CHRONOLOGY

16 August–15 November 1996

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16 August

Israeli government orders IDF to draw up an operational concept for s. Lebanon for increased "initiated actions" outside the self-declared security zone, for possible implementation if attacks by Hizballah increase. (MM 8/16; CSM 8/23)

In Karak, Jordan, 1,000s of Jordanians riot against IMF-backed increases in bread prices, stone cars, burn buildings. Army deploys to enforce curfews to restore calm. King Hussein immediately suspends extraordinary session of parliament until 10/96. (NYT 8/16; WT 8/17; JTV 8/16, RMC 8/17; JT 8/19 in WNC 8/21; JT 8/17 in WNC 8/22; CSM, MM 8/19; MEI 9/6) (see 8/13)

17 August

In 2d day of bread riots in Jordan, demonstrations spread fr. Karak to Amman, Ma'an, Tafila, where 1,000s of protesters clash violently with police, burn buildings. King Hussein visits Karak, blames Iraq for instigating the protests. Iraq denies the accusation. (JTV, R) 8/17, MBC 8/18 in WNC 8/21; RMC 8/17, 8/18 in WNC 8/22; NYT, WP, WT 8/18; JT 8/18 in WNC 8/22; CSM, MM 8/19; MEI 9/6)

In Hebron, IDF arrests 19 mbrs. of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) for having knowledge of armed attacks in Israel. (PR 8/23)

In Alexandria, Pres. Mubarak, Kuwaiti heir apparent Shaykh Sa'd Abdullah al-Sabah discuss peace process, implementing decisions taken at Arab Summit 6/22–23. (RE 8/19 in WNC 8/22)

Syrian PM Mahmud al-Zubiri arrives in Tehran with delegation for 3 days of talks on political, economic, cultural, technical relations with Iranian officials. Syrian, Iranian trade Ms discuss expanding economic ties. (VIRI 8/17, IRIB Television [Tehran] 8/18 in WNC 8/21; IRNA 8/18 in WNC 8/22; Tehran Times 8/18 in WNC 8/29; MM 8/19; CSM 8/23)

Israel fortifies IDF, SLA positions in s. Lebanon. (RL 8/17 in WNC 8/21)

Worst fighting since 1995 erupts btwn. rival Kurdish factions, the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) and the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK), in n. Iraq. At issue are border trade with Turkey (currently worth $250,000/day in tariffs) and informal taxes, which are expected to increase dramatically when the 5/20 UN oil-for-food deal goes into effect in 9/96; control of the provincial administrative center of Irbil, considered the capital of Kurdish Iraq. The PUK accuses the KDP of collaborating with the Saddam Hussein government, initiating clashes. KDP accuses Iran of backing the PUK, starting the fighting. (MM 8/19, 8/20, 8/27)

18 August

Israel's ministerial forum on Hebron reconvenes to discuss redeployment issue. (ITV 8/18; MM 8/19; IDF Radio, YA 8/19 in WNC 8/21) (see 8/15)

Hebron settler leaders hold mtg. to discuss how they will react if the government goes through with plans to redeploy. Kach mbrs. propose attacking Palestinians in the city after a pullback. (ITV 8/18 in WNC 10/3; YA 10/17 in WNC 10/22)

Israeli Interior M Eliyahu Suissa says his min. is working out a plan to be submitted to the government for approval that calls for expanding Jerusalem's area by annexing many settlements abutting it, incl. some that lie across the Green Line such as Ma'ale Adumim, Giv'at Ze'ev. (MM 8/19; MA, QY 8/19 in WNC 8/21)

Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu, FM David Levy meet to resolve differences; agree to set up negotiations oversight comm., steering comm. for talks with Syria that will both incl. the PM, FM, DM. Netanyahu also agrees to redesignate the head of the "Jordan desk" in the PM's office as "staff"; do the same for all geographic desk officers in the PM's office, so there is no
overlapping with the FMin.; improve coordination between the PM’s office, FMin. (MM, NYT 8/19; WJW 8/22; JP 8/31) (see 8/14)

**Palestinian Authority (PA) Preventive Security Forces (PSF)** bulldozes 5 Palestinian houses in Khan Younis, saying the houses were built on government property that will be used for housing projects in the future. Owners of the houses said they received building permits from the PA Housing Min. (PR 8/23)

Bread riots continue in Amman, nearby Jordanian villages. In the past 3 days, 300 have been arrested, 40 injured in the countrywide protests. Many of those arrested are members of leftist political groups, such as the pro-Iraqi Arab Socialist Ba’th party (ASB), Jordan People’s Democratic party (JPD), Jordanian Communist party. (RMC 8/18, 8/19 in WNC 8/21; JT; JTV 8/18, al-Ra’i 8/20 in WNC 8/22; MM, NYT; WP, WT 8/19; MEI 9/6) (see 8/17)

**Lebanese parliamentary elections** begin with Mount Lebanon district. Hizbollah’s 1 candidate is defeated, as is influential Greek Orthodox opposition figure Albert Mukheiber. 32 of the 35 seats go to progovernment candidates. There will be voting on 5 consecutive Sundays in separate regions. The last elections, boycotted by Christians, were held in 1992. (VOL 8/18 in WNC 8/21; WT 8/19; RL 8/19 in WNC 8/21; CSM 8/19, 8/20; MM 8/21, 8/28; MEI 9/6; CSM 9/10)

**Israel’s National Oil Exploration Company** announces it has discovered oil in s. Israel, nr. Beersheba. The site, which could produce 600 bpd, is a sign oil could exist in significant quantities in the area. (WJW 8/22; JP 8/24)

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**PM Netanyahu** visits Israeli self-declared security zone in s. Lebanon; warns that continued attacks by Hizbollah could trigger strong Israeli retaliation. Hrs. later, 1 South Lebanon Army (SLA) mbr. is killed by roadside bomb. (MM 8/20; RL 8/20 in WNC 8/23; WT 8/21; RMC 8/21 in WNC 8/27) (see 8/16)

In Beirut, Pres. Ilias Hrawi, Kuwait’s Shaikh Sabah discuss peace process, Arab unity. (RL 8/19 in WNC 8/22)

After receiving notices that their land lies in area C and has been designated a military area, Israel demolishes 4 50-yr-old Palestinian homes nr. Nablus. (LAWE 8/21)

**Israeli Housing Min.** drafts plan to approve construction of 5,000 new housing units in the West Bank, along the Green Line, over next 2 yrs.; increase West Bank settler population by 70,000 over next 5 yrs. (IDF Radio 8/19 in WNC 8/22; WT 8/21; MM 8/28; JP 8/31)

In the Golan, Israeli police arrest Human Rights Watch worker Bashar Tarabiyah, a U.S. resident, on suspicion that he threatened national security, engaged in pro-Syrian activity. (MM 9/23, 9/27; JP 9/7)

**Jordanian security forces** round up 100s of people around the country following 3 days of bread riots. 500 have been arrested in Karak alone. Opposition leaders call on PM ‘Abd al-Karim Kabariti to resign. (JTV, RJ, RMC 8/19, al-Ra’i 8/20 in WNC 8/22; MM, WP 8/20; MEI 9/6) (see 9/18)

**Iraq** calls on **Turkey, Syria** to resume as soon as possible tripartite talks on distribution of the Euphrates, Tigris waters, halted since 1992. (Mother of Battles Radio [Baghdad] 8/19 in WNC 8/22) (see 6/30)

**FBI** announces plans to open 23 new offices around the world—incl. in Ankara, Cairo, Riyadh, Tel Aviv—that will focus on combatting terrorism, drug trafficking that affects the U.S. (WP 8/20)

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Israel demolishes 2 Palestinian homes in Jerusalem suburbs for being built without a permit. (LAWE 8/21)

In s. Lebanon, 2 IDF soldier are killed when one IDF patrol fires on another by mistake. (MM 8/20; RL 8/20 in WNC 8/22; JTV 8/20 in WNC 8/23; MM, WT 8/21; MM 8/22) (see 8/16, 8/19)

**Jordan** eases curfew on Karak, arrests at least 14 mbrs. of the ASB, which says it had nothing to do with instigating riots. **Information M Marwan Mu’asher** say 4 **journalists** for al-Bilad (incl. its publisher, chief editor), 1 fr. al-Aswaq have been detained on charges of carrying inaccurate and misleading reports, direct involvement in recent riots. (CSM, MM 8/20; RJ 8/20 in WNC 8/22; JT; RJ 8/20, RJ 8/21 in WNC 8/23; JT 8/20, 8/21 in WNC 8/24; CSM, MM, NYT, WT 8/21; WT 8/22, al-Dustur, JT 8/22, al-Ra’i 8/24 in WNC 8/27; JT 9/5 in WNC 9/6) (see 8/18)

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Israel asks U.S. to pass message to Syria, saying Israel is ready to resume negotiations without preconditions, is not
planning an attack. Syria sends Israel assurances it is not planning strike either. (IDF Radio 8/21 in WNC 8/23; ITV 8/24 in WNC 8/24; MM, WT 8/22, WT 8/23) (see 8/20)

**Japanese FM Yukihiko Ikeda** arrives in Cairo on 1st leg of regional tour to discuss renewal of peace process, Japan’s contribution to negotiations. (HA 8/22 in IL 8/22)

**Jordan** lifts curfew on Karak. (RJ 8/21 in WNC 8/23; JT, RJ 8/22 in WNC 8/27) (see 8/20)

**SLA** announces that several days ago it abducted 2 alleged **Hizballah** mbrs. during a raid beyond the self-declared security zone in the Biq’a. The pair is undergoing interrogation. (RL 8/21 in WNC 8/24)

**Lebanese FM Faris Buwayz** calls on the Interior Min. to investigate illegal practices at polling stations during the 8/18 vote. (RL 8/21 in WNC 8/24)

**22 AUGUST**

PA confirms that **Arafat adviser Mahmoud Abbas** met today with **Netanyahu adviser Dore Gold** in Tel Aviv to discuss resumption of Palestinian-Israeli Steering and Monitoring Committee (PISM) meetings. (MM 8/23)

**Egyptian Pres. Husni Mubarak** says Cairo Economic Summit scheduled for 11/96 may be canceled if conditions of the peace process do not improve by then. (HA 8/23 in IL 8/23; RE 8/23 in WNC 8/27; NYT, WP 8/26; MEI 9/6)

**Arafat** complains that Israel delays for 3 hrs. permission for him to fly his helicopter fr. Gaza to the West Bank to meet with fmr. **PM Shimon Peres**; cancels Israeli-PA mtg. on civilian affairs in protest. Peres ends up mtg. Arafat in Gaza. **PM Netanyahu** says Peres is undermining the government’s peace process by mtg. with Arab leaders while in the opposition. (CSM 8/22; IDF Radio 8/22 in WNC 8/24; CSM, MM, NYT, WT 8/23; PR 8/30; MEI 9/6) (see 8/20)

**PM Netanyahu** decides not to establish national security council as originally proposed 6/19. Instead, a small team of advisers will be set up. **David Ivri**, who was to have headed the council, will stay on in his position as DMin. dir. gen. (HA 8/23 in IL 8/23; JP 8/31)

**Jordanian** government rejects request by 11 opposition parties to hold a demonstration in Amman 8/23 against abolition of the bread subsidy. (Star [Amman] 8/22 in WNC 8/27)

**Turkey** announces that it will continue to improve its relations with **Libya** despite U.S. legislation enacted 8/5. Turkey hopes to collect $350 m. owed by Libya to Turkish contractors. (Sabah [Istanbul] 8/22 in WNC 8/30; Türkiye 9/29 in WNC 10/2)

In n. Iraq, **KDP-PUK** fighting is in its 6th day. U.S. calls for a cease-fire. (MM 8/22) (see 8/17)

**23 AUGUST**

In Salt, **Jordan**, security forces patrolling to prevent renewed riots over bread prices break up protest by 150 persons. (WT 8/24) (see 8/20)

**24 AUGUST**

**Japanese FM Ikeda**, Pres. **Asad**, sign bilateral economic agmt. under which Japan will give Syria a $9.6-m. grant toward energy projects. Ikeda leaves for **Jordan**. (RJ, RMC 8/24 in WNC 8/27; al-Ba’th 8/25 in WNC 10/11)

**PSF** mbrs. acting in Arafat’s name ban sale of books by Arafat critic and fmr. top PLO mbcr., Columbia University Prof. **Edward W. Said, PA Information Min.** orders books by Said confiscated fr. a Ramallah book shop to be returned but not sold. Police ignore the order. (NYT 8/25; MM 8/28; PR 8/30; JP 8/31)

**Jordanian** army withdraws fr. Karak; government begins releasing detainees taken into custody during the riots. (JT, al-Ra’i, RJ, RMC 8/24 in WNC 8/27; WP, WT 8/25; JT 8/25 in WNC 8/27; RMC 8/29 in WNC 8/30)

**25 AUGUST**

In response to a letter fr. Arafat asking him to “save the peace process,” Israeli Pres. **Ezer Weizman** invites **Arafat** to meet him in Israel, says he would postpone mtg. if PM Netanyahu agreed to meet Arafat himself within 10 days. PM **Netanyahu** reluctantly endorses Weizman-Arafat mtg., says he will meet with Arafat soon. (CSM, NYT, WP 8/26; WT 8/28; WJW 8/29; MM, PR 8/30; JP 8/31; MM 9/2; MEI 9/6; JP 9/7)

Amman, Japanese FM **Ikeda** signs memorandum of understanding with **Jordan** under which Japan will grant Jordan $7 m. to finance building new King Hussein bridge, travelers terminal once the sovereignty/legal status of West Bank has been determined. Japan has given Jordan $340 m. in aid, loans in the past yr. (RJ 8/25 in WNC 8/29; JT 9/14 in WNC 9/19)
Israel moves first 11 of 298 mobile homes into 2 West Bank settlements. (WP 8/26; PR 8/30)

2d round of Lebanese voting is held in n. Lebanon. Observers report sharp drop in electoral abuses after opposition charged widespread fraud in 1st round 8/18. Hizbal-lah does not run a slate; all 4 al-Jama‘ al-Islamiyya candidates are defeated. Most of the 28 elected are progovernment, although the 1 Syrian Ba‘th party candidate loses. (CSM 8/26; MM 8/28; RL 8/28 in WNC 8/30; MEI 9/6)

As Kurdish fighting in n. Iraq enters its 9th day, Baghdad comes out in support of KDP, accuses Iran of manipulating the PUK to destabilize the north. (MM 8/27) (see 8/22)

26 AUGUST

In Paris, U.S. special envoy Dennis Ross, Netanyahu adviser Gold, Mubarak adviser Usama Baz hold evening mtg. to discuss ways of reviving peace process. (RE 8/26 in WNC 8/29)

IDF ransacks bedouin encampment in West Bank, nr. East Jerusalem. Bedouin they have been removed to make way for expansion of nearby settlements. IDF says they were too close to nearby firing range. (NYT, WT 8/27)

The Jordanian government redeploy military fr. southern areas following lifting of all curfews; says it has released the majority of those detained during the 8/16-18 bread riots. 10 opposition parties, however, send letter to the king saying 10s of their supporters have not been freed, demanding they be released immediately. (JTV 8/26, JT 8/27 in WNC 8/29) (see 8/24)

Egyptian court sentences Israeli Shimon Chaim to 6 mos. in jail on narcotics distribution charges. (al-Arabi [Cairo] 8/26 in WNC 9/24)

27 AUGUST

In Paris, U.S. special envoy Ross, UN Coordinator Terje Larsen open 2 days of mediation aimed at scheduling a Netanyahu-Arafat mtg., reaching a firm timetable for Israeli redeployment in Hebron (see 8/22). Ross also meets with Netanyahu adviser Gold, Egypt’s Baz. (MM 8/27; MA, YA 8/27 in WNC 8/30; MM 8/28; HA, QY 8/28 in IL 8/28; NYT, WP 8/29; WT 9/5; JP 9/7 WT 9/10)

Israeli police hoist bulldozer over Old City walls into East Jerusalem, demolish Palestinian building which they claim was being constructed without a permit. Israel says building was to be a social club for the PA. Palestinians say it was to be a clinic for the disabled, home for the elderly, funded by $30 m. fr. Canada, Sweden. (LAWE, MM 8/27; NYT, WT 8/28; MM, NYT, WP 8/29; MM 8/30; MEI, PR 9/6; PR 9/13)

Israel approves construction of new 1,806-unit neighborhood inside the West Bank settlement of Kiryat Sefer. 1st stage of construction will incl. 900 housing units and bring as many as 15,000 new settlers. (MA 8/27 in WNC 8/30; CSM, MM, NYT, WT 8/28; NYT, WP 8/29; PR 8/30; MEI 9/20)

PA released al-Damir Exec. Dir. Muhammad Dahman, who was arrested 8/12 on charges of fabricating a news story about the death in custody of Naher Dahan 8/11. (PR 8/30)


In Beirut, fmr. Lebanese Forces leader Samir Ja‘ja’ is charged with killing PM Rashid Karami in 1987. (NYT 8/28) (see 7/13)

Delegation led by Iranian Trade M Yahya Al-e-Eshaq begins 3-day visit to Syria. (IRNA 8/28, 8/29 in WNC 9/3) (see 8/18)

In Izmir, Turkey, Iraq discuss developing trade, industrial cooperation. (INA [Baghdad] 8/27 in WNC 8/30) (see 8/22)

28 AUGUST

On his way fr. Gaza to the weekly Palestinian Council (PC) session in Ramallah, Arafat’s helicopter is forced to hover for 45 mins. before being permitted to land. At the PC, Arafat accuses Israel of “declaring a state of war against the Palestinian people,” rejects U.S. appeal for an Abbas-Gold meeting. For 1st time since 1993, he calls for 1-day general strike 8/29, prayer rally in Jerusalem’s al-Aqsa Mosque for 8/30. PM Netanyahu warns Arafat against an escalation of rhetoric, violence. (MM 8/28; ITV 8/28 in WNC 8/30; CSM, MM, NYT, WP, WT 8/29; ITV 9/2 in WNC 9/4)

UN Coordinator Larsen leaves Paris for Israel immediately after Arafat speech to attempt to avert a “serious crisis” brwn. PA, Israel. (WP 8/29)
Israel, Turkey sign defense industry deal, stepping up military cooperation. Agmt. includes technology exchanges, is expected to pave way for $650-m. deal for Israel to overhaul 54 Turkish F-4 Phantom jets. Iran expresses concern. (CSM, MM, WP 8/29; VIRI 8/29, TDN 8/30 in WNC 9/3; VIRI 8/20 in WNC 9/4; RJ 9/4 in WNC 9/6; JP 9/7)

In Tulkarm, IDF demolishes 5 Palestinian homes built without permits. (PR 9/6)

Israeli police arrest 3 Palestinians who pitch tents at site of clinic in East Jerusalem which was demolished 8/27. (WT 8/29)

Amal attacks 2 SLA patrols in s. Lebanon, killing 1 soldier, wounding 5. (RL 8/28 in WNC 8/30)

Iran, Turkey connect electricity grids in keeping with agmt. signed by Turkish PM Erbakan during his 8/11-13 visit. (VIRI 8/18 in WNC 9/3)

In n. Iraq, KDP, PUK fighting intensifies, with the PUK gaining the upper hand. Iran calls for talks to end fighting, is generally seen as being the winner of the current crisis. (MM 8/27) (see 8/25)

29 AUGUST

Palestinians observe 4-hr. general strike in West Bank, Gaza, East Jerusalem. (MM 8/29; CSM, NYT, PR, WP, WT 8/30; MEI 9/6)

To dispel tensions with the PA, Israeli PM Netanyahu dispatches his personal atty. Yitzhak Molcho to meet with Arafat in Ramallah; authorizes adviser Gold to meet later in day with Arafat adviser Abbas. Senior Israeli negotiator IDF chief of staff Lt. Gen. Dan Shomron holds 1-hr. talk with PA counterpart PA Local Government M Saeb Erakat in Jerusalem, agrees to resume PISM mgs. next wk. (RMC 8/29 in WNC 8/30; NYT, WP, WT 8/30; MBC 8/30 in WNC 9/4; MEI 9/2)

In Rome, Egypt's Baz, Italy's FM Lambert Dini discuss peace process, 8/27-28 mgs. in Paris. (RE 8/29 in WNC 9/3)

Israeli government approves construction of 2,000 new housing units in West Bank settlements around Jerusalem. (CSM, WP 8/30)

Deputy Jerusalem Mayor Shmuel Meir says the government has issued demolition orders for 70 Palestinian homes in the city that have been constructed without permits. (YA 8/30 in WNC 9/5; PR 9/6)

Israel blames PFLP for shooting at bus 8/28, arrests 1 suspect. (HA 8/29 in IL 8/29)

Jordanian police raid JPD headquarters in Karak, arrest a number of party leaders. (SATN 8/29 in WNC 9/3) (see 8/18)

Hizballah ambases IDF patrol in s. Lebanon, killing 1 soldier. Both sides then exchange gunfire, wounding 2 Lebanese civilians. (RL 28 in WNC 9/3; MM 8/30; QY 8/30 in IL 8/30; JP 9/7)

U.S.-brokered cease-fire goes into effect in n. Iraq. PUK, KDP agree to hold peace talks in London 8/30. (MM 8/29) (see 8/28)

30 AUGUST

Israel's Gold, PA's Abbas meet in Tel Aviv; no details are disclosed. (MM 8/30, 9/2)

Rigid Israeli police cordon, continued closure of West Bank, Gaza keep turnout low at al-Aqsa Mosque. On 8/28, Arafat called on Palestinians to rally at the mosque today in protest of Israel's delay of implementation, negotiation process. (MM 8/30; NYT 8/31; RE 8/31 in WNC 9/5; MEI, PR 9/6)

Israeli cabinet appoints the negotiations oversight comm. formulated by PM Netanyahu, FM Levy 8/18. Israeli Infrastructure M Sharon protests his exclusion fr. the comm. (NYT 8/31; ITV 8/31 in WNC 9/4; MM, NYT 9/2; JP 9/7)

U.S. detects Iraqi troop movements toward the Kurdish zone in n. Iraq, sends warning to Iraqi Pres. Saddam Hussein, orders troops to prepare for possible deployment to the Gulf. (NYT, WT 8/31) (see 8/29)

PA says it has released approximately 100 Hamas mbrs. in the past wk. (IDF Radio 9/3 in WNC 9/9)

31 AUGUST

PA, Israeli officials meet to try to schedule resumption of negotiations; mtg. bwtwn. Arafat, Netanyahu. (IDF Radio, ITV 9/1 in WNC 9/4; NYT, WP, WT 9/2; JP 9/7)

30,000-40,000 Iraqi troops seize Irbil, the largest town in the Kurdish zone. Heavy fighting is reported. PM Tariq Aziz says troops will pull out immediately after securing KDP head Massoud Barzani's control of the city, ousting PUK, puts forces in the region on high alert. (NYT, WP, WT 9/1; MM, WP, WT 9/2; MEI 9/6) (see 8/30)
1 SEPTEMBER

Talks b/wn. PA, Israeli officials continue. (ITV 9/1 in WNC 9/4; NYT, WP, WT 9/2; JP 9/7) (see 8/31)

At Israel's request, ILMG meets in Naqura to discuss wounding of 2 Lebanese civilians 8/29. Lebanon says Hizballah was operating within the occupied zone, therefore did not violate the 4/26 understanding. (RL 9/2 in WNC 9/4) (see 8/27)

3d round of Lebanese election is held in Beirut. PM Rafiq Hariri wins elected post for 1st time. Hizballah candidates are defeated, claim vote rigging. Reuters reporter claims to see Hariri supporters paying voters L100,000 (§64) each to vote for his ticket. (VOL 9/1, RL 9/2 in WNC 9/4; CSM, WP, WT 9/3; al-Nahar 9/3 in WNC 9/4; MM 9/9; MEI 9/20)

In response to Saddam Hussein's attack on the Kurdish enclave in n. Iraq 8/31, UN suspends Iraq's oil-for-food deal. Iraq troops secure their hold on Irbil. (NYT, WP 9/2; MEI, MM 9/6) (see 5/20)

2 SEPTEMBER

In Tel Aviv, talks b/wn. PA, Israeli officials reportedly make headway on issue of redeployment in Hebron, implementation of Oslo agmts., raising hopes that an agmt. on resuming negotiations, Arafat-Netanyahu mtg. will be reached soon. Later in the evening, however, the day's progress is reversed when Molho arrives at the mtg. to tell PA delegation head Erikat that Gold, head of the Israeli team, is not authorized by Netanyahu to make agmts. (MM 9/2; WP, WT 9/3; IDP Radio 9/4 in WNC 9/5; WP 9/3; JT 9/4; MEI 9/6; JP 9/7) (see 8/30, 9/1)

Syrian FM Faruq al-Shara begins 2-day official visit to Paris, meets with Pres. Jacques Chirac. (RMC 9/2 in WNC 9/4; SATN 9/3 in WNC 9/5; WT 9/4)

Iraqi troops begin pullout fr. Irbil. Pres. Clinton dismisses the withdrawal as insignificant, prepares for airstrike against Iraqi military targets. (CSM, NYT, WP, WT 9/3) (see 9/1)

3 SEPTEMBER

In their 4th day of talks, PA, Israeli officials say plans for a mtg. b/wn. Arafat, Netanyahu are hung up over the wording of a statement pledging support for the Oslo accords. Late in the evening, a "vague" statement is concluded and signed by UN Coordinator Larsen, laying out a framework for continuing negotiations. (MM 9/3; ITV 9/3 in WNC 9/5; CSM, WT 9/4; CSM, WP, WT 9/5; MEI 9/6; PR 9/13; JP 9/14) (see 9/2)

U.S. carries out early morning strike on 14 Iraqi air defense sites in s. Iraq, firing 27 cruise missiles, killing 5 Iraqis, wounding 19; extends s. no-fly zone fr. the 32d parallel to the 33d. Later in the evening, the U.S. fires 17 cruise missiles at same targets in "mop-up" operation. Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Turkey refuse to let U.S. use their bases as staging area for the raids. Arab League, Arab MKs, China, France, PA, PLO, Russia, Syria also criticize strikes. Non-Arab MKs, Germany, Japan, UK call strikes justified. (MM 9/3; IDF Radio, JT, RE 9/3 in WNC 9/4; JTV, RE, RJ; TDN 9/3, al-Dustur, JT 9/4 in WNC 9/5; CSM, MM, NYT, WP, WT 9/4; al-Nahar, al-Quds 9/4; JT 9/5 in WNC 9/6; MEI 9/6, 9/20) (see 9/2)

4 SEPTEMBER

1st Netanyahu, Arafat mtg. is held at Erez. Netanyahu says he is prepared to negotiate a final peace, improve Palestinian economic conditions, allow 50,000 Palestinian workers into Israel (see 8/5). (MM 9/4; CSM, MM, WP, WT 9/3; VOA, YA 9/5 in WNC 9/6; al-Quds al-Arabi 9/5, RE 9/6 in WNC 9/5; MEI, MM, PR 9/6; JT 9/8 in WNC 9/10; MM 9/9, 9/10; PR 9/13; JP 9/14; MEI 9/20)

Arafat rejects new Hebron redeployment plan presented to the PA by Israeli Infrastructure M Sharon. The plan calls for expanding the area to be transferred to full PA control, decreasing the number of Palestinians left under Israeli control fr. 17,000 to 3,000; linking the Jewish enclave to the Tomb of the Patriarchs/ al-Ibrahimi mosque, Kiryat Arba settlement; erecting a wall bwn. the Arab, Jewish sections; permitting PA to increase police presence in Hebron within 6 mos. if security in the city is maintained. (YA 9/5 in WNC 9/6) (see 9/3)

Following Netanyahu-Arafat mtg., YESHA settlers' council holds emergency mtg.; announces it will no longer wait for permission fr. Netanyahu to undertake new housing construction in the West Bank, Gaza. (WP 9/6)

LAWE says there are currently some 320 Palestinian administrative detainees in Israeli prisons, 7/8 of whom were arrested after the Oslo II agmt. was signed 9/28/95. One-quarter are residents of area A, which is fully under PA control. (LAWE 9/4)
Iraqi air force twice challenges expanded no-fly zone in s. Iraq; U.S. responds by firing on a radar station. Pres. Clinton hints that there would be no further action against Iraq unless the U.S. senses a fresh provocation. (MM 9/4; CSM, WP, WT 9/5; JT 9/5 in WNC 9/6) (see 9/3)

In advance of the last 2 rounds of Lebanonese elections (9/8, 9/15), Syria brokers election coalition agmt. b/w Amal, Hizballah meant to increase the chances of success for Islamist candidates and undermine the alliance b/w current speaker Birri, current PM Hariri. Syria does not want to excessively reduce the power of the Islamists, who experienced significant losses in the 8/18, 8/25, 9/1 rounds of voting. (MM 9/5; al-Nahar 9/13 in WNC 9/17; MEI 9/20)

5 SEPTEMBER

As right-wing Jews stunned by Netanyahu-Arafat mtg. protest outside the PM's office, Netanyahu faces hecklers in the Knesset who also oppose the mtg.; tells MKs meeting Arafat "wasn't easy" but he will fire fr. his cabinet any M who can't accept it; also announces he has directed the Finance Ministry to permit the sale, occupation of 3,000 housing units in West Bank settlements kept vacant by the Labor government since 1992. (MM 9/5; ITV 9/5 in WNC 9/9, WNC 9/10; MM, NYT, WP, WT 9/6; JT 9/8 in WNC 9/10; YA 9/8 in WNC 9/12; WJW 9/12; JP 9/14)

Jordanian government announces it will try 145 persons in connection with 8/96 bread riots. (NYT 9/6)

Turkey sends planes to bomb the Turkish-separatist Kurdish Worker Party (PKK) in n. Iraq; announces plans to create a 10-km. wide "security zone" in the Kurdish enclave, similar to Israeli's self-declared security zone in s. Lebanon. In Irbil, KDP forces attack PUK outposts to secure their hold in the city. In s. Iraq, U.S. begins to patrol expanded no-fly zone. France, which helps patrol the original no-fly zone, refuses to send planes above the 32d parallel (see 9/3). (MM 9/5; TDN 9/5 in WNC 9/6; al-Rai 9/5 in WNC 9/9; NYT, WP, WT 9/6; al-Dustur, VILI 9/7 in WNC 9/10) (see 8/17, 9/4)

6 SEPTEMBER

Turkey gives 3 guarantees to U.S. concerning "security zone" it plans for n. Iraq (see 9/5): it will be temporary, bases will not be established, Turkey will not broaden the zone it establishes. U.S. Secy. of Defense William Perry says that the U.S. will support Turkey on the basis of these assurances. FM Ciller says zone is a priority, not simply to keep out PKK but also to prevent subversion fr. Iran, Iraq, Syria. (MM 9/6; Hurryyet [Istanbul], Milliyet [Istanbul], TDN 9/7, Turkiye [Istanbul] 9/8 in WNC 9/12; MEI 9/20)

7 SEPTEMBER

In Cairo, Arafat briefs Mubarak on his mtg. with Israeli PM Netanyahu 9/4. Egyptian FM Musa says Arafat's news was "discouraging," Israel is taking no action to give the peace process momentum. (RF 9/7 in WNC 9/10)


8 SEPTEMBER

In London, Secy. of State Christopher meets with Israeli FM Levy to set agenda for PM Netanyahu's mtg. with Pres. Clinton 9/9; encourages Israel to quickly ease closure, redeploy troops in Hebron. (NYT, WT 9/9) (see 9/4)

In Salahudin, n. Iraq, 200 Iraqi Arabs connected to the CIA-supported Iraqi National Congress (INC) appeal to the U.S. for political asylum, after fleeing Irbil 8/31. They say about 100 other INC mbrs. were arrested, apparently executed by Iraqi secret police during the incursion. (WP 9/9, 9/10; MEI 9/20) (see 6/26, 9/5)

4th round of Lebanese elections is held in s. Lebanon district. Voters increasingly complain of election fraud, as progovernment candidates win by wide margins, while Christian, Hizballah opposition mbrs. lose. (RL 9/8 in WNC 9/10; CSM 9/10; RL 9/13 in WNC 9/17)

9 SEPTEMBER

In Jericho, PISMC meets for the 1st time since Netanyahu's election. (MM 9/9, QY 9/9 in IL 9/9; IDF Radio 9/9 in WNC 9/12; CSM 9/10; WJW 9/12)

Palestinians, issue more workers' visas. (MM 9/9; HA, MA 9/9 in IL 9/9; MM, NYT, WP, WT 9/10; WJW 9/12; MEI 9/20) (see 9/8)

KDP forces allied with Saddam Hussein take control of Sulaymaniyya in n. Iraq, capture key hydroelectric dam, force 1,000s of Kurds to flee toward the Iranian border. U.S. makes clear it has no intention of aiding the 200 INC mbrs. stranded in the Kurdish enclave; says it gave them ample warning of the attack on Irbil, time to evacuate. (MM 9/9; CSM, MM, WP, WT 9/10; MEI 9/20) (see 9/8)

10 SEPTEMBER


In New York, Israeli PM Netanyahu meets with mbrs. of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, visits Lubavitcher Hasidic spiritual leader Rebbe Menachem Schneerson's grave. (ITV 9/10 in WNC 9/12; MM 9/11; MA 9/11 in WNC 9/13; WJW 9/12, 9/19)

In implementation of cabinet decision 8/2. IDF Central Commander Maj. Gen Uzi Dayan signs order setting procedures for authorization of settlement construction, expansion in the West Bank, Gaza. The order requires local planning comms. to obtain permission of DM Yitzhak Mordechai at every stage of most construction projects. Settlers term procedures needlessly cumbersome. (HA 9/11 in IL 9/11)

Israel's Prime Minister's Office announces new "Israel 2000" program intended to make development towns and regions economically self-sufficient. Program will be implemented in 19 communities. Residents will be given housing subsidies, loans, stipends; municipal boundaries of these locations will be expanded. (HA 9/11 in IL 9/11)

In Hebron, Jewish settlers break into 4 Palestinian stores, confiscate their goods, occupy them. The IDF sealed the stores in the city center after the al-Ibrahim mosque massacre in 2/94. (PR 9/20)

South Africa says it will not renew existing defense, economic contracts with Israel, though relations remain good, South Africa is adjusting to a peacetime domestic economy. (IDF Radio 9/10 in WNC 9/12)

Jordanian officials release al-Khalil editor Usama al-Rantisi after he is charged with "publishing material deemed as instigating public disorder" during the 8/16-17 riots.

The 4 al-Bilad journalists detained 8/20, 1 fr. al-Majd, another fr. al-Awwaq are still in custody awaiting trial. ASB Secy. Gen. Tayseer Homsi is arrested for alleged involvement in the riots. (MM 9/11; JT 9/11 in WNC 9/12)

Jordanian Muslim Brotherhood (JMB) denounces self-described "West Bank JMB official" Sa'id Bilal for requesting that the PA license, and thereby legalize, JMB activities in the self-rule areas; says Bilal is not a JMB mbr. Hamas concurs, claims attempts to form a JMB branch in the territories is an attempt by the PA to divide the Islamist opposition. (al-Ra'i 9/10 in WNC 9/12; VIRI 9/16 in WNC 9/18)

U.S. publicly redefines its strategic interest in Iraq for the 1st time in 5 yrs., saying it is interested solely in containing Saddam Hussein's military operations nr. the Kuwaiti, Saudi oil fields, rather than curbing his influence in n. Iraq and assuring humanitarian aid to the Kurds. (NYT, WP 9/11) (see 9/9)

Iraqi delegation arrives in Ankara for 2 days of talks with PM Erbakan, FM Ciller regarding bilateral relations, establishment of "security zone" in n. Iraq. Iraq proposes instead that Turkey conclude a border security arrangement with the KDP to prevent PKK mbrs. fr. crossing into Turkey. (MM 9/9; INA [Baghdad], TDN 9/11 in WNC 9/13; Milliyet [Istanbul] 9/12 in WNC 9/17; MEI 9/20) (see 9/6)

11 SEPTEMBER

In an article in Ma'ariv Youth, Israeli rock singer Aviv Geffen advises his fans to leave Israel in protest over Netanyahu's election as PM, says Israelis should be embarrassed to be represented by the right-wing government. In response, mbrs. of the Israeli broadcast authority call for a ban on his music, politicians fr. Pres. Weizman on down condemn him, 100s of parents cancel their children's subscriptions to the magazine. (WP 9/12; JP 9/21)

Israeli court convicts Yigal and Hagai Amir, Dror Adani on charges of conspiracy to kill PM Rabin. (NYT, WSJ) 9/12; JP 9/21)

Iraq fires surface-to-air missiles at U.S. warplanes patrolling the expanded s. no-fly zone, causing no damage. U.S. begins moving stealth bombers into the region for a potential strike against fortified command bunkers, military facilities. Pres. Clinton vows to take military action to protect troops if necessary; says U.S. is prepared to airlift
2,000 Kurds, Iraqis who worked for the U.S./CIA into Turkey, but Turkey is reluctant to accept them (see 9/9). (MM 9/11; NYT, WP, WJ; WT 9/12; Yeni Gunaydin [Istanbul] 9/12 in WNC 9/17; MM 9/13; MEI 9/20) (see 9/10)

Arab League Secy. Gen. Ismat 'Abd al-Majid, Turkish amb. to Cairo discuss Turkey's plans for a "security zone" in n. Iraq. The amb. stresses Turkey has no designs on Iraqi territory. 'Abd al-Majid emphasizes Arab states' desire to present unified rejection to all attempts to divide Iraq. (RE 9/11 in WNC 9/13) (see 9/10)

12 SEPTEMBER

Egypt says it will host economic summit in Cairo on 11/12-14 as planned. (MM, WP 9/13; al-Arabi 9/16 in WNC 9/27) (see 8/22)

Acting on a tip (possibly fr. the U.S.), Hong Kong customs impounds Syrian-bound, N. Korean cargo shipment marked "finished goods," found to contain heavy artillery (incl. Howitzers, Russian-made M-46 field guns). It is legal to ship arms through Hong Kong but illegal to falsely declare goods. (Kong Standard, South China Morning Post 917, 9/18 in WNC 11/12)

Iraq again fires surface-to-air missiles at U.S. warplanes in the expanded s. no-fly zone, causing no damage. U.S. announces it will position stealth bombers at airfields in Kuwait. Turkey agrees to allow 2,500 Iraqi oppositionists transit through Turkey as part of U.S. plan to evacuate its allies fr. the Kurdish enclave, provided none were connected with the CIA, PKK; U.S. says if those sponsored by the CIA can escape fr. Iraq, it will "certainly look sympathetic" on their appeals for asylum. U.S. dispatches 2d aircraft carrier to the region. (MM 9/12; NYT, WP, WSJ 9/13; WP 9/17, 9/18; al-Ahram 9/19 in WNC 9/30; MEI 9/20) (see 9/11)

Hatzoje reports that changes to Oslo II maps (see Peace Monitor in JPS 98) were agreed to and signed in 1/96 but have been kept secret. The 5 changes were only of several dozen meters. 3 favored the Israelis: moving the access road for Qedar settlement and the forests west of Ma'ale Adumin fr. zone B to C; moving the Ashkenazi Jewish cemetery of Hebron fr. zone A to C; moving the Ramallah and Bir Nabala oxidation pools, which incl. parts of the land designated for the Psagot-Kokhav Yi'aqov bypass road, fr. zone A to C. 2 changes favored the PA: moving a strip of land n. of Janin fr. zone C to A; expanding the zone B area of Abu-Dis e. to the Israeli municipal boundary of Jerusalem. (Hatzoje 9/12 in WNC 9/16)

13 SEPTEMBER

PA security forces say they have detained some 80 Islamic Jihad mbrs. in the past few days for plotting against Israeli targets, incl. one group which was about to launch a suicide attack inside Israel. (ITV 9/13 in WNC 9/17)

Iraq says it will no longer fire on planes patrolling the no-fly zone. U.S. says it will reconsider plans to strike Iraq again, but will continue its buildup of forces in the region, sending 5,000 additional troops to Kuwait. (MM 9/13; NYT, WP, WT 9/14) (see 9/12)

IDF ambushes Hizbullah unit in s. Lebanon, killing 1. (VOL 9/13 in WNC 9/16; RL 9/13 in WNC 9/17; WT 9/14; RL 9/16 in WNC 9/18)

14 SEPTEMBER

In Izmir, Turkey's PM Erbakan, FM Ciller, Iran's FM Ali Akhbar Velayati discuss bilateral cooperation, proposed Turkish "security zone" in n. Iraq. Turkey asks for Iran's assistance in curbing the PKK. (IRNA 9/15 in WNC 9/17; Sabah [Istanbul] 9/14 in WNC 9/24; Iran News 9/18 in WNC 9/27)

Syrian Economics Min. announces new rules allowing Syrian citizens to deposit foreign currency in Syrian banks without being asked about the origin of the currency. (SARR 9/14 in WNC 9/17)

EU grants Jordan $128 m. toward the kingdom's economic reform program. (JT 9/14 in WNC 9/19)

15 SEPTEMBER

Iranian FM Velayati discusses bilateral cooperation with Turkey's Pres. Suleyman Demirel, denounces Turkey's plans to create "security zone" in n. Iraq. (IRNA 9/15 in WNC 9/17; VIIR 9/16 in WNC 9/18)

Kuwait says that, despite U.S. announcements 9/13, it has not given permission for the U.S. to deploy troops in its territory. U.S. Defense Secy. William Perry arrives in the emirate to secure the government's permission. (NYT, WP, WT 9/16; MM 9/17)

Last round of Lebanon elections is held in the Biqa' district. Syrian-backed candidates win 21 of the 23 seats. In the last 2 rounds of elections, Hizbullah has won 7 seats, a decline of 1 from the last elections but an improvement over the 1st 3 rounds of
voting. (CSM 9/16; RL 9/15, 9/17 in WNC 9/18; MM 9/17; CSM 9/18)

16 SEPTEMBER

In Hebron, 400 Palestinians clash with IDF troops, who keep them fr. reopening vegetable market that has been sealed since 1994. (CSM, MM 9/17; PR 9/20)

Shin Bet says that several wks. ago it managed to apprehend a Hizballah mbr. who arrived at Ben-Gurion airport fr. Europe. The alleged Hizballah mbr. is currently being held in a n. Israeli security facility. (MA 9/16 in WNC 9/17)

Kuwait gives approval for 3,500 U.S. troops to deploy in its territory. (MM, NYT, WP 9/17) (see 9/15)

Iranian delegation arrives in Ankara for 13th assembly of the Iran-Turkey security commission. (IRNA 9/16 in WNC 9/19; IRNA 9/22 in WNC 9/27)

17 SEPTEMBER

U.S. special envoy Ross arrives in Cairo for talks with Pres. Mubarak, on the 1st stop on a tour of the region aimed at resuming Syrian-Israeli negotiations, assuring Cairo Economic Summit will be held in 11/96. (WT 9/18)

IDF demolishes Palestinian home in East Jerusalem because a 2d story was added without a permit. (al-Nahar 9/18 in WNC 9/20; LAWE 9/19)

Palestinian land owners in Hebron receive IDF notification that 4 acres of their land nr. Kiryat Arba settlement have been seized for military use; owners have 10 days to evacuate. (PR 9/20)

Lebanese cabinet bans newscasts fr. unlicensed radio, television outlets (e.g., Hizballah media); orders state-owned media to give priority to news about the resistance in all their newscasts. Unlicensed outlets may continue to transmit nonpolitical broadcasts until 11/30/96, by which date they must liquidate their assets. The board chmn. of state-owned Tele Liban, Fu'ad Nu'am, resigns in protest. (MM 9/17; RL 9/18 in WNC 9/20; MM 9/19; Independent [London] 10/2 in WNC 10/3; MEI 10/4; CSM 9/10)

18 SEPTEMBER

Arafat, Israeli DM Mordechai discuss extradition of security prisoners to Israel, easing closure, Rafah airport. Mordechai presents Arafat with new Hebron redeploy-ment plan; request issue be reopened, but Arafat refuses. The pair agrees to turn matter over to the PISMC. (MM, QY 9/19 in IL 9/19; ARD Television [Munich] 9/19 in WNC 9/20) (see 9/9)

In Gaza, U.S. special envoy Ross meets with Arafat, says settlement construction is a problem, announces he will not visit Syria. (NYT 9/20) (see 9/17)

19 SEPTEMBER

Jewish settlers occupy Palestinian home in East Jerusalem. (LAWE 9/19; JP 10/5)

IDF, Hizballah clash in s. Lebanon, leaving 2 IDF soldiers, 3 Hizballah mbrs. killed and wounding several on both sides. (MM 9/19; RL 9/19 in WNC 9/20; CSM, WP 9/20; RMC 9/20 in WNC 9/24; RL 9/21 in WNC 9/24)

20 SEPTEMBER

Turkey urges Iraqi Pres. Saddam Hussein to impose his authority over the Kurdish enclave in n. Iraq; say if Hussein could drive the PKK out of n. Iraq, Turkey would drop plans to create a "security zone" there. Though this policy clashes with U.S. attempts to limit Hussein's power in the n., Turkey says it will continue to allow the U.S. to patrol the n. no-fly zone fr. bases in its territory. (NYT 9/21) (see 9/13)

U.S. troops begin arriving in Kuwait. (NYT, WT 9/20)

21 SEPTEMBER

Israeli officials note that a 1994 agmt. to build 180 classrooms for Palestinian children in East Jerusalem by the end of 1997 has resulted in the construction of only 10 classrooms. 18 others are under construction, with only 24 more being planned. (JP 9/21)

In Beirut, Ahmad Hallaq, convicted spy for Israel, is executed by firing squad. (WP 12/1) (see 2/26)

In s. Lebanon, IDF officer is wounded in clash with Hizballah. The IDF also expels 2 Lebanese families fr. its self-declared security zone. (RL 9/21 in WNC 9/24; WP, WT 9/22; RL 9/22 in WNC 9/24)

22 SEPTEMBER

In Amman, Netanyahu adviser Gold briefs King Hussein on diplomatic developments. The king urges Israel to implement agmts. signed with the Palestinians. (MA 9/24 in IL 9/24; MM 10/9)
After United Torah Judaism threatens to quit the Likud coalition unless housing problems of its ultraorthodox constituents are solved, PM Netanyahu promises that land will be un frozen for the construction of an additional 580 apartments in Kiryat Sefer (above the 1,806 approved 9/18), additional 200 in Beitar (above the 900 previously approved). (ITV 9/24 in WNC 9/27; MM 9/25)

ILMG meets in Naqara to discuss Lebanon's complaints about Israel's recent attacks on the south, especially the 8/29 clash which killed 2 civilians. Lebanon also submits a complaint about Israel's expulsion fr. s. Lebanon of 2 Lebanese families 9/21. (RL 9/22, 9/23 in WNC 9/24; CSM 9/23) (see 9/11)

Fearing an IDF attack, Lebanese army sends reinforcements to the western Biq'a Valley. (MBC, RL 9/22 in WNC 9/24; MM 9/25)

23 SEPTEMBER

Donors pledge $14 m. (U.S. $5 m., Denmark and The Netherlands $1.8 m. each, UK $1.55 m., Norway $1 m.) for the UNRWA at an extraordinary session in Amman. The money will fund part of the agency's budget deficit, allowing operations to continue through 1996. (PR 10/4)

In al-Dahayshah refugee camp nr. Bethlehem, 100's of Palestinians demonstrate against Israeli settlement policy. (ITV 9/23 in WNC 9/27)

Fearing a massive IDF strike on Hizbal-lah, the Lebanese army moves 300 commandos into s. Lebanon. (RL 9/23 in WNC 9/24; CSM 9/24) (see 9/22)

UN General Assembly (UNGA) opens its session, braces for battle over reelection of Secy. Gen. Butros Butros-Ghali. (NYT, WP 9/24) (see 7/25)

24 SEPTEMBER

PM Netanyahu arrives in London on 1st stop of 3-day EU tour to garner support for his hard-line attitude toward the peace process; meets with PM John Major. (MM 9/24; LPR 9/24 in WNC 9/27; MM, WP, WT 9/25)

Under heavy police guard, Israel undertakes a surprise predawn excavation to complete a long disputed archeological tunnel that runs along the al-Aqsa mosque compound. The 12-yr.-old project was completed only on the personal orders of PM Netanyahu, who intended it as a message to Palestinians that Israel is the sole sovereign in Jerusalem. PA denounces tunnel work, calls for general strike 9/25. During the day, Palestinians at the mosque clash with police, hurl stones at Jews at the Western Wall.

Jordan's King Hussein is furious that Gold did not warn him of the tunnel opening in their mtg. 9/22. (MM 9/24; ITV, RJ 9/24 in WNC 9/27; CSM, MM, NYT, WP, WT 9/25; WJW 10/3; MEI, PR 10/4; MM 10/9; WT 10/11)

In Hebron, IDF orders 6-mo. closure of 2 charity organizations allegedly linked to Hamas. Palestinians clash with IDF over reopening the central market (see 9/16). (HA 9/24 in IL 9/24; RMC 9/24 in WNC 9/27)

Following Israel's Yom Kippur holiday, ILMG reconvenes in Naqara to discuss complaints filed by Lebanon, Israel. (ITV, RL 9/24 in WNC 9/27; NYT, WT 9/25; JP 10/5) (see 9/22)

IDF, Amal clash in s. Lebanon, leaving 2 Amal mbrs. dead. (RL 9/24 in WNC 9/27; CSM, MM, NYT, WT 9/25; RL 9/25 in WNC 97; JP 10/5)

25 SEPTEMBER

In the worst fighting since the peace process began, Palestinians, IDF clash in Ramallah. IDF shoots rubber bullets, stun grenades, live ammunition at protesters. IDF, PA security forces engage in firefight. 7 Palestinians are killed, 100s (incl. 2 Executive Authority mbrs., the mufti of Jerusalem) wounded; 8 IDF soldiers are injured by rocks, bottles; Ramallah is declared closed military zone; West Bank, Gaza are sealed. Clashes also occur in Bethlehem (wounding 12 Palestinians, 2 Israelis), East Jerusalem. In Ramallah, Bethlehem fighting dies down when officers fr. IDF, PA negotiate cease-fire, pullback. PM Netanyahu, Israel officials accuse PA of instigating violence. PA says outbursts were spontaneous reaction to 9/24 tunnel opening, months of closure. (MM 9/25; IDF Radio, IGPO, ITV, JTV, al-Quds al-Arabi, RMC 9/25 in WNC 9/27; CSM, NYT, WP, WT 9/26; MM 9/27; TJJ 9/27 in WNC 10/1; MEI, PR 10/4)

Egyptian Pres. Mubarak receives phone calls fr. Arafat, Netanyahu, appealing to Egypt to intervene to calm the situation in the territories; suggests holding Arafat-Netanyahu mtg. in Cairo. Mubarak adviser Baz holds urgent phone conversations with U.S. special envoy Ross. (RE 9/25, 9/26 in WNC 9/27; MBC 9/26 in WNC 9/30)

At the UN, Israeli FM Levy signs Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, briefs U.S. special envoy Ross on events in West Bank, Gaza. Ross says U.S. demands that Israel “make a gesture” concerning the tunnel. (ITV 9/25 in WNC 9/27; ITV 9/26 in WNC 9/30)

Egyptian Pres. Mubarak invites fm. PM Peres to visit Cairo. Peres accepts but sets no date. (IDF Radio 9/25 in WNC 9/27)


ILMG opens 3d day of mtgs. to discuss issues raised 9/24 and new Lebanese complaints concerning Israel’s expulsions 9/22, repeated Israeli attacks; releases statement stressing that firing fr. populated areas endangers civilians, Hizbollah should refrain fr. carrying out attacks fr. or nr. villages. Lebanese FM Buwayz complains of U.S. bias toward Israel in ILMG. (RL 9/25, 9/26 in WNC 9/27; RL 9/26 in WNC 9/30)

In Damascus, Iranian, Syrian cultural attaches discuss expanding cultural ties. (IRNA 9/26 in WNC 9/30)

26 SEPTEMBER

Clashes spread throughout the West Bank and Gaza, leaving at least 39 Palestinians, 11 Israelis dead, 100s on both sides wounded. Worst fighting is in Nablus, where 6 IDF soldiers are killed when Palestinian protesters attack Joseph’s Tomb, a fmrr. mosque used as a yeshiva by ultraorthodox Jews; IDF sends 4 APCs in to rescue 7 troops but some 35 additional soldiers become trapped as well. Israeli DM Mordechai sends tanks, helicopters into the West Bank for the 1st time since 1967. Helicopters fire on Palestinian crowds in Ramallah, Gaza. Tanks take up positions on borders of zone A areas. In Gaza, Palestinians march on 2 Jewish settlements, attack IDF outposts, forcing evacuation of 1 small settlement. 1,000s of Palestinians clash with IDF at Rafah checkpoint, killing 1 Egyptian soldier on the Egyptian side of the border. After mtg. with German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, Netanyahu cuts short by several hrs. a tour of EU capitals, returns to Israel. Egypt, Israel, PA, U.S. discuss ways of securing Arafat-Netanyahu mtg. Arafat says he will meet only if Netanyahu promises to make a concrete gesture, such as closing tunnel. Netanyahu refuses, says gestures will only show Palestinians that protests have benefits. (MM 9/26; IDF Radio, ITV, VOA, VIRI 9/26 in WNC 9/27; IDF Radio, ITV, JTV, RJ, VIRI 9/26 in WNC 9/30; CSM, NYT, WP, WT 9/27; TJJ 9/27 in WNC 10/1; YA 9/29 in WNC 10/2; MEI, PR 10/4; JP 10/5; NYT 10/6)

Palestinian refugees in ‘Ayn al-Hilwa refugee camp in s. Lebanon stage demonstrations against Israeli actions in the occupied territories. Israel reinforces troops in the “security zone.” (RL 9/26 in WNC 9/30)

Shin Bet’s top echelon holds emergency mtg.; says it is furious with PM Netanyahu for opening the tunnel despite Shin Bet’s warnings, contrary recommendations and without their coordination; criticizes the PM’s decision-making process, performance. The DM, chief of staff reportedly were not informed in advance of the tunnel opening either. (YA 9/27 in WNC 9/30; ITV 9/27 in WNC 10/1)

Israeli inner cabinet holds emergency mtg. Agriculture M Eitan calls for tanks to be moved into zone A areas. Science M Bena- min Begin, Tourism M Qazzaz calls for immediate halt to negotiations with the PA, reassessment of Arafat. DM Mordechai calls for compromise on tunnel. (ITV 9/27 in WNC 10/1)

27 SEPTEMBER

Netanyahu deploys 6,000 police throughout Israel, 4,000 in East Jerusalem. After morning prayers at al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem, several youths throw stones at IDF troops and police surrounding the site. IDF storms the compound, fires on Palestin- ians, killing 3, wounding 50. Fewer clashes take place than on 9/26, but fighting, particularly in Rafah and Tulkarm, where IDF helicopters fire on Palestinian crowds, continues. In Balata, Erez, Janin, Ramal- lah, PA police, officials form cordons to prevent Palestinians fr. attacking Israeli targets. Israeli Arabs observe a general strike in support of the Palestinians. A total of 52 Palestinians, 14 Israelis have been killed over the past 3 days. The tunnel opened 9/24 is closed for the Jewish holiday. (MM 9/27; IDF Radio, RE, RL 9/27 in WNC 9/30; ITV, TJJ 9/27 in WNC 10/1; RE 9/27 in WNC 10/2; NYT, WP, WT 9/28; CSM, MM 9/30; MEI, PR 10/4; JP 10/5)

PM Netanyahu rejects his security chiefs’ assessment that clashes are a result of Pales-
tinian frustration, Arafat is unable to control them; calls recent violence a “deliberate incitement” by Arafat; vows to “take every measure available to us to protect our troops.” (NYT, WT 9/28)

In New York, Secy. of State Christopher says talks are still underway to secure an Arafat-Netanyahu mtg.; Netanyah has told special envoy Ross that he believes concessions to the PA at this time would encourage the Palestinians to commit further violence, cause his government to fall because of defections fr. hard-line coalition mbrs.; Netanyah has refused suggestions that Christopher or Ross make a trip to the region. (NYT, WP 9/28; CSM 9/30)

Despite U.S., Israeli protests, the UN Security Council (UNSC) begins debate of a possible resolution that would criticize Israel severely, demand closing of the 9/24 tunnel. (NYT, WP, WT 9/28; MEI 10/4)

In Tel Aviv, 1,000s of Israelis led by Meretz MKs protest against Netanyah, call for his resignation. (IDF Radio 9/27 in WNC 9/30)

1,000s of Palestinian refugees in s. Lebanon camps continue anti-Israeli demonstrations. Israel continues to reinforce troops in s. Lebanon. (RL 9/27 in WNC 10/1) (see 9/26)

28 SEPTEMBER

Scattered incidents of Palestinian-Israeli clashes occur, but no deaths or injuries are reported. (ITV, RMC, VOA 9/28, IDF Radio 9/29 in WNC 10/1; NYT, WP, WT 9/29; CSM 9/30; MEI, PR 10/4; JP 10/5)

UNSC passes a resolution (14-0, with 1 abstention) regarding the recent violence in the occupied territories, calling for the “reversal of all acts which have resulted in the aggravation of the situation.” (IGPO, WP 9/29; RL 9/28, IDF Radio 9/29 in WNC 10/1; MM, WT 9/30; al-Quds al-Arabi 9/30 in WNC 10/2; MEI 10/4) (see Doc. A2)

In Amman, some 1,000 Jordanian students demonstrate against Israel's 9/24 tunnel opening, actions in the West Bank, Gaza. (al-Aswaq [Amman], RMC 9/29 in WNC 10/3)

In s. Lebanon, IDF mistakenly opens fire on group of off-duty SLA soldiers, killing 1. (ITV 9/28 in WNC 10/1)

29 SEPTEMBER

IDF bans Palestinians fr. traveling brwn. West Bank cities, villages; warns it will reenter Palestinian cities (zone A) to disarm PA security forces if the forces fire on IDF again. Tanks remain outside zone A areas. More IDF checkpoints are set up along West Bank roads. PA-Israeli joint patrols resume in Gaza. In Jerusalem, the archaeological tunnel is reopened (see 9/27), leading to some stone-throwing incidents. 4 wounded Palestinians have died in the past 2 days, raising the death toll since 9/25 to 70. (IDF Radio, ITV 9/29 in WNC 10/1; NYT, WP, WT 9/30; NYT 10/1; MEI, PR 10/4; JP 10/5)

Arafat, Netanyah agree to meet in Washington 10/1-2 to discuss recent violence, peace process. Jordan's King Hussein accepts invitation to attend; Egypt's Pres. Mubarak declines, sends FM 'Amr Musa to observe. (IDF Radio, MBC, RMC 9/29, IGPO 9/30 in WNC 10/1; RE 9/29 in WNC 10/2; JTV 9/29 in WNC 10/3; CSM, MM, NYT, WT 9/30; MEI 10/4)

30 SEPTEMBER

In Jerusalem 10s of ultraorthodox Jews attempt to storm the al-Aqsa Mosque compound but are kept back by Israeli police. In Hebron, 5,000 settlers rally against IDF redeployment in the city. (MM 9/30)

Dep. cmdr. in chief of the Syrian army, Chinese military delegation discuss ways of improving bilateral military cooperation. (SARR 9/30 in WNC 10/2)

1 OCTOBER

In Washington, U.S. holds separate mtgs. with PA, Israeli, Jordanian delegations. Brief joint mtg. is held. Then Arafat, Netanyah hold private 3-hr. talk. Netanyah later holds private mtg. with King Hussein. Israel rejects U.S. requests to set a firm date for withdrawal fr. Hebron, close tunnel (see 9/29). (WP, WT 10/1; Independent [London], ITV, JT, JTV, RJ 10/1 in WNC 10/3; MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/2; VIRI 10/2 in WNC 10/4; WJW 10/3; JT 10/3 in WNC 10/7; NYT, PR, WT 10/11; WJW 10/17; JT 10/17 in WNC 10/19; JP 10/19; MM 10/24; MEI 10/25; MM 11/14)

In Luxembourg, EU FMs issue their strongest condemnation against Israel since 1980. (LPJR 10/1, El Mundo [Madrid] 10/2 in WNC 10/3; MM 10/2; Diario de Noticias [Lisbon] 10/2 in WNC 10/4) (see Doc. A4)

4 Palestinians, 1 Israeli wounded during recent clashes die, bringing death toll to 75. (WP 10/2) (see 9/29)

According to the Federal Election Commission, pro-Israeli PACs have donated
$1.3 m. directly to candidates running in the 11/5 election. 54% has gone to Democrats, 40% to Republicans (a 10% increase over the 1994 election). (WJW 10/24)

2 OCTOBER

Arafat, Netanyahu end 2-day summit in Washington without resolving their differences, agree to begin nonstop intensive negotiations at Erez 10/6 on disputed issues. (MM 10/2, al-Dustur [Amman], ITV, JTV 10/2, MA, RE 10/3 in WNC 10/4; CSM, MM, NYT, WJW, WP, WT 10/3; RE 10/3 in WNC 10/4; ITV, QPAR, al-Quds, al-Quds al-Arabi, VOA 10/3, al-Ra‘i 10/4 in WNC 10/7; MM, WP 10/4; ITV 10/8 in WNC 10/11; PR 10/11; MEI 10/25) (see Docs. C2, D1)

Israel, PA officers meet to discuss reopening Qarni crossing, export of Palestinian goods into Israel. Israel demands that Palestinians at the checkpoint be unarmed. PA refuses. No amgt. is reached. (ITV 10/2 in WNC 10/4)

Anticipating possible failure of Washington talks, IDF moves more troops and heavy weapons, incl. tanks, helicopters, sniper squads, to the outskirts of zone A areas. (YA 10/2 in WNC 10/3; ITV 10/2 in WNC 10/4; WP, WT 10/3; MA 10/4 in WNC 10/7)

In Hebron, IDF fires on Palestinian protesters, killing 1 boy, wounding 2 men. 4 other Palestinians are wounded during protest nr. Halhul. (ITV 10/2 in WNC 10/4; CSM, NYT, WP, WT 10/3)

In Jerusalem, 50,000 Israelis march in support of Netanyahu. (WT 10/3)

Turkey's PM Necmettin Erbakan arrives in Cairo on 1st leg of 6-day regional tour. Meanwhile in Tripoli, Turkish, Libyan delegations begin talks on strengthening bilateral cooperation, with emphasis on economic, industrial issues. (WT 10/2; JANA [Tripoli] 10/3 in WNC 10/4)

Turkey announces plans to increase its electricity purchases from Iran to 3 b. kw/h. (IRNA 10/2 in WNC 10/4)

Lebanon's Council of Ministers grants al-Manar Television, al-Nur Radio temporary exclusion fr. the new media law (see 9/17), allowing them to continue broadcasting news of the resistance. They will both still be banned fr. broadcasting other political news, programs as of 11/30. (RL 10/2 in WNC 10/4)

In s. Lebanon, 2 IDF officers are wounded in clash with Hizballah. (ITV 10/2 in WNC 10/4)

3 OCTOBER

In the 1st of a series of planned “placating measures” meant to encourage calm following the Washington mtgs., Israeli DM Mordechai orders IDF to lift internal closure on Bethlehem, pull back tanks surrounding Bethlehem. 50 Palestinian trucks are allowed to enter Israel to transport foodstuffs to Gaza. (IDF Radio 10/3 in WNC 10/4; ITV 10/3 in WNC 10/7; MM, WP 10/4; PR 10/11) (see 10/2)

In Tel Aviv, Amir brothers, Adani are sentenced for plotting PM Yitzhak Rabin's murder (see 9/11). Yigal Amir gets 5 yrs. in addition to his life sentence for the assassination. Hagai Amir gets 12 yrs., Adani 7 yrs. (CSM, WP 10/4)

4 OCTOBER

Israel lifts closure on Janin, removes tanks surrounding Tulkarm, says closure will gradually be lifted if clashes do not erupt again. (NYT, WT 10/5)

Hamas issues leaflet fr. Beirut calling for resumption of protests. Gazan Hamas leader Mahmud Zahhar says call should be ignored. PA holds intensive talks with Hamas's West Bank, Gaza representatives to encourage them to refrain fr. taking any actions against Israel. (WP, WT 10/5; al-Ahram [Cairo] 10/6 in WNC 10/15)

Turkish PM Erbakan arrives in Libya for 3-day visit. U.S. criticizes Turkey for visiting a nation that sponsors terrorism. (WT, MM 10/5)

5 OCTOBER

Hizballah ambushes SLA patrol in s. Lebanon, killing 1 SLA mbr. (RL 10/5 in WNC 10/8)

6 OCTOBER

New round of PISM C talks opens at Erez crossing point. (MA, RAi Radio Uno [Rome], RJ 10/6, RJ 10/7 in WNC 10/8; CSM, MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/7; HA 10/7 in IL 10/7; IGPO, YA 10/7, YA 10/9 in WNC 10/10; CSM, NYT 10/8; WJW 10/10; PR 10/11; JP 10/12) (see Peace Monitor)

Israel ends 10-day-old curfew on Hebron; pulls tanks back fr. some areas of the West Bank; restores Palestinians' freedom of movement in Gaza, parts of the West Bank; allows 700 Palestinian workers to return to their jobs in Israel, 2,000 to resume their jobs
at n. Gaza industrial park. (CSM, MM, NYT, WT 10/7; WT 10/8; PR 10/11; JP 10/12)

7 OCTOBER

At Erez, 2d day of Israeli-PA talks focus on Hebron, security; deadlock on issue of redeployment in Hebron, with Israel demanding IDF lookout posts over Arab neighborhoods, buffer zones separating settlers fr. Palestinians, pistols only for PA police, right of hot pursuit into Palestinian areas. (RJ 10/7 in WNC 10/8; al-Quds, ITV, QY 10/7 in WNC 10/10; MM, WT 10/8; QY 10/8 in IL 10/8; WP, WT 10/9; IGPO 10/8 in WNC 10/11; CSM 10/10)

AIFAC heads arrive in Israel on unscheduled visit to warn PM Netanyah u about growing criticisms in Congress of Israeli policy. (ITV 10/7 in WNC 10/10)

Knesset inaugurates al-Haq mosque, a prayer room in the Knesset building for the use of Muslim MKs. (YA 10/11 in IL 10/11; WJW 10/17)

Turkey signs deal with Libya to triple trade btw. the 2 nations. Libya agrees to pay money owed Turkish contractors (see 8/22). U.S. denounces the agmt. (JANA [Tripoli] 10/7 in WNC 10/8; VIRI 10/7 in WNC 10/10; NYT 10/8; MM 10/9; Anatolia [Ankara] 10/9 in WNC 10/11)

In Mali, Secy. of State Christopher begins “unusually blunt” 5-nation African tour to urge sub-Saharan countries to put up a candidate to replace UN Secy. Gen. Boutros-Ghali. It is the 1st trip in 6 yrs. by a secy. of state to sub-Saharan Africa. (NYT, WT 10/8; NYT 10/10, 10/11)

8 OCTOBER

PA-Israel: talks continue at Erez without progress. As a compromise, PA proposes formation of a joint security headquarters in Hebron to command mobile and permanent units that would incl. riot and assault forces; Israel is not enthusiastic but says it will consider the idea. (RJ 10/8 in WNC 10/10; CSM 10/9; MA, YA 10/9 in IL 10/9; PR 10/11; IDF Radio 10/11 in WNC 10/15; WT 10/12) (see 10/7)

At his meeting with Pres. Weizman in Israel, Arafat says that he has given a “permanent order” to PA policemen not to fire at IDF troops. (CSM, MM 10/8; IDF Radio 10/8 in WNC 10/11; CSM, MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/9; WJW 10/10; MEI 10/18; JP 10/19) (see 8/25)

Israel demands that the PA punish policemen involved in fireswits with IDF troops, disarm Palestinian civilians; says soldiers at checkpoint nr. Nablus have already begun checking IDs in search for policemen involved in fight at Joseph’s tomb 9/26. (WP 10/9)

Israel announces it will allow 10,000 Palestinian workers into Israel, eases blockade on Ramallah and Hebron. (NYT, WP, WT 10/9; PR 10/11)

9 OCTOBER

Israeli human rights group B’Tselem issues findings of investigation into 9/27 clash at al-Aqsa Mosque. Report concludes that, contrary to Israel’s claims, forensic evidence shows the IDF used live ammunition, fired rubber bullets fr. a lethal distance at Palestinians. In at least 1 incident, a Palestinian was killed by a rubber bullet to the head, fired at point-blank range. (WP 10/10)

Federal judge in Manhattan refuses to stop extradition to Israel of Hamas political leader Musa Abu Marzuq. (NYT 10/10; QPAR 10/10; al-Ra’i 10/11 in WNC 10/15; MBC 10/11, VIRI 10/14 in WNC 10/17; PR 10/18; al-Diyar 10/21 in WNC 10/25) (see 5/8)

Israeli gunboats off the coast of Tyre, Lebanon, detain cargo ship for search before allowing it into port. (RL 10/9 in WNC 10/11)

10 OCTOBER

Israel, PA, U.S. decide to relocate talks to Tab a and Elat beginning 10/14. Talks will be closed to the media, held continuously. (ITV 10/10 in WNC 10/15)

Israel lifts restrictions on Palestinians movement among all West Bank towns, villages except Nablus (because of the attack on Joseph’s Tomb 9/26); increases number of Palestinian workers allowed into Israel to 14,000; says it will soon allow 35,000 Palestinian workers into Israel. (QY 10/10 in IL 10/10; MM, NYT 10/11; YA 10/11 in IL 10/11; JP 10/19)

EU gives Jordan $125-m. grant to ease effects of economic structural reforms. (RJ 10/10 in WNC 10/15)

German officials arrest married couple of undisclosed nationality in connection with the 1986 Berlin discothèque bombing, issue warrants for 4 Libyans (3 diplomats, 1 intelligence operative, all now thought to be in Libya). (NYT, WT 10/12)
11 OCTOBER

Israeli Justice M David Liba’i retires fr. his post, is replaced by Eitan Kabali. (QY 10/11 in IL 10/11)

IDF shells village in s. Lebanon wounding 12 civilians in what Israel claims is a reprisal for a Hizballah attack earlier in the day, which caused no injuries. Hizballah vows it will retaliate. (RL 10/12 in WNC 10/17; NYT 10/13; MM 10/14)

Pres. Clinton authorizes the 1997 Intelligence Authorization Act, which permits the CIA, National Security Agency to collect data on foreign citizens abroad for U.S. investigations; forbids the CIA to use journalists as spies, but allows CIA agents to pose as journalists. (WP 10/12)

12 OCTOBER

In s. Lebanon, ILMG inspects village shelled by IDF 10/11. Later, 2 Amal mrbs. are killed in clash with the IDF. (RL 10/12 in WNC 10/17; NYT 10/13; MM 10/14) (see 9/25)

13 OCTOBER

In Ramallah, PA police arrest 5 Islamic Jihad mrbs. on suspicion of planning an anti-Israeli attack tomorrow, the 1st anniversary of leader Fathi Shaqiqa’s assassination. (ITV 10/13 in WNC 10/17)

7 days into his 5-nation African tour, Secy. of State Christopher receives little support for the U.S. initiative to prevent UN Secy. Gen. Butros-Ghali’s re-election. Only Rwanda has publicly backed the idea. (WT 10/14) (see 10/7)

Israel admits that Hizballah fire which preceded 10/12 shelling of s. Lebanese village did not come fr. nr. the area hit. (WT 10/16)

After 3 days of fighting, PUK retakes Sulaymaniya in n. Iraq. The PUK has recouped much of the territory lost to the KDP since 8/31. (MM, NYT, WP 10/14) (see 9/9, 9/20)

14 OCTOBER

ILMG meets in Naqura to discuss Israel’s 10/12 shelling of a Lebanese village. (MM 10/14; RL 10/14, HA 10/17 in IL 10/17)

Trying to avoid a 2d clash with Iraqi forces before the 11/5 elections, the U.S. urges the KDP, PUK to honor a cease-fire, hold peace negotiations in Washington. (NYT, WP, WT 10/15) (see 10/13)

15 OCTOBER

King Hussein returns to Jericho with Arafat for his 1st visit to the West Bank since it was lost to Israel in 1967. (RJ 10/15, RE, RJ 10/16 in WNC 10/17; CSM, MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/16; PR 10/18; MM 10/24; MEI 10/25; JP 10/26)

PISM C continues mtgs. in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, while an indirect dialogue is held btw. Arafat, Netanyah. , mediated by U.S. special envoy Ross. Arafat proposes that the U.S. add a military contingent to the Temporary International Presence in Hebron to ease Israel’s security fears on Hebron. Israel rejects the idea. (HA, ITV, JP, YA 10/15 in WNC 10/17; CSM, MM, NYT, WT 10/16; HA, YA 10/16 in IL 10/16) (see 10/14)

35,000 Palestinian workers begin entering Israel. Internal closure on Nablus is lifted. (HA 10/16 in IL 10/16; PR 10/18) (see 10/10)

ILMG continues to discuss 10/12 Israeli shelling of a s. Lebanese village. Also in s. Lebanon, Lebanese woman steps on Israeli mine planted in olive grove to deter Hizballah attackers, is severely wounded. (RL 10/15 in WNC 10/17; WT 10/16) (see 10/14)

Lebanon publishes results of 1st census since 1952, showing a population of 3.1 m., lower than expected given 150,000 deaths during the 1975-90 civil war. The census took 2 yrs. to complete, does not incl. statistics on refugee camps. (WT 10/16)

Lebanese PM Hariri’s government renegs to make way for new cabinet following recent national elections. (WT 10/16; MEI 10/25) (see 9/15)

PUK halts its advance outside Irbil, says it has no plans of trying to retake the city. (WP, WT 10/16) (see 8/31, 10/14)

16 OCTOBER

As PA-Israeli subcomms. continue talks in Taba, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Arafat meets with Pres. Mubarak in Cairo, denounces Israeli proposal for Hebron as “racist.” The plan, similar to that proposed 10/7, calls for redefinition of H1 (Palestinian) and H2 (Israeli) zones, allowing Israel to retain civil control of the city, incl. zoning and planning control, which could be used to increase settlements in and around Hebron. (MM 10/16; IDF Radio, ITV, RE 10/16 in WNC 10/19; CSM, MM, NYT, WT 10/17; PR 10/38) (see 10/15)

In an unprecedented incident, Shin Bet says that it ordered IDF troops to appear
without weapons when PM Netanyahu visited an army base last wk. because of rising distrust of Netanyahu within the military. **Top army cmdrs.** are upset at being left out of crucial security decisions. (MM 10/16; WT 10/17, 10/18; JP 10/26)

SLA cuts electricity to some villages in s. Lebanon after villagers ignore its announcement of conscription of local men b/w the ages of 15 and 40 for a new camp nr. Bint Jubayl. (RL 10 16 in WNC 10/17; RL 10/17 in WNC 10/19)

17 OCTOBER

PA-Israeli talks on Hebron continue in Taba. Progress is made on municipal issues, hot pursuit, but talks stick on Israel's demand to establish buffer zones b/w H1, H2 areas. (MM 10/17; QY 10/17 in IL 10/17; IDF Radio 10/17 in WNC 10/19; RMC 10/17 in WNC 10/22; WT 10/18) (see 10/16)

PM Netanyahu appoints Tourism M Qatzav as M for Israeli Arab affairs, a position canceled under the Labor government. (MA 10/18 in IL 10/18; JP 10/25)

In Washington, Secy. of State Christopher says Lebanese PM Hariri that the time is not right for the U.S. to lift its travel ban on Lebanon. (MM 10/18)

KDP threatens to ask for Iraqi military support if PUK continues to press its offensive around the city of Salahedin. Meanwhile in Washington, Asst. Secy. of State Robert Pelletreau holds talks with KDP officials. UN officials in n. Iraq say that Iran is aiding the PUK logistically, but KDP reports of 1,000s of Iranian troops fighting along PUK mbrs. is exaggerated. (WP, WT 10/18) (see 10/16)

18 OCTOBER

After another day of talks on Hebron in Taba, PISM C adjourns for 2-day break. Israel says talks make progress on hot pursuit, buffer zone issues. (MM 10/18; HA, QY 10/18 in IL 10/18; RMC 10/18 in WNC 10/22; WT 10/19)

U.S. says that beginning 10/19 some 700 Iraqis linked to the CIA will be evacuated fr. n. Iraq with their families. They will be sent via Turkey to Guam. (WP 10/19) (see 9/12)

After 3 days of continuous talks, ILMG fails to reach decision on 10/12 attack, does not issue statement. Heads of delegations agree to submit reports to their respective FMs. (RL 10/18 in WNC 10/22) (see 10/17) (see 10/15)

In s. Lebanon, 2 SLA mbrs. are killed by roadside bomb. (MM 10/18)

19 OCTOBER

As PISM C recesses, PA-Israeli civil, security subcomms, begin 2 days of intensive talks at Erez. PA claims Israel has backed down on issues of hot pursuit, buffer zones b/w. areas A and B in Hebron. (RJ 10/19 in WNC 10/25)

French Pres. Chirac arrives in Syria on 1st leg of a 6-day Middle East tour aimed at increasing the EU's influence in the peace process. 20,000 Syrians turn out to greet him at Damascus airport. (RMC 10/19 in WNC 10/22; WT 10/20; CSM 10/21; MEI 10/25; JP 10/26; JP 11/2)

Jordanian human rights activist Sulayman Suways complains that he has waited 4 mos. for the government to issue him a license to set up a human rights organization in the kingdom. Interior Min. says it has not issued the license because there are already 6 such groups. Suways claims that of the 6, 2 are defunct, 2 are government offices, 2 are also awaiting licenses to operate. (JT 10/19 in WNC 10/24)

U.S. evacuates 150 Iraqis, their families to Turkey. (WP, WT 10/21) (see 10/18)

20 OCTOBER

French Pres. Chirac, Syrian Pres. Asad meet in Damascus. The two sign 2 agmts. rescheduling Syria's $350-m. debt to France, providing fresh credit to relaunch economic relations. (SATN 10/20 in WNC 10/22; MEI, MM 10/25)

In Damascus, French FM de Charette, Syrian FM Sharat sign memorandum of understanding, activating agmts. on coordination b/w. higher education institutions, transfer of technology and scientific research, expanding cultural exchanges, launching joint research and development projects. (SATN 10/20 in WNC 10/23)

U.S. evacuates another 500 Iraqis, their families to Turkey. (WP, WT 10/21) (see 10/19)

21 OCTOBER

PA team walks out of talks with Israel over issues of Hebron security arrangements. U.S. special envoy Ross's announcement that he is returning to Washington today as planned brings the sides back to the table. After several hrs. of talks, Ross decides to stay on, saying the PA, Israel are "in the
midst of the most promising discussions to date." (MM 10/21; ITV 10/21 in WNC 10/23; CSM, MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/22; CSM, NYT, WP, WT 10/23; WJW 10/24; MEI, PR 10/25; JP 11/2)

French Pres. Chirac visits Israel; gives speech at Technion University; makes last-minute visit to the Knesset, but does not address it. Health Secy. Hervé Gaynard visits Orient House. (MM 10/21; LCI 10/21 in WNC 10/22; JP, YA 10/21 in WNC 10/23; NYT, WP, WT 10/22; MM, WP 10/23; MEI, PR 10/25; NYT, WT 10/27; JP 11/2) (see Doc. A5)

Israeli High Council of Planning refuses building permits for 5 Palestinian families, clearing the way for the demolition of their West Bank homes. (LAWE 10/21)

In the Knesset, Netanyahu government loses (43-45) vote of confidence on its economic policy. (ITV 10/21 in WNC 10/23; WP 10/22)

Outside Ofra settlement nr. Ramallah, settlers kill Palestinian in drive-by shooting. (LAWE 10/23)

22 OCTOBER

In Tel Aviv, Israeli, PA talks on civil authority in Hebron reportedly reach agmt. Later in the day, talks on Hebron security resume in Jerusalem. U.S. special envoy Ross thinks an agmt. can be reached within the next 2 wks. (RJ 10/22 in WNC 10/25; MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/23; WJW 10/24)


In Beirut, Lebanese, French officials negotiate aspects of a partnership agmt. that they hope to sign by the end of the year. Outstanding issues (agriculture, rights of institutions and services, immigration) must wait until new Lebanese government is formed. (RL 10/22 in WNC 10/24)

Nr. Ramallah, IDF shoots (live ammunition), kills Palestinian youth during antisettlement protest. Also in the West Bank, a Palestinian motorist is killed when his car is fired upon nr. Ofra settlement. (MM 10/22; LAWE 10/23)

YA reports that several Turkish air force crews recently participated in joint training, military exercises with the Israeli air force in the Negev. (YA 10/22 in IL 10/22)

Lebanon's Press Association Council complains that "newspapers are not exercising . . . self-censorship," are publishing topics banned under the new media law (see 9/17); orders newspapers to cease publishing direct interviews with Israeli officials. (al-Nahar 10/23 in WNC 10/24) (see 10/2)

Birri is reelected as Lebanon's parliamentary speaker. (RL 10/22 in WNC 10/24; WT 10/23)

23 OCTOBER

PISM draws up a "joint paper," compiling a list of 15 points of contention (reportedly incl. hot pursuit, opening of al-Shuhada Street, type of weapons to be carried by PA police, movement of joint patrols) that have not been solved in the past 3 wks. of talks. (MM 10/23; RJ 10/23 in WNC 10/25; NYT 10/24; IDF Radio 10/24 in WNC 10/25; ITV 10/24 in WNC 10/29)

In Ramallah, French Pres. Chirac becomes 1st foreign head of state to address the PC. Chirac then leaves for Amman to meet with King Hussein. (MM 10/23; JT, JTV, LCI 10/23 in WNC 10/25; CSM, NYT, WP, WT 10/24; MEI 10/25; NYT, WT 10/27; JP 11/2)

Knesset Financing Comm. approves funds needed to complete 2,400 housing units in West Bank settlements whose construction was frozen by the previous Labor government. (ITV 10/23 in WNC 10/25)

Fearing a suicide bombing on the 1-yr. anniversary of the assassination of Islamic Jihad leader Fathi Shiqaki 10/26, Israel seals the West Bank, Gaza. Israeli police shoot, wound 1 Palestinian who walks away fr. a checkpoint bwn. Ramallah, Jerusalem after refusing to show his ID. (ITV 10/23 in WNC 10/25; WP 10/24; CSM 10/25; PR 11/1)

After a wk. of talks in Turkey, U.S. Asst. Secy. of State Pelletreau announces that the KDP, PUK have agreed in principle to an immediate cease-fire, although their fighting continues in Koi Sanjak. (CSM, NYT, WT 10/24) (see 10/17)

24 OCTOBER

PA-Israeli security, civil talks continue in Jerusalem, reportedly stick on issue of reopening al-Shuhada Street, 1 of the main streets in Hebron, to Palestinian traffic. Israel says this would be a security risk. (ITV 10/24, MA, YA 10/25 in WNC 10/29)

In Amman, French Pres. Chirac signs protocol granting Jordan $15 m. for water, medical, telecommunications, meteorological
projects; leaves for Beirut. (MEI, MM, NYT 10/25; WT 10/27; JP 11/2)

Despite Netanyahu’s refusal to declare a national day of mourning, a memorial service for fmr. PM Rabin is held at Mt. Herzl. PM Netanyahu attends but is asked by the Rabin family not to make a statement. (MM, WJW 10/24; CSM, NYT, WT 10/25; JP 11/2; MEI 11/8)

In n. Iraq, KDP, PUK halt fighting, adhere to U.S.-brokered cease-fire. (WT 10/25) (see 10/23)

25 OCTOBER

PA-Israeli talks on Hebron continue. Arafat reportedly demands that Netanyahu commit to completing IDF redeployment in the West Bank, opening Rafah airport. (MM 10/25; ITV 10/25 in WNC 10/29; WT 10/26; YA 10/27 in WNC 10/29)

Israel releases list of the 10 “most serious violations” of Oslo by the PA: PA police firing on IDF, ignoring bans on illegal weapons and disbanding independent militias, refusal to extradite individuals suspected of terrorism, incitement to violence against Israel, failure to change the PLO covenant, opening offices in Jerusalem, hiring “Palestinian terrorists” to serve in the PA police, exceeding the agreed upon number of PA police, injuring human rights and the rule of law, conducting diplomatic relations. (IGPO 10/25 in WNC 10/30; HA 10/28 in IL 10/28; PR 11/1; WTJW 12/5)

French Pres. Chirac makes brief stops in Lebanon and in Cairo before returning to Paris. (MM 10/25; RE, RL 10/25 in WNC 10/29; WT 10/27; MM 10/30)

Germany begins 2d mediation effort to settle the issue of Israeli pilot Ron Arad (drowned over Lebanon in 1986 and believed to be held by Hizballah), Lebanese political prisoners in Israeli jails (incl. Dirani, Obeid). Germany’s 1st mediation effort resulted in a prisoner swap 7/21. (RL 10/25, 10/26 in WNC 10/29; al-Safir 10/29 in WNC 11/4; MM 11/11) (see 9/25)

Hizballah detonates 4 roadside bombs in s. Lebanon, killing 2 IDF soldiers, wounding 5. (MM 10/25; QY 10/25 in IL 10/25; JP 11/2)

26 OCTOBER

On the 1st anniversary of Fathi Shiqaqi’s assassination, Islamic Jihad vows to continue armed struggle against Israel. (MBC 10/26 in WNC 10/29)

27 OCTOBER

Israeli chief negotiator for civilian affairs Maj. Gen. Oren Shahor presents Hebron settler leaders with IDF’s new redeployment plan in preparation for Netanyahu mtgs. with settler leaders next wk. (YA 10/27 in WNC 10/29)

In Sharm al-Shaykh, Egyptian Pres. Mubarak, Fmr. Israeli PM Peres discuss peace process. (IDF Radio 10/27 in WNC 10/29)

Israel announces that Netanyahu has lifted the Labor block on the sale of 3,000 empty housing units in settlements across the West Bank. (WP 10/28; PR 11/1)

28 OCTOBER

U.S. special envoy Ross returns to Washington to consult with Secy. of State Christopher. Israeli, PA blame each other for impasse in Hebron talks; reportedly close issue of hot pursuit, but reopen other issues already thought to be finalized. (MM 10/28; IDF Radio, QY 10/28 in WNC 10/30; MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/29; SANA 10/30 in WNC 11/1; WTJW 10/31; PR 11/1)

Russian FM Yevgeny Primakov arrives in Syria on 1st leg of regional tour, which is meant to revitalize Moscow’s role in the peace process. (CSM 10/29; MM 10/20; JP 11/9)

IDF eases closure on the West Bank, Gaza, allowing transportation of Palestinian merchants, agricultural goods into Israel. IDF also allows Palestinian produce to be sent to Jordan; PA Agriculture Min. lifts ban on Israeli produce (see 10/27). (QY 10/29 in IL 10/29; PR 11/1)

Palestinians, IDF clash in Hussian, West Bank after Jewish settler beats to death an 11-yr.-old Palestinian boy. IDF detains settler, places curfew on the village. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 10/29; CSM, WP, WT 10/30; MM, PR 11/1; MEI 11/8)

29 OCTOBER

Israel, PA resume talks on Hebron. (NYT, WT 10/30)

In Jerusalem, 10,000 Israelis rally to support Jewish settlement in Hebron. (MM 10/30)

Russian FM Primakov arrives in Beirut on 2d leg of regional tour; hold brief talks with Pres. Hrawi, FM Buwayz. (RL 10/29, 10/30 in WNC 10/31; WT 10/30)

Israel approves construction of 8,000 housing units in 3 West Bank settlements.
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Though this construction will mean the creation of a new settlement bloc, to be named Mod'in Ilit, the plans to build the units were approved yrs. ago and were frozen by the Labor government. (YA 10/29 in WNC 10/30; WT 10/30)

Interior M Elyahu Suissa eases licensing regulations for firearms—a move expected to more than double the estimated 300,000 registered assault weapons owned by Jewish civilians. Previously, only settlers, Israelis working in the occupied territories, truckers transporting valuables/explosives, auxiliary police could be armed. Now anyone who has served in a combat unit may do so. Explaining his decision despite sharp protest by Israeli police, he says “I don’t want to give everyone weapons; I want to give them to those people I can count on.” (WP 10/30; WT 10/31)

Following funeral of boy killed 10/28, Palestinians, IDF clash again in Hussan. (MM 10/29; MM, WP, WT 10/30)

30 October

In Tel Aviv, Israel, PA reportedly reached basic understandings on civilian issues, but some security issues are still in dispute. (MM 10/31; HA, QY 10/31 in IL 10/31; YA 10/31 in WNC 10/31; ITV 10/31 in WNC 11/4)


In Ankara, KDP, PUK begin reconciliation talks. U.S. Asst. Secy. of State Pelletreau chairs the mtg.; Turkish, British officials attend. (MM, WT 10/30) (see 10/24)

31 October

PISMC resumes mtg. (ITV 10/31 in WNC 11/10)

Israeli-PA joint patrols resume in Janin, Jericho. Qarni crossing point opens for entry of food, medical supplies fr. Israel; export of agricultural products fr. Gaza. Israel increases number of Palestinian merchants allowed into Israel fr. 100 to 500. (HA, QY 10/31 in IL 10/31; PR 11/8; JP 11/16)

Russian FM Primakov arrives in Israel, meets with PM Netanyahu, Pres. Weizman, FM Levy. (QY 10/31 in IL 10/31; ITV 10/31 in WNC 11/4; MM 11/1; HA 11/1 in IL 11/1; ITV 11/1 in WNC 11/5)

PM Netanyahu cancels mtg. with settler leaders planned for today after reports that such mtgs. have become regular weekly events. (IDF Radio 10/31 in WNC 11/1; MM 11/1) (see 10/27)

In Ankara, KDP, PUK sign truce, committing them to reconciliation aimed at reestablishing the power-sharing agmt. that collapsed in 1993 and which gave the KDP an upper hand in a coalition government in n. Iraq. (CSM, MM 11/1; MM 11/4) (see 10/30)

1 November

Russian FM Primakov meets with Arafat in Gaza, leaves for Jordan for 3-day official visit. (MM 11/1; JTV 11/1, ITAR-TASS [Moscow], JTV, RJ, VOA 11/2, RJ 11/3 in WNC 11/5; PR 11/8)

Israeli authorities charge Nahum Korman, security chief of Hadar Beitar settlement, with murdering Palestinian boy beaten to death 10/28. (MM 11/1; WP, WT 11/2; WT 11/3; NYT 11/4)

IDF extends general closure on West Bank, Gaza. (HA 11/1 in IL 11/1)

2 November

Egyptian police arrest Israeli citizen Azzam Azzam, a Druze working with a joint venture project in Cairo, on suspicion of spying for Israel. An Egyptian, whom Azzam allegedly recruited for Mossad, is also detained. Israel calls the arrest a provocation. (MM 11/12; MEI 11/22)

U.S. jet enforcing Iraq’s southern no-fly zone fires missile at Iraqi mobile surface-to-air missile battery after mistakenly believing the battery’s radar system had locked onto the aircraft. (WP, WT 11/3; CSM, WP 11/4)

3 November

Palestinian home in Hebron is fire bombed, injuring 5 Palestinians, 1 critically. PA police suspect settlers. (MEI 11/8)

Israeli Infrastructure M Sharon unveils plans to build 2 new settlements that would double the number of Jewish settlers in the West Bank. (ITV 11/3 in WNC 11/5; MM 11/4; CSM, MM, WP, WT 11/5; PR 11/8; WP 11/19) (see Settle Monitor)

In s. Lebanon, Hizballah detonates roadside bomb and SLA convoy passes, killing 1 SLA mbr. In response, IDF shells highlands n. of Israeli occupied zone, wounding 1 civilian. Israel admits responsibility for mistakenly firing at a village. (RL, al-Ra‘i 11/3 in WNC 11/5; WP 11/4; JP 11/16)
4 NOVEMBER

UK FM Rifkind proposes establishing an organization in the Middle East for regional security and cooperation modeled after the Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe. Arab League protests that regional peace must be achieved before such a body could be established. (RE 11/6 in WNC 11/7; MM 11/8)

In Ankara, Turkey’s Pres. Demirel, Iranian Oil M Gholam-Reza Aqazadeh discuss timetable for implementing 8/12 gas deal (expected to be completed in 1998), possibility of further expanding energy cooperation. (IRNA 11/4 in WNC 11/6; IRNA 11/6 in WNC 11/8)

In s. Iraq, U.S. jet fires on a 2d missile battery after the site’s radar appeared to be targeting it. U.S. Defense Secy. Perry is uncertain if plane was really threatened. Iraq says it has not been aiming at U.S. aircraft. (WP, WT 11/5) (see 11/2)

5 NOVEMBER

Pres. Clinton wins re-election. Republican majority grows in Senate (fr. 53 to 54). Democrats gain seats in House (fr. 197 to 205) but remain in minority (compared to 225 Republicans). (NYT, WP, WP 11/5; MM, WP 11/6; MM 11/7)

U.S. submits to Israel, PA a document proposing solutions to the remaining security-related disagreements on the Hebron arrangement. (ITV 11/5 in WNC 11/7)

In Naqura, ILMG discusses Lebanese complaint over IDF shelling 11/3 that wounded a Lebanese civilian. Syria, Lebanon demand that Israel allow 23 Lebanese civilians, who were recently deported fr. the self-declared security zone by the SLA, to return to their homes. Deportation issues are not technically under ILMG’s mandate, but conferees agree that any issue of common interest may be discussed. (RL 11/5 in WNC 11/6; RL 11/7 in WNC 11/8) (see 10/18)

6 NOVEMBER

Israeli Pres. Weizman meets with King Hussein in Amman. (RJ 11/6 in WNC 11/7; ITV, JTV 11/6, al-Dustur 11/7 in WNC 11/8)

In Naqura, ILMG concludes discussions begun 11/5, asks Israel to allow 2 families that were recently deported fr. Lebanon to return to their homes, deems Israel responsible for wounding Lebanese woman 11/3. (RL 11/6 in WNC 11/7; RL 11/7 in WNC 11/8) (see 11/5)

7 NOVEMBER

In Jerusalem, PM Netanyahu meets with settler leaders, says settlers will be “compensated” for any redeployment in Hebron; vows to personally oversee expansion of West Bank, Gaza settlements; promises 3,500 new housing units in West Bank areas around Jerusalem. (MM, WP 11/8; NYT 11/15; JP 11/16)

Israeli DM Mordechai meets with YESHA settlers’ council, Hebron settler leaders. Settler leaders ask for more building permits, stepped-up security around settlements. (ITV 11/7 in WNC 11/12, 11/13)

In Washington, Secy. of State Christopher resigns his post. During his tenure as secy. of state, he has traveled to Israel 35 times, to Syria 24 times. He will stay on until a new secy. of state is appointed. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 11/8; WJW 11/14)

Lebanese Pres. Harawi issues decree appointing the new Lebanese government. (RL 11/7 in WNC 11/12; MEI 11/22) (see 10/15)

8 NOVEMBER

PM Netanyahu says he would support establishment of a PA self-ruling entity limited to a Puerto Rican-style autonomy. PA, Egypt reject the idea. (MBC 11/8, RJ 11/9, VOA 11/10 in WNC 11/3; MM 11/118)

In s. Lebanon, SLA departs 9-mbr. Lebanese family fr. Israel’s self-declared security zone, saying that one of its sons refused compulsory service in the SLA. (RL 11/8 in WNC 11/12, 11/15) (see 10/16, 11/6)

9 NOVEMBER

In Hebron, more than 8,000 Israelis march in support of Jewish settlers. IDF beats counterdemonstrators; bars Muslims fr. praying at al-Ibrahim Mosque; arrests 8 Palestinian, 4 Israeli protesters. (RMC 11/9, ITV 11/10 in WNC 11/13; NYT, WP 11/10; MEI 11/22)

In Amman, Laith Shubailat, pres. of the Jordan Engineers association and a leading opponent of normalization with Israel, is granted amnesty, released fr. prison. Shubailat was arrested 12/9/95 on charges of sedition for his statements during a press conference and was given 3 yrs. in jail. (NYT 11/10; MM 11/12; MEI 11/22) (see 3/17)

In s. Lebanon, Hizbullah shell hits IDF tank, killing 1 soldier, wounding 3. (ITV, RL 11/9, RL 11/10 in WNC 11/13; MM 11/11; WJW 11/14)
10 NOVEMBER

IDF eases general closure, allowing 20,000 Palestinian workers fr. West Bank, 15,000 fr. Gaza into their jobs in Israel. Qarni crossing point is opened to imports, exports without restriction. Merchandise may be transferred fr. Gaza to Jordan. (NYT 11/11)

IDF clashes with Palestinians protesting expansion of Kiryat Sefer settlement nr. Ramallah, wounding 12 and killing Atallah Amira, who had papers proving his ownership of the disputed land and had been fighting a legal battle with the Israeli government to reclaim it. (MM, NYT 11/11; WJW, WP 11/14; NYT 11/15; MEI 11/22) (see 9/22)

Jordan, U.S. sign aviation agmt., giving American, Jordanian national carriers the freedom to travel to and fr. any location within the boundaries of both countries. It is the U.S.’s 1st “open skies” agmt. with a non-EU country. (JTV 11/10 in WNC 11/14)

In s. Lebanon, 2 IDF soldiers are wounded in clash with Hizballah. (RL 11/10 in WNC 11/13; MM 11/11; JP 11/16)

11 NOVEMBER

Netanyahu phones Arafat, says that as part of a Hebron deal Israel is willing to provide an “oral statement” saying that Israel would act to implement remaining aspects of the Oslo II agmt. The PA had requested such assurances be in writing as part of the agmt. (MM 11/11)

In Ankara, Turkey, Iraq hold talks on increasing economic, trade, political ties. (INA 11/11 in WNC 11/13)

12 NOVEMBER

Israel, PA agree to raise the level of Hebron talks in a bid to complete negotiations. Israeli chief of staff Shahak and Arafat adviser Abbas are chosen to lead discussions. (MM 11/12, 11/13)


In Amman, Jordan’s PM Karabiti, Turkey’s PM Ciller discuss bilateral trade relations, ways of increasing Turkey’s influence in the peace process, possibility of Turkey selling Jordan water. Ciller’s 2-day trip began 11/11. (RJ 11/12 in WNC 11/13; JT, JTV, RJ 11/12 in WNC 11/14; MM 11/13)

King Hussein grants amnesty to those who took part in the 8/16–18 bread riots. (RJ 11/12)

In New York, Egypt nominates Butros-Ghali for a 2d term as UN secy. gen., setting the stage for an expected veto by the U.S. (NYT 11/14; MEI 11/22)

In Ankara, PM Erbakan, Iraqi PM Tariq Aziz discuss bilateral relations. (INA 11/12 in WNC 11/13, 11/14)

13 NOVEMBER

PM Netanyahu cancels visit to the U.S. to personally take charge of Hebron negotiations; agrees to a PA demand that Israel include a written pledge to honor all agmts. with the PA as an attachment to a Hebron agmt., if the PA upholds all of its agmts. (MM 11/13; IDF Radio, ITV 11/13, RJ, VOA 11/14 in WNC 11/15; MM, NYT, WP 11/14; MM 11/15; JP 11/23)

Israeli High Court rules that the Shin Bet may not use force while questioning Muhammad Hamdan, an Islamic Jihad mbr. arrested 10/24, to extract information about any planned anti-Israeli attacks. (WP 11/15; MM 11/18)

Hizballah attacks SLA post in s. Lebanon, killing 1 SLA mbr. (RL 11/13 in WNC 11/14)

14 NOVEMBER

Cairo Economic Summit closes. Participants issue final communiqué, agree to hold follow-up summit in Qatar next yr. (SANA 11/14 in WNC 11/15; MM 11/15, 11/18; MEI 11/22; WT 12/4) (see Doc. A6)

Israel’s High Court rules that Shin Bet may use physical force on a Palestinian detainee believed to have information that could prevent a terrorist attack. The decision reverses a High Court ruling issued 11/13. (WP 11/15; WT 11/16, 11/21; CSM 11/26)

Israel breaks ground for expansion of Kiryat Sefer settlement in the West Bank. (NYT 11/15) (see 11/10)

15 NOVEMBER

Netanyahu backs away fr. his Puerto Rico analogy, saying it was “not especially successful,” an off-the-cuff comment that was interpreted beyond what he intended. (MM 11/15) (see 11/8)

In Geneva, UN Comm. on Torture says it plans to ask Israel for an explanation for
the 11/14 High Court ruling on use of physical force; says Israel may be violating international human rights treaty by effec-

CHRONOLOGY SOURCE ABBREVIATIONS

CSM (Christian Science Monitor, Boston)
HA (Ha'aretz, Tel Aviv)
IGPO (Israeli Government Press Office, Jerusalem)
IL (Israel Line, New York)
INA (Iraqi News Agency, Baghdad)
IRNA (Iranian News Agency, Tehran)
ITV (Israel Television Network, Jerusalem)
JT (Jordan Times, Amman)
JTV (Jordan Television Network, Amman)
LAWE (Land and Water Establishment - The Palestinian Society for the Protection of Human Rights and the Environment, Jerusalem)
LCI (LCI Television, Paris)
LPR (London Press Association, London)
MA (Ma'ariv, Tel Aviv)
MBC (Middle East Broadcasting Centre, London)
MEI (Middle East International, London)
MM (Mideast Mirror, London)
NYT (New York Times, New York)
PR (Palestine Report, Jerusalem)
QPAR (Al-Quds Palestinian Radio, clandestine)
QY (Qol Yisra'el Radio, Tel Aviv)
RE (Republic of Egypt Radio, Cairo)
RJ (Radio Jordan, Amman)
RL (Radio Lebanon, Beirut)
RMC (Radio Monte Carlo, Paris)
SANA (Syrian Arab News Agency, Damascus)
SARR (Syrian Arab Republic Radio, Damascus)
SATN (Syrian Arab Television Network, Damascus)
TDN (Turkish Daily News, Ankara)
TJT (The Jerusalem Times, East Jerusalem)
VOA (Voice of the Arabs, Cairo)
VIRI (Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Tehran)
VOL (Voice of Lebanon, Beirut)
WJW (Washington Jewish Week, Rockville, MD)
WNC (World News Connection [internet], Washington, DC)
WP (Washington Post, Washington, DC)
WSJ (Wall Street Journal, New York)
WT (Washington Times, Washington, DC)
YA (Yedi'ot Aharonot, Tel Aviv)

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