

Arab World: Israeli artillery shells Amal, Hizballah positions in Iqlim al-Tuffah overnight [FBIS 1/3].

3 January**Social/Economic/Political**

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Trial of Hamas leader Shaykh Ahamd Yasseen opens amid tight security in Gaza. Yasseen is accused of ordering deaths of suspected collaborators [MET 1/16].

Science Minister Ezer Weizman leaves for USSR on official visit [MET 1/26].

Military Action

Arab World: Beirut Domestic Service reports heavy Israeli troop movement in S. Lebanon [FBIS 1/3].

4 January**Military Action**

Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF patrol near Kibbutz Geshar spots 2 figures near Jordan River, says men were armed and "intended to cross" from Jordan into Israel; IDF opens fire and men flee [FBIS 1/4]; Amman Television Service reports men were unarmed farmers who had no intention of crossing into Israel [FBIS 1/5;

MET 1/16].

IDF patrol in southern Golan Heights comes under gunfire from across Jordan River. IDF returns fire; no injuries [FBIS 1/8].

5 January

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Mike Harari, former Israeli intelligence officer, said to be confidant of Manuel Noreiga, and reported captured on 12/28 by U.S. forces in Panama, appears on Israeli television, says he slipped out of Panama as U.S. invasion was beginning and that he has no connection to Noreiga [LAT, FBIS 1/6].

Yedi'ot Aharonot reports Cabinet Secretary Elyaqim Rubinstein, who recently returned from Washington, delivered to Arens letter from Sec. Baker that outlines U.S. assurances to Israel in anticipation of meeting with Palestinians [FBIS 1/5].

Interior Minister Arye Der'i issues injunction banning Faisal Husayni from leaving Israel for 3 months. Husayni has also been banned from travelling into O.T. [FBIS 1/5].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF near Hamat Gader is fired on from across Jordan River; no injuries [FBIS 1/8].

At least 5 Palestinian youths are wounded during clash with IDF forces in W. Bank village of Qabatiyah [FBIS 1/9].

6 January

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: UNLU issues supplement to Call number 50, which was distributed on 12/25 [FBIS 1/19].

Arab World: Hakam Bal'awi, PLO representative in Tunis, meets with U.S. ambassador Pelletreau as part of continuing U.S.-PLO dialogue [FBIS 1/8].

Arafat arrives in Tripoli for meeting with Qaddafi [FBIS 1/9].

Other Countries: U.S. States Dep't officials tour the Gaza Strip, visit UN offices, Jabalya and Shati refugee camps [FJ 1/15].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Gunfire is again heard near Hamat Gader area near Israeli-Jordanian border; no injuries [FBIS 1/8].

IDF places 'Anabta village under curfew [FBIS 1/8].

7 January

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israel's coalition government confirms Communications Minister Gad Yaacobi as newest member of 12-person Inner Cabinet. Yaacobi replaces Ezer Weizman [LAT 1/8].

Other Countries: Delegates from several U.S. organizations on fact-finding mission visit Dhaysheh refugee camp [FJ 1/15].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Jordanian army increases patrols around Hamat Gader in wake of recent shooting incidents [FBIS 1/8]; Israeli army patrol in Hamat Gader shoots, kills Jordanian soldier who had crossed border into Israel [NYT, LAT, FBIS 1/8].

Palestinian youths in Ibtan set fire to Israeli bus carrying Arab workers. No one is injured [NYT 1/8].

IDF shoots dead 18-year-old Palestinian from Tulkarm [NYT, FBIS 1/8].

Another 18-year-old Palestinian dies from wounds received 12/30 [FBIS 1/8].

IDF places Rafah under curfew [FBIS 1/8] and seals 2 houses in Baytuniya, 1 in Dayr Abu-Sa'id, and 1 in Ayn Arik [FBIS 1/9].

8 January_____**Military Action**

Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF detains about 100 Palestinians in Ramallah area, seals 4 houses. In Gaza's Rimal neighborhood, army demolishes 1 house and seals another [FBIS 1/8]. 4 houses in Qusrah and 4 more in Tuqu', both near Bethlehem, are demolished [FBIS 1/9].

2 Palestinians, including an 11-year-old, are shot dead by IDF troops in Bayt Rima, 2 others are wounded [FBIS 1/9].

9 January_____**Social/Economic/Political**

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Ha'Aretz reports team of Israeli foreign ministry experts has begun formulating detailed plan for elections in O.T. in anticipation of possible Israeli-Palestinian negotiations. Moshe Arens tells *Yedi'ot Aharonot* "the elections in the territories will be conducted because we will conduct them with or without the U.S. initiative" [FBIS 1/9].

The *Jerusalem Post* names N. David Gross managing editor and Matt Nesvisky magazine editor to begin replacing about 30 senior editors and reporters who resigned in dispute with publisher [NYT 1/10; MET 1/23].

Arab World: PFLP-GC leader Ahmed Jabril denies that his organization was involved in 1988 bombing of Pan Am flight 103 [NYT 1/10].

Yasir Arafat arrives in Cairo, meets with F.M. Abd al-Majid [FBIS 1/10].

Other Countries: U.S. sharply cuts its funding to UN Food and Agriculture Agency (FAO) in response to FAO's 11/29 resolution. U.S. will pay only \$18 million of its \$61.4 million obligation, just enough to keep its voting status [NYT 1/10].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: 2 Palestinians from Nablus are wounded by IDF gunfire; 3 others in Tulkarm are wounded in separate incident [FBIS 1/10].

Michael Ben Horin, leader of State of Judea, an extreme right-wing Jewish settlers group, is arrested on charges of arson [MET 1/23].

Arab World: Israeli forces shell Lebanese villages of Lusi, al-Sultan Y'aqub, and Kamid al-Lawz, 2 people are wounded [FBIS 1/9, 1/10].

10 January_____**Social/Economic/Political**

Occupied Palestine/Israeli: Israeli military reopens all 1,200 public, private, and UN schools in W. Bank closed since 11/13/89. [WP 1/11; MET 1/23].

Arab World: In Cairo, Arafat meets with Mubarak to discuss Middle East Peace prospects [FBIS 1/11, 1/12; MET 1/23].

Other Countries: USSR upgrades PLO mission in Moscow to "the Embassy of the State of Palestine." The announcement comes shortly after Israeli Science Minister Weizman and Soviet F.M. Shevardnadze hold first high-level contacts between the countries since 1967 [WP 1/11]; they also discuss possibility of Moscow granting official diplomatic status to Israel [FBIS 1/11].

U.S. State Dep't spokesperson says Baker is annoyed at failure of Israel and Arab world to cooperate, and that if foot-dragging continues he would focus on "many other areas in the world clamoring for his attention" [WP 1/11].

Military Action

Arab World: Israeli forces shell Syrian and PFLP positions in S. Lebanon for the fifth time in 24 hours [FBIS 1/11; MET 1/23].

11 January_____**Social/Economic/Political**

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli D.M. Rabin leaves for Washington and meetings with Baker [FBIS 1/12; MET 1/23].

Military reopens all Gaza Strip schools except al-Tuffah secondary school, 4 days earlier than anticipated [FJ 1/22].

Arab World: Egypt and USSR sign trade agreement increasing volume of trade between the 2 nations [FBIS 1/12].

Military Action

Arab World: Abu Fadi, PLO commander of Fateh force located near Sidon, Lebanon threatens to retaliate against Lebanese Shi'a Muslim militiamen for overnight clash in which a Fateh commando is killed, 3 others wounded [FBIS 1/11; NYT 1/12; MET 1/23].

Israeli army reinforces positions in S. Lebanon "security zone" with additional troops. Fateh has also reinforced positions due to increased hostilities between Hizballah and Amal [FBIS 1/12].

12 January_____**Social/Economic/Political**

Arab World: Diplomatic sources in Damascus tell *Washington Post* Syria gave Saudi Arabia unpublicized written pledge to negotiate timetable for withdrawing its troops from Lebanon as part of Taif agreement last October [WP 1/12].

Mubarak dismisses Interior Minister Zaki Badr, a move commentators link to Badr's recent outbursts against newspaper columnists, writers, and Islamic scholars [NYT, WP 1/13].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Palestinians in the W. Bank set fire to bus taking Arab workers to their jobs in Israel only hours after IDF seals 4 homes of men accused of similar arson attacks [MET 1/23].

13 January_____**Social/Economic/Political**

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli investigating officer finds that soldier who shot dead 22-year-old Palestinian on 12/28 violated army orders [MET 1/23].

Arab World: Arafat and Mubarak again meet in Cairo to discuss preparations for meeting with U.S., Israel [MET 1/23].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF troops shoot, wound 11 stone-throwing youths in various clashes in Gaza Strip [MET 1/23].

Arab World: Heavy fighting in Lebanon between Amal and Hizballah; Amal forces attack Israeli military vehicle, Israeli guns shell Tayr Harfa area [FBIS 1/16].

14 January_____**Social/Economic/Political**

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Speaking to Likud members, P.M. Shamir responds to comments about increasing Soviet Jewish immigration, saying "big immigration requires Israel to be big as well" [FBIS 1/22, 1/30].

Maj. Shay Talmon, commander of IDF battalion in W. Bank, tells Jerusalem judge that some soldiers insert live bullets into magazines for plastic bullets. IDF spokesperson reports that between 20 July 1988 and 8 July 1990, 125 Palestinians were killed "by plastic bullets." [FBIS 1/26].

Arab World: Arafat returns to Cairo for second visit in less than a week to meet with Pres. Mubarak [FBIS 1/16].

Other Countries: Italy's ambassador to Israel, Alberto Bartoli, files protest on behalf of the European Community with Israeli Foreign Ministry over police handling of 12/30 Peace Now rally. [LAT 1/

15].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: 2 Israeli border policemen are suspended and ordered to stand trial for fatally shooting 18-year-old Palestinian on 12/28 after military authorities viewed ABC News videotape of shooting [LAT 1/15].

Israeli military demotes Lt. David Lior to sergeant and sentences him to 45 days in prison for mistreating a Palestinian prisoner [LAT 1/15].

IDF closes Jericho-area al-Buhturi secondary school on grounds that students threw rocks at soldiers; all UNRWA schools in Jalazun camp are closed for the same reason [F] 1/22].

15 January

Social/Economic/Political

Arab World: Arab League Tripartite Committee on Lebanon opens meetings in Algiers to discuss ways to hasten resolution of Lebanese crisis [FBIS 1/16].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: 19-year-old Israeli soldier, Halit Avni, is stabbed in Jerusalem's Old City. Police detain 60 Palestinians for questioning [NYT 1/16; MET 1/23].

Arab World: Katyusha rockets fired from Lebanon land in Upper Galilee but cause no damage or injuries [MET 1/23].

16 January

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli Atty. Gen. Yosef Harish opens police investigation against Faisal Husayni for suspected incitement [FBIS 1/17].

Arab World: Egyptian F.M. Ismat Abd-al-Majid arrives in Washington, meets with Sec. Baker. Abd-al-Majid's trip coincides with Washington talks between Bush ad-

ministration and Israeli D.M. Rabin [FBIS 1/16; NYT, WP 1/17].

Arab Cooperation Council opens meetings in Baghdad [FBIS 1/17].

Other Countries: New York Times op-ed piece by Senate minority leader Robert Dole suggests 5% of U.S. foreign aid to Israel, Egypt, and others be redirected to E. Europe and Panama [NYT 1/16, 1/17; WP 1/17].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Military closes 6 Gaza Strip schools for rock throwing [FBIS 1/17].

17 January

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: With Soviet Jewish immigrants arriving in Israel at rate of more than 1,000 per week, Israeli officials acknowledge they do not have plan to handle the immigration, and new housing construction is months away [NYT 1/18].

Israeli political and military leaders react with alarm to Senator Robert Dole's suggestion that some U.S. aid to Israel be reapportioned to E. Europe [WP, LAT 1/18].

Arab World: In 2 interviews, Arafat expresses frustration over slowness of peace process. Arafat says to Cairo weekly *Al Mussawar* if peace efforts stop he will "immediately announce [his] resignation." Speaking in Baghdad, Arafat accuses Arabs of "impotence" vis-a-vis Israel, decries Arabs more concerned with events in Lebanon than in O.T., and criticizes Shamir's plan to resettle Soviet Jews in W. Bank [NYT 1/18].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli police announce that it has removed police officer from his post for "committing brutalities" during the 12/30 Peace Now rally in Jerusalem [F] 1/29].

General strike called for by UNLU is observed in O.T. Leaflet attributed to Hamas sharply attacks Arafat for his willingness to recognize Israel [FBIS 1/17].

At least 2 Palestinians are wounded in clashes with IDF troops in O.T. [FBIS 1/18].

18 January

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli military court identifies Faisal Husayni as a supporter and financial backer of the so-called Palestine Popular Army. Court has not charged Husayni with any crime, and Husayni says allegations are false [NYT 1/19].

Israeli military demolishes apartment building in Bani Suhaylah in Gaza; destroys 4 more in Hebron area. Army seals house in Anabta and another in Ain Arik. Imam al-Shafi'i Elementary School is reopened after 3 days of closure [F] 1/29].

Hamas says it is not responsible for 1/17 leaflet attacking Arafat, says it is a forgery [FBIS 1/18].

19 January

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli police arrest Faisal Husayni and charge him with aiding illegal Palestine Popular Army. Charges stem from 1/18 trial in which Husayni's name was mentioned [FBIS 1/19; NYT 1/20].

D.M. Rabin returns from Washington after talks, says he met a "sympathetic audience" [FBIS 1/19].

Fateh candidates win 9 of 11 seats in the Gaza physicians' association, the first of several upcoming trade union elections [FBIS 1/23].

Arab World: Egyptian F.M. Ismat Abd-al-Majid concludes talks in Washington,

flies to New York for meeting with UN Sec. Gen. Perez de Cuellar [FBIS 1/19].

Other Countries: Bush administration condemns Israeli arrest of Husayni, saying "such actions discourage Palestinian confidence in the peace process" [NYT, WP 1/20].

United Jewish Appeal launches Operation Exodus, fund-raising effort designed to raise \$420-\$480 million from American Jews to help resettle Soviet immigrants to Israel [NYT, WP 1/20].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: About 500 Palestinian youths attack with stones and bottles a Gaza police station. Police use tear gas to break up crowd [FBIS 1/22].

At least 11 Palestinians are wounded in clashes throughout the O.T. [FBIS 1/22].

Arab World: Israeli Air Force attacks targets in S. Lebanon, killing 3 and wounding 18. Fighter-bombers attack PFLP positions near Sidon, and Hizballah strongholds in Iqlim al Toffah district [FBIS 1/19; NYT, WP 1/20].

20 January

Social/Economic/Political

Other Countries: U.S. State and Defense Dep't officials say they strongly suspect Israel has sent cluster bombs to Ethiopia. Israel denies charge [NYT 1/21, LAT 1/22].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: At least 14 Palestinians are wounded, dozens overcome by tear gas, as IDF troops clash with Palestinians throughout O.T. [F] 1/29].

Khan Yunis Palestinian accused of collaboration is killed. Palestinians stone 2 Israeli-owned cars, no injuries are reported [FBIS 1/23].

21 January**Social/Economic/Political**

Arab World: PLO member Salah Khalaf tells reporters U.S.-PLO dialogue has reached a "dead end;" says PLO concessions have not brought any results [FBIS 1/22].

Davar reports that Fateh members in Lebanon have exposed a network of spies for Israel, according to Palestinian sources in Cairo. The spies worked in S. Lebanon, marking militia bases for the Israeli Air Force [FBIS 1/23].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Molotov cocktail is thrown at Israeli bus in al-Bireh, 1 person is injured [FJ 1/19].

At least 8 Palestinians are wounded in clashes with IDF troops throughout O.T. [FJ 1/29]; including a 6-year-old shot in the head by a plastic bullet [FBIS 1/23].

Arab World: In Yaroun, Lebanon, in the Israeli "security zone" Arabs barricaded in a house exchange fire with Israeli troops. 4 Arabs and Israeli Colonel, Yitzhak Ramihov, are killed [FBIS 1/22; NYT 1/23; FJ 1/29; JP 2/3].

Egyptian police officers in Asyut open fire on Muslim fundamentalist demonstrators demanding the arrest of Zaki Badr, hard-line Interior Minister dismissed 1/12. One person is killed, police arrest 12 [NYT 1/24].

22 January**Social/Economic/Political**

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli Attorney General Yosef Harish opens criminal investigation of Science Minister Ezer Weizman, accused of meeting a PLO official last year [NYT, FBIS 1/23].

UNLU issues intifada Call number 51 [FBIS 1/29].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli police release Faisal Husayni on bond. Husayni says his arrest "wasn't for any violations of the law, but it was a political move" [NYT, WP, LAT, FBIS 1/23].

IDF seals home in Baytunia. All schools in Jalazun camp remained closed for 9th consecutive day [FJ 1/29].

At least 16 Palestinians are wounded in Gaza confrontations with IDF [FJ 1/29].

Masked Nablus youths set fire to an Israeli bus, no injuries [FBIS 1/23; FJ 1/29].

23 January**Social/Economic/Political**

Occupied Palestine/Israel: During his tour of the capital's Neve Ya'aqov neighborhood, Shamir reiterates 1/14 statement saying "we need a big and strong people in a big and strong land" [FBIS 1/24].

Campaigning before 2/7 Likud party meeting, at which Israel's future government may be decided, Ariel Sharon says Shamir's elections proposal "would in fact bring about a Palestinian state, bloodshed, and war" [NYT 1/24].

Shimon Peres arrives in Cairo at Mubarak's invitation to begin talks on stalled peace process. [WP 1/25].

In Algiers, Arafat meets with ministers of the Arab Tripartite Committee on Lebanon to discuss need for concentrating Arab activity on settling the crisis there [FBIS 1/25].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF closes Hebron-area schools Tareq Ibn Ziad and Ibn Rushd for stone-throwing incidents [FJ 1/29].

24-year-old Nablus youth is shot, killed fleeing IDF troops who had searched his home [MET 2/6]; 15 Palestinians are wounded in confrontation that follows shooting [FJ 1/29].

Palestinian accused of collaboration is found dead in W. Bank village of Ar-rahbeh, near Jenin [MET 2/6].

Shots are fired at IDF patrol along the Jordanian border near Hazeva [FBIS 1/24].

At least 30 Gaza residents injured by IDF gunfire or tear gas in clashes [FBIS 1/24].

24 January _____

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Shimon Peres meets for 2 hours in Cairo with Pres. Mubarak. Peres says differences that are obstructing peace efforts "can be solved in a very short while"; also says that "we do not object to two deported Palestinians in the team [of possible Palestinian negotiators]" [NYT, WP, LAT 1/25].

Reacting to Peres' statements, Shamir's office says "People who are deportees have been deported because they were busy with anti-Israeli activity and terrorism" [WP 1/25]; office also states that Yitzhak Rabin was not authorized to make statements to Baker regarding the composition of the Palestinian delegation, statements revealed on 1/23 [FBIS 1/24].

Faisal Husayni says that while he was in prison on 1/21 Shin Bet officers tried to coerce an admission of illegal political activity by offering to release imprisoned Arabs if he confessed to funding the intifada and writing leaflets. Husayni says that Israeli threatened to make further arrests if he did not cooperate [NYT 1/25].

Other Countries: *Hadashot* reports secret U.S. diplomatic survey, conducted at the request of the State Dep't., says that Israeli ministers Arens, Rabin, Peres, and Weizman all have had meetings with Faisal Husayni during the past few months [FBIS 1/24].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF bulldozes Qalqilya home of Palestinian convicted of murder [FJ 2/5]; at least 6 other homes are destroyed by IDF [FBIS 1/26].

2 IDF soldiers in Rafah are injured by thrown rocks; army uses tear gas to disperse crowd of youths [FBIS 1/26].

Military closes 3 schools in the O.T. for rock-throwing and graffiti [FJ 2/5].

IDF troops search the Jordanian border near the Hazeva settlement after gunshots were heard [MET 2/6].

25 January _____

Social/Economic/Political

Arab World: PLO Executive Committee meets in Tunis [FBIS 1/29].

In a press interview, Yasir Arafat says that PLO cadres and Palestinian masses are increasingly pressuring PLO leaders to resort to the use of weapons in the O.T., but that orders remain not to use weapons [FBIS 1/26].

Other Countries: European Parliament recommends that the 12-nation EC suspend scientific cooperation with Israel until it opens Palestinian universities in the O.T.; recommendation remains unbinding until accepted by EC's ministerial committee [JP 1/27; FJ 1/29].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: General strike, called by Hamas, is observed in O.T. to protest the flow of Soviet Jews to Israel [NYT 1/28; FJ 2/5; MET 2/6].

IDF exchanges fire with unidentified person across Jordanian border near Kibbutz Neve Ur [FBIS 1/26; MET 2/6].

Arab World: Israeli fighter jets bomb Fateh Revolutionary Council base in Lebba, Lebanon. 5 people are wounded [FBIS 1/25; NYT 1/26; MET 2/6].

26 January**Social/Economic/Political**

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Elections to the Engineering Association in Gaza are held, Hamas wins 5 of 9 seats, pro-PLO bloc wins 3. [FBIS 2/1].

Arab World: Arafat arrives in Cairo for third meeting this month with Pres. Mubarak [FBIS 1/29; MET 2/6].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli tax collectors seize 150 automobiles in al-Zawiyeh village, near Nablus, in attempt to force Palestinian owners to pay taxes [FJ 2/5].

Al-Fajr reports that Jewish settlers set fire to a Burin village mosque [FJ 2/5].

At least 6 Palestinians in O.T. are shot, injured in clashes with IDF [FJ 2/5].

Arab World: Israeli patrol in S. Lebanon is ambushed, DFLP claims responsibility, says its fighters killed 6 Israelis; Israel says no one was injured, and that the attackers fled when fired upon [MET 2/6; FBIS 1/26].

27 January**Social/Economic/Political**

Other Countries: U.S. and PLO ambassadors meet in Tunis in another round of the ongoing dialogue [MET 2/6].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF closes 2 Hebron area schools for rock throwing [FBIS 1/29; FJ 2/5].

2 Palestinians from Jerusalem-area village of Abu Dis are shot, killed by IDF; curfew is imposed [FJ 2/5; MET 2/6].

At least 11 Gazans are wounded in clashes with IDF troops [FBIS 1/29].

Arab World: SLA militiamen capture alleged DFLP member in S. Lebanon [FBIS 1/29; MET 2/6].

28 January**Social/Economic/Political**

Arab World: Arab leaders, including King Husayn and President Mubarak, warn that if Soviet Jews are settled in the O.T., their presence will severely threaten peace process [NYT, WP 1/29].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: At least 13 Palestinians are injured in clashes with soldiers throughout O.T. [FJ 2/5].

29 January**Social/Economic/Political**

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israel's Rabbi Baruch Abu-Hatzera, Sephardim Jewish leader, tells tens of thousands of followers that Israel should negotiate with the PLO to bring about peace. Speech angers Shamir [NYT 1/30; JP 2/3].

IDF reports an increase in the number of suicides among soldiers; 25 in the last 6 months, compared with 11 over the same period in 1988-89 [FBIS 1/29].

Arab World: Georges Saadeh, president of Lebanon's Phalangist Party, resigns from the Syrian-backed cabinet of Hrawi [NYT, WP 1/30; MET 2/6].

PLO Executive Committee holds emergency meeting in Baghdad to discuss Soviet Jewish emigration to Israel [FBIS 1/31].

Other Countries: UN Sec.-General Javier Perez de Cuellar asks UN Sec. Council to renew Unifil mandate in S. Lebanon [MET 2/6].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF demolishes 5 Palestinian homes in Hebron-area village of al-Samoa [FJ 2/5].

B'Tselem reports that 38 Palestinian homes have been demolished or sealed for security reasons this month, more than in any previous month, except for

June 1989 [FBIS 1/29].

8 Palestinians are wounded in clash with IDF forces in Ramallah; 9 are reported wounded in Gaza clashes; 2 Israelis autos are torched in Jerusalem [FBIS 1/31].

30 January

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli government says that it has no official policy of settling Soviet Jewish immigrants in the O.T.; that every immigrant is free to choose his or her own place of residence [NYT, WP, LAT 1/31].

Other Countries: The *Washington Post* reports that Israel has stepped up its deportations of "non-resident" Palestinians in the O.T. [WP 1/30].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF reopens UNRWA school in Nablus after 10 days of closure [FJ 2/12].

IDF bulldozes Palestinian home in Burin village, near Nablus [FJ 2/12]; another house in the Nablus is demolished, and 2 others are sealed [FBIS 1/31; FJ 2/5].

At least 11 Palestinians are wounded in clashes in the Gaza Strip, including a 12-year-old who lost an eye from bullet; 2 IDF soldiers are also wounded [FBIS 2/1].

Jewish settlers in Hebron smash windows of Arab homes, fire shots in the air [FBIS 2/1].

Arab World: Gen. Michel Aoun bans the Lebanese Forces Christian militia, saying there should be no "armed elements outside the framework of the [Lebanese] army." Move poses risk of intra-Christian war [WP 1/31].

Israeli army sends reinforcements to S. Lebanon "security zone" [FBIS 1/30].

31 January

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli D.M. Rabin says that Israel has temporarily halted W. Bank deportations. The announcement comes after complaints from Israeli human rights activists and a U.S. State Dep't call for more flexibility in deportations [WP 2/1].

Jerusalem Domestic Service reports that 4,600 Soviet Jews arrived in Israel during January [FBIS 2/1].

Arab World: The Fifth Assembly of the Middle East Council of Churches ends 6-day meeting in Nicosia with a call to support Palestinian independence [FJ 2/5].

Arafat meets with Soviet envoy Gennedy Tarasov in Tunis over emigration of Soviet Jews to Israel [MET 2/13].

ACC parliamentary committee opens meeting in Baghdad [FBIS 2/7].

Other Countries: UN Sec. Council extends the mandate of UNIFIL for another 6 months [MET 2/13].

Many of the Soviet Jews emigrating to Israel tell of rampant anti-Semitism in the USSR [NYT 2/4].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli military demolishes 2 homes in Qabalan village, near Nablus [FJ 2/12].

General strike called for by UNLU is observed in O.T. [FBIS 2/1; FJ 2/5].

At least 12 Palestinians are wounded in clashes in O.T. [FBIS 2/1; FJ 2/5].

Israeli military closes 7 Gaza Strip schools for security reasons [FJ 2/5].

Gazan accused of collaborating with Israel is killed [MET 2/13].

Arab World: Army troops loyal to Aoun battle militias outlawed on 1/30. At least 28 people are killed [WP 2/1; MET 2/13].

1 February_____**Social/Economic/Political**

Occupied Palestine/Israel: The Jerusalem Post cancels publication of *Essays on Human Rights*, edited by Meron Benvenisti. Benvenisti sues to have the book published as planned [LAT 2/2].

Israeli daily *Ha'Aretz* reports that a new settlement called Dugit will be established in the Gaza Strip by March 1990; it will be the 16th settlement in the Strip [FBIS 2/1].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF closes Bethlehem Boys and Girls Secondary Schools after students conduct strikes and sit-ins to protest high tuition costs [FJ 2/12]; 5 schools are closed in Gaza for stone throwing at IDF patrols [FBIS 2/2].

Israeli military vehicle strikes, kills, 6-year-old Palestinian [FJ 2/5].

Palestinians in Nablus demonstrate, smash windows of military and settler's cars [FJ 2/5].

2 February_____**Social/Economic/Political**

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israel says it will give the U.S. a timetable for the expiration of its military contracts with South Africa [WP 2/3].

Jerusalem Domestic Service reports that Israel is sending 150,000 aliyah invitations per month to USSR [FBIS 2/14].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF closes 2 gov't-run schools in Khan Yunis indefinitely for rock-throwing incident [FJ 2/12].

Israeli army bulldozes 4 Palestinian homes in Bethlehem area, 1 in Shaqba village, near Ramallah [FJ 2/12].

Army places Bayt Anan, northwest of Jerusalem, under curfew [FJ 2/12].

At least 4 Palestinians wounded in clashes with IDF throughout O.T. [FJ 2/5].

3 February_____**Social/Economic/Political**

Other Countries: Soviet deputy foreign minister Gennadi Tarasov says that the USSR "has no plans to establish direct air links" between Tel Aviv and Moscow, despite commercial agreement of 2 months ago [NYT 2/5].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF closes 3 schools in the Hebron area for stone throwing at IDF vehicles [FJ 2/12].

IDF arrests at least 100 Palestinians in Ramallah area in 24-hour sweep [FJ 2/12].

Arab World: At least 25 people are killed in intra-Christian fighting in Beirut. [NYT 2/4].

Israeli and Palestine Liberation Front forces clash on S. Lebanon; each side claims to have killed several of the other [FBIS 2/5; MET 2/13].

4 February_____**Social/Economic/Political**

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Mordechai Eliahu, a chief Israeli rabbi, lifts standing ban on air travel on Jewish sabbath days so that Soviet Jews could arrive in Israel at any time [MET 2/13].

Arab World: Two masked men intercept bus travelling north of Cairo, open fire on Israeli tourists, at least 8 killed, 15 wounded [WP, NYT, LAT, FBIS, CSM 2/5].

Pres. Mubarak telephones P.M. Shamir, conveys condolences about bus attack, affirms that incident should not impede peace process [FBIS 2/5].

PLO Executive Committee issues statement reporting on meetings held in Tunis

[FBIS 2/5].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli army says it will charge 3 soldiers accused of beating a 13-year-old Palestinian and burning him with cigarettes [LAT 2/5].

54-year-old Gaza man is shot dead; he was suspected of collaborating with Israel; at least 9 Gazans are wounded in various clashes [FBIS 2/6].

Gaza Civil Administration reports IDF closed 25 schools in January in the Strip because of disturbances [FBIS 2/6].

Arab World: Lebanese troops loyal to Christian leader Aoun battle fellow Christians north of Beirut in fierce fighting [WP, LAT 2/5]; hand-to-hand combat in East Beirut is reported [MET 2/13].

5 February

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli officials say they are satisfied with Egyptian reaction to 2/4 bus attack, will not shift diplomatic course away from Cairo. [NYT, WP 2/6; MET 2/13].

PLO supporters in the O.T., including Sari Nusaybah, denounce 2/4 bus attack, say such attacks do not serve Palestinian interests and that the PLO is not responsible [FBIS 2/6].

Arab World: Islamic Jihad movement claims responsibility for 2/4 bus attack north of Cairo [LAT, NYT 2/6].

Egyptian officials express shock and embarrassment at 2/4 bus attack, pledge to pursue peace efforts with Israel [WP 2/6].

Arab League, meeting in Tunis, decides to send 60-member high-level delegation to Washington, Moscow, and Dublin to argue that increased Soviet immigration to Israel will increase tensions and reduce the prospects for peace [NYT 2/8].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF closes boys secondary school in Baytunia [FJ 2/12].

15-year-old Palestinian dies after fall while fleeing IDF troops [FBIS 2/6; FJ 2/12].

Palestinians kill 3 people suspected of collaborating with Israeli officials [FBIS 2/7; MET 2/13].

6 February

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Palestine Human Rights Information Center reports that at least 130 Palestinian houses have been partially or totally sealed in the first 2 years of the intifada; also approximately 270 Palestinian homes have been demolished by IDF [NYT 2/7].

Likud Central Committee reschedules meeting postponed because of 2/4 bus attack in Egypt to 2/12 [FBIS 2/6].

Arab World: PLO officially denounces 2/4 bus attack in Egypt, says attack cannot be viewed in isolation from daily Israeli violence against Palestinians in O.T., reaffirms policies prohibiting armed actions outside Israel and the O.T. [NYT 2/7].

PNC in Amman sends Gorbachev a 5-page memorandum asking "in the name of human rights, we appeal to you to take speedy measures to stop the emigration to Soviet Jews" to Israel [LAT 2/7].

Other Countries: Environmentalists call on Pres. Bush to cancel \$300 million project to build VOA and Radio free Europe radio transmitter in the Negev [WP 2/7].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Al-Fajr reports 2 Israeli settlers shoot, kill 45-year-old Palestinian in Nablus [FJ 2/12].

At least 20 Gazans are injured in clashes with soldiers; IDF uses light aircraft to track demonstrators after about 400 youths gather near Rafah [FBIS 2/7].

Arab World: SLA checkpoint on the border of Israel's "security zone" comes under fire from unidentified fighters [FBIS 2/7].

7 February

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF shoots, kills teenage Palestinian during clash in Shabura camp in Rafah [FBIS 2/8; FJ 2/12; MET 2/20].

At least 16 Palestinians are wounded in clashes in the Strip [FJ 2/12; MET 2/20].

Gaza house is destroyed by IDF on grounds that an occupant belonged to a popular committee; 3 houses in Jenin are sealed for the same reason [FBIS 2/8].

8 February

Social/Economic/Political

Arab World: PLO ambassador to Tunisia, and Arab League Gen. Sec. meet with U.S. ambassador to Tunisia to discuss Middle East situation [FBIS 2/9].

Other Countries: East Germany agrees to pay reparations to Jewish victims. P.M. Hans Modrow says the gov't. recognizes "the responsibility of the entire German people for the past." The amount of money paid will be determined in negotiations with Israel [NYT 2/9].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Arab Local Councils inside the green line begin strike to protest failure of Israeli Ministry of Interior to provide funds it had pledged to give the councils [FJ 2/12].

20-year-old Palestinian dies of gunshot wounds received 2/7 [FBIS 2/8; FJ 2/12].

3 Hebron-area house are sealed by IDF on grounds that occupants belonged to popular committees [FBIS 2/9].

Intense clashes between IDF and Gazans continue for third consecutive

day. *Middle East Times* reports 2 Palestinians killed, and at least 87 wounded, mostly from Rafah [MET 2/20].

IDF reports beginning use of experimental "mini-gravel launcher," a jeep-mounted cannon that fires egg-sized rocks 75 meters. The canon can shoot 600 rocks per minute [FBIS 2/8].

9 February

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli peace campaigner Abie Nathan, sentenced to 6 months in prison for meeting with Yasir Arafat, is released 2 months early for good behavior. He vows to continue the activities for which he was jailed [NYT, FBIS 2/12; MET 2/20].

Israel and Czechoslovakia renew diplomatic ties that were severed in 1967 [LAT 2/10; MET 2/20].

Arab World: The *New York Times* reports that a rift has developed between Egypt and the PLO over the 2/4 bus attack in Egypt. Egypt finds PLO's qualified condemnation of the attack as hampering the peace process, while PLO is seen as reluctant to give Egypt too great a role in the process [NYT 2/10].

Other Countries: 73 U.S. Senators have signed a letter to Pres. Bush urging against cutting aid to Israel and Egypt. The letter was drafted by Senators Levin and Wilson [LAT 2/10].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: General strike called for by UNLU is observed in O.T. [FBIS 2/9; FJ 2/12].

20-year-old Qabatya resident is shot dead by Israeli soldiers after attacking soldiers with knife [FBIS, FJ 2/12].

At least 7 Palestinians are wounded throughout O.T. [FJ 2/12].

10 February_____**Social/Economic/Political**

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli Air Force source tells the *Jerusalem Post* that U.S. intends to sell 24 Apache attack helicopters to Egypt and 19 to Israel [JP 2/10].

Arab World: PLO sends to European Community a message regarding Soviet Jewish emigration to Israel [FBIS 2/14].

Other Countries: *New York Times* reports on poll sponsored by Tel Aviv's Israel-Diaspora Institute of 1,310 U.S. Jewish leaders; 74 percent of respondents favor talks between Israeli officials and PLO "moderates" [NYT 2/10].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF troops shoot, wound at least 30 Rafah Palestinians in clash at funeral of Arab killed 2/7 [FBIS 2/12; MET 2/20].

IDF seals off Nablus, Tulkarm, Bethlehem, and parts of Gaza Strip as Palestinians celebrate the 8th anniversary of the outlawed Palestine Communist Party [MET 2/20].

Palestinian dies of wounds received 2/8 [FBIS 2/12].

11 February_____**Social/Economic/Political**

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli legislators call on the Interior Ministry to change regulations requiring Soviet immigrants prove they are Jewish; Ministry reportedly was refusing to register some Soviets because they lacked documents certifying them as Jews [NYT 2/12].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: 2 Palestinians are shot, wounded in Rafah in the Gaza Strip, bringing the total number of Arabs wounded by Israeli gunfire last week in Rafah to 140. Palestinians say the Israelis are seeking confrontation as revenge for

2/4 bus attack in which one of the attackers is rumored to be from Rafah [NYT, FBIS 2/12].

12 February_____**Social/Economic/Political**

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Likud Party Central Committee meeting ends in shouting match between P.M. Shamir and hard-liner Sharon. Shamir walks out of meeting, Sharon resigns from the government after the two argued about the Shamir's elections plan [NYT, WP, LAT, FBIS 2/13; MET 2/20].

Other Countries: Soviet Union calls for an urgent UN Sec. Council meeting to condemn Israel's policy of settling Soviet-Jewish immigrants in the O.T. [LAT 2/13].

Military Action

Arab World: Israeli troops and SLA allies kill 4 Arabs in clash in Wadi Al Hujier near Marjayoun, S. Lebanon [MET 2/20].

14 February_____**Social/Economic/Political**

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Separate leaflets distributed in the O.T. by Hamas and UNLU (Call number 52) call for attacks on Jewish settlers, saying the influx of Soviet Jews endangers the survival of the Palestinian people [WP 2/15; FBIS 2/16].

Other Countries: West German cabinet committee approves sale of anti-missile system to Saudi Arabia and 2 submarines to Israel [NYT 2/16].

Military Action

Arab World: IDF, SLA forces shoot, kill 1 unidentified fighter, capture 3 others in the "security zone" in S. Lebanon [FBIS 2/15].

15 February_____**Social/Economic/Political**

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli Atty.

Gen. Yosef Harish drops criminal investigation of Ezer Weizman for meeting with PLO officials [LAT 2/16].

Other Countries: U.S. government announces it will speed up plans to build radio transmitter in the Negev for broadcasts to USSR and South Asia [NYT 2/16].

Journal Source Abbreviations

CSM (Christian Science Monitor)

FBIS (Foreign Broadcast Information Service)

FJ (al-Fajr, Jerusalem)

IN (Independent)

JP (Jerusalem Post, International Edition)

JPS (Jerusalem Press Service)

LAT (Los Angeles Times)

MEI (Middle East International)

MET (Middle East Times)

NYT (New York Times)

WSJ (Wall Street Journal)

WP (Washington Post)

WT (Washington Times)

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