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16 AUGUST

Israel, Jordan conclude economic agmt. permitting Jordan to export up to $30 m. of goods to West Bank through Palestinian merchants licensed by PNA. (QY 8/16 in FBIS 8/17; NYT 8/17; JP 8/27)

Syrian FM Faruq al-Shara' briefs Egyptian Pres. Husni Mubarak on U.S. Secy. of State Warren Christopher’s visit to Damascus. Shara' reports Israel willing to withdraw fr. Golan in 2 yrs; Syria wants withdrawal within months. (WT 8/17)

Jordan’s King Hussein cancels trip to Jerusalem to attend Mawlid al-Nabi prayers. (MEI 8/26)

Monsignor Andrea Cordero Lanza di Montezemolo takes up his position as 1st Vatican amb. to Israel. (WT 9/6)

PNA announces it will begin disarming civilians. Civilians have 2-wk. grace period to obtain gun permits. (al-Sharq al-Awsat 8/16 in FBIS 8/17)

Palestinian police arrest 3 Hamas mbrs. in connection with 8/14 shooting. (QY 8/17 in FBIS 8/17)

DFLP' Central Comm. dismisses 10 Politburo, Central Comm. mbrs. for urging front to join PNA as “constructive opposition.” (WT 8/17; al-Sharq al-Awsat 8/16 in FBIS 8/17)

U.S. demands Israel end any secret contacts with Iraq after learning Israeli Lebanon coordinator Uri Lubrani had met with Iraqi officials. (WT 8/17)

3 South Lebanon Army (SLA) mbrs. killed by Hizballah in ambush in southern Lebanon. IDF, SLA shell Hizballah targets. (MEI 8/26)

17 AUGUST

Israeli FM Shimon Peres says Israeli-Palestinian Liaison Comm. agreed to international temporary force for deployment in West Bank. Troops to be fr. Australia, Turkey, Norway, Finland, 2 European countries. Palestinians to man Gaza, Jericho crossing pts. Israel to issue 35,000 new work permits to Gaza Palestinians. (MENA 8/17 in FBIS 8/18; JP 8/27)

Israel freezes plans for IDF withdrawal fr. o.t., ties extension of self-rule to a halt in Hamas attacks on Israelis. PM Yitzhak Rabin calls current steps by PNA to curb Hamas a publicity stunt. 5 of 40 Hamas mbrs. arrested by Palestinian police 8/15 still held. (QY 8/17 in FBIS 8/18; NYT 8/18)

Jordan’s Tourism M Muhammad Al-Idwan arrives in Israel for joint talks, 1st high-level Jordanian official to publicly visit Israel. (Near East Report 8/22)

of Golan for security purposes. (ITV 8/17 in FBIS 8/18; WT 8/19)

PNA M of Trade and Econ. Ahmad Qurai' protests to Jordan that its trade agmt. with Israel (see 8/16) violates existing agmt.s btwn. Israel, PLO. (ITV 8/17 in FBIS 8/18)

Hamas, Islamic Jihad, DFLP, PFLP issue leaflet saying Arafat's recent crackdown on Hamas is pushing Palestinians to "the edge of civil war." (AFP 8/17 in FBIS 8/18; MM 8/22)

IDF kills Palestinian trying to enter Israel fr. Gaza nr. Rafah. (QY 8/17 in FBIS 8/18; UNRWA News 8/24)

18 AUGUST

Israeli FM Peres, PNA Planning M Nabil Shaath conclude talks in Egypt, announce 1st agmt. to expand PNA control to education, cultural affairs in the West Bank before end of August. Talks continue over health care, tourism, taxation. (MENA 8/18 in FBIS 8/18; WP 8/19)

2 IDF soldiers, 3 Hizballah gunmen killed in bombing attack on IDF post in Marj'uyun in southern Lebanon. (NYT 8/19; MEI 8/26)

19 AUGUST

PLO Chmn. Arafat, Israeli FM Peres, Norwegian FM Bjorn Tore Godal meet in Gaza to mark 1st anniversary of Oslo accords, present plan for funds transfers fr. donor nations to PNA. Peres announces release of 249 Palestinian prisoners, says control over education will be given to PNA within the wk. (WP 8/20; WT 8/21; QY 8/19 in FBIS 8/22; JP 8/27)


Israeli FM Peres gives okay for Palestine National Council (PNC) to convene in Gaza, temporarily removing several PNC members fr. Israel's blacklist, to pressure Arafat to amend PLO charter. (AFP 8/21 in FBIS 8/22; MM 8/22; HA 8/23 in FBIS 8/24; CSM 8/25)

Islamic Conference Organization (ICO) passes statement supporting PNA, peace process. (MENA 8/19 in FBIS 8/23)

20 AUGUST

Arafat meets with UAE Pres. Shaykh Zayid bin Sultan al-Nahayan in Geneva to discuss financial hurdles facing self-rule. (MM 8/22)

PNA Local Affairs M Saeb Erakat presents draft law for Palestinian legislative elections to Arafat, announces PNA has started training 5,000 Palestinians to organize elections, says talks are underway with opposition groups regarding elections. Legislative council would include 100 mbrs. who will simultaneously become PNC reps. Exec. council of 24 mbrs. (12 from legislative council) will then be formed. (MENA 8/19, VOP 8/21 in FBIS 8/22)

Brig. Gen. Muhammad Qudisiyya, cmdr. of the al-Badr Forces of the Palestine Liberation Army (PLA), announces King Hussein will begin supplying, paying salaries of all PLA forces in Jordan. (Jordan Times 8/20, Al-Ra'y 8/21 in FBIS 8/30)

Palestinian police kill 1 Palestinian, wound 1 in Rafah. Palestinian police officials detain 5 officers, promise full investigation. (MM, WP, WSJ 8/22; UNRWA News 8/24)

Israeli undercover unit kills 1 Palestinian, wounds 8 in Ramallah during Mawlid al-Nabi celebrations mistaken for demonstration. (WT 8/21; MM 8/22; JP 8/27)

Ghaz al Jabali, cmdr. of Palestinian police in Gaza City, says police will not disarm Hamas activists, reaffirms they will confiscate unlicensed weapons after legislation is passed, grace period lapses. (QY 8/10 in FBIS 8/22; JP 8/27) (see 8/16)

IDF shells Arab Salim, southern Lebanon, kills 1 Lebanese civilian, wounds another. (MEI 8/26)

21 AUGUST

Israeli cabinet approves draft of early empowerment accord. (NYT 8/24)

Arafat meets PLO officials in Tunis to discuss problems with advancing self-rule. PNC SG Muhammad Subayh links convening PNC in o.t., amendment of charter with full Israeli withdrawal, recognition of Palestinian state, deployment of Palestin-
Canadian forces. PLO Political Dept. head Faruq al-Qaddumi says salaries of PLO employees, soldiers have not been paid. (AFP, VOP 8/21 in FBIS 8/22; VOP 8/22 in FBIS 8/23; MEI 8/26; JP 9/3)

PNA Culture M Yasir 'Abd Rabbu arrives in Amman for talks with Jordanian FM/PM 'Abd al-Salam al-Majali on improving Palestinian-Jordanian cooperation in tourism, education, health, trade, communications. (CSM, JT, WSJ 8/22; VOP 8/23 in FBIS 8/23)

In Gaza, Palestinian police wound 6, impose curfew for 1st time to quell unrest following death of Palestinian 8/20. (FBIS, WSJ 8/22; WJW 8/25)

Polsitican Human Rights Information Center (PHRIC) demands investigation into alleged "terror tactics and death threats" against Palestinian activist Maha Nasir by PNA for her objection to Social Affairs M Intisar al-Wazir's attendance at a women's conference this wk. (WP 8/22)

Hamas suspends all dialogue with PNA until Arafat opens exec. positions on Gaza City Council to opposition mbrs. (HA 8/21 in FBIS 8/22)

22 AUGUST

PM Rabin postpones "safe passage" b/wn. Gaza, Jericho citing lack of PNA action toward recent Hamas attacks. (MEI 8/26)

Jordanian-Palestinian talks end in Amman. Joint comm. is formed to meet monthly, discuss economic, political, administrative issues. Plans for Palestinian currency suspended, Jordanian dinar to be primary currency of PNA areas for 3-yr. period. (JTV 8/22; VOP 8/23 in FBIS 8/23; MM 8/23; RJ 8/23 in FBIS 8/24; Al-Dustur 9/3 in FBIS 9/7)

171 Palestinian figures, incl. 82 mbrs of PNC, PLO Central Council, PLO Executive Comm. issue statement criticizing Arafat; reject calls for PNC mtg. in Gaza, amendment of charter; denounce DOP. (MM 8/23; Al-Dustur 8/23 in FBIS 8/24; CSM 8/25; MEI 8/26)

Curfew on Rafah is lifted. (QY in FBIS 8/22)

IDF detains 15 Hamas, Islamic Jihad mbns. in Janin. (QY 8/22 in FBIS 8/23)

Palestinian prisoners released 8/19 hold press conference to protest Israel's demand they remain in Gaza, Jericho for remainder of their sentences, criticize Arafat. (ITV 8/22 in FBIS 8/23)

Israeli PM Rabin promises NIS 16 m. to build new road in West Bank so settlers can bypass Jericho. (QY 8/22 in FBIS 8/23)

Israel shells villages in Iqlim al-Tuffah, Jabal Abu Rashid southern Lebanon in response to 8/18 Hizballah attack. (WT 8/24)

New Palestinian group calling itself Palestinian National Liberation Movement-Fateh Soldiers of Right (Junud al-qa'af) issues leaflet in o.t. saying it will "remove injustice, fight corruption, and restore Fateh's past status." (Al-Ra'y 8/22 in FBIS 8/23)

23 AUGUST

Israeli PM Rabin says Israel will pull out of southern Lebanon in 9 mos. if, within 6 mos., Lebanese army takes up positions on northern border of security zone, Hizballah is dismantled, SLA is integrated into Lebanese army. (Al-Hayat 8/23 in MM 9/2; Beirut Times 8/25)

Jordan, Israel open talks on demarcation of northern border. (MM 8/23; JTV 8/23 in FBIS 8/24)

DFLP, PFLP-GC say they will not attend PNC mtg. if held in Gaza, call for escalation of armed struggle against Israel. Fida says amending charter, PNC meeting in Gaza are premature. (QY 8/23 in FBIS 8/23; Al-Quds 8/23 in FBIS 8/24; Al-Quds 8/24 in FBIS 8/25)

Cmdr. of Palestinian police in Gaza, Gen. Nasr Yusuf, says police can stop Hamas activists at any time, but PLO leadership has not given order. Says 4 Hamas mbns. still held by Palestinian police. (QY 8/23 in FBIS 8/23; FT 8/26)

Palestinian Atty. Gen. Khalid al-Qudra says 4 police officers accused of beating Palestinian prisoner to death 5/94 will be tried in civil court next mo. (WT 8/24)

24 AUGUST

PNA Planning M Shaath, Israeli negotiator Maj. Gen. Danny Rothschild initial early empowerment accord in Cairo giving PNA control of education, health, welfare, taxes, tourism; ability to amend related laws subject to Israeli veto. All schools to be turned over by 8/29, other responsibilities by 9/12, provided financing is confirmed at mtg. of donor countries in Paris 9/9. Arafat asks for immediate $9.5 m. for

Pres. Clinton tells B'nai B'rith convention that U.S. will compensate Israel for any strategic advantages it relinquishes for peace. (QY 8/24 in IL 8/25; MM 8/26)

IDF announces it has begun evacuating some West Bank outposts in the Nablus area as part of the early empowerment agmt. (JP, MM 8/24)

Lebanese PM Rafiq Hariri meets with Hamas delegation to discuss elections, conditions of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon. Lebanese Refugee Affairs M Walid Jumblat says new houses to be built for Palestinian refugees in al-Quray'ah with help from UNRWA. (RL 8/24 in FBIS 8/25; Al-Safir 8/25 in FBIS 8/30; Al-Safir 8/30 in FBIS 9/1)

Pakistani PM Benazir Bhutto announces she will visit Gaza Strip 8/28 to meet with Arafat, but will not visit Israel. (QY 8/24 in FBIS 8/25)

Israeli Finance, Interior Mins. reach agmt. with Israeli-Arab municipalities ending 39-day strike by heads of Arab towns. (H'A 8/25 in IL 8/25)

Shin Bet, IDF arrest 10 mbrs. of Fateh Hawks accused of killing collaborators. (ITV 8/24 in FBIS 8/25; JP 9/3)

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25 AUGUST

Special Russian envoy to the Middle East Viktor Posuvalyuk meets with Arafat, Israeli Dep. FM Yossi Beilin, says Russia wants to be active partner in all negotiations on Jerusalem. PM Rabin says Russia is interfering, trying to bring new initiatives to the talks, she coordinate with U.S. (MM 8/26; Al-Hamishmar 8/26 in IL 8/26; VOP 8/26 in FBIS 8/26; WJW 9/1)

Arafat approves new 13-mbr. council (incl. Fateh, Hamas, PFLP) to replace Israeli-appointed mayor of Jericho Jamil Khaled until elections are held. Hassan Salih al-Husayn, Fateh mbr. and former PLO military cmdr., will be chair. (QY, VOP 8/25 in FBIS 8/26)

Poll released by Center for Palestine Research and Studies shows Palestinians oppose Arafat's restrictions on press, prefer Palestinian over Jordanian control of Islamic trusts. 13.9% of respondents favor Hamas; 39%, Fateh. (MM 8/26; QY 8/25 in FBIS 8/30; CSM 9/21)

Israeli Dep. FM Beilin says Pakistani PM Bhutto must clear visit to Gaza with Israeli FMMin., stating Cairo Agmt. leaves Israel in charge of foreign relations, in control of borders. (QY 8/24, 2/25 in FBIS 8/25; Davar 8/26 in IL 8/26) (see 8/24)

IDF raids Salah al-Din mosque in Nablus, confiscates alleged Hamas material, seriously injures 6 Palestinian protesters. (QY 8/25 in FBIS 8/25, 8/26; JP 9/3)

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26 AUGUST

PNA formally accepts early empowerment accord. (WT 8/28)


Hamas says it will talk with PNA if detained Hamas mbrs. are released, says early empowerment agmt. doesn't contradict Hamas's fight against Israel. Arafat welcomes call. (VOL 8/26, QY 8/25, 8/26 in FBIS 8/26)

IDF wounds 2 Palestinians, puts curfew on Hebron after demonstration; puts partial closure on Ramallah, closes Gamal 'Abd al-Nasir mosque for 2 days to prevent disturbances. (QY 8/26 in FBIS 8/26)

2 Israelis knifed to death nr. Tel Aviv on 6-mo. anniversary of Hebron massacre. Hamas claims responsibility, vows 2 more attacks before end of year. IDF detains 118 Palestinians for questioning. (QY 8/27 in FBIS 8/29; NYT, WP, WT 8/28; CSM 8/29; JP 9/3)

Israeli FMMin. states there are no official contacts with Iraq, Israel supports U.S. policy of keeping Iran, Iraq in check; says any initiatives by Israelis are on a personal level only. (Israeli Government Press Office 8/26 in FBIS 8/29) (see 8/16)

Yehoshafat Harkabi, former head of Israeli military intelligence (1955-59) who supported recognition of Palestinians, negotiations with PLO, dies in Jerusalem. (NYT, WP 8/27; WJW 9/1; JP 9/3)

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27 AUGUST

1 killed, 6 injured in shootout btwn. mbrs. of Arafat's Preventive Security
Forces (PSF) and his presidential guard nr. Tulkarm. (Ma'ariv 9/2 in FBIS 9/7)

Statement released by Hamas’s jailed Shaykh Ahmad Yasin welcomes dialogue, cooperation with PNA. (VOP 8/28 in FBIS 8/29)

Hundreds of Jewish residents demonstrate in Ramla, set fires in protest of Hamas killings 8/26. 3 Israelis injured, 20 arrested. (QY 8/28 in FBIS 8/29)

2 Kach mbrs. released after serving 6-mo. administrative detention following Hebron massacre. (JP 9/3) (see 2/27)

28 AUGUST

Jericho Mayor Khalaf steps down, turns over power to transitional municipal comm. (VOP 8/28 in FBIS 8/29; WP 8/29) (see 8/25)

Jordanian-Israeli technical commns. meet to discuss borders, water. US-Israeli-Jordanian trilateral grp. convenes to discuss development of Jordan Rift Valley. (RJ 8/28 in FBIS 8/29)

IDF prevents Pakistani amb. to Egypt and delegation from entering Gaza to prepare for PM Bhutto’s visit. (QY 8/29 in FBIS 8/29; NYT 8/30) (see 8/25)

29 AUGUST

Early empowerment accord signed by PNA’s Shaath, Israel’s Rothschild at Erez checkpoint in Gaza; PNA assumes control of schools in Hebron, Bethlehem. (CSM, NYT, WP 8/30; JP 9/3, 9/10) (see 8/24)

Israeli Industry and Trade M Yosi Snir, Dir. of PNA Econ. and Trade Min., Samir Hulaylah announce agmt. for PNA to issue import licenses for food, construction materials, chemicals, electric appliancs. (JP 8/29)

Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction (PEC-DAR) mtg. is canceled due to conflict over PM Bhutto’s planned trip to Gaza. Arafat says Israeli decision to deny Pakistani delegation entry violates peace agmts. Bhutto postpones visit. (MENA 8/29 in FBIS 8/30; MM, NYT, WP 8/30)

PLO mbr. Salah Salah criticizes Lebanese Refugee Affairs M Junblat’s plan for refugee housing as an attempt to resettle Palestinians but PLO Political Dept. head al-Qaddumi praises Junblat’s efforts, says PLO leaders in Lebanon should coordinate with the government. (MENA 8/29 in FBIS 8/30) (see 8/24)

Jordan, Israel resume talks on security, water, environment, trade, tourism, energy, civil aviation, communications. (CSM 8/30)

IDF soldier 13th killed in southern Lebanon this yr., 2 others wounded in ambush by Hizbullah. (QY 8/30 in FBIS 8/30; MM 8/30)

30 AUGUST

Israel rejects PNA election proposal, says a 100-mbr. legislative council is too large. Israel needs more time to see how PNA runs depts. already transferred. (IDF Radio 8/31 in FBIS 8/31; QY 9/4 in FBIS 9/6; WP 9/16) (see 8/20)

Egyptian FM ‘Amr Musa arrives in Israel for talks with FM Peres, relays Arafat’s concerns about delays at Erez checkpoint, work permits, Palestinian prisoners, economic and security issues. (MM 8/30; HA 8/31 in FBIS 9/1)

Col. ‘Adil Salih, head of Arafat’s presidential guard, resigns over “power struggle” btwn. various PNA security branches over who will patrol Tulkarm area. Col. Jibril Rajub, head of PSF in West Bank, accuses Salih of enlisting collaborators in his forces, cooperating with Jordanian intelligence. (QY 8/31 in FBIS 8/31; MM 9/1; JP 9/10)

Lebanese PM Hariri says his cabinet rejects the principle of resettlement of Palestinians in Lebanon. A committee under Dep. PM Michel al-Murr will be formed to study how to improve Palestinians’ conditions. (RL 8/30 in FBIS 8/31; MM 8/30, 8/31)

Jordan cancels $30 m. trade deal with Israel under pressure fr. PNA (see 8/16, 8/17); agrees to give Palestinian Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) 2 helicopters, train CAA workers in maintenance, surveillance. (HA 8/30 in FBIS 9/1; Al-Dustur 8/31 in FBIS 9/9)

Results of Syrian national elections held 8/24-25 released. Pres. Hafiz al-Asad’s Ba’th party gains 61% majority. (MM 8/30)

3rd Kach mbr. released after serving 6-mo. administrative detention following Hebron massacre. (IDF Radio 8/30 in FBIS 9/2) (see 8/27)
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31 AUGUST

Egyptian FM Musa meets with Faisal Husseini, Hanan Ashrawi, Ziyad Abu Zayyad at Orient House in Jerusalem, discusses mtgs. with Israelis. (VOP 9/1 in FBIS 9/2)

Trilateral Jordanian-Israeli-U.S. comm. meets in Washington to discuss trade, tourism issues. (RF 9/1 in FBIS 9/1)

3-day mtg. of UN nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) on the question of Palestine ends in Geneva. UN Human Rights Comm. passes resolution extending econ. assistance to PNA; rejects resolution condemning Israel for human rights abuses in o.t. for 1st time since 1968. (CSM 8/30; WJW 9/1)

Arafat orders arrest of 27 mbrs. of presidential guard for "undiscipline" for firing guns in air at a Gaza wedding. (MM 9/1)

Germany opens foreign aid office in Jericho. (VOP, QY 8/31 in FBIS 9/1)

Israeli PM Rabin flatly refuses Egyptian FM Musa's request that Israel sign nuclear nonproliferation treaty (NPT). (MM 8/31, 9/1; JP 9/1 in FBIS 9/2)

1 SEPTEMBER

Morocco, Israel announce they will open liaison offices in Tel Aviv, Rabat, making Morocco 1st Arab country to establish official ties with Israel since Egypt. Morocco also to open liaison office in Gaza, but diplomatic contacts with PNA will still go through Tunis. (MM 9/1; NYT, WP, WT 9/2; NYT 9/4; WJW 9/8)

Israeli FM Peres tells Arafat that Pakistani PM Bhutto may enter Gaza after all. Pakistan say it is too late to reschedule visit. (MM 8/31; QY 8/31 in FBIS 8/31; JP 9/10)

Schools open for classes in West Bank under PNA control. (NYT, WT 9/2)

Palestinian police release last 4 Hamas mbrs. being held for 8/14 attack. (AFP 9/1 in FBIS 9/2)

2 SEPTEMBER

Talks begin in Washington btwn. Israel, Palestinians, donor countries to prepare for mtg. in Paris 9/9 on aid to PNA. Tentative agmt. reached to release interim assistance. (VOP 8/2 in FBIS 8/3)

Senior IDF officials hold mtg. to review 1st 3 mos. of redeployment; announce satisfaction with joint patrols, coordination with Palestinian police; note "significant decline" in attacks. (QY 9/2 in FBIS 9/2)

Poll released by Haifa University shows 25% increase over last yr. in number of Israelis supporting some withdrawal fr. Golan: 27% for total, 37% for partial withdrawal. (QY 9/2 in FBIS 9/7; FT 9/12)

Hizballah shells IDF, SLA positions in southern Lebanon. 1 SLA mbr. killed; 4 SLA, 3 IDF soldiers wounded. (ITV, QY, RL 9/4 in FBIS 9/6)

IDF arrests 1 soldier, 2 Israeli citizens fr. Qiyat Arba for helping unidentified extremist organization obtain weapons. (HA, WP 9/5; Ma'ariv 9/5 in FBIS 9/9; MEI 9/9; JP 9/17)

Palestinian police arrest 5 DFLP mbrs. in connection with earlier attack on IDF post in Gaza. (QY 9/4 in FBIS 9/8)

3 SEPTEMBER

200 released Palestinian prisoners clash with Palestinian police in Jericho, protest their conditions. (AFP 9/4 in FBIS 9/6)

Vatican announces decision to establish official ties with PLO. (VOP 9/3 in FBIS 9/6)

Arafat appoints Hakam Bal'awi chief of Palestinian intelligence/security services to rein in quarrelling heads of security branches. (HA 9/4 in FBIS 9/6) (see 8/30)

4 SEPTEMBER

Syria criticizes Morocco for normalizing relations with Israel. (WT 9/7)

Israel lifts ban preventing 44 PNC mbrs. from entering self-rule area, hoping they will convene mtg. to revise PLO charter. (WT 9/5)

Islamic Jihad kills 1 soldier, wounds 2 in drive-by shooting of IDF patrol on Gaza-Israel border. In separate incident, Palestinians injure 2 Israelis in stabbing in Jerusalem. (WT 9/5; QY, VOP 9/5 in FBIS 9/6)

Israeli FMIn. issues formal apology to Pakistani PM Bhutto regarding dispute over her trip to Gaza. (MEI 9/9) (see 8/29)
5 SEPTEMBER

Israeli PM Rabin criticizes Syria for not opening “secret” talks with Israel to advance negotiations, says Israel is relying on U.S. Secy. of State Christopher’s shuttle trips bwn. the 2 countries. (ITV 9/5 in FBIS 9/8; ITV 9/8 in FBIS 9/9)

PM Rabin says Lebanese govt. “cannot do without Syrian support,” and he would “prefer two Syrian divisions deployed in the northern Biqa’ Valley than on the Golan Heights” within the context of a peace agmt. (JP 9/5 in MM 9/5; MM 9/6)

PM Rabin sends 4,500 American rabbis letter, text for Rosh Hashanah sermons praising peace process as part of larger effort by U.S. senators, administration officials, Israeli emb., AIPAC to get American Jews to support negotiations. (WP 9/6; WT 9/7; WJW 9/8)

Vatican rep. Msgr. Montezemolo meets with Arafat in Gaza, states his 1st role is papal envoy to Jerusalem and Palest, 2d is amb. to Israel. (VOP 9/5 in FBIS 9/7; WT 9/6)

After 36-day ban and talks btwn. Arafat, Editor Uthman Hallaq, Al-Nahar reopens on condition it be loyal to PLO. (QY 9/3 in FBIS 9/7; MM 9/5; NYT, WP 9/6)

IDF arrests 8 Hamas mbrs. in connection with death of 3 Israelis in May/July. (MM, NYT 9/6)

The International Conference on Population and Development opens in Cairo. Saudi Arabia boycotts. Muslim delegates band with Vatican in protest over draft document’s stand on contraception, abortion. (MENA 9/4 in FBIS 9/5; NYT, WP, WT 9/6; MEI 9/9)

6 SEPTEMBER

Jordanian PM ‘Abd al-Salam al-Majali meets with PNA Transportation M ‘Abd al-Aziz al-Haj Ahmad, Dir. of CAA Fayiz Zaydan on technical assistance in building PNA infrastructure. (RJ 9/6 in FBIS 9/7)

Palestinian police detain 49 Islamic Jihad mbrs. in Gaza after attack 9/4, say they discovered faxes to Islamic Jihad fr. Iran (some via 3d parties) during raids. (QY 9/6 in FBIS 9/6; MM, QPAR, VOP 9/6 in FBIS 9/7; WT 9/7; MM 9/8; CSM 9/13; JP 9/17)

7 SEPTEMBER

Syrian FM al-Shara’ calls Israeli proposal of 8/23 recipe for resumption of Lebanese civil war; rebukes Rabin for saying Israel would agree to continued Syrian presence in Lebanon, saying that is a matter for Syria, Lebanon to discuss. (MM 9/7) (see 8/23, 9/5)

Arafat meets with World Bank officials in preparation for Paris mtg. of donor countries 9/9. World Bank says it will release $30 m. of $180 m. slotted for development of autonomous areas. (VOP 9/7 in FBIS 9/7; JP 9/17)

MK’s Shimon Shetrit, Avigdor Kahalani meet with 6 MK’s fr. Labor, Yi’ud, Shas, draft bill that would require any withdrawal fr. Golan to have broad national backing, be supported by special majority of 70 MKs. (ITV 9/9 in FBIS 9/13)

Hamas says it is forming a political party so its mbrs. can take political posts in PNA, take part in elections. (CSM 9/13)

Arafat permits senior Hamas figure, Imad Faluji, to start daily newspaper Al-Watan. (MM 9/8)

DFLP Sec. Gen. Nayif Hawatmah says crackdown on Islamic Jihad, DFLP paired with Hamas rapprochement is Arafat’s divide-and-rule tactic. Hamas, Islamic Jihad, DFLP each issue leaflet demanding release of mbrs. recently arrested by Palestinian police. DFLP claims 14 mbrs. arrested in past wk. (MM 9/7, 9/8)

Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi says he is considering deporting 30,000 Palestinians to Gaza now that it is autonomous. Palestinians in Libya report many have been fired from jobs recently, lending weight to the threat. (Al-Quds 9/7 in MM 9/7; MM 9/15)

IDF shells Iqlim al-Tuffah in southern Lebanon, arrests 4 civilians accused of aiding Hizballah. (RL 9/7 in FBIS 9/8)

8 SEPTEMBER

Israeli PM Rabin publicly outlines timetable for early withdrawal fr. Golan for 1st time: proposes initial “very slight” pullback for 3 yrs. (preserving all settlements) in exchange for full normalization of relations, incl. exchange of ambjs. Syrian FM al-Shara’ replies Syria is ready for a “warm peace,” but long period of withdrawal is unacceptable. (MM 9/8; ITV 9/8
in FBIS 9/14; CSM, MM, NYT, WP, WT 9/9; JP 9/17)

IDF says it will change patrol routes in southern Gaza after study shows 1 soldier wounded in earlier attack was shot accidentally by Palestinian police. New roads will be built for IDF use only; joint patrols will "only meet at junctions." (HA 9/8 in FBIS 98)

Arafat meets with Hamas leaders for 1st time, says PNA will give financial aid to Islamic University in Gaza, a Hamas stronghold. (AFP 9/8 in FBIS 9/9; JP 9/17)

Israeli FM Peres says Orient House is open for political meetings with diplomats, contradicting previous government statements. (Al-Hamishmar 9/8 in FBIS 9/8)

IDF arrests 1 settler fr. Qiryat Arba, 1 fr. Hebron on charges of harassing Arabs. (IDF Radio, QY 9/8 in FBIS 9/9; MM 9/9)

Hizballah fires on IDF patrol in Marja'ayin in southern Lebanon, kills 1 soldier. 2 hrs. later, 2 Lebanese civilians wounded by IDF retaliatory fire. (ITV 9/8 in FBIS 9/9; WP 9/9; WJW 9/15)

Palestinian police release 10 Islamic Jihad members arrested 9/6. (QY 9/8 in FBIS 9/9)

American Jewish Comm. releases survey showing 77% of American Jews approve of Israel's handling of peace negotiations; 53% believe PLO's true intent is to destroy Israel; 44% believe Palestinians are interested in "lasting peace." (Near East Report 9/19)

9 SEPTEMBER

Mtg. of donor countries in Paris is canceled due to PLO-Israeli disagreement on aid to projects in East Jerusalem. Israel says such financing would predetermine Jerusalem's final status. World Bank rebukes both parties. (ITV, QY, VOP 9/9 in FBIS 9/9; NYT 9/10)

45 Hamas, DFLP members released from Palestinian police custody. Palestinian police then prevent DFLP from holding conference in Gaza, say they must have PNA permission for rallies. (ITV, MM, VOP 9/9 in FBIS 9/9; WT 10/3)

100s greet Mahmoud 'Abbas (Abu Mazin), negotiator of Oslo agmt., when he returns to Jericho for 1st time in over 25 yrs. (QY, VOP 9/9 in FBIS 9/12)

10 SEPTEMBER

Syrian Pres. al-Asad gives speech saying Syria "realizes that peace has objective requirements and will meet the . . . requirements agreed upon." Israeli FM Peres heralds statement as "a new current." (FT, MM, NYT, WT 9/12; WP 9/13)

7,000 settlers rally in Golan, 13 begin hunger strike to protest rumors of future Israeli withdrawal fr. Golan. (MM, NYT, WT 9/12; WP 9/13; MM 9/22)

Hoping to spur talks canceled 9/9, Norwegian FM Tor Godal invites donor countries to Oslo for informal mtg. to coincide with Peres-Arafat mtg. at celebration of 1st anniversary of Oslo accord 9/13. (ITV 9/10 in FBIS 9/12)

Social Affairs M al-Wazir announces PNA has unilaterally set election date for 11/1. Arafat orders voter registration offices set up. Israeli FM Min. protests, says it will not permit offices to open. (VOP 9/10 in FBIS 9/12; WP 9/16; CSM 9/21)

Arafat says he is disbanding presidential guard due to clashes btwn. Col. Salih, Col. Rajub. (QY 9/10 in FBIS 9/12) (see 9/3)

11 SEPTEMBER

Israeli police arrest 2 settlers fr. Hebron area (bringing total arrested to 9), say more arrests are expected in crackdown on anti-Arab extremists. Settlers claim detainees have been tortured by Shin Bet; Israeli AG opens investigation. (MM 9/12; WT 9/13; NYT 9/15)

Hamas, DFLP, PFLP, Islamic Jihad hold mtg. in Gaza, issue statement criticizing Arafat, recent arrests, Oslo and Cairo agmts. (QY, QPAR 9/11 in FBIS 9/12; QPAR, VOP 9/12 in FBIS 9/13)

12 SEPTEMBER

U.S. Secy. of State Christopher cancels plans to visit Middle East this wk. due to Haiti invasion, should arrive after 9/20. (MM 9/12)

U.S. VP Gore announces U.S. will loan Palestinian private sector $87 m. for 9 projects planned to create 1,800 temporary and permanent jobs in Gaza, West Bank. (MM 9/13; JP 9/24)

At Labor party caucus, PM Rabin says if Knesset passes law requiring special ma-
jority for withdrawal fr. Golan, it will tor-

pedo talks with Syria, divert money fr.

welfare to defense; calls proposal "racist

move, aimed at minimizing . . . the Arab

vote." Most Labor hawks defer to Rabin.

Likud party chmn. Moshe Qatzav says

Likud will not honor withdrawal agmt. if

national referendum is not held. (ITV 9/

11 in FBIS 9/13; MM 9/12; QY 9/12 in


(see 9/7)

Israel-Palestinian Security Comm.

meets to discuss release of Palestinian de-

tainees, safe passage, joint patrols. No

agmts. reached. (QY, VOP 9/12 in FBIS

9/13)

Israeli Finance M Avraham Shohat

meets Arafat in Gaza, gives PNA $5 m. in

VAT taxes on goods imported to the self-

rule areas via Israeli ports, says Israel will

speed up transfer of tax funds as goodwill

gesture. (IDF Radio, QY, VOP 9/12 in

FBIS 9/13; MM 9/13; JP 9/24)

Jordanian-Israeli talks on borders,

water, security, energy, environment, tour-

ism, economy continue in Tiberias. Jor-

dan-Israel-U.S. trilateral comm. contin-

ues talks on development of Jordan Rift.

(RJ 9/11 in FBIS 9/12; MM 9/12)

Israel PM Rabin, Pres. Clinton hold

joint teleconference with American Jews at

70 sites around U.S.; discuss peace pro-

cess, threat from Hamas, Islamic Jihad,

Iran. (MM, WP, WT 9/13; QY 9/13 in

FBIS 9/13)

2d IDF officer arrested in connection

with illegal extremist right-wing organiza-

tion. Lt. Qobi Pino, settler fr. Qiryat Arba,

is 10th arrested for anti-Arab activity. (IDF

Radio 9/12 in FBIS 9/14)

13 SEPTEMBER

Israeli FM Peres, Arafat meet in Oslo;

agree on $2.3 b. aid package for autono-

mous areas after dropping aid to East Jeru-

usalem projects; release joint declaration

promising to no longer raise disputed is-

sues with donor countries. (ITV 9/13 in

FBIS 9/14; QY 9/13 in FBIS 9/15; MM,

WT 9/14)

Special Knesset session is held to dis-

cuss Israeli negotiations with Syria, 11

motions are presented to restrict govt. ac-

tion; less than 1/3 of MKs are present. Dep.

DM Mordechai Gur says govt. will hold

referendum only if it thinks an agmt.

reached with Syria is significantly differ-

ent from what the people want. (MM 9/14;

JP 9/24)

Jordan-Israel talks conclude success-

fully: cooperation btwn. navies in Gulf of

Eilat, new crossing point at Shaykh Hus-

sein bridge, joint marketing of trips to Jor-

dan, Israel agreed upon; research to begin

on digging canal btwn. Red and Dead

Seas. No progress made on water. (MM 9/

13; JTV, QY, RJ 9/13 in FBIS 9/14)

14 SEPTEMBER

Arafat stops in Moscow for mtg. with

Russian Dep. FM Igor Ivanov, says he is

"deeply satisfied with the role Russia is

playing" in peace process, invites Russian

observers to oversee elections scheduled

for 11/1. Ivanov briefs Arafat on Russian

efforts on Syrian-Israeli track. (MM 9/15)

Salah ‘Abd al-Shafi, in charge of U.S.

aid to Gaza, blames Arafat for economic

delays, says "no one [in PNA] knows who

is responsible for what, to the extent

where foreign businessmen have to go di-

rectly to . . . Arafat . . . to make any pro-

gress with their plans." (La Tribune

Desjolles 9/14 in FBIS 9/15

French FM Alain Juppé criticizes Isr-

aeli PM Rabin’s statements on Syria, Leb-

anon made 9/5, says “Lebanon must be

the master of its destiny and sovereignty.”

(MM 9/14)

Arab League session opens in Cairo

with speech by SG ‘Ismat ‘Abd al-Majid

praising Arab-Israeli negotiations, encour-

aging Israel to progress on Syrian, Leba-

nese tracks. (MENA 9/14 in FBIS 9/15)

PLO Political Dept. head al-Qaddumi

meets with Arab FM’s after Arab League

opening, discusses PNA financing, Jeru-

salem, progress on self-rule; issues state-

ment saying there have been no positive

results in the past yr. except more Pales-

tinians can return to their homes, occupa-

tion continues. (MENA 9/14 in FBIS 9/15)

Islamic Jihad welcomes Hamas’s plan

to set up Islamic party, says it will take

part in elections, hinting Islamic party

may become umbrella for all Islamist

groups. (HA 9/16 in FBIS 9/20) (see 9/7)

Gaza military court sentences Pales-

tinian policeman to 7 yrs. in jail for sell-

ing his M-16 rifle to a Palestinian civilian.

(APF 9/14 in FBIS 9/15)
15 SEPTEMBER

Palestinian military delegation arrives in Moscow for wk-long stay, signs agmt. with Russian DMin. for delivery of 45 BT-82 armored personnel carriers, spare parts, ammunition for use by Palestinian police. (MM 9/15; Al-Hayat 9/27 in FBIS 9/29)

UNRWA approves $250 m. worth of projects for Gaza, West Bank to be implemented over the next 2 yrs. (UNRWA News 9/21)

Libya's Pan-Arab Unity Min. releases statement saying Palestinian autonomy "must be fought," bringing Palestinian-Libyan relations to new low. (MM 9/15)

Arab League FM's meeting in Cairo reject Israeli steps to give Jordan distinguished religious role in Jerusalem; pledge they will not sign NPT unless Israel signs in move planned by Syria to pressure Israel to adhere to NPT, open installations to inspection. (AFP 9/15, VOP 9/16 in FBIS 9/16) (see 8/31)

16 SEPTEMBER

Palestinian econ. report is released, shows PNA has received only $90 m. of $2.4 b. allocated by donor countries; PNA will need $11.2 b. to finance autonomous areas until 2000. (TJJ 9/16 in FBIS 9/20)

PNA Local Affairs M Erakat says Israel has blocked preparations for elections by not releasing population records for West Bank, halting survey to determine polling locations. (WP 9/16)

PNA Econ. M Qurai' tenders resignation, citing dissatisfaction with Arafat's economic approach, refusal to delegate authority. Arafat does not accept the resignation. (ITV, QY, VOP 9/16; FT, NYT, WP 9/17)

UNRWA announces following donations: Luxembourg, $1.2 m. for 2 medical centers in Gaza; Netherlands, $840,000 for women's centers in Gaza; Australia, $179,055 for 2 health centers in Gaza. (UNRWA News 9/21)

Benjamin Kahane, head of Kahane Chai, says 150 of his U.S. supporters will leave for Jordan to set up a settlement on the East Bank. Jordanian FMMin. asks Israeli govt. to curb group. (IDF Radio 9/16, QY 9/17 in FBIS 9/19)

Israeli Police M Moshe Shahal announces Israeli police want to question PSF's West Bank head Col. Jibril Rajub about charges 10 PSF mbrs., inc. 3 of his bodyguards, kidnapped a Jordanian national in Jerusalem 9/9 and are detaining him in Jericho. (QY 9/16 in FBIS 9/16; JP 10/8)

IDF Lt. Oren Edri, arrested 9/2 for "anti-Arab activities," is formally charged with illegally holding and transferring arms, passing classified information on locations of IDF arms depots to settlers. (MM 9/16; JP 9/17)

2 settlers fatally shoot Palestinian nr. Hebron, claiming he threw stones at their car. Court releases the pair on bail, saying they shot in self-defense. (JP 9/24)

17 SEPTEMBER

Arafat arrives in Cairo for the opening of PECEDAR mtg.; talks with Egyptian Pres. Mubarak, FM Musa on aid, mtg. with Israeli FM Peres in Oslo. (MENA 9/17 in FBIS 9/20)

Azmi Shuabi, PNA M of Sports and Youth, announces negotiations with Israel on elections will begin 9/28; says date was decided during Arafat-Peres mtg. in Oslo 9/13. (CSM 9/21)

PNA declares itself sole party in charge of all Islamic sites in Jerusalem. All Islamic institutions will fall under PNA's new Awqaf Ministry to be headed by Hassan Tahboub, a pro-Jordanian. King Hussein denounces call, saying he is still guardian of holy places. (JP 9/17; WT 9/18; MM 9/19)

Unsigned leaflets are distributed throughout Damascus, stating "Peace is in the interests of . . . Syria," calling on Syrians to prepare themselves for peace with Israel. (WT 9/23)

2 Hamas gunmen kill 1 Palestinian policeman in Rafah in 1st fatal clash bwn. PNA security forces, groups opposed to self-rule agmts. (AFP, VOP 9/18; MM, NYT, WT 9/19; MEI 9/23)

18 SEPTEMBER

Britain's MI6 says Iraq's Deputy PM Tariq Aziz met secretly with an Israeli delegation headed by Housing M Binyamin Ben Eliezer in Rabat 1 mo. ago to try to draw up a peace treaty. Israeli FMMin. denies the report. (Sunday Times 9/18 in WT 9/19, FBIS 9/21; CSM 9/19; WT 9/21; WJW 9/22; MEI 9/23)
Israeli police extend ban on Kach, Kahane Chai for 6 mos. (QY 9/18 in FBIS 9/19)

Palestinian Amb. to Iraq ‘Azzam al-Ahmad says PLO has stopped VOP transmissions fr. Baghdad, Sana’a, Algiers; will now rely solely on VOP Jericho. (Al-Dustur 9/18 in FBIS 9/20)

IDF kills 1 Palestinian, wounds 1 when car fails to stop for roadblock nr. Ramallah. In separate incident, 1 IDF soldier wounded in knifing by Palestinian nr. Tel Aviv. (WT 9/19)

Hamas issues leaflet denying association with men who shot a Palestinian policeman 9/17, blame PSF men who were also at the scene. Arafat calls in PSF’s Gaza head Muhammad Dahlan to explain. (MM 9/19; QY 9/19 in FBIS 9/19; MEI 9/23)

19 SEPTEMBER

U.S. issues “angry warning” to PM Rabin to stop talks with Iraq following reports 2 Iraqi-born MKs initiated contacts in July; suggests military, economic aid is at risk. (AFP, ITV, JP in FBIS 9/19)

Housing M Binyamin Ben-Eliezer admits secret negotiations with Syria over a peace treaty occurred. Rabin claims he knew nothing, Syrian government denies reports. (BBC, QY 9/19 in FBIS 9/19; WT 9/23)

PECedar concludes econ. mtg. in Cairo. PLO Pol. Dept. head Faruq al-Qad-dumi issues statement encouraging new mtg. of donor states, quick disbursal of aid so autonomy process is not hampered. (Al-Hayat 9/20 in FBIS 9/20)

Islamic Unification Movement Issues leaflet in Gaza announcing its establishment; claims it advocates unity and coordination, does not oppose any Islamic or national faction (incl. PNA). (Al-Manar 9/19 in FBIS 9/22)

Declassified British documents admit British intelligence secretly established, ran Sharqi al-Adna radio in Palestine fr. 1941-56. The station, fronted as an Arab radio, was influential during the Suez crisis, broadcasting anti-Nasir/anti-Israeli propaganda. (WT 9/19)

20 SEPTEMBER

U.S. State Dept. Middle East coord. Dennis Ross arrives in Damascus for 6-hr. talk with Syrian Pres. al-Asad, says U.S. Secy. of State Christopher will return to region next mo. (SARR 9/20 in FBIS 9/20; WT 9/22)

UNGA session opens in New York. U.S. Amb. to UN Madeline Albright outlines position (as sent to UN delegates in letter 8/8) suggesting UN drop from its Middle East resolutions language dealing with final status issues incl. refugees, settlements, territorial sovereignty, Jerusalem; wants resolutions accentuating political differences consolidated, improved, deleted; terms UN Special Comm. to Investigate Israeli Practices “obsolete.” (Reuter 9/21; MM 9/22; CSM 10/5) (see Doc. D1)

21 SEPTEMBER


PLO Pol. Dept. head Faruq al-Qad-dumi, Jordanian PM al-Majali meet in Jordan, agree to resume PLO-Jordanian contacts at the “ministerial level” before end of the month. (JT 9/24 in FBIS 9/26)

Al-Qad-dumi vows to fight new U.S. position in UN, strengthen language of resolutions presented. Egypt, Jordan say they will also oppose U.S. moves. (Reuters 9/21; RJ 9/26 in FBIS 9/26)

Israeli PM Rabin holds consultations on Palestinian elections with FM Peres, MK Shahal, MK Sarid, Chief of Staff Barak, IDF, police officials. Rabin, Barak want negotiations on elections only, talks on extending autonomy later. Peres, others say there is no choice but to discuss all issues simultaneously. (ITV, QY 9/21 in FBIS 9/22)


Arafat meets with Hamas mbrs. incl. spokesmen Mahmud al-Zahhar, Isma’il Haniyah; discusses ways to enhance national unity, safeguard security in autonomous areas; releases 3 Hamas mbrs. detained after shooting 9/17. (VOP 9/22 in FBIS 9/22; AFP 9/22 in FBIS 9/23)
IDF imposes curfew on village of Biddu nr. Ramallah after riot sparked by death 9/18 of Palestinian by IDF at roadblock. (QY 9/21 in FBIS 9/21)


Israeli border police arrests 7 Palestinian policemen for being in Jerusalem area without permits. (ITV 9/21 in FBIS 9/22)

22 SEPTEMBER

Syria rejects Israeli calls to raise level of peace negotiations from the ambassadorial level to higher diplomatic level. (WT 9/23; MM 9/29)

PM Rabin freezes Jewish Agency’s plan to establish 26 new settlements in Galilee to build up Jewish population there by 35,000, says he prefers expanding existing settlements. (Yedi‘ot Aharonot 9/22 in FBIS 9/22)

1000s of Jewish settlers try to storm Tomb of the Patriarchs during prayer rally to celebrate Sukkot. Israeli police prevent entry, arrest 10, injure several, place curfew on Hebron. (QY 9/22 in FBIS 9/23; WT 9/23)

PNA Econ. M Qurai‘ says he has resolved his differences with Arafat, withdrawn his resignation tendered 9/16; says Arafat agreed to allow more experts to be involved in planning, implementing econ. policy, but did not say he would reduce his authority over financial matters. (JP 9/22)

DFLP opens its general conference in Damascus. (RMC 10/1 in FBIS 10/3)

9 Labor MKs hold mtg. with hunger strikers in Gamla, 5 sign document drafted by Golan settler leaders “pledging allegiance to the Golan.” JP reports that, to date, over 10,000 people have visited the 13 hunger strikers. (JP 9/22 in MM 9/22; HA 9/23 in FBIS 9/26) (see 9/10)

23 SEPTEMBER

1st edition of Gaza daily newspaper Filastin, published by Reuters’ Gaza correspondent Taher Shriteh, is issued. (QY 9/23 in FBIS 9/27; JP 10/1)

Curfew on Hebron is lifted. Palestinian youths protest the curfew, set fire to tires. (ITV 9/23 in FBIS 9/26)

24 SEPTEMBER

Arafat chairs weekly PNA cabinet mtg., announces committee will be set up to draft tax laws; says PNA will begin administering, financing Awqaf dept. in October; notes recent positive discussions with Hamas, PFLP. (VOP 9/24 in FBIS 9/26)

MK ‘Abd al-Wahhab Darawshah, MK Talab Al-Sani‘, mburs. of Arab Democratic Party (ADP), announce they sent Iraqi Pres. Saddam Hussein a message expressing ADP’s willingness to send Arab/Jewish delegation to Iraq to meet with him, discuss peace negotiations; say they will travel upon receipt of permission fr. Iraq, even if Israeli FMin. opposes visit. (Al-Dustur 9/24, Ma‘ariv 9/25 in FBIS 9/26)

Israeli border police arrest 3 Palestinian policemen in Nablus for being in the area without permits. (QY 9/25 in FBIS 9/26)

Hamas issues leaflet ordering its fighters not to engage in battles with the Palestinian police. (AFP 9/25 in FBIS 9/26)

25 SEPTEMBER

Israeli PM Rabin, PLO Chmn. Arafat hold unusually friendly mtg. to discuss elections, redeployment of IDF. Both agree to start negotiations on elections 10/3. Arafat tells Rabin he is trying to convene PNC to amend charter. (QY, VOP 9/25 in FBIS 9/26; MM, NYT, WP, WT 9/26; Dawar 9/26 in FBIS 9/27; WJW 9/29; MEI 10/7)


Fatah’s Supreme Comm. announces formation of preparatory comm. for elections, calls on all political forces to participate in elections, denounces Israel’s procrastination on elections process. (VOP 9/25 in FBIS 9/26)

1 settler stabbed, wounded in Gaza by Palestinian carrying leaflet fr. Hamas. Hamas denies responsibility. (WT 9/26)
26 SEPTEMBER

Israeli PM Rabin approves plan to expand Givat Tal settlement in West Bank by 994 units to relieve housing shortage in Tel Aviv. tighten Israel's hold on area of West Bank at point where Israel is only 7 mi. wide before talks on permanent peace begin in 1996. PLO releases strong condemnation. (MM 9/26; HA 9/26 in FBIS 9/27; WP, WT 9/27)

PNA Planning M Shaath returns fr. official visit to Australia; says prospects are strong for increased Australian assistance, investment, participation in multilateral force. (MENA 9/25 in FBIS 9/26)

Baruch Marzel, head of Kach who was arrested after Hebron massacre, is released fr. jail to 3-mo. house arrest, meets with Kach activists. Marzel's men waiting outside Hebron jail threaten Palestinian family at gunpoint, stone Palestinian's car. (QY 9/26 in FBIS 9/30; MM, WT 9/28)

DFLP's Hawatmah says dialogues are underway btwn. DFLP, Gulf states, he will visit Gulf shortly. (Al-Ra'y 9/26 in FBIS 9/26)

27 SEPTEMBER

Arab League "strongly denounces" Israeli PM Rabin's decision to build new housing in West Bank settlement, calling it a "flagrant violation" of the DOP. (MENA, RE 9/27 in FBIS 9/28)


Jordan renounces religious links to West Bank, reaffirms spiritual authority in Jerusalem in move to avoid conflict with PLO. PNA says it will assume administrative, financial duties for West Bank religious institutions next mo. (JTV 9/27 in FBIS 9/28; NYT 9/28; MM 9/28; QY 9/28 in FBIS 9/28; AFP 9/28 in FBIS 9/29; MEI 10/7; JP 10/8) (see Doc. B1)

Hamas calls on its mbrs. to avoid clashes with Palestinian police. (VOP 9/27 in FBIS 9/28; WT 9/28) (see 9/24)

28 SEPTEMBER

PM Rabin tells Israeli cabinet he favors freeing public land in Alfei Menashe, nr. Green Line, so 700 new units can be built; claims construction will not violate settlement freeze agmt. with U.S. since building would be done by private companies, not the government. (MM 9/28; JP 9/29 in FBIS 9/29; JP 10/8)

Fateh commission of inquiry recommends stopping Palestinian security services activity outside autonomous areas in wake of killing of PSF mbr. in Rafah 9/17. (QY 9/28 in FBIS 9/28)

IDF intensifies shelling of Litani River basin, makes low-level flights over southern Lebanon, Beirut. 1 child injured, significant property damage reported. Hizballah responds by firing SAM-7's at IDF planes. (RL 9/28, 9/29 in FBIS 9/29)

29 SEPTEMBER

Israeli PM Rabin meets Jordan's King Hussein in Aqaba to discuss border issues. Hussein demands return of land transferred to Israel when border was moved in 1968. Rabin agrees in principle, but requires increased Jordan-Israel cooperation in return. Hussein disagrees, saying return should follow fr. end of hostilities. (MM 9/29; RJ 9/30 in FBIS 9/30; ITV 9/30, AFP, IDF Radio 10/2 in FBIS 10/3)

Israeli FM Peres addresses UNGA, says Israel is fully committed to implementing the DOP in spirit and letter. (MM 9/30; Jerusalem Govt. Press Office 10/3 in FBIS 10/3)

Labor MK Kahalani submits controversial bill on special majority for Golan referendum to Knesset. PM Rabin threatens to pull out of talks with Syria if bill is passed. Golani settlers end hunger strike. (MM 9/29; QY 9/29 in FBIS 9/30; JP 10/8)

Likud's "gang of 3"—Yossi Ben Aharon, Yigal Carmon, Yoram Ettinger—meet with 60 mbrs. of Congress and their staffs in Washington to lobby against deployment of U.S. troops in Golan in any future peace agmt. with Syria. (WP 11/17)

Israeli-Palestinian border crossing comm. meets at Rafah checkpoint to finalize draft agmt. for PNA administration of Allenby Bridge, Rafah crossings. (ITV 9/29 in FBIS 9/30)

Mike Guzofsky, head of Kahane Chai, New York, says he is sending delegation to Jordan to buy land for East Bank settlement, adds "If such a tiny thing, like Jews wanting to buy a little land and settle there, causes an uproar, then it's proof
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this isn’t … peace.” Jordan calls move irresponsible, provocative. (WJW 9/29) (see 9/16)

Guatemala announces it will move its embassy to Jerusalem. (WJW 9/29) (see 8/15)

30 SEPTEMBER

Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Bahrain, UAE remove secondary, tertiary boycotts on Israel (imposed 1951) requiring foreign firms trading with Israel be blacklisted; ban on trade btwn. Arab League states, Israel will stand. Decision was reached in mtgs. with U.S. Secy. of State Christopher at the UN in New York. (NYT, WP, WT 10/1; CSM, NYT 10/3; WJW 10/6; JP 10/8)

Palestinian knives IDF soldier, tries to stab Rabbi Moshe Leviner nr. the al-Ibrahimi mosque in Hebron, is shot and killed by IDF. Curfew is placed on Hebron. (IDF Radio 9/30, QY 10/1 in FBIS 10/3; MEI 10/7)

Joint Israeli-Palestinian patrol is fired upon allegedly by DFLP mbns. No injuries reported. (WT 10/3)

1 OCTOBER

Tunisia, Israel agree to exchange low-level representatives as 1st step toward eventual diplomatic relations. The new econ. liaisons to operate fr. Belgian embassies in Tel Aviv, Tunis. (QY 10/2 in FBIS 10/3; CSM, NYT 10/3; WJW 10/6; JP 10/8)

Syrian FM al-Shara’ gives speech to UNGA saying Syria wants peace, but return of Golan is not open to compromise. (STV 10/3 in FBIS 10/3; SARR 10/3 in FBIS 10/5; MM 10/4; WT 10/5; ITV 10/6 in FBIS 10/7)

Israel PM Rabin presents policy statement to Knesset, outlines components of peace with Syria, hints that agmt. with Syria would lead to mutual reduction in regular forces. (QY 10/3 in FBIS 10/3; MM 10/4) (see Doc. C2)

PM Rabin wins nonbinding 53-41 Knesset vote in favor of his foreign policies, incl. Israeli request for U.S. troops to monitor any peace accord with Syria; marks effective end of Labor party rebellion started 9/7. (MM, WP 10/4; WT 10/5; WJW 10/6)

After mtg. with U.S. Secy. of State Christopher, Lebanese FM Faris Buwayz says Lebanese track will not be activated until “features of the Syrian track become clear, not before.” (Al-Hayat 10/3 in FBIS 10/5)

PNA Local Affairs M Erakat, Israeli negotiator Rothschild meet in Cairo for talks on elections, expanding PNA authority in the West Bank. (MM 10/3; MENA, VOP 10/4 in FBIS 10/5; WT 10/4; JP 10/8)

Arafat, angry over PSF head Col. Rajub’s conflicts with Israeli police, sends Rajub to Egypt for cooling-off period. (JP 10/3 in FBIS 10/3) (see 9/16)

Arab League criticizes GCC states, Tunisia for “hasty” normalization of relations with Israel. (SARR 10/3 in FBIS 10/5)

Palestinian prisoners appeal to Pres. Clinton to intercede with Israel to gain

Palestinian police arrest 38 DFLP mbns. in response to shooting 9/30. DFLP Central mbr. Nihad Abu Ghawsh calls move “completely political.” (VOP 10/2 in FBIS 10/3; WT 10/3; JP 10/15)

3 OCTOBER

At ceremony in Washington, Jordanian Crown Prince Hassan, Israeli FM Peres announce trade initiatives to develop Jordan Rift valley, involving transportation, water, desalination, energy, exploitation of minerals. Plans inc. $1.5 b. canal, free-trade zone btwn. Eilat and Aqaba, Red Sea Marine Peace Park. U.S. says it will send business leaders “to help develop trade.” (JTV 10/3 in FBIS 10/3; MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/4; RJ 10/6 in FBIS 10/7; MEI 10/7)

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their release. Israel says most of remaining 4,000 prisoners are mbrs. of leftist, Islamists groups opposed to peace and cannot be released now; others have attacked Israelis and will never be freed. (WT 10/4)

4 OCTOBER

IDF receives map specifying 1st line of withdrawal fr. Golan. Only Druze settlements of Majdal Shams, Mas’adah, Buq’ata would be turned over to Syria in 1st stage, no Israeli settlements uprooted, some IDF security outposts removed. Syrian govt. said to already have map. (ITV 10/4 in FBIS 10/5)

Israeli-PNA talks on elections, hit snag when Israel objects to letting mbrs. of radical groups vote or run. Rothschild says, “We are not going to establish a creature which will then fight us.” Erakat says Israel is stymieing Palestinian democracy. PNA backs down on demand for separate exec., legislative councils, agrees to 1 council serving both purposes. (WT 10/5; NYT 10/6; MEI 10/7)

U.S. State Dept. issues annual report on Israeli settlements; says Israel spent $311.8 m. on nonsecurity settlement building in 1993, $95 m. of which served U.S. security interests, hence only $216.8 m. would be deducted fr. Israel’s loan guarantees. (MEI 11/4)

DFLP concludes annual conference in Damascus, reelects Hawatmeh as SG. (Al-Sharaq al-Awsat 10/5 in FBIS 10/5)

Palestinian police release 20 DFLP mbrs. arrested following attack on joint patrol 9/30, say 30 are still being detained. (VOP 10/5 in FBIS 10/5)

5 OCTOBER

Secy. of State Christopher holds “constructive” mtg. with Syrian FM al-Shara’ in Washington on peace talks, improving Syrian-U.S. relations. Al-Shara’ then holds mtgs. with U.S. Jewish leaders. (MM 10/6; SARR 10/6 in FBIS 10/7)

Israeli-PNA talks on elections are adjourned without much progress. Israel permits 6 Palestinian election offices to open immediately. (MM 10/5; WT 10/6; JP 10/15)

Dep. FM Beilin says Israel has established bilateral contacts with Algeria during multilateral talks on arms control in Canada, has discussed opening Algerian liaison office in Israel. (ITV 10/5 in FBIS 10/6)

Israeli FM Peres meets with Omani FM Yusuf Bin Alawi in New York to discuss possible low-level diplomatic exchanges. (WP 10/6)

18 settlers fr. Qiryat Arba are issued confinement orders by IDF, preventing them from going nr. the Cave of the Patriarchs for 3 mos. (QY 10/5 in FBIS 10/6)

Amal blows up SLA car in south of Lebanon, killing two SLA mbrs. IDF responds by shelling Litani river basin. (RL 10/5 in FBIS 10/6)

6 OCTOBER

Israeli PM Rabin informs Lt. Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak he will succeed Lt. Gen. Barak as IDF chief of staff effective 1/1/95. (MM 10/5; JP 10/7 in FBIS 10/13; JP 10/15)

Arafat orders arrest of Gen. Mahmud Abu Marzuq, civil defense cmdr. of Gaza, on suspicion of accepting bribes. Abu Marzuq is detained at Gaza central jail for questioning. (QY 10/6 in FBIS 10/7)

Palestinian opposition groups suspend contacts with PNA on setting up municipal and rural councils in Gaza, say they are protesting arrest of DFLP mbrs. 10/2. DFLP vows to continue armed struggle. (Al-Quds radio, QY, RMC 10/6 in FBIS 10/7)

7 OCTOBER

U.S. dispatches 4,000 troops to Kuwait, puts forces on alert as 14,000 Iraqi Republican Guards move toward Basra. The move, which places 64,000 prime Iraqi troops nr. Kuwaiti border, is seen as tactical attempt by Saddam Hussein to pressure UN to lift sanctions. (NYT, WP 10/8; NYT, WP, WT 10/9)


FM al-Shara’ is 1st Syrian official to be interviewed on ITV, gives Israeli public Syria’s view of peace. No new policy statements made, but Rabin considers inter-
view "positive step." (ITV 10/7 in FBIS 10/11; MM 10/10, 10/11)

IDF issues guidelines on handling settlers, says soldiers confronting settlers should not use force unless situation is life-threatening, gives general in charge of regional command authority to order IDF into areas controlled by PNA to quell riots. (HA 10/7 in FBIS 10/7)

IDF says some 300 of the 550 released Palestinian prisoners living in Jericho have left the autonomous area, returned to West Bank. Both IDF, PASF will look for them. (JP 10/8)

Palestinian police issue order prohibiting bus companies fr. transporting groups organized by political factions without PNA approval. Rights groups say ban violates Palestinians' right to hold political gatherings. (QY 10/7 in FBIS 10/12)

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8 OCTOBER

Khalid al-Hassan dies of cancer in Rabat. Was a founding mbr. of PLO, senior advisor to Arafat, considered intellectual leader of conservative branch in Fateh. (NYT 10/9)

2,000 pro-Fateh Palestinians march through Gaza City demanding freedom for remaining Palestinian prisoners. (WT 10/9)

Hizballah attacks 6 SLA positions in southern Lebanon, IDF returns heavy fire, no casualties. UNIFIL protests IDF use of banned cluster bombs, shelling of Irish UN h.q. during fighting. (JP 10/9 in FBIS 10/12; MM 10/10)

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9 OCTOBER

U.S. Secy. of State Christopher arrives in Jerusalem for 6-day trip to promote peace b/wn. Israel, Syria; says U.S. will protect Israel fr. Iraq if necessary. (MM, NYT 10/10)

2 Hamas mbrs. armed with automatic rifles, grenades attack crowd nr. King David Hotel in Jerusalem (where Secy. of State Christopher is staying), kill 2, wound 13. Police kill gunman, take 2 other Palestinians into custody after crowd beats them. (MM, WP, WT 10/10; QY 10/10 in FBIS 10/11; CSM, MM, NYT, WT 10/11; JP 10/15)

Jordanian-Palestinian talks resume in Amman to discuss cooperation in PNA areas, economics, Awqaf issue, refugees. (JTV 10/9, 10/10 in FBIS 10/12)

Palestinian-Israeli border crossing comm. meets, does not sign agrmt.; participants plan to meet within days to iron out differences on tariffs, Arafat's personal passage. (IDF Radio, VOP 10/10 in FBIS 10/11)

Clinton announces deployment of 36,000 troops to the Gulf, notes increase in Iraqi deployment to 80,000 troops which will be in striking distance of Kuwait within days. (NYT, WP, WT 10/10)

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10 OCTOBER

Palestinian-Israeli talks on elections resume in Cairo, parties clash again on issue of opposition participation, size of proposed council, whether higher election comm. should incl. Israelis. (AFP 10/10 in FBIS 10/11, MM 10/11)

Jordanian-Israeli bilaterals resume in Eilat. (RJ 10/10 in FBIS 10/11)

Hamas issues statement marking 4th anniversary of Al-Aqsa massacre, says it will conduct operations throughout Palestine in commemoration. (AFP 10/10 in FBIS 10/11)

Under pressure fr. U.S., Jordan's King Hussein, PLO's Arafat join other Arab states in issuing statements critical of Iraqi troop movements. (NYT 10/11, 10/12; WP 10/12)

Iraqi Pres. Hussein says he is withdrawing troops fr. Kuwait's border. Clinton says intelligence reports no pullback, sends 550 combat aircraft to the region. (NYT, WP, WT 10/11)

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11 OCTOBER

Israel suspends all negotiations with PLO after Hamas announces it is holding an IDF soldier hostage. Hamas says it will kill the soldier 10/14 if 200 Palestinian prisoners—incl. Shaykh Ahmad Yasin, Shaykh Salah Shehadeh, Shaykh 'Abd al-Karim Obeid, Mustafa al-Dirani—are not released. PM Rabin calls emergency cabinet mtg., suspends transfer of aid fr. donor countries, seals Gaza, says he holds Arafat responsible. Arafat condemns abduction, calls mtg. of PSF. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/12; AFP, ITV, JP, Al-Quds radio 10/11, MENA, VOP, QY 10/12 in FBIS 10/12; CSM 10/13; HA 10/14 in FBIS 10/14)
Jordanian, Palestinian officials conclude talks in Amman, announce broad agmts. on trade, customs, banking, civil aviation; agree to draw up position papers on Awqaf, refugees. (JT 10/12 in FBIS 10/12; JTV 10/12 in FBIS 10/13)

U.S. FM Christopher meets with Syrian Pres. al-Asad, says both Syria, Israel have made significant movements towards peace, says he has been pleased al-Asad has taken U.S. advice and made public gestures showing he is serious. (SARR 10/11 in FBIS 10/11; WP 10/12)

PM Rabin confirms that rifles used in Hamas attack 10/10 were AK47s belonging to the Palestinian police. (NYT 10/12)

The Nobel committee decides to award the Nobel Peace Prize to PLO Chmn. Arafat, Israeli PM Rabin. (MM 10/11; NYT, WT 10/12; CSM, WJW 10/13; MM 10/14)

U.S. Commerce Sec. Ron Brown holds mtg. with mbrs. of Overseas Private Investment Corp. (OPIC) delegation of Palestinian businessmen on 5-day visit to seek American funding for projects in West Bank, Gaza. (WT 10/12; JP 10/15)

Iraqi retreat is detected by U.S. intelligence. Pres. Clinton says it is too early to reach conclusions on Saddam Hussein's action. U.S. will continue reinforcement of the Gulf, may press for enlarging demilitarized zone along Kuwait border. (NYT, WP, WT 10/12)

IDF, SLA continue shelling southern Lebanon, "deport" 26 Kufr Hunah villagers fr. self-declared security zone. Lebanese FM Buwayz asks UN to act. (RL 10/11 in FBIS 10/12; MM 10/12)

Palestinian police raid homes across Gaza in search of kidnapped IDF soldier, arrest 200-300 Hamas mbrs. plus 4 journalists who obtained videotape of the soldier. (CSM, MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/14; AFP, QY 10/13 in FBIS 10/14)

SLA permits villagers evicted fr. Kufr Hunah to return. (RL 10/12 in FBIS 10/13) (see 10/11)

13 OCTOBER

PM Rabin asks Arafat to tell Hamas Israel is willing to release movement's spiritual leader, Shaykh Yasin, in exchange for kidnapped IDF soldier. Hamas gives no definitive response. (QY 10/14 in FBIS 10/17; JP, WT 10/15)

U.S. Secy. of State Christopher arrives in Damascus fr. Kuwait for 2 days of talks with Pres. al-Asad. (SARR 10/13 in FBIS 10/14)

Senior Hamas official, Ibrahim al-Yazuri, says kidnappers of IDF soldier are acting without approval from leadership, Izzeddin al-Qassam brigades "belong to Hamas but operate alone. No one gives them instructions . . ." (HA 10/13 in FBIS 10/14)

Hamas delegation meets with Lebanese Chamber of Deps. Speaker Nabih Birri to discuss Palestinian-Israeli peace process, Palestinian refugees in Lebanon. (RL 10/13 in FBIS 10/14)

Arafat recalls PSF head Col. Rajib fr. Egypt to help deal with Hamas, kidnapping. (QY 10/13 in FBIS 10/14)

14 OCTOBER

Hamas extends deadline for release of 200-300 prisoners by 24 hrs. Within 1 hr., based on information from Arafat, IDF raids West Bank house where IDF soldier is being held. Kidnapped soldier, 1 other soldier killed, 12 wounded by kidnappers; 3 Hamas mbrs. killed, 2 arrested. Location of soldier in Israeli o.t. embarrasses PM Rabin, who swore he was in PNA-controlled Gaza. Rabin vows to resume talks with PNA as soon as possible. (ITV, QY 10/14 in FBIS 10/17; NYT, WP, WT 10/15; CSM, MM 10/17; JP 10/22)

U.S. Secy. of State Christopher, Egyptian Pres. Mubarak, PLO Chmn. Arafat hold talks in Cairo; discuss aid transfers, Hamas, other obstacles to peace. (MENA, RE 10/13 in FBIS 10/14; MM 10/14)
Multilateral arms control seminar on threat assessment closes in Paris. Positions presented, no draft document signed, but gaps between parties “narrow significantly.” Teams leave for Germany to attend military maneuvers. (Davar 10/14 in FBIS 10/17) 

Israel gives PNA power to collect customs tariffs, conduct searches at Allenby Bridge. (VOP 10/14 in FBIS 1021) 

PFLP’s George Habbash, DFLP’s Hawatmah announce they want to unify the 2 groups into 1, inc. administration, finance, military, intelligence. (Al-Sharq Al-Awsat 10/14 in FBIS 10/18) 

15 OCTOBER 

5,000 Hamas supporters march on Gaza’s central jail to mourn death of kidnappers killed in I.D.F raid, decry Arafat’s perceived servitude to Rabin, demand release of 100’s of sympathizers arrested by Palestinian police in search for soldier. I.D.F responds with tear gas, live ammunition, wounding 2 Palestinians. (QY 10/15 in FBIS 10/17; WP, WT 10/16; WT 10/17) 

16 OCTOBER 

Israeli PM Rabin, FM Peres, Jordanian King Hussein hold impromptu mtg. in Amman to discuss remaining differences on peace agmt. draft, show eagerness to come to agmt. by yr.’s end despite recent events. (NYT, WT 10/17) 

Jordan, PNA each appoint a mufti to Jerusalem to replace Shaykh Suleiman Ja’abari who died last mo., escalating the conflict over control of Jerusalem’s holy sites. (RMC 10/17 in FBIS 10/17; CSM, MM 10/18; WT 10/19) 

100’s of Hamas supporters resume protests outside Gaza jail. Palestinian police disperse crowd without casualties, say they will release all but core mbrs. among the 210 Hamas supporters detained in the past wk. (WP 10/17) 

Israel lifts closure on Gaza (QY 10/16 in FBIS 10/17; NYT, WP, WT 10/17) 

17 OCTOBER 

Israeli PM Rabin, Jordan’s King Hussein initial draft of peace treaty in Amman, say annexes to final agmt. are pending. Treaty calls for return of territory to Jordan, Israeli lease of Jordanian land held by Israeli settlements, diversion of water to Jordan, special role for Jordan in Jerusalem. Jordanian Islamists vow to block ratification in parliament. (QY 10/16 in FBIS 10/17; MM 10/17; CSM, NYT, WP, WT 10/18; HA 10/18 in FBIS 10/18; NYT 10/19; WJW 10/20; MEI 10/21) 

U.S. Pres. Clinton says he will attend signing of Jordan-Israel agmt. 10/26. (NYT, WP 10/18) 

Israel admits to secret 2-yr. deal with U.S., Syria to bring Syrian Jews to Israel. At Washington’s request, Pres. al-Asad allowed 3,670 Jews to emigrate to U.S., 1,262 of whom then flew on to Israel. (WT 10/19; WJW, WP 10/20; JP 10/29) 

1000’s of Hamas supporters hold 3d day of anti-Arafat protests outside Gaza jail. Palestinian police release 60 detainees, disperse crowd, promise all 210 detained will be released within days. (WP, WT 10/18) 

18 OCTOBER 

Arafat calls Jordanian-Israeli agmt. betrayal of Palestinian interest, “outrageous infringement” on DOP; expresses outrage that King Hussein did not confer with him. Other PNA, Fateh figures (e.g., Marwan Barghouti, Ilyas Frayij, Faisal Hussein, Rajub, Shaath) welcome agmt. (NYT, WP, WT 10/19; ITV 10/17, QY, RE 10/18, in FBIS 10/18; JP 10/29) 

Syrian Pres. al-Asad condemns Jordan-Israel agmt., warns leasing plan will not set precedent for Syrian-Israeli negotiations; leaves for Cairo to meet with Pres. Mubarak, discuss Jordanian-Israeli treaty, peace talks, Iraq. (MM 10/18; MENA 10/18 in FBIS 10/19; CSM, MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/19; WJW 9/27) 

Talks on elections resume in Cairo. Due to recent Hamas attacks, PNA says it will exclude those opposed to peace process from participating in elections, will allow Israelis to sit on election supervisory comm. (AFP 10/18 in FBIS 10/18; MENA 10/19 in FBIS 10/19) 

Israeli-Jordanian talks resume in Aqaba to discuss final details of treaty; start outlining joint development projects (to be finalized within 9 mos.) (R] 10/18 in FBIS 10/18) 

Trilateral US-Jordan-Israel mtg. held to discuss aid, economic issues. (R] 10/18 in FBIS 10/18)
19 OCTOBER

23 killed, 48 wounded when Hamas suicide bomber blows up bus in Tel Aviv. PM Rabin seals Gaza, West Bank indefinitely; vows to hit suspects, their families; promises legislation permitting greater pressure in interrogations, wider use of collective punishment; suggests “national separation” of Palestinians, Israelis. (QY 10/18, NYT 10/19; MM 10/19; QY 10/19 in FBIS 10/20; CSM, MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/20; MM 10/21; NYT 10/24; JP 10/29)

FM Peres says all negotiating tracks will continue despite bus attack, says Hamas’s goal is to derail talks and there is “no way on earth” that will happen. (NYT 10/20)

Round of Israeli-Palestinian talks on elections concludes in Cairo, working papers exchanged, no decisions reported. (MENA 10/19 in FBIS 10/20)

U.S. officials report intense debate over whether Clinton should visit Syria on trip to Middle East 10/26. Clinton wants to see Pres. al-Asad to jump-start peace talks, advisors say al-Asad has not offered enough concessions to warrant presidential visit. (WT 10/20)

IDF, SLA kill 7 Lebanese in shelling of Nabatiyeh hours after bus bombing. UN protests Israeli escalation of tensions, IDF use of tank shells packed with steel darts. (NYT 10/21; NYT, WP, WT 10/22; NYT 10/23)

20 OCTOBER

Israeli cabinet holds emergency session; increases quotas on Thais, Romanians, Bulgarians, Chinese to replace Palestinian laborers working in Israel; gives security forces “additional means required” to fight Hamas. IDF destroys home of family of suspect in bus bombing 10/19. (NYT, WP, WT 10/21; WP 10/25)

Jordanian, Israeli negotiators end round of talks, sign draft on water, land issues, say they have reached agmts. on all controversial issues on main and subagendas. (RJ, QY 10/20 in FBIS 10/21)

PNA announces new 13-mbr. Palestinian National Council for the Encouragement of Investment to be headed by Econ. M Quraï’ (3 mbrs. to be appointed by Arafat, other 10 by PNA Mins.) (JP 10/20 in FBIS 10/21)

PNA releases draft investment regulations, incl. tax incentives, guarantees to private investors against nationalization; gives priority to “special development areas”: Gaza, Janin, Jordan Valley. (JP 10/20 in FBIS 10/21)

PLO submits official protest to Arab League against paragraph of Jordan-Israel accord dealing with Jerusalem. (MENA 10/20 in FBIS 10/21)


21 OCTOBER

Pres. Clinton announces he will visit Syria during upcoming visit to Middle East despite advisors fears of domestic criticism, hopes to gain greater assurances fr. Pres. al-Asad. (NYT, WP 10/22; WT 10/23, 10/24; CSM 10/24)

IDF announces it has begun sweep for Hamas activists, says government is considering deporting Hamas leaders. (HA 10/21, IDF Radio 10/23 in FBIS 10/24)

22 OCTOBER

Jordan's King Hussein defends agmt. with Israel, saying Jordan will act in its own interests to reverse its isolation; dismisses Palestinian protests to Jordan's control of Jerusalem's holy sites. Arafat says PLO will boycott signing of the agmt. (NYT, WP, WT 10/23; WT 10/26)

23 OCTOBER

PNA Planning M Shaath, Israeli FM Peres hold Supreme Liaison Comm. mtg. in Cairo; agree to resume talks, continue implementation of peace accord; appoint comm. to discuss PNA role at border crossings, free movement bwn. Gaza, Jericho; discuss methods of curbing Hamas. (WP, WT 10/23; MENA, QY 10/24 in FBIS 10/24; WT 10/24)

FM Peres meets with Egyptian Pres. Mubarak, discusses peace process, movement on Syrian track, upcoming Casa-
blanca economic summit. (IDF Radio, MENA 10/23 in FBIS 10/24)

Israeli cabinet approves bringing in 19,000 new foreign workers to compensate for labor shortage caused by closure of the territories. (MM 10/24; JP 11/5)

Palestinian, Nidal Tamimi, is killed in confrontation with IDF at Hebron checkpoint. Amateur videotape is released showing wounded, unconscious Tamimi being shot in head by soldier. Tape ignites furor. (WP 11/4; WT 11/16)

Islamic Jihad dismisses Sec. Gen. Fayiz al-Aswad, divests him of all powers, elects Shaykh Husayn Anbar as new leader. (RMC 10/23 in FBIS 10/24)

Israel says it has arrested 50 Hamas mbrs. in West Bank since bus bombing 10/19. (MM, NYT 10/24; WP 10/25)

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<td>Multilaterals on environment open in Bahrain. Delegations fr. 45 states attend. Israel’s call for summit on desertification of region is met by “Arab reservations.” Saudi delegation refuses to meet with Israeli delegation. (Wahl 10/25 in FBIS 10/26; AFP 10/25 in FBIS 10/27)</td>
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<td>2 days of Palestinian-Israeli talks on elections end in Cairo. PNA submits proposal for 100-mbr. &quot;Autonomy Council&quot; with legislative powers. Israeli response expected in 1 wk. (AFP, MENA 10/25 in FBIS 10/26)</td>
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<td>King Hussein, angry at Arafat’s criticism of agmt. with Israel, gives speech to army indirectly warning Arafat not to undermine Jordanian security, alludes to Black September. (MM 10/25)</td>
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27 OCTOBER

Pres. Clinton meets with Pres. al-Asad in Damascus. Al-Asad reaffirms commitment to peace process but does not alter position. Clinton returns to Israel, briefs Knesset on mtg., says some progress was made but does not elucidate. (MM, NYT, WP 10/27; CSM, MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/28; JP 11/5)

Palestinian police arrest Tahir Shriteh, editor of new paper Filastin, for allegedly distributing Hamas material. (NYT 11/3)

28 OCTOBER

European Community (EC) delegation headed by German FM Helmut Schiffer arrives in Damascus for 3 days of discussions with Syrian government officials regarding peace process, EC financial aid to Syria, Syrian-EC relations. (SARR 10/29, Syrian Television 10/29, 10/30 in FBIS 11/2)

Israeli PM Rabin, Israeli officials express displeasure with Syrian Pres. al-Asad’s lack of movement, refusal to condemn terrorism during Clinton visit. (NYT, WP 10/29; MEI 11/4)

Pres. Clinton leaves Israel for Kuwait, Saudi Arabia. (NYT, WP, WT 10/29)

29 OCTOBER

Lebanese Pres. Hrawi proposes establishing comm. with Israel to draw up timetable for Israeli withdrawal fr. Lebanon, vows that “not one bullet will be fired during this period.” (RL 10/29 in FBIS 10/31; NYT, WP 10/30; MENA 10/29, MENA, RMC 10/31 in FBIS 11/1)

50 Jewish settlers rampage through Hebron, attack Palestinians with sticks, stones injuring 2. IDF arrests 2 settlers. (WP 10/30)

In 4th straight day of fighting, Hizballah attacks IDF post in southern Lebanon, kills 1, wounds 2 IDF soldiers. IDF shells villages, kill 1, wound 8 Lebanese citizens. (AFP, QY 10/29, RL 10/30 in FBIS 10/31; NYT, WP, WT 10/30; MM 10/31; JP 11/5)

Shlomo Goren, former chief rabbi of Israel and outspoken critic of reconciliation with PLO, dies in Jerusalem. (NYT, WP, WT 10/30; WJW 11/3: JP 11/5)

30 OCTOBER

Government, business leaders fr. 80 countries meet in Casablanca for 3-day Middle East/North Africa Economic Summit to discuss regional stability, investment, development. Secy. of State Christopher encourages Arab states to end boycott of Israel, set up regional trade block. Lebanon, Syria boycott conference. (WT 10/30; CSM, NYT, WP, WT 10/31)

Israeli PM Rabin, Arafat meet in Casablanca, agree to station Palestinians at crossing points, reach no agmt. on elections. Rabin says IDF will hit Hamas in autonomous areas if Arafat does not, borders will reopen soon. Asked if reopening ends Rabin’s “national separation” plan (see 10/19), spokesman Uri Dromi says “separation is easier said than done, and you can’t do it overnight.” (WT 10/30; NYT, WP, WT 10/31; VOP 10/31 in FBIS 11/1)

3,000 Palestinians rally to protest Israel-Jordan agmt. in Gaza. King Hussein reiterates that he is not competing for territorial control over West Bank, Gaza; says he will give control of religious site in East Jerusalem to Arafat when PNA is “ready to take up such responsibilities.” (WT 10/31)

31 OCTOBER

Round of Israeli-Palestinian self-rule negotiations scheduled for today is postponed to 11/6 because of timing conflict with Casablanca conference. (RE 10/31 in FBIS 10/31)

Responding to Lebanese Pres. Hrawi’s 10/29 statement, PM Rabin says Israel
will not promise to withdraw fr. Lebanon to get stalled peace talks moving. (IDF Radio 10/31 in FBIS 10/31; AFF 10/31 in FBIS 11/1; MM, WP 11/1; MM 11/2; WJW 11/3)

Palestinian police take up posts at Rafah crossing point to Egypt. (MM 10/31; VOP 10/31 in FBIS 11/1; WT 11/2)

1 NOVEMBER

Casablanca economic summit ends. Saudi Arabia, other Arab states say they support peace, but cannot finance regional development bank proposed by U.S., will not end boycott on Israel. (MM 11/1; MM, NYT, WJW, WP, WT 11/2; CSM 11/3)

PM Rabin tells Knesset UN Res. 425 calling for Israeli withdrawal fr. Lebanon “does not exist as far as I am concerned,” causing uproar. Lebanon appeals to U.S. to pressure Israel. (MM 11/2, MM 11/9)

Russian FM Andrey Kozrev arrives in Damascus for talks with Pres. al-Asad. FM al-Shara regarding peace process. (SARR 11/1, 11/2 in FBIS 11/2; SARR 11/2 in FBIS 11/3)

Palestinian police take up posts at Allenby Bridge crossing point into Jordan. (QY 11/1 in FBIS 11/1; NYT, WT 11/2)

Israel begins gradual reopening borders with Gaza, West Bank closed since bus bombing 10/19. (WT 11/2; WJW 11/3; JP 11/12)

2 NOVEMBER

PM Rabin rejects offer by 2 Hamas leaders, Shaykhs Jamil Hamami and Hussein Abu Kwaik, to open dialogue. Offer is thought to be response to Dep. FM Beilin’s statements 10/24. (WT 11/3)

Car bomb kills Hani Abed, leader of Islamic Jihad in Gaza; armed supporters riot, vow reprisals against Israel; no one claims responsibility for attack. (AFP 11/2 in FBIS 11/3; MM 11/3; VOP 11/3 in FBIS 11/4; WT 11/3; JP 11/5)

U.S. Secy. of State Christopher announces he will resume trips bwn. Israel, Syria end of Nov. to spur Syrian track. (MM 11/3)

Arafat arrives in Cairo for talks with Pres. Mubarak on peace process, Casablanca; departs. (MENA 11/2 in FBIS 11/3)

In statement to Turkish reporters, PM Rabin suggests piping water fr. Turkey to Israel, Syria, Lebanon once peace agmts. are signed. (TRT Television, Ankara 11/2 in FBIS 11/3)

IDF orders Kiryat Arba settlers to remove stone monument honoring Baruch Goldstein, perpetrator of Hebron massacre. (WT 11/3; JP 11/12)

Israel shells areas of southern Lebanon. (RL 11/1 in FBIS 11/2)

3 NOVEMBER

Gazans eject Arafat from funeral of Hani Abed as 1000s protest Arafat’s leadership, blame Israel for car bombing. (MM 11/3; IDF Radio, QY 11/3 in FBIS 11/4; CSM, WP, WT 11/4; JP 11/5)

More than 3,500 Palestinians return to work in Israel as closure of West Bank, Gaza is lifted further. Rabin approves permits for 5,000 others. (QY 11/3 in FBIS 11/3; QY 11/3 in FBIS 11/4)

Arafat meets with delegation fr. Hamas, Islamic Jihad to discuss Abed assassination. (VOP 11/4 in FBIS 11/7)

Israeli Housing Min. notes largest ever rise in number of people moving to Qatzrin settlement in Golan—345 in past 3 mos.; says Min. will sell 120 remaining apartments within wks., will provide buyers with government subsidized mortgages. (Yediot Aharonot 11/3 in FBIS 11/9)

Fatah Central Comm. holds elections, elects younger men more critical of PNA, rejects Arafat’s proposal to hold regular mtgs. in Gaza despite PM Rabin’s approval for mbrs. to enter autonomous areas. Arafat displeased. (Al-Sharq al-Awsat 11/3 in FBIS 11/4; VOP 11/6, JP 11/7 in FBIS 11/9)

4 NOVEMBER

Unidentified Israeli sources say Abed, killed 11/2, was planning car bombing inside Israel. PM Rabin reiterates that if Arafat cannot control Islamists Israel will. Comments raise speculation that Abed’s death was an IDF hit. Israeli government does not deny charge. (IDF Radio 11/3, HA 11/4 in FBIS 11/4; NYT 11/5)

1000s of Palestinians rally in Gaza City to protest Abed’s assassination, criticize Arafat. (AFP 11/4 in FBIS 11/8; WT 11/5)

Irish UNIFIL post in southern Lebanon is hit by 7 IDF artillery shells, SLA
5 NOVEMBER

Turkish PM Tansu Ciller ends 3-day visit to Israel; meets with Arafat in Gaza City, pledges $50 m. to autonomous areas; causes conflict with Israelis by holding mtg. with PLO's Faisal Husseini at Orient House in East Jerusalem. (MM 11/4; WT 11/5, 11/6; QY, RMC, VOP 11/6 in FBIS 11/7; MM 11/7; MM 11/8; JP 11/12)

Syrian Pres. al-Asad, Lebanese Pres. Hrawi meet in Damascus to discuss Israeli PM Rabin's 11/1 remarks on southern Lebanon. (SARR 11/5 in FBIS 11/7; JP 11/12)

Israeli Dep. DM Gur says Israel will consider direct talks with Lebanon on phased pullout fr. southern Lebanon if Lebanese present viable plan ensuring total cessation of violence. (JP 11/12)

PNA announces Egypt will open representative office in Gaza, consulate in Jericho; Arafat names Zuhdi al-Qidrah as PNA representative to Cairo. (MENA 11/5 in FBIS 11/7)

Israeli study shows Fatah has not made any lethal attacks on Israelis since autonomy agrmt. was signed in May. (QY 11/6 in FBIS 11/8; WT 11/8)

6 NOVEMBER

Lower House of Jordanian parliament ratifies Israel-Jordan treaty by 55-23 vote. (WP 11/7)

Hamas leaders in Egypt, Jordan offer to negotiate with Israel, halt attacks on civilians. Israeli officials are skeptical. (WT 11/11)

Israeli West Bank military governor modifies order to remove monument to Baruch Goldstein after settlers protest; says work must stop, but monument is almost complete. (NYT 11/7) (see 11/2)

7 NOVEMBER

Reports say Israel wants U.S. to suspend shuttle missions btwn. Israel and Syria, U.S. Secy. of State Christopher to cancel trip to region planned for end of month, talks to stay on ambassadorial level since Pres. al-Asad will not soften position. (Al-Hamishmar 11/7 in FBIS 11/7) PNA Econ. M Qur'ai', Palestinian officials boycott Jerusalem business conference in protest over continued partial closure of Gaza, West Bank. (QY 11/7 in FBIS 11/8)

Syrian FM al-Shara' arrives in Cairo for talks with Pres. Mubarak on peace process, Clinton visit. (MENA 11/7 in FBIS 11/7; SARR 11/8 in FBIS 11/8)

Tomb of the Patriarchs, site of the Hebron massacre, reopens with metal detectors, electronic gates, cameras. Jews, Muslims completely segregated by partitions. (MM 11/7; QY 11/7 in FBIS 11/7; CSM, NYT, WP 11/8; JP 11/19)

8 NOVEMBER

PM Rabin, Arafat meet at Erez, agree to speed up talks on expanding Palestinian self-rule to deflect opposition's criticism of Arafat; says 10,000 new work permits will be issued to Palestinians (meaning 23,000 workers will now be allowed into Israel versus 60,000 before 10/19); promises health, taxation, welfare, tourism will be given to PNA by end of month. (MM 11/8; IDF Radio, ITV, VOP 11/8 in FBIS 11/9; MM, NYT, WP, WT 11/9; CSM 11/10; JP 11/19)

Arms Control and Regional Security Group opens mtg. at Dead Sea Hotel. Working groups fr. 22 countries (incl. Israel, the Palestinians, U.S., Russia) to discuss regional communication on security, military issues; exchange of military data; advance notice of military maneuvers; confidence building. (RJ 11/8 in FBIS 11/9; RJ 11/9 in FBIS 11/10; AFP 11/9, JTV 11/10, QY 11/11 in FBIS 11/14)

PM Rabin, countering IDF official's public statement made earlier in day that Syrian Pres. al-Asad cannot be trusted, says Syria has not abrogated an agrmt. since 1973 war. (QY 11/8 in FBIS 11/9)


King Hussein announces he will make 1st open visit to Israel 11/10 to exchange treaty ratification documents with PM Rabin. (WP, WT 11/9)

Cholera kills 1, sickens 29 in Gaza. Israel bans indefinitely all food imports fr. Gaza. Farmers expect $300,000 losses per
day. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 11/11; MM 11/16; JP 11/19)

Israeli gunboat stops, searches German ship off Tyre, Lebanon. (RL 11/8 in FBIS 11/9)

Israeli FM Peres says Israel will sign NPT once comprehensive Arab-Israeli peace agmt. is reached and accord ridding region of nuclear weapons, weapons of mass destruction is destroyed. (WT 11/9)

9 NOVEMBER

Upper House of Jordanian parliament ratifies Jordan-Israel treaty by vote of 33-2 with 5 mbrs. absent. (Jordanian Information Bureau 11/11)

Arafat telephones King Hussein, briefs him on talks with PM Rabin 11/8, both agree to continue contacts on common issues. (MENA 11/9 in FBIS 11/10)

PNA Econ. M Qurai', Israeli Finance M Shohat meet in Jerusalem to discuss implementation of economic agmt. signed in Paris 4/93. (QY, VOP 11/9 in FBIS 11/14)


Top Israeli police official admits Palestinians are setting up a police force in occupied West Bank to deal with traffic, intra-Palestinian disputes, says government will not oppose the units unless they interfere with Israeli police duties. (JP 11/9 in FBIS 11/9)

Morocco opens liaison office in Gaza. (AFP 11/9 in FBIS 11/10)

Knesset passes bill making anyone conducting unauthorized political activity in Jerusalem liable to 15 yrs. in jail. Bill targets PNA diplomatic activity at Orient House. (MM 11/10; WJW 11/17; JP 11/19)

Lebanese Judiciary reopens 1983 U.S. Marine barracks bombing case. Move seen as government attempt to show U.S. it is serious about security, nudge talks with Israel, gain leverage against Hizbullah. (RL 11/9 in FBIS 11/9; MM 11/16)

Saudi FM Prince Sa'ud al-Faysal arrives in Damascus to deliver letter fr. King Fahd to Pres. al-Asad, confers with al-Asad regarding peace talks. (SARR 11/9 in FBIS 11/10)

IDF searching for wanted men clash with Palestinians in Tulkarm. Palestinians suffer 1 wounded, call general strike. (QY 11/9 in FBIS 11/10)

10 NOVEMBER

King Hussein arrives in Israel, meets with Rabin. Trip marks 1st visit to Israel by Arab head of state since Sadat's 1981 trip. (ITV, JTV, QY 11/10 in FBIS 11/14; WT 11/11; JP 11/19)

Israel-Jordan border crossing at Shaykh Hussayn Bridge is opened. (QY 11/10 in FBIS 11/10; WT 11/11)

1 civilian killed as IDF shells Sribbin village in southern Lebanon in response to Amal attack on SLA position. (RL 11/10 in FBIS 11/14)

Iraqi Pres. Hussein signs statement accepting sovereignty of Kuwait, setting stage for UNSC debate on lifting sanctions. (NYT, WP, WT 11/11)

11 NOVEMBER

Islamic Jihad suicide bomber on bicycle kills 3 IDF reservists, wounds 11 at Netzarim checkpoint, Gaza, in revenge for Abed assassination 11/2. (MM 11/11; AFP, IDF Radio, QY, VOP 11/11 in FBIS 11/14; NYT, WP, WT 11/12; JP 11/19)

Arafat condemns Islamic Jihad attack, orders roundup of Jihad mbrs. 1000s of Palestinians demonstrate in support of Islamic Jihad. (NYT, WP, WT 11/12)

Israel agrees to reconsider ban on import of produce fr. Gaza due to cholera outbreak. (VOP 11/11 in FBIS 11/16) (see 11/8)

Fateh mbr. Sami Sharaf is killed by unknown men as he leaves his home in Sidon, Lebanon. (RL 11/11 in FBIS 11/14)

Amal shells SLA positions in southern Lebanon, killing 3 SLA soldiers. (RL 11/11 in FBIS 11/14)

12 NOVEMBER

Arafat announces 1st mtg. of PLO Exec. Comm. in Gaza to be held 11/15. (VOP 11/12 in FBIS 11/14; QY 11/15 in FBIS 11/15)

Palestinian police arrest more than 100 Islamic Jihad mbrs. following bombing 11/11. Arafat announces ban on political rallies by opponents of Israel-PLO accords. (AFP, QY 11/12, ITV 11/13 in FBIS 11/14; NYT 11/13, 11/15)

Israel Finance M Shohat says if U.S. long-term interest rates rise much further,
it will be uneconomical to raise funds by means of U.S. loan guarantees. (JP 11/12)
1,000 students rally at Univ. of Jordan to protest Israeli-Jordanian agmt. (STV 11/12, Al-Majd 11/14 in FBIS 11/15)

13 NOVEMBER

Arafat appoints 1st 2 Hamas mbrs. to official posts in PNA. Hamid Bitawi, Mahmud Salamah become deputy justices to supreme religious courts. (AFP 11/12, JP 11/13 in FBIS 11/15)

Israel's Ministerial Comm. on General Security Services permits interrogators greater leeway in pressuring detainees during questioning. Decision to be reviewed after 3 mos. (QY 11/13 in FBIS 11/15; NYT 11/17; CSM 11/22)

Fateh High Council postpones its West Bank elections until after general elections, implementation of autonomy in West Bank, withdrawal of IDF forces. (JP 11/13 in FBIS 11/15)

First busload of Israeli tourists enters Jordan. (WT 11/14)

SLA, IDF exchange heavy fire with Hizballah in southern Lebanon, no casualties reported. (QY, RL 11/13 in FBIS 11/14)

14 NOVEMBER

Lebanese Pres. Hrawi says Lebanon will not make peace with Israel until Israel withdraws unconditionally fr. the south, vows if solution to Palestinian refugee issues comes at Lebanon's expense, he "will ask the Palestinians to leave Lebanon." (RL 11/14 in FBIS 11/14; WT 11/16)

Secy. of State Christopher cancels trip to Middle East planned for end of Nov., cites U.S. elections. (MM 11/14)

Arafat phones King Hussein to discuss possible trip to Amman for talks on Palestinian-Jordanian relations. (RMC, VOP 11/14 in FBIS 11/15)

Israeli Housing Min. begins construction of 1,050 houses in Betar settlement south of Jerusalem. (RMC 11/14 in FBIS 11/15)

Arafat meets with Israeli Peace Now delegation in Gaza, discusses PNA economic problems. (QY 11/14 in FBIS 11/15)

Number of Islamic Jihad mbrs. arrested by Palestinian police rises to 180. 100s protest arrests. Rabin says Arafat is not doing enough. (MM 11/14; CSM, NYT, WT 11/15)

15 NOVEMBER

Israel hands over responsibility for tourism, social services in West Bank to PNA. Tourism dept. has no control over religious, archeological sites outside Jericho; can only issue licenses to hotels, tour guides, supervise souvenir shops. Soc. services dept. can issue welfare checks, run rehab. programs, treatment centers, but IDF will prevent transfer of money to Islamist groups. (MM 11/15; QY 11/15 in FBIS 11/16; NYT 11/16)

Israeli FMin. Dir. Gen. Uri Savir says mgt. was held recently at undisclosed location bwn. Israeli, Lebanese officials to discuss curbing Hizballah, Islamic Jihad. (MM 11/16)

PNA requests gas, electricity links with Egypt, opening of Rafah border point to Egyptian goods in hopes of breaking Palestinian dependence on Israel. (MENA 11/15 in FBIS 11/16)

Israeli-Jordanian committees on security, tourism convene to discuss implementation of peace agmt. (QY, RJ 11/15 in FBIS 11/16)


PM Rabin accuses Chmn. Arafat of doing little to prevent attacks on Israelis, says Israel-PLO accord may collapse, adds that arrest of 180 Islamic Jihad mbrs. is not enough of a reaction to bombing 11/11. (WT 11/16)

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AFP (Agence France Presse, Paris)
CSM (Christian Science Monitor, Boston)
FBIS (Foreign Broadcast Information Service Daily Report, Near East & South Asia)
FT (Financial Times, London)
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