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16 AUGUST

Lebanese and Syrian leaderships hold summit meeting in Damascus to discuss common stance on peace talks, deployment of Lebanese army in south, and Lebanese cabinet appointments. Lebanese delegation includes Pres. Hirawi, PM Hariri; Syrian side includes Pres. al-Assad, VP Khaddam. Lebanese DM Dallul quoted by Reuter as saying no security deals will be made with Israel until Israeli withdrawal fr. southern Lebanon. (MM 8/16; RL, SARR 8/16 in FBIS 8/17)

State Dept. spokesman says Israeli contacts with North Korea over Korean missile exports “not helpful.” Israeli FM: later announces Israel will suspend contacts with Pyongyang. (Qol Yisra’el 8/16 in FBIS 8/17; MM, NYT, WP, WT 8/17)

7 Palestinians wounded by IDF gunfire in Jabalya refugee camp, Gaza. In separate incident, IDF arrests 3 mbrs. of “Red Panthers” in Bayt Lahiya, Gaza. 3 homes damaged by IDF grenades during arrest. (ITV 8/16 in FBIS 8/17)

17 AUGUST

Israeli FM Peres begins 8-day tour of Sweden, Norway, Iceland, and Finland, focusing on economic relations, Scandinavian participation in multilateral peace talks. (MM 8/17)

Jordan’s King Hussein announces new “temporary” election law, establishing “1 man 1 vote” system for 11/93 parliamentary elections. Move seen as threatening electoral prospects of Islamist, leftist opposition parties. (JTV 8/18 in FBIS 8/18; MM 8/18)

IDF soldier, Hamas mbr. wounded in clash in Rafah, Gaza Strip. In separate incidents, firebomb thrown at IDF position in Gaza City, grenade at Border Police patrol. (Ha’aretz 8/18 in FBIS 8/19)

18 AUGUST

PLO Exec. Comm. mbr. Yasir ‘Abd-Rabbuh says PLO ready to sign agreement with Israel, prepared to hold “historic meeting” with Israeli leaders. (RMC 8/18 in FBIS 8/19)

U.S. State Dept. places Sudan on list of state sponsors of terrorism, in part for providing refuge to Hamas, FRC (“Abu Nidal” faction). (MM, CSM, NYT, WP, WT 8/18, 8/19)

19 AUGUST

Israeli and PLO negotiators, meeting in Oslo, reach final agreed draft of Declaration of Principles (DoP). Document is initialed by Israeli FM Peres and PLO official Ahmad Qurai’. Document is kept secret until news of meeting leaked to press 8/27. (MM, WP 9/1)

9 IDF soldiers killed by Hizbollah
bombs in “security zone,” southern Lebanon. Deaths are 1st Israeli casualties since “Operation Accountability” ended 7/31. IDF responds with air strikes on vacant Hizballah positions in Biqa’ Valley. (MM 8/19; NYT, WP, WT 8/20)

Palestinian prisoner Sami Numan Zarub, 33, found dead in Gaza Central Prison cell. Israelis say he died of heart attack, family says he was beaten by interrogators. (WT 8/22)

Gen. Salah Jadid, former Syrian strongman imprisoned since al-Assad coup 11/70, dies in Damascus. (MM 8/23; NYT, WT 8/24)

20 AUGUST


Israeli PM Rabin says 8/19 Hizballah attacks did not violate cease-fire ending “Operation Accountability.” Rabin’s stance on Lebanon, talks with Syria severely criticized by former PM Yitzhak Shamir, other Likud leaders. (Qol Yisra’el 8/20 in FBIS 8/20; MM 8/20)

22 AUGUST

PLO rep. in Lebanon Shafiq al-Hut “suspends” mbrship. in PLO Exec. Comm. because of “political, financial and organizational” crises, calls for emergency meeting of PNC. (MM, WT 8/23)

Palestinian delegation head Faisal Hussein, addressing meeting in Hebron, warns Palestinian institutions are in a “state of total collapse,” alludes to formation of “national salvation govt.” to avert crisis. (MM 8/24)

DFLP head Nayif Hawatmah says large mbrs. of PLO Exec. Comm. mbrs. are considering “collective resignation” to protest Arafat’s leadership. (RMC 8/22 in FBIS 8/23; MM 8/24)

Israel grants permanent residency to 6,000 Palestinians in o.t. under family reunification policy. (Qol Yisra’el 8/22 in FBIS 8/24)

Islamic Jihad claims 8/20 killing of guard at West Bank settlement. (VOL 8/22 in FBIS 8/24)

23 AUGUST

Palestinian delegation to peace talks holds coordinating meeting in Jerusalem. (Qol Yisra’el 8/23 in FBIS 8/24)

PLO Chmn. Arafat visits Amman for talks with Jordanian leaders, defends “Gaza-Jericho 1st” plan. (MM 8/24)

PLO names teams to Jordanian-Palestinian commns. set up 7/14. Each of 6 teams to be headed by Exec. Comm. mbr. (al-Ray 8/23 in FBIS 8/24)

PFLP rep. on PLO Exec. Comm. ‘Abd al-Rahman Malluh says comm. mbrs. disturbed by PLO “political concessions,” threatens mass resignation. (MM 8/24)


General Accounting Office (GAO) releases report criticizing U.S.-Israel “Arrow” missile program, saying project lacks “sound cost, schedule and performance information.” (MM, WT 8/24) (see Doc. D2.)

24 AUGUST

PLO reportedly firing locally hired employees at PLO diplomatic missions, asking redundant Palestinian representatives to resign. (AFP 8/24 in FBIS 8/24)

Jordan’s King Hussein, in interview, criticizes PLO for not coordinating with Amman on “Gaza-Jericho 1st” proposal. PLO Chmn. Arafat meets Hussein, Jordanian PM al-Majali to work out differences. Joint Jordanian-Palestinian Comm. for Econ. Affairs holds 1st meeting in Amman. (MM 8/24, 8/25; Radio Jordan 8/24 in FBIS 8/25)

Faisal Husseini denies advocating Palestinian national salvation govt. in 8/22 Hebron speech. (al-Quds 8/25 in FBIS 8/25)

Israeli FM Peres, in Copenhagen, denies Yedioth Aharonot report that he met with PLO official in Stockholm previous week, saying “I met only Swedes.” (MM 8/24)

Israeli PM Rabin rejects GAO criticism of Arrow program, denies Israel transferred U.S. technology to 3d parties. (Qol Yisra’el 8/24 in FBIS 8/24; WT 8/25)

Alleged collaborator murdered in Qaba-
tiya, West Bank. (Qol Yisra'el 8/25 in FBIS 8/25)

25 AUGUST

PLO Pol. Dept. head Faruq Qaddumi holds talks with Syrian FM al-Shar'a, other Syrian leaders in Damascus. (RMC, SARR 8/25 in FBIS 8/26)

Sources in Israeli PM Rabin's office quoted by J\P say Rabin told Secy. of State Christopher Israel will withdraw fr. southern Lebanon 6 to 9 mos. after an agreement with Lebanon is signed and implemented. Rabin tells Knesset comm. Israeli conditions include integration of SLA into Lebanese army, security arrangements to be reached by bilateral comm., and disarming of Hizballah. Rabin also asserts that Israel will withdraw on, but not fr., the Golan to reach accord with Syria. Lebanese FM Faris Buwayz rejects Israeli conditions, saying Israel must withdraw fr. southern Lebanon as a precondition for any agreement. (MM 8/25; VOM, VOL 8/25 in FBIS 8/26; MM 8/26)

Israeli High Court rejects Peace Now petition challenging legality of Israeli settlements in o.t. (WT 8/26)

Settlers leaders establish new settlement of 7 families, 20 individuals, Dor Golan, near Moshav Shaal in Golan. PM Rabin's office does not regard site as settlement, while FM Peres says it may be dismantled. Settlement leaders say 8,000 new settlers will come to Golan in coming year. (Qol Yisra'el 8/25, IDF Radio 8/26 in FBIS 8/26; MM 8/26)

26 AUGUST

PLO Exec. Comm. meeting in Tunis. PFLP threatens walkout of 7 comm. mbns.—3 independents, reps. of PFLP, DFLP (Hawatmah), PLF, and ALF—if Chmn. Arafat blocks discussion of financial, political crises. PFLP rep. 'Abd al-Rahman Malluh, independent Bishop Ilyas Khuri, and Shafiq al-Hut do not attend. Mahmoud Darwish, who has resigned, says he will attend to show resignation fr. Exec. Comm. "does not mean resignation fr. the PLO." DFLP (Hawatmah) rep. Tayyis Khalid says he will demand resignation of all PLO leaders responsible for negotiations with Israel. (MM 8/26, 8/27)

PLO Information head Yasar 'Abd-Rabbu passes message fr. Chmn. Arafat to French govt. on provisional PLO-Israel accord. 'Abd-Rabbu later tells RFI "we think that now there is a possibility of an historic breakthrough bwn. us and the Israelis." (MM 8/27)

Al-Sharq al-Awsat quotes delegation spokeswoman Hanan Ashrawi as saying delegation cut to 7 negotiators, 1 asst. due to PLO financial straits. (MM 8/26)

27 AUGUST

Ha'aretz, other Israeli newspapers report meeting bwn. Israeli FM Peres, PLO Exec. Comm. mbr. Mahmud 'Abbas in Norway night of 8/19-8/20 to agree on DoP. (MM 8/27; NYT, WT 8/28; NYT 8/29)


FM's of Arab parties to peace talks begin 2-day meeting in Beirut to coordinate positions on 11th round of bilateral talks in Washington. (SANA 8/27 in FBIS 8/30)

Israeli FM Peres flies to U.S. for meeting with Secy. of State Christopher at Point Mugu AFB, CA, to discuss advances in peace process. Peres reportedly accompanied by Norwegian FM Johan Jørgen Holst. (Qol Yisra'el 8/28, 8/29 in FBIS 8/30; NYT, WP, WT 8/29)

Nihad 'Ayash Rajab, 19, shot dead by IDF in Nusayrat refugee camp, Gaza Strip. (AFP 8/27 in FBIS 8/30)

28 AUGUST

Palestinian negotiating delegation joins PLO Exec. Comm. meeting in Tunis. (MENA 8/29 in FBIS 8/30)

Hamas rejects Gaza-Jericho proposal, urges PLO withdrawal fr. peace talks. (al-Ra'y 8/29 in FBIS 8/30)

Pro-Arafat rally in East Jerusalem attended by 200 participants. (Qol Yisra'el 8/28 in FBIS 8/30)

29 AUGUST


Jordanian, Lebanese, Syrian delegations leave for Washington talks. (Radio Jordan, VOM 8/29 in FBIS 8/30)

91 PNC mbns. sign memorandum rejecting "Gaza-Jericho 1st," calling for PLO withdrawal fr. peace talks. (Sawt al-Sha'b
30 AUGUST

Israeli cabinet votes to approve “Gaza-Jericho 1st” agreement with PLO. Int. Min. Arye Derti, Econ. Min. Shimon Shitreet abstain. 4,000 right-wing protesters demonstrate against accord outside PM’s office. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 8/31; Qol Yisra’el 8/30 in FBIS 8/31)

Dahaf poll shows 53% of Israeli Jews support accord with PLO. (Yediot Aharonot 8/30 in FBIS 8/31)

Norwegian FM Johan Jørgen Holst says Norway hosted 14 rounds of talks btwn. Israel and PLO leading to agreement. (MM 8/31; NYT 9/1)

MK Hanan Potat of National Religious Party, supported by Likud MKs, occupies synagogue in Jericho, declares he is opening settlement. (MM 8/31)

PLO Chmn. Arafat denies Jordan and Syria displeased with PLO-Israel accord; flies to Yemen, then Egypt to rally Arab support for PLO-Israel agreement. (Yemeni Republic Radio, MENA 8/30 in FBIS 8/31; MM, WP 8/31)

PFLP-GC chief Ahmad Jibril threatens in statement to kill Arafat, says Arafat will “pay the price” for Gaza-Jericho accord, warns agreement would “trigger a civil war in Palestine” and “liquidate the intifada.” Spokesman for Jibril later argues statement not a threat but a prediction. (AFP 8/30 in FBIS 8/30, 8/31; MM, NYT 8/31)

PFLP-GC, PNSF issue statements denouncing Gaza-Jericho plan, PLO leadership. (QPAR 8/30 in FBIS 8/31)

31 AUGUST

Yediot Aharonot prints English text of Israel-Palestinian Declaration of Principles (DoP), 1st publication of agreement. (MM, WP, WT 9/1)

Opening of 11th round bilateral Arab-Israeli peace talks in Washington eclipsed by news of Israel-PLO agreement. Eliakim Rubenstein, head of Israeli delegation, remains in Israel while rest of delegation goes to U.S. Rubenstein is rumored to be considering resigning out of opposition to dealing with PLO. (MM 9/1)

Secy. of State Christopher says U.S. will “strongly support” DoP, hints U.S. position on PLO will change due to Israel-PLO accord. (MM, WP 9/1)

PLO Chmn. Arafat concludes meetings in Alexandria with Egyptian Pres. Mubarak, leaves for Khartoum to explain agreement to Sudanese gov’t. (MENA 8/31 in FBIS 9/1)

Commercial strike in o.t. called by opposition factions only partially observed. (Qol Yisra’el 8/31 in FBIS 8/31)

Poll shows 76.4% of Gazans support Israel-PLO agreement. (ITV 8/31 in FBIS 9/1)

16-year-old Azzam Abu Imanah shot dead by IDF in Nusayrat refugee camp, Gaza; 3 others wounded in separate incidents. (MM 8/31)

PLO officials in Amman report that PLA brigade in Jordan is being retrained to serve as police in o.t. (MM 8/31)

Jordan’s King Hussein flies to Damascus for emergency talks with Syrian Pres. al-Asad concerning PLO-Israel agreement. Syrian spokesman Jubran Kourieh calls accord “a surprise to the 2 countries and over which there has been no coordination btwn. the Arab parties.” (MM 8/31, 9/1; NYT 9/1)

Hamas spokesman in Amman Muhammad Nazzal says Islamist group will continue to fight for complete Israeli withdrawal, but says organization may take part in elections in enclaves vacated under “Gaza-Jericho 1st” plan. (MM 8/31)

1 SEPTEMBER

Oslo talks btwn. PLO, Israel on mutual recognition adjourn. (NYT, WP 9/2)

Lebanese FM Faris Buwayz arrives in Damascus for talks with Pres. al-Asad, FM al-Shara’ concerning DoP. (MM 9/1)

Egyptian FM Amr Musa holds talks with Israeli officials in Jerusalem on text of Israel-PLO mutual recognition, forwards draft to PLO in Tunis. (MM 9/2)

PLO Chmn. Arafat flies to Rabat for consultations with Moroccan King Hassan on follow-up to Israel-PLO agreement. (MM 9/2; NYT 9/3)

PFLP head Habash tells French TV Arafat no longer represents Palestinians, vows PFLP will fight DoP “with all its might” because it ignores rights of diaspora Palestinians. DFLP chief Hawatmah, on RMC, calls DoP “sad, tragic,” says it will allow Israel to “liquidate the intifada.” (MM 9/2)

Pro-DoP rally at al-Najah University attended by 4,000, addressed by Arafat by telephone. Faisal Husseini meets in Jerusalem with opposition figures, who maintain anti-
DoP position, while 15 injured in Gaza Strip when Hamas mbres. stone pro-DoP rally. (MM 9/2)

Palestinian o.t. figures issue statement denouncing DoP, Arafat’s leadership. (al-Ray 9/2 in FBIS 9/2) (see Doc. B1.)

King Hussein tells Ghassan Tueni of al-Nahar that “We in Jordan do not accept the imposition on us of any agreement to which we are not a party” in remarks excerpted on JTV. Hussein demands Arab summit to discuss consequences of PLO-Israel accord. (MM 9/2; NYT, WP 9/3)

Israeli Police Min. Moshe Shahal says Palestinian police to be set up under Oslo agreement “will not have authority to halt Israelis.” (MM 9/2)

2 SEPTEMBER

Emergency meeting of Fateh Central Comm. convenes in Tunis to discuss agreement with Israel. (al-Ray 9/2 in FBIS 9/2; WP 9/3)

Former Nablus mayor Bassam al-Shak’ah criticizes accord, calling those who negotiated it “connected to foreign interests that have nothing to do with the Palestinian-Israeli struggle.” (MM 9/2)

Israeli FM Peres visits EC hq. in Brussels, asks for European aid to implement PLO-Israel accord. EC Pres. Jacques Delors pledges both financial and political support. (MM 9/2, 9/3)

Palestinians in Jordan estimated to number 1.8 m., roughly 40% of population. (JTV 9/2 in FBIS 9/3)

IDF Nahal soldier killed in ambush by Palestinians near Hebron. (MM 9/3)

3 SEPTEMBER


4 SEPTEMBER

Fateh Central Comm. approves DoP at meeting in Tunis by 12-6 vote. (MENA 9/4 in FBIS 9/7; NYT, WP, WT 9/5; MM 9/6)

U.S. sets 9/13 as date for Washington signing of DoP. (WP, WT 9/5)

Islamic Conference Organization (ICO) endorses DoP, statement by ICO Sec.-Gen. Hamid al-Ghabid in Jeddah calls agreements “bold 1st steps towards achieving the goal of a just and comprehensive settlement.” (MM 9/6)

Demonstration supporting PLO-Israel accord held in Tel Aviv; organizers claim 200,000 attend, police say only 50,000. (MM 9/6; NYT 9/8)

Iranian FM condemns Israel-PLO agreement, expresses Tehran’s “opposition to the negotiations bwn. the Arabs and the Zionist regime.” (Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran 9/4 in FBIS 9/7)

Israel allows deported Palestinian-American pacifist Mubarak ‘Awad to return for a conference. (WT 9/5)

5 SEPTEMBER

GCC states vote to support PLO-Israel agreement, calling it 1st step toward “just, lasting and comprehensive peace.” (MM 9/6; WP 9/6, 9/9; NYT 9/7) (see Doc. B2.)

U.S. Pres. Clinton sends letters to leaders of Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, and Yemen urging Arab support for DoP. (NYT 9/6)

Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood calls DoP “humiliating,” warns it could spark a “Palestinian civil war.” (MM 9/6)

PLO Chmn. Arafat meets Syrian Pres. al-Asad in Damascus to explain the “contents of the agreement and the circumstances that surrounded it,” according to al-Asad’s spokesman. DFLP’s Hawatmah, PFLP’s Habash refuse to meet Arafat, Habash calling DoP a “sellout.” (MM, WP 9/6; WP, WT 9/7)

6 SEPTEMBER

Palestinian People’s Party (PPP) expresses support for DoP, calling it “a step” toward solving Palestinian problem. (al-Dustur 9/7, in FBIS 9/8)

IDF shoots dead 19-year-old Palestinian during demonstration in al-Burayj refugee camp, Gaza. (NYT 9/7)

7 SEPTEMBER

11th round of Syria-Israeli bilateral talks resumes in Washington, Syrian delegate al-‘Allaf saying agreement with Israel “unlikely.” (SATV 9/7 in FBIS 9/8)
Israeli opponents of DoP demonstrate in Jerusalem; police say 50,000 attend, settler leaders claim as many as 250,000. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 9/8; CSM 9/9)

PLO Chmn. Arafat meets with Oman’s Sultan Qabus to secure Gulf support of PLO-Israel accord after visit to Cairo to meet Egyptian Pres. Mubarak. (MENA 9/7 in FBIS 9/8; WP 9/9)

IDF shoots dead mbr. of PFLP-affiliated “Red Eagles” in Gaza City after he throws grenade at IDF patrol. (MM 9/7)

8 SEPTEMBER

PLO Chmn. Arafat convenes PLO Exec. Comm. to approve recognition of Israel, “Gaza-Jericho 1st” agreement; Israeli and Palestinian negotiators continue meetings in Paris to complete details of accord. (WP 9/9)

Israeli police use water cannon to disperse 1500 anti-accord demonstrators outside FM Rabin’s Jerusalem residence. (WP 9/9)

Israeli Housing Min. Binyamin Ben-Eliezer says Israeli plans new road network to link Haifa and Ashdod with Amman, Beirut, and Damascus as part of overall peace agreement. (MM 9/8)

Poll of Palestinian refugees in Jordan shows 60% oppose DoP. (al-Bilad 9/8 in FBIS 9/10)

9 SEPTEMBER

PLO Exec. Comm. approves recognition of Israel by 8-4 vote; 10-mbr. Israeli “inner cabinet” unanimously approves recognition of PLO. (WT 9/10)

PLO Chmn. Arafat, in letter to Israeli PM Rabin, recognizes “the right of the State of Israel to exist in peace and security,” renounces “the use of terrorism and other acts of violence.” Parallel letter to Norwegian FM calls for “normalization of life” in the o.t. (NYT 9/10) (see Special Doc. F., JPS 89)

PFLP-GC head Ahmad Jibril reiterates threat to Arafat’s life, saying “I personally will not have to kill him. . . . When Arafat is killed, the accord will fade away.” (AFP 9/9 in FBIS 9/9; WP 9/10)

181 Palestinians expelled 12/92 by Israel to Lebanon cross border at Metulla, detained for questioning and medical exams prior to repatriation. (CSM, NYT, WT 9/10)

10 SEPTEMBER

Israeli PM Rabin formally signs letter recognizing PLO as “the representative of the Palestinian people” 10 hours after PLO Chmn. Arafat signs letters of recognition. (NYT 9/11) (see Special Doc. F., JPS 89)


Fateh supporters hold march in Gaza in support of PLO-Israel agreement attended by thousands, with similar march held in East Jerusalem organized by PLO. Hamas leads counter-demonstrations in Gaza City and Rafah. 3 Hamas supporters wounded in clashes with IDF. (NYT 9/11)

PFLP and DFLP (Hawatmah) withdraw reps. fr. PLO Exec. Comm. to protest PLO-Israel agreement. Withdrawal coincides with resignation of PLO rep. in Lebanon Shafiq al-Hut and denunciation of accord by 10 Palestinian opposition factions. (RMC 9/10 in FBIS 9/10; WP 9/11)

Lebanese FM Buwayz rejects working paper submitted to Lebanon by Israel. (RL 9/10 in FBIS 9/13)

11 SEPTEMBER


IDF shoots 2 Palestinians dead, wounds 8 in Ramallah during PFLP/Hamas-led march against Israel-PLO agreement. Other Palestinians wounded in clashes during demonstrations in Gaza, Jerusalem. 20,000 participate in 4 demonstrations in support of accord. (NYT, WP 9/12)

World Bank releases 6-volume report, prepared at request of Israeli and Palestinian negotiators, saying West Bank and Gaza Strip require at least $3 b. in aid over next decade. (NYT 9/12)

White House announces Israeli PM Rabin, PLO Chmn. Arafat will attend 9/13 signing of DoP. (NYT 9/12)

Pres. Clinton speaks by telephone with Saudi King Fahd, Syrian Pres. al-Asad, Jordanian King Hussein, and Israeli PM Rabin in effort to secure support for agreement. Clinton pledges Israel “additional guarantees” for its security, in part to keep Israeli public opinion supportive of peace process.
(NYT, WP 9/12)


12 SEPTEMBER

PLO Exec. Comm. releases official statement approving DoP. (Algiers VOP 9/12 in FBIS 9/13) (see Doc. B3.)


Islamic Jihad claims fatal attack on 3 IDF soldiers in Gaza, Israeli bus driver in Israel. Other sources place responsibility on Hamas. Attacks also mounted on Israeli bus in West Bank. Pres. Clinton calls upon PLO Chmn. Arafat to condemn attacks. 3 Palestinians die in other incidents. (RMC 9/12 in FBIS 9/13; MM, NYT, WP 9/13; CSM 9/14)

EC FMs meeting in Belgium approve 5-year, $604 m. Palestinian aid package. (NYT 9/9/13)

13 SEPTEMBER


Polls show 62% of Israeli Jews, 65% of Palestinians in o.t. support Gaza-Jericho accord. (MM 9/9/13; CSM 9/14)

Beirut demonstration against PLO-Israel accord by opposition Palestinians and Hizballah. Lebanese troops fire into crowd; at least 6 demonstrators killed, 35 wounded. (NYT 9/14)

Iraqi Undersecy. of Info. Nuri al-Marsumi criticizes DoP, accusing Palestinian negotiators of acting "unilaterally" and predicting agreement "will open the door to in-fighting bwn. the Palestinians themselves." (MM 9/13)

14 SEPTEMBER

PLO Chmn. Arafat, in Washington, breakfasts with 20 U.S. senators, appeals for U.S. loan guarantees for Palestinian entity and end to legislation restricting PLO activities in U.S. He then speaks to National Press Club luncheon and travels to New York for 1st visit to UN since 1974. (NYT 9/15)

Jordanian Amb. to U.S. Faysal Tarawneh and Israeli negotiator Eliaikim Rubenstein, in Washington, sign "common agenda" for further negotiations. (NYT 9/15) (see Doc. A1.)

Israeli PM Rabin, returning fr. U.S., stops in Morocco for surprise meeting with King Hassan II. After 2 hours of talks, Rabin calls visit "a step toward diplomatic relations"; Hasan, head of ICO's Jerusalem Comm., calls PLO-Israel agreement "a step toward a better future." (MM 9/14; NYT, WP 9/15)

PLO Pol. Dept. head Faruq Qad往后 holds talks in Baghdad with Iraqi Dep. PM Tariq 'Aziz, other Iraqi officials. Meanwhile, PFLP chief Habash meets in Damascus with Syrian VP Khaddam, who promises support for Palestinian "national right to a state with Jerusalem as its capital." (MM 9/15)

PFLP-GC, "unified leadership" of PFLP and DFLP, ALF all issue statements rejecting DoP. (QPAR, SANA, INA 9/14 in FBIS 9/14)

Baha al-Din al-Najr, 19, presumed Hamas activist, dies in suicide bomb attack on Gaza City police station. Also in Gaza, Ismail Sheber, 21, attempts to stab IDF soldier and is shot dead. Closure imposed on Gaza Strip by IDF 9/15-19. (IDF Radio 9/14 in FBIS 9/14; NYT, WP 9/15)

In Beirut, 15,000 (Hizballah claims 150,000) attend funeral of 8 Hizballah mbrs. killed 9/13 by Lebanese soldiers during demonstration against PLO-Israel accord. Hizballah leader Shaykh Hasan Nasrallah calls for resignation of PM Rafiq Hariri's govt. over incident. (MM 9/14; NYT 9/15)

15 SEPTEMBER

Nayif Hawatmah of DFLP, George
 Habash of PFLP meet in Tripoli with Libyan leader Mu' ammar al-Qadhafi. Libya and Iraq are only Arab states to explicitly oppose PLO-Israel agreement. (NYT 9/16, 9/17)

 U.S. Pres. Clinton, in telephone conversation with Jordan’s King Hussein, discloses U.S. will release $30 m. in aid to Amman frozen due to Jordan’s position in 1990-91 Gulf crisis. Release is due to signing of Jordan-Israel common agenda. Clinton also calls Syrian Pres. al-Asad, urges him to rein in Damascus-based Palestinian factions opposed to PLO-Israel agreement. (NYT 9/16; CSM, NYT 9/17; NYT 9/18)

 U.S. joins with Russia, Egypt, and Israel to eliminate, revise, or defer 32 UNGA resolutions critical of Israel. Resolutions to be changed or discarded include those establishing Comm. on Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, criticizing Israeli human rights practices, examining Israeli-South African relations, and calling on Israel to renounce nuclear weapons. (NYT 9/16)

16 SEPTEMBER

PLO Chmn. Arafat announces Hamas has agreed to not obstruct PLO efforts to implement PLO-Israel agreement, refrain fr. violence among Palestinians. Agreement allegedly signed 9/15 in Gaza by Fateh and Hamas reps. Arafat says pact paves way for 10/93 meeting in Yemen between PLO and opposition factions. Arafat travels to Alexandria to reassure Egyptian Pres. Mubarak of Palestinian gratitude for support in peace process. (MM 9/16; NYT 9/17; WT 9/18)

Syrian radio reports VP Khamdam met with DFLP leader Nayif Hawatmah, PFLP head George Habash. (MM, NY 9/17)

Jordan begins police registration of illegal Palestinian residents. Estimated 60,000 residents of o.t. have overstayed temporary Jordanian visas this year. (Sawt al-Sha'b 9/16 in FBIS 9/17; MM 9/17)

Opinion surveys show that 60% of Israeli Jews support Israel-PLO agreement signed 9/13. (WP 9/17)

EC pledges $1 b. for Middle East programs. Funds are earmarked for hospital, 50,000 housing units in Gaza and building of Palestinian “administrative backbone.” EC also considering funding large-scale regional programs, including highway system to link Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria. EC commissioner for development aid Manuel Marin meets in Brussels with PLO official Nabil Shaath to discuss distribution of assistance. (WP 9/17)

17 SEPTEMBER

UNESCO awards annual Felix Houphouët-Boigny peace prize to Israeli PM Rabin, FM Peres, and PLO Chmn. Arafat for PLO-Israel accord. Panel awarding the $143,000 prize is headed by former Secy. of State Henry Kissinger. (MM 9/17; WT 9/22)

Hamas leads Gaza protest against PLO-Israel accord as Hamas delegation travels to Damascus seeking support for its position. Hamas spokesman in Jordan Muhammad Nazzal denies truce with PLO, vows continued opposition to pact. (NYT, WT 9/18)

18 SEPTEMBER


Iranian Dep. FM Hussein Sherkholeslam, visiting Damascus, meets DFLP’s Hawatmah, PFLP-GC’s Jibril, Hamas delegation, pledges Iranian support for opposition to PLO-Israel accord. (WT 9/19)

19 SEPTEMBER

PLO Chmn Arafat tells Arab League FM’s meeting in Cairo that “the agreement we have reached is nothing but a first step,” acknowledges “there can be no final settlement without a solution on all the Arab tracks.” (NYT 9/20)

Israeli PM Rabin and Egyptian Pres. Mubarak meet in Alexandria to discuss implementation of PLO-Israel DoP. Rabin complains of Syrian support for Palestinian opposition factions, while Mubarak states, “I think Syria wants peace, genuinely wants to solve the problem and I have heard this fr. President Asad several times.” (NYT 9/19, 9/20; MM 9/20; WP 9/23)

20 SEPTEMBER

Arab League FM’s endorse DoP, declare the agreement “an important step toward realizing the land-for-peace principle,” but that it “must be completed by immediate steps . . . to guarantee Israeli withdrawal fr. the entire Syrian Golan.” Iraqi FM Muhammad Sa’id
Sahhaf refuses to support declaration. (MM, WP 9/21) (see Doc. B4.)

Secy. of State Christopher announces U.S. will convene international conference to raise funds to implement PLO-Israel accord. Christopher also announces U.S. will provide $250 m over 2 years to Palestinian autonomous authority, urges international community to support PLO-Israel accord to produce "tangible improvements in the security and daily lives of Palestinians and Israelis." (MM 9/20; NYT 9/21; CSM 9/22)

PLO Chmn. Arafat flies to Amman to discuss implementation of Israel-PLO agreement with Jordan's King Hussein. Speaking to reporters, Arafat defends accord as "the maximum we could get," predicts "at the end of this year or the beginning of next year, God willing, I expect to go to Jericho—and Gaza." (NYT, WP, WT 9/21)

Israeli delegation arrives in Tunis to prepare for conference on Palestinian refugees, met by Tunisian, PLO officials. (WT 9/21)

21 SEPTEMBER

PLO Chmn. Arafat leaves for tour of China, Malaysia, and Indonesia after brief stopover in Cairo following talks with King Hussein in Amman. (MENA 9/21 in FBIS 9/22)

Fateh leader Muhammad Abu Sha'ban killed in Gaza. The treasurer of the Gaza Bar Association, head of Gaza Center for Human Rights, and former head of Fateh-affiliated Political Comms. is shot by unknown gunman on his way home fr. a rally in support of PLO-Israel agreement. (NYT 9/22)

Knesset debates ratification of Israel-PLO accord. PM Rabin calls agreement "hope for an end to tears," says "we will no longer live by our swords alone." Rabin calls pact with PLO "the victory of Zionism, which has also won the recognition of its most sworn and bitter enemies." Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu, opposing accord, says "this agreement abandons security of Israeli citizens," argues "We want to give peace a chance, but first we want to give life a chance." (NYT, WP 9/22) (see Docs. Cl., C2.)

Rally in Jerusalem against PLO-Israel accord called by opposition parties, settler and religious groups, draws 20,000, mostly yeshiva students, according to Israeli Radio. (NYT 9/22; WP 9/23)

Pope John Paul II meets Israeli Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau at Castel Gandolfo, Italy, 1st meeting ever between a Catholic pontiff and either of Israel's chief rabbis. Vatican stresses that meeting is purely religious, but speculation is rife that it represents progress toward Vatican diplomatic recognition of Israel. Rabbi Shlomo Goren, former Ashkenazi chief rabbi, denounces meeting as "blasphemy beyond expression," a "mockery," and "meaningless." (NYT 9/22)

22 SEPTEMBER

Gaza funeral of Muhammad Abu Sha'ban attracts over 2,000 mourners; message fr. PLO Chmn. Arafat calls on Palestinians "to reject violence and terrorism." (NYT, WT 9/23)

Egyptian Pres. Mubarak and Syrian Pres. al-Asad hold 3 hours of talks in Alexandria, agree Israel must pursue negotiations with Syria. Al-Asad foresees no early breakthrough in talks, while Mubarak insists "the Golan should be returned back to Syria" to secure peace. (MM 9/22; NYT 9/23)

Syrian VP Khaddam meets Sa'id Musa Muragha ("Abu Musa"), leader of Fateh-the Uprising, 1 of 10 Palestinian factions opposed to DoP. (RMC 9/22 in FBIS 9/24)

Association of Israeli-Palestinian Physicians for Human Rights petitions Israeli High Court of Justice to close Ketzio ("Ansar III") prison camp because of "inferior conditions of imprisonment" of Palestinians detained there. (MM 9/23)

Jordanian Min. of State Jawad al-Anani says Palestinians living in Jordan will not be allowed to vote in both Jordanian and o.t. elections, saying King Hussein and PLO Chmn. Arafat agreed to avoid "duplication." (MM 9/23)

23 SEPTEMBER

Knesset ratifies PLO-Israel DoP 61-50 with 8 abstentions, including Shas delegation and 3 Likud MKs who broke party discipline to allow accord's passage. One Shas MK traveling abroad listed as absent. Likud MK Zahi Hanegbi calls for expulsion of dissenting mbrs. fr. party. (MM 9/23; CSM, NYT 9/24)

Egyptian FM 'Amr Musa confers with Secy. of State Christopher in Washington on peace process, especially Israeli talks with Syrians, Lebanese. (MENA 9/23 in FBIS 9/24)

Israeli High Court rules that Haram al-Sharif forms part of "Land of Israel" and is subject to Israeli laws. (MM 10/11)

Palestinian Assoc. for Human Rights as-
24 SEPTEMBER

Poll shows 68.6% of o.t. Palestinians, 72% of Gazans, 83.2% of Jericho residents support DoP. Poll, by Jerusalem Media and Communications Centre, also shows 64.4% support PLO as against 17.5% for Islamist groups. (MM 9/24)

Israelis stabbed to death in Ranana, north of Tel Aviv, in 1st such attack inside Israel since DoP signed. Israeli Radio says note pinned to body says killing done by “terror organization.” (MM 9/24)

26 SEPTEMBER

19-year-old alleged Hamas mbr. killed in abortive car-bomb attack in Gaza Strip. (NYT, WT 9/27)

PLO Chmn. Arafat concludes 2-day visit to Turkey, appealing for Ankara’s continued support of Palestinians. (MM 9/27)

Jordanian King Hussein affirms that Palestinians holding Jordanian citizenship will lose political rights in Jordan if they vote in elections for Palestinian autonomous authority in o.t., but will retain civil rights as Jordanian citizens if they remain in the country. Jordanian Info. Min. Ma’an Abu Nuwar adds that Jordan will not accept Palestinian refugees who might be expelled fr. Syria and Lebanon, saying “our land and our economy cannot take it anymore.” (NYT 9/27, CSM 9/28)

Official Syrian media, responding to call by Israeli FM Peres for Arabs to lift boycott of Israel, urge Arab states to maintain, tighten boycott. Damascus Radio says Peres’s statements mean “Israel wants everything in return for nothing,” while gov’t. newspaper Tishrin carries same message. (WT 9/27)

28 SEPTEMBER


IDF raids Islamic center—comprising mosque, kindergarten, and public library—in Gaza City. 30 Israeli soldiers search female teachers, frighten schoolchildren, and defile mosque by not removing boots upon entry. (WT 9/29)

Israel newspapers Ha’aretz, Ma’ariv, Davar report that Israeli PM Rabin and Jordanian King Hussein met 9/26 in Aqaba to discuss future relations in wake of PLO-Israel accord. Both Rabin’s spokesman and Palace officials in Amman deny meeting. Ma’ariv publishes list of 22 meetings Hussein held with Israeli leaders between 1963 and 1991. (MM 9/28; NYT, WP 9/29)

Senate Foreign Relations Comm. approves by voice vote Middle East Peace Facilitation Act. Bill waives ban on U.S. relations with and aid to PLO. Measure passes full Senate next day. (WP, WT 9/29)

American Jewish Comm. poll shows 90% of American Jews believe Israel will gain fr. recognizing PLO; 57% favor establishment of a Palestinian state; 42% believe PLO cannot be trusted to honor commitments on terrorism; 47% oppose continued settlement activity in o.t.; 43% support it. (WP 9/28) (see Doc. D.3.)

29 SEPTEMBER

IDF arrests Ahmad ‘Awad Ikhmail and 4 other members of Fateh-affiliated “Black Panthers” group in raid in Qabatiya, West Bank. Ikhmail is described by Israeli officials as their most-wanted fugitive. (NYT 9/30)

Cyprus pardons, releases 3 Palestinians imprisoned for 1985 killing of 3 Israelis alleged to be Mossad agents. (Qol Yisra’el 9/30 in FBIS 10/1)

30 SEPTEMBER

800,000 Palestinians in West Bank hold commercial strike to protest arrest of “Black Panther” leader Ahmad Ikhmail. Technical Commns. head Sari Nusseibeh calls arrest “a provocative action,” says it “creates an explo-
Lebanese PM Hariri, speaking to UNGA, says DoP may "remain an isolated step" if not followed up, warns Lebanon "cannot provide a solution to the Palestinians who have been uprooted from their land," says international community bears responsibility for Palestinians' return. (MM 10/1)

Sey. of State Christopher meets in New York with reps. of GCC, Egypt, Tunisia, Morocco, Oman, and Saudi Arabia, asks for immediate end to Arab boycott of Israel. Arab officials say action premature and public opinion against lifting boycott. Arab side also defers action on reversing UNGA resolutions critical of Israel. (WP 10/1)

1 OCTOBER

Jordanian Crown Prince Hassan and Israeli FM Peres meet each other, U.S. Pres. Clinton in Washington. 1st public meeting of Israeli and Jordanian leaders is followed by press conference to announce formation of joint comm. on economic cooperation, environment. (NYT, WP 10/2) (see Doc. A2.)

Donor nations' conference in Washington pledges $2.1 b. in aid to Palestinian entity over next 5 years. 43 nations represented pledge $600 m. in year alone. Biggest donor is EC, pledging $600 m. over 5 years, followed by U.S. at $500 m. in same period. Japan promises $200 m. over 2 years, and Scandinavian countries $150 m. over an unspecified time. Saudi Arabia, ending its cutoff of support for Palestinians, promises $100 m. in 1st year, while Israel offers a $25 m. grant and a $50 m. loan. U.S. VP Al Gore delivers keynote address, while Secy. of State Christopher describes conference results as "a striking success however you measure it." PLO Chmn. Arafat, in Tunis, says aid is insufficient, maintaining that "at least we are in need of $5 billion." (NYT, WP, WT 10/2) (see Doc. A3.)

Veteran Israeli peace activist Abie Nathan shuts down his pirate "Voice of Peace" radio station after 20 years, saying PLO-Israel accord has created a new era. (WT 10/2)

2 OCTOBER

2 Hamas mbrrs. killed by IDF, 16 arrested in raids in Gaza City and al-Burajy refugee camp. Killed are Hamid Salim Krinawi, 24, reputed head of Hamas military wing, and Mousa Sa'id Sa'id, 21, his deputy. 13 houses damaged by IDF gunfire, antitank missiles in raids. (NYT, WP, WT 10/3; MM, CSM 10/4)

Ratibah 'Abd al-Karim Jabra, 70, shot dead, and her friend, Rifah Mahmud Jasir, 52, wounded while picking figs outside of settlement of Ofra, near Ramallah. IDF says case's "background is criminal," but Mrs. Jasir reports 3 settlers fr. Ofra responsible. (NYT, WT 10/3)

Shaykh Amin Tarif, 95, spiritual leader of Druze community in Israel, dies. (WT 10/3)

3 OCTOBER

Hamas calls general strike in Gaza Strip to protest stepped-up IDF raids on organization. (CSM 10/4)

4 OCTOBER

PLO Chmn. Arafat arrives in Algiers accompanied by Faisal Husseini for talks with head of state Ali Kafi, PM Redha Malek. (MM 10/5)

Hamas mbrr. Kamal Bani Odeh, 20, of Tamoun, West Bank, drives car bomb into Israeli commuter bus outside IDF hq. in Beit El, West Bank. Attack kills Odeh and wounds 30 Israelis. BeitEl settlers hold prayer protest at attack site until IDF forces them to leave. (NYT, WP 10/5)

Funeral of Israeli Druze leader Amin Tarif attracts "tens of thousands" of mourners, including 1,300 Druze fr. Lebanon and Syria. PM Rabin appeals to foreign visitors to be "messengers of peace." (MM 10/4)

Israel reestablishes diplomatic relations with Cambodia, Burkina Faso (Upper Volta). (MM 10/5)

5 OCTOBER

Undercover IDF unit kills fugitive Palestinian in Gaza Strip. PLO sources identify him as Nael Reehi, 24, mbr. of "Fateh Hawks" group. Witnesses say he dropped his weapon and shouted "I surrender" before being shot. In separate incident, mbr. of Islamic Jihad killed in clash with soldiers while crossing fence separating Israel from Gaza Strip. (MM, WP, WT 10/6)

Clinton in effort to break deadlock in Syrian-Israeli talks. Al-Shara' says such a meeting "would help very much the peace process." Christopher declines to comment on proposal. (NYT, WP 10/6)

Jordanian Crown Prince Hassan, speaking to UNGA, says JORDAN cannot accept portions of PLO-Israel accord dealing with water, energy, security, and refugees, stating, "Some issues cannot be addressed by any two parties to the exclusion of others. The questions of regional security, water, and above all the refugees, cannot be resolved without direct reference to the neighboring states." (CSM 10/13)

Clinton administration recommends to Congress that $437 m. be cut fr. the $2 b. in U.S. loan guarantees to Israel in FY 1994. Cut is dollar-for-dollar penalty for Israeli spending on settlements in o.t. (NYT, WP 10/6)

World Bank VP Caio Koch-Weser, in briefing to Washington Institute for Near East Policy, outlines plan for assistance to Palestinian entity. Major priorities of scheme include building infrastructure, upgrading tax system, and strengthening public administration. Estimated costs of project are $300 m. per year for 5 years plus $125 m. in relief funds. World Bank is to send 40 experts to Tunis for consultations with PLO before survey of conditions on ground in o.t. (WT 10/6)

6 OCTOBER

PLO Chmn. Arafat and Israeli PM Rabin meet in Cairo to discuss implementation of PLO-Israel accord. Meeting forms 4 comms.—liaison, autonomy, elections, and economic matters. Both sides pledge to return to peace talks in Washington, although most bilateral issues will be discussed at negotiations in Taba, Egypt starting 10/13 (CSM 10/7, NYT 10/7, 10/8, WP, WT 10/7)

PLO Pol. Dept. head Faruq Qaddumi meets with Secy. of State Christopher in Washington. (Algiers VOP 10/7 in FBIS 10/8)

7 OCTOBER

Fateh mbrs. held prisoner by Israeli demand release before Israel-PLO accord enters into force, threaten to obstruct implementation if kept in jail. 3,000 supporters of PLO and Peace Now march on Jenid prison in Nablus to demand release of all Palestinian political prisoners. Protest coincides with death of Jenid prisoner Ahmad 'Adil Hasan Ismail, 43, during morning exercise. (MM 10/7, CSM, NYT 10/8)

"Force 17" security force arrests 10 bodyguards of PLO Chmn. Arafat, PLO Exec. Comm. mbr. Yasir 'Abd-Rabbuh, and Ahmad Qurai' in Tunis for plotting to assassinate top PLO officials, according to PLO sources. Also arrested are 5 aides of Fateh official Hani al-Hasan, who had met with PFLP-GC head Ahmad Jibril. (WT 10/10)

Opposition Palestinian factions open talks in Damascus aimed at challenging PLO-Israel accord and PLO leadership of intifada. (WT 10/10)


8 OCTOBER

PNC Dep. Speaker Taysir Qubba'a of PFLP resigns to protest DoP, failure of PLO leadership to put it to PNC vote. (MM 10/8)

Arab Lawyers' Union condemns DoP. In statement released in Cairo, group says accord denies legitimate Palestinian rights, urges world to press Israel to release Palestinian prisoners, allow return of 1967 refugees. (MM 10/8)

U.S. officials say that U.S. assistance to Palestinian autonomous entity will amount to $500 m. over 5 years, $375 m. fr. U.S. Agency for International Development (AID) and $125 m. in guarantees by Overseas Private Investment Corp. (OPIC). AID funds for FY 1994 will amount to $75 m., $48 m. fr. Economic Support Fund and $14 m. in development assistance, food aid grants, housing guarantees, and private-sector loan guarantees. (WT 10/9)

10,000 spectators attend soccer match between Palestinian and French teams in Jericho. Palestine wins, 1-0, at playing field decorated with Palestinian flags. Game features playing of Palestinian national anthem. (NYT 10/9; MM 10/11)

9 OCTOBER

PLO rep. in Jordan Tayib 'Abd al-Rahim announces that 2 plots to kill PLO Chmn. Arafat have been foiled. 1 attempt was by Arafat bodyguards suborned by FRC ("Abu
Nidal”), 2d by unidentified group that sought to bomb Arafat’s plane. (WT 10/10)

2 Israeli hikers fr. Jerusalem stabbed and shot to death in Wadi Qilt, near Jericho in the West Bank. “Al-Aqsa Brigade” of Palestinian Islamic Jihad, in statement released in Amman, claims responsibility, says 3 killed. Statement declares, “We will never surrender or accept any concessions on the land of Palestine which will become a graveyard for the Jews.” PFLP also claims responsibility. (NYT 10/10; MM, NYT, WT 10/11)

PFLP guerrilla killed by Israeli soldiers as he sails jet ski off Lebanese coast near Israeli border. UN sources report 2 killed, not 1. (NYT 10/10, 10/11)

Palestinian factions opposed to DoP—including DFLP (Hawatmah faction), PFLP, Hamas, and Islamic Jihad—announce in Damascus establishment of National Islamic Front to counter PLO. Alliance fails to call congress to elect new PLO leadership due to reluctance of Islamic groups to identify with secular PLO. Front’s declaration calls Palestinian police to be set up under PLO-Israel accord “a traitor force, and an oppressive enemy force.” (CSM 10/14)

Jordan denies 9/23 Israeli court ruling on status of Haram al-Sharif, says it will continue with restoration work on Dome of the Rock regardless of Israeli stance. (MM 10/11)

10 OCTOBER

PLO Central Council opens meeting in Tunis to debate approval of PLO-Israel DoP. PFLP and DFLP (Hawatmah faction) boycott meeting, as do PPSF and PLF. (SARR 10/10 in FBIS 10/13; WP 10/11)

Israeli PM Rabin departs for China, says he will stick by agreement with PLO despite upsurge in violence. (NYT 10/11)

11 OCTOBER

PLO Central Council ends 2-day meeting in Tunis. votes 63-8 (9 abstentions) to approve Palestinian-Israeli DoP. 25 delegates to the 107-member council do not attend, including reps. of PFLP and DFLP, who boycott meeting, and several opponents of the accord who were not invited or barred fr. entering Tunisia, including Fateh mbr. Hani al-Hasan. Meeting also adopts resolution establishing Palestinian National Authority under Arafat to assume powers transferred by Israel. Tur-moil surrounding meeting points to power struggle among Arafat loyalists as PLO figures contend for positions in nascent Palestinian administration in Gaza and Jericho. (WT 10/12; CSM, NYT, WP 10/13)

Applications for the Palestine Central Security Force (Palestinian police) reportedly far outstrip vacancies, with 30,000 applications issued for the 17,000-strong force. 4,000 forms are filled out in Hebron, while 10,000 are submitted in Gaza for 3,800 vacancies. (WT 10/11)

CIA informs Senate Govt. Affairs Comm. that Israel has been providing China with advanced military technology for over a decade, including fighter aircraft, missiles, and tanks. Report estimates Israel-China weapons trade amounts to “several billion dollars,” notes that Israeli weapons companies are expanding presence in China. Report asserts “the Chinese seek fr. Israel advanced military technology that U.S. and Western firms are unwilling to provide.” Israeli embassy denies Israel has transferred U.S. technology to China, spokeswoman saying, “Israel adheres to all of its commitments to the United States with regard to its relationship with China.” (NYT, WT 10/13) (see Doc. D1.)

Israeli PM Rabin meets in Beijing with Chinese PM Li Peng, toasts new Israeli-Chinese pacts on consular affairs, aviation. (MM 10/11; WT 10/12)

12 OCTOBER

Delegates fr. 43 countries open 3-day meeting in Tunis on improving quality of life of Palestinian refugees in o.t., Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria. Topics include family reunification, job training, and setting up data base on number and location of refugees. Israeli Dep. FM Yossi Beilin, heading Israeli delegation, says Israel will increase number of Palestinians allowed to return to o.t. annually under family reunification fr. 1,000 to 5,000. Lebanon and Syria do not attend. (WP 10/13)

House of Representatives approves by voice vote lifting restrictions on PLO activities in U.S. Vote allows PLO offices in New York and Washington to operate openly, grants PLO observer status at International Monetary Fund, and lets PLO receive U.S. funds fr. international organizations. Bill complements 9/29 Senate measure, goes back to Senate for final action, then to Pres. Clinton for approval. (WT 10/13) (see Doc. D5.)
### 13 October

**PLO Chmn. Arafat meets Israeli Dep. FM Yossi Beilin in Tunis, presses for progress toward Israeli-Syrian accord. (WT 10/14)**

**Palestinian and Israeli negotiators open meeting in Tabg, Egypt, as Palestinian-Israeli DoP enters into force.** PLO delegation headed by Nabil Shaath; Israeli, by IDF Dep. Chief of Staff Ammon Shahak. Talks center on size of Jericho autonomous region, size and powers of Palestinian police force, redeployment of Israeli troops, control over water resources, and security of Israeli settlers in o.t. Palestinians contend Jericho includes entire 133 sq. mi. Jericho district, while Israelis assert only town of Jericho, about 10 sq. mi., is to be handed over to Palestinians. PLO security official Amin al-Hindi excluded fr. Palestinian delegation over Israeli protests he was responsible for murder of Israeli athletes at 1972 Munich Olympics. Simultaneously, *Israe FM Peres and PLO Exec. Comm. mbr. Mahmud 'Abbas meet in Cairo, agree on 5 steps for future negotiations including setting up liaison comm. and ministerial-level economic comm. Two sides urge “early resumption” of Arab-Israeli talks in Washington. (NYT, WP 10/14)***

**PLO Chmn. Arafat dismisses Fateh cmdr. in Lebanon Munir al-Maqdah, who had been critical of DoP and called for Arafat’s resignation (see 8/23).** (VOL 10/14 in FBIS 10/18)

**General strike in o.t. called by Palestinian factions opposed to DoP observed throughout West Bank and Gaza Strip with exception of Jericho. (MM 10/13; CSM 10/15)**

**Lebanese FM Faris Buwayz, in interview with WT, faults DoP for not affirming Palestinian right of return, says “It is not fair to solve the Palestinian problem to create a Lebanese one . . . implanting 400,000 Palestinians in Lebanon will create political, confessional problems.” (WT 10/13)**

**Israeli PM Rabin, in Beijing, admits Israel has sold arms to China, denies Israel broke U.S. laws against technology transfers and disputes CIA estimate that Israel-China arms trade amounts to billions of dollars a year, saying 1992-93 trade totaled $60 m. Rabin says “we have never done anything against American law” and asserts, “We are not stupid enough to endanger” U.S. aid to Israel. Rabin’s 4-day visit to China includes meeting with Chinese DM Chi Haotian, tours of Chinese arms plants, and visit to Shanghai. (NYT, WT 10/14)**

### 14 October

**Palestinian and Israeli negotiators meeting in Tabg, Egypt, announce agreement on agenda for further talks and establishment of comms. on security and civil administration of o.t. Subcomm. also set up to discuss status of the estimated 12,000 Palestinians held in Israeli prisons. (NYT, WT 10/15)***


**Belgian FM Willy Claes, on behalf of EC, meets PLO Chmn. Arafat to discuss international funding for Palestinian entity. (MM 10/15)**

**Israel holds another test launch of U.S.-funded Arrow missile. (MM 10/15)**

### 15 October

**PFLP leader Habash, following meetings in Damascus, says 10 Palestinian opposition factions will form new front to counter DoP, “rebuild the PLO on democratic bases.” (MM 10/18)**

**Yeshiva student stabbed by Palestinian at Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron, West Bank. Curfew imposed on Hebron Palestinians; settlers rampage, injuring 6 Palestinians.**

**DFLP (Hawatmah faction), in statement issued in Damascus, claims responsibility for knife attack, pledges “to escalate and expand our military operations against the enemy and the settlers in all the occupied Palestinian territories until we foil the Gaza-Jericho agreement.” FPLP claims responsibility for 10/9 killing of 2 Israeli hikers near Jericho. (WP 10/16, WT 10/18)**

**Israeli PM Rabin visits Indonesia, largest country without diplomatic relations with Israel, and meets with Pres. Suharto, chairman of Nonaligned Movement, for over an hour. Rabin states he is looking for nonaligned support for peace process and cooperation with Israel. An Indonesian diplomat is quoted by NYT as saying establishment of Indonesian-Israeli diplomatic relations is “only a matter of time,” but that Jakarta wishes “to see the Middle East peace process progress a bit further.” Rabin also visits Singapore, Kenya. (NYT 10/16; MM 10/18)**

### 17 October

**Israeli PM Rabin and FM Peres say mass**
releases of 11,000 Palestinians held in Israeli prisons could occur soon. (WT 10/18)
Fateh activist Mahir Kahil, 35, killed by masked gunmen in Gaza City. Killing is second of a major Fateh figure in Gaza since Palestinian-Israeli DoP was signed on 9/13. (WT 10/18)
Ultraorthodox Jewish settlers reported moving into new West Bank settlement of Kirtyat Sefer, designed to hold 1,000 families by spring 1994. (WT 10/18)

18 OCTOBER

U.S. special coordinator for the Middle East peace process Dennis Ross begins Middle East tour to build on DoP, with visit to Cairo to meet Egyptian, Arab League leaders. (MENA 10/18 in FBIS 10/19; CSM 10/19)

West Bank settlers plan civil disobedience, tax revolt, other measures against Israeli-Palestinian DoP, according to Yechiel Leiter of Council of Jewish Settlements in Judea and Samaria. (WT 10/18)

Fateh, PPP urge boycott of Jerusalem municipal elections by East Jerusalem Palestinians. (MM 10/18)

19 OCTOBER

PLO Chmn. Arafat meets in Tunis with U.S. State Dept. official Dennis Ross, NSC official Martin Indyk, then flies to Cairo for meetings with Egyptian Pres. Mubarak, American Jewish Congress trustees seeking end to Arab boycott of Israel. Ross proceeds to Amman for talks with Jordanian officials. (Radio Jordan 10/19 in FBIS 10/20; WP 10/21)

Syria, Saudi Arabia issue joint statement in Riyadh on peace process, saying "just and comprehensive" settlement only achievable with Israel's "full withdrawal from all the occupied Arab territories," including Golan. (MM 10/10)

Israel frees Salim Husayn al-Zrai, 50, held in prison 23 years. Sentenced to life imprisonment in 1970 for infiltration attempt, Fateh activist released because of PLO adherence to its 9/13 commitment not to attack Israel. Release of this longest-held Palestinian prisoner of Israel interpreted as indicating future mass release of Palestinian prisoners. (CSM, NYT 10/20)

Israeli defense officials announce failure of 10/14 test of U.S.-funded Arrow missile. Another test in August also failed, and the GAO issued a report that month criticizing Israeli management of the program (see 10/23). (WT 10/20)

Likud Central Comm. meets in Tel Aviv to consider plans by Binyamin Netanyahu, Ariel Sharon, and Meir Shitreet on autonomy schemes alternative to DoP. (MM 10/19)

20 OCTOBER

U.S. coordinator Ross holds talks in Jordan with King Hussein, Crown Prince Hassan, other Jordanian officials, proceeds to Jerusalem for meetings with Palestinians, Israelis including FM Rabin, FM Peres. (MM 10/20)

21 OCTOBER

PLO and Israeli negotiators in Tabas, Egypt, reach agreement on initial release of Palestinian prisoners held by Israel. Release of several hundred prisoners—including women, the ill, and those under 18 or over 50—is first step toward release of the estimated 11-13,000 Palestinians in Israeli custody. Israeli statistics show 12,500 Palestinians held by IDF and prisons authority. (NYT, WP 10/22) (see Doc. A4.)

Fateh official As'ad Saftawi, 58, headmaster of UNRWA school in Burayj refugee camp, shot to death by 2 masked gunmen. Saftawi is 3d Fateh figure killed in Gaza since 9/13 signature of PLO-Israel DoP. "Arab Palestine Organization" claims responsibility for assassination fr. Damascus. Group is apparently made up of former mbrs. of PFLP-GC. (NYT, WP, WT 10/22)

Arab League boycott officials postpone 10/24 meeting to discuss maintaining or widening Arab boycott of Israel after U.S. protests, PLO lobbying against extension of ban on trade with Israel. (WT 10/22)

U.S. envoy Ross travels to Damascus for meetings with Syrian Pres. al-Asad, FM al-Shara' on advancing Israeli-Syrian track of peace negotiations. Egyptian Pres. Mubarak meets in Jeddah with Saudi King Fahd on same issue. (MM 10/21)

PLO Chmn. Arafat arrives in Paris for 2-day visit to meet French Pres. Mitterand, other officials, opposition figures to discuss EC support for DoP. (MM 10/21)

22 OCTOBER

Israeli Police Min. Moshe Shahal announces easing of closure of Jerusalem to...
Palestinians, allowing all women, men over 40, and accompanied children under 16, as well as physicians, attorneys, and students to enter the city as of 10/26. FM Peres announces “several hundred” Palestinian prisoners will be released soon, “more” as PLO-Israel talks proceed. (NYT, WP, WT 10/23)

Thousands attend funeral in Gaza of Fateh official As'ad Saftawi, murdered 10/21. (NYT 10/23)

Israeli military prosecutors announce indictment of Arab-American Muhammad Salah, 39, on charges of being Hamas’s military commander. Salah was arrested 1/93 while on visit to West Bank. (WT 10/23)

23 OCTOBER


24 OCTOBER

Hamas militants kill 2 IDF mbrs. in Gaza Strip. In response, Israeli PM Rabin excludes mbrs. of Hamas and Islamic Jihad fr. prisoner release scheduled for next day. (NYT, WP 10/25)

Kamal Abu Saleh, Palestinian reporter for AP and other news organizations, detained by IDF. (WT 10/26)

Hizballah, IDF clash in Sujud area of s. Lebanon, killing 2 guerrillas and wounding 1 IDF soldier. Hizballah claims 3 IDF mbrs. wounded in mortar attack. (CSM, WP 10/25)

25 OCTOBER

Israel begins release of 660 Palestinian prisoners over 2 days under agreement reached with PLO in Taba, Egypt (see 10/21). (NYT, WP, WT 10/26)

Attempted car-bomb attack in o.t. injures 2 Israeli prison officials. 18-year-old Palestinian driver, suspected to be Hamas mbr., arrested. (WT 10/26)

U.S. Pres. Clinton and Egyptian Pres. Mubarak hold talks in Washington. At joint press conference, Mubarak offers to mediate between Israel and Syria. Both heads of state urge the 2 sides to resume talks, Clinton observing, “There can’t be total peace in the Mideast unless there is some kind of peace with Syria.” (NYT, WP 10/26) (see Doc. D6.)

American Jewish Congress delegation holds meeting in Amman with King Hussein, Crown Prince Hassan aimed at ending Arab boycott. Group had previously met Egyptian, PLO, and Saudi officials. (JTV 10/25 in FBIS 10/26)

26 OCTOBER

Tunisian police arrest ‘Adnan Yasin, aide to PLO security chief and rep. in Tunisia Hakam Balawi, for spying for Israeli intelligence agency Mossad. Also arrested is his son Hani. Yasin had apparently been suborned by Mossad during 1991 visit to France. Arrest is not announced for 1 week. Israeli officials refuse comment. (NYT 11/3, 11/5)

4th round of multilateral talks on Middle East water resources convenes in Beijing, involving 43 nations and international organizations. 2-day session to focus on conservation, sharing of resources. (WT 10/27)

White House announces intention to nominate Thomas A. Dine, former AIPAC executive director, assistant administrator of U.S. Agency for International Development for Europe and the Newly Independent States. Statement calls Dine “experienced in [his] field,” citing his experience as a Peace Corps volunteer and Senate staffer as qualification for appointment to head AID’s largest program. (White House release 10/26; WT 10/29)

27 OCTOBER

PLO-Israeli negotiations in Taba, Egypt, on plan for Palestinian authority in Gaza and Jericho resume, after each side accuses other of wasting time. Subcomms. on security and civilian affairs meet for 1st time. (WT 10/28)

About 40 unarmed Palestinian police officers march in uniform through Jericho, underscoring Palestinian desire for early deployment of own security forces. (WT 10/29)

Palestine Red Crescent head Dr. Fathi Arafat, on world tour, visits Tokyo to seek Japanese assistance in rebuilding Jericho hospital. (MM 10/27)

Lt. Col Munir al-Maqdah, former Fateh cmdr. in Lebanon, announces formation of “Black September 13 Brigades” to oppose Israel-PLO DoP (see 10/13). (MM 11/15)
28 OCTOBER

Israeli officials report secret negotiations with Qatar for export of Qatari natural gas to Israel to be reexported to Europe by way of pipelines. Qatari govt. sources deny reports. (NYT 10/29)

29 OCTOBER

Formation of Palestinian Investment and Development Agency announced. (MENA 10/19 in FBIS 11/2)

30 OCTOBER

Jewish settlers set fire to 8 Palestinian homes in al-Birah, stone Palestinian cars in Ramallah, block West Bank roads in protest over killing of settler Haim Mizrachi by presumed Hamas militants. Settler, abducted 10/29, found stabbed to death in burned car north of Ramallah. Also, Palestinian involved in land sales to Israelis killed by masked gunmen. (NYT, WP, 10/31)

Egyptian Pres. Mubarak, Syrian Pres. al-Asad hold talks on peace process in Latakia. (SATV 10/30 in FBIS 11/1)

3,000 Palestinian women march in Rafah refugee camp, Gaza Strip, to demand immediate release of all remaining Palestinian prisoners held by Israel. (WP 10/31)

31 OCTOBER

West Bank settlers continue riots sparked by 10/29 killing of Beit El settler by Hamas militants. Also, Palestinian shot dead by IDF while trying to avoid roadblock at Qalqiliya, West Bank, another killed by settler he stabbed. (NYT 11/1; Qol Yisra’e1 10/31 in FBIS 11/1)

Ahmad al-Nahas, VP of Hilton International, announces hotel chain has been approached by Palestinian investors seeking to erect new hotel in Jericho to take advantage of new Palestinian self-governing authority. Israeli legislators also confirm that Moroccan businessmen have expressed interest in developing Israeli tourism. (CSM, WT 11/1)

1 NOVEMBER

Protests by Beit El settlers continue for 4th day. In what settler leaders declare a "Jewish uprising," rioters burn tires, block roads, and set on fire a Palestinian school. (NYT, WT 11/2)

Israeli embassy in Washington pays $62,870 in D.C. parking fines accumulated by its diplomats, 1st country to comply with federal law imposing dollar-for-dollar reduction in U.S. aid to nations with outstanding parking debts. (WP 11/2)

2 NOVEMBER

PLO delegation suspends participation in talks with Israelis at Tab’a, Egypt, complaining Israeli proposals on withdrawal fr. Gaza Strip and Jericho are a redeployment, not withdrawal. (NYT 11/4)

PFLP delegation holds talks in Baghdad with Iraqi Dep. PM Tariq ‘Aziz, next day with VP Taha Yasin Ramadhan. (JNA 11/2, 11/3 in FBIS 11/2, 11/3)

Israeli Mayor of Jerusalem Teddy Kollek defeated in mayoral election by Likud’s Ehud Olmert by 60%-34% vote. Kollek had served for 28 years. Likud also wins Tel Aviv mayoralty with Ronni Milo defeating Avigdor Kahalani. Israeli local elections were seen in part as referendum on 9/13 PLO-Israel accord. Israeli PM Rabin comments, "I think what happened, especially in Jerusalem, has a negative aspect for us. I neither deny it nor hide it. It’s a reality, and it’s a very unpleasant one." (NYT 11/3, 11/4)

3 NOVEMBER

Jerusalem Mayor-elect Ehud Olmert promises to avoid “unnecessary confrontation” with Jerusalem’s Palestinians, pledges to “respect sensitivities on the other side” and expand municipal services in East Jerusalem. However, he also declares “every Jew can purchase property anywhere in Jerusalem,” says new construction will “ensure complete rule of the people of Israel” over entire city. (NYT, WT 11/4)

4 NOVEMBER

Israeli PM Rabin, FM Peres meet in Tel Aviv with Egyptian FM ‘Amr Musa to discuss Israeli negotiations with PLO, Syria. (NYT 11/5)

Secy. of State Christopher, testifying to Senate Foreign Relations Comm., lists comprehensive Middle East peace as 1 of Clinton administration’s top 6 foreign policy priori-
ties. (WP 11/5) (see Doc. D8.)

U.S. State Dept Middle East coordinator Dennis Ross, NSC Middle East official Martin Indyk meet in Paris with Israeli FM official Uri Savir on West Bank and Gaza economic plans, peace process tracks. Jordanian delegation, PLO official Ahmad Qurai’ also meet U.S. and Israeli teams to discuss economic cooperation. (WP 11/5, 11/6; Qol Yisr’el 11/5 in FBIS 11/5)

5 NOVEMBER

PLO official ‘Adnan Yasin flown to Yemen under escort of PLO Chmn. Arafat for trial by PLO Revolutionary Court on espionage charges (see 10/26). (WP 11/7)

6 NOVEMBER

Palestinian delegation spokeswoman Hanan Ashrawi accepts appointment as PLO rep. in U.S., according to PLO officials in Jordan. Recent changes in U.S. law allow PLO to reopen office in Washington, officially closed since 1988. (WP 11/7)

WP reports that Clinton administration is seeking ways to avoid assessing $437 m. penalty on Israel for continued settlement activity, required by legislation implementing U.S. loan guarantees for Israel. Options include having Israel spend the funds to help implement Palestinian self-rule under Gaza-Jericho accord. (WP 11/6)

7 NOVEMBER

Settler leader Rabbi Haim Druckman wounded, his driver killed in attack by Palestinian gunmen near Hebron jointly claimed by Hamas and DFLP (Hawatmah faction). 4 Palestinians shot and severely wounded by settlers in Gaza Strip, 20 others wounded by rocks as settlers riot. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 11/8; NYT 11/9)

8 NOVEMBER

Palestinian-Israeli talks on implementation of 9/13 agreement resume at undisclosed location in Cairo. Talks had been in hiatus since PLO walkout 11/2 over Israeli withdrawal proposals. (NYT 11/9)

Multilateral working group on regional economic cooperation opens 2-day meeting in Copenhagen. Meeting comes up with “Co-

penhagen Action Plan” for 35 ventures in 10 different economic areas. (MM 11/11)

Israeli settlers in West Bank and Gaza Strip block roads at 49 locations in protest of 11/7 attack on Rabbi Haim Druckman. Palestinian and his son shot and wounded near Tapuah settlement in Nablus area; “Committee for Security on the Roads” claims responsibility. Palestinian leader Faisal Husseini denounces settler violence, demands IDF “take full responsibility for the settlers.” International buffer force. Israeli PM Rabin calls on settlers to “stop the avenging rioters and disturbers of the peace, in order to prevent deterioration and disorder that will harm us.” (NYT, WT 11/9)


Spain’s King Juan Carlos arrives in Tel Aviv for 1st visit by a Western monarch to Israel. (MM 11/8)

9 NOVEMBER

PLO Chmn. Arafat, in Brussels, accuses Syria of “giving a free hand to the [Palestinian] opposition . . . fanatical groups and all extremists.” (MM 11/9)

Israeli and Palestinian negotiators meeting in Cairo release statement saying progress being made on Israeli withdrawal agreement, talks to resume next week. (WP 11/10)

Gaza Strip settlers block main road to Israel to prevent Palestinians fr. going to work, burn tires until dispersed by IDF. (WP 11/10)

Israeli Arab Sulayman al-Hawashla killed by presumed Muslim militants when his car rammed by hijacked garbage truck in Gaza City. (NYT, WP 11/10)

PLO official in Lebanon Zaid Wahba, personal envoy of Chmn. Arafat, shot and wounded by unknown assailant in Sidon. (CSM, WT 11/10)

Israeli PM Rabin meets with West Bank settlers, sets up joint settler-govt. comm. to address settlers’ security concerns. Knesset defeats motions of no confidence in Rabin govt. by vote of 57-46, Shas party abstaining. (MM 11/9; NYT 11/10)

10 NOVEMBER


PLO Chmn. Arafat returns to Tunis fr. Brussels, proceeds to Portugal for 3-day visit on peace process, aid to o.t. (MM 11/10)

11 NOVEMBER

Ma‘ariv reports 7 Jordanian businessmen have arrived in Israel for talks on cooperation on transportation projects. (MM 11/11)

JP reports Israeli govt. comm. has approved plan for housing for 70,000 more settlers in West Bank, but Housing Min. spokesman Amit Dobkin says there are no such plans: "It would be a stupid idea. We are in the middle of sensitive peace talks, and this is a provocative plan." (MM 11/11; WT 11/12)

12 NOVEMBER

IDF announces that 5 Palestinians arrested for 10/29 killing of settler Haim Mizrachi admitted to being mbrs. of Fateh—not Hamas—but were not acting under Fateh orders; Israeli PM Rabin and U.S. Pres. Clinton, at Washington press conference, demand PLO Chmn. Arafat condemn the killing. Clinton also pledges to maintain level of U.S. aid to Israel, offers $250 m. in loan guarantees for implementation of 9/13 accord, considers allowing Israel to purchase U.S. supercomputers and F-15 fighter jets. (NYT, WP 11/13)

Revolutionary Council of Fateh meets in Tunis to discuss peace process, economic conditions, and ‘Adnan Yasin spy scandal. Chmn. Arafat chairs meeting. (MENA 11/12 in FBIS 11/15) (see Doc. B5.)

2 Israelis wounded in stabbing attacks in Jerusalem, Gaza; 1 Palestinian killed, 2d wounded in clashes with IDF. (NYT 11/13)

13 NOVEMBER

PLO Chmn. Arafat condemns 10/29 killing of settler Haim Mizrachi by 5 Palestinians later identified as mbrs. of Fateh. Statement says operation "carried out without the knowledge of the [Fateh] leadership," demands "everyone comply with what was agreed on and stop violent acts to safeguard the peace process." Israeli PM Rabin says test of PLO pledges "will be in ceasing all terror and violent activities by this organization." U.S. Pres. Clinton calls Arafat statement "a very positive sign." (NYT, WP 11/14)

Turkish FM Hikmet Çetin starts 3-day visit to Israel, 1st ever by a Turkish FM. Çetin meets FM Peres, invites Pres. Ezer Weizman to visit Ankara. (MM 11/15)

14 NOVEMBER


"Black September 13 Brigades" issue statement claiming responsibility for 10/29 killing of settler Haim Mizrachi. (MM 11/15)

Israeli Antiquities Authority archeology teams fan out in Judean Desert, West Bank, in search for ancient Hebrew and Jewish artifacts. Move is protested by Palestinian researchers advising peace delegation as an attempt at last-minute looting of Palestinian cultural heritage. (NYT 11/15)

15 NOVEMBER

Israeli and Palestinian negotiators resume in Cairo talks to implement 9/13 agreement. Talks center on size of IDF force around Gaza settlements, extent of Palestinian authority in Jericho, and control of border crossings. (NYT 11/16)

Multilateral talks Environment Comm. holds session attended by delegates fr. over 40 countries in Cairo. (MENA 11/15 in FBIS 11/16)

Hebron settler kills Palestinian attacking him with hatchet, 2d attacker flees with settler’s rifle. PFLP claims responsibility for at-
tack fr. Beirut, names dead Palestinian as Muhammad Badawi Burkan, 26, of Hebron. Settlers riot, burning Palestinian vegetable stands and stoning Palestinian cars. In separate incident, Palestinian badly wounded in attack by Beit El settlers. (MM 11/15)

Hamas issues statement condemning PLO Chmn. Arafat's condemnation of 10/29 killing of settler Haim Mizrachi, calling it evidence of his “disgraceful subservience” and of his “readiness to liquidate the cause of our people.” (MM 11/15)

Israeli Econ. Min. Shimon Shitreet says “scope of support [for DoP] has diminished” due to recent killings of settlers. (CSM 11/16)

Qatar announces establishment of direct phone service to o.t., 1st Gulf state to do so. (MM 11/15)

U.S. Pres. Clinton assures Syrian Pres. al-Asad that U.S. and Israel support continued efforts for Syrian-Israeli agreement. Assurance transmitted in letter given Syrian FM al-Shara' by U.S. coordinator Dennis Ross, which also states Secy. of State Christopher will tour Middle East in early Dec. to pursue Arab-Israeli talks. (NYT, WP 11/16)

U.S. Dept. of Defense offers to sell Israel 20 modified F-15E (F-15I) fighter-bombers, valued at $1.8 b. Israeli PM Rabin, after meeting with Secy. of Defense Les Aspin, says offer under consideration. (NYT, WP 11/16)

At meeting with journalists in Washington, Israeli PM Rabin identifies Islam as major threat to Middle East peace, accuses Iran of supporting Somali militia leader Mohamed Farah Aideed. (WP 11/16)


Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL) agrees to San Francisco court injunction not to use illegal means to gather information. ADL was found to have access to police files on Arab Americans, among other groups, and was accused in criminal investigation of providing information to South Africa and Israel. Civil suits by targets of ADL investigations remain open. (WP 11/16)

CHRONOLOGY SOURCE ABBREVIATIONS

AFP (Agence France Presse, Paris)
CSM (Christian Science Monitor, Boston)
FBIS (Foreign Broadcast Information Service Daily Report, Near East & South Asia)
INA (Iraqi News Agency, Baghdad)
ITV (Israel Television Network, Jerusalem)
JP (Jerusalem Post, Jerusalem)
JTV (Jordan Television Network, Amman)
MENA (Middle East News Agency, Cairo)
MM (Middle East Mirror, London)
NYT (New York Times, New York)
QPAR (al-Quds Palestinian Arab Radio, clandestine)
RFL (Radio France International, Paris)
RFL (Radio Free Lebanon, clandestine)
RL (Radio Lebanon, Beirut)
RM (Radio Monte Carlo, Paris)
SANA (Syrian Arab News Agency, Damascus)
SARR (Syrian Arab Republic Radio, Damascus)
SATV (Syrian Arab Television, Damascus)
VOL (Voice of Lebanon, Beirut)
VOM (Voice of the Mountain, Shaynayh)
VOP (Voice of Palestine, Algiers or San'a')
VOS (Voice of the South, clandestine)
WP (Washington Post, Washington, D.C.)
WT (Washington Times, Washington, D.C.)

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