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16 MAY

In cabinet meeting, PM Rabin says Israel will make no more unilateral gestures to Palestinians, adding that they have developed exaggerated expectations while offering nothing in return. (Qol Yisra’el 5/16 in FBIS 5/17)

Likud convention holds symbolic opening session in Katrin, Golan Heights, before moving to Tel Aviv. (Qol Yisra’el 5/16 in FBIS 5/20; MM, NYT 5/17)

2 Israelis and their 2 Palestinian business partners are shot dead from a passing car in Gaza Strip. Hamas and Fateh claim joint responsibility. IDF shoot 2 children (18 months and 11 years old) dead in Gaza Strip. (Qol Yisra’el 5/16 in FBIS 5/17; MM, NYT 5/17)

Pres. Mubarak ends 8-day tour of 6 GCC states. (MM 5/17)

17 MAY

PLO peace talks follow-up committee issues report on 9th round, which ended 5/13. (al-Quds 5/20 in FBIS 5/24) (see Special Doc. A.)

FM Peres arrives in New Delhi on 1st-ever official Israeli visit to India. Israeli delegation will then travel to India. (NYT 5/18)

IDF shoots Palestinian woman dead in Gaza Strip, shoots Palestinian youth dead in Bayta, West Bank. (Qol Yisra’el 5/17 in FBIS 5/17)

18 MAY

IDF shoot 4 Palestinians dead in Gaza Strip, 3 of them during Hamas memorial service for those killed 5/10. (MM, NYT, WP 5/19)

IDF officer killed in clash with Hizballah inside the “security zone,” southern Lebanon. Israel, SLA shell Lebanese villages. (VOS 5/18 in FBIS 5/18; Qol Yisra’el 5/18 in FBIS 5/20; MM, WP 5/19)

19 MAY

Likud convention defeats motion that would have allowed party to disregard any territorial compromises signed by present govt. Convention ends over hotly debated new constitution, seen by many to concentrate power in Chmn. Binyamin Netanyahu. (Qol Yisra’el 5/19 in FBIS 5/20)

Fateh wins 6 out of 9 seats in Bethlehem U. elections; PFLP, DFLP, Hamas each take a seat. (Ha’Aretz 5/20 in FBIS 5/21)

IDF shoot 2 armed Hamas mbrs. dead near Hebron. (MM 5/19)

20 MAY


After meeting with FM Peres, Chinese FM

Qian Qichen says China will sell no more missiles to Iran or Syria. (MM 5/20)

Islamic Resistance clashes with SLA, IDF in southern Lebanon. (Radio Lebanon 5/20 in FBIS 5/20)

Gaza Community Mental Health Program releases report detailing use of torture on Palestinians held in Israeli prisons. (al-Fajr 5/24)

22 MAY

Shaykh 'Abd al-Hamid al-Sa'îh, 86, announces he will resign as PNC speaker at next PNC session, citing disagreements with the conduct of the peace process. (AFP, RMC 5/22 in FBIS 5/24; WT 5/23)

Pateh issues leaflet in Gaza Strip calling for 1 strike per month, preferably the 9th (intifada day). (Davar 5/23 in FBIS 5/24)

King Hussein openly breaks off support for Iraq, citing opposition to continued rule of both Saddam Hussein and the Ba'ath party. (NVT 5/26)

23 MAY

PM Rabin issues statement after cabinet meeting saying Palestinian self-government may be instituted in Gaza upon reaching an agreement in principle. (IDF Radio 5/23 in FBIS 5/24; MM 5/24)

ICRC pres. meets with PM Rabin, charges Israel with violations of Fourth Geneva Convention in o.t., says use of live ammunition by IDF "serious problem," particularly against children. (Qol Yisra'el 5/23 in FBIS 5/24; MM 5/24)

Israeli cabinet approves providing 20,000 menial jobs for Palestinians from the o.t. over next few months, in addition to 10,000 jobs in infrastructure created since o.t. closed. (MM 5/24)

24 MAY

IDF shoot 2 youths dead in o.t. Incident brings total Palestinian intifada deaths at Israeli hands to 1,293 by MidEast Mirror count. (Qol Yisra'el 5/24 in FBIS 5/25; MM 5/25)

10 Palestinian rejectionist factions issue statement urging withdrawal from peace talks, national dialogue. (QPAR 5/25 in FBIS 5/26)

25 MAY

PM Rabin again raises "Gaza first," observing to Dutch FM that Gaza Strip is geographically separate from West Bank. (MM 5/25)

Israeli ag. min. announces it is accepting tenders for 15m cu. ft./year desalination plant in Gaza City. (JP 5/27 in MM 5/27)

26 MAY

Palestinian delegates Haydar 'Abd al-Shafi and Faisal Hussein issue joint statement making "absolutely clear" that rumors of disagreements or divisions within the negotiating team are groundless. (MM 5/25; Sanaa VOP 5/26 in FBIS 5/27)

Secy. of State Christopher says he is "disappointed" with Syrian Jewish emigration, U.S. to pursue matter with Damascus. (MM 5/27)

Iranian FM 'Ali Akbar Velayati ends tour of 6 GCC states, describes talks with UAE—specifically over status of Tumb islands—as most sensitive. (Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran 5/26 in FBIS 5/27)

27 MAY

Palestinian delegation accepts U.S. invitation to attend 10th round of talks starting 6/15, requests written clarifications of U.S. positions presented in 9th round. (Qol Yisra'el 5/27 in FBIS 5/28; Qol Yisra'el 5/28, MENA 5/29 in FBIS 6/1)

U.S. requests "precise details" from Israel on infrastructure development allocations in o.t., to deduct that amount from loan guarantees. (Ha'aretz 5/28 in FBIS 5/28)

Israel releases 297 Palestinian political prisoners. (Qol Yisra'el 5/26, 5/27 in FBIS 5/27)

Amnesty International issues statement that over 100 Palestinians killed by IDF since 12/92, more than 30 aged 16 or younger. (MM 5/27) (see Doc. A1.)

28 MAY

Palestinian delegate Haydar 'Abd al-Shafi reiterates "demand for suspension of peace talks, says his view is that of delegation except Faisal Hussein. (al-Sha'ir al-Awsat 5/28 in MM 5/28)

Palestinians stab settler to death near He-
bron; settlers riot. (Qol Yisra’el 5/28 in FBIS 5/28, 6/1; NYT 5/30)

29 MAY

PFLP claims responsibility for 5/28 Hebron stabbing. (AFP 5/29 in FBIS 6/1)
‘Abd al-Salam al-Majali, head of Jordanian delegation to peace talks with Israel, is appointed PM, FM, DM, forms cabinet to succeed PM Sharif Zayid bin Shakir. (RJN 5/29 in FBIS 6/1)

30 MAY

PM Rabin moves Ed. Min. Shulamit Aloni to sci. and tech. and communications portfolios, appoints Amnon Rubinstein (Meretz) ed. min. (NYT 6/1)
IDF damage 5 houses before rooting out, arresting 1 and killing 2 wanted Palestinians in Gaza Strip. (WP 5/31, MM 6/1)
Settlers shoot, wound 2 Palestinian women and a 3-year-old boy, clash with IDF near Hebron. (Qol Yisra’el 5/31 in FBIS 6/1; NYT 6/1)
Fateh supporters win 16 seats, Hamas backers 10 in UNRWA workers’ union council election in Gaza Strip. (Reuter 6/1 in MM 6/1)

31 MAY

Some 200 Libyans arrive in Jerusalem for 3-day visit to holy sites, first group pilgrimage by citizens of an Arab country officially at war with Israel. While some Israeli officials praise the trip, Dep. FM Yossi Beilin downplays its political importance, saying Israel should have no ties with “a leper state.” (AFP 5/30, 5/31 in FBIS 6/1; NYT, WP 6/1, 6/2)
Israeli private security guards kill 1 Palestinian, wound another after arguing over road right-of-way near Jerusalem. (Qol Yisra’el 5/31 in FBIS 6/2, JP 6/1 in MM 6/1)

1 JUNE

IDF rebuts 5/27 Amnesty International report, calls human rights org.’s conclusions “hasty.” (MM 6/1)

Libyan pilgrims call on Muslims to “topple the Zionist leadership” and establish Jerusalem as capital of democratic Palestinian state. (WT 6/2)
King Fahd tells heads of pilgrimage delegations Saudi Arabia “will spare no effort in helping to achieve all-out peace” between Arabs and Israel. (SPA 6/1 in FBIS 6/2, MM 6/2)
Lebanese Pres. Ilyas al-Hirawi visits Msallem, 1st visit to southern Lebanon since 11/89 election; visit coincides with tour of “security zone” by Israeli Lebanon coordinator Uri Lubrani. (MM 6/2)

2 JUNE

Libyan pilgrims leave, cutting short their visit by 1 day after being denounced by PLO, Hamas, Arab nations, and increasingly by their Israeli hosts. (NYT 6/3)
Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, 82, announces he will seek another 5-year term. (NYT 6/3)
Israel announces an army intelligence officer has been imprisoned for 6 years after a secret trial convicted him of spying for an unidentified country. The officer, Maj. Yosi ‘Amit, was sentenced to a 12-year term in 1986, the sentence upheld by the Israeli Supreme Court in 1989. (Qol Yisra’el 6/2 in FBIS 6/4, MM, WT 6/3; WP 6/4)

3 JUNE

Libyan pilgrims’ spokesman Daw Salim al-Tajuri tells Cairo news conference decision to visit Jerusalem “personal,” that delegation “does not represent any official party,” and that trip does not constitute recognition of Israel. (MENA 6/3 in FBIS 6/4)

4 JUNE

Israeli housing min. dir.-gen. Arye Mizrahi announces $1.5b plan to build roads between Israeli cities and settlements and West Bank Palestinian towns, financed “mainly from the U.S. loan guarantees.” Roads would link Israeli ports to West Bank centers and Arab cities in the event of peace agreement. (JP 6/4 in MM 6/4; WT 6/6)

5 JUNE

PM Rabin announces recent arrests of
about 120 suspected Hamas "hit team" mbrs. (WT 6/6; JP 6/19)
      IDF shoots Palestinian man dead in West Bank. (WT 6/6)

6 JUNE

FM s of Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, and PLO meet in Amman to review 9th round of peace talks and coordinate positions for 10th round. (SARR, SANA 6/7 in FBIS 6/7) (see Special Doc. C.)

Shin Bet announces arrest of 4 suspects charged with 12/92 killing of Border Policeman Nissim Toledano, which triggered the 12/17/92 expulsions of 415 Islamic activists. Official says they were not linked to Hamas until after the killing. (WT 6/7; JP 6/19)

Egyptian soldier injured by IDF pursuing a wanted Palestinian across border at Rafah. (IDF Radio 6/11 in FBIS 6/11)

7 JUNE

FM Peres says Israel and Jordan have "agreed on all the items, practically," for a peace treaty; "what is missing . . . is a pen" (see 6/4). (NYT, WT 6/8)

Al-Hayat reports PLO has reduced monthly payments to o.t. from $11m to $1.6m; report coincides with visit to Abu Dhabi by PLO Exec. Comm. mbrr. Mahmoud 'Abbas and Palestinian peace negotiator Faisal Husseini. (al-Hayat 6/7 in MM 6/7)

"Movement for Jewish Autonomy in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza" issues a statement that it will resist IDF if it tries to evacuate settlements in the event of a peace treaty. (Ha'aretz 6/7 in FBIS 6/8)

Kuwaiti FM Sabah al-Ahmad al-Sabah announces that Kuwait "and other Arab countries" have "absolved" themselves of the secondary boycott of Israel out of national interest (see 6/11, 7/20). (KUNA 6/7 in FBIS 6/8; NYT, WT 6/9)

8 JUNE

IDF kills 21-year-old Palestinian in Gaza City after a stone-throwing incident. (Qol Yisra'el 6/9 in FBIS 6/10; MM 6/9)
12-year-old Palestinian killed and 10 injured by IDF in raid on al-Burayj refugee camp in Gaza. (Qol Yisra'el 6/9 in FBIS 6/10)
Fatah official Ahmad Muhammad al-Mahzumi shot dead in 'Ayn al-Hilwa refugee camp, Sidon, Lebanon; Fateh accuses Fateh Revolutionary Council (FRC—"Abu Nidal" faction) of the assassination. (RFL, VOL 6/10 in FBIS 6/10)

4 Lebanese civilians killed in Zillaya by IDF missiles during clashes in southern Lebanon between IDF, SLA, and Lebanese resistance. (AFP 6/8 in FBIS 6/10)
GCC FMs meeting in Riyadh "renew" their "full support" for the peace process. (SPA 6/8 in FBIS 6/9).

9 JUNE

PM Rabin cited as favoring $10b in U.S. loan guarantees, approved in 1992, on political, not economic grounds. Washington Post quotes him as saying, "I came to the conclusion that the issue of guarantees had turned into a test of Israeli-US. relations." Report notes that Israeli economists and former gov't. officials believe Israel no longer needs the U.S. money. Funds obtained through loan guarantees are being spent on infrastructure and building foreign currency reserves, not assisting Russian immigrants, report says (see 6/23). (WP 6/9)

10 JUNE

PM Rabin holds 1st-ever interview with o.t. newspaper al-Quds, says Israel would allow U.S. senators to monitor o.t. elections, East Jerusalemites would be allowed to vote (but not run). (al-Quds 6/10 in FBIS 6/11; MM 6/10; NYT 6/11)
SLA member killed in "security zone" bomb attack. SLA and IDF shell villages in southern Lebanon; 2 Hizballah members killed by IDF patrol. (Qol Yisra'el 6/11 in FBIS 6/11)

11 JUNE

Kuwaiti amb. to U.S. Muhammad Sabah al-Salim affirms that Kuwait complies with boycott of Israel and that dealings with firms on blacklist permitted by boycott regulations (see 6/7). (Voice of America via KUNA 6/11 in FBIS 6/14)

13 JUNE

14 JUNE

Secy. of Defense Aspin tells AIPAC that "Israel has never been safer," speaks of "commitment" to "strengthen U.S.-Israeli strategic partnership." (MM 6/16) (see Doc. D2.)

PM Rabin, speaking to Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Comm., states, "I have made it known to Syria that I would not agree to withdraw from all of the Golan Heights even if Syria agrees to a full peace. . . . I will not leave security arrangements for the Golan in American hands." (MM 6/15)

15 JUNE

On opening day of 10th round of talks, Palestinian and Israeli negotiators form working group to discuss joint declaration on o.t. self-rule. (NYT, WT 6/16)

Secy. of State Christopher, after meeting FM Peres in Geneva, offers U.S. security role on Golan Heights if Israel withdraws. (JP 6/15 in MM 6/16; WP 6/16)

Speaking in Qiryat Shemona, PM Rabin reiterates unwillingness for full withdrawal from Golan Heights, saying "We are prepared for a withdrawal on the Golan Heights to secure and recognized boundaries. We won't discuss the geographical scope of a withdrawal, however, until we receive a satisfactory response from our point of view of [Syria's] meaning of peace." (MM 6/16)


16 JUNE

Palestinian-American arrested in Israel 1/25/93 on suspicion of distributing funds to Hamas pleads guilty, receives 6-month prison sentence, 5 months of which he has already served (see JPS 87, 1/31). (NYT 6/17)

17 JUNE

Hasan Tahrub elected new chmn. of Supreme Islamic Council in Jerusalem. The elections for a successor to Shaykh Sa'd al-Din al-'Alami were 1st held since 1967. (al-Quds 6/17 in FBIS 6/18)

Fateh officer 'Ali Iskandar killed, 3 family members wounded, by bomb at 'Ayn al-Hilwa refugee camp, Sidon, Lebanon in continuing feud between Fateh and "Abu Nidal" group. (FBIS 6/17)

Washington Jewish Week reports that NSC Middle East chief Martin Indyk and State Dept. Policy Planning Director Samuel Lewis oppose greater U.S. role in Arab-Israeli peace talks, while State Dept. official Aaron David Miller and several other officials dealing with Middle East policy favor more activist U.S. role. (WJW 6/17)

18 JUNE

Pres. Clinton meets with King Hussein in Washington. (NYT, WP, WT 6/19)

U.S. appoints Edward Djerejian amb. to Israel, Dennis Ross special Middle East cooordinator. Ross had previously been designated head of Washington Institute for Near East Policy, to replace Martin Indyk. (MM 6/21)

19 JUNE

Fateh Cent. Comm. opens meetings in Tunis devoted to PLO internal affairs and financial situation. (FBIS 6/24)

50-year-old Palestinian woman from Jabalya refugee camp in the Gaza Strip dies after inhaling tear gas (Qol Yisra'el 6/20 in FBIS 6/21)

20 JUNE

Chmn. Arafat reportedly storms out of Fateh Cent. Comm. meeting after heated exchanges with some mbrs., notably Hani al-Hasan. (MM 6/22)

37 Palestinians arrive in Amman to begin training for interim period o.t. police force. (Jordan Times 6/21 in FBIS 6/24)
21 JUNE


Israeli Interior Min. Arey Deri, under indictment for corruption, announces intention to resign from government. (ITV 6/21 in FBIS 6/22)

Palestinian sources report that losses to Gaza workers due to Israeli closure of o.t. reach $500,000 per day. (MENA 6/21 in FBIS 6/22)

23 JUNE

U.S. House of Representatives passes 273–144 H.R. 2333, the “State Department, USIA, and Related Agencies Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1994 and 1995.” Bill, passed on to Senate, includes $80m per year to Israel in FY 1994 and 1995 for refugee resettlement out of an annual $593.5m in global U.S. refugee aid. Bill passed despite $10b. in U.S. loan guarantees to Israel made in 1992 and against evidence Israel does not need such aid (see 6/9). (MEPARC 6/93; WP 8/3)

24 JUNE

Israeli Deputy FM Yossi Beilin tells interviewer, "We will not and cannot make any concessions on the issue of Jerusalem... we have no intention of making any concessions whatsoever." (ITV 6/24 in FBIS 6/25)


Arab delegations to peace talks hold coordinating meeting at Syrian mission in Washington, focusing on U.S. role as “full sponsor” and pressure on Israel to meet terms of reference. (JFTV 5/24 in FBIS 6/25)

Lebanese delegation proposes partial Israeli withdrawal from "security zone" to test Lebanese government’s ability to maintain security in south. Israeli negotiator Uri Lubrani rejects proposal, saying Israel "does not engage in experiments with the safety of its civilians." (Qol Yisra’el 6/25 in FBIS 6/25)

U.S. FBI arrests 8 in New York on suspicion of plotting assassinations and bombings of UN HQ, FBI building, and 2 Manhattan tunnels. (NYT, WP, 6/25)

25 JUNE

Jordan’s King Hussein meets Secy. of State Christopher and congressional leaders. (Radio Jordan 6/25 in FBIS 6/25)

Al-Fajr reports Palestinian delegation’s clarification of trainees in Jordan: they are not connected with proposed police force, but will guard Palestinian institutions in the transitional period (see 6/20). (al-Fajr 6/25 in FBIS 6/28)


Israel allows all o.t. residents over 50 to cross green line without special permits. (ITV 6/25 in FBIS 6/28)

Israeli helicopters fire rockets at Palestinian guerrilla office near Tyre, Lebanon, wounding one. (MM 6/28)

26 JUNE

U.S. launches cruise missile attack on Iraqi intelligence HQ, destroying it and 3 civilian houses, killing 8. Attack is in retaliation for alleged Iraqi assassination attempt on former Pres. Bush during his April visit to Kuwait. (WP 6/27)

Fateh releases 24 FRC ("Abu Nidal" group) mbrs. in Sidon, Lebanon, says it will release more soon in goodwill gesture. (AFP 6/26 in FBIS 6/30)

27 JUNE

IDF shoots Hamas mbr. dead near Gaza settlement amid series of attacks on IDF positions in the Strip. (Qol Yisra’el 6/27 in FBIS 6/28)

IDF helicopters fire rockets at houses in Zawtar al-Sharqiyya, Lebanon. (VOL 6/27 in FBIS 6/30)

Arab League expresses “deep sorrow” over civilian casualties in 6/26 U.S. attack on Iraq. Israeli cabinet says PM Rabin “expressed support” for action in talk with Pres. Clinton. (WP 7/28)

28 JUNE

PM Rabin tells Jewish Agency meeting “Jerusalem will remain as it is, united, under Israeli sovereignty and our capital... forever... It’s part of Israel. It is so. It will
remain so." (MM 6/28)

FM Peres publicly endorses "Gaza first" proposal—drawing from most of the Strip and transferring power to Palestinians as soon as possible as part of self-rule negotiations. (WP 6/29)


29 JUNE

Middle East Watch issues report charging Israeli undercover units with "unjustified killings" committed as government policy. (MM 6/29) (see Doc. D4.)

Israeli authorities license new West Bank newspaper. Named al-Qabas, first issue expected in one month. (al-Fajr 7/5)

AIPAC Dir. Thomas Dine resigns, admitting to have termed Orthodox Jews "smelly" and "low class" in published remarks on mainstream Jewish attitudes toward them. (WP, WT 6/30)

Israeli-Resistance clashes and shelling continue in southern Lebanon. (Qol Yisra’el, Radio Lebanon 6/29 in FBIS 6/30)

30 JUNE

U.S. presents new "working paper" to Israelis and Palestinians, angering the former for allowing final-status discussion of Jerusalem, the latter for focusing on functional rather than territorial jurisdiction in the o.t. At a press briefing, Palestinian spokesperson Hanan Ashrawi reveals that at outset of 10th round, U.S. officials told Palestinians that Secy. of State Baker's letters of assurance before Madrid conference were "not enforceable," and that letter of invitation was only term of reference. (NYT 7/1; CSM 7/7) (see Special Doc. D.)

PM Rabin comments on U.S. document, saying, "any changes [to the 12 May document] will not be received by us with great sympathy, but with a disappointment." (MM 7/1)

2 Palestinian gunmen fire on Israeli bus in Jerusalem, killing 1, then hijack a car; IDF shoots, kills them and the Israeli woman driver at a roadblock. (Qol Yisra’el 7/1 in FBIS 7/1; NYT, WP 7/2)

Jordan Bank reaches agreement with Israeli officials to open branches in Ramallah, Nablus, and Hebron. (al-Nahar 7/1 in FBIS 7/2)

AIPAC VP Harvey Friedman resigns after Washington Jewish Week quotes him calling Israeli Dep. FM Yossi Beilin "a little slime-ball" in disagreement over Israeli govt's approach to peace process. (NYT 7/2)

U.S. Senate passes by unanimous consent S. Con. Res. 28, calling on Syria to withdraw its forces in Lebanon to the Biqa', Syria and Lebanon to disarm Hizballah, and characterizing 9/92 Lebanese elections as unrepresentative of "the full spectrum of the body politic of Lebanon." (Congressional Record 7/1) (see Doc. D3.)

3 JULY

Palestinian negotiator Faisal Husseini meets Secy. of State Christopher and requests U.S. withdraw new working paper. (Algiers VOP 7/4 in FBIS 7/6)

4 JULY

In cabinet meeting, PM Rabin accuses U.S. of yielding to Palestinian pressure in considering Jerusalem negotiable. At same meeting, Merez and some Labor cabinet members, reportedly including FM Peres, call for direct dialogue with PLO. (WT 7/5; MM 7/5; Qol Yisra’el 7/7 in FBIS 7/7)

Israeli Dep. FM Yossi Beilin assails AIPAC as "right-wing" and unrepresentative of moderate American Jewry (see 7/1). (WT 7/5)

5 JULY

FM Peres briefs diplomats before 2-day visit to Cairo, saying, "I personally believe that we are nearer to have an agreement with the Palestinians than most people think." He denies advocating talks with PLO, but adds that in the event of an agreement "I
would like to see first the signature and then
the signatories.” (Qol Yisra’el 7/5 in FBIS
7/6; MM 7/5)

PLO rejects U.S. working paper. Arafat
stating in Amman that “it overstepped the
basis of the peace process . . . the Madrid terms
of reference.” (MM 7/6; Jordan Times 7/6 in
FBIS 7/7)

21 Palestinian families, survivors of 1982
Sabra-Shatilla massacre, evicted from Cité
Sportive stadium in Beirut. (WT 7/6)

6 JULY

U.S. Middle East coordinator Dennis
Ross meets in Moscow with Deputy FM Yossi
Beilin prior to visiting Middle East to discuss
U.S. proposals on peace process. (Ha’aretz
7/7 in FBIS 7/7)

FM Peres meets Egyptian Pres. Mubarak
in Alexandria, discusses U.S. document and
Jerusalem issue. (MENA 7/6 in FBIS 7/6)

Jerusalem deputy mayor Avraham Kahila
claims Jewish population of East Jerusalem
now at 160,000, 5,000 larger than Palestin-
ian population. (Ha’aretz 7/6 in FBIS 7/7;
WT 7/7) (see Doc. C2.)

Tsomet and National Religious Party
submit no-confidence motions in Knesset
against Labor government, citing stalemate in
peace talks and situation in southern Leba-
non. (Qol Yisra’el 7/6 in FBIS 7/7)

Lebanese parliament rejects 7/1 U.S.
Senate resolution, characterizing it as “inter-
ference” in Lebanon’s affairs, and “de-
nounces the American Senate’s perpetual si-
cence” on Israeli occupation of southern
Lebanon. Lebanese cabinet joins in denuncia-
tion the following day (see 7/1). (MM 7/7)
(see Doc. B1.)

7 JULY

Likud Knesset delegation submits no-
confidence motion against government.
Likud motion and those submitted 7/6 by
Tsomet and NRP to be debated 7/12. (Qol
Yisra’el 7/7 in FBIS 7/7)

Egyptian Pres. Mubarak meets with Syr-
ian Pres. al-Asad in Latakia, Syria to discuss
peace process. (ANA 7/7 in FBIS 7/8)

Arab info. mins. open 2-day meeting at
Arab League H.Q. in Cairo. (MENA 7/6 in
FBIS 7/9)

8 JULY

U.S. delegation led by Dennis Ross meets
with PM Rabin, FM Peres at start of tour of
Israel, Egypt, Syria, and Jordan. Ross says
trip is to “narrow the gaps” in Israeli, Arab
positions. (NYT 7/9)

Arafat and King Hussein at meeting in
Amman establish Palestinian-Jordanian joint
committee made up of Jordanian ministers,
(al-Dustur 7/8 in FBIS 7/9)

proposes Swiss-style cantonal solution to
Palestinian-Israeli conflict. (AFP 7/8 in FBIS
7/9)

IDF kills wanted Palestinian in Rafah,
Gaza Strip. (Qol Yisra’el 7/8 in FBIS 7/8;
NYT 7/9)

PFLP-GC fighters ambush IDF patrol in
southern Lebanon, killing 2 and wounding 3.
(WP 7/12)

7 Islamic fundamentalists, followers of
Shaykh ‘Abd al-Rahman, hanged in Cairo.
(NYT 7/9)

9 JULY

U.S. Special Coordinator Dennis Ross
meets with FM Peres and later with Palestin-
ian negotiators at U.S. consulate in Jerusa-
lem. (ITV 7/9 in FBIS 7/12; NYT 7/10)

Hizballah mortar and Katyusha barrages
kills 3 IDF soldiers, wounds 8. (WP 7/10,
7/12)

10 JULY

Palestinian chief negotiator Haydar ‘Abd
al-Shafi, in “A Second Open Letter to the Pal-
estinian Masses,” published in the East Jeru-
salem newspaper al-Quds, calls on the PLO to
“adopt the principle of collective leadership
on a democratic and logical basis.” He says
that Palestinian leaders “have failed over and
over in concentrating our own potential in the
name of our cause,” and advocates a “com-
prehensive national dialogue” as the solution
to Palestinian difficulties. (al-Quds 7/10 in
FBIS 7/15; full text in al-Fajr 7/19)

Pro-PLO bloc wins Arab Journalists’ As-
sociation elections in Jerusalem, delayed 7
months due to internal dissension. (al-Fajr
7/19)

Egyptian FM ‘Amr Musa meets with U.S.
Special Coordinator Ross in Cairo. (MENA
7/10 in FBIS 7/12)
King Hussein orders first Jordanian multiparty elections since 1956 to be held in November. (NYT 7/11)

11 JULY

U.S. Special Coordinator Ross arrives in Damascus for talks with Syrian leadership on peace process. (NYT 7/12)

3-day multilateral seminar on regional arms control opens in Cairo. Seminar focuses on verification of accords to be reached by multilateral arms control talks of the Middle East peace process. (MENA 7/11 in FBIS 7/13)

IDF reinforces artillery batteries in southern Lebanon following PFLP-GC and Hizbollah attacks the previous week (see 7/8, 7/9). Israeli negotiator Uri Lubrani charges that recent clashes in southern Lebanon are a "planned escalation" that "would not happen if Syria did not want it." (NYT, WP 7/12)

12 JULY

U.S. coordinator Ross delivers message from Pres. Clinton to Syrian Pres. al-Asad at meeting in Damascus. (SANA 7/12 in FBIS 7/13)


Arafat claims 2 meetings were held between PLO and Israeli officials during Washington peace talks in June. FM Peres denies any meetings took place, saying "this information is baseless." Arafat later states PLO attempted to meet Israelis but meeting did not take place. (Ha'aretz 7/12 in FBIS 7/12; MENA 7/13 in FBIS 7/13; NYT 7/13, 7/14)

Palestinian-Jordanian joint committee holds first meeting, establishes subcommittees on Jerusalem, refugees, security and borders, economic affairs, water, and legislation and laws. (Radio Jordan 7/12 in FBIS 7/12)

IDF kills 2 19-year-old Palestinians during tire-burning incident at Balata refugee camp in Nablus. (Qol Yisra'el 7/12 in FBIS 7/13)

Israel establishes diplomatic relations with Vietnam in agreement signed in Jerusalem. (WT 7/13)

Knesset defeats no-confidence motions 57-42 (see 7/6, 7/7). (MM 7/13)

13 JULY

Fateh delegation led by 'Abbas Zaki meets with 7 Palestinian factions opposed to peace process in Damascus. Organizations represented are PPSF, PLF, PFLP, DFLP, PFLP-GC, al-Sa'iqaq, and Islamic Jihad. Delegation is to proceed to Amman for meeting with Hamas. (Algers VOP, al-Ra'y 7/14 in FBIS 7/15)

FM Peres proposes opening negotiations on final status based on Palestinian-Jordanian confederation in meeting with U.S. envoy Ross. (Ha'aretz 7/15 in FBIS 7/15)

U.S. delegation holds 2d meeting with Israeli leadership. Official statements are terse, but it is speculated discussions included tensions between Israel and Syria following escalation of violence in southern Lebanon. (MM 7/13)

2d U.S.-Palestinian meeting held at U.S. consulate in Jerusalem. (Qol Yisra'el 7/13 in FBIS 7/14)

Israeli rights group B'Tselem says 232 Palestinians under 17 killed by IDF since start of intifada, 38 in last 6 months. IDF calls such deaths "unavoidable," claims intifada casualties have declined, saying 166 Israelis, 1,859 Palestinians killed since outbreak of uprising. Report also states 100,000 Palestinians detained, 60,000 incarcerated over same period. (MM 7/13; Qol Yisra'el 7/13 in FBIS 7/15; WT 7/14) (see Doc. C3.)

Israeli police arrest 4 teenage members of "Kahane Lives" for the 11/92 grenade murder of a Palestinian in Jerusalem. (NYT 7/14)

Palestinian motorist shot dead by Border Police, second wounded in Hebron. (ITV 7/14 in FBIS 7/15)

PLO reconciliation meeting held in Damascus grouping representatives of Fateh, PFLP, and DFLP (Hawatmah faction). (al-Dustur 7/13 in FBIS 7/13)

PLO joins with Bangladesh, Iran, Malaysia, Pakistan, Tunisia, and Turkey in offer to send peacekeepers to Bosnia. (WP 7/14)
14 JULY

Palestinian negotiator Haydar 'Abd al-Shafi denies knowledge of Israeli-PLO contacts (Jerusalem al-Nahar 7/14 in FBIS 7/15)

Test flight of Israeli-made Arrow missile fails, jeopardizing U.S. support for ABM weapon. (WT 7/16; IDF Radio 7/14 in FBIS 7/15)

Guerrillas attack SLA position near al-'Ayshiyah in southern Lebanon with machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades. IDF and SLA return fire. IDF troop and artillery movements reported near Hula and al-Majidya, including reinforcement of 10 armored cars and 100 troops, with mechanized company at Hula. Hizballah claims katyusha attack on SLA positions at 'Ali al-Tahir, Sujud. IDF shells Kafr Tibnit and other villages in Iqlim al-Tuffah. (Qol Yisra'el, Voice of the Mountain 7/15 in FBIS 7/15)

Lebanese govt. orders PFLP-GC head Ahmad Jibril to leave Lebanon. Jibril’s presence had become an embarrassment after 7/8 ambush of IDF in southern Lebanon and Jibril press conference afterward. (MM 7/15)

Israeli police stop attempt to establish new settlement in Golan Heights. (Qol Yisra'el 7/14 in FBIS 7/15; JP 7/15 in MM 7/15)

Opposition Knessel factions (Likud, NRP, Tsomet, and Molodet) enter no-confidence motions, citing civil-service strike, kosher laws, and alleged Israeli-PLO dialogue. (Qol Yisra'el 7/14 in FBIS 7/15)

CSM reports that 10 U.S. state govt. hold Israeli bonds, 8% of $650m annual U.S. market. Poll commissioned by Arab American Institute shows 71.9% oppose buying Israeli bonds with tax money. (CSM 7/14)

15 JULY

FM Peres proposes Palestinian-Jordanian confederation as way out of deadlock in negotiations. (WT 7/16)

Fateh-Hamas dialogue meeting held in Amman. (al-Ra'y 7/16 in FBIS 7/19)

16 JULY

Palestinian delegation head Haydar 'Abd al-Shafi warns that unless Israel concedes Palestinian rights in Jerusalem it will kill the peace process.” (NYT 7/17)

Secy. of State Christopher announces he will travel to Middle East 8/1-5 to pursue “role of honest broker” in peace talks. (USIA Wireless File 7/19)

Dafah Institute poll indicates 42% of Israelis favor talks with PLO, 57% oppose. (Yedioth Aharonot 7/16 in MM 7/16)

Syrian FM al-Shara rejects Israeli warning to curb guerrilla activity in southern Lebanon. (MM 7/16)

17 JULY

Israel continues reinforcement of artillery in southern Lebanon. (MM 7/19)

18 JULY

Israeli cabinet issues statement warning guerrillas in southern Lebanon that Israel will retaliate for recent attacks in “security zone.” Lebanese Pres. al-Hirawi replies that “If peace is not achieved in the south, the entire Lebanese people will join the resistance in fighting Israel.” (Qol Yisra'el 7/18 in FBIS 7/19; CSM, WT 7/19)

Israeli warplanes overfly Iqlim al-Tuffah and Beirut as tensions on Lebanon-Israel border mount. (MM 7/19)

IDF wounds 6 Palestinians, including a 10-year-old shot in the head, in clash at Jabalya refugee camp in Gaza. (WT 7/19)

Fateh Central Committee and Revolutionary Council meet in Tunis. (Sawt al-Sha'b 7/20 in FBIS 7/21)

19 JULY

Hizballah fires 3 katyusha rockets at “security zone” in southern Lebanon. (MM 7/19)

Lebanese Pres. al-Hirawi pays first visit as head of state to Mashghara, southern Lebanon, known as a Hizballah center, and pledges continued resistance to Israeli occupation pending implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 425. (see 6/1) (MM 7/19)

20 JULY

SLA positions at Shumariyeh and Alman, southern Lebanon, attacked with katyushas and mortars. (MM 7/20) Lebanese army and Hizballah fire SAM-7 missile at overflying Israeli plane. (VOL 7/21 in FBIS 7/21)

Hadashot reports that a secret Israeli envoy has met with the PLO in Tunis in an ef-
fort to bridge gaps in Israeli and Palestinian negotiating positions. Both PM Rabin and FM Peres deny the story. (MM 7/20)

10-year-old Izzat Matar, shot 7/18 by IDF, dies of his wounds in Gaza. (MM 7/21) Kuwaiti govt., responding to confusion and controversy over its adherence to boycott of Israel, issues statement to Kuwait National Assembly saying it obeys boycott, but that "consequences of the Iraqi aggression" required "reexamination" of rules on secondary boycott of foreign companies dealing with Israel. Statement reiterates Kuwaiti adherence to all Arab League and GCC boycott rules, says end of Israeli settlements precondition for ending direct boycott (see 6/7, 6/11). (KUNA 7/20 in FBIS 7/21)

21 JULY

Seyc. of State Warren Christopher, at press conference, refuses to state whether U.S. considers East Jerusalem to be occupied. Stating "there is no shift at all in the United States' policy," he characterizes debate on the issue as "an almost theological discussion." (see Doc. D5.)

Fateh Revolutionary Council completes 10th regular session in Tunis. Communiqué reiterates Palestinian support for peace process and claim to Jerusalem, supports continuation of national dialogue with other factions. (Algiers VOP 7/23 in FBIS 7/26)

22 JULY

IDF and Hizballah exchange artillery fire, killing 1 Israeli soldier and wounding 2 SLA members. IDF claims Lebanese army involved in incident. (MM 7/22; NYT 7/23)

87 Palestinians among those deported to Lebanon 12/92 march toward Israeli border, demanding medical care. They return to their camp after reportedly being repulsed by IDF and SLA gunfire. (NYT 7/23)

Lebanon requests UN Security Council renew UNIFIL mandate for another 6-month term. (Radio Lebanon 7/22 in FBIS 7/22)

23 JULY

Hamas supporters defeat joint Fateh-PFLP slate in elections for Gaza Strip accountants' association. (MM 7/26)

Hizballah katyushas hit northern Israel; IDF shells launch area in retaliation. (MM 7/23)

Palestinian-American Muhammad Jarad, arrested by Israel for allegedly providing finances for Hamas, released from Ramallah jail after a 6-month term. (WT 7/25; Qol Yisra'el 7/24 in FBIS 7/27)

Jerusalem's Arabic daily newspaper al-Fajr closes after 22 years of publication due to lack of funds. The paper's weekly English edition continues. (WT 7/24)

25 JULY

IDF opens "Operation Settling Accounts," using airpower, artillery, and gunboats to bombard towns and villages in southern Lebanon and the Biqa' allegedly used as bases by Hizballah and PFLP-GC. Attacks kill 3 Syrian soldiers, 1 Palestinian, and 10 Lebanese. Hizballah responds with katyusha attack on Israel, killing 2 Israelis in Qiryat Shemona. PM Rabin announces, "If there will be no quiet for the northern settlements, there will be no quiet and safety for south Lebanon residents north of the security zone." Seyc. of State Christopher calls the violence "counterproductive," reaffirms urgency of peace process. Lebanese cabinet meets, decides to complain to UN Security Council over "Israeli aggression." (MM, NYT, WP 7/26)

Turkish FM Hikmet Cetin arrives in Amman on first visit to Jordan by Turkish FM in 13 years. Tour is to include visit to Israel, first ever by senior Turkish official. (MM 7/26)

26 JULY

"Operation Settling Accounts," renamed "Operation Accountability," continues, killing 9 Lebanese and wounding 33. Hizballah continues katyusha reprisals. 1 Israeli soldier killed in day's fighting. Lebanese police report 34 dead, 120 wounded over course of both days. UNIFIL reports 1,200 artillery shells, 22 bombs, 120 rockets, and 200 mortar and tank rounds hit its zone. PM Rabin says shelling "will force the population to express its views, whether by mouth or by foot, to the Lebanese government and its overseers." Lebanese FM Faris Buwayz says attacks "constitute . . . a political strike to the United States and its peace-making efforts." Seyc. of State Christopher calls for "restraint" from all parties, blames Hizballah as an opponent of the peace process. Israeli officials contend Syria could restrain Hizballah if it desires. Syrian govt. calls Israeli at-
tack "aggression on the entire world com-

munity." Amal claims ambush of IDF in "security zone." (MM 7/26; NYT, WP, WT 7/27; WP 7/28; The Nation 8/23–30)

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27 JULY

Israeli assault on Lebanon continues. Refugee flow from southern Lebanon reaches over 100,000. Casualties reach 55 dead and 280 wounded since 7/25, including 4 Nepalese UNIFIL soldiers wounded. PM Rabin tells Knesset committee that "Israel aims to cause a mass flight of residents" from area, and that "We expect the Lebanese government, and those backing it, to control the rockets fired by Hizballah." Secy. of State Christopher cuts short visit to Singapore to address crisis, telephones Rabin, Syrian FM al-Shara', and Lebanese PM Rafiq Hariri to urge restraint. Pres. Clinton praises Syria's "commendable restraint." Secy.-Gen. results of "derail" peace talks. White House says "Iran and Hizballah are responsible" for the fighting. (White House daily briefing, MM 7/27; NYT, WP 7/28)

Turkish FM Hikmet Cetin postpones visit to Israel due to continued fighting in Lebanon. (MM 7/28)

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28 JULY

Israeli attack on Lebanon enters 4th day as international condemnation mounts. Refugees from south estimated at 300,000; casualties total 90 dead, 400 wounded. UN Secy.-Gen. Butrus Butrus-Ghali calls attack "deplorable" while UN Security Council, renewing UNIFIL mandate, expresses "regret" over loss of life and urges "restraint" on all parties. US State Dept. says "Military activities directed against all civilians should . . . stop. . . . The refugees from south Lebanon must be allowed to return to their homes immediately." Secy. of State Christopher telephones PM Rabin, Syrian FM al-Shara', and Lebanese PM Raffiq Hariri, urging Israel to end fighting before Christopher comes to region and Syria not to permit arms to reach Hizballah. PM Rabin vows to "chase down" Hizballah, tells Knesset, "The civilian Lebanese population in southern Lebanon will be distanced—northward—from the villages in which Hizballah terrorists operate." Pres. Clinton says "I think Hizballah should stop its attacks. I think Israel should stop its bombardments. I think that Syria should go from showing restraint to being an active par-

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29 JULY

Criticism of Israel mounts as "Operation Accountability" enters 5th day. IDF moves reinforcements into Lebanon as shelling rate reaches 9 rounds per minute. Lebanese PM Hariri attends Arab League emergency meeting in Damascus after meeting with Hizballah security chief Hadi Hamadi. UN Secy.-Gen. Butrus-Ghali calls for immediate cease-fire, states "the policy of deliberately forcing people to abandon their homes must be stopped forthwith." Lebanese Health Min. Marwan Hamadeh calls situation a "human catastrophe of tragic magnitude." US efforts to broker cease-fire continue. (NYT, WP, WT 7/30) (see Doc. A3.)

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30 JULY

Sixth day of Israeli attack on Lebanon. Lebanese police report 17 killed, 47 wounded in day's fighting. UN sources report IDF fired 1,300 shells in 9 hours. Hizballah responds with kittenasha barrages, attacks on IDF/SLA positions in "security zone." Kuwait, France, and Egypt send relief supplies to Beirut, as Arab FMs discuss situation in Damascus. Israeli FM Peres states Israel will not expand "security zone" or send ground forces to Lebanon. Ireland demands immediate cease-fire out of concern for Irish battalion of UNIFIL. (NYT, WT 7/31)

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31 JULY

U.S.-brokered cease-fire takes effect in Lebanon, ending a week of fighting. Negotiated over telephone by Secy. of State Christopher with Israeli, Lebanese, and Syrian leaders, agreement conditions end of Israeli shelling with cessation of Hizballah rocket attacks on northern Israel. Lebanese army establishes checkpoints to prevent entry of weapons into southern area. Arab FMs pledge $500m in aid to Lebanese refugees. Total casualties: 127 dead, 496 wounded, mostly Lebanese civilians. Lebanese PM
Hariri says 10,000 homes destroyed by shelling, 20,000 damaged. U.S. State Dept. says recent fighting "only underscore[s] the necessity for all the parties to the peace process making every effort now to engage in serious negotiations to narrow their differences." (State Dept. release 7/31; NYT, WP, WT 8/1; MM 8/2)

1 AUGUST

Lebanese army, civilians begin returning to southern Lebanon. Inf. Min. Michel Samaha states Beirut will negotiate with UN over Lebanese army deployment in UNIFIL zone. Guerrillas skirmish with SLA in "security zone." (NYT, WP, WT 8/2)

Iranian Pres. Ali Rafsanjani reaffirms Tehran’s support for Hizballah, blames US for Israeli attack on Lebanon. (WT 8/2)

Egypt reportedly arrests 6 Israelis for smuggling weapons at Rafah border crossing. (al-Safir 8/3 in FBIS 8/10)

2 AUGUST

Secy. of State Christopher begins mission to revive Arab-Israeli talks with meeting in Alexandria with Egyptian Pres. Mubarak, stating "the situation in Lebanon, perhaps paradoxically, has given a new burst of energy to the negotiations." (NYT 8/3)

PLO Chm. Arafat meets Egyptian Pres. Mubarak after latter’s talks with Secy. of State Christopher. (MENA 8/2 in FBIS 8/3)

Palestinian hijacks UNRWA bus in Gaza Strip, killing Israeli civilian employee of military government. (NYT 8/3)

Poll of Palestinians in o.t. conducted by Jerusalem Media and Communications Centre in conjunction with CNN and Dutch TV finds 51.7% oppose Palestinian-Jordanian confederation, 55.9% oppose continuation of peace talks on the Madrid formula, 50.1% support Palestinian withdrawal from talks, 87.7% believe PLO needs democratic reform, 32.9% support dividing Jerusalem, and 50.9% trust leadership of "national movements," as against 24.1% for "Islamic movements." Poll has margin of error of ±3%, confidence level of 95%. (JMCC poll)

Responding in part to complaints by Palestinian members of the Orthodox Church that the Patriarchate has been passing land to the Israeli government, Ecumenical Council of Orthodox Churches decides to boycott Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem Diakoros I. (al-Fajr 8/16)

Lebanese govt. orders army to prepare for redeployment in south. UN Secy.-Gen. Boutros-Ghali informs Lebanese PM Rafiq Hariri of UN approval of move. (WP, WT 8/3)

3 AUGUST

Secy. of State Christopher arrives in Jerusalem on 2d leg of Middle East trip, meets with PM Rabin, FM Peres, Palestinian representatives. Negotiator Haydar 'Abd al-Shafi boycotts session. Christopher says Lebanon cease-fire is "an indication of the fact that Israel, Lebanon and Syria are able to work together on a problem and, I think, take a step in trying to ensure that the peace process is not derailed." FM Peres says Israel believes "that Syria and its President made a strategic decision to move toward peace." (NYT, WP, WT 8/4)

4 AUGUST

Secy. of State Christopher meets in Damascus with Syrian Pres. Hafiz al-Asad, FM Faruq al-Shara', says peace process has been "salvaged" but that progress requires "much, much hard work," and cautions that "I don’t want to encourage any false expectations." He then pays visit to Zahle, Lebanon, for meeting with Lebanese Pres. Ilyas al-Hirawi, PM Rafiq Hariri, FM Faris Buwayz. Christopher says visit is "to reaffirm the fact that the United States cares about Lebanon," announces U.S. will send hospital to aid victims of previous week’s fighting. (CSM, NYT 8/5)

Jordan announces first multi-party elections since 1956 will be held 8 November. (WP 8/5)

5 AUGUST

Israeli Environment Min. Yossi Sarid is reported to have met with PLO official Nabil Shaath with PM Rabin’s knowledge. Rabin’s spokesman denies meeting was on behalf of PM. Shaath refuses to confirm or deny meeting, says Palestinians “cannot accept” 6/30 U.S. paper (MBG Television 8/5 in FBIS 8/6; NYT 8/6)

Secy. of State Christopher meets with Jordan’s King Hussein in Amman, then again with Palestinian and Israeli representatives in Jerusalem, bringing message from Syrian Pres. al-Asad to Israeli PM Rabin. Christopher states in Amman “there’s been absolutely no change in the United States’s posi-
tion" on status of o.t. or Jerusalem (see 7/21). Rabin calls current shuttle diplomacy "a change for the better," says Palestinians "cannot get their act together." Christopher announces he will revisit Syria and assume role of "active intermediary." Palestinian delegation gives Christopher PLO memo on draft "statement of principles," but only after modifying it due to disagreements with Tuni's statements on jurisdiction of self-governing authority and Jerusalem. (JTV 8/5 in FBIS 8/6; Sawel al-Sha'b 8/5 in FBIS 8/5; Qol Yisra'el 8/5 in FBIS 8/6; NYT, WP 8/6) (see Special Doc. E.)

Hizballah launches rockets into "security zone." IDF and SLA return fire. (WP 8/6)

6 AUGUST

Secy. of State Christopher returns to Damascus for further meetings with Syrian leadership, tells press conference he is "more encouraged than I thought I would be" for progress in peace talks. (MM 8/6)

Hizballah again fires on SLA positions in "security zone." IDF retaliatory fire causes several hundred refugees to flee toward Tyre. U.S. amb. Ryan Crocker signs agreement with Lebanese health min. for $11m in U.S. medical assistance to victims of "Operation Accountability." (WP, WT 8/7)

3 Palestinian gunmen open fire at IDF roadblock at Dayr Balut in West Bank, killing 2 Israeli soldiers. 1 gunman killed. 2d wounded in exchange of fire. 3d gunman escapes by car. Another Israeli soldier, kid-napped 8/5 near Ramallah, is found dead. (NYT, WP 8/7)

8 AUGUST

Palestinian negotiators Faisal Husseini, Hanan Ashrawi, and Sa'eb Erakat threaten to resign from negotiating team in dispute with PLO over response to U.S. draft "declaration of principles." Delegates travel with Haydar 'Abd al-Shafi to Tunis to discuss issue with Chm. Arafat. (CSM, NYT, WP, WT 8/9)

9 AUGUST

Palestinian negotiators continue meetings with PLO leaders in Tunis in effort to end rift over negotiating positions and delegation's authority. (NYT 8/10)

Lebanese army deploys approximately 500 troops in Qana, Dirghaya, Jouaya, and Bir al-Salassel, near Tyre in the Fijian and Ghanaian sectors of the UNIFIL zone. Deployments, first in south since 1982, are within 9 miles of IDF and SLA positions. (MM 8/9; NYT, WT 8/10)

Lebanese PM al-Hariri holds talks with Syrian Pres. al-Asad and other Syrian leaders in Damascus. (MM 8/10)

10 AUGUST

Jerusalem police announce plans for special 120-man force to patrol Haram al-Sharif. New force is result of inquiry into 10/90 clash between Muslim worshippers and Israeli police at al-Aqsa mosque. (WT 10/11)

4 Palestinians sentenced to long prison terms for the murder of Israeli border guard Nissim Toledano. Killing sparked the 12/92 expulsion of 415 alleged Hamas and Islamic Jihad activists to Lebanon. (Qol Yisra'el 8/10

in FBIS 8/10)

11 AUGUST

Spokesman for PM Rabin confirms that Environment Min. Yossi Sarid notified Rabin before meeting with PLO official Nabil Shaath in Cairo in late July. Rabin approved, but did not endorse, meeting, spokesman says. Rabin states he "will not prevent a minister from meeting someone from the PLO, even though I don't think it's positive." Israeli PM does not rule out himself meeting with PLO, but asked if he would meet Chmn. Arafat, says "I hope not." (see 8/5) (MM 8/11, 8/12)

Israel grants visa to PNC mbr. and senior adviser to Palestinian peace delegation Hanan 'Abd al-Rahman, former PLO representative in U.S. and Canada, to visit his home village of Surda in the West Bank for his mother's funeral. (MM 8/11; WT 8/12)

12 AUGUST

PLO Exec. Comm. rejects resignations of negotiators Faisal Husseini, Hanan Ashrawi, and Sa'eb Erakat, appoints them 4 other memb. of delegation to official PLO steering committee. (NYT, WP, WT 8/13)

U.S. and Russia issue invitations for 11th round of Arab-Israeli peace talks, to be held in Washington at end of August. (NYT, WP, WT 8/13)

Egyptian FM 'Amr Musa, at press conference, claims there has been unfair criticism
by Palestinians of Egyptian "interference" with Palestinian response to U.S. document, warns if it continues Egypt will reveal details of Palestinian dealings with Israel. PLO delivers message to Musa saying "Egypt did not exert any kind of pressure on the Palestinian leadership." Meanwhile, al-Sharq al-Awsat publishes purported excerpts from Palestinian delegation's meeting before going to Tunis for consultations with PLO. "Excerpts" claim delegation protested PLO leadership's decision-making monopoly and "interference in everything." Egyptian "tillage over the PLO leadership." Delegation spokeswoman Hanan Ashrawi denies reports, saying "We have never criticized the Egyptian position." (MM 8/12; Cairo Voice of the Arabs 8/15 in FBIS 8/16)

Syrian Pres. al-Asad, in interview with al-Safir, says "there was no deal" to end "Operation Accountability." He maintains there was "no sellout of the [Lebanese] resistance," and asserts the necessity "to preserve the resistance and to protect it." (MM 8/12)

Pres. Clinton, in meeting with Pope John Paul II in Denver, CO, expresses his "commitment and his support for full diplomatic relations" between the Vatican and Israel, according to U.S. amb. to Vatican Raymond W. Flynn. (WP 8/13)

Israeli settlers wind up 5 days of demonstrations against Rabin govt. with rally in Tel Aviv attended by "several thousand." Settlers' slogans include "Giving up the territories means katyushas on Tel Aviv," and "We won't move from the Golan." (JP 8/21)

13 AUGUST

FM Peres says Israel will continue to negotiate with Palestinian delegation despite its members' appointment to PLO committee. Peres's statement that delegates' new status "makes no difference" effectively ends Israeli ban on negotiations with PLO. (NYT, WT 8/14)

18-year-old Salem Salem of Jaljulya, near Ramallah, shot and killed by IDF. (al-Fajr 8/16)

SLA commander Antoine Lahd calls Lebanese army deployment in southern Lebanon "ineffective." (ITV 8/13 in FBIS 8/16)

14 AUGUST

PLO official Bassam Abu Sharif proposes forming Palestinian govt. in Jericho to negotiate final-status arrangements with Israel. Israeli Health Min. Haim Ramon rejects offer, but notes "PLO-Tunis is a meaningful element even in the current negotiations." PLO envoy to Jordan Hakam Balawi says Abu Sharif's statements "not authorized." (Radio Lebanon, IDF Radio, Radio Jordan 8/14 in FBIS 8/16)

Jordan reportedly arrests 10 mbrs. of Islamist al-Tahrir party for attempted assassination of King Hussein. (RMC 8/14 in FBIS 8/16)

15 AUGUST

Palestinian expellees in Marj al-Zuhur, Lebanon, accept Israeli proposal to repatriate 187 by mid-September, remaining 208 by end of year. The 393, those remaining of 415 expelled by Israel 12/92, had previously refused partial repatriation, insisting that all be allowed to return at once. (NYT, WP, WT 8/16)
CHRONOLOGY

RFL (Radio Free Lebanon, clandestine)
RMC (Radio Monte Carlo, Paris)
SANA (Syrian Arab News Agency, Damascus)
SARR (Syrian Arab Republic Radio, Damascus)
SPA (Saudi Press Agency, Riyadh)
VOL (Voice of Lebanon, Beirut)
VOM (Voice of the Mountain, Shaynayh)
VOO (Voice of the Oppressed, Ba’labakk)
VOP (Voice of Palestine, Algiers or San’a’)
VOS (Voice of the South, clandestine)
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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