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16 AUGUST

Housing Min. Benyamin Ben-Eliezer meets with reps. of Peace Now, who urge him to immediately suspend construction on the 10,000 housing units in the o.t. that are being allowed to continue, charge that construction is continuing in some “political settlements.” Ben-Eliezer announces his min.'s budget for 1993 will not include funds to protect Jewish residents of East Jerusalem. (MM 8/17; Qol Yisra'el 8/16 in FBIS 8/18)

Seven Palestinian factions issue statement in Damascus calling for general strike in o.t. on 8/24, Arab boycott of negotiations with Israel. (MM 8/17)

17 AUGUST

Some 70 civic and political leaders in Gaza, including reps. of Fatah and other PLO groups, sign “charter of national honor” setting up a Higher National Commission highlighting measures to end intra-Palestinian violence; charter to serve as a basis for wider agreement with the Islamic groups. (Hadashot 8/18 in FBIS 8/19, MM 8/18)

King Hussein flies to Minnesota, U.S., for further treatment at the Mayo Clinic (see JPS 84, 8/15). (WP 8/25)

18 AUGUST

PLO spokesman Yasir 'Abd Rabbuh says Palestinians will “postpone their participation” in the upcoming (8/24) round of talks unless the Arab parties receive assurances from the U.S. that all settlement activity in the o.t. will cease as a condition of U.S. provision of loan guarantees to Israel. (Reuters 8/16 in MM 8/24)

Fin. Min. Avraham Shochat orders settler group Ateret Cohanim to return within 10 days a NIS 5.6 million loan given it 4 years ago to finance mortgages in Jerusalem, as it has failed to provide any names of mortgage recipients as required under the terms. (MM 8/18)

IDF captures commander of PFLP-affiliated Red Eagles in Rafah camp, Gaza, last of 8-member group to be arrested in recent crackdown. (Qol Yisra'el 8/18 in FBIS 8/19)

19 AUGUST

PLO political advisor Nabil Shaath reports the PLO has received assurances from U.S. calling for total freeze of Israeli settlements in o.t., stating that granting of $10 billion loan guarantees does not change U.S. policy on the Palestine problem. (MENA, AFP 8/19 in FBIS 8/20)

20 AUGUST

PM Rabin approves continuing construction on $42-million Gilo-Gush Etzion road linking Jerusalem to W. Bank settlements and bypassing Palestinian villages. (MM 8/21)

Israeli press reports govt. will no longer give loans and grants (usually totalling NIS 50,000) to purchase housing in "political settlements." (Yedi'ot Aharonot, Ha'aretz, 8/20 in FBIS 8/20; Qol Yisra'el 8/20 in FBIS 8/21)

FMs from Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, and the PLO conclude 2-day meeting in Damascus, issue statement reiterating commitments of 7/25 meeting (see JPS 85, doc. B3), state their intention to participate in 6th round of talks. (SARR 8/20 in FBIS 8/21; MM 8/20)

21 AUGUST

Israel prevents 4 members of Palestinian delegation from crossing to Jordan, entire delegation returns to Jerusalem, lodges formal protest with U.S. consul general. (Qol Yisra'el 8/21 in FBIS 8/21; NYT 8/22)

Syrian FM Faruq al-Shara' announces that Pres. Asad recently received letter of assurances from Pres. Bush. (SARR 8/21 in FBIS 8/24)

22 AUGUST

Surgeons remove King Hussein's left kidney and ureter after finding abnormal cells. (WP 8/23)

Hanan Ashrawi demands diplomatic immunity for Palestinian delegation before it will travel to Washington. (Qol Yisra'el 8/22 in FBIS 8/24)

23 AUGUST

PM Rabin announces early release of 800 Palestinian prisoners who completed over 1/3 of their sentences and whose crimes did not claim casualties. Rabin also pledges to gradually reopen some closed streets and houses sealed before the intifada, and to allow Arab workers over 50 to enter Israel without a permit, down from the age of 60. (NYT, WP 8/24)

Palestinian delegation crosses to Jordan with U.S. assurance that no members would be forced to sign documents. (Qol Yisra'el

8/23 in FBIS 8/24)

Lebanon holds first day of 3-day polling in the north and east, with most Christians boycotting. (NYT, WP 8/24)

James Baker officially takes over as White House chief of staff; Lawrence A. Eagleburger sworn in as acting secy. of state. (NYT 8/24)

24 AUGUST

Delegations from Israel, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan convene in Washington for 6th round of peace talks, to last over a month. Palestinian delegation meets with French for. min. officials in Paris, then travels to Washington. (WP 8/25; France Inter Radio 8/24 in FBIS 8/25)

Head of Israeli negotiating team with Syria Itamar Rabinovich expresses acceptance of "all parts" of UNSC 242 as applicable to Israeli-Syrian negotiations. (IDF Radio 8/25 in FBIS 8/25)

PM Rabin cancels 1/2/92 deportation orders for 11 Palestinians, places them under 6 months admin. detention (see JPS 85, 7/21, 7/30). (Qol Yisra'el 8/24 in FBIS 8/25; WP 8/25)

Seven right-wing MKs lead march in Jerusalem to protest govt. opposition to Jewish settlement in the Muslim quarter and East Jerusalem. (JP in MM 8/25)

25 AUGUST

Israel presents new plan for interim self-gov. administration in areas including elections for an administrative council with responsibility for several areas; foreign policy and defense would remain under Israeli control. (WP 8/26)

In special Knesset session, motion attacking govt. position on territorial compromise with Syria is defeated, 42 to 34. Motion protesting govt. opposition to Jewish settlement in Arab neighborhoods of Jerusalem is defeated 41 to 40. (MM 8/26)

Undercover Border Police unit raids house in Janin, killing 2 Black Panther activists and 1 other woman. Unit's commander is also killed. (IDF Radio, Qol Yisra'el 8/26 in FBIS 8/27; NYT, WP 8/27)

IDF announces it has discharged the commander of an undercover unit for issuing unlawful orders to shoot at Palestinian activists. (WP 8/26)
26 AUGUST


Chmn. Arafat accuses U.S. of harboring a "flagrant bias in favor of the Israeli position," in speech at UN headquarters in Geneva. (NYT 8/27)

27 AUGUST

Palestinian negotiators call Israeli election proposal submitted 8/25 "unacceptable," but negotiable. Hanan Ashrawi says the proposal is "quite a regression" from the Camp David Accords, upon which the Rabin govt. has said its position is based. (NYT 8/28)

28 AUGUST

MK 'Abd al-Wahhab Darawsha returns from meeting with PLO Chmn. Arafat in Geneva, announces that Arafat is willing to meet with PM Rabin "in Jerusalem or in any place of Rabin's choice" to promote the peace process. Arafat calls on Israel to recognize the PLO, conduct direct negotiations. (Ha'aretz 8/30 in FBIS 8/31; ITV 8/28 in FBIS 9/2)

29 AUGUST

Palestinian delegation holds first-ever press conference for Israeli reporters at their hotel in Washington. PLO political advisor Nabil Shaath presides, calls current Israeli proposal a "non-starter." (ITV 8/29 in FBIS 8/31)

30 AUGUST

Lebanon holds 2nd round of elections in the central part of the country, heavily boycotted by Christians; Muslims register heavy turnout. (NYT, WP 8/31)

SLA unit clashes with Hizballah fighters in S. Lebanon "security zone"; bomb is exploded under an SLA patrol; Israel shells Litani river basin, Zawtar region north of "security zone." (VOL 8/30 in FBIS 8/31)

31 AUGUST

Syrian delegation presents Israeli delegation with document dropping insistence on Israeli withdrawal from Golan Heights and Israeli-Palestinian settlement as prerequisites to "peace settlement"; withdrawal and comprehensive settlement are still "firm principles." (NYT, WP 9/2; SARR 9/1 in FBIS 9/2)

182 Palestinian prisoners are released from Ansar III (Ketzio) prison as part of PM Rabin's 8/23 pledge. IDF begins removing barriers blocking roads and alleys in o.t. (Qol Yisra'el 8/31 in FBIS 9/1; MM 9/1)

1 SEPTEMBER

Palestinian delegation presents Israeli delegation with 10-point framework for Palestinian self-rule, as well as a draft agenda for the talks and a request to immediately form a working group on human rights. (MM 9/2)

Israeli housing min. announces that 2 apartments were sold in the o.t. in August. The "total halt" in sales will soon result in "ghost towns in the territories" according to the ministry. Under a Shamir admin. commitment to many of the construction firms, the govt. must buy each unit (as many as 42,000) for NIS 150,000 if the firms fail to sell them. (Yediot Aharonot 9/2 in FBIS 9/3; NYT 9/4)

138 Palestinian prisoners are released from Ansar III prison. (MM 9/1)

UNLU issues call no. 86 sharply criticizing Rabin proposals. U.S. loan guarantees, U.S.-British-French imposition of "no-fly zone" in Iraq. (Sanaa VOP, Algiers VOP 9/1 in FBIS 9/2; MM 9/3)

200 Druze clerics from Golan Heights travel to Damascus to participate in al-Nabi Sablan festival, hold talks with Pres. Assad. Their 10-day visit was arranged by Israel and Syria through the Red Cross. (Qol Yisra'el 9/1 in FBIS 9/2; MM 9/9)

2 SEPTEMBER

Israeli and Arab delegations agree to adjourn negotiations from 9/4 to 9/14, to reconvene then until 9/24. (MM 9/2; GPO 9/2 in FBIS 9/3)

Israeli delegation presents Palestinian delegation with 6-point discussion agenda, proposes establishment of 2 working groups on human rights, legal issues. (Qol Yisra'el
9/2 in FBIS 9/3)

Palestinian delegation tries to admit East Jerusalem lawyer Raja Shehadeh to the talks as legal advisor, says his inclusion would have no symbolic value vis-à-vis status of Jerusalem. Israel refuses, citing Madrid framework for delegation membership. (MM 9/3; IDF Radio 9/3 in FBIS 9/3)

Acting Secy. of State Eagleburger meets separately with heads of Lebanese, Syrian, and Palestinian delegations. (VOL 9/3 in FBIS 9/4)

Council of Jewish Settlements in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza dispute housing min.'s 6/1 figures, claim 296 units have been sold in the o.t. since 7/20. Official ministry reaction stands by original figure of 2 units sold. (Yedi'ot Aharonot 9/3 in FBIS 9/4)

Jerusalem policy planning unit issues report on potential building in Jerusalem: 39,880 units in Jewish neighborhoods, 15,260 in "non-Jewish" neighborhoods. (Ha'aretz 9/2 in FBIS 9/3)

PM Rabin says Israel must find a solution to "the problem of the Gaza Strip," because it is not going to "sink into the sea," in remarks to Washington Institute for Near East Policy conference in Jerusalem. Palestinians "can forget about" Israel changing its policy. "We are in control of the territory, and we will not move an inch." (MM 9/3; Ha'aretz, Davar 9/3 in FBIS 9/3)

Palestinian-Israeli council heads end 11-day protest outside PM Rabin's office, agree to open schools in response to grant of NIS 70 million for development budgets, NIS 10 million for schools. Ethiopian immigrants clash with police in Jerusalem. (MM 9/2; Qol Yisra'el 9/2 in FBIS 9/3)

PM Rabin announces Israel will not actively oppose U.S. sale of F-15s to Saudi Arabia. (WP 9/3)

Senior PLO officer Lieut. Col. Hani Zuhayr al-Dubayky is assassinated in Beirut. (VOL 9/2 in FBIS 9/3; NYT 9/4)

3 SEPTEMBER

Acting Secy. of State Eagleburger meets separately with heads and members of Israeli and Jordanian delegations. (VOL, JTV 9/3 in FBIS 9/4)

East Jerusalem-based Arab Thought Forum reports that number of Palestinians working on Israeli settlements in o.t. has dropped from 27,000 before the June elections to 18,000. Many of the 9,000 no longer working in settlements are being transferred to projects within the green line. (JP 9/3 in FBIS 9/3)

Israel announces it is canceling the position of Arab affairs advisor, a move called for in Labor's platform and welcomed by Palestinian-Israeli leaders. Two committees will replace the position and its staff. (Qol Yisra'el 9/3 in FBIS 9/3)

4 SEPTEMBER

As negotiations break for 10 days, Palestinian head delegate Haydar 'Abd al-Shafi gives Israeli delegates 2 letters for PM Rabin—one urging Israel to address the 10 issues in the Palestinians' 9/1 framework, the other concerning East Jerusalemite Raja Shehadeh (see 9/3). (MM 9/4)

PM Rabin says he is prepared to meet Pres. Asad "any time, any place." (Yedi'ot Aharonot 9/4 in MM 9/4, FBIS 9/8)

Lebanese Christians begin 3-day strike to protest 3rd round of elections (9/6). SLA commander Antun Lahd seals borders of "security zone" to prevent those travelling north to vote from returning. (NYT 9/5; WP 9/7)

5 SEPTEMBER

DFLP (Nayif Hawatima wing), PFLP hold press conference in Damascus, distribute full text of Palestinian delegation's plan for interim self-rule including responses to Israeli proposals. The factions, along with Hamas, state their rejection of the plan. (RMC 9/3 in FBIS 9/8)

6 SEPTEMBER

PLO, PNC, and DFLP (Yasir 'Abd Rabbuh wing) strongly condemn 9/5 tripartite rejection of Palestinian autonomy plan. (Sawt al-Sha'b 9/7 in FBIS 9/8)

PM Rabin meets with Golan settlers, refuses to declare that their settlements will not be hurt in an agreement with Syria, says importance of the Golan to Israel's security is not linked to settlements, "whether there are over 30 or half of that." (Qol Yisra'el 9/6, 9/7 in FBIS 9/8; Qol Yisra'el 9/10 in FBIS 9/10)

Annual Arab Economic Report (issued by Arab Monetary Fund, Arab League, and other orgs.) estimates that the Gulf crisis and war cost the Arab world $620 billion. (NYT 9/8)

Amal and Hizballah win 22 of 23 seats in 3rd round of Lebanese elections; Christians...
largely boycott the elections. (NYT, WP 6/9)

7 SEPTEMBER

Israeli civil admin. in o.t. grants permits to mayors of W. Bank towns of Jericho and Qalqilya to open branches of the Cairo-Amman Bank. (al-Nahar 9/8 in FBIS 9/10)

8 SEPTEMBER

Pres. Asad meets with Druze delegation from the Golan Heights (see 9/1), assures them that Syria will not give up “one single grain of soil” in the territory. (SANA 9/8 in MM 9/9, SARR 9/9 in FBIS 9/9)

Four suspected collaborators are shot dead—2 in the West Bank, 2 in the Gaza Strip. (MM 9/9)

9 SEPTEMBER

PM Rabin implies Israel is willing to return part of the Golan Heights to Syria, expresses tacit acceptance of “land-for-peace” regarding Golan in speech to Knesset. (NYT 9/10)

PFLP, PLF, DFLP (Nayif Hawatima wing), and Palestinian Popular Struggle Front reiterate 9/5 rejection of Palestinian autonomy plan in Damascus. (RMC 9/10 in FBIS 9/10)

Israeli undercover forces open fire on group of Palestinians near Janin, kill masked youth reading nationalist statement over a loudspeaker. (MM 9/9)

Gulf Cooperation Council ends 2-day meeting in Jidda, issues final statement strongly condemning Iranian claim of sovereignty over island of Abu Musa, which is UAE property. Statement also criticizes Iraq, offering tacit support of Western imposed “no-fly zone.” The 6 GCC members then meet in Doha, Qatar, with FMs from Egypt and Syria to discuss their March 1991 Damascus Declaration. Egypt is taking the lead in calling for an Arab joint military command and rapid deployment force for the Gulf war coalition members. (MM 9/9; SPA 9/9 in FBIS 9/10)

10 SEPTEMBER

MK Dedi Zucker, head of the Knesset legal comm., issues report to justice and fin. ministries detailing illegal East Jerusalem settler activities. (MM 9/11)

Two Fatah gunmen are killed in clash with Israeli Border Police in Rafah, Gaza Strip. (Qol Yisra’el 9/10 in FBIS 9/11; MM 9/11)

11 SEPTEMBER

Speaking at a McDonnell Douglas plant in St. Louis, Pres. Bush announces $9 billion sale of 72 F-15 jets to Saudi Arabia, pending congressional approval. (NYT, WP 9/12)

IDF soldiers shoot and wound 16 in clashes with Gaza Strip residents protesting 9/10 killing of Fatah activists. (MM 9/11)

Secy. of Def. Cheney and Israeli Amb. Shoval meet in Washington, establish 5 committees to negotiate new military aid package to consist of prepositioning and sale of surplus American hardware to Israel, new radar intelligence cooperation, and sale of advanced technology. (NYT 9/15)

13 SEPTEMBER

Rabin cabinet issues statement criticizing Pres. Bush’s decision to seek sale of 72 F-15s to Saudi Arabia, insisting that the U.S. “compensate” Israel for the sale. (WP 9/14)

14 SEPTEMBER

Israel presents Syria with new 8-point outline of views; Syria terms the paper “not serious” for failing to mention Israeli withdrawal. (NYT 9/15)

French FM Roland Dumas meets with Pres. Asad and FM Faruq al-Shara’ in Latakia to discuss Israeli-Syrian negotiations. (WP 9/16; SARR 9/15 in FBIS 9/16)

PM Rabin arrives in Germany for talks with Chancellor Helmut Kohl on loan guarantees, peace process, right-wing rioting. The leaders agree to unfreeze a 4-year, $600 million military aid package for Israel that was stalled during the Shamir govt. (Bild 9/12 in FBIS 9/15; Deutsche Press Agentur 9/16 in FBIS 9/16; Ha’aretz 10/1 in FBIS 10/7)

15 SEPTEMBER

Hizballah detonates 2 bombs under 2 separate Israeli patrols in S. Lebanon. Israel shells Nabatiyya area, overflies Beirut. UNIFIL patrol prevents Israeli intelligence unit from entering Kawkaba, in northwestern “security zone,” by firing shots in the air.
16 SEPTEMBER

PLO issues statement commemorating 10th anniversary of Sabra and Shatila massacres. (Algiers VOP 9/16 in FBIS 9/18)


Israeli FM Shimon Peres and EC Middle East division head Herbert Rein meet in Jerusalem, set up a committee to explore updating 17-year-old Israeli-EC agreements. EC also announces its support of Israeli proposal to build a $250 million desalination plant in Gaza. (QOL Yisra’el 9/16 in FBIS 9/16)

18 SEPTEMBER

Ten Palestinian factions meet in Damascus, issue statement rejecting the autonomy plan being negotiated by the mainstream PLO and o.t. delegation, calling for confrontation against it. (Voice of the Oppressed 9/18 in FBIS 9/18; MM 9/24)


Dahaf poll of 582 Israelis finds that in return for full peace with Syria similar to Egyptian agreement, 50% favor retention of all Golan territory, 34% favor returning small part, 9% favor returning significant part; 65% favor retention of all Golan settlements, 29% favor removing some, and 6% favor removing all Golan settlements. (Yediot Aharonot 9/18 in FBIS 9/18)

19 SEPTEMBER

Palestinian delegation head Haydar ‘Abd al-Shafi calls for W. Bank and Gaza referendum on whether or not to pursue the peace process. (RMC 9/19 in FBIS 9/21)

20 SEPTEMBER

Israeli right-wing parties, lobbies, and settler groups “launch a joint struggle” to topple the Rabin govt. over the Golan Heights debate. (ITV 9/20 in FBIS 9/21)

21 SEPTEMBER

Palestinian delegation presents Israeli delegation with document affirming that current negotiations are based on UNSC 242, retreating from demand that Israelis state they are committed to land-for-peace clauses as basis for talks. (NYT 9/22)

Israeli ministerial comm. on security reduces length of time a Palestinian suspected of participating in disturbances that did not cause casualties may be held without warrant from 18 to 8 days. (QOL Yisra’el 9/21 in FBIS 9/22)

Knesset begins special session to discuss Golan Heights. (ITV 9/21 in FBIS 9/21)

Israeli soldiers shoot and kill 3 Hizballah gunmen near Marjayun in the “security zone,” S. Lebanon. IDF heavily shells Kaf Rumman, Zawtar regions, north of “security zone.” (VOL 9/22 in FBIS 9/22; NYT 9/23)

22 SEPTEMBER

U.S. Amb. to Israel William Harrop says “Israel should not be asked to express readiness to withdraw from the Golan Heights before Syria makes clear its position on the substance of peace.” (Ha’aretz 9/22 in MM 9/23)

UNLU issues addendum to call no. 86 (see 9/1) calling for unity in the Palestinian ranks under the PLO, and criticizing different factions’ declarations rejecting the peace process. (Algiers VOP 9/22 in FBIS 9/23)

FM Shimon Peres meets with EC FMs in New York. (QOL Yisra’el 9/22 in FBIS 9/22)

Palestinian gunman disguised as an IDF soldier shoots and kills Israeli policeman in East Jerusalem. Hamas claims responsibility. (MM 9/22; NYT 9/23)

23 SEPTEMBER

PLO rejects all statements favoring permanent settlement of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon, and reaffirms applicability of UNGA Res. 194. (Algiers VOP 9/23 in FBIS 9/25)

Palestinians stage general strike in o.t. to protest autonomy talks. Strike widely honored, in o.t., but response is strongest in Gaza Strip, Syria, and Lebanon; weaker in E. Jerusalem and W. Bank, negligible in Jordan. (MM 9/24; WP 10/14)

FM Shimon Peres and UN Secy. Gen. Butrus Butrus Ghali meet in New York, agree to
raise UN from observer to participant status in **multilateral negotiations**. They also discuss the "extraneous and bizarre resolutions that the UN reaffirms year in and year out"; Butrus Ghali promises to help Israel "strike those... off the agenda." (ITV 9/24 in FBIS 9/25)

In meeting with acting U.S. Secy. of State Eagleburger, Syrian FM Faruq al-Shara' refers to "total peace" in exchange for total Israeli withdrawal from **Golan Heights**. (IDF Radio 9/23, SARR 9/24 in FBIS 9/24; MM 9/24)

Israeli education min. Shulamit Aloni says PM Rabin is prepared to return the entire **Golan Heights** in exchange for a peace agreement with Syria. Speaking to Golani settlers, PM Rabin refers to private "red lines" concerning the Golan, **rules out leasing Golani territory**, as that would concede its sovereignty to Syria. (MM 9/24; NYT 9/26; Yedio't Aharonot 9/25 in FBIS 9/25; Hadashot 9/25 in FBIS 9/28)

Test flight of Israeli **Arrow antiballistic missile** is deemed successful. (IDF Radio 9/23 in FBIS 9/24; MM 9/24)

Fateh mbr. Nimr Dib Shibi (Abu Kayyid) is **assassinated** in Sidon, Lebanon. (Radio Lebanon 9/23 in FBIS 9/25)

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<td>Sixth round of Arab-Israeli negotiations ends in Washington. (NYT, WP 9/25)</td>
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<td>White House Chief of Staff James Baker meets with leaders of the <strong>Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations</strong> to discuss efforts to end the Arab boycott against Israel, part of confidence-building strategy to promote the peace process (see 10/1, 10/11). (WP 10/12)</td>
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<td>Yuval Ne'eman resigns as head of Tehiya party. (Qol Yisra'el 9/25 in FBIS 10/6)</td>
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<td>Faisal Husseini says o.t. financial difficulties stem from factors responsible for those of the PLO. Chmn. Arafat should apologize to Arab states, admitting that PLO’s <strong>pro-Iraqi policy</strong> in Gulf war was a mistake, and appeal to them (especially Saudi Arabia) for aid. (Ha'aretz 9/27 in FBIS 9/28)</td>
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<td>U.S. announces it will <strong>preposition</strong> $300 million worth of military equipment in Israel, and will transfer a number of Apache and Black Hawk <strong>helicopters to Israel</strong> under the terms of a 1990 pledge to “draw down” $900 million worth of unneeded U.S. equipment in Europe to Israel. (NYT, WP 9/27; MM 9/28)</td>
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<td>Chmn. Arafat warns of Camp David-style separate peace between <strong>Israel and Syria</strong>. (Le Monde, AFP 9/26 in FBIS 9/28; MM 9/28)</td>
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<td>PM Rabin warns of governing coalition’s collapse as he sharply criticizes Education Min. Shulamit Aloni for her remarks on the <strong>Golan Heights</strong>, as well as for angering the ultra-Orthodox community with her secularist education program. (Qol Yisra’el 9/27 in FBIS 9/28; NYT, WP 9/28)</td>
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<td>Over 3,000 <strong>Palestinian prisoners</strong> in 5 Israeli and 2 W. Bank jails embark on indefinite hunger strike to protest conditions in Israeli jails. (MM 9/28)</td>
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<td>Iranian and UAE negotiators begin talks on status of Abu Musa island. (AFP 9/26, 9/27 in FBIS 9/28; MM 9/28)</td>
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<td>Democratic presidential candidate <strong>Bill Clinton</strong> says recent <strong>Lebanese elections</strong> were not free and fair, and that withdrawal of Syria’s 40,000-strong “occupying” force is essential to Lebanon’s independence. (MM 9/29)</td>
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<td>U.S. bipartisan <strong>Congressional Budget Office</strong> reports that limits of weapons sales to the Middle East could save the U.S. $10 billion a year, while costing U.S. arms manufacturers $3 billion a year. Sales of arms for domestic rather than foreign policy reasons thwart the peace process and can damage long-term regional stability. Report also details European arms sales estimates. (Reuters 9/27 in MM 9/28)</td>
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28 SEPTEMBER

Second day of talks between Iran and UAE are suspended after 15 minutes by the Iranian negotiators, as UAE seeks total Iranian withdrawal from Greater and Lesser Tumb islands in addition to Abu Musa. (AFP 9/28 in FBIS 9/28; MM 9/29)

29 SEPTEMBER

Hizballah gunmen attack SLA post, killing 2, and UNIFIL post, killing 1 Irish soldier, in central “security zone,” S. Lebanon. Hizballah loses 4 in the fighting. SLA and Israel retaliate by shelling targets north of “security zone,” killing 2 and wounding at least 11. (Radio Lebanon 9/29 in FBIS 10/2; MM 9/29; NYT 9/30)

30 SEPTEMBER

PLO Exec. Comm. mbr. Mahmud ‘Abbas (Abu Mazin) plays down Palestinian fears of separate Israeli-Syrian peace, responding to recent reaffirmations by Syria of commitment to comprehensive settlement. ‘Abbas says it is not important if one track moves slightly ahead of another as long as there is a simultaneous final agreement. (al-Hayat in MM 9/30)

Arab FM’s hold annual coordination meeting in New York. Egyptian FM ‘Amr Musa says Syria requires a clear Israeli statement of willingness to withdraw from Golan Heights before top-level Israeli-Syrian meetings can take place. FM’s of Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, and the PLO hold separate meeting regarding the peace process. (MENA, Syrian Arab TV 9/29 in FBIS 9/30; WP 10/1)

Hamas supporters attack house near a “Hamas-controlled” mosque in Khan Yunis, Gaza, prompting retaliation by residents and Fatah-affiliated Black Panthers; 70 are wounded in most serious Fatah-Hamas clash since July. (MM 10/2)

Palestinian man attacks Israeli soldier with an axe north of Jerusalem, is shot dead by another soldier. (MM 10/1)

Qatar reports Saudi attack on border post, killing 2; Saudi Arabia reports Qatari attack on Saudi Bedouin in which 1 Saudi, 2 Qatars die. (WP 10/1)

1 OCTOBER

Israeli FM Shimon Peres invites Pres. Asad to meet with PM Rabin in speech to UN General Assembly. Rabin says summit is very desirable, but premature at this point. (IDF Radio 10/1 in FBIS 10/2; WSJ 10/2)

IDF shoots, kills Palestinian youth near Janin, and wounds 2 trying to disperse demonstration of 1,500 Palestinians at Gaza military HQ. Strikes, protests, marches, and sit-ins throughout the o.t. have been staged and expanded since 9/27 in solidarity with 5,000 prisoners on hunger strike in 10 Israeli jails. Faisal Husseini says PLO discouraged the strike. (Qol Yisra’el 10/1 in FBIS 10/8; MM 10/1, 10/2)

Acting U.S. Secy. of State Eagleburger sends letter to Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations announcing a renewed U.S. campaign to end the Arab boycott against trade with Israel, to be coordinated with similar European efforts. Letter follows 9/24 meeting between Conference leaders and White House Chief of Staff James Baker (see 10/11). (WP 10/12)

Qatar suspends 1965 border agreement with Saudi Arabia, reports that Saudi forces have seized the disputed border post of al-Khafus. Saudi Arabia denies seizure. (MM 10/1; SPA, AFP, Radio Qatar 10/1 in FBIS 10/2; NYT 10/2)

2 OCTOBER

Acting U.S. Secy. of State Eagleburger meets with Amb. Shoval, gives him letter for PM Rabin stressing U.S. commitment to sustaining current levels of military aid to Israel. (Qol Yisra’el 10/3, Ha’aretz 10/4 in FBIS 10/6)

FM Shimon Peres meets with EC Commission Pres. Jacques Delors to discuss updating 1975 economic accord. (Qol Yisra’el, ITV 10/2 in FBIS 10/6)

Israeli Border Police shoot dead 15-year-old stone-thrower near Hebron, W. Bank. (MM 10/3)

3 OCTOBER

French FM Roland Dumas meets with Pres. Asad in Damascus. (MM 10/5)

IDF orders closure of Palestinian ASIL press service in E. Jerusalem “for the benefit of public safety.” (Qol Yisra’el 10/3 in FBIS 10/7)
4 OCTOBER

French FM Roland Dumas meets with Pres. Mubarak in Cairo, then meets separately with PM Rabin and FM Peres in Jerusalem. The U.S. has reportedly sent word to Israel that the Dumas initiatives, centered on arranging a Rabin-Asad summit, do not advance the peace process. Palestinian and Jordanian sources are "suspicious" of Dumas' efforts, as he has made no effort to meet with the PLO, and appears to be working toward only a partial settlement. (Ha'aretz, al-Quds, al-Dustur 10/5 in MM 10/5)

Al-Sharq al-Awsat reports that Chmn. Arafat has solicited the help of Pres. Mubarak in curbing Syrian support of oppositionist Palestinian factions. Ten such orgs. signed a statement attacking the peace process 9/18 in Damascus. Mubarak reportedly promised to speak to Pres. Asad on the matter. (al-Sharq al-Awsat 10/4; FBIS 10/5)

Hizballah gunmen attack Bayt Yahun crossing point in central 'security zone,' S. Lebanon, kill SLA security chief Hussein 'Abd al-Nabi, 1 other SLA militiaman. Hizballah loses 2 in the fighting. Israel shells and strafes the area. (Radio Lebanon, AFP 10/4 in FBIS 10/5; al-Nahr 10/5 in MM 10/5)

5 OCTOBER

U.S. Congress approves foreign aid package including $10 billion loan guarantees for Israel by vote of 315 to 105 in the House, concurring voice vote in Senate (see doc. D3). (WP 10/6)

Kuwait holds first parliamentary elections in 6 years; pro-democracy opposition of both secularists and Islamists wins 31 of 50 seats. (NYT, WP 10/7)

6 OCTOBER

Chmn. Arafat and Egyptian FM 'Amr Musa meet in Cairo, accompanied by many PLO and Egyptian officials. Arafat then travels to Amman to meet with King Hussein. (MENA, Radio Jordan 10/6 in FBIS 10/7)

7 OCTOBER

Several thousand Palestinians demonstrate in Rafah and Mughazi, Gaza Strip, in solidarity with 11-day-old prisoners' hunger strike. IDF shoot and wound at least 90 in trying to disperse crowds. Nearly 500 students at Bir Zeit University embark on indefinite hunger strike until detainees' demands are met. (MM 10/7, 10/8; NYT, WP 10/8)

In Amman, Chmn. Arafat meets with PNC mbrs., then with PFLP head George Habash, the leading PLO opposition figure, to discuss the peace process. (Radio Jordan, RMC 10/7, 10/8 in FBIS 10/8; al-Hayat in MM 10/9)

8 OCTOBER

Egyptian FM 'Amr Musa meets with Israeli FM Shimon Peres in Jerusalem, then delivers message from Pres. Mubarak to PM Rabin. (MENA 10/7, 10/8 in FBIS 10/8; Qol Yisra'el 10/8 in FBIS 10/8)

After meeting with Musa, FM Peres announces Israel no longer objects to diaspora Palestinians participating in multilateral negotiations on economic development and refugee issues, and will attend upcoming sessions. Israel still requires that they not be PNC members or E. Jerusalemites, and that they pledge not to bring up UNGA Res. 194 on right of return. (Qol Yisra'el 10/9 in FBIS 10/9; MM, NYT, WP 10/9)

Number of Palestinian prisoners on hunger strike swells to 10,000 as inmates at Ansar III (Ketziot) prison join. (MM 10/8)

10 OCTOBER

IDF and Border Police clash with Palestinian demonstrators throughout o.t., wounding 62 and killing 1 (in Bayta, W. Bank). Thousands march from Red Cross headquarters to the Civad building in Gaza City in solidarity with prison hunger strikers, ensuing clash wounds 41. Similar clashes erupt in Janin and E. Jerusalem. (MM 10/12; Qol Yisra'el 10/11 in FBIS 10/13)

Chmn. Arafat meets with King Hussein in Amman. (Radio Jordan 10/10 in FBIS 10/13)

The PFLP, DFLP, Popular Struggle Front, and Arab Liberation Front call for postponement of PLO Central Council meeting, scheduled to convene 10/15 in Tunis. (Algiers VOP 10/11 in FBIS 10/13)

11 OCTOBER

Palestinian prisoners suspend hunger strike for one week after Israeli officials
promise to begin investigation of their demands 10/12. (ITV 10/11 in FBIS 10/13; MM, WP 10/12)

Palestinian delegation head Faisal Hussein "rejects" conditions Israel is trying to place on Palestinians participating in multilateral negotiations (see 10/8). (al-Quds 10/12 in FBIS 10/14)

Hamas announces it will meet with PLO Chmn. Arafat in Khartoum 11/10 in attempt to curtail intra-Palestinian violence. (al-Sharq al-Awsat 10/12 in FBIS 10/19)

Israeli visiting a Gaza settlement is killed by unidentified assailant; IDF troops kills 2, wounded 40 in clash with stone throwers in Nusayrat camp, Gaza. Curfew clamped on Gaza City, Khan Yunis, Rafah, and 3 camps in the Strip. (MM, WP 10/12; ITV 10/11 in FBIS 10/13)

IDF shoots, kills 2 infiltrators from Jordan, armed with knives, north of Jericho. Jordanian sources say the 2 were 17-year-old Palestinians from Hebron living in Amman. (MM 10/12; Qol Yisra’el, RMC 10/12 in FBIS 10/13)

U.S. officials elaborate on acting Secy. of State Eagleburger’s 10/1 letter to American Jewish leaders announcing new efforts to end Arab boycott against Israel, saying U.S. amb. in the Middle East (mostly in the Gulf) have been instructed to encourage Arab govts. to make gestures that could boost the peace process (see 9/24, 10/1). (WP 10/12)

Over 80 PNC mbrs. living in Amman sign memo to PLO Central Council supporting the intifada, the delegation and negotiation process, and resolutions of the 19th PNC, and calling for Palestinian and Arab unity in the peace process. (Sawt al-Sha'b 10/12 in FBIS 10/13)

12 OCTOBER

Riots continue in Gaza Strip, mostly in Khan Yunis, causing 17 casualties among residents, 5 among IDF forces. (Qol Yisra’el 10/12 in FBIS 10/13)

In speech to 6,000 Christian pilgrims to Jerusalem, PM Rabin says with respect to immigration the "goal is to have 7 million Jews here by the year 2000." (MM 10/13)

Former FRC officer Ahmad ‘Antar is shot dead in Sidon, Lebanon. FRC accuses Arafat supporters of his murder. Bomb explodes outside FRC office in ‘Ayn al-Hilwa camp, Sidon, killing 1, injuring 9. (VOL 10/12 in FBIS 10/13, 10/14)

U.S. announces that Kuwait will buy 236 advanced battle tanks (worth about $4 billion); personal intervention by Pres. Bush drew Kuwait away from a similar deal with Britain. (MM, NYT 10/13; MM 10/14)

13 OCTOBER

Israeli Police Min. Moshe Shahal meets with Palestinian lawyers, agrees to minor concessions on prisoner demands (see 10/11), rejects the prisoners’ major demands, including closure of some solitary confinement wards. Israel reports 240 prisoners are still on strike at Nafha jail; Palestinians claim figure is higher and that strike is still on at other jails. (Qol Yisra’el 10/13 in FBIS 10/14)

Dozens of settlers from Kiriya Arba try to break into structures at “Giv’at Hayarsina,” a settlement they tried to establish 8/9 in defiance of IDF orders. IDF and Border Police seal roads to the site, declare “Judea district” a closed military zone, detain about 20 settlers. Hebron rabbis call on settlers to disobey army orders. (ITV 10/13 in FBIS 10/14)

Palestinian gunman is killed, IDF soldier wounded in shootout in Khan Yunis. 13-year-old boy wounded in 10/10 clashes dies in Tel Hashomer hospital. Curfew remaining in force in most of Gaza Strip since 10/11 brings some quiet. (Qol Yisra’el 10/13 in FBIS 10/14; MM 10/15)

“Heavily armed” 3-man DFLP (Hawatima wing) squad is captured by IDF forces as they approach the Israeli border at the far eastern end of the “security zone” in southern Lebanon. (MM 10/14; Qol Yisra’el 10/14 in FBIS 10/16)

Rockets are fired into the air to celebrate arrival of PLO official Ahmad Mansur ‘Azam in ‘Ayn al-Hilwa camp, Sidon, Lebanon, who is on a mission to quell FRC-Fateh violence in the camps. Bombs explode outside the homes of 2 Palestinians in Sidon, 1 of whom is an FRC official. (VOL, Radio Lebanon 10/13 in FBIS 10/14)

14 OCTOBER

Yasir Arafat chairs meeting of mbrs. of PNC, PLO Exec. Comm., Fatah Cent. Comm., and Palestinian delegation to peace talks in preparation for PLO Central Council meeting 10/15 in Tunis. (Sanaa VOP 10/15 in FBIS 10/16)

Israeli commission and Palestinian lawyers and prisoners meet in Junayd prison, Nablus, and reach compromise accord on prison condition improvements, to be signed 10/20. Israel agrees to about 20 concessions
including improvement of recreation areas and medical treatment, curtailment of physical pressure, and extension of family visit from 30 to 45 minutes. Demands that were rejected will be studied further, and a decision given in 2 months. (MM 10/16)

Over 10,000 Israelis, including at least 20 MKs, demonstrate their opposition to withdrawal from Golan Heights in Katzrin. (MM 10/15)

Palestinian prisoner on hunger strike dies, apparently of heart attack, in hospital in Ashqelon. Residents of his neighborhood in E. Jerusalem demonstrate. (Qol Yisra'el 10/14, 10/15 in FBIS 10/15; MM 10/15)

Palestinian youth is killed by IDF gunfire during clashes despite curfew in Khan Yunis, Gaza Strip. (Qol Yisra'el 10/14 in FBIS 10/15)

15 OCTOBER

PLO Central Council opens 3-day meeting of 85 out of 105 mbrs. in Tunis to assess Palestinian participation in the peace process. Haydar 'Abd al-Shafi and Faisal Husseini are among 6 mbrs. of the Palestinian delegation who are attending the PCC meeting. (Tunisian Republic Radio 10/15 in FBIS 10/16)

Reps. of 10 Palestinian factions meet in Damascus, issue 2 statements rejecting current negotiations and self-administration plans, calling for "comprehensive referendum" among o.t. and diaspora Palestinians on all national affairs. (QPAR 10/15 in FBIS 10/16)

Chmn. Arafat sends letter on peace process to Pres. Asad. (al-Safir 11/3 in FBIS 11/13)

General strike to mourn Palestinian hunger striker who died 10/14 is honored in E. Jerusalem, 6 W. Bank towns. "Hundreds" of prisoners in 4 Israeli jails resume hunger strike for same reason. Prisoners at Natla prison end 19-day hunger strike after meeting with Israeli commission investigating their demands. (MM 10/15; Qol Yisra'el 10/15 in FBIS 10/16)

Israeli farmer is stabbed to death in Galilee, 3 km north of W. Bank town of Janin. (MM 10/15; Qol Yisra'el 10/15 in FBIS 10/16; NYT 10/19)

16 OCTOBER

Palestinian newspaper reports that Acting U.S. Secy. of State Eagleburger has sent a letter of assurances to the Palestinian delega-
18 OCTOBER

Arab FMs from Egys, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, and the PLO conclude coordination meeting in Amman, issue statement reiterating commitment to comprehensive peace. (VOL, Radio Jordan 10/18 in FBIS 10/19; MM 10/19)

Palestinians kill 2 suspected collaborators in Gaza Strip. (Qol Yisra’el 10/19 in FBIS 10/20)

Two FRC mbrs. are assassinated on the seashore in Sidon, Lebanon. (VOL 10/18 in FBIS 10/19)

19 OCTOBER

Israel announces formula worked out by Israel, the U.S., and the UN that will allow UN participation in 5 multilateral committees. UNRWA reps. will attend refugee talks in Ottawa. (Davar 10/20 in FBIS 10/20)

Fateh mbr. Hussein ‘Udaymi is assassinated in Tripoli, Lebanon. (VOL 10/20 in FBIS 10/20)

20 OCTOBER

In joint interview with al-Hayat and Le Monde, PM Rabin says there are “better chances” for peace with Syria than with the Palestinians because in that country “there is somebody who can take decisions.” He stresses that an agreed-upon PISGA does not foreclose the Palestinian “right to negotiate the permanent solution on the basis of Resolutions 242 and 338.” (MM 10/20; Le Monde 10/21 in FBIS 10/22)

Two Fateh officials are killed and 2 wounded in attack on café in Sidon, Lebanon. Fateh-FRC (Abu Nidal) violence has claimed 21 lives over the last 3 months. (VOL 10/20 in FBIS 10/20, 10/21)

New Lebanese parliament holds opening sessions, elects pro-Syrian Amal leader Nabih Birri parliament speaker by vote of 105 to 14. (Former speaker Hussein Hussein had resigned 8/24.) (Radio Lebanon 10/20 in FBIS 10/20; NYT 10/21)

King Hassan II of Morocco embarks on tour of Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Jordan, Syria, and Egypt, to promote Arab unity and the peace process. It is the first extensive tour of Arab states he has taken in 30 years. (MM 10/20)

21 OCTOBER

Seventh round of Arab-Israeli negotiations begins in Washington, D.C., to continue until 11/20, with a 1-week break around the U.S. elections. Israeli chief negotiator with the Palestinians Elyakim Rubinstein gives letter to Palestinian delegation head Haydar ‘Abd al-Shafi focusing on recent wave of violence in o.t. ‘Abd al-Shafi responds with comments about Israel’s handling of the Palestinian prisoner hunger strike. U.S. tells Palestinian negotiators they should drop insistence on full Israeli withdrawal from the W. Bank and Gaza Strip. (MM 10/21, 10/22; Qol Yisra’el 10/22 in FBIS 10/22; NYT 10/22)

Israel presents Syria with “fresh paperwork” to frame discussions of Golan Heights that reflects not new proposals, but more forthcoming language—talk of “territorial dimension” is replaced by explicit use of the word “withdrawal.” Syrian delegation head Muwaffaq al-‘Allaf says the Israeli ideas are “old and unsatisfactory.” (MM 10/21, 10/22; Qol Yisra’el 10/22 in FBIS 10/22; NYT 10/22)


Israel accepts Tunis’ offer to host next round (beginning 1/93) of multilateral talks on refugees. Israel rejects a proposal to include the issue of family reunification at upcoming refugee talks in Ottawa, saying it is an attempt to introduce the Palestinian right of return through the back door. (Ha’Aretz 10/22 in FBIS 10/22)

Tsomet party joins Likud and National Religious Party in submitting motion of no-confidence to be debated when the Knesset winter session opens 11/2. (Qol Yisra’el 10/21 in FBIS 10/22)

Palestinian gunmen attack IDF vehicle, wounding 2 soldiers, in drive-by shooting near Hebron. (MM 10/22)

22 OCTOBER

Arab delegations to peace talks hold coordination meeting at Palestinian HQ in Washington. (JTV 10/22, SARA 10/23 in FBIS 10/23)

Israeli-Jordanian negotiations on agenda for talks hit “serious obstacle” over Jordanian demand to include discussion of Israeli “occupied Jordanian land”—a small tract in the
'Arafat, region, 30 km south of the Dead Sea, near Israeli town of Hazeva. (Qol Yisra'el 10/23 in FBIS 10/23)

Saddam Hussein, leader of Iraq, expresses his support of Syria by taking a stand against Israel. (VOP 10/22; WP 10/23)

Abd al-Hariri is appointed PM by Pres. Ilyas al-Hirawi, with support from at least 90 of 128 MPs, the opposition composed mostly of new Shiite members. The new PM met with Syrian Pres. Asad in Damascus on 10/21. (VOL, AFP 10/22; WP 10/23)

23 OCTOBER

Palestinian delegation announces its consent that UNSC 242 "not be applied in the negotiations in the transitional phase," but insisted that it be applied in the final settlement stage of talks. (ITV 10/23 in FBIS 10/26)

Arab Democratic Party MK 'Abd al-Wahhab Darawshe returns from 2-day visit to Egypt and Tunisia, bringing in Chmn. Arafat's offer to meet with PM Rabin "anywhere, any time." (Qol Yisra'el 10/23 in FBIS 10/23; Ha'aretz 10/25 in FBIS 10/26)

Pope John Paul II meets with Israeli FM Shimon Peres at the Vatican, accepts invitation to visit Israel. (NYT 10/24)

Faisal Hussein, other Palestinian officials meet with Vatican FM in Rome. (Alghiers Telegraph 10/25 in FBIS 10/26)

U.S. Senate agriculture comm. releases 11/9/89 message from Secy. of State James Baker to Iraqi FM Tariq Aziz stating approval of grain credits for Iraq, and requesting Pres. Saddam Hussein's help in persuading Palestinians to take part in peace talks with Israel. Allegations that Iraq diverted the credits to purchase weapons are currently being investigated. (NYT 10/26)

25 OCTOBER

One IDF soldier is killed and 1 wounded by Hamas gunmen near Hebron, W. Bank. Curfew is clamped on the town. Settlers in Hebron and nearby Kiryat Arba demand better security in demonstration at Jerusalem’s King David Hotel, where PM Rabin was meeting with the Portuguese PM. (Qol Yisra'el 10/25 in FBIS 10/27; MM, WP 10/26)

Palestinian workers riot and burn buses at Erez checkpoint, Gaza, in clash with Israeli troops, who wounded 6 with rubber bullets. (Qol Yisra'el 10/25 in FBIS 10/29; WP 10/26)

Five IDF soldiers are killed and 5 wounded when a bomb explodes beside their convoy in S. Lebanon "security zone." Hizballah claims responsibility for this deadliest attack in 2 years. (WP 10/26; Qol Yisra'el 10/26 in FBIS 10/26)

26 OCTOBER

Israel unleashes over 1,000 shells and bombs on Hizballah target villages north of "security zone," S. Lebanon, killing at least 13 civilians and forcing evacuation of villages. Israeli gunboats shell Nahr al-Barid and al-Baddawi Palestinian refugee camps, 110 mi. north of Israeli border. Three SLA militiamen are wounded in Hizballah bomb attack in Jazin, east of Sidon. Israeli farmer is wounded in firebomb attack in W. Bank and taken to hospital by local Palestinians. (MM 10/26; Qol Yisra'el, VOL 10/26, 10/27 in FBIS 10/27; NYT, WP 10/27, 10/28)

Palestinian delegation head Haydar 'Abd al-Shafi affirms UNSC 242 as basis for negotiations, noting linkage of transitional and final stages as an "inseparable single unit." (al-Quds 10/26 in FBIS 10/27)

Ten Palestinian rejectionist factions (see 9/18, 10/15) organize mass protest of peace talks in Damascus, issue statement calling for "day of rage" on 10/28, the anniversary of the convening of the Madrid conference, consisting of marches, demonstrations, and sit-ins throughout o.t. (QPAR 10/26 in FBIS 10/27; MM 10/28)

Multilateral talks on the environment open in the Hague, Holland. (Qol Yisra'el 10/26 in FBIS 10/27)

27 OCTOBER

Palestinian delegation presents Israel with lengthy memo detailing human rights violations in the o.t., issuing 12 demands: closing Ansar III prison, lifting Gaza night-time curfew, halting illegal tax collection, granting free travel to Jerusalem and around the W. Bank and Gaza, among others. (al-Dustur 10/28 in FBIS 10/28)

Hizballah fires Katyusha rockets into "security zone," killing 2 Lebanese, and into northern Israel, killing a 14-year-old recent Russian immigrant in Kiryat Shmona. Israel retaliates with air strikes and shelling of Hizballah, DFLP targets north of "security zone" and in Biqa' Valley, killing 4. Israel amasses tanks in "security zone" for possible advance north. (IDF Radio, Qol Yisra'el, VOL 10/27 in FBIS 10/27, 10/28; MM, NYT,
28 OCTOBER

Israel and Jordan agree on draft agenda for negotiations with a formal peace treaty as the eventual goal, within the framework of a comprehensive Arab-Israeli settlement. This first mutual written agreement between Israel and the Arab side includes discussion of the Jordanian territorial demand, and construction of the "Red-Dead canal" between the two seas (see 10/22; doc. A1). Jordan Times 10/29 in FBIS 10/29; WT 10/30; Educational TV [Israel], ITV 11/1 in FBIS 11/2; NYT 10/29, 11/2.

SHAS withdraws demand for Ed. Min. Shulamit Aloni's ouster, calling instead for her apology and pledge to abstain from religious exhortation, as well as expanded powers for its own dep. ed. min. MAPAM demands 4th cabinet portfolio for Meretz coalition, of which it is a part, calls for no capitulation to SHAS demands. (IDF Radio, Qol Yisra'el 10/28 in FBIS 10/29)

Israeli district court orders govt. to pay $62,000 in damages to family of unarmed Palestinian killed in 1986 by undercover IDF unit, $20,000 to family of Palestinian wounded in same incident. Precedent-setting ruling "basically" rejected Shin Bet claim that soldiers were on a military operation, an act of state with no liability. (WT 11/6; al-Fajr 11/9)

Knesset comm. decides not to revoke the parliamentary immunity of MKs Naomi Chazan (Meretz), 'Abd al-Wahhab Darawsha and Taleb al-Sana (Arab Democratic Party), and Hashem Mahamid (HADASH) for meeting with top PLO officials recently, by vote of 8 to 6. (IDF Radio 10/28 in FBIS 10/29; WP 10/29)

"Tens of thousands" of Palestinians in Syria and Jordan demonstrate against the peace talks (see 10/26). (QPAR 10/28 in FBIS 10/29, 10/30)

King Hassan of Morocco meets with King Hussein in Amman. (MM 10/29)

Lebanese UN rep. lodges complaint to UNSC over recent Israeli attacks, calls for implementation of UNSC Res. 425. (Radio Lebanon 10/29 in FBIS 10/29)

Bilateral talks in Washington adjourn until 11/9. (Qol Yisra'el 10/29 in FBIS 10/29)

Two-day multilateral conference on economics opens in Paris, with World Bank suggesting establishment of Middle East reconstruction bank modeled on similar European bank. Dr. Fayiz al-Tarawina, head of the Jordanian delegation, says the Arab states will reject any joint projects with Israel before withdrawal from the o.t. Syria and Lebanon boycott, London-based businessman Zayn Mi'asi heads the Palestinian team, and Bank of Israel govt. Ya'akov Frenkel heads the Israeli delegation. (Qol Yisra'el 10/29 in FBIS 10/29; MM 10/30)

Chmn. Arafat sends Madrid conf. anniversary messages to leaders of U.S., Russia, China, France, Japan, Austria, Great Britain and Sweden urging them to help remove Israeli obstacles to progress in peace talks. (Akbar al-Ushu' 10/29 in FBIS 10/29)


King Hassan of Morocco meets with Pres. Asad in Damascus. (MM 10/30)

Israel shells Iqlim al-Tuffah, western Biqa' regions, overflies Sidon and surrounding refugee camps. SLA soldier is wounded in bomb attack north of "security zone," southern Lebanon. (Qol Yisra'el, Radio Lebanon 10/29 in FBIS 10/29)

30 OCTOBER

Multilateral talks on economics conclude in Paris. The World Bank will prepare a survey of the Palestinian economy to be presented when talks reconvene in Rome in early 1993. Palestinian delegation praises U.S. proposal of administrative training for o.t. residents. (Qol Yisra'el, Radio Jordan 10/29 in FBIS 10/30)

31 OCTOBER

PLO pol. dept head Faruq al-Qaddumi says PLO and Arab states must carefully ex-
amime the proposal to hold next round of multilateral refugee talks in Tunis. Israel accepted the Tunisian offer, which he says is a “U.S. demand” (see 10/22). (SANA 10/31 in FBIS 11/2)

IDF kills Hamas mbr. in Khan Yunis, Gaza Strip. Demonstrations erupt throughout Strip. (al-Fajr 11/9)

Lebanese PM-designate Rafiq al-Hariri meets with Pres. Asad, other Syrian officials in Damascus, then returns to Beirut to announce new govt. Chamber of Deputies speaker Nabih Birri criticizes the new cabinet, will travel to Damascus for consultations. (Radio Lebanon, VOL 10/31 in FBIS 11/2)

Hizballah mbr. is killed after exploding a roadside bomb near SLA patrol inside “security zone.” Israel shells villages north of “security zone.” (Qol Yisra’el 10/31, Voice of the Oppressed 11/1 in FBIS 11/3)

In interview with Middle East Insight magazine, Pres. candidate Bill Clinton says Arab states should end boycott against Israel. (WT 11/12)

1 NOVEMBER

PLO Exec. Comm. mbrs. meet with Jordanian PM Sharif Bin-Shakir, request (and receive) explanations of 2 points on the tentatively agreed Israeli-Jordanian agenda for talks—whether or not East Jerusalem is included in the term “occupied territories” (it is), and how UN resolutions, the Palestinian right of return, and refugees in other countries factor into a solution of “the bilateral aspects of the refugee problem” (they will). PLO emerges “comfortable” with the agenda. (MM 11/2; RMC 11/2 in FBIS 11/4)

PM Rabin tells cabinet that the term “withdrawal” in latest proposal to Syria applies to IDF forces, not to settlements on the Golan Heights, and that distinction has been made clear to Syria. (ITV 11/1 in FBIS 11/2)

Israel announces that Israeli and Jordanian negotiators have agreed to place the water issue at the top of the agenda when the talks reconvene 11/9. (Qol Yisra’el 11/1 in FBIS 11/6)

Head of Israeli delegation to talks with Lebanon, Uri Lubrani, announces that in the latest round Israeli offered Lebanon an increased civilian government presence in the “security zone,” and proposed bilateral talks between military officers. Lebanon has not accepted nor rejected either proposal. (Qol Yisra’el 11/1 in FBIS 11/2)

Itamar Rabinovich, head of the Israeli negotiating team with Syria, is appointed ambassador to the U.S., to take over in the coming months. (Yediot Aharonot 11/1 in FBIS 11/3; NYT 11/2)

Israel shells eastern edges of “security zone,” injuring 5 Lebanese civilians. (VOL 11/1 in FBIS 11/3)

Al-Hayat reports that Russia will sell Syria 36 fighter aircraft, 300 T-72 and T-74 tanks, and some Sa-10 and Sa-16 missile batteries (equivalents of the U.S. Patriot anti-missile system) as part of a 1991 $2 billion weapons deal. (WT 11/3)

2 NOVEMBER

Rabin govt. defeats 4 no-confidence motions in Knesset by vote of 59 to 51. The ultra-Orthodox SHAS party agreed to stay in coalition in exchange for an apology from outspoken secularist ed. min. Shulamit Aloni, more influence in public school curricula, and restrictions on import of non-kosher meat (see 10/28). (NYT 11/3)

Palestine National Salvation Front condemns 10/28 Israeli-Jordanian agenda for talks as a sellout of Palestinian rights and a legalization of Israeli aggression. (QPAR 11/3 in FBIS 11/3)

General strike in Gaza, early business closures in W. Bank, and widespread disturbances throughout the vicinity mark 75th anniv. of Balfour Declaration. (al-Fajr 11/9)

Israel shells, machine-guns Litani River basin, Jabal Safi, western Biqa’ regions in Lebanon. Lebanese army fires at Israeli planes overflying Tyre at low altitudes. (Radio Lebanon 11/2 in FBIS 11/3)

3 NOVEMBER

Democratic Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton wins U.S. presidential election with 370 electoral votes over Pres. Bush’s 168. (NYT, WP 10/4)

In interview published simultaneously by al-Sharq al-Awsat and the French journal Politique Internationale, U.S. President-elect Bill Clinton is quoted as saying he will end the “pro-Arab bias” that characterized Pres. Bush’s Middle East policy. He said he would support Palestinian self-determination in the context of the Camp David Accords, which he would revive with the help of an immediately appointed special envoy, possibly former Pres. Jimmy Carter. (MM 11/3)

AIPAC Pres. David Steiner resigns as a result of disclosure of 10/22 taped phone conversation with New York businessman
Harry Katz (see doc. D5). (WT 11/4; WP 11/5)

4 NOVEMBER

UN inspection team finds Syrian missiles, launchers, and artillery pieces within 25 km of disengagement line on Golan Heights, in violation of 1974 disengagement agreements (see 11/5). (Hadashot 11/10 in FBIS 11/10)

Presidents al-Hirawi of Lebanon and Asad of Syria cable congratulations to Pres.-elect Bill Clinton. (SARA 11/5, VOL 11/6 in FBIS 11/6)

5 NOVEMBER

UN inspection team finds no weapons placement violations on Israeli side of Golan Heights, but protests to Israel because it was prevented from inspecting 7 sites. (Hadashot 11/10 in FBIS 11/10)

King Hussein, in first speech to nation since operation, shows fatalism and announces he will undergo further checkups in the U.S., criticizes Iraqi invasion of Kuwait (see 8/17, 8/22). (NYT 11/6)

6 NOVEMBER

IDF captures 2 armed Hamas infiltrators from Jordan. (Qol Yisra'el 11/6 in FBIS 11/6)

7 NOVEMBER

In interview with al-Hayat, Chmn. Arafat urges Pres.-elect Bill Clinton to resume dialogue with the PLO. He also strongly criticizes Hamas, warning of “retaliation” if acts of violence continue in the o.t. (AFP 11/7 in FBIS 11/9; NYT 11/10)

PLO Exec. Comm. mbrs., as well as Palestinian delegation head Faisal Husseini, meet with Jordanian FM Kamil Abu Jaber to discuss draft Israeli-Jordanian agenda for negotiations (see 11/1). Palestinians seek definite reference in the agenda to UNGA 194 (the right of return), and clarifications on wording of references to Palestinian o.t. (Jordan Times 11/8 in FBIS 11/9; MM 11/9)

PFLP Red Eagle gunmen shoot, kill suspected collaborator in Shabara camp, Gaza Strip. (Qol Yisra'el 11/7 in FBIS 11/10)

Jordanian Muslim Brotherhood parliamentary bloc issues statement rejecting draft Israeli-Jordanian agenda as a retreat from declared peace principles, calling on govt. to not ratify it. Hamas issues similar statement. (Jordan Times 11/8 in FBIS 11/9)

King Hussein says it is time for Iraqis to end the rule of Saddam Hussein, install govt. of “pluralism, democracy.” (NYT 11/8)

Israeli Central Bureau of Statistics releases latest figures showing that the Jewish birthrate has dropped to its lowest rate since 1948—2.6 children per woman. The Muslim rate is 4.7, slightly higher than last year, but much lower than the 1948 figure. Influx of immigrants kept the Jewish majority steady at 81.9%. (NYT 11/8)

8 NOVEMBER

PLO officials led by Faruq al-Qaddumi and Syrian officials led by Faruq al-Shara meet in Damascus, discuss U.S. election, Israeli-Jordanian draft agenda, upcoming round of negotiations. (RMC 11/7, SARA 11/8 in FBIS 11/9)

PFLP and DFLP (Hawatima wing) issue joint statement rejecting Israeli-Jordanian agenda. (MM 11/9)

Chmn. Arafat issues “strict instructions” forbidding the killing, kidnapping, or threatening of any person in o.t., for whatever reason. (al-Sha'b 11/9 in FBIS 11/10; NYT 11/10)

Knesset subcomm. dealing with o.t. Civil Admin. matters tours Gaza Strip, meets with PLO officials and settlers. Opposition MKs boycott the tour because of its emphasis on meetings with Palestinian inhabitants. (Qol Yisra'el 11/8 in FBIS 11/9)

Israeli warplanes attack Hizballah base in Lebanon, killing 7, prompting Islamic Resistance to fire rockets into “security zone” and northern Israel. (Qol Yisra'el 11/9 in FBIS 11/9; NYT 11/11)

9 NOVEMBER

Peace talks resume in Washington. Israeli delegation warns Lebanese and Syrian delegations that if Syria and Hizballah fail to curb attacks on Israeli soil, Israel “will help them stop,” and can make life “intolerable on your side of the border as well.” Several Katyusha rockets land in the Galilee, bringing the 2-day total to about 50, and prompting Israeli shelling of targets north of “security zone.” (Qol Yisra'el 11/10 in FBIS 11/10; WP 11/10)

U.S. President-elect Bill Clinton tells PM...
Rabin he wants "no delay" in peace talks, would not object to a last-ditch mission to the region by James Baker to revive the talks. Rabin phoned his congratulations to the pres.-elect. (Qol Yisra'el 11/9 in FBIS 11/10; NYT 11/10)

10 NOVEMBER

UN Development Program announces it will invest $20 million in W. Bank and Gaza Strip projects in the coming year, "hopefully" to be increased to $35 million the following year. Activities are to be coordinated with Israel. (MM 11/10)

IDF kills Palestinian gunman in Gaza Strip. (MM 11/10)

Hamas calls for "days of escalation" on 11/19 (date of 1935 death of Shaykh 'Izz al-Din al-Qassim), 11/22 (25th anniv. of UNSC 242), 11/25 and 27, general strike on 11/29 (date of 1947 UN partition res.). (QPAR 11/10 in FBIS 11/10)

Israel overflies, drops flares over S. Lebanon all night, shells targets, amasses armor and artillery along northern border, concentrates positions in eastern "security zone" overlooking Nabatiyya and Jazzin. Hizballah fires rockets into "security zone" and Israel, attacks Israeli patrol in Jazzin, 10 mi. north of "security zone." SLA detains Lebanese Army sergeant in Khiyam prison. (Qol Yisra'el, Radio Lebanon, VOL 11/10 in FBIS 11/10)

IDF confirms 11/4 UN findings of Syrian disengagement violations, choosing, as they have in the past, to turn a "blind eye" to these longstanding violations. (Hadashot 11/11 in FBIS 11/13)

Jordan sentences 2 Muslim Brotherhood MPs to 20 years hard labor, 2 shopkeepers to 10 years hard labor, for membership in outlawed, Iranian-backed dissident orgs. (MM 11/10; NYT, WP 11/11)

11 NOVEMBER

Israeli delegation walks out of multilateral talks on refugees in Ottawa, because Palestinian delegation head Muhammad Hallaj is a PNC mbr. Elie Sanbar, head of delegation at earlier round, had already been barred as a member of the PLO Cent. Council (see 10/8). (MM, WP, WT 11/12)

Palestinian delegation presents report on o.t. human rights conditions to Israeli delegation, which has now agreed to discuss the issue. (MM 11/13; Qol Yisra'el 11/13 in FBIS 11/13)

PM Rabin tells cabinet he must first consult U.S. Pres.-elect Bill Clinton on implications of amending 1986 law to legalize meetings with the PLO. (Qol Yisra'el 11/11 in FBIS 11/13)

Chmn. Arafat meets with Pres. Mubarak in Cairo. (MENA 11/11 in FBIS 11/12)

IDF fatally shoots 1 Palestinian in W. Bank, 3 in Gaza Strip, where demonstrations, clashes and a general strike following 11/10 gunbattle caused over 20 injuries. (MM 11/11; Qol Yisra'el 11/11 in FBIS 11/13; NYT, WP 11/12)

Israel builds up armored presence in "security zone" to the highest levels since 1985, and attacks Hizballah targets near Tyre, Lebanon. (NYT, WP 11/12)

12 NOVEMBER

Israeli delegation rejoins refugee talks in Ottawa, after receiving written U.S. assurances that Palestinian delegation head Muhammad Hallaj is no longer a member of the PNC. Palestinians begin talks with demand for discussion of right of return for all refugees, including those from 1948. (Qol Yisra'el 11/12 in FBIS 11/13; WP 11/13)

Bir Zeit University (near Ramallah, W. Bank) holds student council elections. Pro-Fateh faction "shelved their differences" over the peace talks with a pro-PFLP faction and a pro-DFLP (Hawatima wing) faction, to form a united pro-PLO front, which defeated the pro-Hamas candidates by 66% to 33% of the vote. In winner-take-all election, 5 seats go to Fateh, 3 to PFLP, 1 to DFLP. (WP 11/12)

Hizballah lose 1 gunman, kill 1, wound 3 IDF soldiers, kill 1 UN soldier, in rocket and machine-gun attacks in "security zone." Israel attacks from the air and heavily shells Hizballah target villages north of "security zone." (Qol Yisra'el 11/12 in FBIS 11/12; Radio Lebanon 11/12 in FBIS 11/13; WT, WP 11/13)

U.S. Amb. to Israel William Harrop delivers message to PM Rabin urging "continue[d] restraint" vis-à-vis Hizballah, as long U.S. diplomatic efforts to quell the violence continue in Beirut and Damascus. (MM 11/13)

IDF fatally shoots Palestinian youth in Hebron, W. Bank. IDF opens fire on Khan Yunis demonstrators, injuring 19; 2 suspected collaborators are killed in Gaza Strip, under curfew since 11/11 (MM 11/13)

King Hussein announces amnesty in honor of his 58th birthday (11/14) that will free 140 political prisoners, including those sentenced 11/10. (WP 11/13)
Tel Aviv mayor and Likud mbr. Shlomo Lahat, after announcing he will not seek re-election, says he favors creation of an independent Palestinian state in the W. Bank and Gaza Strip. (Yedi'ot Aharonot 11/13 in MM 11/13)

Hizballah and IDF each lose 1 in clash in “security zone.” Israel shells targets north of zone. (Qol Yisra'el 11/13 in FBIS 11/13)

Palestinians demonstrate throughout o.t on 4th anniv. of declaration of the State of Palestine, are dispersed by IDF using tear gas and gunfire in Ramallah, Gaza, and Jerusalem. (Qol Yisra'el 11/15 in FBIS 11/16)

IDF uses antitank missiles to destroy 9 houses near Khan Yunis, Gaza Strip. (Hadashot 11/16 in FBIS 11/19)

Israeli FM Shimon Peres meets with Pres. Mubarak, FM 'Amr Musa in Cairo. (MENA, Qol Yisra'el 11/15 in FBIS 11/16)

Likud Cent. Comm. votes to hold primary to elect its leader and next PM candidate next March. Move is seen as a political gain for Benyamin Netanyahu and David Levy, who campaigned for the primary, at the expense of Benny Begin. (WT 11/17)

Israel begins withdrawal of armor and artillery from “security zone.” S. Lebanon. (Qol Yisra'el, Radio Lebanon 11/15 in FBIS 11/16)