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16 NOVEMBER

Israeli PM Rabin says he will tie Palestinian elections to revocation of parts of PLO charter. (MM 11/17; NYT 11/18)

PM Rabin arrives in U.S. to lobby Congress mbrs. for continuation of Israel's $3 b. annual foreign aid. Incoming head of U.S. Foreign Relations Comm., Sen. Jesse Helms, has suggested halting Israel's $1.2 b. economic aid, simultaneously forgiving Israel's debt. (MM, WT 11/16; IDF Radio 11/16 in FBIS 11/17; WT 11/17; WJW 11/24)

Jordan lifts economic boycott against Israel, drafts customs regulations based on Israeli-Jordanian agmt. (AFP 11/16 in FBIS 11/16)


UNRWA Commissioner-General Ilter Türkmen meets with Arafat in Gaza to discuss current conditions, developments in autonomous areas, project coordination. (UNRWA News 11/30)


17 NOVEMBER


18 NOVEMBER

14 killed, 200 injured when Palestinian police fire on 2,000 Hamas, Islamic Jihad protesters in Gaza City, sparking riot. Hamas leader Mahmud Zahhar calls on crowd to desist, to no avail. PA banned unauthorized political gatherings 11/12. (MM 11/18; QPAR, QY, RMC, SARR, VOP 11/18; AFP, RE, VOP 11/19 in FBIS 11/21; NYT, WP, WT 11/19; PR 11/20; CSM, MM 11/21; MM 11/22; MM, WJW 11/24; JP 11/26; PR 11/27; MEI 12/2)

Jordan, Israel end talks in Amman on implementing peace treaty. Decide to establish diplomatic relations 11/27, open
embassies 12/10. (JT 11/19 in FBIS 11/21)

19 NOVEMBER

Hamas demands PA take responsibility for deaths 11/18. PA refuses, blames “third parties” for igniting clashes, claims 9 Fatah mbrs. were killed during riots by shots fired at close range fr. guns not used by PA police. (VOP 11/19 in FBIS 11/21; NYT 11/20, 11/21, 11/22)

4 Palestinians killed in clashes with IDF in West Bank, Gaza, East Jerusalem while protesting Palestinian police actions 11/18. (NYT, WP, WT 11/20)

Israeli Arabs mediate 1-day truce btwn. Arafat, Hamas; Arafat agrees to form commission of inquiry into 11/18 clashes. (MENA, VOP 11/19 in FBIS 11/21; NYT, WP, WT 11/20)

IDF soldier killed in drive-by shooting outside Netzarim settlement in Gaza. Hamas takes responsibility. (QY 11/19, 11/20 in FBIS 11/21; QPAR 11/20 in FBIS 11/22; NYT 11/21; MEI 12/2)

20 NOVEMBER

Arafat holds mtgs. with Fateh, Islamic groups; indirectly accuses Israel of sparking 11/18 violence in attempt to assassinate Hamas leaders; releases 31 Islamic Jihad mbrs. fr. jail to appease opposition. Protests continue, Hamas asks Arafat to fire Justice M Frayh Abu-Midyan, 2 senior police officials. (NYT, WP, WT 11/21; VOP 11/20, 11/21 in FBIS 11/22, MM 11/22; PR 11/27; MEI 12/2)

Israeli FM Shimon Peres suggests Israel ease economic pressure on PA by giving PA $13 m. in tax money collected fr. Palestinians working in Israel. Some MKs oppose suggestion, saying Israel should not fund Palestinian autonomy. (QY 11/20 in FBIS 11/21; WP 11/21)

PM Rabin orders more troops to guard settlements in Gaza Strip. (WP, WT 11/21)

New weekly newspaper Al-Hayat Al-Jadida is issued in o.t. by frmr. PLO Amb. to Moscow Nabil ‘Amr, edited by Hafiz Barghouli. (PR 11/20)

21 NOVEMBER

PM Rabin meets with Pres. Clinton in Washington, gives Clinton proposal to be handed to Syrian Pres. al-Asad. Clinton says he will lobby to maintain level of aid to Israel for continued cooperation with Arrow missile program; for U.S. troop presence in Golan Heights if agmt. btwn. Israel, Syria is reached. Sen. Robert Dole, expected to become Senate maj. leader, also pledges to keep econ. aid to Israel at current level. (MM 11/21; QY 11/21 in FBIS 11/22; MM, NYT, WP 11/22; MEI 12/2; MM 12/7)

Arafat, 10,000 supporters hold rally in Gaza City to show support for peace with Israel. (QY 11/21 in FBIS 11/22; MM, WP, WT 11/22; CSM 11/28; MEI 12/2)

Fateh sets up 7 “emergency committees” to patrol with Palestinian police, act against Hamas and Islamic Jihad, remove opposition graffiti and write pro-PA graffiti. Comm. mbrs. will be armed, in plain clothes, mostly fr. Fateh Hawks. (QY 11/22 in FBIS 11/22)

UN envoy to the Middle East Terje Larsen says Palestinians standard of living has dropped 50% since signing of Oslo agmt., appeals to donor countries to send promised aid. (AFP 11/22 in FBIS 11/23; QY 11/23 in FBIS 11/29)

22 NOVEMBER

Rabin tours Capitol Hill seeking congressional support for peace process, possible future use of U.S. troops as peace monitors. (QY 11/23 in FBIS 11/23; NYT 11/23; CSM 12/2)


Joint Jordanian-Israeli transportation comm. meets in Amman, discusses aviation, tourist transportation, maritime transport for small vehicles btwn. the 2 countries. (RF 11/22 in FBIS 11/23)

7 Fateh Central Comm. mbrs. meeting in Tunis issue statement critical of Arafat’s handling of violence 11/18; statement contradicts Fateh declaration fr. inside o.t.
exonerating Arafat. (ShA 11/25 in FBIS 11/29) (see 11/20)

23 NOVEMBER

Israel announces it will turn over $8.3 m. of tax money to PA. (MM 11/23; PR 11/27; QY 11/23 in FBIS 11/29; NYT 11/24) (see 11/20)

Jordanian Council of Ms approves creation of 4 comms. to address implementation of Jordan-Israeli treaty; a Jordanian Consultants Steering Comm., a Jordanian comm. to follow up on implementation decisions, the Jordanian delegation to the joint Jordan-Israeli comm. on implementation, the Jordanian delegation to the joint comm. on Jordan Rift development. (RJ 11/23 in FBIS 11/25)

4 Fateh Central Comm. mbrs. (al-Qaddumi, Abu Mahar Gunaym, Sakhr Habash, Muhammad Habash) meet in Tunis; issue statement, objecting to Arafat’s attempts to involve Fateh in PA’s battles with Islamist opposition. (Al-Majd 11/28 in FBIS 12/2; CSM 12/7) (see 11/22)


3,000 rally in Jericho in support of Arafat, peace process. PA Preventative Security Forces (PSF) men. inc. Col. Jibril Rajub, get into fistfight with mbrs. of Arafat’s presidential guard over which group is allowed to carry arms at rally. (MM, NYT, WP 11/24; CSM 11/28)


24 NOVEMBER


25 NOVEMBER

Rabin aide says Rabin is willing to consider 3-day IDF withdrawal fr. West Bank so Palestinian elections may be held. (IDF Radio 11/25 in FBIS 11/25; MM 11/28)


26 NOVEMBER

20,000 Hamas, Islamic Jihad supporters rally in Gaza on 1st anniversary of ‘Imad ‘Aql killing by IDF; call for dialogue with PA, end to intra-Palestinian fighting. (AFP, QY, VOP 11/26 in FBIS 11/28; NYT, WT 11/27; CSM, MM 11/28; MEI 12/2; JP 12/3)

Fateh, PFLP, DFLP, FIDA, Palestinian People’s Party sign agmt. to contain Gaza incidents, prevent their recurrence. (VOP 11/26 in FBIS 11/29)

27 NOVEMBER


IDF, PA oppose Rabin’s suggestion for 3-day pullout during Palestinian elections. IDF says temporary withdrawal would pose security risk; PA says it violates DOP.
(**MM 11/28; [Ma'ariv, QY 11/27 in FBIS 11/28] (see 11/25)**)  

**PA Finance Min.** says it has hired 176 employees in anticipation of transfer of taxation 12/1. Offices will be opened in Ramallah, Nablus, Hebron, Jenin, Tulkarm, Qalqiliyya; each will have 2 divisions, VAT and income tax. (PR 11/27)  

**Rabbi killed, soldier wounded in West Bank shooting. Hamas claims responsibility.** (QPAR, QY 11/27 in FBIS 11/28; CSM, MM, NYT, WP, WT 11/28; WJW 12/1; MEI 12/2; PR 12/4; JP 12/10)

**28 NOVEMBER**

**Israeli FM Peres, Arafat meet on sidelines of European Union (EU) mtg. in Brussels to discuss elections, self-rule; urge donor countries to transfer aid.** (QY 11/28, 11/29 in FBIS 11/29; MM, NYT 11/29; PR 12/4)  


**EU lifts 8-yr. arms embargo on Syria, grants PA $12 m. for new housing. Israeli FM Peres criticizes move, says it should only be done after Syria signs agmt. with Israel.** (MM 11/28; RJ, QY 11/28 in FBIS 11/28; NYT, WT 11/29; SARR 11/29 in FBIS 11/29; IDF Radio 11/30 in FBIS 12/1; MM 12/6; JP 12/10; MEI 12/16)  

**Reports say that 300-400 Hamas supporters have been arrested by IDF in the West Bank since Tel Aviv bus bombing 10/19. Most have been questioned and released.** (Ma'ariv 11/28 in FBIS 11/29; MM 11/30)

**29 NOVEMBER**

2-day mtg. of donor countries begins in Brussels. **World Bank** grants PA $58 m., tells Arafat only $240 m. of $700 m. promised by donors is likely to arrive this yr.; cites donors' desire to finance prestige projects, not day-to-day needs, delays in implementing autonomy, lack of guarantees fr. Arafat. Donors ask Israel to ease restrictions on Palestinian workers. (MM 11/29; La Une Radio, Brussels 11/29, QY 11/30, VOP 11/30 in FBIS 12/1; WT 11/30; NYT, WP 12/1; Le Soir 12/1 in FBIS 12/2; PR 12/4)

**PM Rabin** says he will ask for Palestinian elections without Israeli withdrawal fr. West Bank towns during upcoming talks in Cairo; seeks to separate Israelis fr. Palestinians but will not remove settlements now; wants to create jobs in West Bank to keep Palestinian workers out of Israel. (WT 11/30; NYT 12/5)

**Islamic Conference Organization (ICO) issues statement expressing solidarity with Palestinians, supporting peace process.** (SPA, Riyadh 11/29 in FBIS 11/29)  

**Israeli FM Dir. Gen. Uri Savir says Israel will no longer block imports of materials to, impede economic development in, Gaza.** (NYT 12/11)

**30 NOVEMBER**

**Donor countries promise to release $125 m. of promised aid to PA immediately to help self-rule transition. Arafat says money will go to improving Gaza slums.** (VOP 11/30 in FBIS 12/1; CSM, MM, WP, WT 12/1; Le Soir 12/1 in FBIS 12/2; JP 12/3; WJW 12/8; MEI 12/16)  

**Labor MK Ori Orr suggests Israel postpone troop withdrawal fr. West Bank but uproot some settlements ahead of schedule. Similar statements made separately by Environmental M Sarid. Comments widely thought to be “trial balloons” sent up by Rabin government.** (JP, QY 11/30 in MM 11/30; MM 12/2)  

**Israel, Palestinians, donor countries sign “memorandum of understanding” outlining PA's needs for next 4 mos., issues of taxation, Israeli aid, contributions fr. donor countries.** (QY 11/30 in FBIS 12/1)  

**Joint Jordanian-Israeli borders comm. ends 2nd 2-day round of talks in Aqaba. Each side delegates 3 teams to carry out primary delineation of border, to be completed 12/6.** (PETRA 11/30 in FBIS 12/1)  

**Joint Jordanian-Israeli comm. on treaty implementation creates 2 subcommittees comprising representatives fr. armed forces and Mins. of Interior, Agriculture, Water, respectively, to implement Jordanian law in al-Ghamar, Baqurah areas by 1/95, in keeping with Jordan-Israel treaty annexes.** (PETRA 11/30 in FBIS 12/1)  

**ITV reports Israeli Amb. Itamar Rabinovitch, Syrian Amb. Walid Mu'allim recently held talks in Washington on secur-
ity arrangements in which senior army officers fr. both sides participated; some progress was made. (ITV 11/30, HA 12/1 in FBIS 12/1)

IDF soldier is axed to death by Palestinian in Afulã, northern Israel; IDF arrests 40 Hamas mbrs. in West Bank. (IDF Radio 11/30 in FBIS 12/1; MM, NYT, WP, WT 12/1; PR 12/4; WJW 12/8; JP 12/10)

1 DECEMBER

Israel hands over responsibility for taxation, health in West Bank to PA, completing 1st phase of expanded self-rule beyond Gaza-Jericho. (MM 11/30; IDF Radio 12/1 in FBIS 12/2; NYT 12/2; WJW 12/8; JP 12/10)

U.S. State Dept. issues 6-mo. compliance report on PA rule, is generally supportive, says PA rule is improving. (MM 12/19; NYT 12/3; WJW 12/8; MEI 12/16) (see Doc. C2)

Egyptian Pres. Mubarak arrives in Damascus to brief Pres. al-Asad on his trip to Europe, talks with EU leaders on peace process. Following mtg., al-Asad says if Syria is to choose b/w status quo, meeting Israeli demands, he would prefer status quo to peace. (MENA, SARR 12/1 in FBIS 12/1; RMC, SARR, SATN 12/1 in FBIS 12/2; MM 12/5) (see Doc. B1)

2 DECEMBER

HA leaks Israeli FMin. memo on how Israel should deal with new Republican turnover in U.S. Congress. Memo urges AIPAC to overhaul its organization to lobby more effectively. (MEI 12/2, 12/16)

Arafat forms tripartite comm. (Fateh, Hamas, PA) to calm tensions following 11/18 violence. Islamic Jihad is angered that it is not included. (ShA 12/6 in FBIS 12/9)

3 DECEMBER

Arafat's advisor Faisal Husseini, Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan meet in Amman for talks on Jerusalem, reportedly clear way for Arafat visit to Amman. (WT 12/4; RMC 12/2, RJ 12/3, VOP 12/3, 12/4, Al-Dustur 12/4 in FBIS 12/5)

Arafat names PA Culture M 'Abid Rabbu new head of delegation to elections talks in Cairo, replacing Mahmud 'Abbas ("Abu Mazin") who is protesting Arafat's handling of PA. (ShA 12/5 in FBIS 12/6)

Ban placed on 4 newspapers by PA 11/28 is lifted. (NYT, PR 12/4)

4 DECEMBER

Israeli cabinet debates possible changes to basic agmts. outlined in DOP during next stage of Palestinian self-rule; many Ms oppose withdrawal of troops, fearing inability to protect settlers. (NYT, WP 12/5)

CIA chief James Woolsey arrives in Israel to brief PM Rabin on Iranian, North Korean nuclear capability. (HA 12/22 in FBIS 12/23)

Arafat meets with U.S. Consul General Edward Abington, discusses peace talks, gives him letter for Pres. Clinton. (VOP 12/4 in FBIS 12/5)

5 DECEMBER

Israeli-Palestinian joint comm. for commodities and transportation crossings concludes 3d mtg. at Erez checkpoint. Progress noted on customs, security, transportation of goods. Agree PA will be responsible for construction of Gaza port, donor countries will provide financing. (QY 12/5 in FBIS 12/6)

Multilateral Working Group on Economic Development holds follow-up mtg. in Cairo. Representatives fr. Egypt, Jordan, Israel, EU, Japan, U.S., France, the PA agree to form 3 regional councils on finance, trade, tourism to strengthen regional cooperation. (MENA 12/7 in FBIS 12/8)

Egyptian FM Musa meets with Israeli FM Peres in Budapest during Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), briefs him on Mubarak's talks with al-Asad 12/1. (QY 12/5 in FBIS 12/5)

Pres. Clinton telephones Pres. al-Asad to discuss peace process, Secy. of State Warren Christopher's upcoming trip to region. Later, meets Israeli FM Peres in Budapest, says he does not have good news fr. Syria. (MM 12/5; SARR 12/5 in FBIS 12/6)

FM's of Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Morocco, Tunisia hold "mini-summit" at CSCE conference; agree to form regional security organization similar to CSCE that would meet biannually in Vienna on FM level. (HA 12/6 in FBIS 12/7)
Gen. John Shalikashvili, chmn. of Joint Chiefs of Staff, arrives in Israel for mtg. at Israeli DMin. on possible security arrangements for Golan. (MM, WT 12/6; MM 12/7)

Maj. Gen. Danny Rothschild resigns as Israeli negotiator to talks on elections, is replaced by Brig. Gen. Gadi Zohar. (AFP 12/5 in FBIS 12/5; WT 12/6; JP 12/17) (see 12/3)

Israel grants citizenship to 618 collaborators and their families. (Ma’ariv 12/5 in FBIS 12/7)

6 DECEMBER

U.S. Secy. of State Christopher arrives in Damascus; gives Pres. al-Assad proposal fr. PM Rabin. (see 11/21). Heads to Tel Aviv, briefs PM Rabin on talks with Pres. al-Assad, says Israel cannot be expected to withdraw troops fr. West Bank until Palestinian attacks on Israelis end. (see 12/1) (MM 12/6; ITV, QY, SARR 12/6 in FBIS 12/6; SARR, SATN 12/6 in FBIS 12/7; MM, NYT, WT 12/7; MEI 12/16) (see 11/21)

Israel, PA meet in Cairo for discussions on implementing self-rule. PA negotiator Planning M Shaath accuses Israel of trying to renege on promises to withdraw troops. (MM, WT 12/6; VOP 12/6 in FBIS 12/6; IDF Radio, MENA 12/6 in FBIS 12/7; NYT 12/7; VOP 12/7 in FBIS 12/8)

PM Rabin approves another 5,000 work permits for Palestinians. (MM 12/6)

Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu meets with King Hussein, Crown Prince Hassan in Amman, stresses Likud no longer believes Jordan is Palestine; discusses ways to combat terrorism, increase economic ties. (JTV 12/6 in FBIS 12/7; MM 12/7; ITV 12/6 in FBIS 12/8; JP 12/17)

Russia, PA sign protocol on security operations in Moscow, stating Russia will give security training to PA recruits. (Al-Quds 12/7 in FBIS 12/9)

5 Fatah mbrs. are wounded in shootout btwn. rival Fatah factions, one headed by Col. Rajub, head of PSF in West Bank. (QY 12/6 in FBIS 12/7)

1 IDF soldier killed, 1 wounded when bomb explodes nr. their post in southern Lebanon. IDF, SLA shell Hizbullah positions in response. (RL 12/6 in FBIS 12/7; WP, WT 12/7; MEI 1/20)

7 DECEMBER

1st round of talks on interim arrangement btw. Israel, PA ends in Cairo. Sides agree Israel should hand PA control of “packages” of offices in West Bank as funds become available to PA, even before interim stage is completed. 1st to be transferred will be 33 Civil Administration offices. (MENA, QY, VOP 12/7 in FBIS 12/8; HA 12/8 in FBIS 12/9)

Israeli, PA negotiators meet at Erez checkpoint to discuss building port in Gaza. Israeli demands PA present detailed plans for construction at mtg. 12/17. PA says port will cost $60 m.; France, Holland have agreed to help fund construction. (QY 12/7 in FBIS 12/8; PR 12/11)

U.S. Secy. of State Christopher holds separate talks with Israeli FM Peres, Arafat, briefs them on his mtg. with Syrian Pres. al-Assad. Says he won assurances fr. Peres that Israel would not renege on agmts. made in the DOP. (IDF Radio, RMC, VOP 12/7 in FBIS 12/8; NYT, WP, WT 12/8; MEI 12/16)

Joint Jordanian-Israeli comm. on treaty implementation meets in Amman to discuss duties, dates of mtgs. of various committees. (JTV, R 12/7 in FBIS 12/8)

High-level Jordanian-Palestinian talks are held in Amman in preparation for mtg. of 4-party comm. on repatriation of displaced Palestinians. Parties agree DOP, Human Rights Charter, UN Res. 237 will be legal framework for talks; agree on definition of “displaced Palestinians.” (Al-Dustur 12/7 in FBIS 12/7; Al-Awsaq 12/8 in FBIS 12/9)

Cooperative agmt. btw. Histadrut, Palestinian trade unionists, negotiated for months, collapses in Brussels when Palestinian delegates insist on last-minute inclusion of clause calling for Histadrut to support creation of Palestinian state, division of Jerusalem. (QY 12/7 in FBIS 12/8; Al-Hamishmar 12/13 in FBIS 12/21)

8 DECEMBER

Arafat, FM Peres meet at Erez checkpoint to discuss elections, troop withdrawal, implementation of DOP. Both say mtg. was constructive. (QY 12/8 in FBIS 12/8)

Israeli government releases vaguely worded statement saying it will uphold the DOP, but Israeli cabinet remains di-
provided on troop withdrawal. (QY 12/8 in FBIS 12/9; MM, NYT, WP 12/9; JP 12/17)

Jordanian FMin. initiates contacts with Syrian government in hopes of easing tensions following signing of Jordan-Israel peace treaty. (Al-Akhbar Al-Usbu’ 12/8 in FBIS 12/8)

AIPAC announces it has restructured its operations to step up congressional lobbying out of fear new Republican majority wants to reduce aid to Israel. (WT 12/14; WJW 12/15) (see 12/2)

King Hussein asks M Ahmad ’Ubaydat, the only Senate mbr. to openly oppose the Jordan-Israel treaty and normalized relations with Israel, to resign. (JTV 12/8 in FBIS 12/8; CSM 12/22) (see 12/5)

1st issue of Hamas’s daily Al-Watan is issued in Gaza. (AFP, ITV 12/8 in FBIS 12/9; PR 12/18)

8 SLA soldiers killed in southern Lebanon when Hizbullah detonates bomb as SLA patrol passes. (MM 12/9; ITV, RL 12/9 in FBIS 12/9; MEI 1/20)

9 DECEMBER

PM Rabin, FM Peres, Arafat accept Nobel Prize in Oslo. 100s of Jews in Jerusalem, 1000s of Palestinians in Gaza protest. (MM 12/9; WP, WT 12/10; NYT, WP, WT 12/11; VOP 12/10, IGPO, QY 12/11 in FBIS 12/12; MM 12/12, 12/13; WJW 12/15; CSM, MEI 12/16; PR 12/18)

10 DECEMBER

U.S. Secy. of State Christopher returns fr. trip to Middle East; says Israel, Syria will resume talks soon in Washington, with participation of military advisors. Syria suspended talks 2/94. (MM 12/12)

Memo by 4 founding mbrs. of FIDA (Salih Ra’fat, Mamduh Nawfal, Jamil Hilal, ‘Alisahab Awdah) urging its PA representatives (Yasir ‘Abid Rabbu, ‘Azmi al-Shu’aybi) to resign wins support of party’s majority. Mbrs. agree to defer final decision on resignations until later date so leaders can decide how to proceed. (Al-Hayat 12/10 in FBIS 12/14)

11 DECEMBER

Israel, Jordan open embassies in Amman, Tel Aviv respectively. Crowds in Tel Aviv applaud; crowds in Amman protest. Ambs. to be exchanged in 6 wks. (JTV, QY, RJ, RMC 12/11 in FBIS 12/12; MM, NYT, WP 12/12; JP 12/17)

Arafat asks Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi to allow entry to 30 Palestinian families stranded on the Egyptian-Libyan border since early 11/94. The Palestinians, who have Libyan residency visas, traveled outside Libya but were denied permission to return. Libya says its policies on entry, reentry are an “internal affair.” Egypt also denies reentry to group, says it is pressuring Israel to allow families to go to Gaza. Israel refuses. (VOP 12/11 in FBIS 12/11; Al-Hayat 12/11 in FBIS 12/14) (see 9/7)

1st group of Syrian tourists visits Israel, primarily to see their families in Galilee. (ITV 12/13 in FBIS 12/14)

Hizbullah detonates bomb near IDF patrol in Marja’uyun, southern Lebanon, killing 1 soldier, wounding 7. IDF returns fire, killing 4 Hizbullah mbrs. (AFP, RL 12/11 in FBIS 12/12; MM, NYT, WP 12/12; MM 12/13; JP 12/17)

12 DECEMBER

PM Rabin, FM Peres, Arafat end 4 days of talks in Stockholm on elections, Israeli security. Rabin tells Arafat to choose btwn. early elections, no redeployment or protracted negotiations on both issues, delaying elections for 1 yr.; Arafat rejects both. Israel says it no longer rejects Hamas mbrs. participation in elections, only al-Qassam Brigade mbrs. (QY 12/11 in FBIS 12/12; CSM, MM 12/12; CSM, WT 12/13; HA 12/14 in FBIS 12/16; MEI 12/16; JP 12/16 in FBIS 12/19; JP 12/24)

Israeli Atty. Gen. orders Finance M to withhold transfer of Israeli funds to PA until law on implementation of Gaza-Jericho agmt. is enacted. PM Rabin fears delay may affect continuation of talks because large sums are involved. (QY 12/13 in FBIS 12/12) (see 11/23)

Joint Jordanian-Israeli transportation comm. meets at Dead Sea Hotel to discuss investment projects. (RJ 12/12 in FBIS 12/13; RJ 12/13 in FBIS 12/14)

Representatives fr. Israel, Jordan, Egypt, PA meet in Aqaba to discuss linking electricity grids. (JTV 12/12 in FBIS 12/13)

PA refuses Israeli request to extradite 2 Palestinian policemen who killed settler; says murder occurred before DOP was
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signed. (AFP 12/12 in FBIS 12/13; QY 1/1 in FBIS 1/4; WJW 1/5)

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**13 DECEMBER**

Joint Jordanian-Israeli commis. on security, borders, territories, environment, crime, drugs hold 1st “preparatory” mtgs. at Dead Sea Hotel to formulate outlines for meeting goals set out in Jordan-Israel treaty. (RFJ 12/13 in FBIS 12/14)

7th mtg. of Refugee Working Group opens in Ankara, Syria, Lebanon boycott. (AFP 12/14 in FBIS 12/15)

Jordan appeals to Syria to appoint amb. to the kingdom. Syria froze decision on new amb. after Jordan signed treaty with Israel 10/26. Syrian FMin. promises to “study the issue.” (Al-Bilad 12/14 in FBIS 12/13 [dates as printed])

ICO passes resolution on Jerusalem drafted 12/13. King Hussein leaves in protest before close of summit. (MM 12/16; PR 12/18)

IDF reservist is stabbed, wounded by Palestinian in Ramallah. (MENA 12/14 in FBIS 12/15; IDF Radio 12/15 in FBIS 12/16; NYT 12/15, 12/17; JP 12/24)

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**15 DECEMBER**


Joint Jordanian-Israeli economic comm. announces decision to create subcommittee on investment, industrial cooperation, monetary, banking issues; goal to reach free trade agmt., most favored nation status b/n 2 countries, based on NAFTA model. (JP 12/16 in FBIS 12/21)

Middle East Arms Control Group ends mtg. in Tunis. Next mtg. scheduled for 6/95. (HA 12/16 in FBIS 12/19)

Refugee Working Group ends mtg. in Ankara. (TRT Television 12/15 in FBIS 12/19)

U.S. Congressional Research Service reports Iran’s Amb. to Jordan Ahmad Dastmalchian might be funding Hamas, Islamic Jihad for Palestine. (MM 12/16; WT 12/19)

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**14 DECEMBER**

2 days of PA-Israeli talks on elections, redeployment, further implementation of Gaza-Jericho accord begin in Cairo. (QY 12/14 in FBIS 12/14; MENA 12/14 in FBIS 12/15; WT 12/15; MEI 12/16)


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**16 DECEMBER**

UNGA passes resolution on Israeli occupation of Golan calling for full withdrawal. Only Israel, U.S. vote against; 70 abstain. U.S. says resolution would only create another point of conflict in negotiations. Passes 2d resolution supporting peace process but omitting reference to UN Res. 425; Lebanon, Syria, Iran, Libya vote against. (MEI 12/16; SARR 12/17 in FBIS 12/19; MM 12/19)

Hamas representatives resign fr. tripartite reconciliation comm. established after 11/18 clashes, says Arafat is not serious
about discussions. (QY 12/16 in FBIS 12/19) (see 12/2)

30,000 Palestinians attend Hamas rallies in Gaza, West Bank to commemorate the 7th anniversary of the group’s founding. (Al-Hayat 12/16 in FBIS 12/19; NYT 12/17; PR 12/24)

17 DECEMBER

Palestinian policeman shoots, wounds IDF soldier at IDF’s Sufa checkpoint in Gaza. PA says he will be discharged, “severely punished.” (QY 12/18 in FBIS 12/20; JP 12/31)

Maj. Gen ‘Abd al-Razzaq al-Majajidah, mbr. of PSF in Gaza, confirms total number of Palestinian policemen is around 12,000–3,000 more than stipulated in DOP. Explains increase is in preparation for Israeli redeployment. (QY 12/18 in FBIS 12/20)

Syrian VP ‘Abd al-Halim Khaddam says armed resistance against Israel is legitimate, should continue until Israel withdraws fr. all lands it occupies; rejects calls to curb Palestinian rejectionist groups. (WT 12/18)

18 DECEMBER

Israeli-PA security comm. holds emergency mtg. to discuss shooting incident 12/17. Israeli says incident raises doubts about feasibility of trusting Palestinian policemen to work with IDF soldiers, border police. (QY 12/20 in FBIS 12/20)

Iranian embassy in Amman denies U.S. congressional reports that it is funding Hamas, Islamic Jihad. Jordan says it has put Iranian officials under security watch. (WT 12/19) (see 12/15)

19 DECEMBER

Syrian, Israeli negotiators meet in Washington; U.S. Special Middle East Coordinator Dennis Ross observes. (MM 12/20; QY 12/20 in FBIS 12/20)

Likud leader Netanyahu says Israeli army officials already met secretly with Syrian Amb. Mu’allim, U.S. coordinator Ross in Washington this month. FM Peres does not deny mtg. took place. (MM 12/19; WT 12/20; MENA 12/21 in FBIS 12/22) (see 11/30)

Arafat asks French FMin. to transport 2,000 Fateh cadres fr. camps in Sidon and Tyre, Lebanon, to Gaza to bolster police force, help contain Islamist opposition. (Al-Majd 12/19 in FBIS 12/20; Al-Ra’y 12/30 in FBIS 12/30; AFP 1/4, RL 1/5 in FBIS 1/5; MM 1/6)

Israeli Pres. Ezer Weizman arrives in Cairo for 3 days of talks with Pres. Mubarak. Weizman says UN Res. 242 must be applied to Jerusalem “so that part of it would remain Arab.” (MM 12/19; MENA 12/19 in FBIS 12/20; MM 12/20, 12/21; MENA 12/20, QY 12/21 in FBIS 12/21)

PFLP-GC says it is reducing its military, organizational cadres by 30% and stopping payments to families of martyrs and wounded because of financial problems. (Al-Muharrir 12/19 in FBIS 12/19; Shishan 1/27)

2 IDF soldiers, 1 Hizballah mbr., 1 Palestinian Islamic Revolutionary Army mbr. killed in clashes in southern Lebanon. IDF shells villages north of self-declared “security zone,” wounding 1 civilian. (RL 12/19 in FBIS 12/20; MM 12/20, 12/21; QY 12/19 in FBIS 12/22; NYT 12/20)

20 DECEMBER

FM Peres says Israel should establish ties with as many Arab League states as possible, with goal of eventually joining league, making it the Middle East League; says he has discussed issue with Arab League Secy. Gen. Ismat ‘Abd al-Majid. (HA 12/21 in FBIS 12/22; PR 12/24; MM 1/4)

Arafat says he will appoint comm. to set up agency to supervise banks inside autonomous area; appoints Amin Haddad, an economic expert in Finance Min., as supervisor of comm. (Al-Quds 12/20 in FBIS 12/21)

FM Peres criticizes ad campaign in U.S. papers by “Coalition Against U.S. Troops on the Golan Heights” that suggests U.S. troops would be primary target of terrorists; says ads cause undue worry to Americans, will hurt tourism to Israel. (IGPO 12/20 in FBIS 12/21; QY 12/23 in FBIS 12/23; FT 12/27)

IDF Chief of Staff Baraq authorizes Jordan Valley settlers to till 13,000 dunums of land along Jordan River, says land was previously left untilled because there was
no peace with Jordan. (QY 12/20 in FBIS 12/21)

21 DECEMBER

FM Peres, Arafat meet to discuss PA plan for elections. (MM 12/21; ITV, QY, VOP 12/21, VOP 12/22 in FBIS 12/22; WT 12/22)

PM Rabin’s office announces it will prevent an economic comm. workshop planned by PECDAF fr. being held in East Jerusalem, says PA is trying to create facts. (QY 12/21 in FBIS 12/21; PR 12/24)

PA begins issuing license plates for Palestinian vehicles. Cars with new plates are not yet allowed to cross into Israel, Egypt, Jordan. (PR 12/24)

Car bomb explodes in Beirut, killing 3 (incl. 1 high-ranking mbr. of Hizballah), wounding 11. Hizballah, Lebanese PM Hariri blame Israel. (RL 12/21 in FBIS 12/22; NYT, WP, WT 12/22; RL 12/22 in FBIS 12/23; MEI 1/6)

Palestinian is shot dead in Tulkarm, West Bank. Kach takes responsibility. (IDF Radio 12/21 in FBIS 12/22)

Grand Mufti of Saudi Arabia Shaykh ‘Abd al-Aziz Bin Baz issues fatwa saying it is permissible for Muslims to make permanent peace with Israel as long as it serves Islam, hence it would be sinful for anyone to oppose Saudi Arabia’s steps toward normalized relations with Israel. (Al-Sha'b 12/25 in FBIS 1/9; NYT 1/31; MM 2/14)

22 DECEMBER

1st official Syrian-Israeli talks since suspension of negotiations 2/94 begin in Washington; are expanded to include military chiefs of staff fr. both sides in hopes of giving momentum to negotiations on the Golan. Israel sends military secy. Maj. Gen. Dani Yatom, IDF Chief of Staff Baraq; Syria sends Lt. Gen Hikmat al-Shishabi. (Ma'ariv 12/21, QY 12/22 in FBIS 12/22; QY 12/22, Ma'ariv 12/23 in FBIS 12/23; WP 12/23; NYT 12/24; WT 12/25; SARR 12/25 in FBIS 12/27; WT 12/26; NYT 12/31; MEI 1/6) (see 12/19)

Arafat cancels Fateh Central Comm. mtg. in Tunis at last minute, reportedly after learning he might be asked to waive some of his powers, incorporate opposition into PA. (ITY 12/22 in FBIS 12/23; PR 12/24; MEI 1/20)

Arne Christianson, AIPAC legislative director and top congressional lobbyist, announces he will leave AIPAC to become senior policy adviser to incoming House speaker Newt Gingrich. He will deal with budget, appropriations issues. Brad Gordon, current director of the House subcommittee on international operations, will replace Christianson at AIPAC. (WT 12/23: WJW 12/29)

2 IDF soldiers killed, 7 wounded when Hizballah attacks IDF post in southern Lebanon in retaliation for car bombing 12/21. (NYT, WP, WT 12/24; JP 12/31)

Palestinians, Israeli Peace Now activists begin sit-in to protest construction of 500 apartments in Efrat settlement in West Bank, nr. Jerusalem. (QY 12/22 in FBIS 12/22; PR 12/24; WT 12/31)

PM Rabin denies Israel is responsible for car bomb detonated in Beirut 12/21. (ITY 12/22 in FBIS 12/23)

23 DECEMBER


Hizballah shells IDF, SLA positions in southern Lebanon. 2 Lebanese policemen are killed when Israeli helicopter gunship fires guided missile at their jeep. (QY, RL 12/23 in FBIS 12/23; NYT, WP, WT 11/24; MEI 1/6)

24 DECEMBER


PA Planning M Shaath, Israeli Police M Shahal meet in Haifa, agree to visit Palestinian detainees together. Shaath says he has also suggested to FM Peres that Israel form a dept. for Palestinian affairs in FMin., says Peres welcomed suggestion. (QY 12/24 in FBIS 12/29)

PA Social Affairs M Intisar al-Wazir estimates unemployment in Gaza to be 58%, in West Bank 32%. (PR 12/24)
25 DECEMBER

Israeli-Syrian talks in Washington end without progress. Syria criticizes Israeli proposals for IDF observation points in Golan, reduction in Syrian army, large demilitarized zone on Syrian side of border as conditions for withdrawal. Israel says it will not commit to how far it withdraws fr. Golan until Syria normalizes relations. Sides agree to establish military working group to discuss security rather than have chiefs of staff attend talks. (SARR 12/25, 12/27 in FBIS 12/27; WT 12/26; Al-Ittihad 12/30 in FBIS 1/9; Ma'ariv 1/25 in FBIS 1/26) (see 12/2)

26 DECEMBER

Israeli parliament passes law by vote of 56 to 6 (with 32 abstentions), banning official Palestinian activities in Jerusalem that could close Orient House in Jerusalem, PLO's de facto FMin. (IDF Radio 12/26 in FBIS 12/27; ShA 12/27 in FBIS 12/29; WT 12/28; IGPO 1/4 in FBIS 1/6; MEI 1/6; JP 1/7) (see Doc. B1)

PM Rabin secretly flies to Oman at invitation of Sultan Qabus, making 1st official visit by Israeli leader. (AFP, QY 12/26 in FBIS 12/27; NYT 12/28)

Israeli Amb. to the UN Gad Ya'aqobi says possibility of stationing military forces, observers in Golan within framework of peace agmt. btwn. Israel, Syria has been discussed in closed-door meetings at UN, informally btwn. UN representatives. (QY 12/26 in FBIS 12/27)

Outgoing IDF Chief of Staff Baraq claims IDF is running successful secret operations against Hizballah "very far beyond" the self-declared security zone, in northern Lebanon, hence there is no need to expand zone. (IDF Radio 12/26 in FBIS 12/27)

Israeli West Bank Civil Administration declares disputed territory nr. Efrat state land, orders Arabs to evacuate. (IDF Radio 12/26 in FBIS 12/27) (see 12/24)

27 DECEMBER

PM Rabin returns fr. Oman; says he discussed bilateral issues, possible agricultural assistance to Oman. Omani Information Min. says visit was meant to demonstrate Oman's support of peace process. Rabin phones King Hussein to brief him on the trip. (WP 12/27; QY 12/27 in FBIS 12/27; JT 12/28 in FBIS 12/28; NYT 12/28)

Joint Jordanian-Israeli transportation comm. meets in Tiberias, agrees to reach accord by end of 1/95. Joint borders comm. meets in Tiberias to begin demarcation of border. (RJ 12/27 in FBIS 12/28)

200 Palestinians, led by PA Local Government M Saeb Erakat, mbrs. of Peace Now, stage protest at Efrat settlement. 10s soldiers surround, beat, detain 50 protesters, disperse rest. PM Rabin, FM Peres asks for review of expansion project, will consider halting it. (QY 12/27 in FBIS 12/27; ITV 12/27, Ma'ariv 12/28 in FBIS 12/28; NYT, WT 12/28) (see 12/26)

28 DECEMBER

Arafat announces appointment of Fu'ad Hamdi Busaysu as governor of Palestinian Monetary Authority. The monetary authority will function as central bank, oversee all banks in autonomous areas. (Al-Dustur 12/28 in FBIS 12/28) (see 12/20)

Palestinians present draft of local government law covering council elections to Arafat, PA, bar association. Law would divide territories into regions; each area with 1,000+ people would be a municipality; each municipality would have a council, headed by a mayor to coordinate btwn. town, central government. Municipal elections would be held every 4 yrs. following general elections. Until then, PA is negotiating with opposition to form 16 temporary municipal councils. (QY 12/28 in FBIS 12/28)

Jordanian-Israeli joint comm. on water, health, energy, telecommunications, economics meet. (RJ 12/27 in FBIS 12/28)

Los Angeles Times reports Israel has given China information on U.S. military technology to help in joint Israeli-Chinese development of a fighter jet. (JP, QY 12/29 in FBIS 12/29)

Lebanese army says it has detailed information proving Israel is responsible for Beirut bombing 12/21; names Ahmad Hallaq—Lebanese recruited by Mossad, trained in Israel—as bomber; says 4 accomplices, incl. Hallaq's wife, have been arrested, confessed. (AFP 12/27 in FBIS 12/28; VOL 11/28 in FBIS 11/29; WP 12/29; RL 12/30 in FBIS 1/3; WT 1/11)
Israel says it is returning to Egypt 800 cartons of artifacts taken by the Israel Antiquity Authority during the 15-yr. occupation of the Sinai. These are the last of the artifacts Israeli promised to return under the 1979 peace accord. (NYT 12/29; MENA 12/30 in FBIS 1/6)

Al-Ahram poll of Egyptians shows that, after 15 yrs. of peace with Israel, 71% would not buy Israeli goods; 75% would disapprove of Israeli factories in Egypt; 63% would not visit Israel; 53% would not like Israelis to visit Egypt. (JP 1/7)

1 killed, 1 wounded in clashes btwn Fateh, PFLP in 'Ayn Hilwa camp in southern Lebanon. (RL 12/28 in FBIS 12/28; VOL 12/28 in FBIS 11/29)

29 DECEMBER

Egypt's Mubarak, Syria's al-Asad, Saudi Arabia's King Fahd end 2-day summit in Alexandria, Egypt, endorse Syria's position in talks with Israel. Say peace in Middle East must be based on UN resolutions, encourage united Arab stand on negotiations. Israel criticizes Egypt, Saudi Arabia, saying their support will allow Syria to harden stance, making negotiations more difficult. (AFP, IDF Radio, RE, RMC 12/28, AFP, MENA, QY 12/29 in FBIS 12/29; WT 12/29; MENA, RE, SARR, SATN, VOL 12/29 in FBIS 12/30; CSM, WP 12/30; MENA, RJ, SARR 12/31, SARR 1/1 in FBIS 1/3; MM 1/3; MENA 1/3 in FBIS 1/4; MM 1/5; CSM, MEI 1/6; JP 1/7) (see Doc. A2)

30 DECEMBER

Senior U.S. officials say Syria, Israel have held about 24 secret, high-level mtgs. in Washington over past 6 mos. in attempt to break their deadlock, but have failed to narrow differences. (NYT 12/31) (see 11/30, 12/19)

100s of Palestinians, Peace Now mbns. continue protest at Efrat; IDF declares area "closed military zone"; settlers storm military perimeter, IDF fires tear gas. 11 Palestinians, 1 Peace Now mbr., 6 soldiers injured; 25 (mostly fr. Peace Now) arrested. (QY, VOP 12/30 in FBIS 1/3; NYT, WP, WT 12/31; WP 1/3) (see 12/27)

31 DECEMBER

Arafat's cabinet threatens to suspend negotiations with Israel if settlement activity continues in the West Bank. (WT 12/31; MEI 1/6) (see 12/30)

Jewish Agency reports that 75,221 new immigrants have come to Israel since beginning of yr.—66,000 fr. frmr. Soviet Union. Expect numbers to reach 78,000 when final count is done. (JP 12/31)

1,000 Palestinians in West Bank plus 10,000 led by Arafat in Gaza march to celebrate Fateh's 30th anniversary. (WP 1/1)

1 JANUARY

Maj. Gen. Baraq steps down as IDF Chief of Staff, is replaced by Lt. Gen. Amnon Shahak. Baraq will become a special advisor to PM Rabin. (QY 1/1, Davar 1/2 in FBIS 1/4; JP 1/7)

2 JANUARY

IDF soldiers shoot, kill 4 Palestinian policemen after crossing into Gaza nr. Erez checkpoint, searching for Palestinians who had fired on their patrol. (QY, VOP 1/3 in FBIS 1/3; MM, WP, WT 1/3; FT, WP 1/4; CSM, MEI 1/6; JP 1/14)

PM Rabin halts construction at Efrat but allows settlers to build 500 units at site closer to center of Efrat. PA denounces decision. (QY, Yediot Aharonot 1/1, ITV, QY, VOP 1/2, QY 1/3 in FBIS 1/3; MM, NYT, WP, WT 1/3; CSM 1/4; WJW 1/5; CSN 1/6; JP 1/14) (see 12/31)

Hamas, West Bank Fateh Higher Comm. call on PA to suspend negotiations with Israel as protest over Israeli settlement activity. (Al-Manar, Al-Quds 1/2 in FBIS 1/5)

Israeli military court convicts Muhammad Salah, Arab American arrested by Israelis 1/31/93, of channeling funds to Hamas, sentences him to 5 yrs. in prison. (QY 1/3 in FBIS 1/3; WP 1/4)

IDF kills 3 Palestinians, wounds 1 in 2 clashes in West Bank; accuses victims of being pro-Hamas. (WP, WT 1/3; NYT 1/5)
3 JANUARY

Israeli-PA Supreme Liaison Comm. meets in Cairo, makes no progress but agrees to 2 mtgs. b/w PM Rabin, Arafat in coming wks. Each side presents list of other side’s DOP violations. PA Planning M Shaath threatens to quit as negotiator unless Israel moves forward on releases of Palestinian prisoners. (MM 1/3; HA, MENA 1/3 in FBIS 1/4; CSM, MM 1/4; VOP 1/4 in FBIS 1/5; VOP 1/5 in FBIS 1/6; CSM 1/6)

Egyptian FM Musa meets with Israeli FM Peres on sidelines of Supreme Liaison Comm. mtg. to discuss peace talks, settlements; hosts luncheon for Peres and Shaath. (IDF Radio, MENA 1/3 in FBIS 1/3; MM 1/4; QY 1/3 in FBIS 1/5)

Egyptian Pres. Mubarak, Israeli FM Peres meet to discuss negotiations. Peres says both agreed to eliminate all trade, tourism restrictions b/w the 2 countries. (RE 1/3 in FBIS 1/4; QY 1/4 in FBIS 1/5; MM 1/5)

IDF claims Palestinian policemen involved in clash with IDF 1/2 were really Hamas mbrs. who had joined police force with intent of attacking Israelis inside Israel. (IDF Radio, QY 1/3 in FBIS 1/3; MM 1/4; QY 1/5 in FBIS 1/5)

Head of IDF planning branch, Maj. Gen. Uzi Dayan, suggests Israel will make preemptive strike on Iran to halt its nuclear program if it is found to pose a threat. (MM 1/4, 1/10, 1/11)

1,000s of Palestinians rally against Israel at funeral for policemen killed by IDF 1/2. (MM 1/3; WP 1/4)

Poll of Americans conducted by Luntz Research shows 34% strongly opposed to U.S. deployment in Golan; 24% opposed; 35% favor; 11% strongly favor. 44% of those in favor would change their minds if troops could be target of terrorists. (WT 1/10)

drawal fr. Golan in talks with Syria. (MM 1/5; JP 1/5 in FBIS 1/6; JP 1/14)

Egypt, Jordan, Israel hold 1st tripartite mtg. on regional security in Elat to discuss prevention of cross-border infiltrations. (Ma'ariv 1/11 in FBIS 1/12)

Israeli Housing Min. Dir. Gen. Arye Mizrahi approves expansion of Ma'ale Adumin settlement toward Jerusalem, increase in number of houses fr. 5,000 to 18,000, movement of IDF roadblock marking Green Line so settlement would fall inside Green Line; says decision does not violate any agents, because government already considers the settlement part of central Israel. (Yediot Aharonot 1/5 in FBIS 1/5)

Lebanese FM Buwayz says idea for sending Palestinian refugees fr. Lebanon to Gaza, Jericho to serve as policemen has been debated for past 3 mos.; says Interior M Michel al-Murr drafted motion after 11/25 events, inviting PA to recruit policemen fr. camps, agreeing to send recruits with any light armor they possess as way of getting armed Palestinians out of country. (AFP 1/4, RL 1/5 in FBIS 1/5; MM 1/6) (see 12/19)

U.S. State Dept. confirms it is conducting investigation into reports Israel illegally sold China military technology. (WP, WT 1/5; HA 1/5 in FBIS 1/5; CSM 1/6; MEI 1/20) (see 12/28)

Israeli undercover agents kill 4 Palestinian supporters of PFLP in West Bank, nr. Ramallah; 1 agent wounded. Israel says men were wanted in attacks on collaborators. (QY 1/4 in FBIS 1/5; MM, NYT, WP, WT 1/5; WJW 1/12)

5 JANUARY

Arab League convenes emergency session to discuss Israeli settlement issue in light of Efrat deal, issues statement condemning Israel for violating UN resolutions by expanding, entrenching its settlements in o.t. (RE 1/5 in FBIS 1/9)

Jordanian PM Abdul Salam al-Majali resigns; Sharif Zaid Bin Shakir returns as PM. (MM 1/5; JT, RJ 1/5 in FBIS 1/5; JTV 1/5 in FBIS 1/6; MEI, NYT, WT 1/6)

Egypt FM. names Mahmud Karim representative to the PA, says Egypt will open legation in Gaza within wk., to facilitate travel of Palestinians fr. Gaza to Egypt. (MENA 1/5 in FBIS 1/6)

IDF Central Command Cmdr. Biran says IDF has arrested over 1,000 Palestini-
7 JANUARY

PA Transportation M 'Abd al-'Aziz al-Haj Ahmad says Palestinian-Israeli Supreme Liaison Comm. has agreed to allow vehicles with Palestinian license plates to enter Israel as of 1/8, provided individuals have permission to cross Green Line. (VOP 1/7 in FBIS 1/10)

8 JANUARY

Russia agrees to $800 m. deal to complete work on Iranian nuclear power plant, raising criticism fr. Israel. U.S. (WP 1/9; ITV 1/9 in FBIS 1/10)

U.S. Defense Secy. William Perry arrives in Israel for 2-day visit; meets with PM Rabin. FM Peres; discusses China issue (see 1/4). Says Middle East should curb spread of atomic, nuclear weapons; Israel should join NPT; Iran could become nuclear power in 15 yrs. (WP 1/8; MENA 1/8 in FBIS 1/9; ITV 1/9 in FBIS 1/10; MM 1/9, 1/10; JP 1/14; MEI 1/20)

Jordan's newly-appointed PM Bin Shakir announces new government designed "to strengthen the foundations of peace." 3 of 31 mbrs. are Palestinian-Jordanians; none are leftists or mbrs. of Islamic Action Front, the 2 groups opposed to treaty with Israel. (ITV 1/8, JT 1/9 in FBIS 1/9; Jordan Information Bureau, MM 1/9; WJW 1/19; MEI 1/20)

9 JANUARY

Arafat, PM Rabin meet at Erez checkpoint; agree on recognition of Palestinian passports, release of prisoners, routes linking autonomous areas. Men over 50, women over 35 will begin using safe-passage routes. (MM 1/9; AFP, QY, VOP 1/9 in FBIS 1/9; QY 1/9 in FBIS 1/10; NYT, WP, WT 1/10; CSM 1/12; PR 1/15; MEI 2/3) (see 1/6)

Israel-Palestine talks on procedures and mechanisms for elections, expanding self-rule reopen in Cairo. Parties defer discussion on redeployment, review events of previous 8 mtgs. (MM 1/9; MENA 1/9 in FBIS 1/9; CSM, NYT, WP, WT 1/10; RE 1/9, MENA 1/9 in FBIS 1/10; MENA 1/10 in FBIS 1/11)

U.S. Defense Secy. Perry receives briefing on Golan fr. IDF, say U.S. anticipates being asked to provide monitors for the area (as opposed to security forces). (MM 1/9; AFP, JP, QY 1/9 in FBIS 1/9; ITV 1/9

6 JANUARY

PA Culture M 'Abid Rabbu tells Arab Journalists Association (AJA) pres. Na'im Toubassi PA will begin issuing press cards to qualified journalists. (Jerusalem Times 1/6 in FBIS 1/9)

Mtg. of all Arab FM's in Tunis ends. Parties recommend countries donate funds on bilateral basis, turn down PA request to recognize validity of Palestinian passports, fail to reach agmt. on aid for Palestinian police. PA delegation angered. (MM 1/6)

Jerusalem district director for Israeli Housing Min., Rina Zamir, says construction of 10,000 housing units in and around East Jerusalem will begin this yr. (MM 1/6; JP 1/6 in FBIS 1/6; MM 1/16)

Arafat loyalists, opponents clash in 'Ayn Hilwa r.c. in southern Lebanon after Arafat announces 400 Palestinians will be transferred to Gaza shortly. No casualties reported. PLO says Israel approved the transfer of 2,000 post-1948 refugees fr. Lebanon, Libya, Jordan, Sudan, Tunisia; Lebanon's quota is 470. (RL, VOL 1/5 in FBIS 1/6; MM 1/6; VOL 1/6, Voice of the South 1/7 in FBIS 1/9, Al-Hayat 1/7 in FBIS 1/11) (see 12/19)


U.S. Defense Secy. William Perry arrives in Egypt for 2-day visit, talks with Pres. Mubarak about Egypt's threat to withdraw fr. NPT, promises to defend aid to Egypt in Congress. (MENA 1/6 in FBIS 1/9; WT 1/9; MEI 1/20)

1 settler shot dead, 1 wounded in West Bank nr. Ramallah. PFLP claims responsibility in revenge for killings on 1/4. (MM 1/6; QY 1/6 in FBIS 1/6; AFP 1/7 in FBIS 1/9; WJW 1/12; JP 1/14)
in FBIS 1/10; WP, WT 1/10; CSM 1/11; MEI 1/20; JP 1/21)

Poll released by Center for Palestine Research Studies shows that majority of Palestinians favor suspending (31.5%) or completely halting (20.6%) talks with Israel. (MM 1/9)

10 JANUARY

Joint Jordanian-Israeli water comm. meets in Tiberias, continues discussion of implementation of treaty, dam project. (RJ 1/11 in FBIS 1/12)

Arafat meets with Pres. Mubarak in Cairo, discusses settlements, peace talks; publicly appeals to U.S. to pressure Israel on settlements. FM Musa says Israel is jeopardizing peace by stalling on implementation of DOP, refusing to sign NPT. (MM 1/10; MENA 1/10 in FBIS 1/10; WT 1/11; MENA 1/10, MENA, JP 1/11 in FBIS 1/11)

PM Rabin says government will go on building in East Jerusalem; adds Israel must hold on to parts of West Bank to secure border with Jordan. (MM 1/11; HA 1/11 in FBIS 1/12; MEI 1/20)

Labor, Meretz MKs meet with PA representatives led by Culture M 'Abid Rabbu in East Jerusalem to discuss obstacles to peace. (QY 1/10 in FBIS 1/12)

FM Peres leaves on 6-day trip to France, Latin America to boost peace process. Arrives in France for talks with Pres. Mitterrand on economic ties b/wn. Israel, EU, Arab states. Reportedly discusses methods of advancing peace process with Syrian business executive (perhaps Nahid Tlass) given mandate by Pres. al-Assad to act as his go-between. (MM 1/10, 1/12, 1/13)

IDF reports Palestinian police prevented confrontation b/tw. 6 PSF mbrs. (incl. PSF Gaza head Muhammad Dahlan). IDF soldiers escorting school bus heading to Netzarim settlement. Israel issues formal complaint about PSF to PA. (IDF Radio 1/10, QY 1/11 in FBIS 1/11; QY 11/11 in FBIS 1/12)

Jewish settlers fr. Elkana settlement bulldoze 22 acres, fence off 7 acres to begin expansion of settlement. 100s of Palestinians protest. IDF intervenes to prevent them fr. approaching construction site. (QY 1/10 in FBIS 1/11; WT 1/11; NYT 1/16)

11 JANUARY

Officials fr. 39 countries, financial institutions meet at State Dept. in Washington to discuss Middle East regional finance. Israel, Egypt, Jordan, PA agree to work toward setting up regional bank despite EU, Saudi Arabian opposition at Casablanca conference 11/94. U.S. promises to lobby internationally for support for project. (NYT 1/12; JT 1/14 in FBIS 1/18)

Oman informs Israel it will delay establishment of diplomatic relations, apparently as a result of Alexandria summit 12/29. Israeli Dep. FM Beilin dismisses declaration as insignificant. (QY 1/11 in FBIS 1/12; MM 1/12; QY 1/17 in FBIS 1/17; MM 2/6)

2 IDF soldiers lightly wounded when bomb explodes nr. their patrol at Kissufim crossing, Gaza. (MM 1/11)

Hizballah attacks IDF patrol in southern Lebanon. IDF, SLA respond, using planes, tanks, artillery. 4 Hizballah mbrs. killed; 2 IDF, 1 SLA soldiers, 3 civilians wounded. (IDF Radio 11/1 in FBIS 1/12; WP, WT 1/12)

12 JANUARY

PM Rabin leaves for Amman to meet with King Hussein, discuss Jordanian complaints with implementation of peace treaty (especially Israel’s delay in naming amb. to Jordan). (MM 1/12; WJW 1/19; MEI 1/20; JP 1/21)

Palestinian wounds 2 settlers fr. Kiryat Arba in ax attack. (MEI 1/20)

13 JANUARY

PM Rabin, King Hussein close talks in Amman. Rabin says Israel to withdraw troops to international border within 1 mo. Both vow to speed up implementation of treaty. (MM 1/13; JT 1/14 in FBIS 1/17; WJW 1/19)


Israeli FM. report leaked to Israeli press says FM. aims to punish Egypt for pushing NPT issue, refusing to let Israel participate in Cairo book fair; is considering moving peace talks fr. Cairo, lobbying U.S. to end aid to Egypt, demanding share of Nile water. Dep. FM Beilin admits re-
port exists but says it expresses individuals' opinions, not that of government; Egypt is outraged. (MM 1/16; MENA 1/14, 1/16; IDF Radio 1/16 in FBIS 1/17; WJW, WP 1/19; WT 1/23) (see 1/11)

14 JANUARY

In 2d day of mtgs., PM Peres welcomes Argentinean Pres. Carlos Menem's attempts to mediate btwn. Syria, Israel. (WT 1/15, NYT 1/17; MEI 1/20) (see 11/23)

American, Arab officials say plans for regional bank are being scaled back to overcome opposition fr. Saudi Arabia, France. Bank expected to have initial capital of only $1.5 b., not expected to give subsidized loans. (NYT 1/14) (see 1/11)

YESHA Council reports that through natural growth, new arrivals West Bank settler population has grown 17% since PM Rabin took office. (QY 1/14 in FBIS 1/17; NY 1/16, 1/20)

Fmr. PM Yitzhak Shamir gives interview on Gulf War; says Israel was in constant communication with Jordan, flew reconnaissance flights over Iraq, was shocked frmr. U.S. pres. George Bush ended war before Saddam Hussein was overthrown. (IDF Radio 1/14 in FBIS 1/17; WP, WT 1/15)

In reaction to ax attack 1/12, settlers fr. Kiryat Arba riot in Hebron's main market, fire rifles in air, destroy Palestinian merchandise. IDF uses tear gas to disperse Palestinians, injuring 10. (MEI 1/20)

15 JANUARY

Palestinian-Israeli Supreme Liaison Comm. meets at Erez checkpoint, agrees that Palestinians who visit Gaza fr. abroad may now stay for 7 mos. (as opposed to 3 mos. previously). (QY 1/16 in FBIS 1/17)

Jordan-Israeli joint comm. on security, transportation, trade, water meet in Jordan to discuss implementation of treaty, following mtg. bwn. King Hussein, PM Rabin 1/13. (JTV 1/15 in FBIS 1/18)

IDF makes 15 air strikes against PFLP-GC camps 10 miles south of Beirut, Lebanon, killing 3 Lebanese, wounding 4, forcing temporary closure of Beirut airport. (IDF Radio, QPAR, VOL 1/15 in FBIS 1/17; MM, NYT, WT 1/16; MEI 1/20)

Jordan, Israel agree to build railroad linking Irbid, Haifa and Aqaba, Elat. EU will help finance construction. (QY 1/15 in FBIS 1/18; MM 1/16)

House Speaker Gingrich, on visit to Israel, says he "strongly favor[s]" moving U.S. embassy fr. Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, says "it's the right of Israel to define its capital, and we as an ally should . . . be responsive." State Dept. rejects idea. (MM 1/16; WT 1/16, 1/17; VOP 1/18 in FBIS 1/18)

In Sasa, West Bank, Palestinians plant 100s of trees to prevent land's confiscation for expansion of Kfar Rut, Maccabim settlements. Similar plantings are held across West Bank. PA says Israel has confiscated 27 sq. mi. of land since signing of DOP. (NYT 1/16; MEI 1/20)

16 JANUARY

Egyptian parliamentarians denounce Israel for hostility toward Egypt, "reaping benefits of peace" while refusing to sign NPT, move forward on Palestinian self-rule, or withdraw fr. Golan. Israeli Pres. Weizman telephone Pres. Mubarak to discuss worsening relations, fears that conflict with Egypt could derail peace talks. (MENA 1/16 in FBIS 1/17; MM 1/17; WJW, WP 1/19; WJW 1/26)

Israel gives Egypt most favored nation (MNF) trading status retroactive to 1/1/95. (MENA 1/16 in FBIS 1/17) (see 1/3)

Arafat, Jordanian FM al-Kabariti meet in Morocco. Meanwhile, Jordanian PM Bin Shaktir meets with Nablus Chamber of Commerce delegation in Amman to discuss cooperation bwn. Jordan, PA. (RJ 1/16 in FBIS 1/19; MEI 1/20)

Israeli FMMin. says it will begin canvassing embassies to see how many will be willing to move to Jerusalem after final status negotiations so FMMin. can begin rezoning areas for construction. (MM 1/16)

PM Rabin authorizes confiscation of Palestinian lands for construction of 4 roads in West Bank (2 nr. Ramallah, 1 nr. Tulkarm, 1 nr. Hebron) so settlers can bypass Arab towns. (MM 1/16; QY 1/16 in FBIS 1/17)

Israeli Housing M Ben-Eliyzer circulates draft of report he will submit to cabinet 1/22. Report plans 77% increase in construction activity for 1995 as compared to 1994, mostly in Jerusalem area. (ITV 1/16 in FBIS 1/17; MM 1/20)

DFLP head Nayif Hawatmah applies to Israeli FMMin. (via Russian FMMin.) for permission to move to Gaza. (MM 1/16; QY,
17 JANUARY

Jordanian-Israeli joint comm. on education, science, culture meets in Israel. Comm. mbrs. tour vocational, technical schools, discuss possible joint programs. (IGPO 1/18 in FBIS 1/19)

Israeli Housing Min. report leaked to Israeli press shows government authorized construction of 1,833 homes in West Bank in 1994, 3,230 for 1995, with emphasis on expanding areas around Jerusalem. (WT 1/18)

Jerusalem Comm. of the ICO ends 2-day mtg. in Morocco; parties criticize Israel for law passed 12/26, call on Israel to withdraw fr. occupied territories, incl. Jerusalem, demand peace agmts. be based on UN Res. 242, 338, 425; report high degree of coordination btwn. Jordanian FM al-Kabariti, Arafat. (RE 1/17 in FBIS 1/18; MM 1/18) (see Doc. A3)

Palestinians protest construction 3 West Bank settlements. At Psagot, IDF troops fire rubber bullets, stun grenades at protestors led by PA Ms, injuring 3; detain, rough up PA M 'Azmi al-Shu'aybi, Arafat advisors Ahmad Tibi, Marwan Barghouti. (CSM 1/17; QT 1/17 in FBIS 1/17; WT 1/18)

PFLP announces it will be closing some offices in Damascus, ceasing publication of paper, moving as many mbrs. as possible to home bases in West Bank, Gaza because of financial crisis. DFLP is taking similar steps. (Al-Bayan, Shihan 1/17 in FBIS 1/20)

Egyptian clerics, Muslim Brotherhood officials criticize Grand Mufti of Saudi Arabia Shaykh Bin Baz's fatwa permitting peace with Israel. (al-Sha'b 1/17 in FBIS 1/25; MM 2/14) (see 12/21)

18 JANUARY

2d Palestinian accused of collaborating with Israeli dies in Jericho during interrogation by PSF mbrs. fr. Col. Rajub's unit. Human rights groups vow to investigate. PA promises to discipline those responsible. 1st Palestinian killed in custody died 7/94; officers arrested after that death were soon released by PA. (WP 1/19; VOP 1/18, QY 1/19 in FBIS 1/19)

Official delegation fr. Israeli Energy Min. travels to Oman for mtgs. with Omani Petroleum M Sa'id Bin Ahmad al-Shanfari on natural gas issues. (IGPO 1/18 in FBIS 1/19; JP 1/28)

19 JANUARY

PM Rabin meets Arafat at Erez checkpoint, gives him specific assurances no new settlements will be created on land expropriated without cabinet approval; promises to fence off existing settlements so they will not creep outward; dismisses recent confiscations as needed to build highways for settlers, IDF; says private construction will continue under government monitoring. (RMC, VOP, QY 1/19 in FBIS 1/20; NYT, WP 1/20; JP 1/28)

Multilateral Working Group on Economic Development closes 2-days of talks in Bonn. PA delegation head says little more can be achieved until Israeli-Palestinian bilateral negotiations move forward. (HA 1/20 in FBIS 1/23)

Grand Mufti of Saudi Arabia Shaykh Bin Baz issues explanation of 12/21 fatwa, saying peace with Israel is permissible temporarily, until Muslims gain ability to drive Jews out. (MM 1/19; NYT 1/31; MM 2/14) (see 1/17)

6 PFLP-GC mbrs. killed, 2 IDF soldiers wounded in clash in southern Lebanon. (QPAR, VOL 1/19 in FBIS 1/20; VOL 1/21 in FBIS 1/23; MEI 2/17)

20 JANUARY

Cabinet mbrs., settlers criticize PM Rabin for temporarily halting settlement construction, giving assurances to Arafat 1/19. Settlers groups say if halt includes construction around Jerusalem, they will attempt to bring government down. (NYT 1/21)

Hizballah, PFLP-GC launch joint attack against IDF, SLA in southern Lebanon. 1 Hizballah mbr. killed. (VOL 1/20 in FBIS 1/20; QPAR 1/20 in FBIS 1/24)

21 JANUARY

Egypt's Pres. Mubarak, Jordan's King Hussein meet for 1st time in 4 yrs. in Aqaba; agree to renew relations frozen since 1990 Gulf crisis, try to find "unified Arab understanding of all Arab and regional issues." (JT, MENA, RJ 1/21, RE 1/22 in FBIS 1/23; NYT, WP, WT 1/22; MENA 1/23; JP 1/28)

U.S. Asst. Secy of State for Near East Affairs Robert Pelletreau arrives in Egypt to take part in multilateral steering comm. mtg.; holds talks with Egyptian FM Musa, Israeli Dep. FM Beilin aimed at reconciling Israel, Egypt. (MENA 1/21, 1/23 in FBIS 1/23; MENA, al-Ra'y 1/24 in FBIS 1/25)

22 JANUARY

2 explosions at bus stop at Beyt Lid junction, Israel, kill 19, wound 65. 2 more later die of wounds, leaving 21 Israelis dead. Islamic Jihad claims responsibility as retribution for murder of Hani Abed 11/2, settlement construction. For 1st time, Israeli Pres. Weizman calls for government to stop talks. Arafat denounces attack. (AFP, IDF Radio, ITV, QPAR, QY, RMC, VOP 1/22, HA, QY 1/23 in FBIS 1/23; CSM, NYT, WP, WT 1/23; ITV, QPAR, VOP 1/23 in FBIS 1/24; SARR, VOP 1/23 in FBIS 1/25; WJW 1/26; JP 1/28; WJW 2/2; MEI 2/3; WP 2/5)

PM Rabin calls emergency cabinet mtg. to discuss explosions at Beyt Lid; delays release of Palestinian prisoners, opening of safe passage btwn. Gaza, Jericho; says Palestinians will be barred fr. entering Israel for "a number of days"; reiterates idea of national separation (see 10/19). (CSM, NYT, WP, WT 1/23; ITV 1/22, QY, VOP 1/23 in FBIS 1/23; MM 1/23; CSM 1/24)

PM Rabin holds cabinet mtg. on settlement issue; creates comm. of 6 cabinet Ms. headed by him, to approve all housing plans for o.t., incl. privately financed construction. Building will be suspended until comm. meets later in wk. (IGPO, ITV 1/22 in FBIS 1/23; NYT 1/23; JP 1/28)

U.S. Secy. of State Christopher calls Syrian FM al-Shara', demands Syria stop providing safe haven to "terrorists," esp. Islamic Jihad leader Fathi Shiqaqi. Shiqaqi issuers statement "reminding" U.S. he is in Syria only because Israel deported him. (MM 1/23; NYT, WT 1/24)

PA, Egypt, Jordan hold mtg. in Cairo to coordinate stance on 1967 refugees, discuss definition of "refugee" and requirements for right of return in preparation for negotiations with Israel. (MENA 1/22 in FBIS 1/24)

Multilateral talks steering comm. opens 2-day session in Cairo to discuss accomplishments of 5 working groups. (MENA 1/22, 1/23 in FBIS 1/23; RE 1/23 in FBIS 1/24)

Israeli Dep. FM Beilin meets with Egyptian Pres. Mubarak in Cairo to discuss bilateral relations and NPT. (MENA 1/22 in FBIS 1/23; MM 1/23; WT 1/25)

23 JANUARY

PM Rabin gives television address on bombings. (MM 1/23; ITV 1/23 in FBIS 1/24; MM, WT 1/24; MEI 2/3) (see Doc. B3)

Jordan, Palestinians agree on draft accord to settle difference over Jerusalem before Arafat’s visit to Amman 1/25. Palestinians will recognize Jordanian custody of Muslim holy cites; Jordan will support Palestinian sovereignty over Jerusalem. Also agree on postal services, telecommunications, financial issues. (JTV, RJ 1/23 in FBIS 1/24; VOP 1/23, AFP, RJ 1/24, JT, RJ 1/25 in FBIS 1/25; WT 1/25; RJ 1/24, JT 1/25 in FBIS 1/26)

FM Peres says Israel will outlaw Hamas, Islamic Jihad charities, mosques in West Bank; says Israel needs to "adopt draconian measures," incl. against attackers’ families, to prevent further attacks. (IDF Radio 1/23 in FBIS 1/24)

Asst. Secy of State Pelletreau, Egyptian Pres. Mubarak meet, discuss bilateral relations. Mubarak says Egypt will not back down on NPT issue. (MENA 1/23 in FBIS 1/23)

PM Rabin’s security advisors extend waiver of restrictions on Shin Bet for combatting terrorism. (WP, WT 1/24)
24 JANUARY

PM Rabin suggests building security fence to separate Gaza, West Bank fr. Israel, to prevent attacks fr. the territories; does not state exact location of fence. (ITV 1/23, QY 1/24 in FBIS 1/24; IDF Radio, ITV 1/24, QY 1/25 in FBIS 1/25; NYT, WP, WT 1/25; CSM 1/27; MEI 2/3)

Jordan says it will not allow Palestinian-Jordanian policemen to hold dual citizenship, carry Palestinian passport until Arab League removes ban on dual Arab nationality. (JT 1/25 in FBIS 1/27)

Jordan-Israel talks on aviation are adjourned amid disagreements. Israel refuses to allow low-level Jordanian flights over Israeli territory, says it would interfere with air force training flights. (ITV 1/24 in FBIS 1/26)

Syria asks U.S. to pressure Israel to sign NPT. (WT 1/25)

Clinton freezes U.S. assets of 12 groups, 18 individuals to prevent funding of "terrorist" organizations, groups opposed to peace process; says he will seek wider powers to use wiretaps, deportation to curb terrorism. (MM, NYT, WP 1/25; QPAR, QY, RMC 1/25 in FBIS 1/25; MM, NYT, WJW 1/26; MM 2/1; MEI 2/3; MM 2/8; MEI 2/17) (see Doc. C3)

Outgoing head of Israeli General Security Services (GSS) gives last report to Knesset Defense Comm., says Israel has arrested 1,500 Palestinians since bus bombing 10/19. (MM 1/25) (see 11/28)

IDF raids mosques, offices in several West Bank towns, arresting 60 Palestinians as mbrs. of Islamist groups. (QY 1/24 in FBIS 1/24; NYT 1/25)

Mufti of Egypt Muhammad Sayyid Tantawi says recent Israeli FM's report leaked to press 1/13 shows normalization is not now possible, Muslims should prepare to defend themselves against Israel. (al-Sha'b 1/24 in FBIS 1/31, FBIS 2/6)

Eliezer says decision strengthens Israel's claim to Jerusalem. PA warns Rabin is jeopardizing talks. (QY 1/25 in FBIS 1/25; CSM, NYT, WP, WT 1/26; QY 1/26 in FBIS 1/26; JP 1/28; WP 1/31; MEI 2/3)

Syrian VP Khaddam meets with deleg from 7 Jordanian opposition parties to discuss formation of united Arab front. (SARR 1/25, 1/26, SATN 1/26, SARR 1/27 in FBIS 1/31)

Arafat, PM Rabin each welcome Clinton's freeze on assets to prevent terrorism. (QY 1/25 in FBIS 1/25; IDF Radio 1/25 in FBIS 1/26)

UNRWA announces it has received $20 m. donation fr. Saudi Arabia for infrastructure, job creation in Gaza, plus $7.5 m. for Palestinian policemen's salaries (to be paid through UNRWA). (UNRWA News 1/25)

U.S. says it is unhappy with Egypt's threat to withdraw fr. NPT; says it will not pressure Israel to sign NPT; reprimands Egypt for signing "anti-Israeli" communiqué that followed fr. mtg. with King Fahd. Pres. al-Asad 12/29. (WP 1/26)

Palestinian police say they have arrested 20 members of Islamic Jihad, incl. the group's chief ideologue, Abdallah al-Shami; IDF says it has arrested over 100 Palestinians in West Bank on charges of inciting anti-Israel fervor since bombing 1/22. (NYT 1/26)

IDF, SLA air and ground forces attack Hizballah north of self-declared security zone. Hizballah unit ambushes IDF patrol, killing 1, wounding 1. IDF kills 3 attackers, strafes Hizballah positions. Hizballah shells IDF, SLA positions in return. IDF puts forces in northern Israel on high alert. (RL 1/25 in FBIS 1/25; VOL 1/25 in FBIS 1/27; MM, WP 1/26; MEI 2/17)

25 JANUARY

Arafat arrives in Amman for talks on Palestinian-Jordanian relations with King Hussein. (JT, R 1/25 in FBIS 1/26)

PM Rabin's new settlement construction review comm. approves plan to build more than 3,000 units, sell around 1,000 for 20,000 new settlers in 3 settlements surrounding Jerusalem. Housing M Ben-

Arafat, Jordanian PM Bin Shakir signs general accord; 7 other executive agmts. signed to guide future economic, cultural, political cooperation. Implementation of parts of accord will require Israeli approval. Jordanian PM al-Kabariti says representation office will be opened in GAZA to show solidarity. (JT, R 1/26 in FBIS 1/26; QY, RJ, VOP 1/26 in FBIS 1/27; WT 1/27; VOP 1/27 in FBIS 1/30; al-Dustur, JT, al-Ra'y 1/29 in FBIS 1/31; MEI 2/3) (see 1/23) (see Docs. A4-5)
27 JANUARY

Arafat arrives in Cairo to discuss with Pres. Mubarak his mtgs. with King Hussein, peace process, relations with Egypt. (JTV, MENA 1/27 in FBIS 1/27)

PA disarms 60 Palestinian policemen belonging to Hamas, Islamic Jihad, gives them administrative duties. (QY 1/27 in FBIS 1/27)

1,000 IDF soldiers raid College of Science and Technology at Abu Dis, West Bank, arrest 30 Palestinians for suspected membership in Hamas, Islamic Jihad. Damage estimated at $33,000. (QY 1/27 in FBIS 1/27; WP, WT 1/28; MEI 2/3; JP 2/11)

Shin Bet requests greater leeway in fighting terrorism, incl. right to enter any West Bank area without permission, control of electricity and water, reestablishing network of informers, rejection of joint patrols with PA. (JP 1/27 in FBIS 1/30)

28 JANUARY

Lebanese Pres. Hrawi terms 3 yrs. of negotiations with Israel a "waste of time"; notes Israel still refuses to refer to UN Res. 425, still occupies, threatens to expel Lebanese citizens fr. southern Lebanon. (VOL 1/28 in FBIS 1/30)

U.S. Asst. Secy. of State Pelletreau meets with King Hussein in Amman, discusses ways of improving ties with Jordan, encourages other countries to follow U.S. example and forgive Jordan's debt. (JT 1/29 in FBIS 1/30)

29 JANUARY

Israel criticizes Jordan for presenting "impossible" positions in trade, aviation negotiations, rejects Jordanian demands for free exports to Israel regardless of products’ country of origin, low altitude flight requirements. (Ma'ariv 1/30 in FBIS 1/30)

Israeli cabinet discusses national separation idea, approves import of 6,000 more foreign laborers to replace Palestinians, extends closure of West Bank, Gaza by 1 wk., announces IDF will begin stationing dogs at crossing points for crowd control. PA protests. (QY 1/29 in FBIS 1/30; MM, WT 1/30; WT 2/1)

Centre for Jewish-Arab Economic Development releases study, showing 59% of raw materials needed for Palestinian industries are imported fr. Israel; 50% of Palestinian producers are dependent on Israeli market for sale of goods. (JT 1/29 in FBIS 2/1)

Israeli Atty. Gen. approves extension of administrative detentions to 1 yr., based on security services requests following 1/22 bombings. (ITV 1/29 in FBIS 1/31)

7,000 Israelis, incl. 44 mayors and local council heads, gather at Beyt Lid, call for suspension of peace talks. (HA 1/29 in FBIS 1/31)

30 JANUARY

Israel withdraws fr. 132 sq. mi. of Jordanian territory it captured in 1967, in compliance with peace treaty. Remaining 17 sq. mi. to be returned before 2/10. Likud criticizes PM Rabin for withdrawing without explicit legislative approval. (MM 1/30; QY, RJ 1/30 in FBIS 1/31; NYT, WP, WT 1/31; JTV 1/31 in FBIS 2/1; JTV 2/3 in FBIS 2/7; JP 2/11; MEI 2/17)

Representatives of 30 donor countries hold 1st mtg. in Gaza to address last yr.'s problems, plans for improvement. Israeli delegation does not show up. Parties note that only $64 m. of $125 m. emergency funds promised to PA at Brussels mtg. 11/30 have arrived. (JP 1/31; NYT 2/1)


PA opens 2 comptrollers offices in Gaza, Ramallah to oversee PA Ms, municipal and rural councils, general associations but not security branches; investigate, resolve corruption cases. Gaza office headed by 'Abd al-Karim al-'Aqluq, Ramallah office by Ziyad 'Abu 'Ayn, both senior Fateh mbrs. PA says Ramallah office has already received 50 complaints fr. the public. (QY 1/30 in FBIS 1/31)

New Palestinian group, National Movement for Change, announces its establishment in Gaza; accepts DOP as fait accompli, calls for removal of Israeli settlements, withdrawal of Israeli security forces fr. o.t., rejects linking Palestinian, Israeli economy, asks Arab nations to reject nor-
malization with Israel. (MENA 1/30 in FBIS 1/31)

31 JANUARY

Syrian FM al-Shara' gives U.S. Amb. to Syria Christopher Ross letter fr. Pres. al-Assad to Pres. Clinton, informs Ross that Syrian Amb. to U.S. Mu'alla'im will return to his post in Washington 2/6 after 2-mo. absence. (SARR 2/1 in FBIS 2/1; MM, WT 2/2)

Israeli officials report that initial, low-level contacts have been made with Saudi Arabia, discussions held on possibilities for cooperation. (IDF Radio 1/31 in FBIS 2/1)

IDF, Hizballah exchange gunfire in southern Lebanon. 1 IDF soldier, 3 Hizballah mbrs. killed. New IDF Northern Command cmdr. Maj. Gen. Amiram Levin says attack was part of new IDF policy of initiating pinpointed raids against "terrorist" bases north of self-declared security zone. (ITV 1/31; HA 2/1 in FBIS 2/3)

1 FEBRUARY

FM Peres arrives in Cairo for brief mtg. with FM Musa on NPT issue, stresses Israel will not change position. Musa says Israel's refusal to sign NPT is fueling regional stability; its failure to abide by DOP has caused recent violence; says Egypt will pressure Israel to state a date for troop withdrawal fr. West Bank in emergency summit 2/1. (MENA 2/1 in FBIS 2/2; MM, NYT 2/2)

U.S. State Department releases annual human rights report on Israel and the o.t.; criticizes PA for 11/18 violence; Israel for abusing detainees, treatment of Israeli Arabs. Israelis say report is balanced. (MM 2/2; WJW 2/9)

Israel, PA reach final agmt. on Gaza port, announce construction will begin within 1 mo. (ITV 2/1 in FBIS 2/6)

Jerusalem Planning and Construction Comm. approves construction of 6,500 houses for new neighborhood in southern Jerusalem. 2,000 dunums of Palestinian land will be confiscated for the project. (QY 2/1 in FBIS 2/1)

1000s of Israelis gather in Tel Aviv to protest continuation of peace process. MKs fr. Likud, Tsomet, Moledet, Yi'ud, Shas participate. (MM 2/2)

IDF raids Hamas charities in West Bank, confiscates files, says charities are funneling money for military operations. (QY 2/1 in FBIS 2/1)

2 FEBRUARY

PM Rabin, Arafat, King Hussein each meet with Egyptian Pres. Mubarak in Cairo, then meet together. Syria, Lebanon refuse to attend. Parties focus on settlements but cannot get Rabin to curb construction; issue communiqué, condemning political violence, calling for adherence to DOP, establishment of regional bank. Rabin complains that IDF has arrested over 200 in West Bank since 1/22 bombings while Arafat has only arrested 7 in Gaza. (CSM, MM, WP, WT 2/2; MENA, QPAR, QY, RE, SARR, VOL, VOP 2/2, AFP, IDF Radio, JP, MENA, QY 2/3 in FBIS 2/3; CSM, MEI, MM, NYT, WP, WT 2/3; NYT 2/5; CSM, MM, NYT 2/6; QPAR, RMC, SATN, VOP 2/3, 2/4, JP, QY, VOL, VOP 2/5 in FBIS 2/6; JP, Yedi'ot Aharonot 2/5 in FBIS 2/7; JP 2/11; MEI 2/17)

Israel gives Lebanese Army ultimatum, demanding it cease surveilling, pursuing, detaining, searching, interrogating Lebanese citizens with ties to Israel. (VOL 2/2 in FBIS 2/3; al-Hayat 2/3 in FBIS 2/7)

Fmr. AIPAC researcher Martin Indyk "sails through" Senate hearings on his appointment as U.S. amb. to Israel. No mbr. of Foreign Relations Comm. opposes his appointment; only 3 mbrs. show up to question him; Sen. Helms, the comm. chair, is not among them. (WP, WT 2/2; MM, WT 2/3; WJW 2/9) (see Settlement Monitor)

10s of Palestinians demonstrate outside Arafat's office in Gaza, protesting PA demolition of several homes built illegally on public land. Palestinian police break up protest, arrest 10. (QY 2/2 in FBIS 2/3; WP 2/27)

3 FEBRUARY

Senators D. Patrick Moynihan, Alfonse D'Amato lobby Congress to sign letter to State Dept., recommending moving embassy to Jerusalem after final status negotiations bwn. Israel, Palestinians. (MM 2/3; NYT 2/4; WJW 2/9) (see Settlement Monitor)
PA rejects Israeli offer to release security prisoners in exchange for pardon for collaborators. (QY 2/3 in FBIS 2/3)

4 FEBRUARY

Egyptian, Jordanian, Palestinian delegations begin mtgs. in Cairo to discuss 1967 refugees, ways of securing right of return, seek to coordinate positions before mtg. with Israel at end of mo. Egypt, Jordan agree to provide PA with any statistics, information they have, call on international community to do the same. (MENA, RE 2/4, RJ 2/5 in FBIS 2/6; JTV 2/6 in FBIS 2/7)

Israel’s FM Peres, Dep. FM Beilin meet with Omani FM Yusuf Bin ‘Alawi in Aqaba; agree to open interests offices, discuss water issue. (JTV, RJ 2/4, QY 2/5 in FBIS 2/6; JP 2/11)

IDF bans Palestinians fr. leaving Jericho, incl. students enrolled in universities and institutes. PA protests. (VOP 2/4 in FBIS 2/6)

Acting on tips fr. IDF, PSF captures 3 Palestinians allegedly planning to explode car bomb nr. Allenby Bridge. Israeli officials praise Arafat for preventing attack. (ITV 2/4 in FBIS 2/6; WT 2/6; JP 2/11)

FM Peres says that direct vote for Israeli PM, slated for next elections, should be postponed until current government has had at least 1 more term in office. (QY 2/4 in FBIS 2/6)

5 FEBRUARY

King Hussein hosts 29-mbr. Knesset delegation in Amman. (al-Aswaq, JTV 2/5, JT 2/6 in FBIS 2/6; MM 2/6; JTV 2/6 in FBIS 2/7)

Jordanian-Israeli aviation comm. meets. Israel accepts some Jordanian demands related to air corridors, routes; Royal Jordanian, El Al agree on joint tourist packages. (JT 2/5 in FBIS 2/6; MM 2/6; JP 2/7 in FBIS 2/8)

Israeli cabinet extends closure of West Bank, Gaza, imposed 1/22; says only teachers, doctors, Palestinians agricultural goods can enter. PA, U.S. Commerce Secy. Ron Brown, in Israel on 4-day official visit to discuss Israeli-U.S. trade, criticize decision. (CSM, MM, NYT, WP, WT 2/6; VOP 2/6 in FBIS 2/6; QY 2/5 in FBIS 2/7; WJW 2/9)

At cabinet meeting, Israeli Environment M Sarid, Education M Amnon Rubinstein suggest making closure of Gaza, West Bank permanent, compensating Palestinians $330 m. annually for lost income. No vote is taken. (MM, WT 2/6)

6 FEBRUARY

FMs fr. Egypt, Syria, Qatar, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, UAE close 2-day mtg. in Cairo; issue statement, condemning Israeli refusal to sign NPT, supporting Syria’s demands in peace talks. (MENA 2/5, SARR 2/6 in FBIS 2/6; MENA 2/6 in FBIS 2/7; WT 2/7)

Joint Jordanian-Israeli Comm. on treaty implementation meets in Jordan, assesses progress of trade, transportation, military commns. Parties initial agmt. on tourism. (MM 2/7; JP 2/7 in FBIS 2/8)

“Direct” postal service btwn. Israel, Jordan via Cyprus begins. (JT 2/6 in FBIS 2/6)

FM Peres arrives in U.S. for 3 days of mtgs.; meets with UNSC in New York, briefs mbrs. on status of negotiations. Later, Peres, Jordanian envoy to U.S. Fayiz al-Tarawinah host mtg. with 60 American businessmen to discuss potential projects in region. (QY 2/6, JP 2/7 in FBIS 2/7; MM 2/8)

U.S. Commerce Secy. Brown, Israeli Energy M Gonen Segev meet, announce agmt. to allow American power companies to enter Israeli market, supply 1/5 of Israel’s electricity needs. (WT 2/8)

1 Israeli security guard is killed, wounded while escorting Israeli gas trucks in Gaza, nr. Israeli border. DFLP claims responsibility. Arafat denounces attack. Israel suspends fuel deliveries by Israeli convoys. (MM 2/6; VOP 2/6 in FBIS 2/6; NY, VOP 2/6 in FBIS 2/6; MM, NYT, WP 2/7; NYT 2/8; WJW 2/9; MEI 2/17)

7 FEBRUARY

Arafat announces he is establishing a military court system to try people suspected of security offenses. Human rights groups, several PNC mbrs. say decision undermines Palestinian democracy. (MM 2/13; Al-Majdid 2/13 in FBIS 2/14; MM 2/15; NYT 2/16; MEI 2/17; PR 2/20)

Talks on elections resume in Cairo after 4-wk. break to try to draft agmt. on elections before Rabin-Arafat mtg. 2/9.
8 FEBRUARY

Israel, PA close election talks in Cairo without making any progress. (AFP, RMC 2/8 in FBIS 2/8)

U.S. Commerce Secy. Brown, executives fr. 10 American corporations meet in Taba with trade officials fr. Egypt, Israel, Jordan, the PA to discuss setting up regional council for trade, investment, assess results of Casablanca mtg., set ground work for international economic forum in Jordan in spring. Parties say they will work to establish free trade btwn. themselves, form 2 economic bodies to develop their economic ties. (WT 2/8; MENA 2/8 in FBIS 2/8)

EU delegation headed by French FM Alain Juppé arrives in Damascus, meets with Pres. al-Asad to discuss EU-Syrian relations, peace process, says EU supports full Israeli withdrawal fr. Golan. (SARR 2/8 in FBIS 2/8; MM 2/9; MEI 2/17)

Reports say that over past few months Israel has brought in 12,000 Thai workers to replace Palestinian laborers in Israel, bring import of new workers fr. South East Asia, Eastern Europe to 50,000 since 3/94. (MEI 2/3, NYT 2/8; MEI 2/17)

PA says it has arrested more than 100 DFLP mbrs. since 2/6 incident. (QY 2/8 in FBIS 2/8; WP 2/10)

9 FEBRUARY

Remaining lands occupied by Israel are returned to Jordan at mtg. of the joint Jordanian-Israeli comm. on treaty implementation, armies deploy along newly demarcated border. 300 Israeli farmers are given entry permits so they can continue working farms. (JTV, QY, RJ 2/9 in FBIS 2/10; Al-Aswaq 2/11 in FBIS 2/14)

Rabin, Arafat meet at Erez to restart negotiations but talks break down when Rabin refuses to lift closure of o.t. Rabin demands PA crackdown on opposition, impose ban on carrying weapons without a license, create judicial system proposed 2/7 immediately, take legal and punitive steps against terrorism; approves additional 2,000 Palestinian policemen. Arafat says this will put him in conflict with opposition groups outside Hamas, Islamic Jihad. Both agree to meet again in 1 wk. Arafat suggests Israel redeploy fr. one West Bank town as first step in interim settlement. (MM 2/9; IDF Radio, MENA, QY, VOP 2/9, RMC, VOP 2/10 in FBIS 2/10; CSM, MM, NYT, WP, WT 2/10; WT 2/12; MEI 2/17)

Palestinian police raid Gaza headquarters of Islamic Jihad, also arrest 3 Hamas leaders. (WT 2/10)

Arafat meets with delegation fr. EU headed by French FM Juppé in Gaza. Delegation also meets with PA representatives at Orient House, says Israel's temporary closure is justified but peace process must move forward. (MM 2/9; AFP, QY, VOP 2/9 in FBIS 2/10; NYT 2/10; MEI 2/17)

Rep. Gingrich's wife says her job with the Israeli Export Development Co., attracting American companies to high tech business park in Israel, poses no conflict of interest with her husband's job as House speaker. She was offered the job after visiting Israel on a tour run by AIPAC. (WT 2/10; CSM 2/15)

10 FEBRUARY

Arafat asks U.S., Russia, Norway to intervene to salvage negotiations, pressure PM Rabin to ease closure, release prisoners. (NYT 2/11; WT 2/12)
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15 FEBRUARY

PM Rabin, FM Peres appoint Shimon Shamir, frmr. amb. to Egypt, Israel's 1st amb. to Jordan. (IDF Radio 2/15 in FBIS 2/16; MM 2/16, 2/17)

South Africa's FM Alfred Nazo signs agmt. with PLO's al-Qaddumi, officially recognizing Palestine; says recognition should not affect South Africa's relations with Israel. (PR 2/20)

U.S. continues to pressure Egypt to sign NPT. Says it will not pressure Israel because of its "vulnerable position" in the region, fears of angering American supporters of Israel. Some mbrs. of Congress say they will push to reduce foreign aid to Egypt if it does not sign. (NYT 2/16)

Israel releases 2 Arab-Americans arrested 1/31/93 on suspicion of funnelling money to Hamas, drops all charges. (NYT 2/16)

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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)
HA (Ha'aretz, Tel Aviv)
IGPO (Israeli Government Press Office, Jerusalem)
ITV (Israel Television Network, Jerusalem)
JT (Jordan Times, Amman)
JTV (Jordan Television Network, Amman)
MBC (Middle East Broadcasting Centre, London)
MEI (Middle East International, London)
MENA (Middle East News Agency, Cairo)
MM (Mideast Mirror, London)
NBT (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)
SARR (Syrian Arab Republic Radio, Damascus)
SATN (Syrian Arab Television Network, Damascus)
ShA (al-Sharq al-Awsat, London)
VOL (Voice of Lebanon, Beirut)
VOP (Voice of Palestine, Jericho)
WJW (Washington Jewish Week, Rockville, MD)
WP (Washington Post, Washington, DC)
WSJ (Wall Street Journal, New York)
WT (Washington Times, Washington, DC)

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