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16 MAY

Monthly 2-day mtg. of the task force of the Multilateral Working Group on Economic Development opens in Cairo. (*al-Hayat*, MM 5/16; *al-Sha'b* 5/19 in FBIS 5/23) (see Peace Monitor)

In Tel Aviv, PA, Israel hold 1st talks on expanding self-rule, marking 1st time talks have been held inside Israel. Sides agree to transfer 5 more spheres (energy, insurance, labor, postal services, trade and industry) by 7/1. (AFP, MENA, VOP 5/16 in FBIS 5/17; JP 5/27)

In Washington, Syrian FM Faruq al-Shara', Amb. to U.S. Walid Mu'allim meet with special Middle East envoy Dennis Ross, National Security Council (NSC) adviser Mark Parris; discuss peace process. (RMC, SARR 5/16 in FBIS 5/17)

In continuing crackdown, PA arrests 10 Hamas mbrs., bringing total detained in past 48 hrs. to 20. (AFP 5/16 in FBIS 5/17; MM 5/17)

Steve Abrams, frmr. dep. council for the House Comm. on International Relations, becomes AIPAC's senior lobbyist on economic and trade issues. "For me," he says, "this is coming home." (JP 7/27)

17 MAY

3 days of elections talks close in Cairo. Sides agree PA will be in charge of maintaining security during elections; joint pa-

trols will be used. PM Rabin says Palestinians fr. Jerusalem will not be allowed to run; Israel, not the PA, will carry out population census using 5,000 Palestinian teachers (see 4/28). A tripartite (EU, Israel, PA) comm. will be set up to discuss international monitors during elections. (AFP, IDF Radio, MENA, VOP 5/16, MENA 5/17 in FBIS 5/17; AFP, MENA, QY, VOP 5/17 in FBIS 5/18; PR 5/21)

2-day multilateral steering comm. mtgs on peace process open in Montreux, Switzerland. Syria, Lebanon boycott. Working groups on water, arms control, refugees, economic development, environment meet. (HA, QY 5/17 in FBIS 5/18)

For 1st time since 1990, U.S. vetoes UN resolution criticizing Israel. U.S. Amb. Madeline Albright calls veto "a matter of principle." Last-minute Russian proposal for UNSC presidential letter reproving Israel is rejected by U.S. as too strong, by PLO as too weak. Resolution would have invalidated Israel's 4/27 seizure of 134 acres of Arab-owed land in East Jerusalem. (MENA, VOP 5/17, MENA, QY, VOP 5/18 in FBIS 5/18; MM, NYT, WT 5/18; AFP, ITV, MENA, RE, RMC, VOP 5/18, MENA, VOP 5/19 in FBIS 5/19; MM, WT 5/19; MEI 6/9, 6/26) (see Doc. D7 in *JPS* 96)

PM Rabin says Israel would not object to having Syria deploy an early warning station on Israeli territory if Israel can maintain an equivalent system on Syrian soil. (MM 5/17)

60 of 80 mbrs. of the Jordanian parliament, incl. deputies who had approved the Jordan-Israel treaty, ask the government to freeze or cancel the treaty, recall Jordan's amb. to Israel, expel the Israeli amb. in protest over Israel's land confiscations. (MM 5/18; QY, RJ, SARR 5/18 in FBIS 5/18; SA 5/19 in FBIS 5/23; JP 5/27)

In Rabat, Arab League Secy. Gen. Ismat 'Abd al-Majid talks with King Hassan on holding summit to discuss Israeli confiscations of Palestinian land in Jerusalem, leaves for Cairo to confer with Pres. Husni Mubarak. Mubarak, Syria's Pres. Hafiz al-Asad discuss plans by phone. (MKR, RE 5/18, RE 5/19 in FBIS 5/19; RMC 5/19, AFP, RMC 5/21 in FBIS 5/22)

PA police raid 5 Gaza mosques in search of "inflammatory material," tear pro-Hamas placards off walls; issue order banning "provocative actions in mosques." (QY 5/17 in FBIS 5/17)

MK 'Abd al-Wahhab Darawshah, head of Israel's Arab Democratic Party (ADP), says Arafat has urged him to withdraw ADP's no-confidence motion over the Jerusalem land confiscation. Arafat's office denies it, saying PA does not interfere in Israeli domestic affairs. (QY 5/17 in FBIS 5/17; QY 5/17 in FBIS 5/18) (see 5/15)

1 IDF soldier, 1 Hizballah mbr. are killed, 7 Hizballah mbrs, 3 IDF soldiers, 1 SLA mbr. are wounded in 2 clashes in s. Lebanon. (MM 5/17; CSM, MM 5/18; JP 5/27; MEI 6/9)

18 MAY

In Montreux, multilateral steering comm. mtgs close without progress. (QY 5/18 in FBIS 5/18; MBC 5/18 in FBIS 5/19)

Arab leaders condemn U.S. for veto of UN resolution on Israeli land confiscations; say veto is detrimental to peace process, voids U.S. claims of neutrality. Jordan permits previously banned antinormalization rally to be held 5/29. (CSM 5/18; QY, RJ, SARR 5/18 in FBIS 5/18; JTV, RJ, SARR 5/18, RMC 5/19 in FBIS 5/19; WP, WT 5/19)

Israeli Police M Moshe Shahal presents PA Planning M Nabil Shaath with list of 4 Palestinian organizations allegedly operating in East Jerusalem, asks PA to shut them. (QY 5/19 in FBIS 5/19)

Reacting to recently declassified CIA responses to Senate Intelligence Comm. 4/3, Morton Klein, pres. of Zionist Organi-

zation of America, says CIA, State Dept. are "whitewashing" PLO violations, calls for creation of bipartisan subcomm. to provide pres. with reports on PLO violations. (WJW 5/18) (see 5/3)

19 MAY

PA says preparations are underway to publish new weekly newspaper called *Filastin al-Jadida* to replace *al-Aqsa*. Majority of editors will be "those who have returned fr. abroad" since signing of DOP. (*al-Istiqlal* 5/19 in FBIS 5/24) (see 4/6)

In midnight trial, PA military court sentences 4 Palestinians to terms ranging 6 mos-1 yr. for planning suicide bombings, carrying unlicensed weapons. (*AI Index* 6/95)

Lebanese Pres. Hrawi accepts resignation of PM Hariri in dispute over early elections. (VOL 5/19 in FBIS 5/19; MM, WT 5/22) (see 2/23)

20 MAY

Syria rejects latest U.S. proposal for breaking deadlock in Syrian-Israeli negotiations; says U.S. position adopts Israeli security arrangements, is designed to put Israel at ease. (WP 5/21; 5/26) (see 5/15)

In midnight trial, PA military court sentences 3 alleged Hamas mbrs. to 6 mo. each for incitement, carrying unlicensed weapons. (QY 5/20 in FBIS 5/22; *AI Index* 6/95)

PM Rabin bars poet, frmr. PLO official Mahmud Darwish fr. entering Israel, self-rule areas. (AFP 5/20 in FBIS 5/22)

21 MAY

At Israeli-PA economic comm. mtg., PA demands changes in Paris protocol given Israeli separation plan, closure; maintenance of free trade with Israel, based on free movement of goods btwn. Israel, self-rule areas without security or technical hindrances; gradual dissolution of united tax system with Israel. (QY 5/21 in FBIS 5/22; PR 5/28; JP 6/15 in FBIS 6/16)

Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, the PA, Saudi Arabia, Syria, and the UAE announce minisummit on Jerusalem to be held in Morocco 5/27. PLO Political Dept. head Faruq al-Qaddumi heads to Damascus to coordinate position

with Syrian FMin. **Fatah** urges **Arafat** to suspend talks with Israel in light of veto on UN land confiscation resolution 5/17. (AFP, RMC, SATN 5/21 in FBIS 5/22; CSM, MM, WT 5/22; SARR 5/22 in FBIS 5/23; JP 5/27)

Bashar al-Asad (son of the Syrian pres.), Maj. Gen. **Ibrahim Safi** (cmdr. of Syrian forces in Lebanon), Brig. **Ghazi Kanaan** (head of Syrian Intelligence) meet with Lebanese Pres. **Hrawi** in Beirut. After mtg., **Hrawi** reappoints **Hariri** as PM, asks him to form new cabinet. (RL, VOL 5/21 in FBIS 5/22; MM, WT 5/22; MM 5/23, 5/24; MEI 5/26) (see 5/19)

22 MAY

In Gaza, FM **Peres**, **Arafat** discuss industrial parks. In a gesture of goodwill in light of land conflict, **Peres** increases number of Palestinians allowed to work in Israel to 35,000, says PA will be allowed to take over 8 more spheres (5 agreed upon 5/16 plus agriculture, census and statistics, local administration) before 7/1. (MM 5/22; IDF Radio, QY, VOP 5/22 in FBIS 5/23; NYT 5/23; PR 5/28)

PM **Rabin** suspends confiscation of 134 acres of land in Jerusalem, killing no-confidence vote brought by Arab and rightist MKs that could have collapsed the government (see 5/17). Arab nations postpone minisummit on Jerusalem (see 5/21). (MM 5/22; ESC Television, IDF Radio, MENA, QY, VOP 5/22, MA, MENA, QY, VOP 5/23 in FBIS 5/23; CSM, MM, NYT, WP, WT 5/23; CSM, MM 5/24; WJW 5/25; MEI 5/26; PR 6/28; JP 6/3; WSJ 6/6; MEI 6/9)

FM **Peres** tells **Arafat** that Israel will loan the PA \$125 m.—the sum Israel should hand over for tax collection on behalf of PA but cannot due to delays in Knesset legislation. (QY 5/22 in FBIS 5/23)

PLO's **Qaddumi** meets with heads of Palestinian opposition groups in Damascus, incl. DFLP's **Nayif Hawatmeh**, Islamic Jihad's **Fathi Shiqaqi**, Palestinian National Grouping's (PNG) **Bassam al-Shak'a**, a Hamas rep. (RMC 5/23 in FBIS 5/24)

UNRWA Commissioner Gen. **Ilter Türkman** meets with **Arafat** in Gaza to discuss UN activities in Gaza, Jericho. (UNRWA News 6/2)

IDF soldier opens fire on, throws grenades into Jaffa church, causing extensive

damage but no casualties. 11 Palestinians are injured when clashes erupt outside church btwn. Palestinians, Israeli police. (ITV, QY 5/22 in FBIS 5/23; WT 5/23; MM, WT 5/24)

23 MAY

After Syria eases its demands for "equality" (see 4/3), Israel, Syria come to agmt. on "guidelines" for a security arrangement for Golan that would follow Israeli withdrawal. Details are to be worked out by military experts in late June. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 5/25; SARR 5/25 in FBIS 5/25; CSM, MM 5/26; JP 6/3; SARR 6/8 in FBIS 6/9) (see Doc. C2)

In Damascus, PNG's **Shak'a** holds conference with 10 Damascus-based Palestinian factions opposed to Oslo Accord to discuss PNG's political program, need for alliance btwn. internal, external groups. Hamas refuses to attend. (*al-Hayat*, Voice of Iran 5/24 in FBIS 5/25; *al-Safir* 6/15 in FBIS 6/23) (see 2/21)

Housing M **Binyamin Ben-Eliezer** says Israel will continue building housing in East Jerusalem despite suspension of 4/27 confiscation, plans for 6,500 new units on 620 acres of Palestinian land at Har Homa settlement in East Jerusalem will be ready soon. (QY 5/23, AFP 5/24 in FBIS 5/24; NYT, WT 5/24; JP 5/24 in FBIS 5/25; PR 5/28, 6/4; WSJ 6/6)

24 MAY

In Amman, King **Hussein** opens mtg. btwn. **Arafat**, 120 Jordanian businessmen to encourage investment in Palestine. **Arafat** then meets with PM **Sharif Zaid Bin Shakir** to discuss bilateral relations, leaves for similar talks with Pres. **Mubarak**, Arab League Secy. Gen. 'Abd al-Majid in Cairo. (JTV, RJ 5/24 in FBIS 5/25; MM 5/25; VOP 5/25 in FBIS 5/26; MEI 5/28; MENA 5/29 in FBIS 5/30)

In Brussels, PA, Israeli negotiators meet with EU officials to discuss EU sponsorship, financing of 700-mbr. international monitor team for forthcoming elections. (MM 5/24; SA 5/25 in FBIS 5/26) (see 5/17, Peace Monitor)

In Tel Aviv, Russian Dep. FM **Viktor Posuvalyuk** meets with FM **Peres**, Dep. FM **Beilin**; offers to host next mtg. of Multilateral Working Group on Arms Control. (QY 5/24, HA 5/25 in FBIS 5/25)

Israeli Housing Min. approves construction of 1,500 units in East Jerusalem for Palestinian families. Units would be the 1st ever built by Israel for Palestinians in annexed East Jerusalem. (AFP 5/24 in FBIS 5/24)

In student council elections at Birzeit, **Fatah** wins 21 seats, **Hamas** 18, **PFLP** 8, **PPP** 3, **DFLP** 1. **Islamic Jihad** did not run. **Fida** received 16 of the 2,385 votes. **Islamic bloc** wins majority of seats in al-Bireh Medical College, 'Abdallah Bin Husayn College elections. **Fatah** wins at Bethlehem University. (ITV 5/24 in FBIS 5/25; MM 5/25; MEI 6/9)

25 MAY

In Gaza, **Arafat** briefs Russian Dep. FM **Posuvalyuk** on status of peace talks. **Posuvalyuk** then heads to Beirut for mtg. with FM **Faris Buwayz**. (VOP 5/25 in FBIS 5/26; RL 5/26 in FBIS 5/31)

In midnight trial, **PA** military court sentences 2 Palestinians to 8 mos for selling arms to **Hamas**. (*AI Index* 6/95)

22 U.S. senators call on Pres. **Clinton** to work immediately to develop industrial parks in self-rule areas to counter the appeal of **Hamas**, **Islamic Jihad**. (MM 5/31)

26 MAY

PA, **Egyptian-Palestinian Arab Contractors Co.** sign contract for building 1st airport in Gaza. (PR 6/4)

27 MAY

Arafat, FM **Peres** meet in Morocco for talks on Israeli redeployment and elections. Both meet with **King Hassan**, then hold 3-way mtg. **Peres** hopes trip helps repair relations with the Arab world damaged by recent land confiscations. (MKR 5/27, VOP 5/28 in FBIS 5/30; WP, WT 5/28; MM 5/30; MM, WT 5/31; PR 6/4; JP 6/10)

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert designates new site in Ein Kerem neighborhood as area for foreign embassies, incl. future U.S. embassy; invites U.S. **Amb. Indyk** to take tour of site, pick best location for "his residence in Jerusalem." (MA 5/29 in FBIS 5/31)

28 MAY

In Rabat, FM **Peres** meets with **Arafat** for 2d day, agrees to ease restrictions on movement of goods, people through checkpoints. (RTM Television, VOP 5/28 in FBIS 5/30; WP 5/29)

10,000s of **Israelis** march through Old City of Jerusalem to celebrate the 28th anniversary of its capture fr. Jordan. (WP, WT 5/29)

In s. **Lebanon**, 4 **Hizballah** mbrs are killed during **IDF** offensive n. of self-declared security zone. (MEI 6/9)

29 MAY

In Cairo, **PA-Israeli** talks open on transferring 8 spheres of authority (see 5/22). (VOP 5/29 in FBIS 5/3)

Jordan suddenly bans antinormalization rally just before it begins, sending scores of police to disperse 100s of demonstrators. (JT, QY, RJ 5/29 in FBIS 5/30; CSM, MM 5/30; JT 5/30 in FBIS 5/31; MM 6/6; MEI 6/9; WP 7/14) (see 5/18)

Arafat rejects **Fatah** request to ban return of 'Atallah 'Atallah to Gaza. (QY 5/29 in FBIS 5/31) (see 3/2)

30 MAY

In the 1st step toward a referendum on returning the Golan to Syria, **Israeli Justice M David Liba'i** appoints legal expert **Shlomo Goberman** to head task force to design legislation on putting legal issues up to direct vote of the people. (MM 5/30; QY 5/30 in FBIS 5/31; CSM, MM, WT 5/31; CSM 6/1)

In New York, FM **Peres** is on hand when **UNSC** unanimously votes for 6-mo. extension of **UN Disengagement Observer Force** buffer on the Golan. The 1,040 mbr. force, made up of Austrian, Canadian, Polish troops, was established in 1974. (MM 5/31)

Israel says it is reevaluating its defense alliance with **South Africa** after learning that many top officials in **Nelson Mandela's** government trained under anti-Israeli regimes, meaning **Israeli** technology could be transferred to Arab states. (WT 5/30)

31 MAY

In Cairo, **PA-Israeli talks** on expanding self-rule close. Sides form permanent comms. to discuss labor, communications; agree on 95% of articles for communications accord but reach no final agmts. (MENA 5/30 in FBIS 5/31; MM 5/31; MENA 5/31 in FBIS 6/1; CSM 6/1; PR 6/4)

In Cairo, talks on elections and redeployment close. **PA, Israel** agree East Jerusalem Palestinians can vote, but Israel says voting stations must be outside of Jerusalem. Talks continue on size of elected council. (MM 5/31; QY 5/31 in FBIS 6/1)

At close of 2-day visit to Saudi Arabia to discuss Jerusalem land issue, **Arafat** says **King Fahd** has promised the PA \$21 m. in aid. (MM 5/31; VOP 5/31 in FBIS 5/31; NYT 6/1; PR 6/4)

Israeli undercover unit kills 2 Palestinians (a "wanted" man and his companion) north of Jerusalem. (*Birzeit Human Rights Record* 3/95)

Shin Bet say it has detained 30 Hamas mbrs in Bethlehem in recent days under suspicion of plotting anti-Israeli attacks. (ITV 5/31 in FBIS 6/1; NYT 6/6; JP 6/10)

Following PA protests against Hamas activity in Amman, **Jordan** ordered 2 Hamas leaders, **Musa Abu Marzuq** and **'Imad al-'Alami**, to leave the kingdom by 6/1; their families must leave by end of the scholastic yr. (ITV, RMC 5/31 in FBIS 6/1; MM 6/2; *al-Ra'y* 6/3 in FBIS 6/5)

1 JUNE

IDF sets 11/1 date for starting withdrawal fr. West Bank, clashing with PA plans to hold elections by late 9/95. PA rejects Israeli proposal to pull troops out of only six West Bank towns (Bethlehem, Jenin, Nablus, Qalqiliyya, Ramallah, Tulkarm). (MM 6/1; CSM 6/3) (see 3/28, 5/6)

State Dept. issues semiannual compliance report evaluating PA performance as required by the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act (MEPFA). (WJW 6/8; JP 6/10; WP 6/14) (see Doc. D1)

In Tunis, **Fatah Central Comm.**, chaired by Arafat, approves continued PA negotiations with Israel in light of 7/1 deadline. Arafat then briefs **PLO Exec. Comm.** on talks, economy, relations among Palestinian factions. PPP boycotts.

(*al-Quds* 5/31, ITV, VOP 6/1 in FBIS 6/2; MENA, QY 6/2 in FBIS 6/5; WT 6/3)

2 JUNE

Israel rejects PA proposal for Israel to hand over Tubas area to create geographic link with Jericho, joint patrol of Jericho-Tubas road as part of redeployment. (QY 6/2 in FBIS 6/5)

PLO Exec. Comm. closes 2-day meeting in Tunis, vows to fight Israeli land seizures, calls on international community to pressure Israel to meet 7/1 deadline on extending self-rule, gives Arafat mandate to continue negotiations. (VOP 6/3 in FBIS 6/5; WP, WT 6/4) (see 3/17)

Arafat announces that 3 senior PLO mbrs. will be returning to self-rule areas fr. Jordan in the next few wks to take over security operations: **'Atallah 'Atallah** to head West Bank security; **Mahmud al-Natur** to head Force 17; **'Abbas Zaki** to oversee Fatah operations. (MA 6/9 in FBIS 6/14)

IDF shells house in Hebron, killing Palestinian suspected of being a Hamas mbr. who killed several Israelis in West Bank. (QY 6/2 in FBIS 6/2; QY, VOP 6/2, QY 6/3 in FBIS 6/5; NYT 6/6; MEI 7/21)

3 JUNE

PFLP, DFLP announce they have formed joint command to unify the Palestinian opposition, promote national dialogue and democracy, resist Israeli occupation. (VOP 6/3 in FBIS 6/5)

4 JUNE

In Amman, 400 **Jordanian and Palestinian businessmen** open 3-day conference to discuss regional development, focus on private sector projects. (JTV 6/5 in FBIS 6/6; JTV 6/6 in FBIS 6/7) (see Peace Monitor)

5 JUNE

Arafat makes unscheduled visit to Cairo to discuss status of peace talks with Pres. **Mubarak**. (MENA 6/5 in FBIS 6/5; VOP 6/5 in FBIS 6/6)

IDF uncovers "wide-scale Hamas network" in East Jerusalem, arrests 45 alleged

mbrs., accuses them of planning series of anti-Israeli attacks. (JP, QY 6/5 in FBIS 6/5; CSM, NYT, WT 6/6; WJW 6/8; JP 6/17; MEI 7/21)

6 JUNE

In talks on self-rule in Cairo, Israel accepts PA demand to transfer remaining 32 West Bank civil administration spheres at once. (MENA 6/6, 6/7 in FBIS 6/7; WP 6/8; JP 6/17; SA 6/18 in FBIS 6/20; JP 6/24) (see 5/29, Peace Monitor)

U.S. envoy Ross meets with Pres. Asad, military expert Lt. Gen. Hikmat Shihabi in Damascus. (SARR 6/6 in FBIS 6/7; WT 6/7)

Chancellor Kohl begins official tour of Israel. High-level delegation fr. German FMin. visits Orient House in East Jerusalem to discuss status of Jerusalem, reiterates German position that Jerusalem is occupied territory. (MM 6/5; *al-Nahar* 6/7 in FBIS 6/9)

7 JUNE

In Cairo, Israel, PA close 2-day round of talks on expanding self-rule, reach draft agmt. on transferring responsibilities for labor to PA. (MENA 6/7 in FBIS 6/8; CSM 6/9)

IDF dismantles a military base in 'Illar nr. Tulkarm. (CSM 6/9)

Multilateral Working Group on Economic Development meets in Amman. (JTV 6/7 in FBIS 6/8) (see Peace Monitor)

Quadripartite (Egypt, Israel, Jordan, PA) technical comm. on refugees convenes for 1st time in Beersheba. (IGPO 6/6; VOP 6/7 in FBIS 6/7) (see 3/7, Peace Monitor)

In Damascus, U.S. envoy Ross, Pres. Asad discuss agenda for Syrian-Israeli talks to be held in Washington 6/27. After mtg. Ross heads to Cairo to meet with FM Musa, stops on way to brief PM Rabin on talks with Syrians. (MM 6/7; RE, SATN 6/7 in FBIS 6/8; MM, WT 6/8)

German Chancellor Kohl meets with Arafat in Jericho, pledges additional \$7 m. to the PA, says Germany will consider investing in industrial parks. (VOP 6/7 in FBIS 6/8; CSM 6/8; VOP 6/10 in FBIS 6/12; MM 6/13; BT 6/22)

In Geneva, PA Labor M Samir Ghawshah represents PA at International Labor Org. (ILO) mtg., blocks U.S., Israeli mo-

tion to delete topic of Palestinian workers' conditions fr. the agenda. (PWR 6/95)

Israeli parliament approves \$70 m. for army to begin "Rainbow II"—a plan calling for months of construction of new bypass roads for settlers in and a slowly phased withdrawal fr. West Bank. (WP 6/8)

Natan Sharansky announces formation of new Movement for Israel and Immigration to aid immigrants economically, socially, politically; says he may turn it into a party aimed at coalescing Russian immigrants into voting bloc for Israel's 1996 elections. (JP 6/8 in FBIS 6/9; JP 6/17; NYT 6/20; JP 6/24; CSM 6/27)

Israeli State Atty. rules that Shin Bet interrogator who caused death of Palestinian detainee 4/25 "could not and should not have expected a fatal result of his actions," will not be criminally prosecuted. (NYT 6/8) (see 4/28)

Senate passes Pres. Clinton's antiterrorism bill 91-8. Bill expands government use of wiretaps, gives FBI greater access to phone and credit card reports, expands authority to deport or refuse entry to immigrants, bans fundraising for foreign organizations designated as terrorist by State Dept., allows U.S. citizens to sue terrorist groups for personal injuries sustained in attacks. (NYT, WP, WT 6/8; WJW 7/27) (see 6/20)

8 JUNE

Secy. of State Christopher arrives in Jerusalem on 1st leg of Middle East tour focused on advancing the Syrian-Israeli track, setting agenda for upcoming Washington talks; meets with PM Rabin. (WP 6/7; MM, WT 6/8; QY 6/8 in FBIS 6/9; MEI 7/21)

Arafat meets with U.S. special envoy Ross in Jericho to discuss peace process, industrial zones, Christopher visit. (MM 6/8; VOP 6/8 in FBIS 6/8)

Jordanian parliament opens extraordinary session to address lifting Israeli boycott. (WP 7/14)

Frmr. PLO negotiator Haidar 'Abd al-Shafi announces establishment of new Movement for Democratic Construction. Group calls for democratic elections that "produce legitimate representatives of the Palestinian people." (*al-Manar* 6/12 in FBIS 6/15; JP 6/17; PR 6/25)

House approves foreign affairs bill (222-192) that would cut aid by \$1 b. next yr. and \$500 m. in 1997; preserve \$3 b.

for Israel, \$2.1 b. for Egypt; bring USAID, USIA, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency under State Dept. The House Appropriations Subcomm. sets allocations for 1996 (incl. \$3 b. for Israel, \$80 m. for refugee resettlement in Israel). (WP 6/8; WT 6/9; *Near East Report* 6/19)

9 JUNE

Secy. of State Christopher meets with Pres. Mubarak, PM Rabin in Cairo to try to ease tensions btwn. Egypt, Israel. Trio discusses peace process, regional cooperation, weapons of mass destruction. (MM 6/8; CSM, MM 6/9; MENA, QY 6/9 in FBIS 6/9; NYT, WP, WT 6/10; WJW 6/15; JP 6/17)

10,000 supporters of Israel's Islamic Movement hold rally in Kafr Kassim, calling for East Jerusalem as capital of a Palestinian state. (JP 6/17)

10 JUNE

Secy. of State Christopher holds "very productive" mtg. with Pres. Asad in Damascus; returns to Israel to brief PM Rabin on talks. (NYT, WT 6/11; MM 6/12; JP 6/17)

11 JUNE

Secy. of State Christopher meets with Arafat in Jericho, discusses implementing next stage of DOP, encourages donor countries to fulfill pledges, praises PA efforts to curb violence; meets quickly with King Hussein in Amman to brief him on visit, assure him U.S. will forgive debt; returns home. (JTV, RJ, VOP 6/11 in FBIS 6/12; CSM, NYT, WP, WT 6/12; *al-Quds* 6/12 in FBIS 6/15)

PM Rabin tells cabinet that even when IDF redeploys fr. areas of the West Bank, Israel will retain the right to enter main Palestinian population centers to maintain security. Civil Administration officials present Rabin with plans to transfer authority over agriculture, energy, insurance, local administration, trade and industry, labor, postal services. (QY 6/11 in FBIS 6/12; MM 6/12)

12 JUNE

PA signs contract with Islamic Waqf to lease the Allenby camp in west Jerusalem for 99 yrs. Israel already has leased the site to the U.S. for a future embassy. Palestinians claim the land is Waqf land that was illegally confiscated by Israel. (HA 7/11 in FBIS 7/11)

Israeli Pres. Ezer Weizman visits SLA troops in s. Lebanon, promises Israel will not abandon them; says government is willing to withdraw to international border of Golan (see 4/18, 4/20) in exchange for peace, only sticking point on extent of withdrawal is over four small enclaves within 1967 Syrian border. (VOL 6/12 in FBIS 6/12; WP 6/13)

4 mbrs of Jordan's Liberal party arrive in Jerusalem for mtgs. with Pres. Weizman, FM Peres, Police M Shahal, other FMin. officials. (QY 6/12 in FBIS 6/13)

VP Gore swears in Harriet Zimmerman, AIPAC's VP, as board mbr. of the United States Institute of Peace (USIP). USIP is an independent federal organization created and funded by Congress to promote international peace. (*USIP News* 6/12)

In advance of the probable renewal (6/30) of the waiver permitting U.S. aid to the PLO, Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R-NY) introduces bill to amend MEPFA so as to halt direct aid to the PA, limit aid to humanitarian assistance channeled through federal agencies or volunteer groups. World Zionist Organization applauds bill; AIPAC denounces it. (WP 6/14; MM 6/19, 6/20; WJW 6/22; MEI 6/23)

Anti-Arafat Fatah mbrs allied with Khalid al-Shayib attempt to drive Arafat supporters out of 'Ayn al-Hilwa r.c. in Lebanon. 2 Palestinians killed, 10 wounded in clashes. (VOL 6/12, AFP 6/13 in FBIS 6/13; MM 6/13)

13 JUNE

At Neve Ilan nr. Jerusalem, Israel, PA hold talks on transferring 8 new spheres of power, establishing 9 industrial parks. (QY 6/13 in FBIS 6/13) (see 5/22, 5/29)

Arafat meets with Norwegian FM Bjørn Godal in Gaza, discusses current status of negotiations with Israel. (QY 6/14 in FBIS 6/14)

U.S. Asst. Secy. of State Robert Pelletreau arrives in Cairo for talks with FM Musa on bilateral relations, peace process. (MENA 6/13 in FBIS 6/13)

Shin Bet reports that number of anti-Israeli incidents has reached its lowest point since the beginning of the intifada; most incidents take place in Israeli occupied territory, very few come fr. Gaza. (ITV 6/13 in FBIS 6/15)

IDF changes requirements for Palestinian workers to enter Israel, rescinds permits of 4,000 single men under 30; henceforth only married men over 30 will be allowed in. PA protests. (MA 6/14 in FBIS 6/15)

IDF halts demolition of Palestinian house in East Jerusalem after clash btwn. troops, Palestinians injures 12. (QY 6/13 in FBIS 6/14; CSM, NYT 6/15; PR 6/18; MEI 6/23)

Settlers take over 13 abandoned buildings at Barquan, West Bank, begin laying water pipes and electrical lines. IDF calls action "possibly illegal" but does not halt it. (MM 6/13; NYT 6/15; WP 6/26)

In East Jerusalem, settlers open fire on home of Arafat adviser Faisal Hussein. (ITV 6/13, VOP 6/13, 6/14 in FBIS 6/14)

In Lebanon, fighting btwn. pro-, anti-Arafat groups at 'Ayn al-Hilwa erupts anew. 7 Palestinians, 1 Lebanese are killed, 20 Palestinians are wounded in the heavy exchange of mortar, rocket, and machine-gun fire. Lebanese army deploys troops around 'Ayn al-Hilwa, camps nr. Tyre. (MM 6/13; AFP, VOL 6/13 in FBIS 6/13; QPAR, VOL 6/13, RL 6/14 in FBIS 6/14; MEI 7/21)

In Washington, several dozen Orthodox rabbis meet with congressmen, deliver 30,000 signatures fr. constituents urging an end to U.S. aid to PLO. (WP 6/14; MM 6/26)

14 JUNE

PM Rabin, FM Peres brief Norwegian FM Godal on redeployment, transfer of authority talks with PA, negotiations with Syria. (IDF Radio, QY 6/14 in FBIS 6/14)

U.S. Asst. Secy. of State Pelletreau arrives in Lebanon to discuss bilateral relations, assure Pres. Hrawi that the U.S. has not forgotten the Lebanese track of the peace process even though Christopher did not visit Beirut on his recent tour. (MM 6/13, 6/14; RL 6/14 in FBIS 6/14; MM 6/15; RL, VOL 6/15 in FBIS 6/16)

Nr. Rafah in Gaza, Israeli border guards shoot, kill 3 Palestinians (1 Fatah Hawk, 2 fr. Force 17—Arafat's "presidential guard") in border crossing incident. Arafat says he will investigate. (WP 6/14; QY, VOP 6/14 in FBIS 6/14; IDF Radio, VOP 6/14 in FBIS 6/15; CSM, MM, NYT, WP 6/15; PR 6/18; WJW 6/22; JP 6/24; MEI 7/21)

Israeli FMin. says DMin. routinely detains mail fr. self-rule areas, o.t., Israeli Arabs to assess attitudes toward Israel, PA; says it is entitled to do this "by virtue of its responsibility for the PA's external security and foreign relations." Both international, intercity mail are affected. (HA 6/14 in FBIS 6/16)

Israeli police arrest 5 yeshiva students in connection with 6/13 attack on Faisal Hussein's house. (JP 6/14 in FBIS 6/14)

15 JUNE

Israeli Environment M Yossi Sarid meets with Arafat, Planning M Shaath in Gaza; discusses redeployment, elections, transfer of powers, release of prisoners; calls on Arafat to settle for partial troop pullback in West Bank to be followed by Palestinian elections in the fall. Arafat rejects offer. (MM 6/15; QY, RE, VOP 6/15 in FBIS 6/16; CSM, WT 6/16; MEI 6/23)

PA Transportation M 'Abd al-'Aziz al-Haj Ahmad announces draft transportation agmt. with Jordan, opening of commerce crossing point at King Hussein Bridge. (*al-Dustur* 6/15 in FBIS 6/16; JTV 6/15 in FBIS 6/19; PR 6/18) (see Peace Monitor)

IDF seizes 30 dunums of land belonging to al-Wadiri Agricultural College nr. Tulkarm, begins clearing area to build joint liaison office in advance of redeployment. (QY 6/15 in FBIS 6/16)

After allegedly finding "inciting" Hamas material during raid, IDF closes Aroura mosque nr. Ramallah for 5 mos. (PR 6/25) (see 5/17)

In Beirut, U.S. Asst. Secy. of State Pelletreau says U.S. will begin easing travel ban on Lebanon by allowing airlines to ticket non-Americans for travel btwn. the 2 countries; urges Lebanon to sign international antiterrorism agmt. Hizballah balks, saying U.S. is in no position to call others "terrorists." (MM 6/15)

Hizballah fires 12 rockets into n. Israel, killing 1, wounding 1. Israeli Air Force (IAF) strikes targets north of self-de-

clared security zone, wounding 4. (MM 6/15; IDF Radio, QY 6/15, IDF Radio, MA, QY 6/16 in FBIS 6/16; MM 6/16; MEI 7/21)

16 JUNE

In Gaza, PA police arrest Hamas mbr. Bassam 'Isa. 10s of Palestinians take to the street in protest. (QY 6/16 in FBIS 6/16)

17 JUNE

PA rejects an Israeli redeployment deal that would divide West Bank into 3 zones: Zone A (Palestinian cities), Zone C (Israeli settlements, military installations), and Zone B (btwn. A and C, incl. Palestinian villages, camps). Israel would redeploy fr. Zone A only, be responsible for security in Zones B and C. PA would be left with control over 15% of West Bank. (JP 6/17; MENA 6/22 in FBIS 6/23; JT 6/28 in FBIS 6/28)

Irish FM Dick Spring arrives in Israel on 1st official visit by Irish FM. (QY 6/18 in FBIS 6/19)

6,000 Palestinian prisoners begin hunger strike for their release fr. Israeli jails. Arafat takes part. (WT 6/18; VOP 6/17, AFP, QY, VOP 6/18 in FBIS 6/19; MM, NYT 6/19; CSM 6/21; MEI 6/23; MEI 7/21)

18 JUNE

Georgian Pres. Eduard Shevardnaze meet with Pres. Weizman, PM Rabin, says Georgia will open embassy in Jerusalem before end of the yr. (QY 6/18, 6/19 in FBIS 6/19)

Russian Dep. FM Posuvalyuk meets with King Hussein in Amman, discusses peace process. (RJ 6/18 in FBIS 6/19)

FM Peres, DM Mordechi Gur brief Irish FM Spring on status of Jerusalem, Israeli relations with Lebanon, Syria; try to dissuade him fr. visiting Palestinian officials at Orient House. Spring then meets with Arafat in Gaza. (ITV, QY 6/18, HA 6/19 in FBIS 6/19; MM 6/19; IGPO 6/19 in FBIS 6/20)

David Levy, who quit Likud on 6/6, announces he will run for PM as head of his own party, tentatively called New Way. Party should have strong pull with pro-Likud North African, Arab Jews. (MM,

NYT 6/19; QY 6/18, MA 6/19 in FBIS 6/19; MM 6/20; CSM 6/27)

IDF stops settlers fr. building road nr. Hashmona'im settlement. (IDF Radio 6/18 in FBIS 6/20)

Hizballah ambushes IDF patrol in s. Lebanon, killing 3 soldiers, wounding 7, losing 2 of their own. IDF shells Nabatiyya area in response, killing 1 Lebanese civilian. (QY 6/18, HA 6/19 in FBIS 6/19; MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/19; BT 6/29; JP 6/24)

19 JUNE

8th round of multilateral talks open in Amman. Multilateral Working Group on the Environment meets. (IGPO 6/19) (see Peace Monitor)

Irish FM Spring meets with Faisal Husseini at Orient House in East Jerusalem, discusses 7/1 deadline for agmt. on transfer of authority. Israeli Pres. Weizman cancels scheduled mtg. with Spring in protest; 100s of Israelis demonstrate. (QY 6/18 in FBIS 6/19; MM 6/19; VOP 6/19, QY 6/20 in FBIS 6/20)

Arafat arrives in Turkey for 2 days of talks with Pres. Sulayman Demirel, PM Tansu Ciller; encourages Turkey to give PA economic aid, put pressure on Israel. (VOP 6/19 in FBIS 6/19; VOP 6/20, MENA 6/21 in FBIS 6/21)

Jordanian Bar Association orders lawyer Ahmad al-Zu'bi to appear before disciplinary board for possible disbarment for leading Liberal party delegation on visit to Israel 6/12. (*al-Majd* 6/19 in FBIS 6/20)

After wks of negotiations btwn. Arafat and Imad al-Faluji, al-Faluji's pro-Hamas weekly *al-Watan* is permitted to reopen. Editor Sayyid Abu Musamih remains jailed. (HA 6/20 in FBIS 6/21; PR 7/25) (see 5/14)

Israeli lawmaker Avraham Burg is elected new chairman of Jewish Agency, calls assimilation the biggest threat facing the Jewish people. (WT 6/21; JP 7/15)

For 2d day, IDF moves reinforcements into Biqa' Valley, raising tensions in s. Lebanon. (RL 6/19 in FBIS 6/20)

20 JUNE

In Cairo, PA, Israel open 3 days of talks on transfer of authority, focus on electricity, communications, water, public works. PA says it will accept phased Israeli

withdrawal fr. West Bank within framework of agmt. that includes specific timetable. (MENA 6/20 in FBIS 6/21)

Multilateral Working Group on Water meets in Amman, then convenes joint mtg. with working group on environment. Syrian, Lebanese representatives reportedly meet with Israeli delegate behind scenes. (IGPO 6/19; QY 6/30 in FBIS 7/5; MBC 7/15 in FBIS 7/17) (see Peace Monitor)

Under terms of 10/26 **Jordan-Israel** treaty, water pipeline fr. Lake Tiberias to Israel begins operating. (RJ 6/20 in FBIS 6/28; NYT 6/21)

PM Rabin, FM Peres, Environment M Sarid, IDF officers tour West Bank n. of Jerusalem to view plans for redeployment of IDF troops outside Palestinian towns. (QY 6/20 in FBIS 6/21)

Israeli FMin. deems PA's 1st "active" year "reasonably successful," Arafat "a dominant and indispensable figure" who successfully handled his opposition. (MA 6/20 in FBIS 6/20)

East Jerusalem Municipal Council, formally reactivated by Arafat 6/12, holds 1st mtg. (HA 6/26 in FBIS 6/27) (see 5/30)

By vote of 23-12, House approves antiterrorism bill similar to that passed in the Senate 6/7. Differences between the two must be worked out in committee. (WT 6/21) (see 8/4)

256 mbrs. of Congress send letter to Secy. of State Christopher in support of moving U.S. embassy fr. Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Letter is a companion to the one sent by 93 senators 3/95. Christopher sends letter to Dole dissuading him fr. voting for bill. (*Near East Report* 7/3) (see Doc. D2)

21 JUNE

Following reports that he has been seeking a deal for Syria, Israeli Dep. FM Beilin admits he has informally discussed economic aid, debt rescheduling for Syria with Japan, EU nations (incl. Austria, Britain, France, Germany, Spain, Sweden); suggested they draw up plans (preferably to be presented at EU business conference in Barcelona 11/95) to be implemented after an agmt. that would encourage Syria to negotiate seriously. (MM 6/21; IDF Radio, JP 6/21 in FBIS 6/21; MM 6/22)

FM Peres, Justice M Liba'i, DMin. officials hold mtg. on easing restrictions, facilitating process for Jordanians' entry into Israel. (QY 6/21 in FBIS 6/22)

FM Peres, Dep. FM Beilin say scope, pace of pull out fr. West Bank will be set by speed of building bypass roads. PM Rabin complains that high cost of protecting West Bank settlements needlessly directs money away fr. other important government projects, investments; building bypass roads could cost \$250,000 per family. (MM 6/21; IDF Radio, QY 6/21 in FBIS 6/21; ITV 6/21 in FBIS 6/22; MM, NYT, WT 6/22)

22 JUNE

Lebanese FM Buwayz sets 3 conditions for resumption of negotiations with Israel: U.S. must send Lebanon a credible Israeli proposal for review; proposal must not contradict Lebanese principles for resuming talks; Israel must 1st withdraw fr. s. Lebanon. (RL 6/22 in FBIS 6/23)

Multilateral Working Group on Water closes session in Amman. Parties propose joint projects totalling \$50 m. (IGPO 6/23 in FBIS 6/28) (see Peace Monitor)

FM Peres, Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan meet in Amman, discuss water, technical, scientific cooperation. (MM 6/22; QY 6/22 in FBIS 6/22; RJ 6/22 in FBIS 6/23)

Arafat holds mtgs with Israeli Knesset Dep. Speaker Rafael Edri on implementation of 2d stage of self-rule; with UN coordinator Terje Larsen on UN activities in the o.t.; with World Bank rep. Kem Chin on donor states' assistance. (VOP 6/23 in FBIS 6/23)

Mahmud al-Khawaja, top leader of Islamic Jihad, is killed in a drive-by shooting in Gaza. Islamic Jihad blames Israeli security services, vows retaliation. Israel neither confirms, denies the accusation. (AFP 6/22 in FBIS 6/22; AFP 6/22, SA 6/23 in FBIS 6/23; CSM, MM, NYT, WT 6/23; PR 7/2)

In Hebron, IDF shuts 4th mosque in 2 wks. after security forces find alleged Hamas material during raid. (PR 6/18; QY 6/22 in FBIS 6/23) (see 6/15)

In Ramallah, IDF shoots, wounds 4 Palestinians during demonstration by 100s of Palestinians in support of prisoners' hunger strike. (HA 6/23 in FBIS 6/23) (see 6/17)

IDF shells Hizballah positions in s. Lebanon, killing 1 child. (QY 6/23 in FBIS 6/23; WP 6/24)

To date, 55 senators have signed onto Sen. Robert Dole's bill that would move the U.S. embassy in Israel fr. Tel Aviv to

Jerusalem (see 5/9). Secy. of State Christopher warns senators Clinton will veto. (JP 6/22 in FBIS 6/22) (see Doc. D6 in JPS 96)

23 JUNE

Senate votes for 45-day extension of U.S. assistance to the PLO, scheduled to expire 6/30, based on the MEPFA; reinstates original MEPFA, overturning Sen. D'Amato's proposed amendments. (*Near East Report* 7/3) (see 6/12)

Hizballah fires 10 rockets into n. Israel, hitting Club Med resort, wounding 9 tourists, killing 1 French chef. (MM 6/23; HA, QY 6/23 in FBIS 6/23; WP 6/24; MM 6/26; JP 7/1)

24 JUNE

Syrian VP Khaddam, Iranian FM Hassan Habibi convene 2-day Syrian-Iranian Joint Comm. mtg. to discuss Hizballah, Syrian-Israeli negotiations. Khaddam reportedly asks Iran to help Syria push talks with Israel to a "positive conclusion" by accepting Syrian plan to disarm Lebanese branch of Hizballah following peace agmt. (MM 6/20; Voice of Iran 6/24, SA 6/25 in FBIS 6/25; MM 6/29)

In Amman, King Hussein, Arab Democratic Party MK Darawshah discuss Palestinian-Israeli negotiations. (JTV 6/24 in FBIS 6/29)

1000s of Palestinians clash with IDF across the West Bank as widespread protests erupted in support of hunger-striking prisoners (see 6/17). Outside Orient House, 13 Palestinians are injured when Israeli police fire rubber bullets at demonstrators. In Nablus, IDF uses live ammunition to disperse 200 women, wounding 2. PM Rabin says cabinet will discuss prisoners issue at mtg. next wk. (WP, WT 6/25; MM 6/26; WJW 6/29)

Israeli border police kill 1 Palestinian, capture 2d, let 3d escape when trio attempts to cross border fr. Jordan into West Bank. (QY 6/26 in FBIS 6/27)

Lebanese Forces cmdr. Samir Ja'ja' is given death sentence, commuted to life with hard labor for murdering Dany Chamoun and his family in 10/90. (RL, VOL 6/24 in FBIS 6/27; WP, WT 6/25; MEI 7/7; MM, WT 7/26)

25 JUNE

Referring to the SLA as "Lahd's militia," PM Rabin accuses the SLA of creating problems for Israel by shelling Shi'ite villages in s. Lebanon, provoking Hizballah to respond by firing rockets at n. Israel. Coming before the resumption of negotiations with Syria, many see the statement as an offer to trade Syrian crackdown on Hizballah for Israel's dropping of the SLA. (MM 7/4)

Nr. Jneid prison, Nablus, IDF opens fire with live ammunition on 1000s of Palestinians rallying for release of prisoners, killing 2, wounding 50. In Gaza, an alleged Hamas mbr. detonates an explosive-laden cart nr. an IDF patrol, killing himself, injuring 3 soldiers. PA police arrest 50 Hamas mbrs., incl. leaders Mahmud Zahhar and Ahmad Bahar. Hamas denies responsibility. (CSM, MM, WP, WT 6/26; AFP, HA, QY 6/26 in FBIS 6/27; WP 6/27; MM 6/28; WJW 6/29; PR, WP 7/2; MEI 7/7)

26 JUNE

Jordan, Israel joint security comm. announces agmt. on cooperation btwn. air forces. (ITV 6/26 in FBIS 6/27) (see Peace Monitor)

After 2-day mtg. at the Dead Sea Hotel, Jordanian-Israeli joint trade comm. clears up all but minor points of a trade agmt. on exports, research, development. Jordanian Trade M says agmt. should be signed in 1 mo. (JTV 2/26, QY 6/27 in FBIS 6/27)

Arafat attends Organization of African Unity conference in Ethiopia, calls on African nations to take part in joint development projects in the self-rule areas. Before mtg., assassination attempt is made on Egypt's Pres. Mubarak, PLO amb. to Ethiopia Yusuf Rajab is wounded. (VOP 6/26 in FBIS 6/27; MM 6/27)

27 JUNE

In Washington, Syria, Israel reopen negotiations with military advisers. Israel ask Syria to make several confidence-building gestures, but Syria rejects taking such measures before signing an agmt. (FT, MM, WP, WT 6/28; SARR, 6/27, MA 6/28 in FBIS 6/28; WT 6/29; MEI 7/7; MEI 7/21) (see Peace Monitor)

In Cairo, PA, Israeli talks on transfer of authority reopen. Sides say Arafat has agreed to accept partial Israeli troop pull-back in the West Bank, to be followed by elections and further withdrawal but is still calling for binding timetable. 1st pull-out would be fr. Janin, followed by Nablus, Tulkarm, Qalqiliyya by 11/15. Elections would be held within 22-35 days. 2d stage of withdrawal covering Ramallah, Bethlehem would take place 4-5/96. Areas of IDF, PA control would follow 6/17 zones proposal. No agmt. reached on size of proposed council. (JT, MENA 6/28 in FBIS 6/28; VOP 6/28, MENA, QY 6/29 in FBIS 6/30)

Likud head Binyamin Netanyahu submits to the Knesset what he claims to be a copy leaked to him of Israeli position paper on the Golan to be given to the Syrian delegation in talks in Washington. PM Rabin, FM Peres believe text to be a working paper drafted by the army, not given to Gen. Shahak. (MM 6/27; QY 6/27, 6/28 in FBIS 6/28; MM 6/28; ITV 6/28, QY 6/29 in FBIS 6/29; MM 6/29)

28 JUNE

Syria rejects U.S. proposal (supported by Israel) to station U.S. troops on the Golan following Israeli withdrawal, demands UN forces supervise security arrangements. (MA, QY 6/28 in FBIS 6/28; ITV, SARR 6/28, HA, QY, SARR 6/29 in FBIS 6/29)

Despite opposition protests, extraordinary session of Jordanian parliament refers draft bill ending economic boycott and prohibitions on dealing with Israelis to the legal comm. for vote. (RJ 6/28, JT 6/29 in FBIS 6/30; MEI 7/21; JP 8/5) (see 6/8)

Israeli National and Economic Planning Authority says feasibility study on Red Sea-Dead Sea canal shows project to be economically unfeasible, inefficient way of desalinating water or easing Israeli, Jordanian water shortages. (MA 6/29 in FBIS 7/7)

In the Golan, 1000s of settlers protest mtg. btwn. Israeli, Syrian military experts. (QY 6/28 in FBIS 6/28)

29 JUNE

Syrian-Israeli talks end with sides agreeing on general needs but, to the

U.S.'s chagrin, not discussing specifics. Pres. Clinton briefly meets with Syrian, Israeli generals at the White House. (WT 6/28; QY 6/29 in FBIS 6/29; MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/30; AFP, *Davar* 6/30, SARR 7/1 in FBIS 7/3; SATN 6/29, AFP 6/30 in FBIS 7/5; MEI 7/7; JP 7/8) (see Peace Monitor)

In Cairo, Israeli-PA talks on transfer of authority, elections, redeployment close. In transfer talks, sides agree on principle of giving PA control of all civilian spheres before elections, but talks stick on agriculture, electricity. Elections talks stick on size of council, Jerusalem. (MM 6/29; MENA 6/29 in FBIS 7/3)

A 2d briefing paper prepared by the IDF Planning Branch for the Israeli-Syrian talks is leaked to the press. (ITV 6/29, HA, IDF Radio, ITV 6/30 in FBIS 7/3; SARR 7/5 in FBIS 7/5; *Davar* 6/29 in FBIS 7/7) (see Doc. C2)

Jerusalem City Council passes Mayor Ehud Olmert's decision to give PLO 2 wks. to request rezoning for Orient House or face legal action for violating the building code by running an office in a building zoned for a hotel. (JP 6/30 in FBIS 7/3)

In Hebron, Israeli border police kill wanted Hamas mbr. Taher Kapisha. IDF then orders neighboring Palestinian families to leave their homes, bulldozes their houses, destroys 100s of trees. (MM 6/29; QY 6/29 in FBIS 6/30; MEI 7/7; JP 7/8; PR 7/9)

30 JUNE

PA Planning M Shaath meets with Israelis to discuss prisoner release, demands specific timetable that would have all prisoners freed before elections, makes no progress. (MBC 6/30 in FBIS 7/3)

Roadside bomb explodes in s. Lebanon, wounding 1 SLA mbr. IDF shells area in response, killing 1 Hizballah mbr., wounding 1 civilian. (RL, VOL 6/30 in FBIS 7/3)

Congress extends for 90 days the PLO's presidential waiver omitting it fr. the ban on aid to "terrorist" groups, which expires today. (MM 6/16) (see 6/23)

1 JULY

Arafat, FM Peres meet for 8 hrs. at Erez in unsuccessful last-minute attempt to reach an agmt. before 7/1 deadline passes. Peres rejects PA demand for control of se-

curity in villages, refugee camps nr. Jewish settlements, joint patrols on roads to settlements; says Israel must maintain "overriding responsibility" for all security. Arafat calls for redeployment over 2 mos fr. all major West Bank towns, incl. Hebron, to be completed 3 wks before elections. (WP, WT, NYT 7/2; IDF Radio, ITV, QY 7/2 in FBIS 7/3; CSM, MM, NYT, WT 7/3; *al-Quds* 7/3 in FBIS 7/5; MEI 7/7; JP 7/8)

In several towns throughout the West Bank, IDF clashes with Palestinians demonstrating in support of prisoners; 150 Palestinians are injured, 1 killed. Israel says it is willing to quickly release over 1,000 prisoners but is arguing with the PA over precise numbers, timing, conditions for release. (ITV 7/1 in FBIS 7/3; NYT, WP 7/2)

Hamas accuses the PA of shaving off the hair, beards of 3 leaders (Mahmud Zahhar, Ahmad Bahar, Salama Safadi) who have been detained since 6/25 explosion. (NYT 7/2, 7/10)

2 JULY

Israeli Gen. Shahak, military expert to Syrian talks in Washington, briefs cabinet on talks with Syrian counterpart Gen. Shihabi; says Syria offered a demilitarization ratio of 10:6 (Syria:Israel), which Israel rejects. (QY 7/2 in FBIS 7/3; ITV 7/3, HA 7/4 in FBIS 7/5; WT 7/4)

U.S. presents compromise on early warning stations in Golan. Suggests Israel vacate Mount Hermon, replace IDF troops with unmanned electronic equipment, give Syria similar unmanned post in Galilee. Israel, Syria are considering idea. (HA 7/2 in FBIS 7/3)

PA says 1st group of 2,000 Palestinian military personnel, administrators soon will leave Algeria for Gaza in preparation for their deployment in West Bank after self-rule agmt. is signed. (SA 7/2 in FBIS 7/7)

Hizballah holds its biennial gen. assembly mtg. at 3 undisclosed sites in Lebanon; reelects Hasan Nasrallah as sec. gen.; defines peacetime agenda to be implemented after agmt. with Israel is signed; makes organizational changes to transform Hizballah fr. a resistance group into a political party to better deal with current Lebanese political environment. (*al-Safir* 7/13 in FBIS 7/14; MM 7/28)

3 JULY

King Hussein initiates mtg. with David Levy in Paris, discusses peace process, says Levy has "an important role" to play on the Israeli political scene. (IDF Radio 7/4 in FBIS 7/5)

Knesset debates bill presented by Matza that would force PA to close 14 institutions operating in Jerusalem. Matza is only able to provide evidence of activity for 4. Of those, the PA agrees to close 3: the statistics, housing, and information bureaus. (JP 7/4 in FBIS 7/6) (see 2/10)

In Kfar Sava, 25,000 right-wing Israelis led by Likud's Netanyahu demonstrate against planned IDF redeployment. (MM 7/4)

In 2 clashes btwn. Hizballah, IDF in s. Lebanon, 2 IDF soldiers are killed, 5 wounded. IDF responds by shelling suspected Hizballah positions n. of self-declared security zone. (RL 7/3 in FBIS 7/3; MM, WP 7/4; JP 7/15)

4 JULY

In Gaza, Arafat, FM Peres sketch out principles of deal on West Bank self-rule, elections; overcome most differences on security for Zone B areas; agree to form comm. to discuss future of Hebron; appoint new, expanded teams (led by PA Economics M Qurai', Israeli FMin. Dir. Gen. Uri Savir) to hammer out agmt. by 7/25. Deal will include prisoner release. (AFP, ITV, VOP 7/4, QY 7/5 in FBIS 7/5; NYT, WP, WT 7/5; HA, ITV, QY, VOP 7/5, *al-Hayat* 7/6 in FBIS 7/6; CSM 7/6; JP 7/7 in FBIS 7/11; PR 7/9; WP 7/10)

IDF says number of anti-Israeli attacks in s. Lebanon has increased by 50% since beginning of 1995, while incidents in West Bank, Gaza have dropped by 50%. Number of incidents in Jerusalem have remained unchanged. (QY 7/4 in FBIS 7/7)

5 JULY

FM Peres says 7/4 agmt. calls for phased Israeli pullout fr. West Bank over 2 yrs, starting with 4 towns (Janin, Nablus, Qalqiliyya, Tulkarm), adding Ramallah, Bethlehem after bypass roads are built; elections to be held end of 1995. PA official says initial pull out will begin 4 wks after agmt. is signed, end 25 days

before elections. IDF would temporarily pull out of Bethlehem, Hebron, Ramallah during voting. PLO will amend charter. Peres warns 7/25 date for signing agmt. might be delayed several wks. Israel's Savir, PA's Qurai' meet in Jerusalem to compose subcomms. to address individual issues. (MM 7/5; HA, VOP 7/5 in FBIS 7/6; WP, WSJ, WT 7/6; PR 7/9) (see 6/27)

In Cairo, technical comm. on Palestinian refugees opens 2d mtg. (MENA 7/4 in FBIS 7/5) (see Peace Monitor)

Arafat, UN Sec. Gen. Butros Butros Ghali meet in Jericho to discuss international presence, joint Israeli-PA patrols in West Bank during interim phase, possibility of Arafat speaking at UN's 50th anniversary conference. (VOP 7/6 in FBIS 7/7)

Addressing the Israeli-American Chamber of Commerce in Tel Aviv, U.S. Amb. to Israel Indyk demands Israel abolish import barriers that discriminate against U.S. imports; notes that, while the U.S. gives Israel \$3 b./yr. in loans, grants, \$10 b./5 yrs in loan guarantees as incentive to buy U.S. products, Israel last yr. ran \$1-b. trade surplus with the U.S. and a \$7.5-b. trade deficit with the EU. (MM, WSJ 7/6; MM 8/2)

In protest over 7/4 agmt., Jewish settlers begin work on new 600 unit West Bank settlement 6 miles w. of Ramallah. (WT 7/6)

100s of women march in Ramallah, demanding Israel free Palestinian prisoners. Clashes erupt with Israeli border police. (WP 7/6)

Israeli Dep. FM Beilin arrives in Russia for talks aimed at dissuading Russia fr. concluding nuclear arms deal with Iran. (QY 7/5 in FBIS 7/6)

6 JULY

In Cairo, mtg. of the technical comm. on refugees closes without any progress. (VOP 7/6 in FBIS 7/11)

Israeli Interior Min. reports that an unprecedented number of Jerusalem Arabs are requesting Israeli citizenship: 687 heads of households in 1st 6 mos of 1995 in comparison with 430 in all of 1994; 260 in 1993; 170 in 1992. (JP 7/6 in FBIS 7/6)

Palestinian prisoners end hunger strike after an announcement that the Israel-PA deal extending self-rule in the

West Bank will include a staged prisoner release. (VOP 7/6 in FBIS 7/6; PR 7/9; QY 7/9 in FBIS 7/10; CSM, WP, WT 7/10)

Settlers block Qalqiliyya-Nablus road, move mobile homes onto hill nr. Kedumim settlement in protest over planned IDF redeployment. (MM 6/7)

IDF raids Jenin Waqf office, confiscates alleged Hamas material. (QY 7/9 in FBIS 7/12)

7 JULY

Arafat arrives in Cairo for talks on Israeli redeployment, elections, transfer of authority with Egyptian FM Musa. (RE 7/7, MENA 7/8 in FBIS 7/10)

8 JULY

Israeli negotiator Savir says Israel will keep control of West Bank security after it redeploys. (WT 7/9)

5 Palestinians, 1 Israeli wounded in clashes in Janin, Jerusalem. (WT 7/9)

IDF fires antipersonnel shells at alleged Hizballah positions in s. Lebanon, killing 3 Lebanese children, wounding 5. UN protests use of the shells, which are banned by international conventions. (CSM, WT 7/10; QY, RL 7/9, IDF Radio 7/10 in FBIS 7/10; MM 7/10; RL 7/11 in FBIS 7/11; JP 7/15; MEI 7/21)

9 JULY

U.S. Senate delegation, accompanied by U.S. Consul Gen. Edward Abington, visits Arafat, discusses status of talks with Israel. Arafat then briefs Australian FM Gareth Evans on negotiations, the economy, Australia's role in international presence following expansion of self-rule. (VOP 7/9, 7/11 in FBIS 7/11)

50 Palestinians are wounded when they try to stop IDF bulldozers fr. clearing land for a joint Israeli-PA liaison office in the West Bank. (CSM 7/10)

VP Gore reverses decision to hire part-time speechwriter Richard Marius full-time after *New Republic* editor Martin Peretz protests Marius's 1992 book review that was critical of Israel; says hiring Marius could be a political embarrassment. (WP 7/19; MEI 8/4; WJW 8/10)

10 JULY

In Jerusalem, U.S. special envoy Ross meets with Israeli leaders, incl. PM Rabin, to prepare for 2d phase of talks btwn. Syrian, Israeli military experts. Ross also participates in a PA-Israeli session on redeployment at an undisclosed location. (MM 7/10; MENA, QY 7/10 in FBIS 7/10; CSM 7/11; *al-Hayat* 7/14 in FBIS 7/17)

Syria says Ross visit must achieve "progress in the right direction" on 4 demands if military experts are to join the next round of talks in Washington: Israeli withdrawal to 1967 border; no Israeli early warning sites on Syrian territory; equal and balanced security arrangements; Israeli withdrawal before normalization. (MM 7/10)

Israel, PA say they will move talks on widening self-rule to a military base in Florence, Italy this week; hope that keeping talks out of the limelight will help them reach an accord by 7/25. (NYT 7/11; WT 7/12)

PM Rabin, FM Peres tell cabinet mbrs. they are planning to set up 18 PA police stations in areas under IDF control, transfer responsibility for several religious sites to the PA. (ITV 7/10 in FBIS 7/11)

Australian FM Evans meets with FM Peres, insists Israel back down from its positions on Jerusalem, NPT. Peres says requests are "totally out of the question." (QY 7/10, HA 7/11 in FBIS 7/11)

PM Rabin meets with right-wing settler leaders to discuss transfer of power in the West Bank to the PA, guarantees their security under any agmt. Settlers threaten civil insurrection; make plans to "lay siege" to Rabin's office, permanently block roads in West Bank, clash with PA police at every opportunity. (WT 7/12; JP 7/22)

11 JULY

In Cairo, PA, Israel open 4-day mtg. on transfer of authority. Subcommittees will focus on communications, electricity, water. (MENA 7/6 in FBIS 7/6; MENA 7/11 in FBIS 7/11)

PA says Economics M Qurai', Israel's FM Dir. Gen. Savir are holding a special security comm. mtg. in Rome; a 2d comm., headed by PA's Shaath, is negotiating a prisoner release at an unnamed location. (MENA 7/11 in FBIS 7/11)

In Damascus, U.S. envoy Ross, NSC adviser Mark Parris meet with Syrian Pres. Asad, transmit Israeli concerns about s. Lebanon. Asad expresses reservations about procedural matters, sending military advisers to next talks with Israel; accepts idea of ground early warning posts manned by international (non-Israeli) forces. (SARR 7/10, 7/11 in FBIS 7/11; MM 7/11; SARR 7/11 in FBIS 7/12; MM 7/14; WJW 7/20)

12 JULY

Israel, PA reach tentative accord on transfer of West Bank agriculture, labor, local administration spheres; agree to table water issues for now. (CSM 7/13)

Israel, PA scrap idea of moving talks fr. Egypt to Italy because of Egypt's protests, Arafat's strong preference to keep negotiations in the region; say talks will resume in Egypt or Israel 7/14. PA Economic M Qurai' thanks Italy for hosting "three sessions of negotiations [that] have taken place in Italy in recent days, far from the media"—leading to speculation secret talks are being held. (QY 7/12 in FBIS 7/12; AFP, VOP 7/12 in FBIS 7/13; AFP 7/13 in FBIS 7/17; *al-Majd* 7/17 in FBIS 7/18) (see 7/10, 7/11)

In Damascus, U.S. envoy Ross holds follow-up mtg. with Syrian FM al-Shara'; returns to Israel, briefs PM Rabin; meets with Arafat in Gaza, assures him U.S. attaches importance to the conclusion of an agmt. on the next stage of self rule. (SARR 7/12, QY 7/13 in FBIS 7/13; *al-Hayat* 7/14 in FBIS 7/17)

Arafat meets with Russian charge d'affaires on Russia's decision to open a liaison mission to the PA; briefs Turkish consul general on current status of talks with Israel. (VOP 7/12 in FBIS 7/13)

PA Local Government M Saeb Erakat meets with EU rep. Thomas Dupla about EU supervision of elections; briefs U.S. Consul Gen. Abington on latest events in the peace process. (VOP 7/12 in FBIS 7/13)

15 prominent Orthodox rabbis call on IDF soldiers to disobey any orders to redeploy, remove army bases fr. the West Bank. PM Rabin says appeal is a call for "anarchy," asks atty. gen. to see whether rabbis should be prosecuted. (MM 7/12; QY 7/12 in FBIS 7/13; MM, NYT, WP 7/13; CSM, WT 7/14; CSM 7/17; WJW 7/20; MEI 7/21; JP 7/22)

Shin Bet tells PM Rabin that Hamas has shown no signs of trying to carry out attacks for 3 wks, they suspect the slowdown is a product of Hamas aspirations to take part in elections. (IDF Radio 7/12 in FBIS 7/14)

In keeping with call by settler leaders 7/10, 100s of settlers block West Bank highway, try to move trailers into Hazayit hill to expand Efrat settlement; 42 are arrested by IDF. (MM 7/12; QY 7/12 in FBIS 7/12; NYT 7/13; JP 7/22)

13 JULY

U.S. envoy Ross makes unexpected return trip to Damascus to meet with FM al-Shara', unsuccessfully tries to set date and agenda of next round of Syrian-Israeli military talks. (MM 7/13; MBC, SARR 7/13 in FBIS 7/14; MM 7/14)

PA charge d'affaires to Jordan 'Umar al-Khatib announces Israel, PA have agreed that "PA nationals" abroad, whose travel permits were valid when they left but have expired, may return to the PA areas at any time without having to renew the permits, no matter how long they were abroad. (*al-Ra'y* 7/13 in FBIS 7/13)

Delegates fr. Egypt, the EU, Israel, Jordan, the PA hold land transport infrastructure working group mtg. in Amman; discuss need for regional highway system, construction of bridges in Jordan. (JTV 7/13 in FBIS 7/18)

PLO Exec. Comm. mbr. and frmr. top negotiator Mahmud Abbas meets with Arafat in Gaza to discuss the Palestinian stand on negotiations with Israel. (VOP 7/13 in FBIS 7/13)

Heads of 4 leading U.S. rabbinical movements present Congress mbrs. with signatures of 600 U.S. rabbis supporting continued aid to the PLO. (MM 7/14)

Israeli Civil Administration appoints Lt. Col. Barukh Nagar, convicted several yrs ago of attacking 2 Palestinians, as governor of Hebron. (QY 7/13 in FBIS 7/14)

PM Rabin says hill nr. Efrat occupied by settlers 7/12 has been zoned for settlement for more than a yr., says he will approve requests that mobile homes be set up at the site. (QY 7/13 in FBIS 7/14)

Hamas-PFLP coalition wins al-Najah student elections by vote of 43-28, marking 1st time in 14 yrs. that Fatah has lost the election. (PR 7/28)

Jordanian FMin. says FM Kabariti has held several mtgs. with the Kuwaiti charge

d'affaires in Amman, numerous Jordanian officials have met with their Kuwaiti counterparts in an attempt to normalize relations, which soured during the Gulf War. (*al-Dustur* 7/13 in FBIS 7/14)

14 JULY

In Zichron Ya'acov, n. Israel, Israel, PA meet to set agenda for 1st round of marathon talks aimed at reaching accord on 2d state of self-rule by 7/25. Talks, beginning 7/16, will focus on security arrangements for Bethlehem, Hebron, Ramallah. (QY 7/13 in FBIS 7/14; MM 7/14; WT 7/16; QY 7/16 in FBIS 7/17)

PA Planning M Shaath, Israeli Police M Shahal hold talks on Palestinian prisoners. Shaath receives several Israeli proposals for numbers of prisoners to be released, timetables, but gives no details. (VOP 7/15 in FBIS 7/17; HA 7/14 in FBIS 7/18)

15 JULY

Syria says it will not send military chief of staff Gen. Shihabi to upcoming talks with Israel in Washington unless Israel drops demands for early warning station on the Golan, use of IDF soldiers in a multilateral observer force. FM Peres says talks have reached a crisis point, fault lays entirely with Syrians. (MM 7/17; CSM 7/17, 7/18; WJW 7/20; JP 7/22)

In East Jerusalem, Austrian Secy. of State Benita-Maria Gerrero-Waldner attends opening of clinic built with Austrian funds, visits Orient House; says she supports PA demands for sovereignty over East Jerusalem, has no plans of mtg. with Israeli officials. (QY 7/15 in FBIS 7/20)

IMF Dep. Dir. Stanley Fischer says Israel no longer needs financial aid, would serve itself better by demonstrating economic independence; notes Israel has had greater export growth since 1948 than Japan. (JP 7/15)

16 JULY

Israel, PA begin intensive, week-long negotiations to finalize West Bank deal by 7/25. In Zichron Ya'acov, 150 Israeli, Palestinian negotiators break into 4 negotiating committees (on redeployment and security, water, elections, transfer of

authority) to begin drafting self-rule accord. (WT 7/16; QY, VOP 7/16 in FBIS 7/17; CSM, MM, NYT 7/17)

PM Rabin announces that partial control for Jewish religious sites such as Rachel's tomb in Bethlehem, Joseph's tomb in Nablus, the Altar of Joshua on Mount Ebal, the Herodian mountain, the Qumran caves, other archaeological sites in West Bank eventually will be turned over to the PA. PA will have total control of access roads to the sites. (QY 7/16 in FBIS 7/17; MM 7/17; WJW 7/20) (see 7/10)

Israeli cabinet meets to discuss methods of financing redeployment, projected costs. (QY 7/16 in FBIS 7/18)

Russian Dep. FM Posuvalyuk meets with Syrian FM al-Shara' in Damascus, discusses bilateral relations, peace process. (SARR 7/16 in FBIS 7/17; MM 7/17)

Israeli Dep. DM Gur, best known for capturing Temple Mount fr. Jordan during the 1967 war, commits suicide nr. Tel Aviv. He was suffering fr. inoperable cancer. (QY 7/16 in FBIS 7/17; MM, WT 7/17; JP 7/22)

17 JULY

PM Rabin says Syria is proposing that an ambassadors mtg. be held with military experts on site to participate as needed; calls this a violation of the 4-stage U.S. formula that Israel, Syria agreed to 3/22; says Israel will continue ambassadorial talks but will not allow Rabinovitch to discuss detailed security issues. (QY 7/17 in FBIS 7/17; QY 7/17 in FBIS 7/18; MM 7/18, 7/20)

Arafat receives Cypriot FM Alexandros Mikhailidhis, discusses Cypriot role in monitoring Palestinian elections. (VOP 7/17 in FBIS 7/20)

With PM Rabin's consent, settlers move 1st 6 of 18 mobile homes onto Hazayit hill nr. Efrat. 12 other families occupy empty apartments in Kiryat Arba to "stake their claim" before the IDF redeploy. (JP 7/18 in FBIS 7/18) (see 7/13)

18 JULY

Sharp differences emerge in PA-Israeli water talks. PA wants decision on water included in agmt. on transfer of authority. Israel is willing to discuss water distribution quotas only, says all other water issues must be set aside until final status

talks. (QY 7/18 in FBIS 7/18; ITV, VOP 7/18 in FBIS 7/19; WT 7/19; CSM 7/20)

In Amman, 300 Jordanian, Palestinian-Israeli businessmen open 1st 3-day executive mtg. on reestablishing trade links, defining areas of cooperation. King Hussein, Crown Prince Hassan, FM Kabariti address opening banquet. (JT, JTV 7/19 in FBIS 7/20)

In Amman, Shas party head Arye Deri leads 24-mbr. delegation in talks on Jordan-Israeli peace with King Hussein. (JTV 7/18, *al-Hayat* 7/19 in FBIS 7/19)

PA passes law restricting media coverage of "security issues," prohibiting reports that harm "national unity," requiring publishers to print retractions of any information contested by the PA. (HA 7/19 in FBIS 7/21; WT 7/20; PR 7/28)

Knesset swears in Yossi Beilin as M of Economy and Planning, Ehud Baraq as M of the Interior. (MM 7/17, 7/18; QY 7/18 in FBIS 7/19)

2 Israeli teenagers are found shot dead in the West Bank, nr. Wadi Kelt in 1st deadly attack since 4/9 bombing. PFLP takes responsibility. 10s of settlers block road outside PM Rabin's office, chanting "We want revenge!" (QY 7/18, MA 7/19 in FBIS 7/19; MM, NYT, WP, WT 7/19; AFP 7/20 in FBIS 7/21; PR 7/28)

19 JULY

In Alexandria, Arafat, Pres. Mubarak, FM Peres discuss transfer of authority negotiations; agree to divide accord on 2d stage of DOP into 2 agmts: 1st dealing with points of accord (to precede elections), 2d with differences (to be discussed later). (MM, WT 7/19; RE, VOP 7/19 in FBIS 7/19; ITV, MENA, QY, VOP 7/19, JP, QY 7/20 in FBIS 7/20; MM 7/20; HA 7/20 in FBIS 7/21; *al-Quds* 7/20 in FBIS 7/25; PR 7/28)

One day after PA prohibits coverage of "security issues," *Al-Quds* cancels series of articles on how Palestinian informers for Israel have infiltrated the PLO, apologizes for running 1st installment. (WT 6/20)

Israel's Moledet party merges with Tehiya to become Moledet, Tenu'at Ne'emney Eretz Yisra'el Yotz'ey Hatehiya [Movement of Eretz Yisra'el Faithful Formerly of Tehiya]. (QY 7/19 in FBIS 7/20)

2,000 settlers hold antigovernment protest outside hotel in Zichron Ya'acov where PA, Israel are holding talks. (HA 7/20 in FBIS 7/21)

20 JULY

Israel, PA close 5 days of mtgs to draft transfer of authority accord. FM Peres says sides have reached "very important understandings," made progress on water, redeployment issues; PA officials say 19 points of dispute remain. Israel says it will free up to 1,000 Palestinian prisoners at the signing of the agmt., hopefully to occur 7/25. (MM 7/20; ITV, VOP 7/20 in FBIS 7/21; WT 7/21; WP 7/22; CSM 7/24)

Jordanian parliament's joint legal comm. endorses (by vote of 17-3) draft legislation that will formally end Jordan's role in the Israeli boycott. The bill will be up for parliamentary vote later this mo. (RJ 7/20 in FBIS 7/21; NYT 7/21) (see 6/28)

Palestinian-Israeli, Jordanian businessmen close 3-day mtg. in Amman; agree to focus on 3 areas of cooperation: exporting Jordanian products to Israel, producing goods in Jordan to Israeli specifications for the Israeli market or for export to 3d countries via established Israeli networks, sharing Israeli technology. (JT 7/20 in FBIS 7/20; RJ 7/20 in FBIS 7/21)

Israeli police arrest 11 Palestinians, accusing them of working for the PA's Preventative Security Force (PSF) in East Jerusalem. (QY 7/20 in FBIS 7/21)

21 JULY

Senate approves draft bill that would cancel Jordan's debt, sends it to Pres. Clinton for signature. (*al-Dustur*, JTV 7/22 in FBIS 7/24)

In Amman, Jordanian FM Kabariti receives Russian Dep. FM Posuvalyuk, discusses bilateral relations, peace process, Bosnia, sanctions on Iraq. (RJ 7/22 in FBIS 7/24)

PSF West Bank cmdr. Maj. Gen. Nasr Yusuf tours Janin in preparation for IDF withdrawal, says he expects to be given responsibility for Janin in next several wks. (VOP 7/21 in FBIS 7/21)

PA graduates 125 new security agents to be deployed in West Bank after IDF pullback. (WJW 8/3)

Nr. Beyt El, West Bank, Israeli police arrest 13 settlers blocking roads, burning tires, clashing with police in protest over government negotiations with the PA. (MM 7/21; QY 7/21 in FBIS 7/21)

In dawn raids in Gaza City, PA police arrest 11 PFLP mbrs., incl. top officials, in connection with 7/18 attack. (AFP 7/21 in FBIS 7/24)

22 JULY

PA Economics M Qurat' says 7/25 target date for signing accord will be missed, intensive talks will continue; cites water, redeployment, security as major sticking points. (WT 7/23; CSM, NYT 7/24)

At weekly PA cabinet mtg., Planning M Shaath says Israel has agreed to release 2,541 Palestinian prisoners in 2 groups: 1st when interim agmt. is signed, 2d 2 mos later. 2,200 of those prisoners will be Hamas, Islamic Jihad mbrs. (VOP 7/22 in FBIS 7/24) (see 7/20)

Israeli Civil Administration expropriates 18 dunums of Palestinian farm land nr. Janin for construction of military bases following IDF redeployment. (HA 7/23 in FBIS 7/26)

IDF detains 3 American peace activists after they force open gates to the Islamic College of Hebron. Army reseals gates, which were welded shut following Palestinian antioccupation demonstrations in 1988. (WP, WT 7/23; JP 7/29)

23 JULY

PA, Israeli talks resume in 'Ayn Jidi nr. Dead Sea—a more remote location than Zichron Ya'acov that is expected to attract fewer demonstrators. (VOP 7/23 in FBIS 7/24; MM 7/24) (see 7/19)

PLO Exec. Comm. mbr. Mahmud Abbas arrives in Ramallah to take up permanent residence, says he will not work with the PA. (QY 7/23 in FBIS 7/25)

Frmr. Labor party chmn. Eli Dayan replaces Beilin as dep. FM. (QY 7/23 in FBIS 7/26) (see 7/18)

PA releases 7 of 11 PFLP mbrs. arrested 7/21. (JP, QY 7/23 in FBIS 7/24)

24 JULY

Nr. Tel Aviv, suicide bomber kills 5 Israelis, injures 33 in bus bombing, marking 1st attack inside Israel since 1/22. Hamas is suspected. IDF seals Gaza, West Bank. PM Rabin temporarily halts negotiations but vows they will continue; both sides suggest continuing talks outside Israel.

(MM 8/25; IDF Radio, QPAR, QY, SARR, VOP 7/24 in FBIS 7/24; QY, VOP 7/24 in FBIS 7/25; CSM, FT, MM, NYT, WP, WT 7/25; NYT, WT 7/26; CSM, WJW 7/27; PR 7/28; MEI 8/4; JP 8/5) (see 7/12)

PA demands return of part of the Golan to Palestinian control in bid to improve their position in water negotiations with Israel; says Syria gave area to PLO in 1964. Unofficially, Syria disputes this, saying the Arab League gave the area to Syria after the 1948 war, sovereignty was affirmed under 1949 armistice agmt. (AFP 7/24 in FBIS 7/26; MM 7/25; VOP 7/26 in FBIS 7/27; AFP 7/26 in FBIS 7/28; MM 7/31)

At Erez checkpoint, PA Social Affairs M Intisar al-Wazir, Israeli Labor and Welfare M Ora Namir hold 1st talks on ways of cooperating on labor, social security, welfare; discuss economic importance of Palestinians working in Israel. (QY 7/24 in FBIS 7/25)

UN endorses 6-mo. extension of UN peacekeeping force in Lebanon but recommends 10% cut in size. (WT 7/26; RL 7/29 in FBIS 7/31)

Israeli Civil Administration gives eviction order to settlers occupying Givat Hatamar hill nr. Efrat. (QY 7/26 in FBIS 7/27)

Israel releases 3 Americans detained 7/22. (WP 7/25)

Suha Arafat gives birth to baby girl, Zahwa, in Paris. (NYT, WT 7/25; WSJ 7/26; MM 7/27; PR 7/28)

25 JULY

Reversing his 7/16 decision, PM Rabin promises Rachel's tomb will remain under full Israeli control, Jews will have access to Machapela Cave (Hebron), Joseph's tomb (Nablus), comm. of MKs fr. religious parties will be set up to advise Israeli negotiators on holy sites in West Bank. (MM 7/25; JP 7/25 in FBIS 7/25; MA, QY 7/26 in FBIS 7/26; JP 8/5) (see Peace Monitor)

U.S. Amb. to Israel Indyk holds prescheduled mtg. with MKs Arye Deri, David Levy, Moshe Qatzav, Nisim Zvili, Gedalya Gal. (MM 7/26; HA 7/28 in FBIS 7/30)

At Tulkarm checkpoint, Palestinian workers upset by delays in entering Israel despite their permits begin riot. IDF shoots, wounds 2. (PR 8/4)

PA police arrest 20 Hamas mbrs. in connection with 7/24 attack. (AFP 7/25 in FBIS 7/26)

Knesset approves establishment of 1-man breakaway faction fr. Moledet named Right of Israel. Party head MK Sha'ul Gutman will keep his seat, likely align with Kach. (JP 7/25 in FBIS 7/26) (see 7/19)

U.S. immigration (INS) officials detain, strip search Hamas mbr. Abu Marzuq, his wife, and 6 children on entry to the U.S. at Kennedy airport. While out of the country, Abu Marzuq, a permanent U.S. resident who has lived in Virginia for 14 yrs., was placed on the INS terrorism watch list on suspicion of being a decision maker, fundraiser for Hamas. He may either be tried in the U.S., extradited to Israel (if requested), or deported to the UAE (his point of departure for the U.S.). (WP 7/27; NYT, WT 7/28; MEI 8/4) (see 5/31)

26 JULY

In Washington, U.S. Secy. of State Christopher meets with Syrian Amb. Mu'allim, says Israel seeks concrete proposals fr. Syria before resuming talks. (QY 7/28 in FBIS 8/1)

Despite heated debates, lower house of Jordanian parliament passes legislation (51-21) overturning 3 laws that treat Israel as an enemy state; refers new legislation to finance, judiciary comms for recommendation to upper house. (MM 6/29; RJ, SARR 7/26, JT 7/27 in FBIS 7/27; MM 7/27; MEI 8/4) (see 7/20)

In 59-59 tie vote, PM Rabin's governing coalition defeats Kahalani bill that would have required special 70-MK majority for withdrawal fr. Golan. Conservative MKs complain that U.S. Amb. Indyk lobbied MKs to vote against the measure; U.S. embassy, Shas's Deri deny it. (MM 7/26; ITV 7/25, IDF Radio, QY, YA 7/26 in FBIS 7/26; MM, NYT, WP, WT 7/27; CSM 8/2; WJW 8/3; MEI 8/4; JP 8/5) (see 9/7/94, 5/1, 7/25)

In Jerusalem, 4 settlers open fire on Faisal Hussein's house, stone Palestinian's cars, shoot at nearby homes. Damage, but no casualties, reported. Israel police capture 3 suspects. (VOP 7/26 in FBIS 7/26; ITV, RMC 7/26 in FBIS 7/27)

27 JULY

In Gaza, PA Planning M Shaath, U.S. Amb. to Israel Indyk sign agmt. whereby USAID will give the PA \$11 m. for first stage of a 4-yr., \$40-m. waste water project. (VOP 7/28 in FBIS 7/28; PR 8/4; JP 8/5)

Fatah Central Comm. meets in Gaza, discusses PA negotiations with Israel, criticizes Arafat for trying to reclaim parts of Golan. (SA, VOP 7/27 in FBIS 7/28) (see 7/24)

In Nazareth, Israeli police raid office of Islamic Aid Comm., confiscate material allegedly showing comm. transfers money fr. U.S. to families of Hamas deportees. (QY 7/27 in FBIS 7/28; MM 7/28)

28 JULY

In Tel Aviv, PA Planning M Shaath, Israeli Economics M Beilin agree to coordinate their economic planning activities, discuss plans for joining electricity grids. (MM 7/28; HA 7/30 in FBIS 7/31)

PM Rabin asks U.S. to turn over Hamas figure Abu Marzuq but concedes lack of evidence to prosecute him on fundraising, terrorism charges. U.S. doubts Israel will file formal extradition request because doing so would raise tensions in negotiations with PA. PA, Hamas denounce Abu Marzuq's detention. (QPAR 7/28, QPAR, QY, RMC 7/29, AFP, YA 7/30 in FBIS 7/31; NYT, WP, WT 7/29; MM, NYT, WP 7/31)

29 JULY

10s of right-wing Israelis protesting outside Orient House stone Palestinian vehicles, homes, stores; attempt to storm Orient House when PLO's Faisal Husseini arrives. (VOP 7/30 in FBIS 7/31; JP 7/31 in FBIS 8/2; MEI 8/4) (see 7/26)

30 JULY

In Elat, Israel, PA reopen talks on transfer of authority that were suspended after 7/24 bombing; again divide into 4 comms (see 7/16); also discuss release of security prisoners. Israel reopens borders with West Bank, Gaza. (NYT 7/30; CSM,

MM, WP, WT 7/31; QY 7/31 in FBIS 7/31; VOP 7/31 in FBIS 8/1; MEI, PR 8/4)

Syrian FM al-Shara' denies Israeli accusations Syria has backtracked on its negotiating positions; claims Gens. Shahak, Shihabi had agreed on an aerial- and satellite-based early warning system with no ground posts, meaning Israel is the one that has changed positions; says talks btwn. military advisers can resume if an agenda on security arrangements is agreed upon. (MM 7/31)

By consensus, UN mbrs. (incl. Israel, U.S.) permit Arafat to speak with other heads of states at 50th anniversary commemorative session to be held 10/22. Arafat draws earlier time slot than Rabin in lottery to determine order of speakers. (WT 7/31; MM 8/7) (see 7/5)

Israel makes 1st Arrow-2 missile launch test. Officials say missile could be deployed within 18 mos. The project has cost \$500 m. so far, is expected to total \$1.2 b.—mostly paid by the U.S. (QY 7/31 in FBIS 7/31; WT 8/2; WJW 8/3)

In s. Lebanon, Hizballah mbrs. ambush IDF convoy, killing 1 soldier, wounding 2. IDF, SLA shell Hizballah positions n. of self-declared security zone in response. (ITV, VOL 7/30, RL 7/31 in FBIS 7/31; CSM, MM, WP 7/31)

Israeli legal experts say Israel does not have enough evidence to press charges against Hamas's Abu Marzuq. Israel's Atty. Gen. Mikhael Ben-Ya'ir advises against extradition. (YA 7/30, IDF Radio 7/31 in FBIS 7/31; MM 7/31)

31 JULY

The upper house of Jordanian parliament overturns (45-3) 3 laws on Israel, installs in their place legislation to allow economic and neighborly cooperation. (RJ 7/31 in FBIS 7/31; MM 8/1; MEI 8/4; JP 8/12) (see 7/26, Peace Monitor)

213 arrested, 25 injured when 400 Israeli police, soldiers evict 600 settlers fr. hilltop taken to expand Efrat settlement in protest over government plans to extend Palestinian self-rule. The hill is to be turned over to the PA under expanded self-rule. After the incident, 100s of the settlers set up tent camp nr. Beit El settlement nr. Ramallah. (IDF Radio, QY 7/31 in FBIS 7/31; MM, WT 8/1; QY 8/1 in FBIS 8/2; CSM, WT 8/2; NYT 8/7) (see 7/24)

When it docks at Ashdod port, boat broadcasting Channel 7—an antigovern-

ment pirate station, known as "Settler Radio"—is raided, shut down by Israeli Communications Min. officials. 100s of Israelis protest. (QY 7/31 in FBIS 8/1; MM 8/1; JP 8/12)

As 1st step toward extradition fr. the U.S., Jerusalem court issues arrest warrant for Abu Marzuq on charges of funding terrorist operations. (IDF Radio 7/31 in FBIS 7/31; IDF Radio, QY 7/31, JP 8/1 in FBIS 8/1; WP 8/1; WJW 8/3; MEI 8/4) (see 7/28)

Armed settlers try to attack Faisal Husseini at Arab Children's Home in East Jerusalem, are stopped by Israeli police. (VOP 7/31 in FBIS 8/1) (see 7/29)

1 AUGUST

Jordan's King Hussein makes 1-day trip to Egypt to discuss bilateral relations, regional issues, developments in peace process with Pres. Mubarak. (MENA, RJ 8/1 in FBIS 8/1; MENA, RE 8/1 in FBIS 8/2)

In preparation for redeployment, IDF announces plans to build 12.4-mi. fence btwn. Tulkarm, Qalqiliyya, along the "seamline," which they say is "approximately" the Green Line. (MM 8/2)

PM Rabin inaugurates West Bank north-south road that allows settlers to bypass Jericho. (MM 8/1)

Israeli police, soldiers clear 200 settlers fr. Beit El encampment, arrest 100. All of those arrested 7/31, 8/1 are quickly released. (QY 8/1 in FBIS 8/2; NYT, WT 8/2)

2 AUGUST

Over dinner, U.S. Amb. to Israel Indyk, U.S. Consul Gen. Abington, UN coordinator Larsen persuade Arafat to call FM Peres, invite him to open intensive one-on-one talks on transfer of authority. Peres accepts. (JP 8/6 in FBIS 8/7; MM 8/10; WP 8/12)

PM Rabin rejects Secy. of State Christopher's request to resume talks with Syria on the ambassadorial level, says talks must include military advisers. (ITV 8/2, AFP 8/3 in FBIS 8/2)

Israeli cabinet meets on but does not approve transfer of 8 spheres of authority to the PA. (MM 8/2; QY 8/2 in FBIS 8/2; QY 8/2 in FBIS 8/3) (see 5/22)

In Amman, PM Bin Shakir, PA Tourism M Ilyas Frayj discuss bilateral relations in light of the peace process. (RJ 8/2 in FBIS 8/3; RJ 8/3 in FBIS 8/7)

Israeli Supreme Court overturns ban on Jewish visitors to Temple Mount/al-Aqsa mosque courtyard during Jewish holidays. Jews will be allowed to tour the site beginning 8/5 but will still be prohibited fr. praying there. Site has been closed to Jews since 1990 riots left 17 Palestinians dead, 150 wounded. (QY 8/3 in FBIS 8/4; WP 8/7; MENA 8/4, VOP 8/5, 8/7 in FBIS 8/7)

PLO's Qaddumi arrives in Tripoli for talks on bilateral relations with Libyan officials. (Great Jamahiriyya Radio 8/2 in FBIS 8/2)

IAF strikes PFLP-GC bases in Syrian-controlled Biqa' Valley. Though the site is within range of Syrian antiaircraft batteries and despite the fact Syrian DM Mustafa Tlas is visiting Syrian army units in the area, Syria does not open fire. (CSM 8/3; YA 8/2 in IL 8/3; QPAR 8/2 in FBIS 8/4)

At the Russian Compound police headquarters in Jerusalem, 1,000 settlers demonstrate against expansion of Palestinian self-rule. Similar demonstration by over 1,000 Jews is held outside the Israeli consulate in New York. (QY 8/2 in FBIS 8/3; WJW 8/10)

3 AUGUST

PA, Israel halt talks in the water, electricity comms 1 day early because they have made no progress; will resume talks 8/7. (VOP 8/3 in FBIS 8/4)

Israel reports that trade with Egypt rose 162% in the 1st 6 mos of 1995. (JP 8/3 in FBIS 8/4)

After forcibly removing 500 settlers fr. 2 sites they had reclaimed since 7/31, 8/1 evictions, Israeli police, IDF, Pres. Weizman convince the 500 to suspend protests for 3 days. Meanwhile 800 other settlers take over site nr. Kedumim settlement, Ramallah, and are evicted. (MM, WT 8/3; QY 8/3 in FBIS 8/3; HA 8/3 in IL 8/3; QY 8/3 in FBIS 8/4; MM, NYT, WP, WT 8/4)

In Janin, IDF raids Iman nursery school, run by Islamic Waqf, confiscates administrative papers. (PR 8/11)

4 AUGUST

At close of 2d full wk. of intensive negotiations, PA, Israel are still far apart on timetable for redeployment, water rights, security arrangements, control over state land, participation of Jerusalem residents in elections, future of Hebron, electricity; will resume talks 8/7. (CSM 8/4; VOP 8/4 in FBIS 8/8; WT 8/6)

PM Rabin meets with 8 settler leaders in effort to prevent further protests, schedules follow-up mtg. for 8/8. (MM 8/4; QY 8/4 in FBIS 8/4; PR 8/11) (see 7/10)

Jordanian Democratic Progressive Party, Jordanian Socialist Democratic Party, Jordanian Arab Democratic Party merge to form new group: the Jordanian Unionist Democratic Party. (JT 8/4 in FBIS 8/4)

Clinton's antiterrorism bill gets hung up in the Judiciary Comm. over bipartisan fears of government intrusion in the personal lives of citizens. Final version may not reach Clinton until early 10/95. (WP 8/6) (see 4/6, 6/20)

5 AUGUST

In coordination with the IDF, 100s of antigovernment protesters march through East Jerusalem, hold 2-hr. prayer vigil outside PM Rabin's home in West Jerusalem. (QY 8/6 in FBIS 8/7)

6 AUGUST

Under new media law (see 7/18), PA closes Hamas's *al-Watan* and Islamic Jihad's *al-Istiqlal* for criticizing Arafat, printing material "against the Palestinian Authority" that harms the PA's relations with Arab states, leaking photo of Arafat's baby to the French press. (AFP 8/6 in FBIS 8/7; MM, WT 8/7; PR 8/11)

In Gaza, Arafat receives Israeli Arab Front delegation, discusses peace process, future of Israeli settlements. Front voices support for Arafat, PA. (VOP 8/6 in FBIS 8/8)

PM Rabin, Police M Shahal, Justice M Liba'i, Atty. Gen. Ben-Ya'ir, reps of the police, IDF, Shin Bet meet, decide police only will be used to handle protesting settlers; IDF will be called in as needed. (MM 8/7; MA 8/7 in FBIS 8/7; MA 8/16 in FBIS 8/16)

Arab League passes resolution condemning Israel's 8/2 decision on Temple Mount/al-Aqsa mosque. (MENA 8/6 in FBIS 8/8)

Israeli police open Temple Mount/al-Aqsa courtyard to Jews but then close site to all after sensing tensions with Palestinians. 100s of Jews overrun police barriers, try to force their way in, clash with police and Palestinians. Area will be closed until 8/7. (QY 8/6 in FBIS 8/7; CSM, WP 8/7; HA 8/7 in IL 8/7; PR 8/11; JP 8/12) (see 8/2)

In Ramallah, Fatah, Peace Now agree to wage joint media campaign to promote the peace process. (*Davar* 8/6 in FBIS 8/8)

Several mbrs of the House, headed by Rep. Nick Rahall, fly to Lebanon in effort to end U.S. travel ban. (WT 8/4)

7 AUGUST

In Taba, Egypt, Arafat, FM Peres open round of talks on elections, redeployment, focusing on security; briefly discuss 8/2 court decision. Peres promises to give PA detailed maps showing extent of Israeli withdrawal; proposes signing agmt. by late Aug./early Sept. despite outstanding issues and including agmts on such issues in appendices later; also proposes basing self-rule on "functional sovereignty." (MM 8/7; VOP 8/7, YA 8/8 in FBIS 8/8; WT 8/8; QY 8/8, 8/9 in FBIS 8/9; WT 8/9; PR 8/11) (see Peace Monitor)

Channel 7 resumes broadcasting fr. international waters. (HA 8/7 in IL 8/7; WJW 8/10) (see 7/31)

8 AUGUST

Arafat, Peres continue talks in Taba. PA, Israel agree on timetable for Israeli withdrawal fr. parts of the West Bank after PA agrees to allow IDF until 2/97 to complete redeployment. IDF would withdraw fr. some towns 6 mos after elections, give up control of roads 1 yr. after elections (which would ideally be held in 12/95). (MM 8/8; VOP 8/8 in FBIS 8/8; MENA, QY 8/8 in FBIS 8/9; CSM, NYT, WT 8/9; WT 8/10)

In more than 20 Israeli cities, settlers block roads during rush hour, clash with Israeli police in their 1st protests inside the Green Line against expanded Palestinian self-rule. 130 are arrested; primary or-

ganizer Moshe Reiglin is fined IS10,000 (\$3,300). (MM 8/8; QY 8/8 in IL 8/8; QY 8/8 in FBIS 8/9; MM, NYT, WT 8/9; WT 8/10; PR 8/18)

In the West Bank, settlers set up encampments nr. Alfe Menashe, Hebron, Elon Moreh, Ofra, al-Nabi Samu'il, bringing to 15 the number of new sites occupied by right-wing Jews in recent days. (QY 8/8, 8/9 in FBIS 8/9)

PM Rabin holds follow-up mtg. settler leaders (see 8/4), refuses their request to see maps of the planned IDF redeployment fr. the West Bank. Leaders vow to continue antigovernment protests. (MM 8/8; QY 8/8 in IL 8/8; *Davar* 8/8 in FBIS 8/8; QY 8/8 in FBIS 8/9; MM 8/10)

5 dissident PFLP-GC mbrs hold reconciliation talks with Arafat; ask him to allow 100 PFLP-GC mbrs. to return to Gaza, hold mtg. to oust Ahmad Jibril as leader. Arafat says he will consider the request. (AFP 8/8 in FBIS 8/9)

U.S. formally arrests Hamas's Abu Marzuq, begins extradition proceedings that could result in his being deported to Israel on charges of terrorism, conspiracy to commit murder. (NYT, WP 8/9; WT 8/10) (see 7/31)

9 AUGUST

In Taba, PA, Israel modify zones defined 6/17, accepted 6/27: Zone A will include only Janin, Nablus, Tulkarm, Qalqiliyya; Zone B will include Ramallah, Bethlehem as well as villages, refugee camps; Zone C remains the same. PA also gives Israel a working paper proposing 3-stage prisoner release. (MM 8/9; QY 8/9 in FBIS 8/9) (see Peace Monitor)

200 Palestinians are deported fr. Libya, sent on busses through Egypt to Rafah checkpoint at Gaza border. (AFP, MENA 8/10 in FBIS 8/11)

Based on information received fr. the PA, IDF closes West Bank, Gaza until 8/11, citing security precautions. (ITV 8/9 in FBIS 8/10; WT 8/10; YA 8/11 in IL 8/11)

Settlers set up makeshift camp on 25 acres of land nr. Carmel Zur settlement nr. Hebron. 100s of Palestinians protest, clash with IDF soldiers. (PR 8/18)

Tel Aviv District Court charges Israeli-Arab Muhammad al-Mu'ati Hajj Abdallah, a Shin Bet operative, with offering the PA his services as a double agent. (QY 8/9 in FBIS 8/9)

10 AUGUST

FM Peres meets with Arafat before, after PA-Israeli "drafting comm." mtg. Both say they are closer to reaching preliminary self-rule agmt. Meanwhile, 10 comms meet in Elat to work out differences on specific issues blocking a final agmt. (MM, WT 8/10; AFP, ITV, MENA, QY, VOP 8/10, VOP 8/11 in FBIS 8/11)

2d group of 150 Palestinians is deported fr. Libya. Libya says it will continue expelling Palestinians to the self-rule areas via Egypt. PA says it has no agmt. with Libya to accept the deportees but PA, Israel have agreed to let them into Gaza. [Over the past 2 days, some 2,500 Egyptians have also been expelled. There are 40,000 Palestinians, 800,000-900,000 Egyptians in Libya.] (AFP, MENA 8/10 in FBIS 8/11; MM 8/11; PR 8/18) (see 8/9)

Jordan gives asylum to Iraqi defectors Lt. Gen. Hussein Kamel Hassan, Lt. Col. Saddam Hussein Hassan (both sons-in-law of Pres. Saddam Hussein), their families, 15 other army officers. Lt. Gen. Kamel headed Iraq's weapons program; Lt. Col. Kamel was chief of security. (NYT, WP, WT 8/11; CSM 8/14)

PA police arrest 5 Hamas mbrs. in Gaza, IDF arrests 17 West Bank Palestinians; all are accused of plotting attacks for Hamas. IDF orders West Bank, Gaza closure extended until 8/13. (QY 8/10 in FBIS 8/10; YA 8/11 in IL 8/11; WP 8/12) (see 8/9)

11 AUGUST

In Taba, chief negotiators Qurai', Savir initial draft "partial agreement" on expansion of self-rule though some points are still being discussed by subcomms. This "Oslo B" agmt. includes: area demarcations for West Bank villages and 2d stage of IDF redeployment; timetable for withdrawal fr. most towns, cities; prisoner release; understandings on taxation, amending PLO covenant. Ad-hoc comm. on Hebron to be formed. Water issue deferred to Israel-PA-U.S. comm. Redeployment is to begin next mo. (MM, WP 8/11; QY 8/11 in IL 8/11; FT, HA, IDF Radio, JP, MA, MENA, QY, RE, VOP, YA 8/11 in FBIS 8/11; NYT 8/12; AFP 8/12 in FBIS 8/14; FT 8/14; CSM 8/15; PR 8/18) (see Doc. A2)

Syrian technical mission arrives in Buenos Aires for mtgs. on possible purchase of nuclear material for small reactor to be used for medical purposes. Argentina says it will solidify deal but not make a sale before Syria signs peace agmt. with Israel. (MM 7/14; YA 7/14 in FBIS 7/14; WT 7/23; QY 7/23 in FBIS 7/24; WJW 8/10; SA 8/15 in FBIS 8/16)

100s of settlers reoccupy hill nr. Efrat from which they were evicted 7/31. (WP 8/12)

12 AUGUST

In Damascus, Lebanese PM Hariri, Syrian Pres. Asad discuss coordinating positions for next steps in negotiations with Israel. (RL, SATN 8/12 in FBIS 8/14)

DFLP, PFLP, PFLP-GC denounce Oslo B agmt. (QPAR, RMC 8/12 in FBIS 8/14)

Settlers occupy Palestinian land nr. Ein Areek settlement nr. Ramallah, move in 3 mobile homes, set up checkpoints on road to control access. (PR 8/18)

13 AUGUST

Israeli cabinet approves (15-1, 2 abstentions) joint statement on 8/11 Oslo B agmt. PM Rabin decides to not submit draft to Knesset for vote but wait until comprehensive interim agmt. is reached. (IDF Radio, QY 8/13, JP 8/14 in FBIS 8/14; FT, MM 8/14; CSM, MM 8/15; HA 8/15 in FBIS 8/16; WJW 8/17) (see Doc. A2)

100 Palestinians overrun, tear down makeshift camp nr. Beyt El erected by Jewish settlers in protest over Oslo B agmt. Settlers open fire, killing 1 Palestinian, wounding another. Nr. Janin, settlers storm nursery run by PA Agriculture Min., claim land, set up tents. Israeli police unsuccessfully try to evict them. 10 settler encampments are still in place. (CSM, MM, NYT, WP, WT 8/14; HA 8/14 in FBIS 8/15; PR 8/18)

IDF lifts closure on West Bank, Gaza. (HA 8/14 in FBIS 8/14)

14 AUGUST

In Tunis, PLO Exec. Comm. opens 2-day mtg. to discuss Oslo B agmt. 10 of 18 mbrs. attend. PLO Dep. Qaddumi, PFLP, DFLP boycott. Fr. Amman, Qaddumi

strongly criticizes Oslo B, calls on PLO, Fatah to adopt his alternative draft "Palestinian National Program." (AFP 8/12, AFP, *al-Ra'y* 8/14 in FBIS 8/14; SA 8/13, RMC, VOP 8/15 in FBIS 8/15; MM 8/15, 8/16; SA 8/16 in FBIS 8/16) (see Doc. B3)

Israel says U.S. Amb. Indyk is pressuring it to include Jordanian companies in the U.S.-Israel BIRD Foundation for research and development of advanced technologies. (YA 8/14 in FBIS 8/15)

Israeli Police M Shahal warns PA that the East Jerusalem Municipal Council is illegal (see 6/10), Palestinians introducing themselves as mbrs. of the council will be arrested; tells Palestinian bodies operating offices in East Jerusalem to close within 2 wks or police will move against them. (QY 8/14 in FBIS 8/15)

Israeli police arrest 3 settlers in connection with death of Palestinian 8/13. 250 settlers protest the arrest. (QY 8/14 in FBIS 8/14; CSM 8/15)

In retaliation for attack 8/13, IAF launches 14 strikes against PFLP-GC bases nr. al-Nai'ma, s. Lebanon, injuring 6 civilians. Arab League calls on U.S., Russia to rein in Israel. (QPAR, RE 8/14 in FBIS 8/15; NYT 8/15; SARR 8/15 in FBIS 8/16)

IDF closes West Bank, Gaza until 8/16. (ITV 8/14 in FBIS 8/15)

15 AUGUST

PA, Israel begin negotiations to flesh out details of 8/11 Oslo B agmt. (CSM 8/15)

Under political pressure, PM Rabin reverses 8/13 decision, calls MKs back fr. recess to debate Oslo B agmt. (MM 8/15)

PLO Exec. Comm. ratifies Oslo B agmt., closes 2 days of mtgs. (MBC 8/15, SA 8/16 in FBIS 8/16; MM 8/16)

In Tunis, Fatah Central Comm. meets to discuss peace process, internal Fatah matters; approves Oslo B agmt. by consensus, gives PA mandate to continue negotiations. (MM 8/15; MENA 8/15 in FBIS 8/16; MM 8/16)

FM Peres tells Ministerial Comm. on Jerusalem that Orient House visits by foreign dignitaries up to and incl. FMs are acceptable. PM Rabin gives Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert full approval to take immediate steps to halt illegal construction at Orient House. (QY 8/14, JP 8/15 in FBIS 8/15)

Settlers set up encampment nr. Green Line in West Bank. Israeli police, IDF try unsuccessfully to close off area. (JP 8/16 in FBIS 8/16)

IDF extends closure to 8/17. (ITV 8/15 in FBIS 8/16)

3,000 U.S. troops arrive in Jordan for 2-wk. military exercises meant as show of force to Saddam Hussein given recent Iraqi defections. (WP, WT 8/16) (see 8/10)

CHRONOLOGY SOURCE ABBREVIATIONS

AFP	(Agence France Presse, Paris)
BT	(<i>Beirut Times</i> , Beirut)
CSM	(<i>Christian Science Monitor</i> , Boston)
FBIS	(Foreign Broadcast Information Service <i>Daily Report, Near East & South Asia</i>)
FT	(<i>Financial Times</i> , London)
HA	(<i>Ha'aretz</i> , Tel Aviv)
IGPO	(Israeli Government Press Office, Jerusalem)
IL	(Israel Line (Internet), New York)
ITV	(Israel Television Network, Jerusalem)
JP	(<i>Jerusalem Post International Edition</i> , Jerusalem)
JT	(<i>Jordan Times</i> , Amman)
JTV	(Jordan Television Network, Amman)
MA	(<i>Ma'ariv</i> , Tel Aviv)
MBC	(Middle East Broadcasting Centre, London)
MEI	(<i>Middle East International</i> , London)
MENA	(Middle East News Agency, Cairo)
MKR	(Moroccan Kingdom Radio Network, Rabat)
MM	(<i>Mideast Mirror</i> , London)
NYT	(<i>New York Times</i> , New York)
PR	(<i>Palestine Report</i> , Jerusalem)
PWR	(<i>Palestine Weekly Review</i> , Gaza)
QPAR	(Al-Quds Palestinian Radio, clandestine)
QY	(Qol Yisra'el Radio, Tel Aviv)
RE	(Republic of Egypt Radio, Cairo)
RJ	(Radio Jordan, Amman)
RL	(Radio Lebanon, Beirut)
RMC	(Radio Monte Carlo, Paris)
SA	(<i>al-Sharq al-Awsat</i> , London)
SARR	(Syrian Arab Republic Radio, Damascus)
SATN	(Syrian Arab Television Network, Damascus)
VOL	(Voice of Lebanon, Beirut)
VOP	(Voice of Palestine, Jericho)
WJW	(<i>Washington Jewish Week</i> , Rockville, MD)
WP	(<i>Washington Post</i> , Washington, DC)
WSJ	(<i>Wall Street Journal</i> , New York)
WT	(<i>Washington Times</i> , Washington, DC)
YA	(<i>Yedi'ot Aharonot</i> , Tel Aviv)

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