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CHRONOLOGY

16 MAY-15 AUGUST 1994

This section is part forty-three of a chronology begun in *JPS* XIII, no. 3 (Spring 1984). Chronology dates reflect *Eastern Daylight Time*.

16 MAY

IDF evacuates Gaza City HQ, including Gaza Central Prison, marking start of final Israeli withdrawal fr. Palestinian self-rule areas in Gaza Strip. 250 Palestinian police of Palestine Liberation Army (PLA) 'Ayn Jalut brigade take over al-Saraya complex. (MM 5/16; CSM, NYT, WP, WT 5/17)

Palestinian police cmndr. in Jericho, PLA Maj. Gen. Hajj Isma'il, says settlers may enter Shalom Al Yisrael synagogue but may not be armed. (MM 5/16; NYT, WP 5/17)

Settlers, Palestinians clash in Hebron after 30 armed settlers marching on 'Ali Baka mosque, rough up 2 Palestinian women, and Palestinian crowd stones settlers. Settlers open fire, wound 9 Palestinians. 2 settler yeshiva students arrested. IDF gunfire wounds 10 Palestinians. IDF orders Temporary International Presence in Hebron (TIPH) observers to leave scene, declares area closed military zone. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 5/17; WP 5/18; TJT 5/20; JP 5/28)

Secy of State Warren Christopher meets in Damascus with Syrian FM Faruq al-Shara', delaying for 6 hrs. departure for Israel, then meets Israeli PM Rabin in Jerusalem, presenting Syrian reply to Israeli proposals on Golan withdrawal. (MM 5/16; CSM, MM, NYT, WT 5/17)

17 MAY

Secy of State Christopher visits Jericho. After mtg. local admin., Christopher is escorted by Faisal Husseini on tour of Hisham Palace. (MM 5/17; NYT, WP, WT 5/18; TJT 5/20)

Christopher meets twice with PM Rabin, discusses Israel-Syria negotiations. "Officials" report 3-stage Israeli withdrawal plan, to take place over 5-8 yrs. National Security Advisor Anthony Lake, in Washington speech, says U.S. seeks "real peace" btwn. Israel and Syria, will "participate in the security arrangements" reached by the parties. (NYT 5/18, 5/19)

IDF formally turns over Gaza Strip civil admin. to Palestinians at Erez checkpoint. (MM 5/17; NYT, WP 5/18; *Yediot Aharonot* 5/18 in FBIS 5/18)

Israeli motorist firing on stone-throwers in Nablus kills Palestinian. (TJT 5/20)

2 settlers killed, 1 wounded in car ambush nr. Bet Hagai settlement, south of Hebron. Hamas claims responsibility. (MM 5/17; NYT, WP, WT 5/18; JP 5/28)

Israel Radio broadcasts recording of 5/10 speech by PLO Chmn. Yasir Arafat to Muslim congregation in Johannesburg, South Africa, calling for "jihad to liberate Jerusalem," claiming Israeli letter of assurances on Palestinian institutions in Jerusalem. PM Rabin calls speech "a clear violation" of PLO commitments under 5/4

agreement. (MM, WP, WT 5/18)(see Doc. B2.)

18 MAY

Last IDF troops leave Gaza Strip self-rule areas while Palestinian civilians throw stones. IDF fires tear gas in response. PLA police attempt to restrain stone-throwers by firing in air. Firing turns to celebration after IDF leaves, with estimated 25,000 rounds shot. (NYT, WP, WT 5/19; TJT 5/20)

Last day for inhabitants of collaborator village of Dahaniya in southern Gaza Strip to go to Palestinian self-rule area. Under 5/4 accord, village will remain under Israeli control. Reportedly, 55 collaborator families have already left. (TJT 5/20)

Settler wounded by Palestinian in drive-by shooting in Gaza Strip. In Jericho, armed settlers enter synagogue, raise Israeli flag, leave after joint Israeli-PLO patrol arrives. (WP 5/19)

TIPH "strongly" protests continued IDF closure of Hebron. (MM 5/18; WP 5/19)

IDF, Israeli police demolish Palestinian home in Bayt Hanina, nr. Jerusalem, for permit violation. (TJT 5/20)

Secy of State Christopher completes latest Middle East trip with courtesy call on Egyptian Pres. Hosni Mubarak in Cairo, says "decisive action" on Golan Heights withdrawal not likely in "near future." (NYT, WP, WT 5/19)

PLO Chmn. Arafat, Israeli FM Shimon Peres hold joint news conference in Oslo. Arafat claims "jihad" remarks in South Africa were about "a jihad to achieve real peace," reiterates personal and PLO rejection of violence. (MM 5/18; MM, NYT, WP, WT 5/19)

Jerusalem Post reports PLO is paying \$500,000 to Nabil Shaath's Team International company for setting up computer system to transfer population records to self-government. Shaath denies that contract, carried out by son 'Ali, represents conflict of interest. (MM 5/18)

19 MAY

U.S. Amb. to Israel Edward Djerejian resigns after 6 mos. in office to direct Baker Institute at Rice University, named for frmr. Secy of State James Baker. (WP, WT 5/20)

PM Rabin calls Arafat's explanation of "jihad" remarks "far-fetched," denies Arafat's claim of Israeli letter of assurances on Jerusalem. (Qol Yisra'el 5/19 in FBIS 5/19; MM 5/19; NYT 5/20)

Independents and Fateh figures, including Central Comm. mbrs. Hani al-Hasan and 'Abbas Zaki, announce plans to form "Palestinian National Independence Party" for Palestinian elections. (TJT 5/27)

PLO security official Amin al-Hindi, barred fr. earlier PLO-Israel talks because of his role in 1972 murder of Israeli Olympic athletes, enters Gaza Strip at Rafah border crossing. (Qol Yisra'el 5/19 in FBIS 5/20)

U.S., Israel sign authorization for Israeli purchase of 21 F-15I Eagle fighter-bombers fr. McDonnell Douglas. Deal is worth \$2 b. (JP 5/28)

Jordan's King Hussein, Israeli PM Rabin meet secretly in London. (NYT 7/31)

20 MAY

2 Israeli soldiers killed at Erez checkpoint, Gaza Strip. Attackers flee into Gaza Strip self-rule area without pursuit by Palestinian police. Islamic Jihad, Hamas claim responsibility. Gaza police cmndr. Maj. Gen. Nasr Yusuf promises "we will stop them in the coming stages." Israel closes main roads into Gaza, bars Palestinian workers fr. Israel until 5/29 in retaliation. PLO official Nabil Shaath, Gaza security chief Muhammad Dahlan meet IDF Maj. Gen. Amnon Shahak over incident. 2 Israeli garbage collectors wounded nr. Morag in Gush Qatif settlement bloc in separate shooting incident. (MM 5/20; Qol Yisra'el 5/20 in FBIS 5/20; NYT, WP, WT 5/21; JP 5/28)

Jordan's King Hussein, Syrian Pres. al-Asad hold talks on peace process in Damascus. (RJ 5/20 in FBIS 5/20)

21 MAY

PM Rabin warns that negotiations on expanding Palestinian self-rule areas jeopardized by attacks on Israelis in existing self-rule areas. Palestinian police, IDF mount joint patrols, establish checkpoints in Gaza Strip in response to 5/20 Erez killing. PLO condemns Erez killing as "pointed at Palestinian security." (Qol

Yisra'el 5/21 in FBIS 5/23; NYT, WT 5/22; CSM, MM 5/23)

IDF commandos abduct Lebanese Shi'ite leader Mustafa al-Dirani fr. Qasr Naba in Biqa' Valley. Dirani, a frmr. Amal leader and head of Hizballah affiliate "Faithful Resistance," is thought to know whereabouts of IAF navigator Ron Arad, missing in Lebanon since 1986. (NYT, WP, WT 5/22; CSM, MM 5/23; WJW 5/26; JP 5/28)

22 MAY

1 Palestinian killed, 2 captured, 4th presumed dead in IDF raid on Islamic Jihad hideout in Hebron. Several houses demolished by IDF anti-tank missiles in action. (CSM, MM, NYT, WT 5/23; TJT 5/27; JP 6/4)

Palestinian police erect roadblocks in Gaza Strip, check cars for weapons as part of response to 5/20 killing of 2 IDF soldiers at Erez checkpoint. PLO officials at Jericho news conference urge all factions to surrender weapons. (WT 5/23)

Settlers break into Shalom Al Yisrael synagogue in Jericho despite presence of Palestinian police, who do not intervene. (WT 5/23)

23 MAY

Hamas stages rally against PLO-Israel accord at Gaza City's Islamic University, drawing 1,000s. Demonstrators call for violence against IDF, settlers. (WT 5/24)

Islamic Jihad refuses to surrender arms to Palestinian police, pledges to continue attacks on Israelis. (MM 5/23)

Palestinian police at Erez checkpoint, Gaza Strip, shoot out tires of Israeli driver who refuses to stop. (Qol Yisra'el 5/23 in FBIS 5/24; MM, WT 5/24)

PM Rabin demands PLO Chmn. Arafat reaffirm in writing PLO commitment to 5/4 accord, citing Arafat "jihad" speech in South Africa. Police M Moshe Shahal says implementation of 5/4 agreement could be forestalled if attacks on Israelis continue. (Qol Yisra'el 5/23, 5/24 in FBIS 5/24; MM 5/23; NYT, WP, WT 5/24)

Fateh Maj. Bassam Fawzi Mi'ari shot dead in Sidon by another Fateh mbr. in "personal dispute." Assailant turned over to Lebanese army. (RL 5/23 in FBIS 5/24)

24 MAY

Israel closes off Jericho self-rule area for 1 day after Palestinian police disarm 2 settlers. Closure ostensibly to allow Palestinian police to organize. (Qol Yisra'el 5/24 in FBIS 5/24; MM 5/24; NYT, WP, WT 5/25)

PM Rabin tours Gaza Strip to inspect IDF redeployment, new security fence. IDF Chief of Staff Amnon Shahak tells Knesset comm. Rabin has ordered IDF to draft contingency plans in event agreements with PLO are broken. (Qol Yisra'el 5/24 in FBIS 5/25; MM 5/24, 5/25)

East Jerusalem daily *al-Quds* publishes decree by PLO Chmn. Arafat reinstating pre-1967 laws in areas under Palestinian control. Decree signed in Tunis 5/20. Israeli F Min Legal Adviser Joel Singer calls decree violation of Gaza-Jericho agreement. (*al-Quds* 5/24 in FBIS 5/25; CSM, MM, WP 5/24)(see Doc. B3.)

PLO appoints Morgan Stanley Asset Management to manage foreign aid for development and admin. of West Bank and Gaza Strip. (Algiers VOP 5/24 in FBIS 5/25; MM 5/24; NYT 5/27)

Israeli FM Peres arrives in Washington for 2-day working visit, including talks with VP Gore, Secy of State Christopher, National Security Advisor Lake, EPA Director Browner, and AFL-CIO officials. (WT 5/24)

U.S. District Court in NY sentences 3 Palestinians, 1 Egyptian to 240-yr. prison terms in 2/23/93 bombing of World Trade Center. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 2/25)

25 MAY

Palestinian police stop IDF vehicles carrying IDF Brig. Gen. Doron Almog in Gaza Strip. Standoff continues for 1 hr. until Palestinian police col. issues written order to permit Almog to continue. (WP 5/26)

Israeli-Palestinian agricultural trade talks open in Tel Aviv to regulate commerce in agricultural products btwn. Israel, self-rule areas. (Qol Yisra'el 5/25 in FBIS 5/26)

Secy of State Christopher, FM Peres, at joint news conference in Washington, criticize PLO Chmn. Arafat's decree restoring pre-1967 laws in Gaza and Jericho, saying Arafat lacks authority for such a de-

cree. Israeli FMin. issues statement saying Arafat statement of "no legal validity" and a "breach" of Gaza-Jericho agreement. (Israeli Govt. Press Office release 5/25 in FBIS 5/25; MM 5/25; MM, NYT 5/26)

PLO Chmn. Arafat orders release of his wife's uncle George Hawa, held for 5 days by PLO officials in Tunis on suspicion of taking kickbacks fr. companies seeking contracts in Jericho, Gaza Strip. (MM 5/25; WP 5/26; *al-Sharq al-Awsat* 5/27 in FBIS 6/1)

Trial starts in Beirut of 7 mbrs. of FRC ("Abu Nidal" group) for 1/29 murder of Jordanian diplomat. (MM 5/25, 5/26)

26 MAY

Palestine National Authority (PNA) holds 1st official mtg. in Tunis, presided over by PLO Chmn. Arafat. (Algerian TV 5/26 in FBIS 5/27)

World Bank approves \$30 m. credit fr. Trust Fund for Gaza to 3-yr., \$128 m. Emergency Rehabilitation Project to improve Gaza water supply, sanitation. (World Bank release, 5/26)

Trial opens in Beirut of Namiq Kamal, charged in 1976 murder of U.S. Amb. Francis Meloy, embassy counselor, and Lebanese driver. Kamal, fugitive Basim Muhammad Farkh, and 3d Lebanese, all with links to PFLP, had been arrested at time but released during civil war. (MM 5/26; WT 5/27, 5/30)

Britain ends 12-yr-old arms embargo on Israel, allowing Israeli firms to bid on Defence Min. tenders. Embargo was imposed after 1982 Lebanon war. (JP 6/4)

Death in New York of frmr. Undersecy of State George W. Ball, frequent critic of Israeli policies. (NYT, WP, WT 5/28)

27 MAY

PLO officials Ahmad Qurai', Nabil Shaath named to economics portfolios in Palestinian National Authority, among 14 appointed ministers in admin. to run Gaza, Jericho until elections held. (RJ 5/28 in FBIS 5/31; NYT, WP 5/29)

PLO cancels contract with Austrian public-relations firm Teleaxis Holding. \$7.5 m. contract would have given company exclusive rights to arrange media coverage of PLO Chmn. Arafat's visit to Jericho. (WT 5/29)

Hamas claims responsibility for killing 2 alleged collaborators in Gaza City. (JP 6/4)

Frmr. Israeli DM Ariel Sharon announces he will run for PM election in 1996, prompting criticism by Likud colleagues. (MM 5/27; NYT, WP, WT 5/28; JP 6/4)

28 MAY

PLO Exec. Comm. approves program for self-rule authority, reaffirming commitment to agreements with Israel and calling for end to settlements. Program envisions Jerusalem as capital of Palestinian state. (WP 5/29)

Yesha settlers' council says frmr. Israeli DM Ariel Sharon has raised over \$7 m. overseas to support settlement activities. (Qol Yisra'el 5/28 in FBIS 6/1)

29 MAY

"Israeli officials" say PLO must move out of Jerusalem offices, that opening of Palestinian housing min., conversion of Orient House into de facto F min. violate 5/4 Israel-PLO agreement. (WP 5/30; JP 6/4)

Hamas issues leaflet renouncing killing collaborators and urging Palestinian police to "speed up a solution to this matter." Announcement comes after Hamas kills 2 alleged collaborators in Gaza Strip. (WP 5/30; JP 6/11)

Russian Middle East envoy Viktor Posuvalyuk arrives in Israel after mtgs. in Syria, Jordan. (MM 5/31)

30 MAY

IDF soldier killed in shooting incident at Nahal Oz crossing, Gaza Strip. Soldiers on duty reported shots fr. inside Gaza Strip and returned fire. Casualty may have been caused by IDF return fire. (NYT, WP 5/31; WJW 6/2; JP 6/11)

100s of Palestinian prisoners released fr. Qetziot ("Ansar 3") prison in implementation of 5/4 Israel-PLO accord. (NYT, WP 5/31; WT 6/1)

Hamas stages rally attended by over 2,000 in Jericho. (TJT 6/3)

Faisal Husseini, returning to Jerusalem fr. PNA mtg. in Tunis, says Palestinians will "not accept any change in the status

quo" of Jerusalem, any Israeli closure of Orient House "would be a violation of the [5/4] agreement." (Qol Yisra'el 5/30 in FBIS 5/31; MM 5/31)

PECDAR (Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction) officials say PLO will be able to meet salaries of Gaza, Jericho civil servants without Israeli subsidies, but seek \$300 m. in start-up assistance. (MM 5/31; WT 6/1)

Equipment for Palestinian Broadcasting Corp. held up at Tel Aviv airport for payment of unspecified taxes to Israel, according to dep. board chmn. Sam'an Khoury. (MM 5/31; WT 6/1; TJT 6/3)

PM Rabin meets visiting Russian Middle East envoy Viktor Posuvalyuk in Jerusalem. Posuvalyuk tells reporters Syria "interested in achieving peace." (MM 5/31)

31 MAY

IDF undercover unit kills 2 Hamas activists, including 1 sought for killing Shin Bet officer, in raid on al-Ram, nr. Jerusalem. Palestinian witnesses say the 2 were put up against a wall and shot in the back. (Qol Yisra'el 5/31 in FBIS 6/1; MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/1; JP 6/11)

Israel makes last salary payment to 7,600 Palestinian Civil Admin. employees in Gaza Strip. PNA to assume paying salaries, as well as those of 9,000 Palestinian police officers. (CSM 6/2; JP 6/11)

"Freedom and Independence Party," affiliated with Fateh, PPP wins 6 of 9 seats in elections to admin. board of Bethlehem University students' council. "Democratic Coalition" of PFLP and DFLP supporters wins 2 seats, Islamic Movement 1. (MM 6/1; TJT 6/3)

PM Rabin complains to Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Comm. that Syria is "playing for time" and not "serious" about peace. Rabin also says U.S. mediation effort has "exhausted itself," Washington talks "an exercise in treading water." (WP 6/1)

UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) releases report during annual ministerial mtg. in Amman charging Israel of diverting 7.6 b. cubic feet a year of water fr. Litani, Wazzani rivers in Lebanon. (MM, WT 6/1)(see Doc. A1.)

U.S. reportedly seeks to question Lebanese Shi'ite leader Mustafa al-Dirani, kidnapped 5/21 by Israel, in connection with

1988 kidnapping, 1989 murder of USMC Col. William Higgins, according to Beirut daily *al-Diyar*. (WP 6/2)

1 JUNE

Palestinians protesting 5/31 killing in al-Ram attack police station in Ramallah with rocks and bottles. IDF fires tear gas, rubber bullets, live ammunition in response, wounds 17 Palestinians, 1 critically. (MM 6/1; NYT, WP, WT 6/2)

PLO Chmn. Arafat meets in Tunis with U.S. Senators Paul Simon (D-IL), Russell Feingold (D-WI), and Harry Reid (D-NV), says he will delay entry into Jericho until promised adequate funds for local admin. (Algiers VOP 6/1 in FBIS 6/2; WT 6/2)

2 JUNE

IDF helicopters (4), IAF fighter-bombers (6) attack Hizballah base at 'Ayn Kawkab, nr. Ba'albak, killing at least 26, as many as 45, and wounding 30 (up to 80), most teenagers in their beds. Hizballah fires 20 katyusha rockets at Israel in retaliation, 7 landing nr. Nahariya. (RL 6/2 in FBIS 6/2; MM 6/2, 6/3; CSM, NYT, WP, WT 6/3; JP 6/11)

PLO Chmn. Arafat cancels appointments, reportedly suffering fr. "mild angina." (MENA, RL, MBC TV 6/2 in FBIS 6/3; NYT, WP 6/3)

Protests continue in Ramallah; 2 Palestinians wounded as Justice M David Liba'i visits. (JP 6/11)

Informal 2-day mtg. of UNRWA donors grouping 24 countries, European Union (EU) concludes in Amman. (UNRWA News 6/15)

Israeli FM Peres meets Morocco's King Hassan during stopover in Rabat on return fr. visit to Mexico, Colombia, and Argentina. (MM 6/3)

3 JUNE

Palestinians in Hebron demonstrate against previous day's air raid on Lebanon, throw rocks at IDF, which responds with tear gas, rubber bullets. (WP 6/4)

Israel masses tanks artillery on northern border, southern Lebanese evacuate home as tensions mount after previous day's air raid. 15,000 attend Beirut funeral of some of raid's victims addressed

by Hizballah S.G. Shaykh Hasan Nasrallah. Fijian UNIFIL soldier killed nr. Tyre by unknown gunmen. (NYT, WP, WT 6/4; RL 6/3 in FBIS 6/7)

UNRWA Commissioner-General Iler Türkmen starts 2-day visit to West Bank, Gaza Strip to discuss UNRWA projects with PECDAR, Israeli officials. (UNRWA News 6/15)

4 JUNE

30 Palestinians wounded by IDF during clashes in Hebron, Ramallah. Both cities placed under curfew. In Gaza, Islamic University students, Netzarim settlers throw rocks at each other until dispersed by joint Israeli-Palestinian patrol. (Qol Yisra'el 6/4 in FBIS 6/6; NYT 6/5)

International Labor Organization reports that economic survival of o.t. depends on access of 100,000 Palestinians to jobs in Israel. (MM 6/6)

King Hussein criticizes lack of coordination in peace talks by other Arab parties, says Jordan will pursue a settlement with Israel at talks to resume 6/6 in Washington. (WT 6/5)

3 Hizballah guerrillas killed by SLA during clashes in "security zone," southern Lebanon. (NYT, WP, WT 6/5)

5 JUNE

Palestinians clash with IDF in Hebron, Ramallah. (WT 6/6)

IDF closes 4 entrances to Nur Shams r.c., nr. Tulkarm. (UNRWA News 6/15)

Nabil Shaath says world community "moving very, very slowly" on aid to Palestinian self-rule areas, PLO needs "bridging measures." \$7 m. received of \$2.4 b. in aid pledged, according to Shaath. (Qol Yisra'el 6/5 in FBIS 6/6; WT 6/8)

GCC foreign ministers issue statement "welcom[ing]" 5/4 Cairo Agreement as "positive step" toward "comprehensive" solution to Arab-Israeli conflict. (Saudi TV 6/5 in FBIS 6/6)

Conservative Labor MKs form "3d Way" lobby group to limit amount of o.t. land ceded to Palestinians. Group includes Agriculture M Yaacov Tsur, Dep. DM Mordechai Gur, 19 of 44 Labor MKs. Group's outline of future o.t. settlement resembles "Allon Plan" of 1970s. (WT 6/6; WJW 6/9)

Arab League, Organization of the Islamic Conference condemn recent Israeli attacks on southern Lebanon. (MENA, SPA 6/5 in FBIS 6/6)

Russian Chief of Staff Col. Gen. Mikhail Kolesnikov opens 3-day visit to Syria. (WT 6/21)

6 JUNE

Israeli FM Peres acknowledges letter of assurances to PLO on Jerusalem, claimed by PLO Chmn. Arafat in Johannesburg speech 5/10 but denied by Israel. Letter, sent to then-Norwegian FM Johan Jørgen Holst 10/11/93, promises to preserve status quo of "all the Palestinian institutions" in East Jerusalem. Text of document printed in all Israeli newspapers 6/7. (MM, WP 6/7; WJW 6/9; JP 6/18)(see Doc. C1.)

Palestine Broadcast Authority conducts 1st experimental TV broadcast in Jericho, showing test pattern in Arabic and English, Palestinian flag. (MM 6/7; TJT 6/10)

Palestinian leaders fr. o.t. meet at Orient House in Jerusalem, issue statement asserting rights to live, work, in Jerusalem, reject Israeli "political cordon" around city. (MM 6/7)

7 JUNE

IDF shoots and wounds 3 Palestinians in Rafah, Gaza Strip, after youths stone IDF post in Rafah, fled into self-rule area where IDF pursued and fired. (WP 6/8)

IDF declares Wadi Shubash, nr. Janin, closed military area, sealing off 32,000 dunams (approx. 7907 acres) of farmland belonging to West Bank villages of Maghir, Raba. (TJT 6/17)

PLO Chmn. Arafat meets U.S. Amb. to Tunisia John McCarthy, discusses international aid to Palestinians. (Algiers VOP 6/7 in FBIS 6/8)

U.S.-Jordanian-Israeli Trilateral Economic Comm. concludes 2-day mtg. in Washington, opening negotiations on boundaries, cooperation in economics, tourism, and civil aviation. Jordan and Israel agree in principle to build highway to link Aqaba, Eilat, and Taba, Egypt, establish joint cultural park on common border. U.S. agrees to consolidate Israeli, Jordanian plans for Jordan Valley development. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/8; JP 6/18)

Satmar Rebbe, Rabbi Moshe Teitelbaum, head of 25,000-mbr. NY-based anti-Zionist Hasidic sect arrives in Jerusalem on 14-day visit, with 2,000 followers, is greeted by 10s of 1,000s. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/8; JP 6/18)

Fateh gains 43.6%, Hamas 42.3% of vote in student council elections at al-Najah University in Nablus. (MM 6/8)

8 JUNE

Palestinian police in Jericho, Gaza Strip receive salary, paid with \$5 m. in U.S. aid. Payment comes after PECDAR officials had complained of financial crisis. (WT 6/9)

Deadline for release of 5,000 Palestinian prisoners under 5/4 agreement passes with only 1/2 that number freed. (NYT 6/10)

Hizballah fires katyushas on northern Israel. 4 IAF planes bomb Hizballah positions in Iqlim al-Tuffah, southern Lebanon in 18th IAF raid on Lebanon of 1994. No casualties reported. (WP 6/9)

Russian Chief of Staff Col. Gen. Mikhail Kolesnikov ends visit to Syria, having signed 12 military-cooperation agreements. Russia reportedly agrees to sell Syria \$500 m. in anti-tank weapons and radar, as well as \$1.6 b. in other arms. (WT 6/21)

9 JUNE

177 Palestinian prisoners released, including some Hamas mbrs. and killers of collaborators, allowed into Gaza Strip. Another 240 prisoners to be "turned over" to Palestinian police in Jericho denied entry. (MM, NYT 6/10; UNRWA News 6/15)

Russian officials announce signature of agreements to implement military cooperation with Syria agreed to 4/94. (WT 6/14)

10 JUNE

Donors' mtg. in Paris awards \$42 m. to Palestinian National Authority, fully funding Palestinian admin. through 8/94. Amount is less than \$70 m. sought by PLO. Saudi Arabia grants \$10 m., ending

taboo on cooperation with PLO and opening way for donations fr. other Gulf Arab states. In compromise with Israel, PECDAR agrees to establish offices in Gaza and Jericho, not Jerusalem, and Israel agrees to grant 10,000 additional work permits to o.t. Palestinians for labor in Israel, increasing total to 45,000. (NYT, WP, WT 6/11; MM, WP, WT 6/13)

Palestinian police refuse to accept more prisoners released by Israel for at least 2 days until sides can agree where to send them. 150 Gaza residents among 287 prisoners released 6/9 allowed to stay in Jericho area for 48 hrs. (MM 6/10; NYT 6/11)

11 JUNE

IDF troops firing on Palestinian stone-throwers in Ramallah kill Palestinian woman. (WT 6/12; TJT 6/17)

Frayh Abu-Midyan, PNA justice M, says Palestinian police in Gaza Strip have arrested 26 collaborators. (MM 6/14; WT 6/15)

Joint Israeli-Palestinian demonstration on Ramallah-Jerusalem highway calls for Jerusalem to serve as joint capital of Israel, Palestinian state. (CSM 6/13; TJT 6/17)

Syria postpones scheduled Amman mtg. of "Higher Syrian-Jordanian Comm." in apparent rejection of previous week's Jordan-Israel breakthrough. (MM 6/13)

12 JUNE

7th test launch of "Arrow" anti-missile missile. Launch of U.S.-funded Israeli weapon described as successful. (MM 6/13)

Lebanese PM Hariri, Syrian VP Khaddam hold 3 hours of talks in Damascus. Mtg., which criticizes Jordanian-Israeli moves, follows comments by Hariri rejecting U.S. pressure for Lebanon to negotiate independently of Syria. (RL 6/12 IN FBIS 6/13; MM 6/13)

Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, dies at 92 in NY. Leader of pro-Israel Hasidic sect, regarded by many followers in U.S. and Israel as Messiah, names no successor. (CSM, NYT, WP, WT 6/13; WJW 6/16)

13 JUNE

PLO Chmn. Arafat, addressing OAU summit in Tunis, criticizes "serious delay" in international aid to PNA, continuing Israeli settlement in East Jerusalem. Arafat orders most PLO offices in Tunis to close, leave for Jericho. (WT 6/14, 6/15)

FRC ("Abu Nidal" group) mbr. Yusuf Sha'ban, on trial in Beirut for 1/94 murder of Jordanian diplomat, claims responsibility for 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103. U.S. officials doubt claim; evidence in case points to Libya. (CSM, NYT, WP, WSJ, WT 6/14)

Lebanon indicts Lebanese Forces (LF) cmndr. Samir Ja'ja', 7 other LF mbrs. for 2/27 bombing of church in Zuq Mikhail, nr. Juniya. (MM 6/13; NYT 6/14)

14 JUNE

Israeli PM Rabin, during tour of Jericho area, accuses PLO of violating 5/4 agreement by arresting Gaza Strip collaborators. Rabin says arrests could affect timetable for releasing Palestinian prisoners. (WSJ, WT 6/15)

PLO official Nabil Shaath arrives in Gaza "to stay." (MM 6/15)

Palestinian police officer in Gaza dies on duty, reportedly shot accidentally by another officer, but circumstances unclear. (MM 6/14; WT 6/15; TJT 6/17)

Ha'Aretz reports Jerusalem municipality is contemplating placing liens on Orient House, unofficial PLO HQ in Jerusalem, for unpaid local taxes. (MM 6/14)

Human Rights Watch-Middle East issues report accusing Israel of systematic torture of Palestinian prisoners and detainees. Report says torture and ill-treatment persist despite peace agreements with PLO. (MM, WT 6/15; CSM 6/17)

Syrian Pres. al-Asad, Lebanese Pres. Hiriawi hold summit in Damascus, agree to step up coordination of positions in negotiations with Israel. (MM 6/15)

Mohammed al-Khilewi, frmr. 1st secy of Saudi UN mission, applies for political asylum in U.S. Al-Khilewi accuses Saudis of supporting Hamas, spying on U.S. Jewish organizations. (WSJ 6/15)

WP reports U.S. concern with North Korean nuclear-weapons program motivated in part by CIA assessment of potential danger to Israel from missile exports to Iran, Libya, and Syria, possible sales of

nuclear arms to terrorist groups. (WP 6/14)

15 JUNE

Multilateral working group on economics meets in Rabat, Morocco. 5th session of group involves delegations fr. 46 countries. (MAP 6/16 in FBIS 6/20)

Saudi Fund for Development, International Development Association sign memorandum of agreement to fund \$30 m. in West Bank/Gaza Strip development projects. Agreement is part of \$67.5 m. allocated out of \$100 m. Saudi grant to Palestinians. (Saudi embassy release 6/16)

Vatican, Israel announce agreement signed 6/14 to establish full diplomatic relations, implementing 12/30/93 agreement. Ambs. to be exchanged soon. (MM 6/15; NYT, WP, WSJ, WT 6/16; JP 6/25)

Sens. Arlen Specter (R-PA), Richard Shelby (D-AL) set up "Middle East Peace Accord Monitoring Group" to track PLO compliance with 5/4 agreement with Israel. (MM 6/16; Forward 6/17)

16 JUNE

Israel releases 170 Palestinian prisoners, including 2 Hamas leaders, but keeps 650 Hamas, Islamic Jihad prisoners in custody for refusing to sign pledges renouncing violent opposition to Israel-PLO agreements. IDF Brig. Gen Yomtov Samya, Israeli delegate to Israel-PLO security comm., says more than 4,900 prisoners released, fulfilling 5/4 agreement. (MM 6/16; CSM, MM, NYT, WP, WSJ 6/17)

PLO Chmn. Arafat informs Tunisian govt. PLO move to Jericho postponed due to lack of funds, PLO to retain 32 buildings in and around Tunis. (WT 6/22)

Palestinian police chief Gen. Nasr Yusuf, special security unit head Col. Jibril Rajub reportedly feud over authority, Rajub refusing orders fr. Yusuf. PLO Chmn. Arafat calls special mtg. of Fateh leadership to deal with dispute. (WT 6/18)

LF cmndr. Samir Ja'ja' indicted for 1990 murder of rival Dany Sham'un. Ja'ja' was charged 6/13 in 2/27 bombing of church in Zuq Mikhail. (RL 6/16 in FBIS 6/17; MM 6/17)

17 JUNE

Israel issues revised prisoner-release figures, saying a total of 3,400 Palestinians released under 5/4 accord with PLO. 1,300 kept in prison for refusing to renounce violence. 320 released 6/16, 229 of them going home, 91 transferred to Palestinian custody. 100 "criminals" opt to stay in Israeli prison rather than Palestinian jails in Gaza. (WT 6/18)

IDF shoots and wounds 4 Palestinians, arrests 5 in clashes in Hebron. (WT 6/18)

Palestinian Center for the Study of Non-Violence (PCSNV) starts campaign to reopen Palestinian homes sealed by Israel. Group opens 40 homes in West Bank, denounces sealing as a "cruel and evil policy." (WT 6/22; CSM, MEI, TJT 6/24)

PLO Chmn. Arafat complains to U.S. Amb. to Tunisia John McCarthy that \$42 m. allocated by international donors for establishing Palestinian admin. is an inadequate "pittance." (WT 6/22)

Likud cofounder and frmr. Irgun mbr. Yohanan Bader, 93, dies in Jerusalem. (NYT, WP 6/18; JP 6/25; WJW 6/30)

Klausenberg Rebbe, Rabbi Yekutiel Yehuda Halberstam, 90, dies in Netanya, northern Israel. (NYT, WP 6/20)

18 JUNE

PLO rep. in Italy Nimr Hamad announces PLO to establish bureau in Vatican. (MET 6/27-7/3)

19 JUNE

PLO official Nabil Shaath meets Israeli negotiator Amnon Shahak at Gaza-Israel border to discuss "all unfinished business fr. the Gaza-Jericho agreement," PLO Chmn. Arafat's arrival in Jericho. Talks are to include extension of Palestinian self-rule throughout West Bank. (MM, WP, WSJ 6/20)

PLO Econ. Dept. head and PNA Finance M Muhammad al-Nashashibi arrives in Jericho, 1st PLO Exec. Comm. mbr. to return to self-rule areas. (MET 6/27-7/3)

Israeli cabinet approves additional 10,000 work permits for Palestinians seeking jobs in Israel. (WSJ 6/20)

IDF reseals "terrorist's" home in al-Izariya, nr. Jerusalem, opened 6/18 by PCSNV. IDF vows legal action against unsealing campaign. (WT 6/22)

IAF rockets Hizballah bases nr. Mlita, southern Lebanon. No casualties reported. (WT 6/20)

20 JUNE

PLO official Nabil Shaath, visiting Jericho, postpones trip to Jerusalem's Haram al-Sharif in move interpreted as showing PLO reluctance to provoke Israeli right on Jerusalem issue. (MM 6/20; NYT 6/21)

Jerusalem waqf authorities stop Israeli bulldozers digging tunnel nr. Haram al-Sharif. (TJT 6/24)

IAF airstrikes on Jabal al-Raffih in southern Lebanon wound 2 Hizballah guerrillas. Raid follows Hizballah firing on 2 SLA positions. Incident is 22d IAF airstrike in Lebanon in year. Later, Hizballah ambush of IDF patrol in "security zone" kills 3 Israeli soldiers, wounds 3, according to Lebanese security sources. IDF sources say only 1 killed. Artillery and rocket duels erupt btwn. SLA, Hizballah. (MM 6/20; CSM, WP, WSJ, WT 6/21; JP 7/2)

Syria deliberates on supplying Hizballah with SA-14 and SA-16 anti-aircraft missiles in reaction to increased Israeli air raids, according to "diplomatic sources." (WT 6/21)

Jordan's King Hussein, Secy of State Christopher meet in Washington. Hussein says he hopes for high-level mtg. with Israel. (MM 6/21; CSM, WP 6/22)

21 JUNE

Palestinian police in Gaza Strip arrest 10 PLO activists, including frmr. Fateh Gaza office head Sami Abu Samhadanah, for blocking road to Israeli settlement. (WT 6/22)

Palestinian prisoners in Israeli prisons start hunger strike to protest continued detention, lack of PLO pressure for their release. Palestinians claim only 3,500 prisoners released of 5,000 promised to be freed under 5/4 agreement. (Qol Yisra'el 6/20 in FBIS 6/21; WT 6/22; TJT 6/24)

Israeli Dep. FM Yossi Beilin tells U.S. reporters Israel sees no progress in talks with Syria unless U.S. becomes more involved. PM Rabin, touring Golan IDF bases, says he expects Christopher in June or July, urges "higher level" Syrian-Israeli negotiations, proposes mtg. with Jordan's King Hussein. (WP, WT 6/22)

Jordan's King Hussein tells reporters in Washington Jordan will pursue peace treaty with Israel irrespective of Syrian position, saying Jordan's progress with Israel "has nothing to do" with "any other track" of peace process. (NYT, WSJ, WT 6/22; WP 6/23)

22 JUNE

IDF wounds 7 Palestinians with rubber bullets during march in support of Palestinian prisoners at al-Najah National University in Nablus. (Qol Yisra'el 6/22 in FBIS 6/22; WT 6/23)

PCSNV activists unseal house in Jabal Mukabir, East Jerusalem. Israeli police arrest 4 family mbrs., reread house, and start search for activists. PCSNV claims 67 Palestinian homes reopened since 6/17; Israeli authorities say only 30. (CSM 6/24; JP 7/2)

Jerusalem waqf appeals for international protest against Israeli road construction nr. al-Aqsa. (MM 6/22)

Israeli Dep. FM Yossi Beilin issues proposal to eliminate Jewish Agency and WZO, end basing "Israel-diaspora relations primarily on charity." (WT 6/23; WJW 7/7)

Pres. Clinton meets Jordan's King Hussein at White House, promises to seek congressional approval for forgiving Jordan's \$700 m. debt to U.S., says approval will depend on "visible manifestation of Jordan's commitment to peace." (WP 6/23)

Amnesty International criticizes continued U.S. arms sales and provision of military training to 19 countries that abuse human rights, including Israel. (WP 6/23)

23 JUNE

2 PFLP guerrillas killed by SLA 2 mi. fr. Israeli border. 3d guerrilla captured, says mission was to take hostages in

northern Israel. In separate incident, Lebanese soldier killed nr. Nabatiya by howitzer shell fired fr. "security zone." (WP 6/24)

Hamas mbr. kidnapped day before found dead in Bayt Lahiya, Gaza Strip, presumably killed by family mbrs. of collaborators he had killed. (MM 6/23; TJT 7/1; JP 7/2)

18 dunams confiscated fr. Waljah village, nr. Bayt Jala, for construction of 18,000 housing units for Israelis. (TJT 7/1)

Israeli FM Peres, on Israeli radio, says new proposals to Syria include "security, peace, and withdrawal." Peres says contacts must take place "away fr. the eye of the media." PM Rabin, on IDF radio, says Israel ready for "painful compromises" with Syria, criticizes rightists who claim Arabs lack military option by referring to 1973 war. (CSM 6/24)

Fmr. Saudi diplomat Mohammed al-Khilewi, who defected to U.S. 6/14, claims to have documents proving Saudi support for Hamas, Saudi surveillance of U.S. Jewish groups, including JDL. (WSJ 6/24)

24 JUNE

Palestinian killed in Nablus when IDF fires on demonstrators demanding release of prisoners. (NYT 6/25; TJT 7/1)

IDF soldier injured when IDF, Palestinian police in Gaza brawl over who should take a stone-throwing Palestinian into custody. (NYT, WP 6/25)

PM Rabin, in interviews published in *Yediot Aharonot* and *Maariv*, says "Arafat as a Muslim is entitled . . . to visit Jerusalem" to pray. Remarks draw criticism fr. right-wing Israelis, including Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert. In other comments, Rabin warns war with Syria inevitable unless a peace treaty reached soon. (MM 6/24; NYT, WP 6/25)

Yediot Aharonot publishes Israeli-Jordanian peace accord allegedly signed by FM Peres, King Hussein in Amman 3/11/93. Peres, who had at time told Israelis to "remember" that date, refuses comment. Agreement allegedly includes border adjustments in Wadi 'Araba, full diplomatic relations, arrangements for holy sites, and cooperation in transport, water, and other fields. (WT 6/25)

25 JUNE

Israeli Housing Min., Jerusalem municipality announce plans for new settlements in Wadi Jawz, Mt. Scopus areas of East Jerusalem. (TJT 7/1)

Siddig Ibrahim Siddig Ali, 32, alleged ringleader of plot to blow up UN, kill Egyptian Pres. Mubarak, becomes government witness in conspiracy case including Shaykh 'Umar 'Abd al-Rahman. (NYT, WP, WT 6/25)

26 JUNE

Palestinian National Authority (PNA) holds 1st cabinet mtg. in Gaza City. Weekly sessions are to alternate btwn. Gaza and Jericho. (WT 6/29)

Israeli Commission of Inquiry into 2/25 Hebron massacre issues report, concludes settler Baruch Goldstein acted alone in killing 29 Palestinian Muslim worshippers at Haram al-Ibrahimi. Report clears govt., IDF of any responsibility for attack but notes lapses in security at site, previous provocations by Goldstein. Commission recommends Jewish worshippers be barred fr. carrying weapons, separation of Jews and Muslims. Panel also urges IDF to clarify open-fire regulations. Palestinians including Hebron Mayor Mustafa al-Natsha, Meretz MK Dedi Zucker criticize report, saying massacre took place because of "climate of threats and violence," double standard applied to settlers. (MM, NYT, WP, WSJ, WT 6/27; WJW 6/30; JP 7/9)(see Doc. C5.)

Israeli Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) denies broadcast allegations that radiation escaped during 1966 accident at Negev Nuclear Research Centre in Dimona, site of Israeli nuclear-weapons program, but admits accident, death of 1 employee. Frmr. Dimona technician, 1 of 20 suing AEC for contracting cancer after incident, alleged radiation release in 6/24 Israel TV interview. (WT 6/27)

27 JUNE

Palestinian prisoners at Jnaid prison stage 24-hr. hunger strike to protest refusal of Israelis to release them in accordance with 5/4 Cairo Agreement. (TJT 7/1)

Alleged collaborator killed in Tulkarm. (Qol Yisra'el 6/28 in FBIS 6/28)

French govt., Birzeit University sign agreement to establish center for legal studies, at cost of FF 2m. (TJT 7/1)

"Americans for a Safe Israel" denounces report by Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of B'Nai B'rith criticizing fundamentalist Christians, saying report "misguided" and "undermines a vital component of the pro-Israel community in America." (WT 6/28; WJW 6/30)

28 JUNE

PLO-Israel autonomy talks resume, PLO negotiator Nabil Shaath saying PLO Chmn. Arafat to come to Jericho in mid-7/94, Israelis saying they are ready to discuss expanding Palestinian self-rule in West Bank. (MM 6/28; CSM, NYT, WSJ 6/29)

"Fateh official" in Tunis says 1st elections in self-rule areas to be held 10/94. (WT 6/29)

PM Rabin quoted as recommending increase in defense budget if no agreement reached with Syria in 3 yrs. (WT 6/29)

29 JUNE

PLO announces Chmn. Arafat will make 3-day visit to Gaza, Jericho starting 7/2. Arafat will arrive at Rafah crossing with 70-80 PLO officials, according to Nabil Shaath, M of planning and international cooperation in Palestinian National Authority. Right-wing Israelis plan protests in Jerusalem, Jericho, elsewhere against visit. (NYT, WP, WSJ, WT 6/30)

Israel releases over 300 Palestinian prisoners fr. Qetziot ("Ansar 3") prison, transfers them to Gaza Strip at Nahal Oz crossing. (Qol Yisra'el 6/29 in FBIS 6/30; WSJ 6/30)

30 JUNE

PLO official Nabil Shaath announces Arafat's visit to Gaza, Jericho advanced to 7/1 fr. 7/2. Israel's chief's rabbis had complained that a Saturday visit would force Israeli soldiers to desecrate the Sabbath. (MM 6/30; CSM, NYT, WP 7/1)

Israeli PM Rabin warns right-wing opponents he will take strong action to prevent violence by protestors against Arafat's visit to Gaza Strip, Jericho area rescheduled to start 7/1. Settler leaders of-

fer \$30,000 bounty for Arafat's capture; others urge his assassination. (NYT, WSJ, WT 7/1)

2 IDF soldiers wounded in Gaza Strip. Caller to news agency claims responsibility for Hamas, calling attack "salute" to Arafat's visit. Hamas repudiates attack after Palestinian police condemn it; Islamic Jihad claims responsibility. (NYT, WP 7/1; JP 7/9)

1 JULY

PLO Chmn. Arafat returns to Palestine, entering Gaza Strip at Rafah border crossing and proceeding to Gaza City. 3,000 Palestinian police detailed to provide security for 3-day visit. Arafat addresses crowd of 30-100,000 in Gaza City's Square of the Unknown Soldier, honoring intifada casualties, Arab states, declaring intention to expand Palestinian self-rule in West Bank. Arafat vows to seek release of Hamas leader Shaykh Ahmad Yasin. (MM 7/1; NYT, WP, WT 7/2; JP 7/9)

WSJ reports that Bethlehem is now $\frac{2}{3}$ Muslim, and mosques in once-predominantly Christian city fr. 5 to 70 since 1970. (WSJ 7/1)

East Jerusalem Palestinian found shot to death. "Sword of David" group claims responsibility, citing revenge for killing of Israeli, opposition to Arafat visit. (NYT 7/3)

JP publishes poll showing 33.8 % of Israelis oppose all settlements, 25.2 % support them. Poll also shows 59 % support continued talks with PLO. (MM 7/1)

2 JULY

Arafat visits Shatti, Jabaliya r.c.s in Gaza Strip. In speech, Arafat appeals directly to Hamas, Islamic Jihad, and PFLP to "help me lift the heavy burden" of occupation. Arafat also chairs mtg. of PNA. (NYT, WT 7/3; CSM 7/5)

10,000 Israelis demonstrate in Jerusalem against Arafat visit. Demonstrators later rampage through East Jerusalem, vandalizing Palestinian shops and 7 U.S. consulate cars. (WT 7/3, 7/4; MM, NYT 7/4)

3 JULY

Arafat continues Gaza tour, dedicating Italian-financed citrus-processing plant. Arafat criticizes "conspiracy" of foreign donors requiring Palestinian financial accountability, says "We are kneeling only to God!" (WP, WT 7/4; TJT 7/8)

Demonstrations against Arafat visit, PM Rabin continue in Jerusalem, 40 protestors arrested at Rabin's office. Demonstrators block Jerusalem-Jericho road, chanting "Rabin, traitor," and "Arafat is worse than O.J. Simpson." (MM, WT 7/4)

4 JULY

IDF seals off Jericho, settlers threaten to block roads to West Bank Palestinians preparatory to PLO Chmn. Arafat's visit set for 7/5. (WT 7/5)

Arafat adviser Nabil Shaath says the PLO chmn. will return to o.t. "for good" after mtg. in Paris with Israeli PM Rabin. (CSM 7/5)

Palestinian exiles in Jordan protest not being allowed to return. PLO estimates there are 1,260 Palestinians exiled by Israel since 1967; only 110 have been allowed to return since Israel-PLO accord. (WT 7/5)

2 IDF soldiers killed, 2 wounded in clash with Hizballah in southern Lebanon's "security zone." (MM 7/4; WP 7/7; JP 7/16)

Knesset defeats no-confidence motions submitted by Likud, NRP, and Tsomet. (MM 7/5)

5 JULY

Arafat arrives in Jericho fr. Gaza on Egyptian helicopter that overflies Israel. Palestine National Authority, including Arafat and 12 cabinet mbrs., sworn in, holds 1st official mtg. Arafat pledges establishment of Palestinian state, with Jerusalem as its capital. 1 PNA appointee, Labor Min.-designate Samir Ghawsha, not sworn in due to Israeli objections. Crowd estimated at 5-10,000. Israel denies barring Palestinians fr. Jericho. (MM 7/5; Israeli Govt. Press Office release 7/5 in FBIS 7/6; CSM, NYT, WP, WSJ, WT 7/6; TJT 7/8)

Nazareth Mayor and Hadash MK Tawfiq Ziyad killed in car crash while returning fr. mtg. Arafat in Jericho. (MM 7/6; TJT, WP 7/8; JP 7/16)

Palestinian prisoner held by PLO police in Gaza Central Prison on suspicion of collaboration with Israel dies in custody after being beaten. (NYT 7/10; CSM 7/11)

Israel and Morocco establish official direct telephone link. (Qol Yisra'el 7/5 in FBIS 7/6)

6 JULY

Israeli PM Rabin, FM Peres, and PLO Chmn. Arafat awarded UNESCO Félix Houphouët-Boigny Peace Award at Paris ceremony. Prize presented by frmr. Secy of State Henry Kissinger, who praises honorees for their "leap of faith." During talks on expanding Palestinian self-rule, Arafat demands more Palestinians be released, including Hamas leader Shaykh Ahmad Yasin, urges Jerusalem be designated an open city, and pledges elections "as quickly as possible." Both Rabin and Arafat tell reporters mtg. was successful. (MM 7/6; NYT, WP, WSJ, WT 7/7; TJT 7/8)

Jordan's King Hussein, Egypt's Pres. Mubarak meet in Alexandria to discuss planned Jordan-Israel peace talks. Jordanians stress need for comprehensive solution to Arab-Israeli conflict, deny differences with Syria over talks. (Jordan TV 7/6 in FBIS 7/7; NYT 7/7)

IDF officer killed, SLA soldier wounded during artillery, mortar exchanges with Hizballah nr. Rihan in "security zone." (MM, WP 7/7)

Rawhi al-Khatib, Jordanian mayor of Jerusalem 1957-67, dies at 82. Khatib was expelled by Israel in 1968 after being deposed and refusing to work with Israeli Jerusalem municipality. (TJT 7/8; NYT 7/9; WP 7/10)

7 JULY

Arafat, Rabin end 2 days of mtgs. in Paris, both sides agreeing to continue talks on expanding Palestinian self-rule. Talks to resume 7/11 in Cairo. 2 sides plus Jordan and Egypt to organize conference on 1967 refugees. Arafat pledges to convene PNC in Gaza "in the very near future" to repeal PLO charter provisions call-

ing for Israel's elimination. (MM 7/7; CSM, NYT, WP, WSJ, WT 7/8)

17-yr.-old Israeli girl killed, father wounded by Palestinian gunmen in drive-by shooting nr. Hebron; IDF soldier found shot, stabbed to death in Kufr Aqab, West Bank, north of Jerusalem, in separate incident. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 7/8; JP 7/16)

8 JULY

IDF imposes curfew on Hebron Palestinians, clashes with Qiryat Arba settlers protesting death of settler girl. Settlers occupy 3 apt. bldgs. on hill nr. Qiryat Arba; IDF declares hill closed military zone. (NYT, WP 7/9)

"Mandela Institute for Political Prisoners" in Ramallah reports that 7,170 Palestinians held in Israeli prisons. (TJT 7/8)

American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), and PECNDAR sign 3-yr., \$3 m. agreement to support agriculture, fisheries in Gaza Strip, Jericho area. (ANERA release 7/11)

Vatican "FM" Archbishop Jean-Louis Tauran opens 3-day official visit to Jordan to meet King Hussein, Crown Prince Hasan, govt. officials. Talks to focus on diplomatic relations, status of Jerusalem. (RJ 7/8 in FBIS 7/12)

9 JULY

PLO Chmn. Arafat arrives in Saudi Arabia on visit, is greeted by DM Prince Sultan in sign that strains fr. 1990-91 Gulf crisis are over. Later, Arafat has audience with King Fahd. Separately, PNA Labor M Samir Ghawsha says Arafat will take up residence in Palestinian self-rule areas. (SPA 7/9 in FBIS 7/10; WP, WT 7/10; MM 7/11)

King Hussein tells Jordan's parliament he is ready to meet publicly with Israeli PM Rabin. Hussein says mtg. a condition set by U.S. for forgiveness of Jordanian debt to U.S., provision of U.S. weaponry to Jordanian armed forces. (JTV 7/9 in FBIS 7/11; WP 7/10; CSM, MM 7/11)

10 JULY

PNA Justice M Frayh Abu-Midyan announces investigation into death in custody of Rafah r.c. resident. Prisoner held

on suspicion of drug smuggling, collaboration. Justice Min. statement says prisoner died of "excessive violence" during interrogation. 3 interrogators detained and under investigation. Palestinian human-rights orgs., including Hanan Ashrawi's Palestinian Independent Commission for Human Rights, call it a "case of maltreatment and torture." (NYT 7/10; CSM, MM 7/11)

Israel announces 24-hr. closure of Gaza Strip to start early 7/11 in response to weekend clashes btwn. Palestinians, IDF. (WSJ, WT 7/11; CSM 7/12)

Israeli Civil Admin., with PLO approval, appoints Fateh mbr. Ghassan al-Shak'a mayor of Nablus. (Israeli Channel 2 TV 7/10 in FBIS 7/11)

Arafat performs 'umra pilgrimage in Mecca, returns to Tunis. PNA Planning M Nabil Shaath says Arafat visit restored Palestinian-Saudi relations. PLO Exec. Comm. mbr. Yasir 'Abd-Rabbuh tells reporters PLO HQ, including Political Dept., International and Pan-Arab Relations Dept., and Returnees Dept. will remain in Tunis despite Arafat's move to Gaza. (MENA 7/10 in FBIS 7/11; MM 7/11; WT 7/13)

Israeli navy kills 2 PFLP frogmen off coast nr. Naqura. (Qol Yisra'el 7/11 in FBIS 7/13; MM 7/12; JP 7/23)

11 JULY

Israeli, PLO negotiators open talks in Cairo on "early empowerment" of Palestinians in West Bank, expansion of self-rule area, redeploying IDF, elections. Israeli side headed by IDF Maj. Gen Danny Rothschild, PLO by PNA Planning M Nabil Shaath. Separate talks on settling issues remaining fr. 5/4 agreement, including borders of Jericho area, resume. (MENA 7/11, 7/12 in FBIS 7/12; CSM, MM, NYT, WP, WSJ, WT 7/12)

IDF kills 2 Hamas mbrs. in Nablus after firing anti-tank missiles at house they were hiding in. The 2 had been wanted for a year. Several buildings in area destroyed. (Qol Yisra'el 7/11 in FBIS 7/12; MM 7/12; TJT 7/15; JP 7/23)

Qiryat Arba settlers vacate Hebron apartments occupied 7/8 in compromise with Housing M. (MM 7/12)

PLO Chmn. Arafat departs Tunis for Cairo on way to take up permanent residence in Gaza Strip. Arafat meets Israeli

Dep. FM Beilin to discuss early empowerment of Palestinians in o.t. before his departure. (Qol Yisra'el 7/11 in FBIS 7/12; NYT, WP, WSJ, WT 7/12)

Israeli PM Rabin accepts King Hussein's offer for a public summit mtg. (MM 7/11; WP, WSJ, WT 7/12)

Israeli FM Peres announces he will meet Secy of State Christopher, Jordanian PM and FM 'Abd al-Salam al-Majali in Jordan 7/20 in 1st public visit of an Israeli official to Jordan. Israeli-Jordanian bilateral talks to resume 7/18 at Ein Evrona, southern Israel. Jordanian spokesman says emphasis in talks will be on border, water issues. (MM 7/11; MM, NYT, WP, WSJ, WT 7/12)

Jordan receives over \$900,000 fr. UN for claims by Jordanian families for losses in 1990-91 Gulf war. (WSJ 7/12)

IAF raids Hizballah positions in Biqat Valley. (Qol Yisra'el 7/11 in FBIS 7/11)

12 JULY

PLO Chmn. Arafat arrives in Gaza to take up permanent residence, meets PNA officials. (NYT, WP, WSJ, WT 7/13)

Cairo talks btwn. Israel, Palestinians on security issues end 1st round. Palestinian negotiator Nabil Shaath calls session "quite positive." Talks covered prisoner release, extent of Jericho area, Palestinian police at Allenby Bridge, and extent of Palestinian authority on Gaza coast. Subcomms. set up to discuss Gaza-Jericho authority, transfer of civil authority in rest of o.t. (ARE Radio 7/12 in FBIS 7/12; MENA 7/12 in FBIS 7/13; NYT 7/13)

Steering group of multilateral talks holds 2-day mtg. in Tabarka, Tunisia, 1st mtg. in Arab country since Madrid conf. (Tunisian radio 7/12 in FBIS 7/12)

Maariv reports Israel considering international control of Christian, Muslim religious sites in Jerusalem. FM Peres denies any such plan but says Israel "open to proposals" on holy sites, rejects any change in Israeli sovereignty over city. Newspaper says proposed international admin. of Church of the Holy Sepulcher and Haram al-Sharif would include Palestinians, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Morocco, and Vatican. (WT 7/13)

Yi'ud party joins Israeli cabinet although PM Rabin refuses many Yi'ud demands on o.t., Golan, PLO. Yi'ud made up of frmr. Tsomet party mbrs. (MM 7/13)

13 JULY

Israel expels fr. Gaza 4 frmr. PLO guerrillas, including 2 linked to 1974 Maalot massacre, for past attacks on Israelis. Officials charge PLO Chmn. Arafat tried to infiltrate them with his 13-mbr. entourage 7/12. A 5th is sought; Israel bars entry of further PNA officials until he is found. Israel closes Gaza-Egypt, West Bank-Jordan crossings; Gaza-Israel, Jericho-Israel crossings remain open. (MM 7/13; CSM, NYT, WP, WSJ, WT 7/14; TJT 7/15)

PLO, International Cmte. of the Red Cross (ICRC) sign memorandum of understanding (MOU) on ICRC role in Palestinian self-rule areas. MOU, signed by PLO Political Dept. head Faruq al-Qadumi and ICRC Pres. Cornelio Sommaruga, permits ICRC to visit prisoners held by Palestinian police. (ICRC release 7/13; MM 7/14)

Federal District Court in NY sentences Jordanian Bilal Alkai, 5th and final defendant in 2/93 World Trade Center bombing, to 20 mos.' imprisonment for lying to immigration officials. (NYT 7/14)

14 JULY

Israel lifts ban on entry of PNA officials into Gaza, Jericho after 4 Palestinians it holds responsible for 1974 Maalot massacre return to Egypt. Due to enter are Yasir 'Abd-Rabbuh, Ahmad Qurai'. (MM 7/14)

PLO Chmn. Arafat, U.S. AID Administrator J. Brian Atwood cut ribbon on U.S.-funded \$6.9 m. apt. complex in Jabaliya r.c., Gaza Strip, marking start of international aid to Palestinian self-rule areas. Atwood also tours U.S.-funded sewage, urban-renewal projects. (MM 7/14; WP, WT 7/15)

Association of Israeli-Palestinian Physicians for Human Rights petitions PM Rabin to allow ICRC access to Khayam prison in southern Lebanon's "security zone." (MM 7/14)

Israeli FM Peres tells United Kibbutz Movement "Israel recognized Syrian sovereignty over the Golan Heights," saying an agreement with Syria would entail withdrawal to international border, demilitarization of Golan, and unrestricted flow of Jordan River. (Qol Yisra'el 7/14 in FBIS 7/14; MM 7/14, 7/15)

15 JULY

U.S. Pres. Clinton announces Jordan-Israel summit btwn. King Hussein, PM Rabin, will be held at White House 7/25. Hussein and Rabin to address joint session of Congress, attend state dinner as well as hold substantive mtgs. Clinton call Syrian Pres. Hafiz al-Asad before making announcement. (MM 7/15; NYT, WP, WT 7/16)

PLO Chmn. Arafat, speaking to reporters in Gaza, asserts Palestinian right to "raise the Palestinian flag" in Jerusalem. Israeli Dep. FM Yossi Beilin calls Arafat remarks "a very grave statement." (NYT, WT 7/16)

16 JULY

Jordanian media report 7/14 remarks by King Hussein to army officers in which says "division btwn. our Arab brethren" responsible for Jordan's "pursu[if] of peace with steadfastness." Hussein warns of possibility of "collapse" of country unless peace achieved. (*al-Aswaq* 7/16 in FBIS 7/18; WT 7/17, 7/18)

17 JULY

Palestinian workers waiting to enter Israel riot at Erez checkpoint, Gaza Strip. Palestinian police, IDF exchange fire in 1st such incident since 5/4 Gaza-Jericho agreement. 2 Palestinians killed, 98 wounded, including 5 police officers; 17 Israelis also wounded, including 1 Border Guard in critical condition. Gas station, 120 Israeli buses destroyed. Each side blames other for incident; PLO Chmn. Arafat calls for deployment in Gaza of international observers. Secy of State Christopher, en route to region, calls riot a "tragedy." Clashes occur in Ramallah, Hebron as news of riot spreads. (CSM, MM, NYT, WP, WSJ, WT 7/18)

Secy of State Christopher starts tour of Middle East to prepare for 7/25 White House summit of Jordan's King Hussein, Israel's PM Rabin. (NYT 7/18)

18 JULY

Israel seals off Gaza Strip after previous day's riot until "further notice." Is-

raeli cabinet mbrs. accuse Palestinian police of "gross irresponsibility" in incident. (NYT 7/19)

Israel-Jordan peace talks open in tent on border 10 mi. north of Aqaba/Eilat. Israeli delegation headed by Elyakim Rubenstein, Jordanian by Amb. to U.S. Fayiz Tarawnah. Tarawnah expresses hope talks "will culminate in a treaty of peace," but PM and FM 'Abd al-Salam Majali says Jordan "will not make a separate settlement with Israel by any means." Talks break into working comm. sessions on borders, security, and water, energy, and environment issues. (RJ, JTV 7/18 in FBIS 7/18; MM 7/18; CSM, NYT, WP, WSJ, WT 7/19)

Palestinian-Israeli talks resume in Cairo, agenda focusing on transfer of education authority to PNA. (MENA 7/18 in FBIS 7/18)

Secy of State Christopher meets Israeli PM Rabin, FM Peres in Jerusalem, says Arab-Israeli conflict "drawing to an end." (MM 7/18; NYT, WT 7/19)

Israeli govt. proposes legislation to bar PLO political activity in Israel and Jerusalem unless special approval given. (MM 7/19; TJT 7/22; JP 7/30)

FM Peres announces Casablanca will host international Middle East economic conference 10/30, with over 2,000 companies participating. (MM 7/19)

Bomb destroys Buenos Aires building housing Jewish organizations, files on Nazi war criminals in Argentina, killing at least 26, wounding over 100. Iraqi detained in case; German, Iranian also reported arrested. Argentine Pres. Menem says Mossad, Spanish intelligence will help in investigation. Israeli PM Rabin denounces attack as "cowardly, criminal and evil act," vows to "chase perpetrators of terrorism to the end." PLO official in Argentina says "we deeply lament this attack against peace." Israeli embassy in Buenos Aires destroyed by bomb 3/92. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 7/19; WJW 7/21)

19 JULY

IDF soldier shot and killed in Rafah, Gaza Strip, in attack claimed by Hamas as "swift and direct" revenge for 7/17 killing of 2 Palestinians in riot at Erez crossing. (MM 7/19; NYT, WP 7/20)

Israel-Jordan talks reach agreement to start negotiations for peace treaty on a

"continuous basis" next month. (CSM, MM, NYT, WSJ, WT 7/20)

Palestinian-Israeli talks continue in Cairo on transfer of civilian powers to PNA. (MENA 7/19 in FBIS 7/19)

Secy of State Christopher holds talks with Syrian Pres. Hafiz al-Asad in Damascus, says Israel-Syria dispute defies resolution, U.S. carrying no new proposals on Golan Heights. Christopher describes Asad as "very serious" about peace process. (CSM, NYT, WSJ, WT 7/20)

Commuter plane in Panama explodes, killing 21, including 12 Jews, of whom 4 are Israeli. Local Jewish leaders speculate bombing connected to 7/18 bombing of Jewish organizations in Argentina. (NYT, WP, WT 7/21)

20 JULY

Secy of State Christopher meets Jordan's King Hussein in Amman, Hussein tells press conference he will not sign a peace treaty at 7/25 summit with Israeli PM Rabin. Hussein expresses "fervent hope" for "comprehensive peace," but says Jordan will "move ahead" with negotiations irrespective of Syrian track. Monarch asserts that "the holy sites in Jerusalem belong to the Muslim world as a whole." (MM 7/20; NYT, WP, WT 7/21)

Israeli FM Peres, Jordanian PM and FM Majali, and U.S. Secy of State Christopher meet in Shunah, Jordan, pledge to seek peace. Peres and Majali indicate state of war may be ended at 7/25 summit in Washington. (JTV 7/20 in FBIS 7/21; MM 7/20; CSM, NYT, WP, WSJ, WT 7/21)

Palestinian-Israeli talks in Cairo on "early empowerment" of Palestinians conclude, Palestinian negotiator Shaath saying some progress made but Israel not willing to transfer real power in education, health, social, administrative, and financial affairs. (MENA 7/20 in FBIS 7/21)

PNA Economy M Ahmad Qurai' denied entry to Jerusalem by Israeli authorities. Qurai' was scheduled to address economic conference, which he speaks to by telephone. Israel objects to any PNA activities in Jerusalem. (TJT 7/22; JP 7/30)

IAF rockets Hizballah positions in Iqlim al-Tuffah and eastern Biqa' Valley, Lebanon. Israel blames Hizballah for 7/18 bombing of building housing Jewish organizations in Buenos Aires, Argentina; Hizballah denies involvement. (RL 7/20 in FBIS 7/21; NYT, WT 7/21)

21 JULY

PLO Chmn. **Arafat** meets Secy of State **Christopher** in Gaza, appeals for economic assistance beyond \$2.4 b. pledged by international donors to avert "starvation and the humiliation and frustration" of Palestinians, asserts Palestinian authority over Muslim holy places in Jerusalem. **Christopher** says U.S. feels a "special responsibility" for helping Palestinians, urges PLO to adopt modern accounting procedures. (NYT, TJT, WP, WSJ, WT 7/22)

Israeli-Jordanian talks conclude with discussion of free-trade zone, development of Wadi 'Araba. Plans are to be presented to **King Hussein**, **PM Rabin** at 7/25 summit. U.S. officials say Jordan, Israel to announce state of nonbelligerency. (MM 7/21; RJ 7/21 in FBIS 7/22; WSJ, WT 7/22)

Israeli FM Peres visits Cairo to brief **Egyptian Pres. Mubarak** on Israel-Jordan talks. (MM 7/21; MENA 7/21 in FBIS 7/22)

Palestinian police apprehend suspects in 7/19 Rafah ambush of IDF patrol that killed 1 Israeli. (Qol Yisra'el 7/21 in FBIS 7/21)

Lebanese court convicts **Namiq Ahmad Kamal** of complicity in 1976 kidnapping, murder of U.S. Amb. **Francis Meloy**, sentences him to 4 yrs.' hard labor. Attack blamed on PFLP; assassin remains at large. (RL 7/21 in FBIS 7/22; WT 7/22)

22 JULY

Secy of State **Christopher** meets Syrian Pres. **al-Asad** in Damascus, notes "significant gaps" btwn. Israel and Syria, says he does not expect "any dramatic breakthrough in the nr. future." **Christopher** says **Asad** "seemed relaxed" about upcoming Israeli-Jordanian summit. (SARR 7/22 in FBIS 7/22; MM 7/22; NYT, WP, WT 7/23)

Israel reopens Erez crossing, Gaza Strip, after 5-day closure. 10,000 Palestinians enter Israel for work; another 10,000, most mbrs. of opposition groups, hold rally in Gaza City in support of 7/17 rioters. (NYT 7/23)

Palestinian ambushes IDF patrol nr. settlement in Gaza Strip, wounds 1 soldier in attack claimed by Islamic Jihad. (Qol Yisra'el 7/22 in FBIS 7/22; MM 7/22; WT 7/23)

IDF shoots **Palestinian** dead in Nablus, wounds 13. (Qol Yisra'el 7/22 in FBIS 7/25; NYT 7/23)

Palestinian killed in Yatta village, nr. Hebron, when bomb left by IDF at firing range explodes. (TJT 7/29)

3 bombs explode in Hebron; no casualties reported. Clashes btwn. Palestinians, police erupt after explosions; 17 Palestinians wounded. (Qol Yisra'el 7/22 in FBIS 7/22; MM 7/22; NYT, WT 7/23)

Israeli intelligence tells Argentine authorities "Followers of God" (NYT—"Partisans of God") group claims responsibility for 7/18 bombing of Jewish center in Buenos Aires, 7/19 bombing of commuter plane in Panama. Death toll in Buenos Aires bombing now around 100-43 confirmed, 60 still missing. Group known only fr. communiqué issued 3 mos. earlier in Sidon, Lebanon, pledging "all-out war" against Israel. (NYT, WT 7/23)

23 JULY

PLO Chmn. **Arafat** chairs PNA mtg. to discuss 3-point, 100-day master plan, 7/17 Erez crossing riot. (Jericho VOP 7/23 in FBIS 7/25)

"Partisans of God" claims 7/18, 7/19 Argentina, Panama bombings in statement published in Beirut newspaper. Group says attacks "will continue wherever Zionism is found until it is crushed and justice rules the world." Argentine police say same method used in 7/18 bombing, 3/92 bombing of Israeli embassy in Buenos Aires. (WP 7/24)

IDF announces 7/22 abduction of **Hizballah** leader **Qasim Rihan** fr. southern Lebanon. IDF claims **Rihan** responsible for attacks on IDF. (WP, WT 7/24)

24 JULY

Jordan, **Israel** draft joint statement on ending state of belligerency, to be released 7/25 at **Rabin-Hussein** summit. Israeli delegation to summit, including **PM Rabin** and **FM Peres**, arrives in Washington. (NYT, WP, WSJ, WT 7/25)

Israeli Finance M Avraham Shohat, **PNA Economy M Ahmad Qurai'** hold talks on Israeli-Palestinian economic cooperation. **Shohat** says Israel willing to give PNA NIS 7 m. as repayment for taxes collected fr. Palestinian workers. (Qol Yisra'el 7/24 in FBIS 7/25; Israeli Govt.

Press Office release 7/25 in FBIS 7/27; JP 8/6)

Syrian Pres. Hafiz al-Asad meets Egyptian Pres. Husni Mubarak in Damascus, says talks with Israel still at "exploratory stage" and that he is uncertain peace with Israel will be reached in 1994. (NYT, WP, WSJ, WT 7/25)

25 JULY

Israeli PM Rabin, Jordan's King Hussein sign "Washington Declaration" ending state of belligerency at White House ceremony with U.S. Pres. Clinton as witness. Declaration says sides "recognize their right and obligation to live in peace with each other." Agreement mandates direct telephone connections, linking of electrical grids, and immediate opening of 2 border crossings. Declaration also recognizes Hussein's "historic role" in safeguarding Muslim holy places in Jerusalem. Clinton calls Syrian Pres. al-Asad after ceremony, saying opportunity exists for progress in Israel-Syria talks. Later, Rabin and Hussein attend state dinner in their honor. (MM 7/25; CSM, NYT, WP, WSJ, WT 7/26)(see Doc. A4.)

Israeli, Palestinian negotiators meet in Norway to discuss sharing of water resources. (Qol Yisra'el 7/26 in FBIS 7/26; WT 7/26)

PLO Chmn. Arafat swears in Judge Qusay al-Abadlah as PNA chief justice and head of supreme court. (Algiers VOP 7/26 in FBIS 7/27)

Kach movement holds paramilitary summer camp for youths at Qiryat Arba, including prayer at grave of Hebron killer Baruch Goldstein. Organizers avoid direct connection to Kach, outlawed after 2/25 massacre. (JP 7/25 in FBIS 7/27; WT 7/26)

Hizballah ambushes IDF patrol in southern Lebanon, killing 1 officer and wounding 13 soldiers. IDF tank unit pursues guerrillas to Yuhmur village. (RL 7/25, Qol Yisra'el 7/26 in FBIS 7/26; MM 7/26; WT 7/27)

UNSG Butrus Butrus-Ghali, in report to UNSC on renewal of UNIFIL mandate, orders study of how to reduce UNIFIL's 5,244-mbr. force. (WT 7/27)

Argentine officials blame Iran for 7/18 bombing of Buenos Aires Jewish center as confirmed death toll reaches 80. (NYT 7/26)

Israeli High Court of Justice accepts petition fr. Tsomet party to bar Yi'ud party fr. joining cabinet. Yi'ud made up of frmr. Tsomet mbrs. (MM 7/25)(see 7/12)

26 JULY

Israeli PM Rabin, Jordan's King Hussein address joint session of Congress, speeches focusing on work ahead. Later at White House, both and Pres. Clinton condemn recent bombings. Rabin, asked about Israel's nuclear status, says "Israel is not a nuclear country in terms of weapons." (NYT, WP, WSJ, WT 7/27)

PLO criticizes Washington Declaration's recognition of Jordanian "special role" in Jerusalem, saying in statement "The Israeli govt. does not have any right to give any role or guarantees over Jerusalem." (MM 7/26; Jericho VOP 7/27 in FBIS 7/27; CSM, WT 7/27)

Israeli, Jordanian, and Palestinian negotiators reach agreement on water sharing at talks in Oslo, according to Norwegian F Min. (Jericho VOP 7/27 in FBIS 7/28; CSM 7/27)

Israeli Public Works Dept. announces plans for 6 major highways into Jordan. (MM 7/27)

Car bomb explodes at Israeli embassy in London, destroying part of building and wounding 13. Lebanese Islamists presumed responsible. (MM 7/26; CSM, NYT, WP, WSJ, WT 7/27)

27 JULY

3 Palestinian immigrants plead guilty to racketeering charges in St. Louis. The 3 were charged with plotting murder of Jewish Americans, bombing Israeli embassy on behalf of FRC ("Abu Nidal" organization). (NYT 7/28)

Car bomb explodes outside London building housing Jewish and Israeli groups, including Joint Israel Appeal, injuring 5. British Foreign Office says Hamas claims responsibility; Hamas rep. in Jordan Muhammad Nazzal denies involvement. Israel, U.S. say evidence in Argentina, Panama, and U.K. bombings points to Iran, Hizballah. Security strengthened at Israel's U.S. embassy, UN mission, and 9 U.S. consulates. Argentine authorities question 2 Iranians in 7/18 Buenos Aires bombing. (WP, WSJ, WT 7/27; CSM, NYT, WSJ, WT 7/28)

28 JULY

PNA bans distribution of *al-Nahar* newspaper, *Akhbar al-Bilad* magazine, causing *al-Nahar* to cease publication. Both publications regarded as pro-Jordanian; PNA says *al-Nahar* advocates "line that contradicts the national interests of the Palestinian people." Pretext for banning *al-Nahar* is that it had not renewed circulation permit. *Akhbar al-Bilad* publisher Nasr al-Din Nashashibi, calls PNA move "intellectual terrorism." (Qol Yisra'el 7/28 in FBIS 7/29; CSM, WP, WT 7/29; NYT, WT 7/30; JP 8/6)

PLO, Israeli negotiators reach draft agreements to give PLO control of education, health, and taxation in West Bank. PLO negotiator Nabil Shaath denies reports that Janin will be next self-rule area, saying "it's all the West Bank." (Qol Yisra'el, MENA 7/28 in FBIS 7/29; CSM 7/29)

Gaza municipal council holds 1st mtg. Municipality head Awn Shawa says main task is preparing for municipal elections. (Algiers VOP 7/28 in FBIS 7/29; TJT 7/29)

Secy of State Christopher, testifying to House FA Comm., criticizes PLO Chmn. Arafat's admin. of Gaza, saying he feels "frustration" with him and that Arafat failed to comply with international donors' requirements. (WT 7/29)

Syrian govt. newspaper *al-Ba'th* criticizes Jordan for signing Washington Declaration, calling pact a "surprise" and a "violation" of Arab position in peace process. (NYT 7/29)

Jordanian M of State Jawad Anani, speaking to Washington Institute for Near East Policy, says Amman favors Dead Sea-Red Sea canal project with Israel, Aqaba-Eilat free-trade zone. (WT 7/31)

Lebanese PM Hariri orders military to prepare for possible Israeli strikes in retaliation for 7/18 bombing in Argentina blamed on Hizballah. Civilians in southern Lebanon flee north in anticipation of Israeli incursion. (NYT, WSJ 7/29)

Israeli intelligence agencies reach agreement with unspecified other countries on counterterrorism cooperation. (*Ha'Aretz* 7/29 in FBIS 7/29)

29 JULY

PLO Chmn. Arafat orders closure of *al-Nahar* newspaper, banned previous day fr. distribution in self-rule areas, rescinds appointment of Mansur Shawa to Gaza City Council. (NYT, WT 7/30; CSM 8/1)

Jordan issues statement in support of PLO "efforts to gain political and geographic sovereignty over all Arab Palestinian lands, including Holy Jerusalem" in apparent move to soften Palestinian criticism of Washington Declaration clause on Jerusalem. (RJ 7/29 in FBIS 7/29; NYT, WT 7/30)

Congress adds authorization for Jordanian debt relief to foreign operations appropriations bill. If approved, move would cover up to \$220 m. of Jordan's debt to U.S. (NYT 7/30)

Argentina detains 3 suspects in 7/18 bombing of Jewish center in Buenos Aires. (NYT 7/31)

30 JULY

IDF fires rubber bullets, tear gas on Palestinian demonstrators in Ramallah, wounding 15. (WT 7/31)

31 JULY

Al-Nahar newspaper announces it will close down indefinitely after being barred fr. distribution in Palestinian self-rule areas. (WT 8/1)

PNA announces it will send 5-mbr. delegation under Faisal Husseini to Jordan to discuss strains in relations caused by Washington Declaration. (Jericho VOP 7/31 in FBIS 8/1; NYT 8/2)

PM Rabin, Egyptian Pres. Mubarak meet at Taba, Sinai. Rabin says Israel understands there are "certain requirements" for peace with Syria, asks for gestures fr. Damascus. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 8/1)

Pro-Iran Lebanese militants pledge to "bombard" northern Israel if Israel carries out threat of "painful response" to recent bombings. UN sources say 5% of southern Lebanon's 300,000 inhabitants have fled. (WT 8/1)

1 AUGUST

PLO Chmn. Arafat says Israel has raised question of Jerusalem by including it in Washington Declaration with Jordan and demands negotiations on city's status. Israel rejects Arafat's demand. (CSM, NYT, WT 8/2)

King Hussein, in London, says he has received "several invitations" to visit Jerusalem, and that he will go there "sometime soon." (WP 8/3)

Israel-PLO "early empowerment" talks resume in Cairo. (Qol Yisra'el 8/1 in FBIS 8/2; MENA 8/2 in FBIS 8/3)

Israeli-Palestinian economic talks on implementation of economic agreement held in Jerusalem. (Israeli Govt. Press Office release 8/2 in FBIS 8/3)

PNA signs agreements with UN, Japan for \$4 m. in aid to be used in Gaza housing and sanitation projects. (WT 8/3)

Syrian newspaper *Tishrin* rejects Israeli PM Rabin's call for gestures fr. Syria, saying "Israel is the party which should make goodwill gestures and take steps to show it really wants peace." (WP 8/2)

State Dept. counterterrorism chief Barbara Bodine tells House FA Comm. Clinton admin. "Deeply concerned" over Hizballah penetration of Latin America, says response of regional govts. to U.S. warnings "inadequate." (WT 8/2)

Lebanese Pres. Ilyas al-Hirawi, in speech on Army Day, praises Hizballah resistance to Israeli occupation of "security zone" as "legitimate," denounces Israeli "false allegation" of Lebanese responsibility for 7/18 Buenos Aires bombing. (RL 8/1 in FBIS 8/1; WT 8/2)

Israel agrees to U.S. request to send non-military advisers to Haiti after deposition of current regime, but declines to send IDF troops for UN peacekeeping mission. (NYT, WP, WT 8/2)

2 AUGUST

Palestinian journalist Daoud Kuttab is told he can no longer publish for *al-Quds* under his own byline after he organized a petition campaign protesting Arafat's closing of *al-Nahar*. (MM 8/3; JP 8/13)

Israel allows 1st shipment of Palestinian produce under economic provisions of 5/4 Cairo agreement. Israeli farmers will be compensated fr. \$83 m. govt. fund for losses due to Palestinian competition.

(Qol Yisra'el 8/2 in FBIS 8/2; CSM 8/4; TJT 8/5)

Israeli Labor M. Ora Namir decides to allow 5,000 more Gaza workers into Israel. (*Al-Hamishmar* 8/3 in FBIS 8/4)

Al-Nahar newspaper applies for distribution permit fr. PNA officials in Gaza and Jericho. (Israel TV 8/2 in FBIS 8/3)

Jordanian, Israeli experts meet at Wadi al-'Araba to establish border crossing. (RMC 8/2 in FBIS 8/3)

UNRWA Commissioner-General Ilter Türkmen begins week-long visit to Gaza, West Bank, and Jordan, including mtgs with PLO Chmn. Arafat in Gaza and PECDAR Dir. Ahmad Qurai'. (UNRWA News 8/10)

3 AUGUST

Latest round of Israel-PLO "early empowerment" talks concludes in Cairo. (MENA 8/3 in FBIS 8/4)

Knesset votes 91-3, with 2 abstentions, to approve Washington Declaration of nonbelligerency with Jordan. (MM 8/3; CSM, NYT, WP, WT 8/4)

General Union of Palestinian Women (GUPW) issues draft Declaration of Principles of Women's Rights. PNA M Intisar al-Wazir says she will work to include the document in the Palestinian Constitution. (TJT 8/5) (See Doc. B8.)

King Hussein pilots Royal Jordanian airplane through Israeli airspace on return flight to Jordan. Escorted by 2 IAF F-15, Hussein passes over Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, and talks with PM Rabin by radio. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 8/4)

Jordan, Israel demolish border fence at site of future border crossing nr. Aqaba/Eilat. (Qol Yisra'el 8/3 in FBIS 8/4)

Israeli embassy in U.S. announces 2-yr. moratorium on transfers of land mines. Israel to work for worldwide ban on mines, will provide mine-clearing assistance to other countries. (WT 8/4)

4 AUGUST

IAF bombs house in Dayr Zahrani, Lebanon "by error," killing 10, including 2 children, and wounding 15. Air raids target Hizballah bases in 'Ayn Buswar. (Qol Yisra'el 8/4 in FBIS 8/5; MM, NYT, WP, WT 8/5)

House of Representatives approves \$13.7 b. foreign-aid bill, including \$99 m.

"down payment" on relief of Jordan's \$700 m. debt. Bill goes to Senate for final approval. (WT 8/5)

5 AUGUST

Secy of State Christopher departs U.S. for Middle East tour to include mtgs. in Egypt, Israel, Syria, and Jordan. (WT 8/6)

Pres. Clinton sends letter to "Paris Club" of 14 major lending nations urging them to act "rapidly and generously" to relieve Jordan's debt. (NYT, WP 8/9)

6 AUGUST

Secy of State Christopher meets PLO Chmn. Arafat, Egyptian Pres. Mubarak in Alexandria, Egypt. Christopher rejects Arafat's demands for immediate negotiations over Jerusalem, warns PLO to adopt modern accounting procedures or risk delays in receiving international aid. Christopher proceeds to Jerusalem for talks with Israelis. (MENA 8/6, Jericho VOP 8/7 in FBIS 8/8; NYT, WP, WT 8/7)

Hamas, Marxist opposition lead 2-hr. protest by 700 at Gaza City Hall. Demonstrators demand municipal elections, free press, resignation of Gaza City Council. (WT 8/7)

Hizballah ambushes IDF patrol in southern Lebanon, killing 2 Israeli soldiers and wounding 3. Hizballah fires 12 katyusha rockets into "security zone," northern Israel following ambush, wounding 3 Israeli civilians, and attacks IDF/SLA posts. (NYT, WP, WT 8/7)

7 AUGUST

Secy of State Christopher proceeds to Syria fr. Israel after mtg. PM Rabin, FM Peres. Mtg. Syrian Pres. Hafiz al-Asad for 5 hrs., Christopher bears "decisive request" fr. Israeli FM Peres to Syrian and Lebanese leaderships urging restraint of Hizballah. (SARR 8/7 in FBIS 8/8; CSM, NYT, WP, WT 8/8)

U.S. officials announce in Jerusalem that conference on Middle East economic development will be held in Casablanca, Morocco, 10/30-11/1. (NYT 8/8)

Direct Jordan-Israeli telephone links inaugurated with call fr. Israeli Pres. Ezer Weizman to Jordan's King Hussein. (Qol

Yisra'el 8/7 in FBIS 8/8; CSM 8/9; WT 8/10)

8 AUGUST

TIPH observers leave Hebron, saying Israeli-Palestinian tensions have subsided. Hebron Mayor Mustafa al-Natsha says observers "did not achieve their main goal" of restoring normal life to Hebron. (NYT, WP 8/9)

Palestinian-Israeli "early empowerment" talks resume in Cairo. (MENA 8/8 in FBIS 8/9; CSM 8/9)

Israeli PM Rabin, Jordanian Crown Prince Hassan preside at ribbon-cutting of border crossing btwn. Aqaba, Jordan, and Eilat, Israel. Rabin becomes 1st Israeli govt. head to officially visit Jordan. King Hussein hosts Rabin, FM Peres, and Secy of State Christopher at luncheon. Christopher returns to Israel with Rabin, Peres for more mtgs. Crossing is initially for use of 3d-country nationals, including Israelis with foreign passports. Following his mtg. with Peres, Christopher announces that he will not return to Syria as planned. (Jordanian TV 8/8 in FBIS 8/8, 8/9; MM 8/8; CSM, NYT, WP, WT 8/9; MM 8/11)

9 AUGUST

Jericho Mayor Jamil Khalaf resigns, saying PNA had deprived him of authority. Khalaf, appointed by Israel, reportedly was under investigation for corruption and was unhappy with local police cmndr.'s authority. (WP 8/10)

Hamas spokesman Mahmud Zahhar affirms Hamas "would not reject Jordan's rule of Jerusalem, so long as it remains in Arab hands." (*Al-Hayat* 8/9 in FBIS 8/11)

Jordanian and Israeli negotiators mtg. in Sodom, Israel, agree to send survey teams to demarcate border based on 1928 League of Nations map showing Palestine-Transjordan border. (WT 8/10)

Argentine judge orders arrest of 4 Iranian diplomats in 7/18 bombing of Jewish center in Buenos Aires. (CSM, WP, WT 8/10)

10 AUGUST

PLO Chmn. Arafat and Israeli PM Rabin hold 90-minute summit mtg. at Erez

crossing, Gaza Strip, 1st since Arafat took up residence in Gaza. Israel agrees to open safe passages btwn. Gaza and Jericho, permit 6,000 more Palestinian workers into Israel. Both sides agree to pursue negotiations on expanding West Bank self-rule. Israel puts off discussion of Jerusalem, criticizes PLO Political Dept. head Faruq al-Qaddumi's recent remarks on attacks on Israelis. (Qol Yisra'el 8/10 in FBIS 8/11; MM, NYT, WP, WT 8/11)

World Bank announces establishment of field office in Gaza. (World Bank release 8/10)

Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan meets 98-mbr. United Jewish Appeal delegation in Amman, says Jordan and Israel should coordinate economic policies before 10/94 Casablanca economic conference. (MM 8/11)

Senate approves foreign-aid bill 88-12, sending \$13.8 b. measure to Pres. Clinton for signature. Legislation, passed by House 8/4, includes \$99 m. "down payment" on Jordanian debt relief, \$3 b. in economic and military aid to Israel. (WP 8/11)

11 AUGUST

PLO Chmn. Arafat distances self fr. comments endorsing killing of Israelis, destruction of Israel by Faruq al-Qaddumi, saying he was unaware of statements and that they do not represent position of PNA. (WP 8/12)

Fateh Central Comm., mtg. in Tunis, underlines need to continue intifada despite self-rule agreement. (INA 8/10 in FBIS 8/11)

Dutch, French, and Italian firms sign agreement with PNA on \$60 m. Gaza harbor project. (MM 8/11)

Arafat meets Histadrut official Jacques Neriah on potential official cooperation btwn. Palestinian trade unions and Histadrut. (MM 8/12)

Jordan-Israel border comm. resumes mtg. in Wadi al-'Araba. (RJ 8/10 in FBIS 8/11, MM 8/11)

12 AUGUST

U.S. opposes formal UNSC mtg. on recent Israeli attacks on southern Lebanon, saying it would disrupt peace negotiations. (WT 8/13) 2 Palestinians killed, 1 wounded by Israeli police following a

shootout north of Jerusalem; 2 police officers, 1 "volunteer" wounded. Hamas takes responsibility. (WP 8/13)

King Hussein announces he will attend Mulid al-Nabi prayers at al-Aqsa Mosque 8/19 on a personal visit at invitation of Israeli leaders. PLO Chmn. Arafat objects to Israeli invitations, stating invitations to Jerusalem should be extended by him, and invites the king himself. (MM 8/12)

Greece and Netherlands announce they will open assistance missions in Jericho. Israeli FMin. stresses missions will lack diplomatic or consular status. (Davar 8/11 in FBIS 8/11; MM 8/12)

Israeli TV reports Iraq relayed a message to Israel expressing readiness to discuss peace now that the Palestinian situation is being resolved. (WT 8/13)

13 AUGUST

JP reports 600 Hamas, 250 PFLP supporters demonstrated in Gaza against Arafat's decision to appoint only members of Fateh to the Gaza council. (JP 8/13)

Israeli cabinet minister denies rumors of formal contacts btwn. Israel and Iraq. (WT 8/14)

14 AUGUST

Hamas gunmen kill 1 Israeli, wound 6 in Gaza in 2 separate incidents, reacting to killing of 2 Hamas mbrs. by Israeli police 8/12. Attacks mark 1st death of Israeli civilian since self-rule began. Arafat phones Hamas spokesman Mahmud Zahhar asking him to stop Hamas military operations. (WT 8/15; NYT, WP, WT 8/16)

Israeli Police M Moshe Shahal says Israel should explore making peace with Iraq to counterbalance the threat from Iran. German sources suggest the U.S. has "indirectly suggested" Iraq take part in the peace process in exchange for the removal of the economic embargo. (WT 8/15)

15 AUGUST

Israeli PM Rabin visits Gaza, says self-rule will not be expanded until the PNA makes "a serious effort" to curb attacks on Israelis. He also postpones scheduled introduction of free passage between Gaza and Jericho. PNA denounces 8/14

Hamas attack, detains 35 Hamas mbrs. for questioning. 200 Hamas supporters protest the crackdown in front of the police headquarters in Dayr al-Balah. (NYT, WP, WT 8/16)

Bolivia, Dominican Republic, and Paraguay announce they will move their diplomatic offices to Jerusalem to keep Israel from closing its embassies in their countries. Israeli F Min. states "We won't close embassies in countries that move their embassies to the Jerusalem area." (WT 8/16)

International terrorist "Carlos" (Ilich Ramirez Sanchez) flown to France after

arrest in Sudan previous night. France sought his extradition for 1975 Paris killing of 2 French agents investigating failed rocket attack on El Al plane. Sanchez most widely known for 1975 Vienna kidnapping of OPEC oil ministers in which 3 were killed, 11 wounded. Israel announces it will not attempt to extradite him. (NYT, WP, WT 8/16)

Israeli and PLO negotiators say they are nearing an agreement on the expansion of Palestinian authority in the West Bank. (WSJ 8/15)

CHRONOLOGY SOURCE ABBREVIATIONS

- AFP (Agence France Presse, Paris)
 CSM (*Christian Science Monitor*, Boston)
 FBIS (Foreign Broadcast Information Service *Daily Report*, Near East & South Asia)
 INA (Iraqi News Agency, Baghdad)
 ITV (Israel Television Network, Jerusalem)
 JNA (Jordan News Agency, Amman)
 JP (*Jerusalem Post International Edition*, Jerusalem)
 JT (*Jordan Times*, Amman)
 JTV (Jordan Television Network, Amman)
 MAP (Maghreb Arabe Presse, Rabat)
 MBC (Middle East Broadcasting Centre, London)
 MEI (*Middle East International*, London)
 MENA (Middle East News Agency, Cairo)
 MET (*Middle East Times Egypt Edition*, Cairo)
 MM (*Mideast Mirror*, London)
 NYT (*New York Times*, New York)
 QPAR (Al-Quds Palestinian Radio, clandestine)
 RJ (Radio Jordan, Amman)
 RL (Radio Lebanon, Beirut)
 RMC (Radio Monte Carlo, Paris)
 SARR (Syrian Arab Republic Radio, Damascus)
 SPA (Saudi Press Agency)
 TJT (*The Jerusalem Times*, East Jerusalem)
 VOL (Voice of Lebanon, Beirut)
 VOP (Voice of Palestine, Algiers, Jericho, or San'a')
 WJW (*Washington Jewish Week*, Rockville, MD)
 WP (*Washington Post*, Washington, DC)
 WSJ (*Wall Street Journal*, New York)
 WT (*Washington Times*, Washington, DC)

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