Palestine Chronology
16 May—
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This section is part twenty-seven of a chronology begun in Journal no. 51 (Spring 1984). The chronology focuses on events and actors affecting Palestinian communities throughout the world, with priority given to occupied Palestine/Israel.

16 May

Egypt's Pres. Hosni Mubarak meets with U.S. Sec. of State James Baker in Egypt's embassy in Moscow to discuss Middle East events [CDS 5/16 in FBIS 5/17; MEM 5/17].

Palestinian leaders from O.T. present Israel with list of 17 demands aimed at creating atmosphere conducive to negotiations [YA 5/17 in FBIS 5/18].

Israeli peace activist Abbie Nathan, returning to Israel after meeting with Yasir Arafat in Tunis, is arrested for violating law prohibiting meeting PLO members. Nathan was released from jail last February after serving 6 months for previous meeting with Arafat (cf. 5/17) [MEM 5/16, 5/18].

Asharq al-Awsat, citing Palestinian sources, reports PLO has begun regrouping its military forces. Last week, 1,600-1,800 fighters began move from Jordan to Iraq, while some units in Algeria and Sudan will move to Libya and North Yemen [MEM 5/16].

Israel Central Bureau of Statistics reports economic slowdown for 1st quarter of 1990; cites more unemployment, fewer exports, increased imports, and growing consumption as reasons [JPD 5/17 in FBIS 5/17].

17 May

Swedish Save the Children organization releases 1,000-page report accusing IDF of systematic violence against Palestinian children in O.T. [JDS 5/17 in FBIS 5/17; NYT, WT, LAT, CSM, MEM 5/17; FJ 5/21].

Israeli Pres. Chaim Herzog grants Yitzhak Shamir additional 21 days to try to form govt. [JDS 5/17 in FBIS 5/18; WP, NYT, WT 5/18; MET 5/29].

U.S. and Arab nations break off talks designed to reach compromise of text of a
UN Sec. Council resolution criticizing Israeli settlement in O.T. [NYT 5/18].

Despite objections from U.S. and Israel, WHO passes resolution increasing direct assistance to Palestinians in O.T. [NYT 5/18].

Arab League Sec.-Gen. Chedli Klibi is handed memorandum from Bush admin. offering advice to Arab states on occasion of upcoming Arab League summit (see Doc. D3) [MEM 5/23; INA 5/23 in FBIS 5/24].

Washington Times reports American Jewish leaders have helped broker a deal between U.S., Israel, and Ethiopia that would allow some 3,000 Falashas to emigrate to Israel [WT 6/17].

Israel establishes new police unit, Gid'onim, to deal with security problems in Jerusalem; 30-man team, from IDF elite units, will "engage in intelligence missions, deal with hostile elements, thwart terrorist activities, and handle disturbances in Jerusalem" [JDS 5/17 in FBIS 5/18; MEM 5/18].

Jerusalem Magistrate Court will hear deliberations on Jewish settlement in St. John's Hospice; Judge Ya'acov Betzalel reports that court sessions will begin in late October, status quo will remain in effect until then [JDS 5/17 in FBIS 5/18].

Abbie Nathan, arrested 5/16, is released on $5,000 bail after admitting he met Arafat in Tunis [MET 5/29].

Israeli police arrest Jewish man they describe as "mentally deranged" on suspicion of desecrating c.250 Jewish graves in Lod on 5/13 (cf. 5/27) [NYT, WT 5/17; WP 5/18].

18 May

IDF soldier is shot, wounded by unidentified gunmen near Hebron, prompting overnight curfew [MEM 5/18].

Israeli forces raid S.Leanese villages of Rashayya al-Fukhkhari and Shab'a, arrest at least 4 people on charges of collaboration with Lebanese nat. resistance and March killing of American missionary William Robinson [BDS 5/18 in FBIS 5/25].

19 May

In Cairo, Pres. Mubarak meets with Yassir Arafat [MENA 5/20 in FBIS 5/21].

Egyptian gov't. reports that in effort to ease regional tension, Israel has told Egypt it will not launch military first strike against any Arab nation. Israel declines to confirm the statement [NYT 5/20].

In S. Lebanon, Israeli troops open fire at UNIFIL troops, injure Finnish soldier [IHD 5/19 in FBIS 5/21].

Amal offers to return remains of 2 Israeli soldiers in exchange for release of 300-400 prisoners held by SLA in S. Lebanon at Khiyam prison [NYT 5/20].

20 May

Former IDF soldier, in uniform, shoots dead 7 Arabs, wounds 11 others near Rishon le Zion after taking away their ID cards as they were on their way to work; Shamir condemns attack [IDF, JDS 5/20 in FBIS 5/21; WP, LAT, NYT, WT, CSM, MEM 5/21; FJ 5/28; MET 5/29]; 8th person dies of wounds in hospital [IDF 5/20 in FBIS 5/21]; Arafat calls on international community to condemn attack, says he will rethink peace process [RMIC 5/20 in FBIS 5/21]; disturbances erupt throughout O.T., at least 4 Palestinians are killed, reports say perhaps 700 injured [JDS, MENA 5/20 in FBIS 5/21; MET 5/29]; Gazan leaders refuse to meet with Civil Admin. officials to help calm tempers in Gaza; Gaza is placed under curfew [JDS 5/20 in FBIS 5/21]; leading Palestinians including Faisal Husayni, begin hunger strike to demand...
international protection for Palestinians [MEM 5/21; FJ 5/28].

In separate meetings in Cairo, Nelson Mandela meets with Arafat, Mubarak [MENA 5/20 in FBIS 5/21].

Israeli military announces it will allow Arab Medical College of al-Quds University to reopen on 5/30 [F] 5/28].

21 May

Violent disturbances continue throughout O.T., spread into Israel [NYT, WP, WT 5/22]; IDF sends reinforcements to Gaza to quell disturbances; at least 4 Gazans are killed in clashes [JDS 5/21, 5/22 in FBIS 5/22; NYT 5/22]; marches and clashes take place in Nazareth, Lod, Bayt Hanina [JDS, IDF 5/21 in FBIS 5/22]; Arab sources report 151 injuries in Gaza, 15 in W.Bank [HAA 5/22 in FBIS 5/22]; Israeli Arabs hold one-day strike to protest killings [F] 5/28].

UNLU issues special pamphlet in response to 5/20 killings; calls for 3-day strike beginning today, one-week boycott of work in Israel [JDS 5/21 in FBIS 5/21].

UN Sec. General Javier Perez de Cuellar issues statement condemning 5/20 killings, urges that “appropriate steps be taken to ensure the Palestinians feel secure” [MEM 5/22].


Arafat announces his intention to speak before special UN Sec. Council session requested by PLO, denounces Amman attack [WAKH 5/21 in FBIS 5/22; AVP 5/22 in FBIS 5/23; NYT 5/22].

Greece and Israel sign agreement establishing diplomatic relations [WAKH, JDS 5/21 in FBIS 5/22; MEM 5/22]; Greece simultaneously upgrades relations with PLO, says it does not recognize Israeli annexation and occupation of Palestinian territory after 1967 war [NYT 5/22].

Knesset approves more than $17 million requested by Shamir for new roads and settlements in O.T. [NYT 5/22; MET 5/29].

Israeli Communist Party begins 21st Congress, strongly criticizes Israeli policies toward peace process and Soviet Jewish immigration to Israel [F] 6/4].

22 May

Yitzhak Shamir warns Israeli Arabs who yesterday protested 5/20 killings that they had “passed the limit of what is allowed” [NYT 5/23]; Pres. George Bush urges Israel to use maximum restraint in dealing with renewed Palestinian protests in wake of 5/20 killings [NYT, WP, MEM 5/23]; In departure from norm, Bush sends personal condolences to families of those Palestinians killed on 5/20, 5/21 [WP 5/23].

2 Gazans are killed, at least 14 wounded in continued clashes in Gaza set off by 5/20 killings; Palestinian wounded 5/21 by settler gunfire dies [JDS 5/22 in FBIS 5/23; NYT 5/23].

UN Sec. Council announces it will convene in Geneva to allow Yasir Arafat to address the body; U.S. agrees to the change [MEM 5/23].

U.S.-based Physicians for Human Rights releases report “Health Care in Detention: A Study of Israel’s Treatment of Palestinians,” which concludes Israeli health professionals are not “fulfilling their obligation to prevent physical abuse” and Palestinian detainees are sub-
jected to “unacceptable” conditions [FJ 5/28].

In E. Jerusalem, police teargas procession of some 400 representatives of Palestinian organizations (and 3 Knesset members) as they seek to deliver to U.S. consulate petition calling for international protection for Palestinians [MEM 5/22].

Socialist International conference opens in Cairo, Pres. Mubarak meets with various delegates, including Shimon Peres [MENA 5/22 in FBIS 5/23; WT 5/23; MEM 5/24].

Yasir Arafat telephones French Pres. François Mitterand to condemn 5/21 attack on French tourists in Amman, and to offer condolences to families of victims [SVP 5/24 in FBIS 5/25].

New York Times reports a growing frustration among Israeli Arabs that they are being excluded from Israeli society. Awad Abdel Fatah, leader of Sons of the Village party, says “Palestinians in Israel are coming more and more to feel that we are not citizens of the state. And it’s because the state itself does not act in a way to make us feel part of the state” [NYT 5/23].

23 May

Sec. of State James Baker says U.S. “would be prepared to discuss the question of a United Nations observer team” going to O.T. when UN Sec. Council meets in Geneva on 5/25 [NYT, WP, WT, LAT 5/24; MEM 5/25].

European Community’s exec. commission grants emergency aid of 500,000 ECU ($600,000) for Palestinian victims of violence in O.T. [MEM 5/24].

Israeli Maj. Gen. Matan Vilna‘i, commander of Southern Command, orders stricter firing regulations in Gaza to reduce casualties; new orders give only senior commander of each sector authoriza-

tion to allow firing of plastic or rubber bullets [MAA 5/24 in FBIS 5/25].

Mideast Mirror reports thousands of Palestinian workers have stayed away from their jobs since 5/20 killings, and renewal of communal tensions [MEM 5/23].


Ambassadors to Tunisia from France, Italy, and Ireland, and European Community meet with Arafat to discuss past week’s violence in O.T. [KUNA 5/25 in FBIS 5/25].

General strike is observed in Lebanon; banks, other businesses, are closed in solidarity with Palestinians condemning 5/20 killings; demonstrations are held in Beirut [BDS 5/23 in FBIS 5/24].

Arab foreign ministers conclude pre-summit working session begun 5/22 in Baghdad, adopt agenda for 5/28 summit [INA 5/23 in FBIS 5/24].

Scattered anti-Israel demonstrations take place in and near Amman refugee camps; some 200 protestors are dispersed at Ministry of Interior [JTE 5/24, 5/25 in FBIS 5/25]; at least 1 person is killed, several injured [MEM 5/24].

24 May

Appearing on Israeli television, Shamir says that if UN votes to send observer force to O.T., it should know that “this decision would not be implemented, as many other UN decisions against Israel have not been!” [WP 5/25]; Yitzhak Rabin believes Israel must oppose idea of UN observers, says “It is inconceivable that we, who observe international law and the Fourth Geneva Convention. . .should accept the supervision of an element which. . .has participated in
almost no peaceful process" [JDS 5/24 in FBIS 5/25; MET 6/5].

Bush admin., in effort to avoid confrontation with Israel, says it will discuss possibility of UN observer force in O.T., but objects to any permanent UN presence [LAT 5/25].

Members of House Foreign Affairs subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East blast State Dept's. 3/19 report saying PLO has honored its commitment to renounce terrorism, call report a "whitewash and a pack of lies"; ass't.sect. of state John Kelly defends report [WP 5/25].

PLO Exec. Committee member Mahmud Abbas meets in Moscow with Soviet F.M. Eduard Shevardnadze to discuss past week's violence in O.T. [TASS 5/24; KUNA 5/25 in FBIS 5/25].


5-member Soviet delegation arrives in Israel to investigate violence in O.T.; head of group, Mikhail Kapitsa, accuses Israel of acting like "an elephant in a china shop" [MEM 5/25; MET 6/5]; Bernard Kouchner, French minister of state for humanitarian aid, also arrives for fact-finding tour, says he is "deeply depressed" by conditions in Gaza [MEM 5/25; FJ 5/28].

26 May

Compromise proposal under which UN Sec. Council would send special envoys to investigate violence in O.T. falls through as U.S. supports Israel's opposition to proposal [WP 5/27].

UNLU issues call no. 57 condemning 5/20 Rishon le Zion killings [BVP 5/26 in FBIS 6/5].

Estimated 50,000 Israelis and Palestinians organized by Peace Now gather in Tel Aviv to protest Rishon le Zion killings [F] 6/4).

27 May

Mikhail Gorbachev sends letter to Arab summit to begin 5/28 in Baghdad (see Doc. A3) [BADS 5/28 in FBIS 5/29].

Charter flights carrying 500 Soviet Jews a week to Israel from Warsaw will begin next month, according to Polish officials [NYT 5/30].

Israeli court sentences 41-year-old Jewish man to 3 years in prison for desecrating c.250 graves at Haifa cemetery. 2d man charged in incident is undergoing psychiatric examination [NYT, WT 5/28; MET 6/5].
28 May

Bomb explodes in Jewish sector of Jerusalem, kills 72-year-old man, wounds 9 others; police round up dozens of Palestinians; angry Jewish shopowners try to attack them, shout anti-Arab epithets [NYT, WP, WT, LAT 5/29; IDF 5/28 in FBIS 5/29; FIJ 6/4].

Arab League summit opens in Baghdad; Saddam Hussein takes hard line against Israel and U.S. despite efforts by Egypt, Saudi Arabia to tone down rhetoric. 5 Arab states, including Syria do not attend summit [NYT, WP, WT 5/29; INA 5/28 in FBIS 5/29].

Israeli parliamentary panel votes 13-11 to approve retroactively the govt.'s $1.8 million financing of Jewish settlement in St. John's Hospice in E. Jerusalem [WT 5/29].

Israeli high court gives permission to far-right Kahane movement, led by Rabbi Meir Kahane, to hold demonstration in Rishon le Zion in support of 5/20 killings [sic] [NYT 5/29].

29 May

In letter dated 5/29, Yitzhak Shamir appeals to Mikhail Gorbachev not to bow to Arab pressure and curtail Jewish emigration to Israel. Shamir adds that Israel does not have policy of "directing" immigrants to O.T. [WP 6/26].

Saana Voice of Palestine broadcasts text of letter written by UNLU to members of Arab League summit in Baghdad calling for League to fully support PLO [SVP 5/29 in FBIS 6/4].

Israeli troops in S. Lebanon "security zone" shoot, kill unidentified person [JDS 5/29 in FBIS 5/29].

Demonstrations in Jordan over the past week, particularly in Baaqaa refugee camp, reflect growing frustration at stalled peace process and increasing popularity of return to military option [MET 5/29].

30 May

Israeli soldiers thwart 2 boats off Tel Aviv coast carrying guerrillas of Palestine Liberation Front (PLF); 4 attackers are killed in firefight, 12 captured [WP, LAT, WT, NYT 5/31]; Israel calls on U.S. to end dialogue with PLO [WP 5/13]; U.S. State Dep't., White House issue sharp criticism; continuance of U.S.-PLO dialogue is questioned [LAT 5/13].

Concluding 3-day meeting, Arab League issues statement condemning emigration of Soviet Jews to Israel, finding U.S. responsible because of aid to Israel [TASS 5/30; WP, NYT, LAT, WT 5/31; CSM 6/1]; Sec.-Gen. Chedli Klibi delivers to U.S. ambassador to Tunisia Robert Pelletreau Arab League memorandum responding to earlier U.S. memorandum (see Doc. B1) [MEM 6/8; QNA 6/8 in FBIS 6/13].


31 May

Yasir Arafat says PLO's institutional and official forces had no connection with 5/30 attempted attack on Israeli beach; sees "no reason" U.S. should end dialogue with PLO; says he cannot expel Abul Abbas from PNC, as PLF leader was elected democratically [NYT, WP, LAT, WT 6/1; WAKH 5/31 in FBIS 6/1 AVP 6/1 in FBIS 6/4]; U.S. sends message to PLO, outlining actions State Dep't. wishes Arafat to take [NYT, LAT 6/1]; PLO representative Hakam Balawi meets in Tunis with U.S. ambassador Robert Pelletreau to discuss 5/30 attempted attack [KUNA 6/1 in FBIS 6/4].
U.S. vetoes UN Sec. Council resolution to send special commission of inquiry to O.T. (cf. 6/1) [WT 6/1, LAT 6/2].

Private Israeli security specialist, Lt.Col. Yair Klein, ret., is indicted on charges of illegally exporting military equipment to drug cartel in Colombia [WP, LAT 6/1].

1 June

Citing U.S. 5/31 UN veto, Palestinian leaders in Israel, O.T. announce they are suspending contacts with American officials in Israel, they ask Arab gov'ts. to put economic pressure on Washington [JDS 6/1 in FBIS 6/1; LAT 6/2; MET 6/12]; Fateh statement says U.S. has lost credibility because of veto [MENA 6/1 in FBIS 6/1; F] 6/4).

Abu Ayash, Faisal Husayni, other Palestinian leaders conclude 13-day hunger strike in protest of the Rishon le Zion killings [JDS 6/1 in FBIS 6/1; LAT 6/2; F] 6/4).

Maj. Gen. Amnon Shahak, Israel's military intelligence chief, says Yasir Arafat probably did not know beforehand about seaborne raid on Israel [LAT, NYT 6/2].

2 June

European Community issues 2d statement in 2 weeks calling for greater UN involvement in O.T. and for international conference (see Doc. A2) [JTS 6/3 in FBIS 6/4).


PLO official Salah Khalaf says of U.S. demand to condemn 5/30 PLF attempted raid and expel Abul Abbas: “We reject the [demand] because it considers any military act a type of terrorism. This is not support or rejection of the Abul Ab-

bas operation. It’s a question of principle” [NYT 6/3].

3 June

Ending his 2d summit meeting with Pres. Bush, Mikhail Gorbachev declares at joint news conference that exodus of Jews from USSR could be curtailed or halted if Israel continues to settle the emigres in O.T. (see Doc. A6) (cf. 6/4, 6/5) [NYT, WP, LAT, WT 6/4].

PLO officials are trying to seek a compromise formula to satisfy both U.S. demand that Abul Abbas be disciplined and PLO hard-liners [WP, LAT 6/4].

3-member UN team investigating missile technology proliferation begins 2 days of talks in Israel; previous consultations have taken place in Egypt, Jordan, Syria, and Iraq [LAT 6/4; MET 6/12].

4 June

Responding to Gorbachev's 6/3 statement, Yitzhak Shamir defends right of Soviet Jews to live in O.T., saying democracy cannot limit where people live [NYT, WP, LAT, WT 6/5]; Palestinians and other Arab officials welcome Gorbachev's statement [KUNA 6/4 in FBIS 6/6; NYT 6/5].

U.S. officials say they would like U.S.-PLO dialogue to remain open, but would suspend it if Arafat does not discipline Abul Abbas or condemn 5/30 attempted attack on Israel, U.S. also threatens to veto Arab calls to move UN Gen.Assembly to Geneva to hear Arafat speak; at the same time, U.S. decides to give Arafat more time to acquiesce [NYT, WP, WT 6/5]. Threat of loss of U.S.-PLO dialogue is causing little distress among Palestinian leaders [CSM 6/5].

Explaining recent PLO shift in diplomatic focus from Egypt to Iraq, PLO Exec. Committee member Abdullah
Jourani says "maybe [then] the Americans will try to understand us better. Maybe they will try to understand we are not ready to surrender" [WP 6/5].

PLO receives from Iraq $25 million in urgent aid to support intifada over and above regular monthly aid from Iraq [WAKH 6/3 in FBIS 6/4].

April 1988 survey by Israeli sociologist Sammy Smooha, released today, finds that majority of Jews in Israel "regard the Israeli Arabs as a hostile minority. . .and their attitudes and behaviors not as a legitimate dissent but rather as subversion"; 57% of respondents favored denying Israeli Arabs right to vote in national elections [FJ 6/11].

Third Soviet-Arab dialogue conference opens in Moscow; discussions involve Soviet Jewish emigration [TASS 6/4].

5 June

Soviet F.M. Shevardnadze tells Sec. Baker in Copenhagen that USSR will not curtail or halt emigration of Soviet Jews [WP, WT 6/7].

Soviet legislature postpones final approval of law relaxing emigration restrictions which was condition for Congress to ratify new U.S.-Soviet trade agreement [WP 6/6].


Israeli army and intelligence officials tell Knesset For. Affairs and Defense Committee that they believe 5/30 attempted raid by PLF members was directed at military, not civilian, targets (cf. 6/6) [JDS 6/5 in FBIS 6/6].

General strike called for by UNLU to commemorate 23d anniversary of 1967 war is observed in W.Bank; 2 Palestinian youths in Nablus are killed by IDF bullets [IDF, JDS 6/5 in FBIS 6/7; WT, LAT 6/6].

IDF lifts collective bans on travel to Jordan that had been imposed on some 25 W.Bank communities for periods up to 2 years [JPD 6/5 in FBIS 6/6].

Clashes in S.Lebanon between Shiite militiamen and SLA and Israeli soldiers; no injuries reported [BVL 6/5 in FBIS 6/6].

6 June

Meeting in Baghdad, PLO Exec. Committee issues statement denouncing U.S. threat to end dialogue, reaffirming that it was faithful to all its pledges and commitments, and was not responsible for 5/30 attempted seaborne attack [BVP, BADS 6/6 in FBIS 6/7].

Four U.S. senators, Mack (R-FL), Lieberman (D-CT), Lautenberg (D-NJ), and Grassley (R-IA) introduce legislation urging Bush admin. to end U.S.-PLO dialogue [WP 6/7].

Bush admin. announces plans to sell $4 billion in arms to Saudi Arabia, including armored vehicles, anti-tank missiles, and improvement parts for Awacs; most American Jewish groups do not object to sale [NYT, WP 6/8].

Israeli authorities announce easing of residency regulations for Palestinians in O.T., saying spouses and children of O.T. residents will be allowed to remain even if they do not qualify for residence status themselves. Military spokesperson says some 250 Palestinians expelled for residency reasons from W.Bank between March and December 1989 will be readmitted [WP 6/7].

7 June

PLO Exec. Committee concludes 3-day meeting in Baghdad, refuses to take immediate action against or to expell...
Abul Abbas, PLF leader behind 5/30 attempted raid; accuses U.S. of using the raid as pretext for questioning dialogue with PLO [WP, LAT 6/8; AVP 6/7 in FBIS 6/8].

Arab countries at UN announce plan to convene UN Gen.Assembly in emergency session to seek international force to protect Palestinians in O.T. [NYT 6/10].

8 June

Yitzhak Shamir says he has enough support to form right-wing gov't. in Israel; formally informs Pres. Herzog; Shamir is expected to win 62 votes of 120-member Knesset. He will present his gov't. to Likud party on 6/10 [JDS 6/8 in FBIS 6/8; NYT, LAT 6/9; MET 6/19].

Pres. Bush, Sec. Baker weigh ending U.S.-PLO dialogue, Bush describes 5/30 incident as “sheer terror” and that he’d like to see “Arafat speak out and denounce” PLF attempted raid. Baker says admin. is trying to do all it can to avoid breaking off dialogue [NYT, LAT 6/9].

Amal and Hizballah representatives meet in W.Beirut for first time in 16 months; negotiations are arranged by Syria in effort to end Shiite conflict [NYT 6/9].

9 June


Salah Khalaf, senior PLO official, calls Shamir’s new gov’t. “a war cabinet, the worst in Israel’s history.” Arab mood blends apprehension, anger, and deepening hostility toward U.S. as Israel’s main ally [NYT 6/10]; Shamir, however, states that new gov’t. will not swing Israel toward narrow right-wing policies [WP 6/10].

10 June

Likud leader Yitzhak Shamir wins his party’s near-unanimous approval to form new gov’t., which he will present for Knesset vote on 6/11 [JDS 6/10 in FBIS 6/11; WP, LAT, WT 6/11].

U.S. Jewish delegation, concerned about anti-apartheid leader Nelson Mandela’s statements supporting PLO, meets him in Geneva for reassurances, reports Mandela says African National Congress “accepts unequivocally the existence of the State of Israel, not only de facto but also its legal right to exist... within secure borders.” Satisfied, delegation gives approval for warm welcome for Mandela on his arrival to U.S. on 6/20, a welcome that had been in doubt until meeting [WP, LAT, WT 6/11].

Arafat receives message from Mikhail Gorbachev detailing outcome of U.S.-Soviet summit, reaffirming Soviet support for Palestinians [BVP 6/10 in FBIS 6/12].

Israeli police discover 80 desecrated graves in American section of Mount of Olives cemetery in Jerusalem; Mayor Teddy Kollek warns incident may further disrupt Arab-Jewish relations in the city [LAT 6/11].

SLA forces in S.Lebanon report capturing 3 Fateh soldiers inside “security zone” (cf. 6/11) [AFP 6/11 in FBIS 6/12].

11 June

Israel’s parliament votes 62-57 (1 abstention) to approve right-wing gov’t. under P.M. Shamir. Likud’s narrow coalition includes 10 other parties or factions representing ultra-Orthodox religious groups and the extreme right (see Doc. C1) [JDS 6/11 in FBIS 6/12; NYT, WP, WT, LAT 6/12; FJ 6/18].

In Tunis, PLO issues statement opposing any military action that targets civilians (see Doc. B3). Bush admin. is re-
portedly “disappointed” that PLO did not specifically condemn 5/30 attempted seaborne raid by Abul Abbas’s PLF faction [BVP 6/11 in FBIS 6/12; WP, NYT, WT, LAT 6/12]; Robert Pelletreau, U.S. ambassador to Tunisia, meets with PLO representatives for fourth time in recent days; Swedish gov’t. sends emissary to Arafat, urging him to take action acceptable to Washington [KUNA 6/11 in FBIS 6/12; NYT, WP 6/12].

UNLU issues call no. 58, calling for increased isolation of Israel and U.S. [SVP 6/11, 6/14 in FBIS 6/13, 6/15].


Fateh political dir. Zayd Wahbah tells reporters Fateh “had not conducted an infiltration attempt into Israel,” referring to 6/10 allegation that SLA had captured Fateh infiltrators in S. Lebanon “security zone” [AFP 6/11 in FBIS 6/12].

12 June

Testifying before Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Sec. of State James Baker says U.S. will not rush to break off contacts with PLO, despite fact that PLO’s response to 5/30 attempted attack has “fallen short of the mark.” Baker reports that “an extraordinarily large number” of allies has urged Washington not to move too quickly or rashly [WT, WP 6/13]; Baker also says that at least 7 nations including Egypt and USSR have agreed to urge PLO to save its dialogue with U.S. [LAT 6/13]; Pres. Bush reiterates his call for PLO to roundly condemn 5/30 attempted attack [WP 6/13].

Officials in Bush admin. and Congress say Israel has emerged as leading supplier of advanced military technology to China, despite U.S.’s clearly expressed opposition to Israeli-Chinese military cooperation [LAT 6/13].

IDF soldier throws tear gas grenade into UN maternity clinic in Gaza Strip; 66 infants are treated for gas inhalation. IDF says soldier acted contrary to orders, and legal steps would be taken. IDF was responding to stonethrowing incident around the clinic (cf. 6/13, 6/14) [JDS 6/12 in FBIS 6/14; WT, WP, LAT 6/13; F] 6/18].

13 June

Speaking to Jerusalem Post in first interview since forming new gov’t. Yitzhak Shamir blames U.S. criticism for stirring up Arab hostility; lays down restrictive condition for peace talks, saying Israel will not negotiate with any Palestinian who opposes limited autonomy for O.T.; new gov’t.’s guidelines also stipulate no role for E. Jerusalem Palestinians in any part of peace process (see Doc. C3) [MEM 6/13; WP, NYT, LAT 6/14; LAT 6/16].

New Israeli police minister Roni Milo says Sec. James Baker’s formula for talks is “no longer relevant” to his gov’t. [NYT 6/14]; while F.M. David Levy says Baker plan had “distorted” the Israeli peace initiative it was to implement; calls for U.S. to “get back to basics” with Israel. Agriculture minister Rafael Eitan calls for deportation of Palestinian intifada leaders [WP 6/14].

Speaking before House Foreign Affairs Committee, Sec. Baker expresses impatience at peace process and especially with Israel, implying that if positive moves are not forthcoming quickly, U.S. will disengage from Middle East peace process: “When you’re serious about peace, call us,” he says, giving out White House telephone number (see Doc. D4) [NYT, WT, WP, LAT, MEM 6/14; MET 6/19].

Shamir, responding to Arab requests, authorizes UN fact-finding mission to
O.T.; move prompts harsh rebuke from far right-wing supporters of Shamir's gov't. [JDS 6/13 in FBIS 6/13; NYT 6/14].

Immigration min. Yitzhak Peretz says that 50,000 Jews, over 90% from USSR, have immigrated to Israel in 1990; nearly 200 have settled in O.T. [MET 6/26].

New D.M. Moshe Arens spends day visiting 2 largest Jewish settlements in W.Bank; says he is making a statement about his priorities [NYT 6/14; MET 6/26].

Israeli army jails for 10 days soldier who threw tear gas grenade into UN maternity clinic in Gaza. 66 infants were treated for gas inhalation in 6/12 incident [WT 6/14; MET 6/26].

Beirut radio reports of skirmish in S.Lebanon between Israeli and SLA troops and Shiite militias; no injuries [BVL 6/13 in FBIS 6/13].

14 June

Israeli officials, including Avi Pazner, senior advisor to Shamir, reject Sec. Baker's 6/13 comments to House Foreign Affairs Committee, saying Baker misinterpreted Shamir's comment about talks, and that Shamir has not imposed new conditions on Israeli-Palestinian negotiations [WP, NYT, WT, LAT 6/15]; White House backs Baker's statements saying admin. is beginning to question seriousness of parties in the conflict [LAT, WT 6/15].

IDF frees from jail army lieutenant who threw tear gas grenade in UN maternity clinic on 6/12, saying his 10-day sentence was suspended by his commander after he appealed for leniency [WP, WT 6/15; MET 6/26].

15 June

Cairo announces P.M. Shamir cabled Pres. Mubarak, proposing meeting to examine bilateral relations (cf. 6/18) [MAP 6/18 in FBIS 6/19].

Ending 4-day visit to O.T., Women's International League for Peace and Freedom delegates condemn Israeli practices in O.T., call for Palestinian state, and convening of international conference [FJ 6/25].

Masked gunmen shoot, kill Fateh official Ahmed Selim Draz in Palestinian refugee camp in Tyre, S. Lebanon; afterwards fighting breaks out among various pro-Palestinian factions [LAT 6/16].

16 June

New York Times reports that despite numerous calls for electoral reform in Israel, new gov't. has shelved any notion of revamping current system [NYT 6/17].

Faisal Husayni meets with UN Sec. Gen. Javier Perez de Cuellar in New York to discuss impending UN envoy mission to Israel [MEM 6/19].

17 June

Israel's new gov't. holds 1st formal meeting, does not discuss Middle East peace plans; officials say gov't. hopes "within a matter of weeks" to discuss deadlocked peace process [IDF 6/17 in FBIS 6/18; WT 6/18].

At least 3 people are killed, 15 wounded in large-scale fighting in Tyre, S. Lebanon between Palestinian factions. Members of Abu Nidal's Fateh Revolutionary Council are driven from Rashidiyah refugee camp by FRC dissidents, backed by Fateh forces loyal to Arafat [NYT, WT 6/18].
18 June

P.M. Shamir invites Syrian Pres. Asad "to come, to talk, to conduct negotiations and maybe to get to peace." Shamir also criticizes U.S. for delaying decision on whether to continue U.S.-PLO dialogue [WP, NYT, LAT 6/19; JTS 6/18 in FBIS 6/19].

White House spokesperson Marlin Fitzwater says Pres. Bush has written "lengthy" letter sent to Shamir over past few days offering congratulations on new gov't. and discussing U.S.-Israeli relations [WP, WT 6/19; MEM 6/22 (details of letter in MEM 7/27)].

Tel Aviv court charges Israeli Ami Popper, 21, with the 5/20 murders of 7 Palestinians. Five-man psychiatric panel rejects notion that Popper is "derranged," as Israeli authorities had first claimed [IDF 6/18 in FBIS 6/18; LAT 6/19].

Cairo declines Shamir's 6/15 call for Israeli-Egyptian summit, saying Egypt expects "concrete actions towards peace and establishment of dialogue in Cairo with Palestinians and not mere messages conveying good intentions" [MAP 6/18 in FBIS 6/19].

In letter to Israeli Pres. Chaim Herzog released today, Theo Klein, former head (1983-89) of France's 700,000-strong Jewish community, says Israel should meet PLO [MEM 6/19].

19 June

World Zionist Organization exec. committee drafts resolution opposing settlement of Soviet Jews on occupied Palestinian land. The 165-member general council in Jerusalem is to vote on resolution on 6/20 (cf. 6/20) [WT 6/20].

Labor party's Central Bureau schedule meeting for next week to decide whether to call for party elections; an increasing number of Laborites are calling for Shimon Peres to be replaced as party leader by Yitzhak Rabin [NYT 6/20].

Israeli judge orders Israeli Arab poet Shafik Habib placed under house arrest on charges of incitement. Authorities say Habib's poems, written in Arabic, call for attacks on Israel with stones, firebombs and ammunition. Habib denies charges [WP, LAT 6/20].

Israel's National Planning Board votes not to approve VOA transmitter scheduled to be built in the Negev. Board shelves project until 2-year environmental study can be completed; agreement to build transmitter was signed in 1988 [NYT, WP 6/21].

20 June

Pres. Bush announces he is suspending 18-month U.S.-PLO dialogue because of PLO's failure to condemn 5/30 attempted raid on Israel. Bush says suspension was "not an easy call," and "though we are specific in calling for the condemnation of this particular terrorist attack, once that is done we can resume talks." (see Doc. D5) [KUNA 6/20 in FBIS 6/21; NYT, WP, LAT, WT, MEM 6/21; ADS 6/21 in FBIS 6/21].

In Jerusalem, World Zionist Organization defeats resolution opposing settlement of Soviet Jews in O.T.; P.M. Shamir speaks to group before vote, warns that Arabs are trying to sabotage immigration with threats of war [LAT, WT 6/21]; Shamir also calls on USSR not to curtail immigration [JDS 6/20 in FBIS 6/21].

American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee meets with FBI officials to discuss unsolved 1985 assassination of Alex Odeh; ADC accuses Israel of sheltering the killers, urges U.S. pressure on Israel to solve case [WT 6/21].

Worsening economic conditions in Gaza have created new political extrem-
ism and rise in influence of Hamas, other Islamic groups [CSM 6/21].

21 June

Sec. of State James Baker tells reporters there can be no dialogue between Israel and Palestinians from O.T. without "acquiescence" of PLO, as evidenced by Israel's vain attempts to find PLO alternative for 22 years [MEM 6/22].

Arab League issues statement saying suspension of U.S.-PLO dialogue was not in best interests of Middle East peace, adds that U.S. will be held responsible for deterioration of situation inside O.T. [KUNA 6/21 in FBIS 6/22].

Jean-Claude Amié, UN special envoy, arrives in Israel to begin fact-finding mission [MEM 6/21; JDS 6/22 in FBIS 6/25; MET 7/3].

In television interview, Nelson Mandela describes Yasir Arafat as "a comrade in arms" and says it would be "a grave mistake" to change his view of Arafat "on the basis of the interests of the Jewish community" [WP 6/22].

PLO Exec. Committee, meeting in Baghdad, issues statement saying U.S. decision to end dialogue constitutes "a challenge" to Arab League, calls on Arab states to implement resolutions adopted at Baghdad summit in May (see Doc. B4) [WP, LAT 6/22; BVP 6/21, DUS 6/22 in FBIS 6/22]; further Arab reaction is mixed [NYT, LAT 6/22].

French Pres. François Mitterrand tells reporters that U.S. should display same firmness with Israel as it has with PLO: "One must be able to speak to Israel and the PLO at the same time...if steps were taken that would permit speaking to Israel with the same firmness, that would be a good thing" [WP 6/22].

Senate Foreign Relations Committee unanimously approves commendation of Pres. Bush for suspending U.S.-PLO dialogue; entire Senate is expected to approve commendation soon [WP, WT 6/22].

New York Times reports of emergence of "tent towns" in Israel; mass immigration has driven up rent prices and housing is in such short supply that rents are beyond reach of young Israeli families, who are forced to live in tents. Soviet immigrants receive gov't. subsidies and are more able to afford higher rents [NYT 6/22].

22 June

Latvia and Israel sign protocol for economic cooperation, the first such agreement between a Soviet republic and Israel. Protocol "envisions joint research and development...and also the exchange of scientific information" [TASS 6/22].

D.M. Moshe Arens plans to appeal for legislative changes allowing for creation of settlers' Civil Guard in O.T. (cf. 6/24) [HAA 6/24 in FBIS 6/28].

Col. Yehuda Meir, under court-martial indictment for allegedly breaking bones of Palestinians, admits to doing so but says he was carrying out orders issued by then-D.M. Yitzhak Rabin in January 1988 [LAT 6/23].

23 June

Abul Abbas, leader of PLF group responsible for 5/30 attempted seaborne raid on Israel, says that he is prepared to accept disciplinary action from PLO Exec. Committee, adds that Arafat may "take any measure he sees as necessary to protect the national achievements of our people." Abbas adds that he has given to Arafat a file on the attack to show raid had been aimed at military targets [NYT 6/24].

New York Times reports Abu Nidal is losing control over his Fateh Revolution-
ary Council; dissidents say they will follow Arafat [NYT 6/24].

**Israeli navy** destroys speedboat, kills two unidentified people, off coast of S. Lebanon; military sources claim terrorists aboard were en route to Israel [JDS 6/24 in FBIS 6/25].

Joyce Starr, co-chair of Global Strategy Council, a U.S. thinktank, advises that untreated sewage is causing sanitary and environmental problems in Gaza Strip: “Gaza is a sewage time bomb waiting to explode. . .[it] has reached the limits of its disposable water resources” [LAT 6/24].

**24 June**

Ariel Sharon, new housing minister, promises Israel will make no special effort to settle Soviet Jewish emigrants in O.T.: “We do not divert and we do not send any Russian immigrants or any Jew who comes from Russia” to O.T. (cf. 6/25) [IDF 6/24 in FBIS 6/25; WP, LAT, NYT 6/25; CSM 6/27].

Knesset announces plans to allow armed civilian units to patrol perimeters of O.T. settlements; creation of settlers’ Civil Guard comes under fire [MEM 6/25].

East German president of parliament Sabine Bergmann-Pohl and her West German counterpart Rita Suessmuth visit Israel apparently to allay Israeli concerns about a unified Germany. Bergmann-Pohl says she hopes she “will be able to assist in speeding up the creation of diplomatic relations between the two countries” [WT 6/26].

**Israeli transport minister Moshe Katzav** suspends inauguration of direct commercial flights between Tel Aviv and Prague because of dispute over security arrangements in Czech capital [JPD 6/25 in FBIS 6/28].

Inspector general of Israeli police, Yaakov Turner, warns Palestinian residents of E. Jerusalem that more of them would be killed if they continue demonstrations that began on 6/20 [JDS 6/24 in FBIS 6/28; NYT 6/25].

Hanna Siniora, editor of Al-Fajr, says of U.S. decision to suspend dialogue with PLO that “the whole area is slipping toward a bottomless pit of hatred and suspicion.” Editorials say suspension of dialogue has “put the whole region on a powder keg” and amount to reward for Shamir’s intransigence [CSM 6/25].

King Hussein calls on U.S. to reassess its Middle East policy and open door for Soviet Jews who wish to settle in U.S. rather than Israel [WS] 6/25]

**Egyptian F.M. Esmat Abdel Meguid** flies to Washington hoping to avert crisis in U.S.-Arab relations and reassert Egypt’s role in peace process [LAT 6/25].

**Hadashot** reports since Arye Bibi, commander of Jerusalem district police, assumed his post, 5 Arabs have been killed by police or border guard fire in the district. Under Bibi’s predecessor Yosef Yehuday, no one was killed by police gunfire; due to relative quiet in O.T., Jerusalem is becoming intifada’s frontline [HAD 6/25 in FBIS 6/28].

**25 June**

Bush admin. says Israel’s 6/24 pledge not to make special effort to settle Soviet Jews in O.T. is "a hopeful development,” but one that stops short of what is necessary to free $400 million in U.S. aid for immigrant housing [LAT 6/26]; despite Sharon’s statement, Israeli immigration officials say they have not been notified of any policy change [NYT 6/27]; official says Sharon’s statement was most definitely not a change in Israeli policy [LAT 6/26; MEM 6/29].
P.M. Shamir has sent letter to EC leaders who will meet in Dublin on 6/27. Letter declares Israeli intent to renew peace effort, adds Arab countries continue terrorism against Israel [YA 6/25 in FBIS 6/28].

Health Minister Ehud Olmert, who was in charge of minority affairs in previous gov't., announces NIS 850 million proposal to gradually improve Israeli Arab towns and villages over a 10-year period. Plan has yet to be approved by full gov't. [JPD 6/26 in FBIS 6/26].

Egyptian analysts say suspension of U.S.-PLO dialogue harms Egypt's role and prestige as interlocutor between PLO and Washington [CSM 6/26].

26 June

Heads of state of 12 EC countries end 2-day summit in Dublin, issue statement on Middle East opposing Israeli settlement policy, calling for international conference, and for strengthening trade links with O.T. (see Doc. A7) [TDS 6/27 in FBIS 6/28; MEM 6/28].

Jean-Claude Amié meets with 5 Palestinian academicians, is presented with 12-point memorandum outlining situation in O.T. [RMC 6/26 in FBIS 6/27].

Internal IDF paper recommends that chief of staff and defense establishment change criteria for reporting incidents in O.T. so that daily occurrences are more accurately portrayed [HAA 6/26 in FBIS 6/26].

Egypt's F.M. Esmat Abdel Meguid meets with Pres. Bush in Washington, no "breakthroughs" on peace process are reported, but U.S. interest in reviving process is affirmed [WP 6/28].

Bethlehem Mayor Elias Fray] meets with D.M. Moshe Arens to discuss situation in O.T. [JAA 6/26 in FBIS 6/28].

F.M. David Levy rejects Sec. Baker's formula for Israeli-Palestinian negotiation, echoes Shamir in saying talks cannot include deportees or E.Jerusalem residents [JPD 6/27 in FBIS 6/27].

B'Tselem issues report "Violence against Minors in Police Detention," which claims teenagers interrogated by police and Shin Bet agents are routinely beaten, chained in awkward positions or in "punishment cells" for hours at a time [JPD 6/26 in FBIS 6/27].

Syria rejects invitation from P.M. Shamir for Pres. Asad to go to Jerusalem for peace talks, calls the offer "a trick" [NYT 6/27].

27 June

In first interview with U.S. newspaper in nearly 6 years, Iraq's Saddam Hussein says another Mideast war is "inevitable" unless U.S. deters aggressive Israeli policies against Palestinians; that Iraq will stand up to any Israeli military aggression in the area [WS] 6/28].

Joint Jewish Agency and gov't. coordinating committee on immigration and absorption approve annual budget of $2.3 million for absorbing 150,000 immigrants a year for next 3 years; plan includes construction of 45,000 new apartments [IGP 6/27 in FBIS 6/27].


UN envoy Jean-Claude Amié tours Gaza Strip and meets with Palestinian officials there who request UN protection [JDS 6/28 in FBIS 6/28].

West Bank Civil Admin. allows 2 colleges to reopen: al-Najah University in Nablus and Science University in Abu-Dis; studies will resume in mid-July [JDS 6/27 in FBIS 6/28].

Concluding 3-day visit to Israel, speakers of East and West German parliaments say they have received P.M. Shamir’s unconditional approval of reunification of Germany. Shamir says he expects Germany to influence other EC members to adopt more understanding attitude toward Israel [JDS 6/28 in FBIS 6/28; WT 6/28].

Pres. of European Parliament, Enrique Baron Crespo, meets in Tunis with Arafat, according to WAFA [MEM 6/28].

28 June______________

Pres. Bush receives “very long and detailed” letter on the peace process from P.M. Shamir, in reply to Bush’s own letter; Shamir rejects inclusion of deportees and E.Jerusalem Palestinians in Israeli-Palestinian talks, reminds Bush that Israel will not talk to PLO [WT, WP, NYT, LAT, MEM 6/29; NYT 7/8 (for details of letter see MEM 7/9)].

Palestinians in O.T. hold strike in protest against Israel’s annexation of E.Jerusalem 23 years ago [MEM 6/28].

UN envoy Jean-Claude Amié meets in E.Jerusalem with Palestinian notables from W.Bank, including former Hebron mayor Mustafa al-Natshah [JDS 6/29 in FBIS 6/29].

Sources claim EC will appoint permanent representative in E.Jerusalem in November 1990 to study first hand human rights situation and to ascertain whether Soviet Jews are being settled in O.T. [RAY 6/28, JDS 6/29 in FBIS 6/29].

Survey conducted by Ha’aretz over 6/23-6/24 finds 88,000 Jews are settled in O.T. 1988 Israeli census claimed 70,000 settlers, and Ha’aretz forecasts number to rise to 95,000 by September [MEM 6/28].

29 June________________

Washington Post reports of scramble for compromise by PLO moderates in wake of suspension of U.S.-PLO dialogue. Moderates are seeking way to restore dialogue without losing influence to hard-liners [WP 6/30].

Pres. Bush says U.S. will remain involved in peace process: “I think there has got to be discussion with Palestinians, and that has to happen. But if we get totally stiff-armed on the Baker approach...then we go back to the drawing board, because we’re not going to sit here and do nothing” [NYT 6/30].

Israeli gov’t. says it will pay $20,000 each to families of victims of 5/20 Rishon le Zion killings [MET 7/10].

30 June________________

PLO sends memorandum to Soviet F.M. Shevardnadze outlining Palestinian stance on Soviet Jewish emigration; stressing importance of associating Israel’s guarantee not to settle immigrants in O.T. with its commitment to allow return of deportees, to halt deportations, and to stop confiscation of Palestinian property [DUS 7/2 in FBIS 7/2].

1 July________________

Housing Min. Ariel Sharon invokes emergency powers to facilitate immediate purchase of 3,000 prefabricated housing units for Soviet immigrants to Israel (cf. 7/17) [IDF 7/1 in FBIS 7/2; NYT, WT 7/18].

Delegation on behalf of Council of Jewish Settlements meets with UN rep. Jean-Claude Aimé in Jerusalem to dis-
cuss human rights situation in O.T. [JDS 7/1 in FBIS 7/2].

IDF releases 470 Arab prisoners serving brief sentences to mark 'Id al-Adha [JDS 7/1 in FBIS 7/2; WP, WT 7/2].

2 July

Pres. Asad is quoted as saying a return to 1973 Geneva conference, which Syria did not attend, would provide "an adequate opportunity to achieve a just peace in the Middle East" [MEM 7/2].

P.M. Shamir appeals to Pres. Mubarak to work with Israel towards Middle East peace, and calls for meeting of Israeli, Egyptian, and U.S. foreign ministers [WT 7/3].

8 Palestinians were killed during June, the lowest total since intifada began; Palestinian and Israeli sources attribute tally in part to new policy of army restraint under D.M. Moshe Arens [NYT 7/3].

UN envoy Jean-Claude Amié leaves Jerusalem for New York after having extended his visit "a number of days" for additional meetings [JPD 7/3 in FBIS 7/3].

D.M. Moshe Arens authorizes use of new punitive measure that permits "conditional deportation" of intifada leaders from their homes to supervised locations elsewhere in O.T. [HAA 7/2 in FBIS 7/3].

Arab poet Shafiq Habib is released from house arrest, where he was confined 2 weeks ago for inciting violence in his writings [JDS 7/2 in FBIS 7/3].

Israeli Arab and Communist Party member Tewfik Toubi resigns from his Knesset seat; he was Israel's longest-serving MK [MET 7/10].

3 July

Israel's ambassador to Egypt, Shimon Shamir, resigns, saying he could not reconcile his political views with those of P.M. Yitzhak Shamir and new Israeli gov't. [JDS 7/3 in FBIS 7/3; NYT, LAT 7/4].

3 W.Bank Palestinians are killed, 10 other injured when Arab throws grenade at procession; reasons for the attack, which took place in Idna, are unknown [WT 7/4].

Gov't. of Finland says it will allow transit flights of Soviet Jews heading for Israel or other destinations, says it trusted Israel not to settle immigrants in O.T. (cf. 7/22) [MEM 7/4; NYT 7/6].

4 July

Bush admin., working through Egypt, has informed PLO that U.S.-PLO dialogue will resume if Arafat accepts U.S.-Egyptian plan to discipline PLF leader Abul Abbas [WP 7/5].

Politicians across the political spectrum condemn 7-page manual recently distributed among W.Bank settlers that details ways of shooting Palestinians without getting caught, according to the Jerusalem Post [MEM, WT 7/5].

5 July

Sec. Baker writes F.M. David Levy, inviting him to meet in Paris on 7/18; Bakers says he wants to "try and reengage" Israel in Middle East peace process [MEM 7/6; WP 7/8].

UNLU issues call no. 59, which asks for international protection for Palestinians in O.T. [SVP 7/5 in FBIS 7/6].

6 July

Israeli air force planes bomb PFLP-GC bases north of Tripoli and in al-Biqa' Valley in S.Lebanon [JDS 7/6 in FBIS 7/6].
7 July

Israel foreign ministry turns down compromise solution for expediting $400 million in U.S. loan guarantees; solution offered by ass’t. sec. of state Dennis Ross stipulated Israel would receive funding in exchange for guarantee that money would be invested within green line, and that all expenditures would be documented for U.S. review [MAA 7/8 in FBIS 7/9].

After considering 6/28 letter from P.M. Shamir to Pres. Bush, admin. officials conclude that another attempt to organize Israeli-Palestinian talks may be justified [NYT 7/8; MEM 7/9].

USSR informs Arab nations that its diplomats in Israel will visit Jewish settlements in O.T. to investigate if Soviet Jews are living there [KUNA 7/7 in FBIS 7/9]; USSR sends message to PLO conveying its anxiety over possible deterioration of Middle East situation [ADS 7/7 in FBIS 7/9].

In Ta`izz, Yemen, Pres. Mubarak, PLO chrmn. Arafat, and Pres. Salih meet to discuss Palestinian developments since suspension of U.S.-PLO dialogue [MENA 7/7 in FBIS 7/9].

Israeli radio reports 60 families of Soviet immigrants totalling about 160 people have settled in town of Qatzrin in Golan Heights in past few weeks, but additional immigration there has been halted due to housing shortage [JDS 7/7 in FBIS 7/9].

8 July

Yasir Arafat meets with UN Sec. Gen. Javier Perez de Cuellar in Geneva to discuss report submitted by UN envoy Jean-Claude Aimé on 7/4 [INA 7/8 in FBIS 7/9; MEM 7/9].

PLO reports it is prepared to discipline Abul Abbas and PLF for 5/30 attempted raid on Israel, but only after U.S. agrees to resume and expand U.S.-PLO dialogue. “We want a real dialogue, not a mailbox to send questions and wait for answers,” says Yasir Abd Rabbo [NYT 7/13].

Fateh Central Committee opens meetings in Tunis [INA 7/11 in FBIS 7/12].

Israeli police officer is stabbed and seriously wounded while patrolling near Church of Holy Sepulchre in the Old City [NYT, LAT 7/9].

Israeli air force jets destroy Hizballah base in Jarujh, Lebanon, killing 2 and wounding at least 7; military says base was used for organizing attacks inside Israeli-controlled “security zone” in S.Lebanon [IDF 7/8 in FBIS 7/9; NYT, LAT 7/9].

9 July

P.M. Shamir’s right-wing gov’t. defeats 6 no-confidence motions by 60-51 vote with 5 abstentions. Motions were brought over housing shortage and new Jewish settler guard units in O.T. [IDF 7/9 in FBIS 7/10; LAT 7/10].

Influx of Jewish immigrants is causing severe housing shortage in Israel, prompting vehement complaints from Israelis who are being evicted from apartments to make room for Soviet Jews [WP 7/10].

Results of CBS News/New York Times poll taken last month are released, showing U.S. support for Israel is not as solid as it was 2 years ago. Poll reveals majority of Americans who favor sustained military aid to Israel has been reduced, and growing minority now advocates more sympathy for Palestinians; 38% of respondents say U.S. should be more sympathetic to Palestinian concerns than it is now, versus 26% in 1988; 47% of respondents support a Palestinian homeland in O.T., compared to 10% in 1988 [NYT 7/9; MEM 7/10; FJ 8/6].
Israeli warplanes bomb Hizballah bases in Louaize and Melita, S. Lebanon, killing 4 militia members and 8 civilians, wounding 28. Israeli gunners also trade artillery fire with Hizballah positions north of “security zone” [BDS 7/9 in FBIS 7/10; NYT, WP, LAT, WT 7/10].

10 July

Los Angeles immigration judge refuses to deport Palestinian student Bashar Amer, 1 of 7 Palestinians arrested in January 1987 for subversion. Justice dep't. maintains the 7 (and 1 Kenyan) should be deported because of their alleged association with PFLP. All 8 deny belonging to PFLP [LAT 7/17].


Soviet ambassador in Tunis gives Yasir Arafat message from Mikhail Gorbachev [KUNA 7/11 in FBIS 7/11; AVP 7/11 in FBIS 7/12].

Due to illness, F.M. David Levy postpones planned Paris meeting with U.S. Sec. of State Baker [JTS 7/10 in FBIS 7/11; MEM 7/11].

Lebanese foreign ministry asks its UN mission to submit strongly-worded complaint against Israel for repeated air attacks in S. Lebanon [BDS 7/10 in FBIS 7/11].

11 July

Following new defense ministry policy, Israeli army has not been seen in Rafa district in Gaza since late May; reports say violence in Rafa has stopped and Palestinian flags fly from almost every high point [NYT 7/13].

Knesset rejects motion to investigate charges that former D.M. Yitzhak Rabin ordered soldiers to break bones of Palestinians at start of intifada. Charges stem from admission by many soldiers that they were following orders in beating Palestinians [NYT 7/12].

In Cairo on part of Middle East visit, Chrmn. of Joint Chiefs of Staff Colin Powell tells Egypt and other U.S. aid recipients that Congress is pushing to hold down arms assistance. Powell meets with Pres. Mubarak [WT 7/12]; and later he flies to Amman to meet with King Hussein [ATS 7/11 in FBIS 7/12].

12 July

Ethiopia has reportedly stopped issuing exit visas for Jews in attempt to compel Israel to send Ethiopian gov't. more weapons. Israeli advisors, weapons, and surveillance equipment are being used by gov't. against rebel guerrilla armies [WJW, WT 7/12; NYT 7/13, 7/14]; Washington Jewish Week says classified congressional memorandum confirms that Israel has supplied Ethiopia with cluster bombs, military trainers, etc. as part of deal [MEM 7/13; JDS 7/13 in FBIS 7/13].

Israeli Labor party's 150-member leadership bureau abandons its 7/5 position of not taking sides in party leadership struggle, backs Yitzhak Rabin over Shimon Peres on major issues; Labor's 1,400-member central committee will reach final decisions at 7/22 meeting [JDS 7/12 in FBIS 7/13; NYT, WP, WT 7/13].

West Bank settlers have set up “foreign office,” called Foreign Relations Forum of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, whose task is to explain to foreign and domestic gov't. and media personalities the "needs
and rights” of settlers [JPD 7/12 in FBIS 7/12].

Chrmn. of U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Colin Powell, arrives in Israel, meets with D.M. Moshe Arens [JDS 7/12 in FBIS 7/13].

In Moscow, Soviet-Arab dialogue continues as Soviet officials host delegation from Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Libya, Palestine, Syria and Tunisia [IZV 7/14].

14 July

Pres. Asad arrives in Alexandria, Egypt on his first visit in 13 years [NYT, WP 7/15].

Reports from S.Lebanon claim Israeli troops have altered landmarks and moved barbed wire fencing to increase size of its “security zone,” adding area 4 to 5 km long, ½ km wide [BDS 7/14 in FBIS 7/17].

15 July

Pres. Asad says he is ready to move forward on “a serious initiative toward peace,” but that both he and Pres. Mubarak are waiting for Israel and Washington to take first step [WP, LAT, WT, MEM 7/16].

Arab League opens “foreign ministers” meeting in Tunis (but only 3 F.M.s, from Tunisia, Algeria, and Iraq, attend; others are ambassadors); PLO rep. warns that U.S. has given Israel “the green light” to crack down on Palestinians in O.T. [AFP 7/15 in FBIS 7/17]; at meeting, Yasar Arafat rejects renewed U.S. demands that PLO discipline Abul Abbas before restarting U.S.-PLO dialogue; Arafat accuses U.S. of “supporting Israel without limit” (cf. 7/19, 7/23) [WP, WT, MEM 7/16].

B’Tselem issues report “Firing by the Security Forces in the Territories,” which states a “considerable percentage” of shooting deaths and injuries occur because IDF soldiers open fire in violation of army regulations. IDF categorically rejects report [JPD 7/16 in FBIS 7/17; MEM 7/17].

Israeli committee dealing with immigrant absorption takes measures granting, as of 8/1, immigrants the use of police and army barracks, hotels and youth hostels, and boarding and recreational homes as temporary residences [SOR 7/17 in FBIS 7/18; MEM 7/17].

16 July

Syrian Pres. Asad returns to Damascus, concluding 3-day visit with Egypt’s Pres. Mubarak [WP, NYT 7/17].

Arab League concludes meeting in Tunis, reports Arab states will boycott companies and institutions that help Jews immigrate to Israel [INA 7/16 in FBIS 7/17; WT, MEM 7/17].

UN Sec. Gen. Javier Perez de Cuellar asks 5 permanent members of Sec. Council to become involved in Middle East peace process; U.S. indicates readiness to examine de Cuellar’s invitation, but has traditionally opposed greater UN involvement [MEM 7/17; NYT 7/18].

Israeli troops shoot, wound 11 Palestinians in Gaza; enter Rafa town and camp for first time in month and order residents to remove graffiti [NYT 7/17].

17 July

Israel’s Supreme Court overturns Housing Min. Ariel Sharon’s use of emergency powers to speed up construction of housing for Soviet immigrants to Israel, ruling Sharon should have petitioned Knesset for aid [JDS 7/17 in FBIS 7/17; NYT, WT, MEM 7/18].

5 Israeli reservists are killed, 10 others injured when stray shell explodes during training exercise in the Negev [WP 7/18].
200 Fateh troops are deployed in S.Lebanon as a buffer between fighting Arafat and Hizballah militias [AFP, BVL 7/17 in FBIS 7/17; NYT 7/18].

18 July

Joint meeting between representatives of UN and Arab League opens in Geneva to discuss implementation of previous UN resolutions and Arab roles in various UN organizations [KUNA 7/18 in FBIS 7/20].

19 July

U.S. State Dep't. abruptly postpones meeting of joint U.S.-Israeli Security Assistance Planning Committee, which coordinates U.S. military aid to Israel; speculation arises that delay is intended to put pressure on Israel, despite U.S. statements to the contrary [JDS 7/20 in FBIS 7/20; WP 7/20].

Jordan accuses Israel of obstructing transit over Jordan River bridges, and reducing number of people allowed to enter O.T.; Jordanians say reduction violates agreed-upon quota [JDS 7/19 in FBIS 7/20].

Jewish Agency offices open in Warsaw for first time since World War II. Agency chrmn. Simha Dinitz meets with Polish P.M. Tadeusz Mazowiecki to discuss possible transport of Soviet Jews to Israel via Warsaw [HAA 7/20 in FBIS 7/20].

Egyptian newspaper editorials attack Arafat, Palestinians; attacks are occasioned by anti-Egypt remarks attributed to Arafat at Arab League meeting 7/15-16 [MEM 7/24].

USSR reports that during first 6 months of 1990, 48,276 Soviet Jews have emigrated to Israel [MTS 7/19 in FBIS 7/20].

20 July

U.S. Sec. of Defense Richard Cheney meets with Israeli counterpart Moshe Arens in Washington; Cheney assures Arens that U.S. will continue to support financially Israel's $160-million Arrow missile defense program despite U.S. budget crunch [NYT, LAT 7/21].

Searchers locate crash site of Israeli air force plane missing since 7/13 in Golan Heights. Pilot was killed [JDS, IDF 7/20 in FBIS 7/20; LAT 7/21].

Israeli authorities detain 5 Jewish Americans accused of organizing immigration of Israeli Jews to U.S., W. Europe [ITT 7/20 in FBIS 7/23].

IDF troops shoot, injure 36 Gaza Palestinians after prayer services commemorating 5/20 Rishon le Zion killings [LAT 7/21].

21 July

Israeli authorities allow Al-Najah University in Nablus to reopen [JDS 7/21 in FBIS 7/23].

Jordanian army patrol shoots dead 4 alleged PFLP members crossing the border from Syria into Jordan (cf. 7/23) [JTE 7/23 in FBIS 7/23].

Hizballah forces claim to have driven Amal and Fateh troops from Jarjou, S.Lebanon [AFP 7/21 in FBIS 7/23; WP 7/23].

22 July

Labor Party Central Committee rejects proposal backed by Yitzhak Rabin to convene nominating convention so that Rabin could challenge Shimon Peres for party's leadership. Convention is put off until next year, leaving Peres in control [JDS 7/22 in FBIS 7/23; LAT, NYT, WP 7/23; FJ 7/30].

"Security reasons" force cancellation of charter flight of Soviet Jews from Finland to Israel; officials say there is no
chance of Finnish transit point operating soon [JDS 7/22 in FBIS 7/23].

Head of Jordanian Ministry of Interior's Follow-up and Inspection Dep't., Muhammad Majid al-'Udwan, reports 70,000 residents have failed to return to W.Bank despite Jordanian regulations discouraging their extended stay [JTE 7/21 in FBIS 7/23].

23 July

The "Troika" foreign ministers of the EC (Italy, Ireland, and Luxembourgh) arrive for overnight visit in Israel; say opening of Israeli-Palestinian dialogue is essential to peace. Italian F.M. Gianni De Michelis adds "the peace process is impossible without the Palestinians and without a real representative of the Palestinians" [MEM 7/23; WP 7/24]; Troika meets with Israeli F.M. David Levy; De Michelis hints EC is not likely to honor Israel's request for enhanced trade with integrated Europe in 1992 without peace progress (cf. 7/24) [JDS 7/23; MEM 7/24; MAA 7/24 in FBIS 7/24].

King Hussein meets Pres. Mubarak in Alexandria for "working visit" [MENA, ADS, 7/23 in FBIS 7/23].

PFLP spokesman denies that 4 persons killed by Jordanian troops on 7/21 belonged to his group [RMC 7/23 in FBIS 7/24].

Immigrant Absorption Minister Yitzhak Perez tells Knesset committee some 70,000 immigrants have arrived in Israel in 1990, 61,000 from USSR. He also says that beginning in August, 20,000 immigrants will arrive monthly [JDS 7/23 in FBIS 7/24].

Arafat sends cable to Pres. Mubarak, reaffirming "strong fraternal ties" between Palestinians and Egyptians. Cable, 2d in 2 days, is seen as part of PLO efforts to diffuse tensions starting with Egyptian newspaper attacks on Arafat (cf. 7/19) [MEM 7/24].

Israeli and SLA artillery shell Iqlim al-Tuffah in S.Lebanon [BVL 7/24 in FBIS 7/24]; shelling wounds 5 Fateh soldiers [BVP 7/23 in FBIS 7/25].

24 July

Visiting EC ministers meet with P.M. Shamir, say they would like to see progress in peace process; Shamir sharply rejects EC call to include PLO in peace talks, vows to resist any economic pressure [IDF 7/24 in FBIS 7/24; WP 7/25]; EC delegation flies to Tunis, meets with Arab ministerial committee [TDS 7/24 in FBIS 7/25; MAP 7/25 in FBIS 7/26; MEM 7/25].

Reversing earlier decision, Israeli planning board approves construction of $300-million Voice of America radio-relay station in the Negev; opponents will take case to Israel's high court [JDS 7/24 in FBIS 7/26; NYT, WP 7/25; LAT 7/26].

European-Palestinian chamber of commerce is recently organized to accelerate granting bills of lading for goods exported from O.T. to Europe. Palestinian members include Elias Fraji, Hanna Sionina, and businessmen Mahir al-Masri and Suhayl Jid'an [HAM 7/24 in FBIS 7/24].

25 July

Middle East Watch issues human rights report accusing Israel of condoning excessive force against Palestinians, although report claims IDF recently has begun to show more restraint (see Doc. D6) [MEM, LAT 7/26]; IDF rejects findings, saying Israeli Supreme Court has found IDF practices to be legal [JDS 7/25 in FBIS 7/26; F] 7/30].

Arafat meets in Tunis with EC delegation of foreign ministers from Ireland,
Italy, and Luxembourg to discuss Middle East peace process [SVP 7/25 in FBIS 7/26].

Israeli and SLA artillery hits Iqlim al-Tuffah in S. Lebanon; 2 killed, 4 wounded [LAT 7/26; JDS 7/26 in FBIS 7/26; SVP 7/27 in FBIS 7/31; JPI 8/11].

26 July

Gov’ts. of Ethiopia and Israel say flow of Ethiopian Jews to Israel has returned to normal levels after recent disruptions; under pact reached last year, 500 Ethiopian Jews are allowed to emigrate each month [NYT 7/27; JPI 8/11].

International Organization of Journalists releases results of fact-finding tour in Israel; criticizes treatment of journalists in Israel, claims publications, especially Palestinian ones, are subject to censorship, and that status of Palestinian journalists is not recognized [F] 8/6.

27 July

P.M. Shamir meets in Jerusalem with visiting pres. of Soviet Chamber of Commerce, Vladislav Malkevich, to discuss developing Soviet-Israeli trade relations [JDS 7/27 in FBIS 7/27]; decision to exchange trade representatives is reached [MTS 7/27 in FBIS 7/30].

U.S. Senate votes to impose sanctions on Iraq, prohibiting guaranteed loans to buy American farm products; House passes milder version. Measures are included in each house’s farm bill to be passed later this year [DUS 7/28 in FBIS 7/30; MEM 8/3].

Al-Qabbas reports Egypt has halted its U.S.-PLO mediation efforts and invited PLO to go it alone; Cairo’s decision related to continuing Egyptian-Palestinian crisis (cf. 7/19, 7/23) [MEM 7/27].

28 July

Pipe bomb explodes on Tel Aviv beach, killing 17-year-old Canadian tourist, wounding 17 others; explosion prompts anti-Arab incidents throughout the city resulting in more than a dozen arrests [IDF, JDS 7/28 in FBIS 7/30; WP 7/29; FJ 8/6].

Amal soldiers, reportedly backed by PLO militia, break through Hizballah defenses in S. Lebanon; 16 are killed, at least 50 wounded. PLO neither confirms nor denies involvement in attack [NYT 7/29].

29 July

Washington Post reports costs of massive influx of Soviet Jews has begun to hurt Israeli citizens economically, while housing problems have panicked politicians, and strained Israel’s budget [WP 7/30].

New York Times reveals for last 4 years, Israeli Foreign Ministry and Jerusalem radio studio have run covert program in which radio reporters were paid to report favorably on gov’t.; Foreign Min. statement suspends relationship with radio because “some aspects of current arrangements might be misconstrued,” adds there are no journalists on its payroll [NYT 7/30; WP, WT 7/31; IDF 7/30 in FBIS 7/31].

Housing Minister Ariel Sharon introduces to Knesset controversial 5-year $13.5 billion housing plan for Soviet Jews: gov’t. to build 45,000 housing units this year and 60,000 in each of next 4 years; gov’t. to buy 50,000 mobile homes and 40,000 prefabricated homes within 2 years. Action on proposal is delayed because of opposition from Finance Minister Yitzhak Modai [LAT, WT, MEM 7/30; JPI 8/11].

Israeli leaders are concerned—and King Hussein has recently stated he believes—that water is the only issue that
could provoke conflict between Jordan and Israel; Jordanian minister Daoud Khalaf says Israel steals close to 59 billion cubic feet of water a year from Arab sources [WT 7/30].

**Israeli police close 2 E.Jerusalem offices of the Institute of Arab Studies under directorship of Faisal Husayni and extend closure of 3d (closed since 7/88); offices are to remain closed for 1 year for “public welfare and public good” [JDS 7/29 in FBIS 7/30; MEM 7/30; FJ 8/6].**

**Israeli chief-of-staff Dan Shomron warns that Shiite fighting is of concern to Israel, which will not hesitate to intervene if it feels its security is threatened** [AFP, JDS 7/29 in FBIS 7/30].

30 July

*Letter from E.German P.M. Lothar de Maiziere to World Jewish Congress Pres. Edgar Bronfman says E.Germany will compensate Israel for taking in thousands of refugees from Nazi Germany after World War II; previously only Jewish organizations were to be compensated [LAT, WT 7/31].*

**Israeli shelling of Iqlim al-Tuffah hills area in S.Lebanon kills at least 10, wounds at least 15 Hizballah members [YA 7/31 in FBIS 7/31; JPI 8/11].**

31 July

**Islamic world leaders from more than 30 nations, joined by Iran for first time in years, meet in Cairo. They call for Muslim unity against Soviet Jewish emigration to O.T. [LAT 8/1].**

**UNLU issues call no. 60, concerns growing factional strife in O.T., attacks Egypt as a U.S. puppet (cf. 8/2) [MEM 8/1; JPD 8/1 in FBIS 8/3].**

**Soviet F.M. Shevardnadze invites Israeli counterpart David Levy to meet with him in Sept. either during UN Gen. Assembly session in New York or in Moscow [JDS 8/1 in FBIS 8/1; MEM, WT 8/1].**

1 August

**Knesset defeats motions of no-confidence against gov’t. by 60-55 margin, 4 MKs abstain and 1 is absent. Motions were brought by Labor and 3 small parties over immigrants’ housing problems [JDS 8/1 in FBIS 8/2].**

**Washington Times reports that growing internal problems have caused USSR to cut back its Middle East role, pulling advisers out of Syria and cooling relations with PLO [WT 8/1].**

**5-member committee concludes arrangements for moving Arab League headquarters to Cairo; transfer to take place from October 1990 to June 1991 [MENA 8/1 in FBIS 8/2].**

**Israeli gunboat shoots, sinks rubber dinghy off Lebanese coast, 2 Arabs are killed; Israeli military states “terrorists” were heading towards waters off Israel’s “security zone” when intercepted [JDS 8/1 in FBIS 8/1; WP 8/2; JPI 8/11].**

**10 people are killed, 50 wounded as Fateh-backed Amal forces clash with Hizballah troops in S.Lebanon [NYT 8/2]; intra-Palestinian fighting between 2 wings of Fateh takes place in Ayn al-Hulwah, S.Lebanon; at least 7 are killed [IHD 8/1 in FBIS 8/2; WT 8/2].**

2 August

**Iraqi troops invade Kuwait, take over country; attack comes less than 24 hours after 2 countries had broken off talks over Iraqi demands for territorial and financial concessions [MEM, WP, WT 8/2; WP, WT, NYT 8/3]. Invasion evokes swift condemnation from U.S., Western allies, Japan, and USSR. UN Sec. Council resolution condemns invasion. Israel calls for economic sanctions against Iraq and D.M. Arens says Israel...**
will not tolerate any movement of Iraqi troops into Jordan [WP, WT, NYT, LAT 8/3]. Most Arab capitals ignore Kuwait’s appeal for support, and urge foreign powers not to act so as to provide time for Arab diplomatic solution [WP 8/3]; Arab League foreign ministers hold emergency meeting in Cairo [MENA 8/2 in FBIS 8/2; MEM 8/3].

Following intense debate, Israeli gov’t. adopts emergency plan to import 9,000 prefabricated houses and 5,000 trailer homes to ease severe housing shortage. Plan also allows for private entrepreneurs to import 6,000 more prefabricated houses by year’s end [JDS 8/2 in FBIS 8/8; WP 8/3].

Semi-official Egyptian daily al-Ahram prints editorial warning that Egypt will take drastic measures if UNLU does not withdraw call no. 60 statement that Egypt is a U.S. puppet [MEM 8/2].

Israeli military helicopters strafe Shiite positions in al-Rashidiyah camp near Tyre, according to UNIFIL [JDS 8/2 in FBIS 8/3].

4 August

Islamic Conference Organization, meeting in Cairo, issues statement condemning Iraqi invasion of Kuwait; 6 of 30 states “refrained from approving” the resolution: Iraq, Jordan, Palestine, Yemen, Sudan, and Mauritania [MENA 8/4 in FBIS 8/6].

Washington Post reports Iraqi invasion of Kuwait has created complex problems for Palestinian leadership; worries that popular Palestine support for Saddam Hussein will overshadow intifada [WP 8/5].

Yasir Arafat arrives in Alexandria and meets with Pres. Mubarak [MENA 8/4 in FBIS 8/6].

New York Times reports that housing shortages in Israel have forced 1,576 families to live in tents; gov’t. officials say 17,135 immigrants arrived in July, of which 15,294 were from USSR [NYT 8/5].

5 August

Washington Post reports Gulf crisis is boosting Israeli confidence over its relations with U.S.; Jerusalem sees crisis as Israeli windfall as Arafat is pushed further away from rapprochement with U.S. and Egypt [WP 8/6].

Arafat meets with Saddam Hussein in Baghdad [BVP, INA 8/5 in FBIS 8/6].

Islamic Conference Organization concludes Cairo meetings, issues statement supporting intifada, denouncing Israeli policy in O.T. [MENA 8/5 in FBIS 8/7].

16 Knesset members meet with pro-PLO Palestinian notables in Jerusalem, groups agree to work for peace; action is furthest any high-ranking group of elected Israeli officials have gone toward recognizing PLO as legitimate representative of Palestinians [JDS 8/5, JPD 8/7 in FBIS 8/8; WT, MEM 8/6].
New York Times reports Israelis are among world’s most heavily taxed people; that for economic reasons more than half the Americans who move to Israel give up and move back within 2 years [NYT 8/6].

6 August_____________________

Arafat returns to Alexandria and meets with Pres. Mubarak to try to persuade Egyptian leader to accept Iraqi-backed plan that would mean virtual capitulation by Kuwait in exchange for withdrawal of Iraqi troops [MENA 8/6 in FBIS 8/6; WP 8/7].

UN Sec.Council votes to impose worldwide trade embargo on Iraq and Kuwait [WP, LAT, WT, NYT 8/7].

Two teenage Israeli boys, missing since 8/4, are found stabbed to death near Jerusalem, triggering rampage by hundreds of Jews seeking vengeance against Arabs; 4 Palestinians are wounded in attacks. Police believe Palestinian nationalists are responsible for the deaths [JDS 8/6 in FBIS 8/7; WP, LAT, WT, NYT 8/7]; Israeli Arabs denounce killings and reprisal violence [JPD 8/7 in FBIS 8/8; JPI 8/18].

7 August_____________________

Pres. Bush orders U.S. forces to Saudi Arabia [WP, NYT, LAT, WT 8/8].

Jewish mobs attack Arabs in Jerusalem, wounding 13, to avenge 8/6 slaying of 2 Israeli youths who were believed to have been killed by Palestinians (cf. 8/9) [WP, LAT, WT, NYT 8/8]; Housing Minister Ariel Sharon calls for immediate expulsion of Palestinian leadership, says "the army should be ordered to eradicate; not to calm things down" [JDS 8/7 in FBIS 8/8; WP 8/8; JPI 8/18].

P.M. Shamir tells residents of Golan Heights that Israeli presence is "eternal," and Israel will not negotiate with Syria on this matter [JDS 8/7 in FBIS 8/7; MEM 8/8].

8 August_____________________

Iraq announces it has annexed Kuwait; first U.S. troops arrive in Saudi Arabia [WP, NYT, LAT, WT 8/9].

P.M. Shamir, Israeli leadership praise Pres. Bush’s decision to send troops to Saudi Arabia; reaffirm Israel has no intention of getting involved in conflict; has not been asked by U.S. to become involved [NYT 8/9].

U.S. ass’t. sec. of state for Near Eastern and South Asian affairs, John Kelly, arrives in Damascus to discuss Gulf crisis with Syrian officials [DDS 8/9 in FBIS 8/10].

Violence continues for 3d straight day in Jerusalem as Jewish rioters wound at least 80 Arabs to avenge killing of 2 Israeli teenagers; Police Chief Yaacov Turner says police will crackdown on violence, will use tear gas if necessary [WT 8/9].

Emanuel Christen, 1 of 2 Red Cross workers kidnapped in Sidon on 10/6/89, is released by group calling itself Palestinian Revolutionary Squads (cf. 8/13) [AFP 8/8 in FBIS 8/9; WT, WP, LAT, NYT 8/9].

9 August_____________________

UN Sec.Council unanimously declares Iraq’s annexation of Kuwait “null and void” [WP, NYT 8/10].

Arab leaders postpone Cairo summit for one day to reach solution to Iraqi delegate’s refusal to participate in summit with Kuwaiti delegate, saying Kuwait is part of Iraq [CDS, MENA 8/9, BVL 8/10 in FBIS 8/10; LAT, WP, NYT 8/10].

Arafat meets in Baghdad with Saddam Hussein to discuss Gulf crisis [INA 8/9 in FBIS 8/10].
P.M. Shamir sends message to Pres. Bush in effort to upgrade U.S.-Israel contacts during Gulf crisis; Ma’ariv notes that Bush has not consulted with Shamir as he has with other leaders in the region [MAA 8/10 in FBIS 8/10].

Israel successfully test-launches Arrow missile designed to intercept incoming rockets; U.S. funds 80% of Arrow program as part of Washington’s SDI initiative; Arrow will not be fully operational for 5 years [JDS 8/9 in FBIS 8/13; LAT, NYT, WP, WT 8/10; JPI 8/18].

Palestinian injured on 8/7 dies; he was injured as Jewish mobs avenging deaths of 2 Israeli boys overturned his car [WP 8/10].

Amal movement reports its troops attacked Israeli positions in S. Lebanon, wounding 3 [BDS 8/9 in FBIS 8/13].

10 August

At emergency Arab summit in Cairo, Arab leaders adopt resolution sending Arab troops to Saudi Arabia to protect it from “foreign aggression”—12 countries vote in favor; Tunisia is absent; Iraq, Libya, and PLO vote against resolution; Algeria and Yemen abstain; Jordan, Sudan, and Mauritania "express reservations" [MENA 8/10 in FBIS 8/13; NYT, LAT, WP 8/11; MEM 8/13].

11 August

Egyptian and Moroccan forces arrive in Saudi Arabia to defend it from Iraq attack [WP 8/12].

Pro-Iraq demonstrations take place in W. Bank and Gaza; many Palestinians support Saddam Hussein [NYT 8/12]; Witnesses in Gaza City report about 200 pro-Iraq demonstrators burning tires and throwing stones [JDS 8/11 in FBIS 8/13].

Arafat meets in Cairo with Syrian Pres. Assad to discuss Gulf crisis [AFP 8/11 in FBIS 8/13].

PLF leader Abul Abbas issues combat orders to his forces, urging them to strike “at all U.S. interests” in the region [INA 8/11 in FBIS 8/13].

Israeli housing minister Ariel Sharon says “if the U.S. wishes to act, it should act now” against Iraq, as “a drawn out siege will slowly falter” [IDF 8/11 in FBIS 8/13].

12 August

Pres. Saddam Hussein says he will not withdraw forces from Kuwait unless “all issues of occupation” in Middle East are resolved, beginning with unconditional Israeli withdrawal from O.T. (see Doc. B5) [LAT, WP 8/13].

Arafat sends messages to heads of permanent member states of UN Sec. Council [INA 8/13 in FBIS 8/14].

DFLP, PFLP, and PFLP-GC level sharp criticism at U.S. for its military presence in Saudi Arabia [BDS 8/12 in FBIS 8/13].

Israeli police arrest Jewish woman and 14-year-old boy in connection with killing of E. Jerusalem Arab by Jewish mob [WT 8/13].

Knesset appoints Zalman Shoval to be ambassador to U.S.; Shoval is member of Rafi Ometz party that agreed to join P.M. Shamir’s govt. in return for U.S. appointment [WT, NYT 8/13].

Second Red Cross worker, held hostage since 10/6/89, is freed in S. Lebanon; Elio Erriquez is released by Palestinian Revolutionary Squads group [LAT 8/13; WP, NYT 8/14].

13 August

New York Times writes Yasir Arafat’s support for Saddam Hussein has created rift in PLO leadership, with senior PLO officials deeply divided over what policy to follow and disturbed over PLO’s “very negative” image in Gulf states [NYT 8/
14 August

**King Hussein** flies to U.S. for meeting with Pres. **Bush** on Gulf crisis; Bush threatens to extend naval blockade to Agaba if goods continue to flow from Jordan to **Iraq** [NYT, WP, LAT, WT 8/15].

U.S. admin. officials disclose Pres. **Bush** has secretly approved future transfer of $1 billion worth of sophisticated fighter aircraft and anti-tank missiles to **Egypt**; approval still must come from Congress [WP 8/15].

In Damascus, U.S. ass't. sec. of state **John Kelly** meets with Pres. **Asad** to discuss Gulf situation [DDS 8/14 in FBIS 8/15].

Israel's ambassador to U.S., **Moshe Arad**, meets with Sec. of State **James Baker** at Arad's request to talk about Gulf crisis [JDS 8/15 in FBIS 8/15; WP 8/16].

Bethlehem mayor **Elias Frayj** strongly criticizes U.S. action in Gulf, saying that Palestinians and Arabs will not allow Iraqis to starve [JDS 8/14 in FBIS 8/14].

**Rabbi Moshe Levinger**, Jewish settler leader, is released from prison after serving 13 weeks of sentence for killing **W.Bank Palestinian** in 1988 [LAT 8/15].

15 August

**Italian F.M. De Micheli**s, meeting with Israeli F.M. **Levy**, says PLO made a "mistake" by supporting **Iraq** and warned that if **Arafat** doesn't change position "we will have to revise our attitude towards the PLO" [WP 8/17].

**Palestinians in O.T.** issue statement, reportedly agreed to by all 4 local PLO factions, calling for Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait and "restoration of Kuwaiti self-determination" [WP 8/17].

Strike called for by **Hamas** is observed throughout O.T. [WP 8/17].

**Washington Post** reports that Israel's sideline role in Gulf crisis (requested by **Washington**) has prompted Israeli concern that its place as premier U.S. military ally in the region is being undermined [WP 8/16].

**GCC** holds emergency meeting in Jed- dah to discuss Iraqi threat [RIDS 8/15 in FBIS 8/16].

**Egyptian authorities** have reportedly closed the Rafah border to Palestinians in view of sympathy **Gaza Strip** residents have shown for **Iraq** [YA 8/15 in FBIS 8/16].

**U.S. federal appeals court** clears way for Palestinian-American **Mahmoud Abed Ahmad** to be extradited to **Israel**; Ahmad is accused of taking part in machine-gun attack on Israeli bus in **W.Bank**; court rejects Ahmad's argu-
ment that the crime was political act not
covered by extradition treaty with Israel
[WT, WP 8/16].

Chronology Source Abbreviations

CSM (Christian Science Monitor, Boston)
FJ (Al-Fajr Jerusalem Palestinian Weekly, Jerusalem)
JPI (Jerusalem Post, International Edition, Jerusalem)
LAT (Los Angeles Times, Los Angeles)
MEI (Middle East International, London)
MEPARC (Middle East Policy and Research Center, Washington, D.C.)
MEM (Mideast Mirror, London)
MET (Middle East Times, Nicosia)
NYT (New York Times, New York)
NJW (Washington Jewish Week, Washington, D.C.)
WP (Washington Post, Washington, D.C.)
WSJ (Wall Street Journal, New York)
WT (Washington Times, Washington, D.C.)

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ADS (Amman Domestic Service, Amman)
AFP (Agence France Presse, Paris)
AGS (Algiers Domestic Service, Algiers)
ATS (Amman Television Service, Amman)
AVP (Algiers Voice of Palestine, Algiers)
BADS (Baghdad Domestic Service, Baghdad)
BAY (Al-Bayan, Dubayy)
BDS (Beirut Domestic Service, Beirut)
BNR (Beirut Voice of National Resistance, Beirut)
BVP (Baghdad Voice of the PLO, Baghdad)
BVL (Beirut Voice of Lebanon, Beirut)
CDS (Cairo Domestic Service, Cairo)
DAV (Dawar, Tel Aviv)
DDS (Damascus Domestic Service, Damascus)
DUS (Al-Dustur, Amman)
HAA (Ha'Aretz, Tel Aviv)
HAD (Hadashot, Tel Aviv)
HAM ('Al Hamishmar, Tel Aviv)
IDF (Israel Defense Forces radio, Tel Aviv)
IGP (Israel's Government Press Office, Jerusalem)
IHD (Ihdin Radio of Free and Unified Lebanon, Ihdin)
INA (Iraqi News Agency, Baghdad)
ITT (Al-Ittihad, Abu Dhabi)
IZV (Izvestia, Moscow)
JAA (Jerusalem in Arabic to the Arab World radio, Jerusalem)
JDS (Jerusalem Domestic Service, Jerusalem)
JPD (Jerusalem Post, daily edition, Jerusalem)
JTE (Jordan Times in English, Amman)
JTS (Jerusalem Television Service, Jerusalem)
KUNA (Kuwait News Agency, Kuwait)
MAA (Ma'an, Tel Aviv)
MAP (Maghreb Arabe Presse, Rabat)
MENA (Middle East News Agency, Cairo)
MTS (Moscow Television Service, Moscow)
NAH (Al-Nahar, Jerusalem)
PDS (Paris Domestic Service, Paris)
PRA (Prawda, Moscow)
QAB (Al-Qabas, Kuwait)
QNA (Qatari News Agency, Doha)
QUD (Al-Quds Palestinian Arab Radio, Syria)
RAY (Al-Ra'y, Amman)
RADS (Rabat Domestic Service, Rabat)
RIDS (Riyadh Domestic Service, Riyadh)
RMC (Radio Monte Carlo, Paris)
RPP (Radio Peace and Progress, Moscow)
RYF (Rose al-Yusuf, Cairo)
SANA (Syrian Arab News Agency, Damascus)
SOR (Sovetskaya Rossiya, Moscow)
SPA (Saudi Press Agency, Riyadh)
SVP (Saana Voice of Palestine, Saana)
TASS (Tass News Service, Moscow)
TET (Tel Aviv Educational Television, Tel Aviv)
TDS (Tunis Domestic Service, Tunis)
WAFA (Gulf News Agency, Manama)
WAKH (Palestine News Agency, Tunis)
WAT (Al-Watan, Kuwait)
WFD (Al-Wafd, Cairo)
YA (Yedioth Aharonot, Tel Aviv)

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