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This section is part forty-one of a chronology begun in *JPS* XIII, no. 3 (Spring 1984).

16 NOVEMBER

Alleged Hamas mbr. Shadi Muslih 'Isa, 18, attacks Israeli police officer, civilian at Erez crossing point, Gaza Strip, and is **shot dead.** (MM 11/16)

16-yr.-old Palestinian student Rami Ghazzawi killed when IDF fires on youths stoning settler cars in al-Birah. 3 other students wounded. (MM 11/16)

Settlers in Hebron riot, overturning stalls at fruit and vegetable market and attacking Palestinian cars. (MM 11/16)

Israeli Justice M. David Libai, at Maale Ephraim settlement, **warns settlers** that no one could "take the law into his own hands," says govt. "will have to subdue any attempt to have influence by illegal means." IDF states it will act "firmly and aggressively" to stop settler assaults, will use "reasonable force." (MM 11/16; NYT 11/17)

PM Rabin tells Secy. of State Christopher 12/13 deadline for implementation of DoP may not be met. (MM 11/16, 11/17)

Israeli-Palestinian talks on implementation of Gaza-Jericho provisions of DoP **resume in Cairo.** Israeli delegation led by **IDF Dep. Chief of Staff Amnon Shahak**, Palestinian by PLO official **Nabil Shaath.** (Cairo TV 11/16 in FBIS 11/17)

Israel-PLO economic talks in Paris chaired by **Fin. M. Avraham Shohat** and **PEDRA DG Ahmad Qurai** establish 3 sub-

comms. on trade and labor, taxation and banking, and currency. Subcomms. are to meet 11/23-25 in Paris, heads of delegations on 11/25. (Qol Yisra'el 11/16 in FBIS 11/17; MM 11/17)

Central Bank of Jordan (**CBJ**) Gov. Muhammad al-Nabulsi **says agreement reached with Palestinians** to retain Jordanian dinar as o.t. currency, have CBJ supervise and monitor banking. (JTV 11/16 in FBIS 11/17)

Multilateral talks on Middle East environment end in Cairo with Israeli-Arab agreement on Gulf of Aqaba oil spills, dispute on Israeli nuclear waste, Jordan Valley land reclamation. Delegates fr. 40 countries, in 4th mtg., agree on 20 environmental projects. (MENA 11/16 in FBIS 11/17; MM 11/17)

Palestinian leaders in o.t., Jordan, "and elsewhere" **submit memorandum to PLO Chmn. Arafat** criticizing PLO performance, demanding reforms. (MM 11/17, *al-Ra'y* 11/18 in FBIS 11/18) (see *JPS* 90, Doc. B6.)

Knesset Golan caucus considers bill fr. Likud and NRP mbrs. to amend law annexing Golan to require majority of 80 MKs for any change in law. Labor mbrs. of caucus express sympathy with bill, which given current Knesset divisions would effectively bar negotiations with Syria. (MM 11/17)

Syrian VP Khaddam tells foreign correspondents PLO Chmn. Arafat "fell into a big trap" in signing DoP, notes "There are 4 million Palestinian refugees living outside the territories covered by the 'Gaza-Jericho First'

agreement." Khaddam claims Arafat "abandoned coordination with the Arab parties," states "I believe the majority of the Palestinian people do not support the agreement." (MM 11/16; SARR 11/16 in FBIS 11/17)

Hizballah offensive on IDF and SLA; Katyusha barrages fired in "security zone," assaults on 2 IDF, 6 SLA posts. 12 SLA mbrs. taken prisoner, at least 2 IDF soldiers and 2 SLA mbrs. wounded. 1 Hizballah mbr. killed in attack. IAF bombs 3 Hizballah bases nr. Ba'labakk, knocks out radio antenna. "Black September 13 Brigades," Fateh group opposed to DoP, claims responsibility for katyusha barrage on Qiryat Shemona. (MM 11/16, 11/17; IDF Radio, AFP 11/16 in FBIS 11/17)

Turkish FM Hikmet Çetin, in interview with *JP*, says Syria behind Kurdish attacks in Turkey, Israel and Turkey should cooperate on counter-terrorism. (MM 11/16)

Israel Archaeologists Society calls for end to govt. Antiquities Authority search for scrolls in West Bank ("Operation Scroll"), saying search aims at denying Palestinian scholars access to materials and will complicate future Israeli cooperation with Palestinians and Jordan. (WT 11/17)

17 NOVEMBER

Palestinian youths in al-Birah erect barricades, burn tires, and stone IDF soldiers after funeral of **Rami Ghazzawi**, killed 11/16. (MM 11/17)

IDF res. sgt. Haim Darina stabbed to death at Nahal Oz crossing btwn. Gaza Strip and Israel by Palestinian student at Gaza City Islamic College, who is detained by Israeli civilian. Several dozen demonstrators protest recent killings in Jerusalem, some bearing signs calling PM Rabin a "traitor." (MM 11/18)

FM Peres, on Israel radio, warns settlers, saying law applies to "whoever is breaking a law, no matter to which nation he belongs." (MM 11/17)

Israeli Police and Energy M. Moshe Shahal meets in Cairo with **Egyptian Oil, Electricity, and Ag. Ms** on energy cooperation, setting up 30 mw solar power station to serve Aqaba, Taba, and Eilat. Shahal also carries message to Egyptian Pres. Mubarak fr. FM Peres. (MM 11/17; MENA 11/17, 11/18 in FBIS 11/18)

18 NOVEMBER

Settlers demonstrate at Israel-Gaza Strip crossing points to protest 11/17 killing of IDF soldier Haim Darina, but IDF presents them fr. blocking roads. Islamic Jihad claims responsibility for the attack. (MM, RMC 11/18)

PLO establishes Development and Construction Bank under World Bank supervision to receive international funds for Palestinian development. (*Al-Dustur* 11/18 in FBIS 11/18)

Israeli Energy M. Moshe Shahal signs agreement with Egyptian Oil M. Hamdi al-Banbi on preparations for Egypt-Israel natural gas pipeline. (*Qol Yisra'el* 11/19 in FBIS 11/19)

King Hussein names 23 mbrs. of 40-mbr. Jordanian senate, including frmr. PM **Zaid Rifa'i** and Senate spkr. Ahmad Lawzi. (MM 11/19)

French FM Alain Juppé holds talks with Syrian Pres. al-Asad at start of tour of Syria, Jordan, and Lebanon, proceeds to Amman for talks with Jordan's King Hussein. (MM 11/19; SARR, JNA 11/18 in FBIS 11/18)

Israeli archaeologists in "**Operation Scroll**" report finding 2d century A.D. manuscripts and artifacts in Wadi Qarantal, nr. Jericho. (NYT 11/19)

19 NOVEMBER

IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Ehud Barak orders reinforcement of IDF units in o.t. to act "with determination" against Palestinian rioters and Israeli settlers who break law. (MM 11/19)

Internal IDF document foresees "blood-letting btwn. Jews," civil revolt, and refusal of IDF soldiers to obey orders as consequences of DoP. (*Ha'Areztz* 11/19 in FBIS 11/22)

Palestinian business owners announce formation in Abu Dhabi of **Palestinian Development and Investment Company**, with an initial capital of \$200 m., \$100 m. of which already subscribed. (MM 11/19)

French FM Juppé holds talks in Beirut with Lebanese Pres. al-Hirawi, PM al-Hariri, FM Buwayz, focusing on trade, economic, cultural relations, security cooperation, and Lebanese-Israeli talks. (RL 11/19 in FBIS 11/19)

20 NOVEMBER

U.S. Senate approves by voice vote resolution urging Arab League to end boycott of Israel. (WJW 11/25)

21 NOVEMBER

PLO Chmn. Arafat orders Palestinian forces to prepare to enter o.t. to form Gaza-Jericho police force. (CSM, NYT, WT 11/22)

Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza issues statement pledging "militant direct action" against Israel-PLO DoP, urging settlers to ignore Palestinian police. (NYT 11/22)

Jordan's King Hussein meets in Damascus with Syrian Pres. Hafiz al-Asad to coordinate positions prior to tour by Secy. of State Christopher. 2 sides affirm "necessity of reaching a just and comprehensive peace." (MM, NYT 11/22)

PM Rabin returns to Israel after 10-day tour of U.S., Canada. At press conference, Rabin says Israel will try to meet 12/13 deadline for withdrawal fr. Gaza and Jericho, but says "it's not a holy date." (Qol Yisra'el 11/21 in FBIS 11/22; MM 11/22)

House of Representatives passes 425-1 resolution urging Arab League to lift boycott of Israel. (WJW 11/25)

22 NOVEMBER

PLO officers 'Abd al-Razzaq al-Majayda and 'Abd Allah Farah arrive in Gaza Strip fr. Egypt to plan deployment of Palestinian police. (MM 11/22)

Arab League Sec.-Gen. Ismat 'Abd al-Majid, after council mtg. in Cairo, says boycott of Israel will continue, noting "the reasons that led to its imposition—the continuation of the occupation and the need for Palestinians to gain their rights—are still valid." (Egyptian Radio 11/22 in FBIS 11/23; WT 11/23)

Fmr. Israeli military intelligence chief Aharon Yariv publicly admits that Mossad assassinated 10 to 15 Palestinian guerrilla leaders in Europe and Lebanon in 1970s in retaliation for murder of 11 Israeli athletes at 1972 Olympics by "Black September" faction. Yariv says fmr. **PM Golda Meir approved actions,** admits Moroccan waiter killed in Norway in 1973 by mistake. Yariv interview with Israeli TV taped 1 yr. ago but only now

cleared by censors. (NYT 11/23; CSM, WP, WT 11/24)

23 NOVEMBER

PLO-Israel talks on Israeli withdrawal fr. Gaza and Jericho resume in Cairo. Palestinian negotiator Nabil Shaath reports progress on release of Palestinian prisoners. (MENA 11/23 in FBIS 11/23; NYT, WT 11/24)

PLO-Israel talks on economic cooperation resume in Paris. (MM 11/24)

22 Palestinian graduates of Egyptian police academy cross into Gaza Strip to form nucleus of Palestinian police force. (NYT 11/24)

Muhammad 'Ali Fara of Khan Yunis, Gaza Strip, shot dead trying to evade IDF roadblock in Jabaliya camp. In Idnah, nr. Hebron, 'Abd al-Razzaq Shahada killed by premature detonation of roadside bomb. (Qol Yisra'el 11/23 in FBIS 11/23; NYT 11/24; WT 11/25)

12th Jordanian parliament opens; fmr. PM Tahir al-Masri elected speaker of lower house 57-22, defeating Islamic Action Front candidate. (MM 11/23)

24 NOVEMBER

PLO-Israel talks on transfer of authority over health, education, and other services open in al-Arish, Egypt. Israeli delegation headed by Brig. Gen. Gadi Zohar, head of Civil Administration in West Bank, PLO delegation by Jamal Tarifi. (MM 11/24)

PLO-Israel economic subcomms. on trade and labor, fiscal issues, and banking and finance begin sessions in Paris. (MM 11/24)

Hamas-PFLP-DFLP coalition opposed to DoP wins all 9 seats on Birzeit University student council, defeating Fateh-PPP slate favoring DoP. Result ends 16 yrs. of domination of student council by Fateh. (MM 11/24, 11/25; NYT 11/25)

Imad 'Aql, 21, alleged head of Hamas "Izz al-Din Qassam Brigades" military wing, killed in shoot-out with IDF at Gaza City roadblock. PM Rabin calls action a "great achievement"; IDF Chief of Staff Barak terms it an "important achievement in the war against terror." Hamas, Fateh call 3-day general strike in protest. In al-Burayj camp, alleged drug trafficker Muhammad Iliyan, 32, stabbed to death by masked Palestinians. (Qol Yisra'el 11/24 in FBIS 11/26; NYT, WP,

WT 11/25)

Jordan's **King Hussein pays official visit to Egypt**, meeting Pres. Mubarak and ending 3 yrs' estrangement over Jordan's stance in 1990-91 Gulf crisis. (NYT, WP, WT 11/25)

25 NOVEMBER

IDF fires on Gaza City Palestinians protesting killing of Hamas leader Imad 'Aql, **wounding btwn. 16 and 37**. Ahmad 'Abd Allah Zaharna killed in incident. Fadil Ziyad, 18, wounded in clash with IDF 11/24 in Gaza, dies in hospital. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 11/26)

Israeli archaeologists report finding 5,000-yr.-old skeleton of Canaanite soldier in cave nr. Jericho as part of month-long search of 350 caves in West Bank. (NYT 11/26)

PM Rabin tells ITV 12/13 deadline for start of IDF withdrawal fr. Gaza and Jericho "not sacred." (MM 11/26; NYT, WT 11/27)

Al-Arish, Cairo talks recess, negotiations to resume next week. (MENA 11/25 in FBIS 11/26)

26 NOVEMBER

IDF kills Hamas leader Khalid Mustafa Zir, 25, in shoot-out in Sur Bahir, nr. Jerusalem. IDF also discloses 11/8 death of Hamas mbr. Salim Sabah, killed after he shot an Israeli motorist. (WT 11/27)

PLO Chmn. Arafat, in Oslo at start of Nordic tour, **warns that violence in o.t. must not delay 12/13 start of Israeli withdrawal** fr. Gaza, Jericho. (NYT, WT 11/27)

27 NOVEMBER

PLO Chmn. Arafat, in Stockholm, **says Gaza-Jericho talks at an impasse**, blames Israel for "play[ing] games" on question of IDF withdrawal. (NYT 11/28)

28 NOVEMBER

PLO Chmn. Arafat, in Helsinki, **says success of DoP depends on Israel meeting 12/13 deadline for withdrawal** fr. Gaza, Jericho. Israeli **PM Rabin** responds that "It wouldn't be so terrible if the withdrawal were delayed by two weeks," while **FM Peres**, on 1st visit by an Israeli minister to Albania, says

"we can still be on time." (MM, WT 11/29)

Palestinian negotiator Ziyad Abu Zayyad suspends his participation in talks with Israelis on confidence-building measures in protest of Israeli position on prisoner release. (MM 11/29)

IDF undercover unit in Gaza kills Fateh Hawks mbrs. Ahmad Abu al-Rish, 23, and Farid Imtair, 21, in gunfight. Al-Rish had been granted amnesty earlier in the week and taken off IDF wanted list. (MM, NYT 11/29)

Israeli peace activist **Abie Nathan** scuttles *M.V. Peace*, the base for his pirate "Voice of Peace" radio station, which ceased broadcasting 10/1. (MM 11/29)

29 NOVEMBER

5,000 Palestinians march in **Khan Yunis funeral of Ahmad Abu al-Rish**. 1 Palestinian wounded by IDF gunfire in clashes in Gaza City. (WT 11/30)

Fateh hawks cmdr. Taysir Bardini, 26, captured by IDF after gun, grenade battle in Rafah camp, Gaza Strip. Hawks announce "resumption of intensive military action" against Israeli targets. (AFP 11/29 in FBIS 11/30; MM, NYT 11/30)

PLO-Israel talks in Cairo, al-Arish resume. PLO official Nabil Shaath reports progress on release of Palestinian prisoners, but PM Rabin refuses to give details. Environment M. Yossi Sarid says "it's obvious more Palestinian prisoners will be released gradually." (MM 11/29, 11/30; WT 11/30)

Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza ("Yesha") announces **formation of "Hashomer" volunteer guard units to defend settlements**. Also, "Irgun Yehudi Leumi" (IYAL—Jewish Nationalist Organization) issues leaflets in settlements calling on settlers to refuse mandatory IDF service. (MM 11/30)

Hadashot publisher Amos Schocken tells IDF radio afternoon tabloid **will close** due to low circulation and falling advertising revenues. (MM 11/29; WT 12/1)

30 NOVEMBER

IDF kills 1 Palestinian, wounds 80 in clashes in Gaza, worst violence since DoP signed 9/13. **IDF cmdr. in Gaza Maj. Gen. Matan Vilnai meets 5 Fateh leaders** to discuss cease-fire. Fateh sources say Vilnai agreed to end IDF searches for PLO militants, but IDF sources say only that Israel will re-

duce troop levels and ease some restrictions. Jacques Neriah, aide to PM Rabin, flies to Tunis for talks with PLO Chmn. Arafat. Arafat provides Neriah with i.d. tag of IDF soldier missing during 1982 war in Lebanon. (MM 11/30, 12/1; NYT, WP, WT 12/1)

Jordanian and Israeli officials meet in Washington for talks on economic cooperation. Working group also includes U.S., hosted by special coordinator Dennis Ross. (MM 11/30, 12/1)

VP Al Gore announces **formation of "Builders for Peace,"** a task force to coordinate U.S. private investment in o.t. Group's co-presidents are **James Zogby** of Arab American Institute and frmr. U.S. Rep. **Mel Levine.** (WP 12/1)

U.S. and Russia introduce UNGA resolution drafted by Israel and PLO supporting DoP, Israel-Jordan common agenda. (MM 12/1)

U.S. Undersecy. of Defense Frank Wisner arrives in Jordan fr. Israel to **discuss joint security cooperation.** Tour also includes Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Gulf states. (MM 11/30)

CIA Director Adm. James Woolsey, appearing on CNN's "Larry King Live," **acknowledges that "Israel is generally regarded as having some kind of nuclear capability"** in 1st public U.S. recognition of Israeli nuclear weapons. (MM 12/1)

\$7 m. **wind turbine farm** to supply electricity to Israel **opened on Golan Heights.** (MM 12/1)

1 DECEMBER

Israeli kindergarten teacher killed, 3 settlers wounded by Palestinian gunmen in **al-Birah.** Hamas, DFLP claim responsibility for attack; IDF imposes curfew on al-Birah, Ramallah. Settlers block roads, stone Palestinian cars in retaliation. (MM 12/1; NYT, WP, WT 12/2)

IDF declares Gaza Strip a "closed military area," barring journalists fr. reporting there. (MM 12/1)

Emergency PLO Exec. Comm. mtg. in Tunis called to discuss negotiations with Israel fails to reach quorum due to boycott by Mahmud 'Abbas, Yasir 'Abd-Rabbuh, Sulaiman al-Najjab. (MBC TV 12/2 in FBIS 12/3; WT 12/2)

Egyptian and Israeli sources say Egyptian Pres. **Mubarak has lifted restrictions on Egyptians travelling to Israel,** ending police reviews and questioning. (WP 12/2)

Jordan and Israel initial agreement allowing **Jordanian banks** in West Bank to reopen. (Qol Yisra'el 12/1 in FBIS 12/3; NYT 12/5)

2 DECEMBER

Settlers block roads, riot in o.t. after 2d victim of 12/1 al-Birah attack dies. 2 Palestinians wounded by IDF in Gaza. (MM, WT 12/3)

Israeli AG Michael Ben-Yair issues order to chief of police, IDF that "Hashomer" settlement guard units are illegal, "contradict th[e] authority of the security forces." **Police IG Rafi Peled** later says Civil Guard units will be set up in settlements, police will not oppose establishment of Hashomer "within the framework of the law." (MM 12/2, 12/3)

PLO Exec. Comm. statement says Cairo, al-Arish talks at "an impasse." (MM 12/2; WT 12/3)

3 DECEMBER

Secy. of State Christopher arrives in Israel at start of Middle East tour. **PM Rabin** tells U.S. to stay out of Israel-PLO talks, saying "we do not need uncles, fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers." (NYT, WT 12/4)

PLO Political Dept. head **Faruq al-Qadumi** meets in Washington with U.S., **World Bank** officials to discuss economic development of o.t. (San'a' VOP 12/3 in FBIS 12/7)

Settlers rampage in Hebron, wounding 4 Palestinians. IDF does nothing to stop gun-bearing settlers, but detains 20 Palestinian stone-throwers. In Gaza, alleged Fateh mbrs. open fire on 2 IDF posts; no casualties reported. (MM 12/3; NYT, WP, WT 12/4)

Israel Antiquities Authority's **"Operation Scroll" scheduled to end.** Search for ancient Hebrew and Jewish artifacts, started 11/14, involved 30 archaeologists and 300 workers, examined 350 sites, and cost \$350,000. Operation protested by Palestinians, who say it violated 1954 UN convention on cultural artifacts and was intended to strip o.t. sites before Palestinian autonomy. (WP 12/4)

4 DECEMBER

Secy. of State Christopher opens talks with **PM Rabin,** says "I don't know that there is an appropriate role for me. . . . I certainly don't want to interpose myself" in Israel-

PLO negotiations. (NYT, WT 12/5)

PLO Exec. Comm. establishes committee to oversee negotiations with Israel. Names of mbrs. are not made public. (NYT 12/5)

Hamas list wins 81% of votes, all 9 seats in **Gaza Islamic College** student council elections. Fateh list wins 11%, Islamic Jihad 6%, and DFLP 2%. (Qol Yisra'el 12/4 in FBIS 12/6)

Settlers continue rioting in Hebron, firing submachine guns at Palestinian cars. 3 Palestinians wounded. Palestinian homes also fired upon, stoned. (NYT, WT 12/5)

5 DECEMBER

Secy. of State Christopher meets in Damascus with Syrian Pres. **al-Asad**, who agrees to let U.S. investigators search for 7 Israelis missing in Lebanon and to grant exit permits to Syrian Jews by end 12/93. Christopher calls talks "positive and constructive," al-Asad's moves "important humanitarian gestures." U.S. agrees to allow Kuwait to transfer 3 U.S.-made aircraft to Syria in a relaxation of sanctions on Damascus. (NYT, WP, WT 12/6; NYT 12/7)

Israel-PLO talks in Cairo and al-'Arish, Sinai, on Palestinian autonomy resume. (WT 12/6)

Jordanian, Israeli govts. sign accord on economic cooperation, initiated by negotiators in Washington 12/1. (MM 12/7)

Palestinian grocer **Talal al-Bakri**, shot 12/4 in Hebron by settlers, dies. 5 settlers arrested in connection with killing. (NYT, WP, WT 12/6)

Israeli AG Ben-Yair calls settlers' council a "seditious" organization, while Ag. M. Yaacov Tsur calls 12/4 shooting of Talal al-Bakri an incident of "Jewish terror." (MM 12/6)

Armed Palestinian, Khalid Awad Shihada, attacks Israelis on suburban Tel Aviv bus, killing reserve IDF soldier before being killed himself. Islamic Jihad claims responsibility for attack. Israelis demonstrate at attack site, some shouting "Death to Arabs!" (NYT, WP, WT 12/6)

Fmr. Israeli PM **Shamir** tells Zionist Organization of America mtg. in Baltimore that Israeli govt. has made a pact with "terrorists and murderers" in signing DoP, says agreement reflects "an Arab plan to destroy Israel in stages." (WT 12/7)

6 DECEMBER

Secy. of State Christopher meets **PLO Chmn. Arafat** at U.S. embassy in Amman. At press conference after 2-hr. mtg., Arafat appeals for U.S. pressure on Israel to meet 12/13 deadline for withdrawal fr. Jericho, Gaza. Christopher declines to get involved in Israel-PLO talks, but calls for "timely implementation" of DoP schedule and pledges "non-lethal assistance" to Palestinian police. Christopher also meets separately with Jordan's King Hussein. PM Rabin claims there is "a tacit understanding" with PLO that deadline not firm. FM Peres says he will meet Arafat 12/9 at UNESCO conference in Spain. (NYT, WP, WT 12/7)

PM **Rabin** calls Syrian agreement to allow U.S. investigators to search for missing IDF soldiers in Lebanon "an important step forward" and "a big window of hope for the families" of the Israeli MIAs. (NYT 12/7)

Israeli Finance M. Avraham Shohat and **PLO official Ahmad Qurai'** resume Paris talks on economic issues. (Qol Yisra'el 12/6 in FBIS 12/7)

Palestinian gunmen attack settler van in Qiryat Arba, Hebron, killing 2 and wounding 3. Hamas claims responsibility for attack. Settlers riot, attacking Palestinian homes and cars. (NYT, WP, WT 12/7)

IDF undercover unit kills Hamas mbr. 'Abd al-Rahman Aruri, 31, on his front porch in Arura, nr. Ramallah. (MM 12/7)

Time magazine reports that convicted spy Jonathan Pollard passed a National Security Agency listing of foreign intelligence frequencies to Israel that later was received by Soviets, ruining several b. dollars' work and **compromising lives of U.S. informants**. Justice Dept., security officials reportedly advising AG Janet Reno against a pardon for Pollard. (WT 12/6, 12/7; NYT 12/7)

Israel, Laos reestablish diplomatic relations in agreement signed in New York. (Qol Yisra'el 12/7 in FBIS 12/8)

7 DECEMBER

Secy. of State **Christopher** meets PM **Rabin**, reports on talks with Syrian, PLO leaders. Christopher reportedly tells Rabin Syria ready to resume negotiations. Rabin says 1st priority is implementing Israel-PLO DoP. Christopher calls that priority "entirely appropriate," but notes U.S. seeks "comprehensive solution in the region." **Christopher also meets Palestinian delegation** including

Faisal Husseini, Ghassan al-Khatib, Zakariya al-Agha, and Hanan Ashrawi. (NYT, WP, WT 12/8; Qol Yisra'el 12/7 in FBIS 12/8)

PLO Chmn. **Arafat**, in Bonn, **says 12/13 deadline** for start of Israeli withdrawal "a sacred date," but a PLO source says Arafat told PLO Central Council and Exec. Comm. to expect a delay of 1 to 2 weeks. (NYT 12/8)

Thousands turn out for **funeral** procession fr. Tel Aviv through Jerusalem to Hebron of **settlers killed 12/6**. Settlers shoot at Palestinian houses and break car windows in Hebron. (NYT, WT 12/8; WT 12/9)

Shaykh Khalid Zakaria Sakallah, 45, killed by masked gunmen in Gaza. Both Hamas and Fateh condemn killing. (MM 12/8)

8 DECEMBER

PLO and Israeli negotiators in Cairo exchange **proposals** to bridge disagreements on implementing **Gaza-Jericho withdrawal**. (NYT 12/9)

Secy. of State **Christopher** meets Egyptian Pres. **Mubarak** in Cairo, says U.S. does not object to delay in Gaza-Jericho withdrawal if Israel and PLO feel they need "a few more days or whatever period of time to work out some existing problems." (CSM, NYT, WT 12/9)

Settler shot and wounded by Palestinian in Bethlehem. IDF imposes curfew, searches Palestinian homes, detains several suspects. IDF reportedly reinforces troops in o.t. and detains dozens of Palestinian opponents of DoP as preventative measure before anniversary of intifada. (CSM, NYT, WT 12/9)

9 DECEMBER

Israeli FM **Peres**, PLO Chmn. **Arafat meet in Granada, Spain**, in effort to remove barriers to implementation of DoP. Arafat calls mtg. "very important," while an Israeli source describes it as "tense," says PM Rabin "not happy" with mtg. No details revealed by either side, but Peres calls it "a tour d'horizon," not "negotiations." (NYT 12/10)

Secy. of State **Christopher** meets again in Damascus with Syrian Pres. **al-Asad**, announces Syria will resume negotiations with Israel and that al-Asad will meet U.S. Pres. Clinton in Geneva 1/94. (CSM, NYT, WP, WT 12/10)

Mansur Shawwa, son of frmr. Gaza City mayor Rashad Shawwa, **named by PLO to be**

1st mayor of Gaza under Palestinian autonomy. (MM 12/9)

Palestinian farmer Khamis Abu Awad, 51, shot dead by settler from Shiloh settlement nr. Ramallah in West Bank after being ordered off his tractor. (WP, WT 12/10)

10 DECEMBER

Secy. of State **Christopher** meets PLO Chmn. **Arafat** in Tunis, **1st visit by a U.S. secy. of state to PLO hq.** Christopher delivers invitation fr. PM Rabin to Arafat for mtg. in Cairo, says both should reach "agreement so the accord will move forward." Christopher also says he is "impressed" by PLO plans for economic development in o.t. Later Christopher meets in Rabat with **Moroccan King Hassan II**. (NYT, WP, WT 12/11; NYT 12/13)

3 Palestinians killed by settlers in ambush nr. Hebron. **Kach** movement claims responsibility for attack. (NYT, WP, WT 12/11)

Palestinian spokeswoman **Hanan Ashrawi resigns** fr. her PLO posts to form **Palestinian Independent Commission for Human Rights**. Ashrawi had earlier been nominated to head PLO office in Washington, D.C. (NYT, WP, WT 12/11)

PFLP mbr. Zaki Ahmad Najjar killed in Jabaliya camp, Gaza Strip. PFLP says he died in gun-cleaning accident; other sources blame factional fighting or IDF undercover units. (NYT 12/14)

11 DECEMBER

2,000 Israelis hold march in Jerusalem in **support of DoP** and to protest settler vigilante actions. 300 right-wing counterdemonstrators kept separated fr. peace marchers by police. (WT 12/12)

Hamas leads march in Gaza City to mark intifada anniversary, protest Israel-PLO accord. IDF opens fire, wounding 1 Palestinian. Similar march held by **Islamic Jihad** in Jabaliya camp. (WP, WT 12/12)

IDF officer killed, soldier wounded in antitank missile attack on IDF patrol in "**security zone**," southern Lebanon. (Qol Yisra'el 12/11 in FBIS 12/13)

12 DECEMBER

PLO Chmn. **Arafat** and Israeli PM **Rabin**

meet in Cairo but fail to reach agreement on Israeli withdrawal fr. Gaza and Jericho, due to begin 12/13. The 2 leaders agree to meet again in 10 days, and say delay does not endanger DoP or 4/13/94 deadline for end of withdrawal. (NYT, WP, WT 12/13)

Lebanese Pres. al-Hirawi meets Syrian Pres. al-Asad in Damascus to discuss Secy. of State Christopher's recent tour and coordinate positions for next round of talks with Israel. (RL, VOL, SARR 12/12 in FBIS 12/13; MM 12/13)

U.S. officials say **Morocco and Israel have reached a package of agreements**, including El Al flights to Morocco and Royal Air Maroc flights to Israel, direct Moroccan-Israeli telephone and postal links, exchanges of visits by religious and business leaders, joint banking arrangements, and more frequent direct political contacts. (NYT 12/13)

Morton Klein, an opponent of Israel-PLO accord, **elected pres. of Zionist Organization of America** by vote of 144-127, and his slate of 10 candidates elected to top ZOA posts. Observers call election "clear victory for opponents" of DoP. (MM 12/14; WJW 12/16)

Palestinian gunmen attack Israeli bus in Hebron, West Bank, seriously wounding its driver. (NYT, WT 12/13)

Libyan leader Mu'ammarr **al-Qadhafi** publicly invites Sabri al-Banna ("Abu Nidal") and **Ahmad Jibril** of PFLP-GC for a conference in Tripoli. (WT 12/13)

13 DECEMBER

Deadline for start of Israeli withdrawal fr. Gaza, Jericho passes. PM Rabin tells reporters, "There are no sacred dates, and I cannot give a commitment that the implementation of the agreement will be finished by April 13th." Rabin also announces that remaining Palestinians expelled 12/17/92 to Lebanon will be allowed to return this week. (CSM, NYT, WP, WT 12/14)

PLO Chmn. **Arafat** addresses **European Parliament** in Strasbourg, France, appealing for EU financial support to Palestinian development and noting financial crisis will limit size of Palestinian police force. (MM 12/14)

IDF announces it has been holding a "dialogue" with Hamas leaders in Gaza Strip. (IDF Radio 12/13 in FBIS 12/13)

Islamic Jihad mbr. Anwar Aziz hijacks ambulance btwn. Bayt Lahiya and Jabaliya camp, Gaza Strip, for **suicide-bomb attack**. Aziz killed, IDF soldier wounded when Aziz drives explosives-filled ambulance into IDF

jeep. 2 other Palestinians, said to be mbrs. of either Islamic Jihad or PFLP's Red Eagles, shot dead by IDF in Rafah. (MM 12/13; NYT, WP, WT 12/14)

41 **Palestinian police** trained in Jordan **take up duty at Orient House**, East Jerusalem hq. of Palestinian delegation to peace talks. (WP 12/14)

14 DECEMBER

UNGA passes resolution drafted by Israel, PLO, and U.S., **expressing "full support" for Israel-PLO peace talks**. Resolution 1st in 2 decades on Middle East peace not to criticize Israel. 2 other resolutions, calling Israeli rule over Jerusalem and Golan Heights illegal, also pass, 85 countries abstaining on Golan resolution. (MM, NYT, WP 12/15) (see Doc. A2.)

Israeli Industry and Trade M. Micha Harish announces **Morocco has been removed from list of "hostile" countries** barred from trade with Israel. Harish says he expects Tunisia to be taken from list next. (MM 12/15)

PLO Chmn. **Arafat** begins **1st official visit to Britain**, lasting 2 days, with mtgs. with **PM Major**, frmr. **PM Thatcher**, Archbishop of Canterbury, MPs, and Foreign Office officials. (MM 12/14; NYT 12/16)

1 **Hamas mbr.** killed, 2 escape when Israeli border police stop stolen car rigged with explosives in Gaza City. Husam al-Bakri, 20, fatally wounded when IDF opens fire on stone-throwers at Hamas mbr.'s funeral. (MM 12/14; WP, WT 12/15)

PM Rabin heckled by right-wing protesters at dedication of Modi'in, a new planned city. Demonstrators call Rabin "traitor," throw bottles, coffee at him. (WP, WT 12/15)

Conference in Tripoli, Libya grouping Arab radical groups opens. Invited are **PFLP-GC** and **FRC** ("Abu Nidal" faction). (WT 12/16)

15 DECEMBER

197 Palestinian mbrs. of Hamas and Islamic Jihad return fr. Lebanon at **end of 1-yr. exile**. The Islamist activists will be processed through Israeli prisons before returning to homes in o.t. **PM Rabin**, touring Gaza settlement, promises "tough measures" if "we have even the slightest suspicion that [the returnees] intend or are involved" in attacks on Israelis. (NYT, WP, WT 12/16)

Israel-PLO talks on civil issues related to Gaza-Jericho self-rule resume in al-Arish, Sinai. (MM 12/15)

Working group of **Middle East Multilateral Talks Economic Development Comm.** ends mtg. in Cairo, approves 4 agricultural projects, pollution control project for Gulf of Aqaba, and joint tourism project for Egypt, Israel, and o.t. (MENA 12/15 in FBIS 12/16)

Ashraf Muhammad Halil, 18, killed by IDF when he attacks soldiers with ax during search of his tool bag in Jabaliya camp, Gaza. (WT 12/16)

16 DECEMBER

IDF seals off 4 settlements nr. Nablus and prevents procession of settlers fr. bringing Torah scrolls to Jewish religious center in Nablus. 15 settlers arrested. New orders, issued 12/12 but only made public today, permit IDF to place Jewish settlements as well as Palestinian towns and villages under curfew, take "strong action" against law-breaking settlers. (NYT, WT 12/17)

FM Peres, in Paris, says Israel and PLO have agreed to open economic market btwn. Israel and Palestinian self-governing areas, allowing Palestinians to freely export farm produce to Israel and import goods fr. Arab states. Disagreements over currency, ties with Jordan remain. (MM 12/16)

Unnamed PLO, Israeli officials meet privately at undisclosed locations to try to bridge differences preventing implementation of Gaza-Jericho withdrawal. PLO-Israel talks in al-Arish on civil issues recess. (CSM 12/17; MENA 12/16 in FBIS 12/17)

Syrian Pres. **al-Asad** meets U.S. congressional delegation made up of **Sens. DeConcini** (D-AZ), **Specter** (R-PA), **Grassley** (R-IA), and **Graham** (D-FL) and **Rep. Richardson** (D-NM). Talks focus on overcoming impediments to peace process. (SARR 12/16 in FBIS 12/16; MM 12/17)

17 DECEMBER

PM Rabin, in comments to journalists, says he may postpone mtg. with PLO Chmn. **Arafat** scheduled for 12/20 because Israel-PLO disagreements are so severe they would make mtg. unsuccessful. (MM 12/17; NYT, WP 12/18)

World Bank VP Caio Koch-Weser announces **donors have pledged \$570 m.** for aid to Palestinians in 1994, allowing all 1st-

yr. projects to be fully funded. (MM 12/17)

Israeli police arrest 6, including 5 Americans, on suspicion of caching weapons and planning attacks on Palestinians. Those arrested are followers of the late U.S.-born Rabbi **Meir Kahane**. (CSM, NYT, WP, WT 12/20)

18 DECEMBER

Israel-PLO talks on withdrawal held in Norway. Israeli delegation headed by **FM Peres**, includes Environment M. **Yossi Sarid** and IDF Dep. Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. **Amnon Shahak**. PLO side includes **Yasir 'Abd-Rab-buh**, **Nabil Shaath**, **Ahmad Qurai'**. (WP, WT 12/19)

Anti-DoP protests in Ramallah lead to IDF-Palestinian clashes in which 4 Palestinians wounded. (WP, WT 12/19)

19 DECEMBER

Israeli and PLO delegations complete 2 days of talks in Norway on implementation of DoP. No progress reported. (NYT, WP, WT 12/20)

Fmr. Israeli Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren says **IDF soldiers must disobey** any orders to evacuate settlements in o.t. Justice M. David Libai reviews Goren's remarks to see if he should be charged with sedition. (Qol Yisra'el 12/19 in FBIS 12/21; MM, NYT, WT 12/20)

20 DECEMBER

Reps. of Israel, PLO, and donor countries hold **talks in Oslo** on creation and funding of **Palestinian police** force. PLO official **Nabil Shaath** says \$100 m. needed for task. (MM 12/21)

UNGA passes resolution supporting peace process and **calling for Israeli withdrawal** fr. "the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem, and fr. the other occupied Arab territories." Resolution, which calls settlements "illegal and an obstacle to peace," adopted by vote of 92 for and 5 against, with 51 abstentions. (MM 12/21)

Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem **Monsignor Michel Sabbah**, in interview, urges Israel to "rethink" position on sovereignty over Jerusalem, free **Hamas leader Shaykh Ahmad Yasin** as a goodwill gesture. (MM 12/20; WT 12/21)

Israeli govt. official confirms that **govt. intends to annex "several hundred" dunums of West Bank** land to extend Givat Ze'ev settlement toward Jerusalem. Settlers' council says 136,415 Israelis live in o.t. (MM 12/21)

Fateh Uprising, in statement fr. Damascus, warns Christian pilgrims they may not be safe if they visit Jerusalem or other holy sites in o.t. during Christmas season. (AFP 12/20 in FBIS 12/21; WT 12/21)

3 Hamas mbrs. returned fr. exile 12/15—'Abd al-'Aziz Rantisi, 'Abd Allah Dukan, and Muhammad Sham'a—**placed under administrative detention** for 6 mos. (Qol Yisra'el 12/20 in FBIS 12/21)

21 DECEMBER

Israeli delegation under **FM Peres** meets PLO delegation headed by **Yasir 'Abd-Rabuh** in Paris in effort to break deadlock over withdrawal fr. Jericho, Gaza. Sides remain divided over size of area around Jericho to be evacuated, security arrangements at border crossings. (CSM, NYT, WP 12/22)

Bethlehem municipality prepares for **1st official Christmas celebrations since 1986**, saying observance will go on despite dispute with occupation authorities over display of Palestinian flag at city hall. Israeli authorities bar erection of Christmas tree donated by Norway, citing concerns over plant diseases. (WT 12/22; NYT, WP 12/23)

IDF permits 1,000 **settlers to carry Torah scroll** to yeshiva in **Nablus**. Ceremony attended by 4 MKs. IDF had blocked similar attempt 12/16. (MM 12/22)

Pope John Paul II announces plan to visit Lebanon in spring 1994, intention to visit Jerusalem. (MM 12/21; WP, WT 12/22)

22 DECEMBER

PLO-Israel talks continue at Versailles, France, with participation of Norwegian officials. Progress on border security reported. (NYT, WP, WT 12/23)

Drive-by shooting in Baytuniya, West Bank, kills 2 Israelis. **Hamas** claims responsibility. (MM 12/22; NYT, WP, WT 12/23)

Settlers in Hebron reportedly asked to **surrender their guns** as part of investigation into 12/4 murder of Talal al-Bakri. (WP 12/23)

Pres. Clinton says he will have an announcement on case of convicted spy **Jonathan Pollard** "soon," as administration

sources say **Dep. AG Philip Heymann** will recommend that Pollard's sentence be reduced. (WP 12/23)

23 DECEMBER

Versailles talks btwn. Israel and PLO **adjourn**, with both sides reporting progress but no breakthrough. Negotiations to reconvene 12/27 in Cairo. (NYT, WP 12/24)

AG Janet Reno says **no decision** reached on recommendation in case of **Jonathan Pollard**. *WT* publishes statements by Pollard indicating he has no remorse for his espionage on behalf of Israel. Meanwhile, **Secy. of Defense Les Aspin** tells the White House Pollard has tried to pass classified information in 14 letters sent fr. prison. (WT 12/24; NYT 12/28)

Aeroflot flight lands at Jerusalem airport, marking start of international service to city. (WT 12/25)

Israeli officials report that Russian politician **Vladimir Zhirinovsky**, widely regarded as anti-Semitic, was sent an invitation to immigrate to Israel in 1983. (WP 12/24; NYT 12/28)

24 DECEMBER

Christmas Eve celebrated in **Bethlehem** with display of Palestinian flag, message fr. PLO Chmn. Arafat. (NYT, WP, WT 12/25)

IDF lt. col. killed, 2 IDF soldiers wounded in ambush by Palestinians, presumed mbrs. of **Hamas**, in Gaza Strip. In separate incident, masked **Palestinian** stone-thrower **killed by IDF** in Bayt 'Umar, nr. Bethlehem. (Qol Yisra'el 12/24 in FBIS 12/27; NYT, WP, WT 12/25)

Arab League Sec.-Gen. Ismat 'Abd al-Majid sends letter to U.S. Congress saying **boycott of Israel will be lifted only after Israeli withdrawal** fr. o.t. (MENA 12/24 in FBIS 12/27)

25 DECEMBER

PLO Chmn. **Arafat** and Israeli PM **Rabin** selected, along with South African leaders **F.W. de Klerk** and **Nelson Mandela**, as *Time* magazine's "**Men of the Year.**" (WP, WT 12/26)

Christmas celebrations in Bethlehem attended by 20,000, largest attendance since start of intifada. In nearby **Bayt Sahur**, 1,000

Israelis and Palestinians hold torchlight parade for peace, call for release of Palestinian prisoners held by Israel. (WP 12/26)

26 DECEMBER

4 PLO figures in Gaza, including Fateh leader Sami Abu Samhadanah and his deputy, resign in protest of pace of peace talks, Chmn. Arafat's leadership. (WT 12/27; CSM, NYT 12/28)

27 DECEMBER

PLO-Israel talks on Gaza-Jericho withdrawal resume in Cairo. Israeli delegation led by FM **Peres**; PLO, by PLO Exec. Comm. mbr. **Mahmud 'Abbas**. (CSM, WP, WT 12/27; NYT, WP, WT 12/28)

IDF fires on Norwegian UNIFIL patrol in southern Lebanon, killing 1 and wounding another. IDF Northern Command investigates incident. (Qol Yisra'el, VOL 12/27 in FBIS 12/27; CSM, WP, WT 12/28)

28 DECEMBER

Dep. Asst. AG Mark Richard urges that convicted spy Jonathan **Pollard's** life sentence be commuted to 20 yrs., according to admin. officials. Richard also recommends criminal cases against Pollard's unindicted Israeli co-conspirators be dropped. (WT 12/29)

IAF airstrikes in Lebanon kill 3 **Hizballah** mbrs. Hizballah responds with katyusha barrages, raids on "security zone." (RL 12/28 in FBIS 12/28; CSM 12/31)

29 DECEMBER

WP reports that **National Security Advisor Anthony Lake** and **CIA Dir. R. James Woolsey** share **Secy. of Defense Aspin's** opposition to clemency for Jonathan **Pollard**, while **Dep. AG Philip Heymann** leads faction supporting commutation. (WP 12/29)

Israeli FM **Peres**, PLO official **Mahmud 'Abbas** say "**constructive**" **results reached in Cairo mtg.**, but negotiations on implementation of Gaza-Jericho accord continue. (MENA 12/29 in FBIS 12/30; CSM, NYT, WP, WT 12/30)

Syrian Jewish sources report that hundreds of **exit visas** have been issued in recent

days to **Jews** wishing to leave Syria, fulfilling commitment given to **Secy. of State Christopher** by Syrian Pres. **al-Asad**. (NYT 12/30)

30 DECEMBER

Vatican Undersecy. for Foreign Relations **Msgr. Claudio Celli** and **Israeli Dep. FM Yossi Beilin** sign **15-point "fundamental agreement"** establishing diplomatic relations. (CSM, NYT, WP, WT 12/31) (see Doc. A3.)

PLO Chmn. **Arafat** meets in Cairo with **Egyptian FM 'Amr Musa**, refuses to accept Israeli proposals on Gaza-Jericho agreement. **Arafat** flies to Amman for consultations with Jordan's **King Hussein**. (RJ 12/20 in FBIS 1/3; CSM, NYT, WP, WT 12/31)

3 Fateh-Uprising guerrillas killed by IDF while crossing Lebanon-Israel border. **IDF** rockets village in southern Lebanon in retaliation. (Qol Yisra'el 12/30 in FBIS 12/30; CSM, NYT, WT 12/31)

Demonstrations in Gaza mark **anniversary of founding of Fateh**. (WP, WT 12/31)

Syrian Chief Rabbi Ibrahim Hamra confirms govt. is issuing exit visas to Jews at rate of 25-30 a day. **Hamra** says community numbers 1,250 and that not all who receive visas will leave. (WP 12/31)

30 Japanese businesses announce plans to form **Japan-Israel Business Club** to promote Japanese-Israeli trade. (WT 12/31)

31 DECEMBER

Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem **Michel Sabbah** says Catholic Church will insist that Israel stop barring Palestinians fr. entering Jerusalem, notes "Jerusalem is still to be discussed" between Vatican, Israel. (NYT 1/1)

Polls show that **1/3 of Israeli settlers in West Bank and Gaza Strip** would leave if offered compensation in cash or housing in Israel proper. (NYT 1/1)

Fmr. Israeli negotiator **Yossi Olmert** says private, unofficial **Syrian-Israeli talks** were held 5/93-10/93 in Germany, Norway, Switzerland, and Turkey under auspices of Initiative for Peace and Cooperation in the Middle East, a branch of Washington, DC-based **Search for Common Ground**. (WT 1/1; *Yediot Aharonot* 1/2 in FBIS 1/3; MM 1/4)

Fateh Hawks hold rally in Gaza attended by hundreds. (WP 1/1)

2 Israelis killed in Ramla by Palestinian attackers. (MM 1/4)

1 JANUARY

Israeli PM **Rabin** says PLO Chmn. **Arafat's** proposed "amendments" to Israeli draft on Gaza-Jericho "go beyond the limits," accuses Arafat of having "pulled back" fr. agreement reached in Cairo, says Israel needs clarification on several issues before negotiations can resume. (WT 1/2)

Jordan's **King Hussein**, in speech to army officers, sets deadline for PLO-Jordan economic agreement, calling it a "last chance." "After that, let each side carry the responsibility on his own." (JTV 1/1 in FBIS 1/3; CSM, WP, WT 1/3; NYT 1/4) (see Doc.B2.)

Clashes in Gaza City btwn. IDF and Palestinians leave **5 Palestinians wounded**. IDF soldiers declare area "closed military zone," beat and detain journalists. (NYT 1/2)

2 JANUARY

Fmr. Palestinian negotiator **Dr. Haydar 'Abd al-Shafi** leads delegation to Tunis to demand that PLO Chmn. Arafat share power, set up collective leadership. (NYT, WT 1/3; NYT 1/4)

Israel informs PLO talks scheduled to resume 1/3 will not take place because Chmn. **Arafat** reneged on Cairo agreement. Arafat rejects Israeli criticism, telling Jericho rally "If **Rabin** thinks he is able to humiliate the Palestinian people, he is wrong." PLO negotiator **Nabil Shaath** calls Rabin's criticisms "blackmail." (Algiers VOP, Qol Yisra'el 1/2 in FBIS 1/3; CSM, NYT, WP 1/3)

Demonstrations against DoP in Gaza end with 4 Palestinians shot and wounded by IDF (WP 1/3)

Shin Bet arrests 2 alleged **Fateh** mmb. in Khan Yunis for 12/31 killing of Israelis in Ramla. (MM 1/4)

3 JANUARY

PLO-Israel economic talks in Paris resume. (AFP 1/3 in FBIS 1/4)

Talks in Tunis btwn. PLO Chmn. **Arafat** and 8-mbr. delegation fr. o.t. continue for 3d day. Delegation mbr. **Nabil 'Amr** says Arafat "displayed high readiness to listen and argue." Group seeks more openness in Palestinian decision-making. (WP 1/4; WT 1/5)

IDF shoots dead 1 Palestinian in Jabaliya camp, 2 in Shatti camp, during Hamas-led demonstrations. (MM, NYT 1/4)

10,000 Israeli **opponents of DoP** hold **vigil** at Jerusalem's **Western Wall** to pray for end of PLO-Israel agreement. (WT 1/4, 1/5)

Likud leader **Binyamin Netanyahu** says if **Likud** takes power it will **not be obligated to honor** current gov't's **agreement with PLO**, says accord not binding since Palestinians have broken commitments. (Qol Yisra'el 1/3 in FBIS 1/4; NYT 1/5)

National Security Adviser Anthony Lake, in letter to family of victim of 1988 Pan Am Flight 103 bombing, says upcoming Clinton-Asad summit will not remove Syria fr. U.S. list of countries sponsoring terrorism. (WP 1/4)

4 JANUARY

Hamas calls **general strike in Gaza Strip** to protest 1/3 killings of 3 Palestinians by IDF. (WP 1/5)

Israeli Housing M. Binyamin Ben-Elizer dedicates new neighborhood of 700 homes in katzrin, Golan Heights. (MM 1/5)

5 JANUARY

WT reports **Israel** has **returned to Egypt** 100 boxes of **artifacts** unearthed by archaeologists in Sinai during Israeli occupation of region. Shipment is 2d since 1992 accord btwn. Egyptian and Israeli antiquities authorities. (WT 1/5)

IDF shoots dead Iyad Hinnawi, 20, during disturbances at Jabaliya camp, Gaza. Witnesses say Hinnawi threw 1 stone before being shot. (Qol Yisra'el 1/5 in FBIS 1/6; MM, WT 1/6)

Bombs left at New York offices of **New Israel Fund** and **Americans for Peace Now** are defused by police. Notes with bombs signed by "**David Maccabee Squad**" accuse Rabin gov't. of "selling out the Jewish people." (MM 1/5; WP 1/6; NYT 1/8; WJW 1/13)

6 JANUARY

Israeli FM **Peres** and PLO Exec. Comm. mbr. Mahmud **'Abbas** release statement saying PLO-Israel talks on Israeli withdrawal fr. Gaza and Jericho will resume in Taba, Egypt, "based on the Declaration of Principles and the Cairo understandings." (Qol Yisra'el 1/6 in FBIS 1/6; MM, WT 1/6; CSM, WP 1/7)

Talks in Tunis btwn. PLO leadership, Palestinian delegation demanding reform

conclude. (*al-Sharq al-Awsat* 1/6 in FBIS 1/10; MM 1/7) (see Doc. B3.)

Israeli PM **Rabin** visits Allenby Bridge to reaffirm that Israel will control border crossings during autonomy period. (NYT, WP, WT 1/7)

Alleged **Islamic Jihad** mbr. stabs **IDF** soldier in Jerusalem and is shot dead. (Qol Yisra'el 1/6 in FBIS 1/6; MM 1/6; WP 1/7)

Fmr. Israeli PM **Yitzhak Shamir**, in radio interview, comments on 1/5 bomb incident in New York, saying "Peace Now has caused the State of Israel more harm than would have been caused had the bombs gone off." Shamir faces criticism for remarks, claims he meant to say opposite of what he did. (NYT 1/8; WJW 1/13)

7 JANUARY

Jordan, PLO sign economic accord after 3 days of talks under which both sides coordinate economic policy, Jordanian banks in West Bank to reopen. (RMC 1/7 in FBIS 1/7; MM 1/7; NYT, WP, WT 1/8; text in *al-Ra'y* 1/9 in FBIS 1/10)

Israel releases 101 Palestinian prisoners whose sentences were to expire end 1/94. Most were sentenced for minor charges, including displaying Palestinian flag. Act brings to 700 number of Palestinians released in past 3 months. (MM 1/7; NYT, WP, WT 1/8)

Federal judge Stephen Wilson, presiding in "**LA 8**" deportation case of Palestinian immigrants arrested 1/87 for supporting PFLP, orders Clinton admin. to show deportation proceedings are not motivated by the immigrants' political views. Wilson notes, "Mere association with the PFLP is protected by the 1st Amendment. The **PFLP is not solely a criminal organization.** It does more than conduct terrorist operations." (NYT 1/9; MEI 2/4)

8 JANUARY

Shootout in al-Burajj camp, Gaza Strip, btwn. PFLP and pro-Arafat wing of ALF leaves 2 Palestinians dead. (MM 1/11)

9 JANUARY

Israeli human-rights. org. **B'Tselem** issues **report** criticizing both PLO and Hamas for torture, **killing of Palestinians collaborating**

with Israeli occupation authorities. Group says btwn. 770 and 942 suspected collaborators killed since outbreak of intifada in 12/87. Report also criticizes Israeli authorities for using "pressure and extortion" to recruit Palestinian informants. (CSM, MM, NYT, WP, WT 1/10) (see Doc. C3.)

King Hussein appoints Royal Commission on Jerusalem headed by **Crown Prince Hassan.** (MM 1/10)

10 JANUARY

PLO-Israel talks resume in Taba, Egypt. Israeli delegation led by **IDF Maj. Gen. Amnon Shahak,** PLO by **Nabil Shaath.** Shaath estimates 3 weeks required for sides to reach Gaza-Jericho withdrawal agreement (MENA 1/10 in FBIS 1/10; NYT, WT 1/10; CSM, WP 1/11)

"**Kahane Chai**" mbrs. assault U.S. journalist **Robert Friedman,** visiting West Bank settlement of Tapuah. Group holds Friedman responsible for "witch hunt" against late Rabbi Meir Kahane, murdered in New York in 1990. (WP 1/11; WT 1/12)

3 U.S. congressional staffers tour villages nr. Sultan Ya'qub, Lebanon, in search for evidence of IDF soldiers missing since 1986. (RL, VOL 1/10 in FBIS 1/10; WT 1/11)

U.S.-Israel Joint Political-Military Group begins 20th session of talks on U.S.-Israel strategic cooperation with mtg. of military affairs. subcomm. Plenum, chaired by Israeli DMin. DG David Ivry and U.S. Asst. Secy. of State Robert Galluci, to meet 1/12. (MM 1/10)

"**Damascus Declaration**" countries (GCC states, Egypt, Syria) issue statement on upcoming Clinton-al-Asad summit "affirming their strong backing for Pres. Asad." (MM 1/10)

11 JANUARY

PLO, Israel report **progress in Taba talks,** but differences reportedly remain due to Palestinian desire for corridors fr. Jericho autonomous region. (CSM, MM, WT 1/12)

Al-Hayat quotes **Syrian Chief Rabbi Ibrahim al-Hamra** as saying Golan Heights "must return to us as Syrians." (MM 1/11)

12 JANUARY

Israel-PLO **talks in Taba** on implementa-

tion of Gaza-Jericho accord **recess**, PLO negotiator Nabil Shaath saying agreement reached on 35 of 38 issues. (WP 1/13)

IDF Central Command head Maj. Gen. Nehemia Tamari, top Israeli officer in West Bank, **killed** with 3 other officers in helicopter crash nr. Jerusalem. (Qol Yisra'el 1/12 in FBIS 1/12; MM 1/12; NYT 1/13)

Yediot Aharonot reports **Israeli economic delegation in Morocco** for talks with Moroccan PM, other officials. (MM 1/12)

Israelis fr. across political spectrum form "**Peace Watch**" to monitor compliance with Israel-PLO agreements. (MM 1/13)

13 JANUARY

Norwegian FM Johan Jørgen Holst, 56, who brokered Israel-PLO agreement, **dies in Oslo** after suffering 2d stroke in 2 mos. (WP, WT 1/14)

Edward P. Djerejian, frmr. U.S. amb. to Syria and asst. secy. of state, **begins term as U.S. amb. to Israel**. (MM 1/13; CSM 1/14)

PLO Econ. Dept. DG **Ahmad Qurai'** announces in Tunis creation of **Palestinian Development Bank**, with initial capital of \$250 m., to channel aid to autonomous areas. (MM 1/13)

50 anti-DoP Palestinian inmates at **Qetziot ("Ansar 3")** prison camp launch **hunger strike** organized by PFLP, DFLP. (MM 1/14)

14 JANUARY

Firefight in Hebron btwn. escaped Palestinian prisoners and IDF kills 3 escapees, 1 other Palestinian. In Gaza Strip, Hamas mbr. kills 1 Israeli, wounds another before being shot and killed. (Qol Yisra'el 1/14 in FBIS 1/14; MM 1/14; WP, WT 1/15)

Jerusalem Media and Communications Centre poll shows **45% of Palestinians in o.t. support DoP**, 40% oppose. Same poll in 9/93 showed 69% in favor, 28% opposed. (WP 1/15)

Fmr. PM **Yitzhak Shamir**, in excerpt of memoirs published by *Yediot Aharonot*, **admits ordering 1943 killing of Eliahu Giladi**, his predecessor as head of underground "Stern Gang." (NYT, WT 1/15; JP 2/19)

15 JANUARY

IDF fires on Palestinian stone-throwers in

Gaza City, **wounding 8 Palestinians and American UNRWA worker**. (NYT, WP 1/16)

Secy. of State **Christopher**, Syrian FM **al-Shar'a** meet for 90 min. in Geneva preparatory to next day's summit btwn. U.S. Pres. Clinton, Syrian Pres. al-Asad. (WT 1/16)

Secy. of Commerce Ron Brown arrives in Riyadh for talks on U.S.-Saudi economic cooperation, Arab boycott. (SPA 1/15 in FBIS 1/19)

16 JANUARY

U.S. Pres. Clinton, Syrian Pres. al-Asad meet in Geneva. At press conference following summit, al-Asad says Syria is "ready to sign peace [with Israel] now," endorses "normal peaceful relations" following treaty. Clinton characterizes al-Asad's remarks as a "clear, forthright, and very important" commitment to the peace process. U.S. officials **Dennis Ross, Martin Indyk** sent to brief Israeli govt. on mtg. Israeli officials withhold formal comment, while Golan settlers block roads in protest. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 1/17; CSM 1/18) (see Doc. A4.)

Secy. of Commerce **Ron Brown** urges GCC states at U.S.-GCC trade seminar in Riyadh to end boycott of Israel. (MM 1/17)

17 JANUARY

Israeli govt. welcomes Syrian Pres. al-Asad's remarks in Geneva, FM Peres saying "there is a feeling of a more promising air" after Clinton-al-Asad summit. **Dep. DM Mordechai Gur** tells Knesset Rabin govt. would seek referendum on territorial compromise on Golan Heights. (MM 1/17; NYT, WP 1/18)

U.S. official **Dennis Ross** meets Palestinian figures at Orient House in East Jerusalem to discuss Clinton-al-Asad summit. (Algiers VOP 1/18 in FBIS 1/19)

Secy. of Commerce Brown arrives in Amman for talks with **Crown Prince Hassan, PM al-Majali**, other Jordanian officials. (RJ 1/17 in FBIS 1/17; MM 1/18)

Fateh slate wins Gaza Strip **Palestine Trade Union Federation** election. (*Davar* 1/18 in FBIS 1/19)

18 JANUARY

Israel-PLO talks on implementing DoP resume in **Taba**, Egypt. (MENA 1/18 in FBIS

1/18; WT 1/19)

Secy. of Defense-designate **Adm. Bobby Inman** holds press conference to announce 1/6 withdrawal of his name, citing opposition to his nomination by **Sen. Bob Dole**, *NYT* columnist **William Safire**. Inman says Safire motivated by his 1981 decision as dep. director of CIA to restrict U.S. satellite intelligence provided to Israel after Israeli bombing of Iraqi nuclear reactor. Inman says then-Israeli DM **Ariel Sharon** complained about limitation to Secy. of Defense **Caspar Weinberger**, who supported Inman. (*NYT*, WP, WT 1/19)

PM **Rabin** says peace btwn. Israel and Syria may require Israel to pay a "painful price," notes he "expected more" fr. al-Asad but would "make do" and negotiate on basis of al-Asad's 1/16 Geneva statements. Rabin echoes calls for national referendum on Golan withdrawal. AP reports opposition by Likud, govt. coalition to plans for Israeli referendum on withdrawal fr. Golan. (MM 1/18, 1/19; *NYT*, WT 1/19)

IDF clashes with Palestinian stone-throwers at Hebron college. 7 Palestinians shot and wounded. (*NYT* 1/20)

19 JANUARY

IDF, Palestinians clash in Ramallah. **1 Palestinian killed**. Muhammad Fanun, 20, wounded 1/18 in Hebron, also dies. (*NYT* 1/20)

PM **Rabin's** office releases letter fr. Pres. Clinton allowing **Israeli companies to compete** for sale of equipment and technology for U.S. **civilian space program**. Deals would benefit IAI, Rafael, and Tass-Israel Industries. (MM 1/19; WT 1/20)

PECDAR dep. director Hasan Abu Libeh **meets Secy. of Commerce** Ron Brown in Jerusalem, requests speeded-up U.S. aid disbursement, trade status for Palestinian entity equal to Israel's (WT 1/21)

20 JANUARY

Secy. of Commerce **Ron Brown** meets in Cairo with PLO Chmn. **Arafat**, Egyptian Pres. **Mubarak**, **Arab League Sec.-Gen.** Ismat 'Abd al-Majid. Brown says Arab boycott of Israel is "crumbling under its own weight." Mtg. with Arafat stresses need to establish Palestinian financial institutions to absorb Western aid. (WP 1/21)

PLO-Israel talks in Taba recess to 1/24.

(*Qol Yisra'el* 1/20 in FBIS 1/21)

21 JANUARY

Jordan's **King Hussein**, on private visit to U.S., meets **Pres. Clinton** at White House, discusses Arab-Israeli peace talks. (WT 1/22)

Basil al-Asad, presumed heir-apparent of his father, Syrian Pres. Hafiz al-Asad, **dies in a car crash in Damascus**. (*NYT*, WP, WT 1/22)

Secy. of State **Christopher** arrives in Oslo for funeral of Norwegian FM Johan **Jørgen Holst**, mtgs. with Israeli FM **Peres**, PLO Chmn. **Arafat**. State Dept. sources travelling with Christopher say U.S. will not insert self into Israel-PLO talks. (WP, WT 1/22)

Arab League Sec.-Gen. Ismat 'Abd al-Majid, after mtg. with Secy. of Commerce Brown, says 3/94 mtg. of Arab League FMs will discuss lifting secondary and tertiary boycotts of Israel. (*NYT*, WP, WT 1/22)

Israeli farmer Moshe Becker, 60, **stabbed to death** in orchard nr. Rishon le-Zion, Israel. 3 Palestinians fr. Gaza Strip arrested for attack. (*Qol Yisra'el* 1/21 in FBIS 1/25; *NYT* 1/22)

Delegation of **80 American Reform rabbis leaves Jordan** after brief tour following visits to Egypt, Israel. (JT 1/22 in FBIS 1/25)

22 JANUARY

Secy. of State **Christopher** eulogizes Norwegian FM Johan **Jørgen Holst** at funeral in Oslo, meets separately with Israeli FM **Peres**, PLO Chmn. **Arafat**, urges them to reconcile differences. Peres and Arafat meet twice, report progress, Peres saying "there is a chance we can reach an agreement," Arafat that "we have overcome some bridges." Peres and Arafat agree to meet again 1/30 in Davos, Switzerland, to discuss security issues of Gaza-Jericho autonomous regions. (*NYT*, WP, WT 1/23; CSM 1/24)

PLO official **Hakam Balawi** announces PLO Chmn. **Arafat will meet Saudi King Fahd** after making *'umra* pilgrimage to Mecca and Medina in 1st visit by Arafat to kingdom since Gulf war. (WP 1/23)

Secy. of Commerce **Ron Brown** meets 26 Palestinian businessmen in Gaza City. 1st U.S. cabinet mbr. to visit Gaza Strip says "the economic situation in Gaza is unacceptable, and we should work to improve it." (WT 1/23)

100,000 Syrians attend **funeral in Qurdaha, Syria, of Basil al-Asad**, killed in car crash 1/21. Syrians in occupied Golan Heights observe 24 hours of mourning. U.S. represented at funeral by amb. Christopher Ross. (WP 1/23; CSM 1/24)

600 students at Gaza's **al-Azhar** university march to PLO office in Gaza City to protest intra-Palestinian violence. (WT 1/26)

23 JANUARY

PLO Chmn. **Arafat** holds mtgs. in Cairo with Egyptian Pres. **Mubarak**, FM **Musa**, and other officials to discuss progress of talks with Israel. Arafat then departs for Saudi Arabia for *'umra* pilgrimage, mtg. with King Fahd. (MENA, SPA 1/23 in FBIS 1/24)

Naphthali Lau-Lavie, aide to then-DM Moshe Dayan, says in memoirs **King Hussein of Jordan warned Israeli PM Golda Meir** of Syrian offensive deployment 11 days before start of '73 Arab-Israeli war. (WT 1/24; NYT 1/28)

Mukhtar of Sanniriya, nr. Tulkarm in West Bank, **killed** by masked gunman for collaboration with occupation. (Qol Yisra'el 1/23 in FBIS 1/25)

24 JANUARY

Talks in Washington btwn. Israel, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, and Palestinians **resume in undisclosed locations, 1st since 9/93**. Israeli official says Israeli-Syrian session, btwn. delegation heads Itamar Rabinovich and Muwafaq al-Allaf, held in "good and positive atmosphere." (CSM, WT 1/24; NYT, WP 1/25)

PLO-Israel negotiations in Taba, Egypt resume with mtg. of Civilian Affairs Comm. Security Affairs Comm. postpones session pending next Arafat-Peres mtg. (MENA 1/24 in FBIS 1/24, 1/25)

PLO Chmn. **Arafat** meets in Riyadh with **Saudi King Fahd**, **DM Prince Sultan**, and **Gov. of Riyadh Prince Salman**. Aide to Arafat characterizes mtg., 1st since Gulf war, as "friendly and warm." Saudis pledge assistance to Palestinian "institutions and infrastructure" according to PLO official Ahmad Qurai'. (CSM, WP, WT 1/25)

King Hussein of Jordan holds 1st public mtg. with 30 American Jewish leaders in Washington, expresses desire for "warm peace" with Israel. (NYT, WP, WT 1/25)

Reuter reports **Israeli businessmen** have

invested \$5 m. in experimental farm at al-Jadida, **Morocco**, and are supplying irrigation equipment to farms in Hawz area nr. Mar-rakesh. (MM 1/24)

25 JANUARY

Israel-PLO Civilian Affairs Comm., mtg. in Taba, postpones work to 1/31, awaiting results of Arafat-Peres mtg. Gaza-Jericho talks resume in Cairo under PLO official Nabil **Shaath**, Israeli FMin. **DG Uri Savir**. (MENA 1/25 in FBIS 1/25, 1/26)

PLO and Egypt sign 5-yr. economic and technical cooperation agreement giving each side most-favored-nation status, supporting local industry, and exploring joint projects, including free zone at Rafah. (MM 1/25)

Molodet figure Shaul Gutman announces formation of breakaway body, called "Peace Guard," to pursue platform of "transfer." (Qol Yisra'el 1/25 in FBIS 1/25)

26 JANUARY

PLO official Nabil **Shaath** says Israel-PLO talks in Cairo getting to detailed level, reports progress and exchange of drafts on security arrangements. (WP 1/27)

King Hussein meets **Secy. of State Christopher** in Washington, D.C. At news conference marking end of U.S. visit Jordanian ruler calls for "interfaith dialogue" on Jerusalem's holy places, reiterates that East Jerusalem should be restored to Arab rule. Hussein also says he hopes to meet Israeli PM Rabin "before too long." (NYT, WP, WT 1/27)

Qatari FM Shaykh Hamad bin Jassim al-Thani, visiting U.S., says Arab states have "been discussing" boycott of Israel and "are ready to take some action" on phasing it out. Al-Thani also confirms Israel and Qatar discussing supply of Qatari natural gas to Israel. (MM, NYT 1/27)

Resident of Jabaliya camp, Gaza, **killed**, presumably for collaboration with occupation. (Qol Yisra'el 1/27 in FBIS 1/28)

Company for Developing Old Jaffa announces agreement with Vatican on setting up **Vatican embassy** in Franciscan church in **Jaffa, 1st embassy in Israel in historically Arab city**. (MM 1/26)

27 JANUARY

PLO-Israel talks in Cairo on Palestinian

autonomy recess without completing draft accord for discussion by PLO Chmn. Arafat and Israeli FM Peres. Sides remain divided over size of Jericho area, security for Israeli settlers, and control of border crossings. (MENA 1/27 in FBIS 1/28; NYT, WP 1/28; WP 1/29)

Israeli PM **Rabin** welcomes King **Husein's** offer of public mtg., calling gesture "important progress." (IDF Radio 1/27 in FBIS 1/28; WP, NYT 1/28)

Central Bank of Jordan Gov. Muhammad Nabulsi says Amman has given go-ahead to **5 banks to open branches in West Bank** and Gaza pursuant to 1/7 PLO-Jordan accord. (MM 1/28)

Israel announces it **will purchase 20 F-151 fighter-bombers**, valued at \$2 b., fr. McDonnell-Douglas Corp. of U.S. Pentagon spokeswoman says congressional approval of sale expected. (MM 1/28)

28 JANUARY

U.S. Senate approves 93-0 amendment to State Dept. authorization bill that would ban U.S. arms sales to countries blacklisting U.S. companies as part of Arab boycott of Israel. Measure would allow pres. to waive ban for 1 yr. if he deems it in national interest. (NYT, WT 1/30)

World Bank Consultative Group mtg. in Paris, grouping 24 countries and 5 international institutions, approves \$120 m. in budgetary assistance to Palestinian autonomy. (AFP 1/28 in FBIS 1/31)

Fateh supporters and their allies lose majorities in weekend elections for **Gaza Engineers Association** and **West Bank Lawyers Association**. (NYT 1/31; JP 2/5)

29 JANUARY

PLO Chmn. **Arafat** and Israeli FM **Peres** have 4-hr. night mtg. in **Davos, Switzerland**, on sidelines of World Economic Forum conference. Both sides report progress in negotiations on Palestinian autonomy in Gaza and Jericho. (NYT, WT 1/30)

Unknown gunman kills Na'ib 'Umran Ma'aitah, 42, 1st secretary of **Jordanian embassy in Beirut**, in 1st assassination of diplomat since end of Lebanese civil war in 1990. Suspicion focuses on **FRC** ("Abu Nidal" group), responsible for killing of Jordanian diplomats in 1980s. (NYT, WP, WT 1/30)

3 IDF soldiers wounded in grenade attack in Gaza Strip. (NYT 1/31)

30 JANUARY

Arafat-Peres talks in **Davos**, Switzerland continue. At World Economic Forum session, **U.S. Under Secy. of State Joan Spero** calls for "an end to the Arab boycott of Israel," and Arafat joins in applauding remark. (NYT, WP, WT 1/31)

Multilateral comm. on disarmament opens 6-day Cairo mtg. to discuss control of unconventional weapons, establishment of DMZ, regional cooperation. (MENA 1/30 in FBIS 1/31)

1 Palestinian killed, **3 wounded** in Askar camp, nr. Nablus, when bomb explodes prematurely. (IDF Radio 1/30 in FBIS 2/1)

31 JANUARY

2 days of talks btwn. PLO Chmn. **Arafat** and Israeli FM **Peres** conclude in early morning. Arafat says Israel and PLO will reach final agreement on implementing Palestinian autonomy in Gaza and Jericho "very soon," notes he and Peres "clarified many issues," while Peres says they were able to "negotiate many [problems], maybe most of them." 2 agree to meet again in Cairo in 1 week. (CSM, NYT, WP, WT 1/31)

Mbrs. of **Fateh "Ahmad Abu Rish Brigade"** in Gaza claim responsibility for 1/29 grenade attack on IDF, citing stepped-up arrests of Fateh activists as motive. (RMC 1/31 in FBIS 2/1; NYT 1/31)

1 FEBRUARY

Israeli, PLO negotiators meet in Cairo to prepare for another round of talks btwn. PLO Chmn. **Arafat** and Israeli FM **Peres** to follow up on negotiations in Davos, Switzerland. Israeli PM **Rabin** and aides play down expectations autonomy accord will be reached soon. (CSM, NYT, WP, WT 2/2)

PLO Chmn. **Arafat**, addressing **UN Human Rights Commission in Geneva**, calls for continued investigation of Israeli human rights violations, saying "the human rights process must go on despite the current negotiations." (WP 2/2)

State Dept. annual report on human rights cites Israel for use of torture, death squads against Palestinians in o.t. (NYT 2/2) (see Special Doc.)

Israel announces plans to test-launch "**Arrow 2**" missile by end of year, deploy U.S.-funded anti-ballistic missile system by

1997. (WT 2/2)

PLO sources say **PLO security officers will go to U.S. for training.** (WT 2/2)

B'nai B'rith Int'l. announces return of **delegation** fr. visit to **Morocco**, where King Hassan II told it he seeks trade and tourism ties with Israel. (WT 2/2)

Knesset unanimously approves law allowing Israeli state attorney to investigate complaints against **Shin Bet**. Previously secret police agency, often accused of torture and abuse of prisoners, investigated allegations itself. (MM 2/2; WT 2/9)

4-day "**Religious Leadership in Secular Society**" conference grouping 400 Christian and Jewish leaders opens in **Jerusalem**. Fmr. Israeli Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren refuses to attend, as do many Israeli rabbis. (MM 2/1)

2 FEBRUARY

Unknown gunmen wound 3 Israelis in Hebron, West Bank. Leaflet found nearby claims responsibility for 'Izz al-Din Qassam brigades of Hamas. Palestinian residents of Hebron placed under strict curfew by IDF. (MM 2/2; WT 2/6)

UN Special Rapporteur René Felber tells Geneva mtg. of UN **Human Rights Commission** killings, torture, and land confiscation in o.t. have continued since 9/13 DoP, says both PLO and Israel should "contain violence." Felber also calls for independent investigation of torture allegations, release of Palestinian prisoners. (WT 2/5)

3 Tsomet MKs leave right-wing party to form "Independent and Democratic Israel," known by acronym of "Yi'ud." 3 charge party leadership with financial mismanagement. (Qol Yisra'el 2/2 in FBIS 2/3; MM 2/3; NYT 2/9; JP 2/12, 2/19)

3 FEBRUARY

12th round of bilateral Arab-Israeli talks in Washington, opened 1/24, adjourns without reported progress. (Qol Yisra'el 2/3 in FBIS 2/3; MM 2/4)

Multilateral Working Group on Arms Control and Regional Security ends Cairo mtg. opened 1/30 after discussing Russian-U.S. working paper, IAEA proposals. (MENA 2/3 in FBIS 2/4)

IDF soldier in truck, firing at stone-throwers in Shatti camp, Gaza Strip, **critically wounds 13-yr.-old** Mahmud Abu Hajar. IDF

spokesman admits soldier's action violates IDF rules of engagement. (MM 2/3; NYT, WP 2/4)

IDF undercover unit disguised as women and old men **kills Fateh Hawks' leader** Salim Muafi, 29, in surprise attack in Rafah, Gaza Strip. Hawks announce they will no longer obey PLO Chmn. Arafat's orders, escalate "armed struggle." **IDF Chief of Staff** Gen. Ehud Barak calls Muafi's killing a "great achievement." (WP 2/4)

IDF arrests 15 settlers attempting to establish new settlement nr. Maale Adumin, West Bank. (Qol Yisra'el 2/3 in FBIS 2/4)

Israeli Ag. Min. program comm. **approves expansion** of Moshav Ramot, Maale Gamla **settlements in Golan Heights.** (MM 2/4)

U.S. Agency for International Development releases \$7 m. in aid to **Palestinian Housing Council** in East Jerusalem to fund 192 apartments in Jabaliya, Gaza Strip. Money is 1st installment of \$500 m. pledged to support Israel-PLO DoP. (MM, WT 2/4)

Jordan reduces staff of Iranian embassy in Amman by 21 in move interpreted as Jordanian disapproval of Tehran's support for anti-DoP groups. (AFP 2/3 in FBIS 2/3; WP 2/4)

Zionist Organization of America, National Jewish Coalition circulate *Time* magazine columns by Dep. Secy. of State-designate **Strobe Talbott** criticizing Israeli policy in campaign to stop his nomination. **Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs** issues news release saying Talbott's views are reason he "should be disqualified" fr. post. Other Jewish groups, led by **Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations**, meet with Talbott and refuse to condemn him as anti-Israel. (MM, NYT 2/4)

"**Seeds of Peace**" organization **presents awards to Israeli FM Peres, PLO UN Observer Muhammad Nasir al-Kidwa, and Egyptian UN amb. Nabil al-'Arabi.** Group put together Israeli, Arab children for summer camp, was present at 9/13 DoP signing. (NYT 2/5)

5 FEBRUARY

IDF shoots dead Ayman Suri, 11, outside UNRWA office in Jabaliya camp, Gaza Strip. In separate incident, Khayr Yusuf 'Abd Allah, 30, of Bala', West Bank, killed by IDF when he tries to evade roadblock while village under curfew. (Qol Yisra'el 2/5 in FBIS 2/7; WT 2/6)

Morocco hosts 4-day conference of Jews

of **Moroccan descent**, including 20-mbr. Israeli delegation, in Casablanca to explore cultural, economic cooperation btwn. Israel and Morocco. (MM 2/4)

6 FEBRUARY

Lebanese police arrest unnamed **FRC** ("Abu Nidal" group) mbr. for 1/29 murder in Beirut of Jordanian diplomat Na'ib Ma'aitah. (WT 2/9)

NYT reports that **World Jewish Restitution Organization**, a coalition of groups, and Israeli govt. seeking recovery of or compensation for assets in eastern Europe confiscated fr. Jews by Nazi, Communist govts. Value of communal and private assets estimated in billions of dollars. (NYT 2/6)

7 FEBRUARY

PLO Chmn. **Arafat**, Israeli FM **Peres** open **talks in Cairo** aimed at implementing Palestinian autonomy in Gaza and Jericho. Both sides report progress. (MENA 2/7, 2/8 in FBIS 2/8; WP, WT 2/8)

Israeli Dep. FM **Yossi Beilin** meets in Washington with **Qatari, Omani** officials to discuss Qatar-Israel natural gas deal, multilateral mtg. on water set for 4/94 in Muscat. (MM 2/9)

Hizballah guerrillas ambush IDF patrol in southern Lebanon, killing 4 IDF soldiers and wounding 5. Ambush triggers IAF strikes on 3 villages, SLA, IDF shelling. (MM 2/7; CSM, NYT, WP, WT 2/8)

Meretz MKs Naomi Chazan and Benny Temkin demand that PM **Rabin**, in capacity as DM, ban travel of 40 IDF elite force veterans to Congo to act as military trainers. Leftist legislators view veterans as mercenaries being used to support Brazzaville regime. (WT 2/10)

Knesset recognizes "Yi'ud" faction made up of frmr. Tsomet MKs. (see 2/2) (MM 2/7)

Sens. Connie Mack (R-FL) and **Alfonse D'Amato** ask Pres. Clinton to withdraw nomination of **Strobe Talbott** as dep. secy. of state because of his "extreme views" on Israel, which "go beyond common criticisms to a systematic attack upon the foundations of America's close relationship with Israel." (WT 2/8)

8 FEBRUARY

IDF wounds 14 Palestinians in clashes in Jabalya and Shatti camps in Gaza and in Janin and Hebron, West Bank. (Qol Yisra'el 2/8 in FBIS 2/9)

FRC ("Abu Nidal" faction) denies involvement in 1/29 murder of Jordanian diplomat in Beirut. (MM 2/8)

Strobe Talbott appears before Sen. For. Relations Comm. for confirmation as dep. secy. of state, asserts beliefs that "U.S.-Israeli relationship is unshakable" and that "a strong Israel is in America's interest" in effort to head off critics of his published comments on Israel. (NYT, WP, WT 2/9)

9 FEBRUARY

PLO Chmn. **Arafat** and Israeli FM **Peres** reach **partial agreement** on security issues related to Palestinian autonomy in Gaza, Jericho, signing documents on control of border crossings, principles for interim agreement at ceremony in Cairo. (MENA 2/9 in FBIS 2/10; CSM, MM, NYT, WP, WT 2/10) (see Doc. A5.)

Sen. For. Relations Comm. approves nomination of **Strobe Talbott** as dep. secy. of state by vote of 17-2. (WT 2/10)

10 FEBRUARY

Israeli PM **Rabin** calls Cairo accord signed by PLO Chmn. **Arafat** and Israeli FM **Peres** "a very important step," predicts "at least another month will be necessary in order to finish the details of the agreement to a full accord." (Qol Yisra'el 2/20 in FBIS 2/10; MM 2/10; CSM, NYT, WP, WT 2/11)

Islamic Jihad claims responsibility for abduction and murder of Ilan Sudri, Israeli taxi driver and frmr. border policeman missing fr. inside Israel. In separate incident, dozens of Palestinians detained in search for killers of Israeli citrus farmer found bludgeoned to death in Rehovot. (MM 2/10; WP 2/11)

AIPAC Pres. Steven Grossman announces **appointment of Neil Sher**, frmr. head of Dept. of Justice's Office of Special Investigations, as **next AIPAC exec. dir.** (MM, NYT, WP, WT 2/11; WJW 2/17)

Senate postpones to 2/22 vote by full body on nomination of **Strobe Talbott** as dep. secy. of state due to Republican opposition. (WT 2/11; WJW 2/17)

11 FEBRUARY

FM **Peres** tells Israeli radio Israel will not be forced to abandon settlements, but rhetorically asks "what is the point?" in maintaining small, isolated settlements, specifically referring to Netzarim in Gaza Strip. (NYT, WP, WT 2/12)

Weekly Mail and Guardian newspaper of South Africa cites court documents that reveal **Israel aided South African nuclear-weapons program** in 1970s. (WT 2/12)

Lebanese police announce arrests of 4 presumed FRC ("Abu Nidal") mbrs. in connection with 1/29 murder of Jordanian diplomat Na'ib Ma'aitah. Gunman, arrested 2/6, identified as FRC mbr. Yusuf Mahmud Sha'ban. (RL 2/11 in FBIS 2/14; MM 2/11; NYT 2/13)

Zeyneba Hardaga Susic, 76, a **Bosnian Muslim fr. Sarajevo, arrives in Israel to take refuge**. Susic and her family were designated "Righteous Gentiles" by Yad Vashem in 1985 for aiding Bosnian Jews in World War II, 1st Muslims so designated. (MM 2/11; WP 2/12)

12 FEBRUARY

Israeli Bank Leumi announces frmr. *al-Fajr* editor **Hanna Siniora** will head up **International Palestinian Bank** to support development projects. (MM 2/14)

13 FEBRUARY

Palestinian gunmen ambush Shin Bet car

on patrol in Baytuniya, West Bank, killing 1 Shin Bet officer and wounding 2. (MM, WT 2/14)

14 FEBRUARY

PLO-Israel talks in Taba, Egypt on details of Gaza, Jericho autonomy **resume**. Discussions focus on size, deployment of Palestinian police force, release of Palestinian prisoners. PLO negotiator Nabil Shaath says "there were no serious obstacles," adds "we are negotiating in good faith." (MENA 2/14 in FBIS 2/15; WT 2/15)

Jewish Agency Chmn. Simha Dinitz, frmr. Israeli amb. to U.S., **charged with fraud and breach of trust** for misuse of agency credit cards. Indictment charges head of quasi-governmental body with diverting \$23,000 in agency funds to personal use. (NYT, WP 2/15)

Golan Druze stone Israeli police during protest marking 12th anniversary of Golan general strike. (MM 2/15)

15 FEBRUARY

Jordanian-Palestinian political comm. opens mtg. on cooperation in Amman under PLO Exec. Comm. mbr. Faruq al-Qaddumi, Jordanian Dep. PM Sa'id al-Tall. (RJ 2/15 in FBIS 2/16)

Clashes in Gaza City btwn. stone-throwers and IDF leave 4 Palestinians wounded. In separate incident in Gaza Strip, 1 Palestinian killed. (MM 2/15; NYT 2/16)

CHRONOLOGY SOURCE ABBREVIATIONS

- AFP (Agence France Presse, Paris)
- CSM (*Christian Science Monitor*, Boston)
- FBIS (Foreign Broadcast Information Service *Daily Report, Near East & South Asia*)
- ITV (Israel Television Network, Jerusalem)
- JNA (Jordan News Agency, Amman)
- JP (*Jerusalem Post*, Jerusalem)
- JT (*Jordan Times*, Amman)
- JTV (Jordan Television Network, Amman)
- MBC (Middle East Broadcasting Centre, London)
- MEI (*Middle East International*, London)
- MENA (Middle East News Agency, Cairo)
- MM (*Mideast Mirror*, London)
- NYT (*New York Times*, New York)
- RJ (Radio Jordan, Amman)
- RL (Radio Lebanon, Beirut)
- RMC (Radio Monte Carlo, Paris)

SARR (Syrian Arab Republic Radio, Damascus)
SPA (Saudi Press Agency)
VOL (Voice of Lebanon, Beirut)
VOP (Voice of Palestine, Algiers or San'a')
WJW (*Washington Jewish Week*, Rockville, MD)
WP (*Washington Post*, Washington, D.C.)
WT (*Washington Times*, Washington, D.C.)

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