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## CHRONOLOGY

# 16 FEBRUARY–15 MAY 1993

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

### 16 FEBRUARY

**PLO** announces that **Palestinians will not participate** in negotiations until UNSCR 799 is implemented in full, regardless of Arab states' participation. (MM 2/16)

FM **Peres** meets with Def. Secy. **Les Aspin**, Secy. of State **Christopher**, and VP **Gore** in Washington. (ITV 2/16 in FBIS 2/17)

Speaking in Washington, FM **Peres** says he sees no reason why Jews cannot "lead normal lives under **non-Jewish sovereignty**" in addressing permanent arrangements with the Palestinians. (*Ha'Aretz* 2/17 in FBIS 2/17)

**Arab League Council** holds emergency meeting in Cairo, issues statement strongly condemning **repressive Israeli measures** in o.t. (MENA 2/16 in FBIS 2/17)

**Israel** grants temporary visas to arriving group of **84 Bosnian Muslims**. **Palestinian Israelis** at first welcomed the idea and agreed to **settle the refugees** in their villages, but now see their arrival as an **attempt by Israel to improve its image** in the wake of the Palestinian deportations, and have withdrawn their offer. (MM 2/16, 2/17; NYT 2/18)

**Hizballah** fires rockets at SLA post in southern Lebanon; **Israel, SLA shell target villages** north of "security zone." (NYT 2/17)

### 17 FEBRUARY

**Faisal Husseini** and 40 delegation associ-

ates visit area in Khan Yunis, **Gaza Strip, where homes were leveled** by IDF 2/11 to offer sympathy, rally support for negotiations. **Hamas and PLO supporters** chant allegiance. (MM 2/17)

**Pres. Mubarak** meets with Chmn. **Arafat** in Cairo. (WT 2/20; MENA 2/17 in FBIS 2/17)

**Israeli Aircraft Industries** announces **U.S. Def. Dept.** has awarded them and American co. TRW a \$240m contract to build **56 unmanned airplanes**. Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-HI) announces **U.S.** has budgeted \$57m to improve **Haifa port**, which will serve as **U.S. Navy's major regional anchorage**. But as chmn. of Senate def. appropriations subcomm., he tells Israeli officials that they should **prepare for a possible cut in U.S. foreign aid**. (MM 2/17; WT 2/18)

**Jordan** appoints Shaykh Sulayman al-Jabari **Mufti of Jerusalem**. (MM 2/19)

**Israeli justice min.** announces that **Shin Bet** agent in charge when **Mustafa 'Akkawi** died under 2/4/92 interrogation has been disciplined. (WT 2/18)

IDF shoots 2 Palestinian youths dead in **West Bank**; another shot dead, while fleeing, 10 minutes after curfew, in **Gaza City**. (NYT 2/19)

**Hizballah** and **Israeli, SLA forces** engage in largest artillery battle of the year, killing 3 Islamic fighters, 2 other Lebanese. **Israel shells up to 30 villages**, including Nabatiyya. (MM, NYT 2/18)

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**18 FEBRUARY**

Chmn. **Arafat**, Palestinian delegation mbrs. arrive in **Amman** for "Jordanian-Palestinian summit." (Radio Jordan, *al-Dustur* 2/18 in FBIS 2/18)

**Ambs. of EC, Belgium, Denmark, and UK** meet with Dep. FM **Beilin** in Jerusalem, express concern over **human rights in o.t.** (Qol Yisra'el 2/18 in FBIS 2/19)

**IDF** shoots Palestinian youth dead in **West Bank**. (NYT 2/19)

Former U.S. atty. gen. **Ramsey Clark** calls on **UN** to **end its sanctions against Iraq**. (MM 2/19)

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**19 FEBRUARY**

Secy. of State **Christopher** meets with Pres. **Mubarak**, FM **'Amr Musa** in Cairo. Mubarak accepts Christopher's invitation to meet with Pres. **Clinton** in April. Christopher appeals to Israel to speed up the review process for deportees' individual cases. (NYT, WT 2/19, 2/20; MENA 2/19 in FBIS 2/19)

Chmn. **Arafat** meets with Pres. **Hussein** in **Baghdad**, delivers message from Pres. **Mubarak**. Egypt and the PLO are leading the effort to bring Iraq back into the "**Arab fold**." (*Jordan Times* 2/18-19)

**IDF** shoots Palestinian youth dead near Tulkarm. (MM 2/19)

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**20 FEBRUARY**

Secy. of State **Christopher** meets with **King Hussein** in Amman. No invitation to visit Washington emerges. (NYT, WT 2/21)

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**21 FEBRUARY**

Secy. of State **Christopher** meets with Pres. **Asad** in Damascus, telling him the U.S. will play an "**active role**" as a "full partner" perhaps lending "some ideas of its own" in upcoming peace talks. FM **Shara'** says the deportees issue is "a thorn in resuming the peace process," which is "more important." **Christopher** then meets with **King Fahd** in Riyadh. (MM, NYT 2/22)

Jerusalem Center for Media and Communications poll of o.t. Palestinians finds **83.7% oppose resuming peace talks** without "settlement" of **deportees issue**; 61% favor talks after deportees settlement, 35% oppose. 32%

feel talks will "never bring anything good for the Palestinians"; 50% feel they will bring some good. **58% regard PLO** as the Palestinians' representative, 12.4% feel it is the Islamic movement. (MM 2/22; NYT 2/23; *al-Sharq* 2/25 in FBIS 3/8)

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**22 FEBRUARY**

Palestinian delegation announces their **participation in next round** of talks requires Israeli **commitment to never again deport o.t. Palestinians**. **Timetable for return** of current deportees is negotiable. (NYT 2/23)

In **Kuwait**, Secy. of State **Christopher** asks Shaykh Jaber al-Ahmed al-Sabah to **lift the Arab boycott of Israel**. He then flies to Cyprus and on to Beirut by helicopter in first senior official visit to the city since 1983, meets with PM **Hariri**, FM **Buwayz**. He calls for speedy **Syrian redeployment** to the east in compliance with 1989 Taef accord, and disarming of southern Lebanese resistance as prelude to pressing Israeli compliance with **UNSCR 425**. (MM, NYT 2/23)

**Israel, SLA clash with Islamic Resistance** in "security zone," exchange artillery fire, killing 1 resistance fighter, 1 **UNIFIL** peacekeeper. (MM 2/23)

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**23 FEBRUARY**

Secy. of State **Christopher** meets in Israel with PM **Rabin**, FM **Peres**, then with Palestinians led by **Faisal Husseini**, who tell him that all deportees must be returned for talks to resume. Palestinians read the secy. a letter from Chmn. **Arafat**, present 5-point memo assessing peace process. (NYT 2/24; Sanaa VOP 2/25 in FBIS 2/26)

Some **7,000 march** against territorial compromise on the **Golan Heights** in Jerusalem. (MM 2/24)

Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies (Tel Aviv U.) publishes poll of non-settler, non-kibbutz mbr. Israeli Jewish pop. showing **58% believe the Arabs want peace**, **95% of Israelis want peace**; **29% favor Palestinian autonomy**, 20% favor returning o.t. to Jordan; favor of a **Palestinian state**, annexation, and **annexation with transfer** each garnered 13%. 46% refuse to give back any of the Golan Heights, 33% would give back a small part. **75% believe military action can stop the intifada** and terrorism, **60% feel the govt. has been too soft** on this. (*Davar* 2/23 in FBIS 2/25)

**Police Min.** Moshe Shahal has set up

team of jurists to work out a plan for o.t. police force to operate under the autonomy, one which will be a "clear expression of Palestinian self-rule." Historical models include British-French policing of the Hebrides. (*Davar* 2/23 in FBIS 2/26)

Israeli National Planning and Building Council subcomms. approve plan to build school for handicapped children in East Jerusalem, ending former Housing Min. Ariel Sharon's plan to build 200 Jewish housing units on the site. (Qol Yisra'el 2/26 in FBIS 2/26)

IDF shoots dead UN nurse watching demonstrations from his roof in Rafah, Gaza Strip—50th Palestinian killed by IDF since 12/17/92. (WT 2/24)

U.S. House Republican Task Force on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare releases "The New Islamist International," a report asserting Iranian backing of attacks on UN and Muslims in Bosnia while throwing blame on the Serbs, as well as other actions of intl. radical Islamist agenda. Report follows up similar 10/3/92 report. (WJW 4/22)

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#### 24 FEBRUARY

Secy. of State Christopher meets with Palestinian officials, presents 6-point plan to resume peace talks: (1) U.S. statement calling expulsions illegal and pressing UNSCR 799; (2) 242 and 338 are bases for talks and Jerusalem can be discussed; (3) binding Israeli commitment against expulsions; (4) speedy return of current deportees; (5) return of many post-1967 deportees; (6) Israeli commitment to stop human rights violations in o.t. Palestinians welcome the plan. Christopher tells them the U.S. has no current intention of resuming dialogue with the PLO. (NYT 2/25; Qol Yisra'el 2/24, 2/25 in FBIS 2/25; JTV 2/27 in FBIS 3/1; MEI 3/5)

PM Rabin meets again with Secy. Christopher, handing him a letter to deliver to Pres. Clinton calling for main effort on an Israeli-Syrian accord with resumption of talks. (*Yedi'ot Aharonot* 2/25 in FBIS 2/25)

IDF searches, closes Islamic and al-Azhar Universities in Gaza Strip for 1 week. (MM 2/25; Qol Yisra'el 2/24 in FBIS 2/25)

Sen. John Glenn (D-OH) distributes recent Russian intelligence report stating Israel may have 100-200 nuclear weapons (see docs. A1, D3). (MM 2/25)

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#### 25 FEBRUARY

Secy. of State Christopher and Russian FM Kozyrev announce they will invite the parties to resume Middle East peace talks in April; cosponsors will step up their roles as honest brokers. Russia will invite a PLO delegation to Moscow. (NYT 2/26)

Faisal Hussein receives "encouraging" letters of assurances, responses from Pres. Clinton and Secy. of State Christopher: commitment to process based on 242, 338, land for peace; assurance of progress this year; opposition to deportations, which are illegal; U.S. to be full partner; appreciation of Palestinian positions and encouragement to participate; support of previous U.S. commitments and documents. (Qol Yisra'el 2/25 in FBIS 2/26; MM 2/26; MEI 3/5)

U.S. tells PLO it has withdrawn its 6-point plan to end the deportee issue because Israel has not accepted major parts of it (specifically, points 1 and 2; see 2/24). (RMC, Moroccan Kingdom Radio 2/25 in FBIS 2/26)

Israel offers to reconfirm that 12/17/92 deportations were "exceptional," not permanent policy, pledges to allow back "many" Palestinians deported since 1967 if the Palestinians agree to resume peace talks in April. Israel also offers 2 proposals of tax relief to Palestinians. Offers fall short of Palestinian demand that Israel never deport o.t. Palestinians again. (MM 2/25; WT 2/26)

Hamas rep. in Amman Muhammad Nazal reports that U.S. embassy official in Jordan has held 2 meetings with Hamas spokesman Ibrahim Ghawshah since the 12/17 deportations. Hamas reps. also met recently with amb. from UK, France, Germany and Italy. (MM 2/26, 3/2; RMC 2/25 in FBIS 2/26)

Anti-peace process rally held at Birzeit U., West Bank. (ITV 2/25 in FBIS 2/26)

Jaffa Research Center releases poll of 773 Palestinian Israelis: 49% support resumption of talks before solving deportee issue; 71.5% feel Israel is "serious" in its talks with the Palestinians, but fewer than half feel talks will result in a solution to the problem. (ITV 2/25 in FBIS 2/26)

Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) circulates letter signed by 58 senators urging Secy. of State Christopher to include Hamas in annual report on terrorism. (MM 3/31)

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#### 26 FEBRUARY

PLO and Hamas reps. meet in Amman,

discuss Palestinian meetings with Secy. of State **Christopher**, other issues such as **Hamas inclusion in PLO**. (*al-Dustur* 2/27 in FBIS 3/2)

PLO Exec. Comm. mbr. **Yasir 'Abd-Rabuh** says he and the PLO were "surprised" that U.S. would initiate dialogue with Hamas while refusing to talk to the PLO, but hoped that this **dialogue would help** to solve the deportees issue. (MENA 2/26 in FBIS 3/1)

**Palestinian youth** stabs Border Policeman in **East Jerusalem**, causing light wounds, and is caught. (Qol Yisra'el 2/26 in FBIS 3/1)

Car bomb explodes in garage under **World Trade Center**, New York, killing at least 5, wounding 1,000. (NYT 2/27)

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## 27 FEBRUARY

**Civil Administration (CIVAD) budget** for o.t. is made public for 1st time: NIS 827m (c. \$300m), of which 722m comes from taxes and fees on Palestinians, 105m from state treasury. (*Ha'Aretz* 2/28 in FBIS 3/1; MM 3/1)

Katyusha rockets fired from **Lebanon** into northern Israel; Israel shells targets north of "security zone." (Qol Yisra'el 2/27 in FBIS 2/28)

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## 28 FEBRUARY

**Egyptian pol. advisor 'Usama al-Baz** meets with PM **Rabin**, delivers message from Pres. **Mubarak** with proposal for **Mubarak-Rabin summit**. Message also reiterates **Egyptian plan** for deportees acceptable to Chmn. **Arafat**. (MENA, Qol Yisra'el 2/28, *Ha'Aretz* 3/1 in FBIS 3/1)

**Palestinian economist Ibrahim Matar** says **CIVAD budget** publicized 2/27 should be **3 times bigger**, and ignores many taxes o.t. Palestinians pay to the Israeli treasury. (MM 3/1)

PM **Rabin** tells Conf. of Presidents of Major American Jewish Orgs. that Israel will "try [its] best" not to give up the entire **Golan Heights**. (MM 3/1)

**Israel arrests 4th Palestinian-American** on charges of aiding Islamic groups. (*Yedi'ot Aharonot* 3/7 in FBIS 3/8; NYT, WT 3/8)

**Israel** successfully tests **Arrow anti-missile** system, 80% of which is financed by the U.S. (MM 3/1)

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## 1 MARCH

**Hamas** rep. in Amman Muhammad Nazzal **reassures PLO** that its diplomatic contacts (with U.S., among others) are **not meant to establish Hamas as an alternative leadership**. (*Jordan Times* 3/2 in FBIS 3/2)

MK **Benyamin Netanyahu**, other Likud MKs, tour **Golan Heights**, brief Jewish mayors on 2-stage **Israeli withdrawal "plan"**. (*Ha'Aretz* 3/1 in FBIS 3/1)

**West Bank settlement guards** have been granted "limited policing powers" allowing them to **search, detain, and arrest any Palestinian** on specified grounds of suspicion—a "far-reaching amendment" to existing laws. Agreement is result of appeal by Ariel "mayor" Ron Nachman to the High Court against the IDF. (*Yedi'ot Aharonot* 3/1 in FBIS 3/3)

**Kuwaiti FM** Shaykh Sabah al-Ahmad "rules out" **restoration of ties with Arab states** that opposed the war against **Iraq**, singling out **Jordan and the PLO**, who still support "false claims." (MM 3/1)

Italian TV runs interview (taped 2/13) with Pres. **Saddam Hussein**, who says if an **Israeli-Palestinian settlement** is "arrived at that satisfies the Palestinians, I will accept it," and **recognize Israel**. He is doubtful of such a settlement, though. (MM 3/1; Baghdad INA 3/4 in FBIS 3/5)

U.S. issues warning to travelers of a "heightened threat of **terrorism**" in **Jordan**. Jordanian ministers are "astonished" by the warning, asserting that Americans are safer in Jordan than back home. (MM 3/2, 3/3)

Pres. **Mubarak** meets with Conf. of Presidents of Major American Jewish Orgs. in Cairo. (MM 3/2, 3/5)

**Gazan Islamic Jihad mbr.** stabs 2 Israelis to death, wounds 9, in Tel Aviv. Israel seals Gaza Strip. (WP 3/2; NYT 3/3; AFP, Qol Yisra'el, IDF Radio 3/1 in FBIS 3/2)

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## 2 MARCH

**Faisal Hussein** and **Haydar 'Abd al-Shafi** condemn 3/1 killings in Tel Aviv. Hussein receives **letter** from Secy. of State **Christopher** through U.S. consul-general in Jerusalem. (Qol Yisra'el, *Ha'Aretz* 3/2 in FBIS 3/2; *al-Quds* 3/5 in FBIS 3/8)

U.S. **severs contacts with Hamas**, saying they were cultivated to keep up with "developments in the Islamic world," denying any "political dialogue." Hamas will for the first time appear in the State Dept.'s **annual report**

on terrorism, to be issued 4/1. (WT 3/3)

PLO Exec. Comm. mbr. **Mahmud 'Abbas** meets with Russian FM **Kozyrev** in Moscow, discusses deportees. (*al-Hayat* 3/4 in FBIS 3/8)

Israeli **Health Min.** Haim Ramon (Labor) and **Interior Min.** Aryeh Deri (SHAS) urge govt. to consider unilateral **withdrawal from the Gaza Strip**. (NYT 3/3; Qol Yisra'el 3/2 in FBIS 3/2)

**Council of Jewish Settlements** in Judea, Samaria and Gaza **calls on settlers to open fire** if attacked with stones (first in air to deter, then at body if endangered). **IDF strongly rebukes 1st-ever such call** by settlers. (*Ha'Aretz* 3/3 in FBIS 3/3)

**Peace Now** reports **settlement expansion** in at least 8 sites. (*Al Hamishmar* 3/2 in FBIS 3/3)

**Israeli driver stoned and shot dead** by Palestinians in Rafah, Gaza Strip. Shots fired from an Israeli car being stoned in East Jerusalem kill **1 Palestinian**. (MM 3/2; NYT 3/3; IDF Radio, Qol Yisra'el 3/2 in FBIS 3/3)

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### 3 MARCH

PLO Exec. Comm mbr. **Mahmud 'Abbas** outlines **new PLO 4-point plan** to solve the deportee issue and resume talks (see 2/24, 2/25): (1) **Israeli commitment against expulsion**; (2) **increase in no. of immediate returnees** (from the 101 offered 2/1) and **timetable for rest**; (3) **return of many post-1967 deportees**; (4) **Israeli commitment on o.t. human rights**. (MM 3/4)

**Faisal Hussein** sends memo to Secy. of State **Christopher**. (*al-Quds* 3/5 in FBIS 3/8)

**IDF arrests some 200 Palestinians** in Rafah, Gaza Strip, in wake of attacks in Israel. (MM 3/4)

**Ramallah woman stabs, injures Ataret Cohanim yeshiva guard** in Old City. (Qol Yisra'el 3/3 in FBIS 3/3)

**SLA kills 1 Hizballah fighter** in clash in "security zone." **Amal has criticized Hizballah's firing of rockets** into Israel and attacks on personnel lately, as they are unsuccessful in evicting the IDF from the "security zone." (Qol Yisra'el 3/3 in FBIS 3/4)

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### 4 MARCH

**U.S. amb. to Israel** William Harrop criticizes pace of economic reform in Israel, and warns of **possible U.S. aid cuts**. (WT 3/5)

*New York Times* op-ed says Pres. **Asad** told Secy. of State **Christopher** that he would agree

to **implement a peace agreement "gradually"** (see 2/21). (NYT 3/4; MM 3/5)

**Hamas spokesman in Amman** Ibrahim Ghawshah says it was Hamas that **suspended talks with U.S.** when the latter did not agree to a 3rd meeting with its amb. in Amman, and that the 2 meetings with lower diplomats **focused on the deportees** (see 3/2). (*Sawt al-Sha'b* 3/5 in FBIS 3/5)

**Belgium** raises status of the **PLO mission** in Brussels, still short of full diplomatic recognition; **Israel protests**. (Algiers VOP 3/4 in FBIS 3/5; MM 3/5)

**Yeshiva student** stabbed in Jerusalem's **Old City**. (Qol Yisra'el 3/4 in FBIS 3/5)

**Palestinian-born Muhammad Salameh** is arrested and charged in connection with 2/26 **World Trade Center** bombing. Also arrested is Ibrahim al-Gabrowni, a relative of **Sayyid Nusayr** (imprisoned on crimes connected with assassination of **Rabbi Meir Kahane** 2 years ago) and an official at Egyptian Islamic leader **Shaykh 'Umar 'Abd al-Rahman's** mosque in Brooklyn. 'Abd al-Rahman was tried in connection with Pres. **Sadat's assassination in 1981**. (WT 3/5; NYT 3/8)

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### 5 MARCH

*Ma'Ariv* poll of Israeli Jews shows 33% favor immediate unilateral **withdrawal from Gaza**; 34% favor withdrawal in framework of **peace talks**; 23% says Israel **should remain** there. (MM 3/5)

**IDF seals home** of man accused of killing 2 in Tel Aviv 3/2. (Qol Yisra'el 3/5 in FBIS 3/8)

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### 6 MARCH

**PLO Exec. Comm.** ends 4-day meeting, issues statement. (Algiers VOP 3/6 in FBIS 3/8)

Expressing his "joy" over PLO Exec. Comm. mbr. **Mahmud 'Abbas's** visit to **Saudi Arabia** 1/9-11 (when he "apologized" for **PLO stance during Gulf war**), Chmn. **Arafat** says "we view this event with great satisfaction because it was a Palestinian decision" in interview with *al-Hayat*. (MENA 3/6 in FBIS 3/8)

**Israel embassy officials** in London reveal **U.S.** is encouraging **U.K. to upgrade its PLO contacts**, reportedly so that U.S. can receive **reliable info. on the PLO** from friendly sources (see 3/7-9). (*Ha'Aretz* 3/7 in FBIS 3/8)

**Israel charges UNRWA official** with failing



to alert IDF soldiers after seeing an Israeli stoned and shot to death in the Gaza Strip 3/2. **UNRWA denies** the charge. (Qol Yisra'el 3/6 in FBIS 3/8; NYT 3/8)

**IDF helicopters attack PFLP-GC marine base**, striking also refugee camps, in 'Ayn al-Hilwa, **Lebanon**, wounding 4. **Fatah official** is shot dead in 'Ayn al-Hilwa. (IDF Radio, QPAR 3/6 in FBIS 3/8; NYT 3/7)

**U.S. State Dept.** issues statement describing **Iran** as the world's "most dangerous state sponsor of **terrorism**." (NYT 3/7)

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## 7 MARCH

**U.K.** resumes top-level **contacts with PLO** (see 3/6). (IDF Radio 3/8 in FBIS 3/8; WP 3/10)

In interview taped 2/28 and broadcast today, **King Hussein** says if Palestinians boycott upcoming peace talks, **Jordan will also boycott**. (WT 3/8; MM 3/11)

**Hamas and Islamic Jihad** clash in a mosque in Gaza City, apparently over "control" of the mosque (one of the biggest in the Gaza Strip), wounding 10. (*Ha'aretz* 3/8 in FBIS 3/8)

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## 8 MARCH

**Rep. David Obey** (R-WI), chmn. of House appropriations subcomm., suggests that **Israel and Egypt** may "one day" see their aid cut, as Pres. **Clinton** seeks to cut foreign aid by \$2b over 5 years while increasing aid to Russia next year by \$300m. Clinton has pledged to maintain current levels. (WT 3/9)

**Israeli Dep. FM Yossi Beilin** protests to **British amb.** in Israel over UK decision to upgrade **PLO contacts**. (IDF Radio 3/8 in FBIS 3/8)

**Haydar 'Abd al-Shafi** calls on **Hamas and Islamic Jihad** to behave "in a responsible way" after 3/7 clash inside **Gaza mosque**. (*al-Fajr* 3/9 in FBIS 3/9)

*Jerusalem Post* reports on **quota for Arab pop. of Jerusalem** set by govt. in 1973, consistently enforced through housing plans—in 1967, Arab pop. was 26% of total, today is 27%. City council may appeal the legality of the discriminatory quota to the **High Court**. (MM 3/8)

**Elections at Hebron** U. are postponed because of Ramadan and IDF's impeding access to campus (acc. to PLO supporters), or because **PLO was afraid of defeat** and wants more of its supporters in the admin. (acc. to

Islamists). **PLO-Islamist fights** ensue. Islamists have consistently won past elections. (MM 3/9)

**Israel reopens Gaza** checkpoints to Palestinian workers; 30,000 travel to jobs (see 3/2). Two **Palestinians kill settler** as he was driving them to work; Fateh Eagles claim responsibility. Settlers angrily protest, killing 1 Palestinian. (Qol Yisra'el 3/8 in FBIS 3/8; MM 3/8; WP 3/9)

**IDF** shoots Palestinian youth dead near **Tulkarm**. (ITV 3/8 in FBIS 3/9)

**PLO official** Khalid Muhammad al-Jassem is convicted of **attempting to bomb** three Israeli targets in New York City in 1973. (NYT 3/9)

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## 9 MARCH

**British Dep. FM Douglas Hogg** meets with **Faisal Hussein**, **PLO reps.** in London, says **Israel should make concessions** on deportees to jump-start talks. (MM 3/9; WP 3/10; IDF Radio 3/8 in FBIS 3/8)

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## 10 MARCH

**U.S. and Russia** invite parties to resume peace talks 4/20. **Palestinian delegation refuses** to accept letter of invitation in Jerusalem. **Multilateral water** talks are scheduled for Geneva 4/27. (AFP 3/10 in FBIS 3/10; MM 3/10; NYT; WP 3/11)

PLO pol. dept. head **Faruq al-Qaddumi** meets with Syrian FM **Shara'** in Damascus. Qaddumi says **Arab states** may go to the talks without the Palestinians to "test U.S. intentions." PLO Exec. Comm. mbr. **Mahmud 'Abbas** meets with Egyptian FM **'Amr Musa** in Cairo. (RMC, SARA 3/10 in FBIS 3/10; MENA 3/10 in FBIS 3/11; MM 3/11)

**Hamas and Fateh** agree to establish **intifada "joint command,"** other committees to enhance cooperation. (WT 3/11)

**Israel** lodges **formal complaint** with **UNRWA** over an official's alleged negligence during 3/2 incident in **Gaza Strip** (see 3/6). (Qol Yisra'el 3/10 in FBIS 3/11)

**IDF** shoots Palestinian youth dead near **Jerusalem**. **IDF soldier stabbed**, critically wounded in Nazareth. (Qol Yisra'el 3/11 in FBIS 3/11; WT 3/11)

**Fateh** official assassinated in Tyre, **Lebanon**. (Radio Lebanon 3/10 in FBIS 3/11)

New Jersey resident and chemical engineer **Nidal Ayyad** is arrested in connection with 2/26 **World Trade Center** bombing. (WP 3/11)

## 11 MARCH

Speaking in Germany, FM **Peres** says Israel will **stop deportations** if Palestinians renounce and **halt violence**. (Qol Yisra'el 3/11 in FBIS 3/12)

Jordanian paper reports that **Fateh Cent. Comm.** mbr. Nasr Yusuf recently presented **Syria** with 111-page **memo from PLO leadership** seeking to restore Syrian-PLO relations. (*al-Dustur* 3/11 in FBIS 3/11)

Pres. **Mubarak** meets with Syrian FM **al-Shara'** in Cairo, accepts message from Pres. **Asad**. Shara' and Egyptian FM 'Amr Musa then draft and send **Egyptian-Syrian memo** of joint proposals to Secy. of State **Christopher**. Shara' approves of **phased Israeli withdrawal** from the Golan over 7 years. (MENA 3/11 in FBIS 3/11; *al-Ahram*, RMC 3/13 in FBIS 3/15)

Angering the **Kuwaiti** gov., opposition-affiliated Kuwaiti Assn. for the Defense of War Victims has enlisted **PLO** help to account for 600 persons missing since the Gulf war. (MM 3/11)

**Israeli** for. min. announces **Kyrgyzstan will not open an embassy** in Jerusalem (as was announced 1/20/93), or anywhere in Israel, for the time being. Ministry blames the diplomatic muddle on Israel's amb. to Kazakhstan, a Labor political appointee. (Qol Yisra'el 3/11 in FBIS 3/12)

## 12 MARCH

PM **Rabin** meets with Secy. of State **Christopher** in Washington. (*Yedi'ot Aharonot* 3/14 in FBIS 3/15)

PLO Exec. Comm. mbrs. say **PLO does not accept any timetable** for return of deportees that extends beyond **June**. (RMC 3/12 in FBIS 3/12)

**Hamas** Amman rep. Muhammad Nazzal says that talks in Amman with **PLO** this week covered **Israeli withdrawal from Gaza**, deportations, cooperation. (*Jordan Times* 3/13 in FBIS 3/15)

**Gaza settlers** announce they will no longer employ **Palestinian workers**. (Qol Yisra'el 3/12 in FBIS 3/12)

**IDF** shoots Palestinian youth dead in **Hebron**. IDF soldier is found shot dead near Jerusalem, and Palestinians stab **female settler** to death in **Gaza Strip**. (MM 3/12; MM, WT 3/15)

## 13 MARCH

**Hamas** Amman rep. Muhammad Nazzal says **Hamas supports Palestinian state in West Bank and Gaza** as first step toward liberating all of Palestine; recognition of or dialogue with Israel is "out of the question." PLO Exec. Comm. mbr. **Mahmud 'Abbas** calls the statement "political chicanery," but "a kind of retreat." (RMC 3/13, 3/14 in FBIS 3/15; MM 3/15)

**Fateh** issues statement accusing Fateh Revolutionary Council (**Abu Nidal**) of carrying out assassinations in southern **Lebanon** and promoting **intra-Palestinian discord**. Fateh "will not allow this to happen." (RMC, VOL 3/13 in FBIS 3/16)

Pres. **Asad** meets with Pres. **Hirawi** in Damascus. (SARA 3/13 in FBIS 3/15)

PM **Hariri** says **Lebanon will not disarm resistance groups** fighting Israel in the south until Israel withdraws from Lebanese territory. (Radio Lebanon 3/13 in FBIS 3/16)

**IDF** fires at car in Hebron, **killing 3-year-old** Palestinian girl. (Qol Yisra'el 3/14 in FBIS 3/15; WT 3/15)

## 14 MARCH

**Hamas** Amman rep. Muhammad Nazzal denies PLO Exec. Comm. mbr. **Mahmud 'Abbas's** 3/13 statement that Hamas position on Palestinian state in o.t. is a retreat; position has been **consistent since 1988**. (*al-Sharq al-Awsat* 3/15 in FBIS 3/17)

Israeli Env. Min. **Yossi Sarid** calls for PLO-led **Palestinian state in the Gaza Strip**. (IDF Radio, Qol Yisra'el 3/14 in FBIS 3/15)

**Israeli National Police Commissioner** Yaacov Terner calls on **Israelis to carry handguns** for self-defense, to increase public security. **Police Min.** Moshe Shahal **criticizes the appeal**. (Qol Yisra'el 3/14 in FBIS 3/15; WP 3/15)

**King Hussein** meets with PLO Exec. Comm. mbrs. **Faruq al-Qaddumi and Mahmud 'Abbas**, in course of 2 days of Jordanian-Palestinian meetings. FM **Kamil Abu Jaber** says the deportees issue "should be resolved" by 4/20. (JTV 3/14 in FBIS 3/15; MM 3/15)

## 15 MARCH

Pres. **Clinton** meets with PM **Rabin** in Washington, pledges to **maintain aid to Israel** at current levels for "years to come." Rabin is forthcoming on withdrawal in return



for **peace with Syria**. Asked about the **deportations**, Clinton says "we did not discuss that" (see doc. A2). (NYT, WT 3/16)

PLO Exec. Comm. mbr. **Mahmud 'Abbas** says **Palestinians will boycott talks** as long as the **deportees issue** is unresolved, even if all other parties attend. (*al-Sharq al-Awsat* in MM 3/15)

**Golan settlers riot** at Qunaytra border crossing with Syria, setting tires on fire and exchanging blows with border guards. Settler shoots, wounds **Druze** resident of Buqa'ayta. (Qol Yisra'el 3/15 in FBIS 3/15)

**Palestinian driver runs over, kills 2 settlers** near Nablus. **Settlers** shoot 1 Palestinian dead, stone Palestinian cars, smash windshields, **clash with IDF**. Since 12/17/92 deportations, **10 Israelis have been killed** by Palestinians, **57 Palestinians have been killed** by Israelis. (MM 3/15, 3/16; Qol Yisra'el 3/15 in FBIS 3/16; NYT 3/18)

**PFLP-GC claim abduction, killing of IDF soldier found dead** 3/12. (QPAR 3/15 in FBIS 3/16)

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#### 16 MARCH

PM **Rabin** announces he will **cut short his visit** to the U.S., leaving 3/18, to deal with **wave of violence** at home. He meets with U.S. congress mbrs., asks them to **ask Pres. Asad if he is willing to meet** when they travel to Syria. (NYT 3/16; IDF Radio 3/18 in FBIS 3/18)

PLO Exec. Comm. mbr. **Yasir 'Abd-Rabuh** says warmth of 3/15 **Rabin-Clinton meeting** "puts the whole peace process in danger." (MM 3/16)

**IDF** shoots 2 Palestinians dead, wounds 70 in **Gaza Strip**. IDF wounds, captures 3 masked Palestinians leading march in **Jenin**. (Qol Yisra'el 3/16, 3/17 in FBIS 3/17; MM 3/17)

Over 1,000 **Golan Druze** demonstrate in reaction to 3/15 shooting, **criticizing Israel** and asserting **Syrian character of Golan**. (IDF Radio 3/16 in FBIS 3/17)

**Palestinian reporter Taher Shriteh** receives **1993 Freedom of the Press award** by the U.S. National Press Club. Shriteh reports from Gaza under constant Israeli harassment, and was 1 of 415 **deported 12/17/92**, though he was quickly allowed to return. (MM 3/18)

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#### 17 MARCH

Speaking to Muslim clerics in Damascus, Pres. **Asad** says he seeks **comprehensive**

**Arab-Israeli peace**, not a separate deal. (SARR 3/18 in FBIS 3/18; MM 3/18; NYT 3/19)

**IDF** kills 2, wounds up to 90 Palestinians in Khan Yunis, **Gaza Strip**. Settlers rampage near **Nablus**, setting fire to Palestinian-owned gas station, to **avenge 3/15 killings**. (MM 3/17; NYT 3/18)

Federal **grand jury** indicts Muhammad Salameh and Nidal Ayyad on charge of carrying out 2/26 **World Trade Center** bombing. Ibrahim al-Gabrowni is charged with obstruction of justice and fraud. (WP, WT 3/18)

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#### 18 MARCH

PM **Rabin** meets with UN Secy.-Gen. **Bu-trus-Ghali** in New York. (MM 3/17)

Gunfire erupts near Palestinian negotiator **Haydar 'Abd al-Shafi** in Rafah, **Gaza**, killing 52-year-old schoolteacher within 10 feet of him. IDF and Israeli TV says **PFLP gunmen tried to shoot the delegate** (PFLP denies); 'Abd al-Shafi says **bullets came from IDF** firing on stonethrowers. **IDF** kills 1, wounds over 50 Palestinians in Khan Yunis. (Qol Yisra'el 3/18, 3/19 in FBIS 3/19; MM, NYT 3/18, 3/19)

**Hamas** spokesman in Amman Ibrahim Ghawshah announces the group will **escalate attacks in the West Bank** to make conditions there similar to Gaza, to force Israel to withdraw. (MM 3/18)

Last Friday of **Ramadan passes peacefully in Jerusalem**, where over 200,000 Palestinians prayed at al-Aqsa Mosque, watched over by scores of Israeli police. (MM 3/19)

Joint **PFLP-Fateh** unit attacks **Israeli, SLA forces** in "security zone." (VOL 3/19 in FBIS 3/22)

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#### 19 MARCH

PM **Rabin** calls for **stricter controls** on the approx. 120,000 Palestinians who travel to **work in Israel** each day from the o.t., saying he would prefer a lower number. (NYT 3/20)

Poll shows **53% of Israeli Jews favor unilateral withdrawal** from Gaza, 34% against. (*Yedi'ot Aharonot* 3/19 in FBIS 3/19)

**Iranians** celebrate **Quds Day** in support of the Palestinians, protesting the peace process. **Deportees in southern Lebanon** are divided; 35, mostly **Islamic Jihad** mbrs., heed Iran's call for protest against Israel. **Ten Palestinian rejectionist factions** issue statement hon-

oring the occasion. (QPAR 3/18 in FBIS 3/19; MM 3/18, 3/19)

*Al-Hayat* reports that surprise **U.S. warning to tourists in Jordan** announced 3/1 was prompted by a Syrian-based Jihad al-Islami **attack on U.S. tourists planned for 2/19**, but thwarted 2/2 by Jordanian security. (MM 3/19)

## 20 MARCH

Two **IDF** jeeps are ambushed separately in **Gaza Strip** and **West Bank**, killing 2 soldiers. **IDF** shoots 2 dead, wounds 20 Palestinians in Khan Yunis. **IDF destroys up to 20 houses** in Dayr al-Balah camp. (Qol Yisra'el 3/21 in FBIS 3/22; MM 3/22; MM, WT 3/23; MM 3/30)

Joint **Amal-Hizballah** unit attacks Israeli, SLA positions in "security zone." **Israel shells targets** north of zone. (VOM, VOL 3/20 in FBIS 3/22)

## 21 MARCH

**Egypt**, **PLO** request UNSC meeting to consider "the serious situation in the o.t." (Qol Yisra'el 3/23 in FBIS 3/23; MM 3/23)

**Israel** expands police force from 18,000 to over 20,000, tightens security at **o.t. checkpoints**. (NYT 3/22; MM 3/23)

Pres. **Mubarak** concludes 2-day visit to Saudi Arabia. (SPA 3/21 in FBIS 3/22)

**Fateh Hawks** fire on IDF in Khan Yunis. **IDF** shoots 2 dead, wound 15 Palestinians in **Gaza Strip**. (MM, WT 3/22)

## 22 MARCH

**Knesset rejects no-confidence motions** submitted by Tsomet, NRP, and Likud, 50-41. All SHAS MKs voted against the motions, all HADASH MKs abstained. (IDF Radio 3/22 in FBIS 3/23)

**Settlers and right-wingers stage demonstration against govt.** in Jerusalem, setting tires on fire and throwing objects at policemen. (Qol Yisra'el 3/22 in FBIS 3/23)

**IDF shoots 4 Palestinians dead, among them a 12-year-old retarded boy, in Gaza Strip.** Palestinian stabs 5 students, principal in **Jerusalem** high school. **IDF** seals assailant's home. Students, other Israelis riot, damaging West Bank cars, wounding 2. (Qol Yisra'el 3/22, 3/23 in FBIS 3/23; NYT, WT 3/23)

Joint **Amal-Hizballah** unit attacks Israeli,

SLA positions just north of "security zone," killing 2 Hizballah fighters. **Israel shells targets** north of zone. (VOL, VOO, VOS 3/22, 3/23 in FBIS 3/23)

## 23 MARCH

**PNC Secy.** Muhammad Subayh says **PLO is prepared to establish national authority in Gaza Strip**, on the basis of a 1974 PNC decision calling for such establishment on any part of o.t. to be liberated. **Hanan Ashrawi** echoes the statement. (*Ha'Aretz*, MENA 3/23 in FBIS 3/24)

Meretz faction approves plan for **Gaza withdrawal** drawn up by Energy Min. **Amnon Rubinstein**. (Qol Yisra'el 3/23 in FBIS 3/23)

**Palestinian stabs settler** in West Bank, is shot 10 times and **killed by settler** after being bound hand and foot. (MM 3/23; NYT, WT 3/24)

## 24 MARCH

Knesset elects **Ezer Weizman** president of Israel, 66 to 53. (Qol Yisra'el 3/24 in FBIS 3/24; NYT, WP 3/25)

**Egypt** turns over Mahmud Abu Halima (arrested 3/14 in roundup of Islamic militants) to **U.S. officials**. The 4th suspect in 2/26 **World Trade Center** bombing is then flown to New York. Bilal al-Kaisi, Jordanian national living in New Jersey, turns himself in and is charged with aiding and abetting the bombing. (MM 3/24, 3/26; NYT 3/25)

**IDF** shoots 2 Palestinians dead in o.t. Two other Palestinians die of wounds inflicted 3/22, 3/23. (MM 3/24, 3/25)

**IDF** soldier who shot boy 3/22 receives 14-day jail sentence pending further investigation. (MM 3/25; WT 3/31)

**Israeli planes raid Hizballah target** north of "security zone" in first such air raid of the year. (Radio Lebanon 3/24 in FBIS 3/25)

## 25 MARCH

FM **Peres** calls for negotiated **withdrawal from Gaza Strip**. (IDF Radio 3/25 in FBIS 3/26)

**Benyamin Netanyahu** wins leadership of **Likud** with 52.1% of the vote. Closest rival David Levy wins 26.3%. (MM 3/25; NYT, WP 3/26)

Dahaf Inst. poll (conducted before Likud primaries) shows that were elections held today, **Labor would lose 7 seats to Likud**, from

current 44-32 to 37-39. Meretz would lose 1 (from 12 to 11), and Tsomet would gain 1 (from 8 to 9). (*Ma'Ariv* 3/25 in MM 3/26)

Court orders 10-day **detainment of settler** who killed an apprehended Palestinian 3/23. Police are seeking **murder charges**. (WT 3/26)

**IDF** shoots Palestinian youth dead in **Gaza**. (WT 3/26)

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## 26 MARCH

Five-mbr. **Palestinian delegation** led by **Faisal Husseini** meets with Secy. of State **Christopher** in Washington. U.S. offers **package of assurances**, based on earlier diplomacy, if Palestinians resume talks (see 2/24, 2/25, 3/3). (WT 3/26; MM 3/29)

**IDF** destroy **9 buildings in Gaza Strip** with anti-tank missiles, leaving 194 homeless. (WT 3/27; Qol Yisra'el 3/26 in FBIS 3/30; MM 3/30)

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## 27 MARCH

Pres. **Mubarak** meets with Pres. **Asad** in Cairo. (MM 3/29)

**Hamas** gunman shoots Border Policeman dead in **Tulkarm**. (NYT 3/28; AFP 3/29 in FBIS 3/29; MM 3/29)

**Israel/SLA** shell villages north of "security zone," killing 1. SLA lose 1 in clashes/roadside bombing near Jezzín. (AFP, VOS 3/27 in FBIS 3/30)

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## 28 MARCH

Pres. **Mubarak** meets with Chmn. **Arafat** in Cairo. (MM 3/29)

Two **Palestinians stab Gaza settler** to death, settlers riot; **Israel seals Strip** as of 3/29. **Palestinians fire on IDF** from car in **Gaza City**; IDF shoots 1 dead, wounds 2. (Qol Yisra'el 3/28 in FBIS 3/29; MM 3/29; WP 3/29)

*New York Times* prints letter from the "Liberation Army Fifth Battalion" claiming responsibility for 2/26 **World Trade Center** bombing. The letter, received by the *Times* 4 days after the bombing, says U.S. aid to **Israel** is the bombers' main grievance. (NYT 3/28)

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## 29 MARCH

FMs of Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, and

the PLO end 2-day meeting in Damascus, **delay decision on resuming talks** with Israel 4/20 in their final statement. (Radio Lebanon 3/29 in FBIS 3/30; NYT, WP 3/30)

**Hanan Ashrawi** says Palestinians **rejected 3/26 U.S. offers**, adds that such assurances are basic rights, "not issues for blackmail, negotiations, or pressure." (MM 3/30)

**PLO amb. in Cairo** Said Kamal says Pres. **Asad** and Chmn. **Arafat** have entrusted Pres. **Mubarak** to negotiate a solution to the deportees and raise new peace talks ideas during his 4/6 talks with Pres. **Clinton** in Washington. (MM 3/29)

Jordanian PM **Sharif Bin-Shakir** tells MPs that his gov. **does not accept Israeli-Jordanian draft agenda** negotiated by the respective delegations and publicized 10/27/92 (see *JPS* 86, doc. A1). It is missing some key points, particularly on **Jerusalem**. (MM 3/30)

**IDF** shoots 1 Palestinian dead in **Jalazun** camp, West Bank. Palestinian worker kills **settler** near Khan Yunis. **Settlers burn down mosque** in Gaza Strip. (IDF Radio 3/29 in FBIS 3/30; Qol Yisra'el 3/30 in FBIS 3/31; WP 3/30)

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## 30 MARCH

**PLO** leadership meets in Tunis to discuss 3/29 FMs meeting. (*al-Nahar* 3/23 in FBIS 3/24)

**Hamas** mbrs. shoot 2 traffic policemen dead north of **Tel Aviv**. **Israel** decides to **seal o.t.** indefinitely, starting 3/31. (MM 3/30; NYT 3/31, 4/1)

Testifying before Senate appropriations subcomm., Secy. of State **Christopher** identifies Iran, Iraq, Libya, and **Hamas** as "sponsors of terrorism." (MM 3/30)

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## 31 MARCH

Four-mbr. **EC** delegation meets with PLO pol. dept. head **Faruq al-Qaddumi**, Palestinian delegation head **Haydar 'Abd al-Shafi** in Amman, then with **Syrian** officials in Damascus. (MM 3/30, 4/1)

**U.S. lifts Jordanian travel warning** (see 3/1, 3/19). (MM 4/1)

**Two Hizballah** gunmen die in clash with **IDF** north of "security zone." Israel, SLA shell Shiite target villages north of "security zone." (WP 4/4; VOL 3/31 in FBIS 3/31)

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1 APRIL

Meeting with EC delegation in Jerusalem, **Faisal Hussein** says Israel has created a **new obstacle** to resuming talks by **turning the o.t. into a "massive collective prison"** (sealed 3/31). EC reps. then meet with **Israeli officials**. (ITV 4/1 in FBIS 4/2; NYT 4/2)

Responding to an agricul. min. request, **IDF orders 1,500 soldiers to work on farms** hit hard by lack of Palestinian workers from o.t. (MM 4/2)

**IDF gunboats, helicopters attack PFLP-GC, Islamic Jihad bases** in Nahr al-Bared refugee camp, Tripoli, Lebanon, wounding 3. **Palestinians repel Israeli troop landing** at the coastal bases with heavy gunfire. **Bomb** inside "security zone" kills 2 **SLA** soldiers; **Israel shells targets north. Fateh blames Israel** for assassination of its top security official in **Beirut**. (AFP, RFL 4/1 in FBIS 4/1; IDF Radio 4/1 in FBIS 4/2; Algiers VOP 4/3 in FBIS 4/7; MM 4/1)

Four Palestinian suspected **Abu Nidal** mbrs. living in the U.S. are indicted on charges of conspiracy to smuggle money and weapons, and plan attacks on Jews and the Israeli embassy. (MM, NYT 4/2)

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3 APRIL

**IDF** mistakenly shoots Israeli policeman dead, wounds 2 others, as their car avoids 2 roadblocks in **West Bank**. (MM 4/26)

Two **Hizballah** fighters die in attack on Israeli position in Marjayun, inside the "security zone"; **Israel shells villages**. (AFP 4/3 in FBIS 4/5)

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4 APRIL

**PM Rabin** receives, accepts **invitation to meet** with Pres. **Mubarak** "anytime"—the two will probably meet in Egypt before the scheduled 4/20 resumption of talks. (IDF Radio, Qol Yisra'el 4/5 in FBIS 4/5)

Israel **cabinet** sets up special comm. to suggest ways to "radically" **reduce the number of Palestinians working in Israel**. Env. Min. **Yossi Sarid** says Israel should increase **investment in o.t.** and pay **unemployment benefits** to o.t. workers. Tourism Min. **Uzi Baram** says Israelis realize that **political solution is needed** to separate Israel from the o.t. (Qol Yisra'el 4/4 in FBIS 4/5)

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5 APRIL

Extended **Palestinian leadership** suspends 4 days of meetings in **Tunis**, postpones decision on resumption of talks until 4/18-19 **FMs** meeting in Amman. **Hamas declined invitation** to attend. (RMC 4/3 in FBIS 4/5; Radio Algiers 4/5 in FBIS 4/6)

**Palestinian Christians** demand access to East Jerusalem on **Easter**. O.t. have been **sealed** since 3/31. (WT 4/6)

**Fateh** commander in Lebanon **accuses Lebanon and Syria** of aiding Fateh Revolutionary Council (**Abu Nidal**) to force Palestinians to resume talks with Israel, declares **open war on FRC. Fateh fires rockets at Israel**, landing harmlessly in "security zone," in retaliation for 4/1 assassination—1st Fateh attacks on Israel since 10/91. (WT 4/6; AFP, VOL 4/6 in FBIS 4/7)

**Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)** labor mins. meet in Amman, **first such meeting in Jordan** since the Gulf war. **Kuwait** announces it will **honor its compensation pledges** to Jordanians and Palestinians who lost their jobs after the war. (MM 4/2, 4/14)

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6 APRIL

Pres. **Clinton** meets with Pres. **Mubarak** in Washington. In news conf., Clinton says **Israel has done enough** to coax Palestinians to the table, U.S. will not seek further Israeli concessions. **Mubarak** says the "**Palestinians will come**," and will appeal to Chmn. **Arafat** to resume talks (see doc. A4). (MM, WP, WT 4/7)

**UNLU** issues **call no. 94**. (Algiers VOP 4/6 in FBIS 4/7)

**IDF** shoots Palestinian dead in **West Bank**. (Qol Yisra'el 4/6 in FBIS 4/7)

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7 APRIL

**Housing Min.** begins selling 250 apartments in large **Golan Heights settlement** Qatzrin at greatly reduced prices. 1,500 other units on the Golan are to be sold by gov't. soon. (Qol Yisra'el 4/7 in FBIS 4/7)

*Al-Hayat* reports that **Hamas's** 1988 charter is being **revised**. (MM 4/7)

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8 APRIL

About 3,000 o.t. **Palestinian workers** are allowed to enter Israel. (Qol Yisra'el 4/8 in

FBIS 4/8)

IDF shoots 13-year-old Palestinian girl dead in **Gaza Strip**. (Qol Yisra'el 4/8 in FBIS 4/9)

Syrian FM **Faruq al-Shara'** meets with U.S. congressional delegation. (Syrian TV 4/8 in FBIS 4/12)

#### 9 APRIL

At U.S. urging, FM **Peres** says Israel will allow East Jerusalemite **Faisal Hussein** to become **head of Palestinian delegation**. (*Davar* 4/7 in FBIS 4/7; NYT 4/8; WP 4/10)

#### 10 APRIL

**Faisal Hussein** says immediate **return of all deportees is no longer a condition** for Palestinian participation in next round of talks. (AFP 4/11 in FBIS 4/12; NYT, WT 4/12)

#### 11 APRIL

**Israeli cabinet** endorses PM **Rabin's** 3/30 decision to **seal o.t. indefinitely** and sharply reduce number of **Palestinian workers** in Israel, deciding weekly how many to admit (7,000 "essential" permits approved today). Training programs are approved to **replace 20,000 Palestinians** with Israelis. (Qol Yisra'el 4/11 in FBIS 4/12; WP 4/12; MM 4/13)

**Israel approves 1993 o.t. development budget** of NIS 450m (\$164m), **nearly 4 times** the 1992 budget. NIS 140m will be spent immediately, with new work starting 4/18. **CIVAD demands yearly increase** of NIS 300m. (*Al Hamishmar* 4/13 in FBIS 4/13; JP 4/24)

Deportees spokesman **'Abd al-'Aziz al-Rantisi** calls **Faisal Hussein** an "outright traitor" for his 4/10 statement on deportees issue. (WT 4/12)

*Davar* reports **EC** has approved **Israel's "observer" status**. (FBIS 4/13)

#### 12 APRIL

**Hamas** issues statement in Amman denouncing "behind-the-scenes moves" by **Palestinian negotiators** "chosen by Rabin and Christopher" in "flagrant violation of the national will," regarding efforts to resume peace talks. (MM 4/13)

In interview with *al-Hayat*, **Kuwaiti FM Shaykh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Sabah** says that Kuwait **can not mend fences with the PLO**, differentiating between the Palestine cause and **Yasir Arafat**, "whose name the people of Kuwait can't bear to hear." Reconciliation with **Jordan** will be easier; hints at possible lifting of parts of **Arab boycott of Israel**. (MM 4/13)

Israeli shoots Palestinian dead near **Jerusalem**. (Qol Yisra'el 4/12 in FBIS 4/12)

#### 13 APRIL

Pres. **Mubarak** meets with, receives list of demands from Chmn. **Arafat, Faisal Hussein** in Cairo. Meeting with PM **Rabin** 4/14, Mubarak hopes to **shore up gaps** between Israel and Palestinians as 4/20 date for talks nears. (NYT 4/14, 4/15)

**Hizballah** roadside bomb kills 3 **IDF** soldiers on northern edge of "security zone"—heaviest IDF casualties in **Lebanon** since 10/25/92. Israel unleashes up to **200 shells on villages** north of zone. (VOL 4/13 in FBIS 4/13; IDF Radio 4/13 in FBIS 4/14; MM 4/13, 4/14)

#### 14 APRIL

Pres. **Mubarak** meets with PM **Rabin** in Ismayliyya, Egypt. In news conf., Rabin says **Palestinians have already decided to resume talks**, conflict will ultimately be settled through **land for peace**. (MM 4/14; ARER, MENA 4/14 in FBIS 4/15; NYT, WT 4/15)

Head of Palestinian negotiating team **Haydar 'Abd al-Shafi** leads Palestinian delegation in meetings with **State Dept.** officials in Washington. (RJN 4/15 in FBIS 4/15; WP 4/17)

*Jerusalem Post* reports concessions worked out between Israel and U.S., to be announced if Palestinians agree to resume talks: (1) over 101 **12/17/92 deportees** returned immediately; (2) up to 100 (of 1,200) **post-1967 deportees** allowed to return; (3) Israeli statement against deportations except in "extraordinary" cases; (4) **Faisal Hussein** to head Palestinian delegation; (5) liberalize o.t. **financial/building restrictions** (see 2/24, 3/3, 3/26). (MM 4/14)

**IDF opens fire in crowded Nablus market**, wounding 4. Target was 3 masked men reading statement on 5th anniv. of Israeli assassination of **Khalil al-Wazir (Abu Jihad)**. (IDF Radio 4/14 in FBIS 4/15; WT 4/15)

**Fateh** gunmen assassinate **FRC** official

and 6-month-old son in Sidon, **Lebanon**. (RMC, VOL 4/15 in FBIS 4/15)

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#### 15 APRIL

**British Foreign Office** Min. Douglas Hogg calls on **Arab states** to lift tertiary **boycott of Israel**. (MM 4/15)

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#### 16 APRIL

PLO Exec. Comm. mbr. **Yasir 'Abd-Rabuh**, delegation spokeswoman **Hanan Ashrawi** say some **obstacles to Palestinian participation** in 4/20 talks remain; Palestinians **will seek delay** to resumption. (MM 4/16; NYT, WP 4/17)

Southern Lebanon **deportees** sign wills, don funeral shrouds, stage "**death march**" towards Israel, are driven back by over **20 Israeli shells**. (VOM 4/15, IDF Radio 4/16 in FBIS 4/16; MM 4/16)

**Hamas car bomb** near **West Bank** Israeli settlement kills the driver and 1 other Palestinian, wounds 8 **IDF** soldiers. (MM 4/16; IDF Radio 4/17 in FBIS 4/20; NYT, WP 4/17)

**IDF** helicopters attack **PFLP** cmdr. Samir Suwaydan's motorcade, killing his wife and daughter, 1 other civilian, just north of the "security zone." (NYT 4/18; AFP 4/16, *Ha'aretz* 4/18 in FBIS 4/19)

Former Pres. **Bush** ends 3-day visit to **Kuwait**, where he received an honorary Ph.D. and standing ovations for defending Kuwait. (MM 4/15; NYT 4/16)

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#### 17 APRIL

At **Arab FMs** meeting in Damascus, Syrian FM **Faruq al-Shara'** receives call from Secy. of State **Christopher**. FMs delay decision on resuming talks until after Arab League meeting 4/20. PM **Rabin** tells Israeli delegation to delay departure for Washington. (AFP, MENA, SANA 4/17 in FBIS 4/19; NYT, WP 4/18)

"Hundreds" of **Druze** in Majdal Shams, **Golan Heights**, demonstrate on **Syrian independence day**. Stonethrowers wound 11 Israeli police, dispersing the crowd with tear gas. (Qol Yisra'el 4/17 in FBIS 4/20)

**Hizballah**, **Amal shell SLA** positions in "security zone," killing 1 **SLA** soldier. **Israel**, **SLA shell villages**. (NYT 4/18)

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#### 18 APRIL

**PFLP** Red Eagles, in retaliation for 4/16 **IDF attack** on leader's car in Lebanon, kill **Israeli lawyer** and EC consultant in **Gaza City**, 1st Israeli killed since o.t. were sealed 3/31. Govt. votes to maintain closure; about 9,000 Palestinians are being allowed in daily. (Qol Yisra'el 4/18 in FBIS 4/19; MM, NYT, WP 4/19)

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#### 19 APRIL

Pres. **Asad** meets with Chmn. **Arafat**, PLO officials, and delegation mbrs. in **Latakia**—first Asad-Arafat meeting in over a year. PLO group then travels to **Amman**. (WP, WT 4/20; RJN, SARR 4/20 in FBIS 4/20)

**Peace Now** calls on PM **Rabin** to seize the moment for peace, presents 10 principles. (MM 4/19)

**Ten Palestinian rejectionist factions** issue statement condemning **current diplomacy** seeking to resume peace talks. (QPAP 4/19 in FBIS 4/20)

Palestinian dentist, an **UNRWA** and **Red Crescent** official, is assassinated in Sidon, **Lebanon**. **Fateh** blames **FRC**, **Mossad**. Two **FRC** mbrs. are found dead in Sidon. (RFL 4/19 in FBIS 4/20; Voice of the PLO [Baghdad] 4/20 in FBIS 4/21)

**Saudi FM** Prince Saud Faisal **calls on Gulf states** to release **funds to PLO**, including the 5% "PLO tax" on Palestinian workers halted after the Gulf war. **King Fahd** pledges a contribution to the **Jerusalem Fund**. (MM 4/20; WT 4/20; SPA 4/19 in FBIS 4/20)

**IDF undercover units** shoot 1 Palestinian dead in West Bank, 1 in Gaza Strip. (MM 4/20)

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#### 20 APRIL

Chmn. **Arafat** meets with advisors, PNC and delegation mbrs. in **Amman** to decide on resumption of talks. (MM, WP 4/21)

**Arab League** Ministerial Council ends 2-day meeting in **Cairo**. (MENA 4/18 in FBIS 4/20)

**IDF** destroys 4 houses, shoots armed Palestinian dead in **Gaza Strip**. (MM 4/20; NYT 4/21; WP 4/22)

**Islamic Resistance** clash with **IDF**, **SLA** in 4 separate attacks, killing 2 and kidnapping 2 **SLA** gunmen in "security zone." **Israel**, **SLA shell villages** north of zone. (Radio Lebanon, VOL 4/20 in FBIS 4/21)



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21 APRIL

FMs of Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, and the PLO end 6 days of meetings in **Damascus**, agree to resume talks 4/27, a 1-week delay (see 4/17). **Haydar 'Abd al-Shafi** is "surprised" by the PLO decision to resume. (SARR 4/21 in FBIS 4/21; JTV 4/21 in FBIS 4/22; MM 4/21; NYT, WP 4/22)

**Israel** announces it has "no plans" to deport Palestinians, while reserving the right to do so, allows East Jerusalemite **Faisal Husseini** to head Palestinian delegation (see doc. C2). (NYT, WP 4/22)

Palestinian Peoples' Party mbr. and delegate **Ghassan al-Khatib** announces he and fellow PPP mbr. **Samir Abdallah** will **boycott the next round** of talks. (RMC 4/21 in FBIS 4/22; WT 4/22)

At news conf., Secy. of State **Christopher** calls Palestinian decision to resume talks "courageous"; through negotiations, Palestinians "can see occupation give way to **self-government**." (MM, NYT, WP 4/22)

**Fateh** issues warning against **attacks on Palestinian negotiators**. (*Jordan Times* 4/24 in FBIS 4/26)

**Hamas** spokesman **Ibrahim Ghawshah** **rules out violence** against Palestinian negotiators, calls **resumption of talks** a "cheap sell-out," the PLO's "biggest historic mistake" which will have to be corrected because of popular opposition; because of its stand, Hamas is **gaining popularity in o.t.** (MM 4/21; *Jordan Times* 4/24 in FBIS 4/26)

**IDF** shoots 2 Palestinians dead, wounds over 50 in **Gaza Strip** in **worst clashes** since o.t. were sealed 3/31. (MM 4/21; WP 4/22; Qol Yisra'el 4/21, 4/22 in FBIS 4/22)

**Arab Monetary Fund** reports Arab states **lost \$676 billion** during Gulf crisis and war. (MM 4/21)

**U.S. State Dept.** sends letter to Intl. Steering Comm. on Freedom of Trade with Israel stating that **Saudi Arabia** and **Kuwait** have pledged to **lift their boycott** of companies doing business with Israel. (MM 4/30; WT 5/5)

**IDF** rains over **100 shells** on villages north of "security zone" as resistance fighters launch over **50 rockets** into northern Israel from Lebanon. (MM 4/21, 4/22; Qol Yisra'el 4/21, 4/22 in FBIS 4/22)

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22 APRIL

**Hanan Ashrawi** says Israel will allow **30 post-1967 deportees** to return following re-

sumption of talks 4/27. (AFP 4/22 in FBIS 4/22; MM 4/26)

**PM Rabin** meets with Egyptian pol. adv. **'Usama al-Baz**, hands him message to deliver to Pres. **Mubarak**. (IDF Radio 4/22 In FBIS 4/23)

**Hizballah**, **Palestinian** groups fire rockets from southern **Lebanon** into Israel (largest barrage in 6 months), wounding 2 Israeli women. **Israel**, **SLA shell villages** north of "security zone." (NYT 4/23)

*Washington Jewish Week* reports that 4 **U.S. congressional reps.** have resigned from 15-mbr. **task force** that published **report on terrorism** 3/23, questioning the quality of the research. (WJW 4/22)

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23 APRIL

FM **Peres** announces proposal to establish **Palestinian police force**, talks of "full self-government" for Palestinians. (MM 4/23)

**Israel** imposes **total closure of o.t.**, allowing in no Palestinians until 4/27, after 2 holidays. (Qol Yisra'el 4/23 in FBIS 4/23)

**U.S.** announces **amb. to Israel** **William Harrop** has **resigned**. He will be replaced "for an interim period" by former amb. to Israel **William Brown** (see 3/4). (MM 4/28)

**IDF** shoots 1 Palestinian dead, wounds 65, in **Gaza Strip**. (NYT 4/24)

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24 APRIL

**Haydar 'Abd al-Shafi** **resigns** from Palestinian delegation, but is **coaxed back** by other delegates and Gaza supporters. 'Abd al-Shafi disagrees with PLO decision to resume talks. (Qol Yisra'el 4/24 in FBIS 4/26)

**IDF** shoot dead unarmed **Iraqi** infiltrator just north of **'Aqaba**. (MM 4/26)

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25 APRIL

**Ten Palestinian rejectionist factions** issue statement condemning resumption of peace talks, call for strike 4/27. (QPAR 4/25 in FBIS 4/27)

**IDF** open fire on car ignoring orders to stop in **West Bank**, wounding 2 **Israeli children**. (MM 4/26)

**Hizballah** fires 6 rockets into "security zone"; **IDF shells villages** north of zone. **SLA** kill 2 **DFLP** gunmen in clash inside zone. (AFP 4/25, VOL 4/26 in FBIS 4/27; NYT 4/26)

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**26 APRIL**

Head of U.S. State Dept. Policy Planning Samuel Lewis meets with PM **Rabin**, FM **Peres** in Jerusalem. (MM 4/27)

**Deportees** march to Zumayriyya crossing-point in southern **Lebanon**, stage sit-in. (Qol Yisra'el, QPAR 4/28 in FBIS 4/29)

**IDF** shoot Palestinian boy dead in **Gaza Strip**. (Qol Yisra'el 4/26 in FBIS 4/27)

**Sidon personalities** call for end to **intra-Palestinian fighting**. (VOO 4/27 in FBIS 4/28)

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**27 APRIL**

Secy. of State **Christopher** opens ninth round of **peace talks** in Washington, urging parties to focus on substance, not procedure. Syrian delegation head **Muwaffaq al-'Allaf** and Palestinian delegate **Haydar 'Abd al-Shafi** say separately that Israel presented nothing new to their respective delegations. (SARR 4/27, Qol Yisra'el 4/28 in FBIS 4/28; WT 4/28).

**Israel** proposes **transferring some powers**, including budgetary and police, to o.t. authority as talks proceed, to demonstrate to Palestinians that talks produce **tangible results**. (MM 4/29)

Two-day UN-supervised **Israeli-Palestinian** conf. on status of **Jerusalem** ends in **Athens**. **Labor MK Ya'el Dayan** and **PLO** official **Sami Musallam** were among the participants. (Qol Yisra'el 4/28 in FBIS 4/28)

**Strike** in o.t., **Palestinian** camps called by **10 Palestinian rejectionist factions** is widely observed (see 4/25). (RFL 4/27 in FBIS 4/27; WT 4/28)

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**28 APRIL**

**Israel** allows **5,000 diaspora Palestinians** to **reunite with their o.t. families**. Due soon for their summer visits, they will be allowed to stay on. (Qol Yisra'el 4/29 in FBIS 4/29; MM 4/29, 4/30)

**IDF** shoots 5 Palestinians dead in o.t. (NYT 4/29)

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**29 APRIL**

**Israeli** and **Palestinian** delegations agree to form 3 **working groups** to explore land and water, self-rule, and human rights. Two **diaspora Palestinians**—**Ahmad Khalidi** and

**Camille Mansour**—will be present at main bilateral negotiations. (ITV 4/30 in FBIS 5/3)

**Saudi interior min. bans Islamic groups** from soliciting funds unless specifically authorized, to stave use of Saudi money for **political violence** in other countries. (NYT 5/1)

**Islamic Conference Org. (ICO)** FMs end 5-day meeting in **Karachi**, form working group to define terrorism and call for **UN** conf. on the issue. **PLO** is "disappointed" over ICO grants of \$90m to Bosnia, \$10m to Palestinians. (MM 4/29, 4/30)

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**30 APRIL**

Five thousand Palestinians celebrate the **return of 15 post-1967 deportees** and their families, among them former Birzeit U. pres. **Hanna Nasir** (see doc. B4) (NYT, WP 5/1; MM 4/29, 4/30)

**B'Tselem** calls on Israeli govt. to compensate Palestinians unemployed because of o.t. closure, allow freedom of movement in o.t. (MM 4/30)

**Ten Palestinian rejectionist orgs.** end 4-day meeting in **Tehran**. Iran is reportedly disappointed that it could not motivate the factions to set up an **anti-PLO leadership**. (*al-Sharq al-Awsat* 5/1, *Sawt al-Sha'b* 5/5 in FBIS 5/5)

**IDF** helicopters attack **PFLP-GC** base in 'Ayn al-Hilwa camp, Sidon, **Lebanon**. (QPAR 4/30 in FBIS 5/3)

**U.S. State Dept.** releases annual **report on terrorism**, with **Hamas included** on "major groups" list for 1st time. (DOS)

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**1 MAY**

**Palestinian delegation** announces it has received an Israeli pledge to cancel **several demolition orders** against o.t. houses, and to approve c. 10,000 houses built without licenses, as well as a **U.S. pledge** to brief them on Israeli **settlement construction** in o.t. (WP 5/1; ITV 5/1 in FBIS 5/3)

**Hizballah** roadside bomb kills 1 **IDF** soldier north of "security zone," **Lebanon**. (Qol Yisra'el 4/1 in FBIS 4/3; VOO 5/2 in FBIS 5/4)

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**2 MAY**

**Israeli cabinet** approves **33,000 permits** for o.t. workers to enter Israel. (IDF Radio

5/2 in FBIS 5/3)

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### 3 MAY

In the working group on **self-rule**, Palestinian delegation proposes to discuss formulation of **joint statement** of principles on the substance of self-rule. (Qol Yisra'el 5/3 in FBIS 5/4)

Palestinians celebrate the return of another **14 post-1967 deportees**, among them former Jerusalem mayor Ruhi al-Khatib (see 4/30, doc. B4). (MM, NYT 5/4; Qol Yisra'el 5/3 in FBIS 5/4)

Some 15,000 **Russian immigrants** outside **Knesset** protest absorption conditions. (ITV 5/4 in FBIS 5/5)

**Israeli Border Police** open fire on car running a roadblock, killing all 4 "wanted" Palestinian men inside, in the **Gaza Strip**. (Qol Yisra'el 5/4 in FBIS 5/6; NYT 5/5)

**IDF** kills 2 **Hizballah** gunmen in clash inside "security zone." (RFL 5/4 in FBIS 5/4)

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### 4 MAY

**U.S. State Dept.** announces plans to fund **\$14m o.t.** job-creation program. (MM, WT 5/5; WP 5/6)

At **econ. devt.** multilateral meeting in Rome, Palestinian delegate Samir Hulayleh says **World Bank** is studying a **\$1b o.t. aid** package, to be implemented as part of autonomy agreement. (MM 5/4, 5/5; *Ha'Aretz* 5/5 in FBIS 5/6)

Israel presents Palestinians with proposal for mutual **water usage**, which head delegate **Haydar 'Abd al-Shafi** terms "an encouraging opening." (MM 5/5)

Four Nablus notables close to **Fateh** meet with **Israeli Police Min.** Moshe Shahal to discuss **o.t. police force**, recommend Jordanian-based **Palestine Liberation Army** for the job. (IDF Radio 5/4, *Hadashot* 5/5 in FBIS 5/5)

Israel presents **Lebanon** with first-ever proposal linking withdrawal according to **UNSCR 425** with a peace treaty. **Political powers** are proposed for the **joint military working group** (a long-standing Israeli request) (see doc. C3). (MM 5/5; *Davar* 5/12 in FBIS 5/12; *al-Safir* 5/11 in FBIS 5/17)

**UNLU** calls on Palestinians to **seal off o.t.** from **Israelis** and settlers in retaliation for the unilateral closure, in **call no. 95**. (*Al Hamishmar* 5/5 in FBIS 5/6)

**DFLP** chief **Nayif Hawatima** and Pres.

**Saddam Hussein** meet in Baghdad, discuss opposition to **Arab-Israeli peace talks**. (**RMC 5/5 in FBIS 5/6**; *Sawt al-Sha'b* 5/9 in FBIS 5/10)

**IDF** shoots 3 Palestinians dead, wounds over 40, in the **Gaza Strip**. (MM 5/4; NYT, WP 5/5)

**Israel**, SLA shell **Lebanese** villages. (RFL, VOM 5/4 in FBIS 5/4)

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### 5 MAY

Arab delegations announce decision to **extend ninth round** of talks with Israel through 5/14. (SANA 5/5 in FBIS 5/5, 5/6; NYT, WT 5/6)

**Palestinians suspend meetings of human rights working group** for 1 week, to protest Israeli delays in implementing promises, among them hastening the return of 396 **Lebanon deportees**. (MM 5/6; Qol Yisra'el 5/6 in FBIS 5/6)

**Econ. devt.** multilateral working group ends 2-day session in **Rome**. (*Ha'Aretz*, Qol Yisra'el 5/5 in FBIS 5/6)

Defense lawyers announce that a **Palestinian**, Ahmad Ajaj, is being held in New York as a 6th suspect in the 2/26/93 **World Trade Center bombing**. (WP 5/6)

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### 6 MAY

**Israel** presents **Palestinians** with draft **joint declaration of principles** on the substance of autonomy (see doc. C4). Palestinian mini-delegation travels to **Tunis** for consultations; PLO rejects it. (ITV, JTV 5/7 in FBIS 5/10; MM 5/11)

**Syrian delegation head** Muwaffaq al-'Alalaf calls on **Arabs** to reconsider **participation in multilateral talks**, saying progress must be made in the bilaterals first. (*al-Dustur* 5/7 in FBIS 5/10)

**Ten Palestinian rejectionist orgs.** issue statement calling for immediate withdrawal from peace talks, strike days in May. (QPAR 5/6 in FBIS 5/7)

Last of **30 post-1967 Palestinian deportees** returns to o.t. (Qol Yisra'el 5/6 in FBIS 5/6)

**Israeli policeman is shot**, seriously wounded near **Rehovot**, south of Tel Aviv. (Qol Yisra'el 5/6 in FBIS 5/6)

**IDF** shells **Lebanese** villages in response to **Amal** roadside bombing attempt. (Qol Yisra'el, VOL 5/6 in FBIS 5/6)

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**7 MAY**

**Israeli delegation** spokesman Yossi Gal says Israel now **accepts intl., but not UN, monitoring** of o.t. elections, a long-standing Palestinian request. (AFP 5/7, 5/8 in FBIS 5/10)

**DFLP-Red Star battalion claims 5/6 attack** on Israeli policeman. (AFP 5/7 in FBIS 5/10)

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**8 MAY**

Palestinian radio reads letter from Chmn. **Arafat to Islamic Jordanian MPs**, "regretting" their "interference in national Palestinian affairs" in criticizing **PLO return to peace talks** in earlier letter to him. (Sanaa VOP 5/8 in FBIS 5/10)

**IDF shoots dead 3 Hamas mbrs. at Gaza-Egypt border**, as well as 1 Palestinian youth near Ramallah, **West Bank**. (WT 5/9; MM 5/12; Qol Yisra'el 5/12 in FBIS 5/12)

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**9 MAY**

Israeli Int. Min. **Aryeh Deri** (SHAS) **resigns** from governing coalition, imperiling the ruling majority. **Meretz** mins. reject PM **Rabin's** proposal to change Ed. Min. **Shulamit Aloni's** portfolio. (NYT, WT 5/10; Qol Yisra'el 5/9 in FBIS 5/10)

**Dep. Def. Min. Mordechai Gur** says **govt. has no plans to disarm settlers**, although some weapons have been confiscated recently. Settlers are training the "Judea Police" to counter any **Palestinian police force**; Shin Bet is moving to contain development of radical paramilitary Jewish underground. (ITV 5/7, Qol Yisra'el 5/9 in FBIS 5/10)

Israeli cabinet approves **38,000 permits for o.t. workers**. (MM 5/10)

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**10 MAY**

**Palestinians protest Israeli delays** in fulfilling promises by cutting its **delegation** to 3 and suspending 3 **working groups** (see 4/29). **Faisal Hussein** and **Haydar 'Abd al-Shafi** both boycott talks. **Palestinians** present U.S. with 10-point draft **joint statement of principles on self-rule** (see doc. B5). Israel allows immediate return of **25 more Lebanon deportees**, for a total of 126 (see *JPS* 87, 2/1); **Palestinians reject offer**. PLO is also displeased that **Saudi Arabia** has not yet

honored its recent **financial promises** (see 4/19). (RMC, AFP 5/10 in FBIS 5/11; MM, WP 5/11; NYT 5/12; RJN 5/12 in FBIS 5/12)

**UN Devt. Program** (UNDP) releases report citing grave **environmental damage in West Bank and Gaza Strip** (MM 5/11)

**Kuwait** announces it is holding 16 suspects, mostly Iraqis, charged with attempting to **assassinate former Pres. Bush** during his visit 4/14-16. (MM 4/11)

**IDF shoots 3 Hamas mbrs. dead in same Gaza-Egypt border region** as those killed 4/8. (Qol Yisra'el 5/12 in FBIS 5/12; MM 5/12)

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**11 MAY**

**Palestinian delegation** presents Israel with 10-point draft **joint statement of principles on self-rule** (see doc. B5). (MM 5/12)

**Lebanese delegation** presents 1st official peace talks document to Israel **rejecting Israel's 5/4 proposal** for joint military working group, demanding **timetable** for withdrawal before consideration of peace treaty. (*Davar* 5/12 in FBIS 5/12)

Israeli Int. Min. **Aryeh Deri** (SHAS) withdraws his letter of resignation just before it would have gone into effect, giving PM **Rabin** 1 week to replace Ed. Min. **Shulamit Aloni** (Meretz) with a Laborite. The two mins. relinquish duties of their posts to Rabin for 1 week. (Qol Yisra'el 5/11 in FBIS 5/12; MM, NYT 5/12)

**Hamas supporters prevent voting in Hebron U. campus elections**. Minor scuffles end when trustees agree to hear grievances about Fateh's tactics in getting out the vote. **Fateh supporters win by default in first victory** at this Islamist stronghold. (MM, WP 5/12)

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**12 MAY**

U.S. presents 2-page draft **joint statement of principles on self-rule** to Israeli and Palestinian delegations (see doc. D5). **Palestinians criticize U.S. for consulting Israel** before presenting them with the draft, do not attend informal **trilateral meeting** to accept the document. (MM 5/13; IDF Radio, MENA, Qol Yisra'el 5/13 in FBIS 5/13; NYT 5/14)

**Israelis and Palestinians agree to put family reunification** at top of agenda during 2-day multilateral meeting on **refugees in Oslo**. (MM 5/13)

**IDF shoots dead 2 Palestinians**, 1 of them handicapped since being wounded early in

intifada, in **Gaza Strip**. Two Palestinians stab, seriously wound 2 **IDF** soldiers in Nablus. (MM 5/12, 5/13)

**Lebanon** orders daily *al-Safir* closed for 1 week for printing the **Israeli proposal** in its 5/11 edition (see 5/4). (MM 5/12; VOL 5/12 in FBIS 5/12)

**Hizballah** kills 2 **SLA** militiamen in string of clashes inside "security zone." **Israel** unleashes up to 300 shells on **Lebanese** villages. (AFP, VOL, VOO 5/12 in FBIS 5/12)

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### 13 MAY

**PLO** rejects **U.S. draft joint statement** as "a copy of the Israeli plan"; **Palestinian delegation** meets with **U.S. State Dept.** officials, **Israelis** to discuss changes to it. Arab delegations hold joint news conf., reporting **no progress** in talks. **Ninth round ends**. (IDF Radio, RMC, SARR 5/13 in FBIS 5/14; MM, WP 5/14)

**Ten Palestinian rejectionist factions** issue statement denouncing talks. (QPAR 5/13 in FBIS 5/14)

**Ezer Weizman** is sworn in as **Israel's 7th president**. (MM 5/13; WP 5/14)

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### 14 MAY

Joint **Fateh-PFLP** force clashes with **SLA** inside "security zone," killing 1 **SLA**, 2 **Fateh**, 1 **PFLP** gunman. (RFL 5/15, VOL 5/14 in FBIS 5/17)

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### 15 MAY

**Palestinian** negotiators and **PLO** officials gather in **Tunis** to discuss 9th round of talks. (AFP 5/15 in FBIS 5/17)

**IDF** wounds up to 50 Palestinians in clashes in **Gaza Strip**. (Qol Yisra'el 5/15 in FBIS 5/17)

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## CHRONOLOGY SOURCE ABBREVIATIONS

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

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