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16 May

Israel asks the PA to extradite 4 Palestinians serving sentences in PA jails for attacks inside Israel. PA says that since the men have been tried, convicted, and are serving time for the crimes under PA custody, the PA has no legal obligation to turn them over to Israel. (QY 5/16)

IDF tightens closure on West Bank, Gaza. Only Palestinians working in the Erez industrial zone may go to their jobs. Goods, produce may go through Qaruni, Sufa crossing points. 50 Palestinian reporters will be allowed in to cover the run-up to the 5/29 Israeli elections. (QY 5/16 in FBIS 5/16; MEI 5/24) (see 5/13)

IDF declares Ramallah a closed military zone for Arafat’s visit, meaning no Israeli traffic may enter the city. An identical closed military zone order for Nablus is lifted (see 5/15). (IDF Radio 5/16 in FBIS 5/17)

In Washington, France, Israel, Lebanon, Syria, the U.S. end a wk. of talks on the Israeli-Lebanese cease-fire monitoring group; agree on draft for monitoring procedures, send it to their respective capitals for approval. (MM 5/16; RL, RMC, SARR 5/16, QY 5/17 in FBIS 5/17; MM 5/17; WP 5/18; VOL 5/17, RL 5/19 in FBIS 5/20; MEI 5/24) (see 5/15)

Israeli authorities release information on man involved in the 4/12 East Jerusalem hotel explosion. They say the man, Husayn Maqdad, is a Lebanese Hizbollah operative who was plotting a plane hijacking; claim he spent time at the Iranian embassy in Beirut. Hizbollah denies having contact with him. (MM 5/16; AFP, QY 5/16 in FBIS 5/16; IDF Radio 5/16, QY 5/17 in FBIS 5/17; MM, NYT, WP, WT 5/17; PR 5/24; JP 5/25) (see 4/14)

In Nazareth, Israeli PM Shimon Peres meets with Israeli Arab voters to build their support, weakened by the closure of the territories and Israel’s 4/96 assault on Lebanon. (NYT 5/18)

Israel launches its 1st commercial satellite, AMOS-I. (MM 5/16; JP 5/25)

17 May

IDF shoots, wounds most-wanted Hamas mbr., Hassan Salameh, as he flees fr. a vehicle inspection point nr. Hebron; later captures him at the Hebron hospital; also arrests passenger in Salameh’s car, Raziq Rajub, a relative of PA Preventive Security Forces (PSF) head Jibril Rajub. Salameh is suspected of ordering, planning 3 of the 4 2-3/96 suicide bombings. (QY, VOP 5/18 in FBIS 5/20; NYT, WT 5/19; PR 5/24; JP 5/25)

Izzeddin al-Qassam Brigades issue leaflet, calling for national unity dialogue with the PA. (JCC 5/17 in FBIS 5/20)

3,000 Palestinians attend National Islamic Salvation Party (NISP) rally in Gaza in support of Hamas political leader Musa Abu Marzuq, currently detained in the U.S. Speaking at the rally, Hamas leader Mahmud Zahhar calls on Qassam Brigades not to take any violent actions before the Israeli elections 5/29, calls on leaders abroad to be sensitive to conditions in the territories. (VOP 5/17, AFP, QY, RMC, VOP 5/18 in FBIS 5/20) (see 11/18/95, 3/7)

18 May

IDF enters Dura village nr. Hebron—a zone B area under PA security control. (QY 5/18 in FBIS 5/20; WP 5/19; MM 5/20)

Citing 100s of warnings of imminent attacks, IDF cancels all measures related to easing the closure currently in effect. Only transfer of goods will continue; humanitarian cases, VIPs, foreigners, diplomats, medical teams may enter. (QY 5/18 in FBIS 5/20) (see 5/16)

Hamas spokesman in Jordan Ibrahim Ghashshah says Hamas will continue military operations, Zahhar does not speak for Hamas but under PA pressure. (AFP, QY, RMC, VOP 5/18 in FBIS 5/20) (see 5/17)

PA arrests human rights advocate Iyad Sarraj on charges of slander and distortion after he is quoted by NYT columnist Anthony Lewis in an op-ed piece (5/6) as saying the PA is “corrupt, dictatorial, and...
oppressive." (NYT, WP 5/20; WT 5/21; MEI, PR 5/24) (see 12/7/95)

19 MAY

In Jerusalem, PA, Israel begin 4 days of talks on Rafah airport. (VOP 5/19 in FBIS 5/21; PR 5/24; NYT 8/15)

Hamas issues leaflet, threatening to continue attacks against Israelis. (ITV 5/19 in FBIS 5/20) (see 5/18)

Hizballah attacks IDF targets inside the Israeli self-declared security zone, killing 2 soldiers, wounding 1. In response, Israel shells civilian areas in S. Lebanon for the 1st time since the 4/26 cease-fire agmt. took effect, injuring 1 woman. Syria accuses Israel of violating the agmt. Israel says Hizballah is to blame for operating fr. a "built-up area," withdrawing to a village. (IDF Radio, MBC, QY, RL 5/19 in FBIS 5/20; SARR 5/19 in FBIS 5/22; MM, NYT, WP 5/20)

20 MAY

In Washington, France, Israel, Lebanon, Syria, the U.S. resume talks on the function of the Israeli-Lebanese cease-fire monitoring group; agree U.S., France will be group's cochair. (MM 5/20; MM, WT 5/21)


Turkish PM Mesut Yilmaz accuses Syria of backing the Kurdish Worker's Party. Syria denounces the accusation. (SARR 5/20, 5/21 in FBIS 5/21; JP 6/1)

UN signs deal with Iraq, allowing Iraq to sell $2 b. of oil over 6 mos.; use money to buy food, medicine. (CSM, MM 5/22; JP 5/22 in FBIS 5/22; JP 6/1)

In Beirut, fmr. Lebanese Forces militia leader Samir Ja'ja' is convicted of murdering Phalange faction rival Ilyas al-Zayik in 1992, is given death sentence commuted to life in prison. (NYT 5/21) (see 6/24/95)

21 MAY

Israeli Arab political leader Ahmad Tibi, United Arab List head 'Abd al-Wahhab Darawshah endorse Peres for PM—despite the closure on the self-rule areas, the 4/96 assault on Lebanon—in hopes of uniting Israeli Arab voters behind propeace candidates, against Netanyahu. (MM, NYT 5/21; QY 5/21 in FBIS 5/21; VOP 5/28 in FBIS 5/29)

In Washington, France, Israel, Lebanon, Syria, the U.S. continue talks on cease-fire monitoring comm. Lebanese FM Faris Buwayz says parties have agreed the comm. will be security/military, not political. Issue of chairmanship, structure, decision making, cooling-off period following incidents still not resolved. (RL 5/21, 5/22 in FBIS 5/22; MM 5/22) (see 5/20)

Based on information obtained fr. Hamas's Salameh, Israel arrests 19 suspected Hamas mbrs. in the West Bank. (CSM 5/22; PR 5/31) (see 5/17)

Lebanese army reports that Israel's 4/96 offensive targeted 147 Lebanese towns, villages; 11,000 civilians suffered material loss; direct damage to personal property (i.e., not incl. damage to infrastructure, public utilities) totaled $24 m. (MM 5/21)

PA military court orders Sarraj, arrested 5/18, to be held for 15 days. (NYT 5/22; PR 5/24; NYT 5/28; JP 6/1)

22 MAY

In Gaza, Palestinian Council (PC) opens weekly 2-day session. Palestinian journalists strike for 2 hrs., refusing to cover PC mtg., to protest PA intimidation, mistreatment, bureaucratic stonewalling of their attempts to gather news. (VOP 5/23 in FBIS 2/24; VOP 5/23 in FBIS 5/28; PR 5/31; JP 6/1)

PM Peres approves construction of 450 houses in Tsmarat settlement in the West Bank; approves money for plan without convening the special ministerial comm. on settlements, as required; gives oral promise to Oranit settlers' council mbns. that Oranit will be annexed to the Jerusalem municipality. (MA 5/28 in FBIS 5/29)

PLO Exec. Comm. holds 1st mtg. in Gaza, appoints Mahmoud Abbas to replace Jamil Surani as secy., meaning Abbas would succeed Arafat as PLO head were Arafat to be incapacitated. (VOP 5/22 in FBIS 5/22)

23 MAY

IDF tightens closure, forbidding Palestinians to attend their jobs in West Bank settlements. (QY 5/23 in FBIS 5/23) (see 5/18)

Turkey's PM Yilmaz says military cooperation pact with Israel has done more harm than good, provoking domestic and Arab opposition. Turkish FM, however, says it is satisfied with the pact. (MM 5/23, MM 5/28) (see 5/20)

Lebanon sends Palestinian to Germany to stand trial for 1986 Berlin discotheque
bombed. (VOL 5/23 in FBIS 5/24; NYT 5/24) (see 5/14)

American Israel Public Affairs Comm. (AIPAC) Exec. Dir. Neil Sher resigns to pursue work related to securing restitution for Holocaust survivors fr. Swiss banks. Howard Kohr, who, unlike Sher, is a Likud supporter skeptical of the peace process, takes over as interim dir. (WJW 5/30; JP 6/1; WT 6/4)

24 MAY
In Gaza, Arafat discusses Hamas-PA relations with Hamas delegation led by Zahhar, 'Abd al-Fatah Dukhan, Shaykh Sayyid Abu Musamih. (al-Quuds 5/26 in FBIS 5/29)
In Jerusalem's Old City, 100s of Jewish worshippers attack Palestinians, damage Palestinian property. Israeli police say riot was unprovoked, they do not know what motivated it. (PR 5/31; JP 6/1)

25 MAY
Syria accuses Turkey of waging a dis-information campaign against Syria, blaming it for supporting the Kurdish opposition. (SANA [Damascus] 5/25 in FBIS 5/29) (see 5/23)

26 MAY
PM Peres, Likud leader Netanyahu hold their only televised debate before the Israeli elections. Commentators generally feel Netanyahu has better on-camera skills, but Peres has more substance. Opinion polls say race is still too close to call. (ITV 5/26, HA, ITV, JP, MA, SATN 5/27 in FBIS 5/28; NYT, WP, WT 5/27; VOP 5/27 in FBIS 5/29; WP 5/28; PR 5/31)
IDF tightens closure on West Bank, Gaza, forbidden all Palestinians entry into Israel in advance of the 5/29 elections. (NYT 5/28) (see 5/23)
PA releases Sarraj fr. custody 3 days after his family releases a letter, bearing his signature, which disavows the comments attributed to him. (NYT, WP 5/27; PR 5/31; MEI 6/7; JP 6/8) (see 5/21)

27 MAY
A day after his release, human rights activist Sarraj says he will keep up his criticism of the PA. he did make statements quoted by Lewis in the NYT. (NYT, WT 5/28) (see 5/26)
Bomb goes off in Damascus's Old City, causing damage but no injuries. Media reports that, since 5/5, 4-7 smaller explosions have occurred in Aleppo, Damascus, Latakia, al-Qamshli. Syrian authorities say 600 (mostly ethnic Turks) have been arrested, but responsibility has not been determined. (MM 6/5; SA 6/5 in FBIS 6/5; NYT 6/10; WT 6/11; al-Hayat 6/15 in FBIS 6/17)

28 MAY
In press statement, U.S. Pres. Bill Clinton tells Israelis they “have to make the decision whether they want to pursue the peace process or not” when they vote tomorrow. (NYT 5/31)

29 MAY
Israeli elections are held. After polls close, Peres is initially projected as the winner, but the gap with Netanyahu closes as the night wears on. At midnight, votes are still being counted, and the race is too close to call. Israeli Arab voter turnout is estimated to be 78 percent; Jewish voter turnout 80 percent. (CSM, MM 5/29; QY 5/29 in FBIS 5/30; NYT, WP, WT 5/30; MEI, PR 6/7)
PM Peres cancels all planned events for the day after security services receive warnings that Jewish extremists have planned to harm him election day. (QY 5/29 in FBIS 5/29; CSM 5/30)
In s. Lebanon, Hizballah detonates a bomb as a South Lebanon Army (SLA) convoy passes, killing 2 SLA mbrs. (VOL 5/29 in FBIS 5/29)
AIPAC board unanimously elects Kohr as new exec. dir. U.S. special envoy Dennis Ross calls Kohr a “strong leader and trustworthy partner.” (WJW 6/6; WT 6/10) (see 5/23)

30 MAY
With all regular ballots in the Israeli elections counted, Netanyahu is ahead by 21,399 votes (0.7 percent); Likud, Labor lose Knesset seats; religious parties gain seats. 150,000 absentee and military ballots, which in the past have gone overwhelmingly to Likud, have yet to be counted. The Israeli stock market drops 5 percent, value of the shekel falls. (MM, WP 5/30; IDF Radio, QY 5/30 in FBIS 5/30; MENA, QY, SARJ 5/30, JP, QY 5/31 in FBIS 5/31; CSM, NYT, WP, WT 5/31; MEI, PR 6/7)
Aides describe Pres. Clinton as “crest-fallen” over Netanyahu’s probable win, believing it to be a setback to his image as a
peacemaker. Yet, Clinton says that, whatever the results, the U.S. will continue its support for Israel. (MM 5/30; NYT, WP, WT 5/31) (see 5/28)

PA says it will deal with any election outcome; if Likud wins, it must still continue the peace process. (JMMCC, ITV 5/30 in FBIS 5/31)

Hamas says Netanyahu win would be a declaration of war. (QY, RMC 5/30 in FBIS 5/31; IDF Radio 6/1 in FBIS 6/3; JT 5/31; WP 5/31)

In Tel Aviv, Labor's FM Ehud Barak, Finance M Avraham Shohat, Housing M Binyamin Ben-Eliezer meet to discuss party's future. Some see mtg. as an attempt to oust PM Peres from the party; others see it as an attempt to outflank Interior M Hayim Ramon's bid for party leadership, assuming Peres will resign. Peres is furious with Barak for holding the mtg. (IDF Radio, QY 5/30 in FBIS 5/30; IDF Radio, ITV 5/31; IDF Radio 6/1 in FBIS 6/3; NYT 6/4; IDF Radio 6/5 in FBIS 6/7)

Likud opens unofficial contacts with ultraorthodox parties regarding formation of a coalition government. PM Peres says he would not join a Likud-led coalition; other Labor mbrs. say they would. (QY 5/30 in FBIS 5/31; WP 5/31)

Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan says Oslo agmts. must be reopened, because the winning camp's views differ from those of the previous government. PA denounces his statement. (IDF Radio 5/30 in FBIS 5/30) (see 5/12)

In s. Lebanon, Hizballah detonates 2 roadside bombs, killing 4 IDF soldiers, wounding 7 IDF soldiers, 2 journalists, 1 SLA mbr. (VOL 5/30 in FBIS 5/30; ITV, VOL 5/30 in FBIS 5/31; MM, NYT, WT 5/31; JP 6/8)

31 MAY

Netanyahu is declared official winner of the Israeli elections, with 50.4 percent of the vote to Peres's 49.5—a difference of 29,457 votes. 145,000 ballots were left blank. Netanyahu scores 10 percentage points higher than Peres among Jewish voters; takes 95 percent of the ultraorthodox vote, 87 percent of the settler vote, 5 percent of the Arab vote. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 5/31; JTV 5/31, VOP 6/1 in FBIS 6/3; NYT, WP, WT 6/1; CSM, MM 6/3; MEI, PR 6/7; JP 6/8; HA 6/11 in FBIS 6/11) (see Doc. C4 in JPS 100)

IDF eases closure on West Bank, Gaza, allowing Palestinian workers aged 40 and above to go to their jobs in Israel; passage of goods through Qarni, Erez checkpoints; lifting the closed military zone orders on Janin, Nablus. (QY 5/31 in FBIS 5/31; IDF Radio 6/1 in FBIS 6/3; JP 6/8) (see 5/26)

In Lebanon, Israel retaliates against 5/31 attack, bombing a Hizballah arms depot nr. the Syrian border, injuring 4 civilians, incl. 2 children. (WP 5/31; QY, RL, VOL 5/31 in FBIS 5/31; WP, WT 6/1)

1 JUNE

Executive Authority (EA), PLO Exec. Comm. conclude mtgs., issue statement stressing that the PA signed agmts. with Israel, not a single party; encouraging Netanyahu to implement those agmts. (VOP 6/1 in FBIS 6/3)

Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine—General Command (PFLP—GC) calls on Arafat to step down in light of the Netanyahu election win. Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP), Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), PFLP-GC call for armed struggle against Israel to be stepped up. (AFP, Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran [Tehran] 6/1 in FBIS 6/3)

2 JUNE

IDF eases closure of West Bank, Gaza, allowing 11,000 Palestinians to go to their jobs inside Israel, settlements. UN Coordinator Terje Larsen says PA is nearly broke, at least 50,000 Palestinians must be allowed into Israel to stave off a crisis; if aid is not forthcoming, PA will be forced to lay off public servants. (QY 6/2 in FBIS 6/3; WT 6/3) (see 5/31)

PM-elect Netanyahu gives “victory” speech, vows to continue peace process. (WT 6/2; ITV 6/2 in FBIS 6/3; MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/3; MEI 6/7) (see Doc. C3 in JPS 100)

Secy. of State Christopher says U.S. will necessarily adjust to a more conservative Israeli leadership but will wait until PM-elect Netanyahu's policies become clearer before passing judgment on his government. (MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/3)

3 JUNE

In his 1st public reaction to Netanyahu's win, Arafat demands the new Israeli government stick to the agmts. signed by fmr. PM Yitzhak Rabin, caretaker PM Peres, particularly by withdrawing fr. Hebron. (MM 6/3)

After 3-hr. mtg. with Pres. Mubarak in Cairo, Syrian Pres. Asad says resuming peace talks with Israel is impossible until the poli-
cies of the **Netanyahu** government become clear. Mubarak echoes his wait-and-see position. (MM 6/3; MENA, RE 6/3 in FBIS 6/4; NYT, WP, WT 6/4; SARR 6/4 in FBIS 6/5)

Likud's **Sharon** threatens to resign his Knesset seat if **Netanyahu** does not offer him a senior cabinet position. (IDF Radio 6/3 in FBIS 6/4; YA 6/5 in FBIS 6/5)

In Hebron, **Palestinians** clash with **IDF** after troops detain a number of PA policemen, search their vehicle. (MM, WP, WT 6/4)

In the West Bank, 4 Israeli phone company workers are slightly injured when a bomb explodes in an olive grove as they enter to repair a phone line. (CSM, WP 6/4)

In Lebanon, **British FM Jeremy Hanley**, Lebanese PM **Hariri**, FM **Buwayz** discuss European economic assistance to Lebanon for reconstruction, following Israel's 4/96 offensive. (VOL 6/3 in FBIS 6/4)

**4 JUNE**

**Peres, Netanyahu** meet for 1st time since elections, discuss security issues, vow to cooperate on transition of power. (MM 6/4; QY 6/4 in FBIS 6/4, 6/5; CSM, WP, WT 6/5)

**State Dept.** issues a travel advisory for **Syria**, following recent bombings. Syria protests, says U.S. reports of bombings are meant to distract the international community fr. events in Israel. (MM 6/5; SA 6/5 in FBIS 6/5; RMC 6/5, al-Hayat 6/6 in FBIS 6/6; NYT 6/10) (see 5/27)

**5 JUNE**

In Aqaba, **Jordan's** King Hussein, **Egypt's** Pres. Mubarak, PA's Arafat hold follow-up mtg. to their 5/11-12 unity summit to focus on ways of supporting the Palestinians when peace talks resume. (MM 6/5; MENA, RJ 6/5 in FBIS 6/5; JT, JTV, SARR 6/5 in FBIS 6/6; CSM, NYT, WP, WT 6/6)

**Israel's** dep. mayor of **Jerusalem**, Shmuel Meir, urges PM-elect Netanyahu to approve a plan to tear down 2,000 Palestinian homes in East Jerusalem that were built without permits, build 50,000 houses for Jews. (QY 6/6 in FBIS 6/6)

**IDF** eases closure on West Bank, Gaza, allowing 22,000 married Palestinians over the age of 35 to go to their jobs in Israel. 350 Palestinian merchants are also allowed in. (QY 6/5 in FBIS 6/5) (see 6/2)

In **Hebron**, **Jewish settlers** seize, occupy Palestinian-owned bathhouse. 1,000s of settlers hold street party to celebrate Netanyahu win. (MM 6/6, WT 6/8; MENA 6/8 in FBIS 6/10; PR 6/14)

**6 JUNE**

Haggling over **Israeli cabinet** positions begins. Current Labor PM **Barak** says he would join coalition government in exchange for DM portfolio. Likud's **Sharon** threatens to not participate in the government if he does not get the Finance M or DM position. Tsomet's **Eitan** threatens not to participate if he does not get the DM position. Religious party leaders vie for housing, education, religion portfolios. (NYT 6/7; QY 6/7; HA, QY 6/7 in FBIS 6/7)

In Gaza, **IDF** soldier shoots, kills **Palestinian** who runs at army checkpoint. In East Jerusalem, an **Israeli border policeman** shoots at 3 Palestinians he mistakenly believes to be armed, killing 1, wounding 1. (MM, NYT 6/6; QY 6/6 in FBIS 6/6; VOP 6/6 in FBIS 6/7; CSM 6/7)

**7 JUNE**

In **Hebron**, **settlers** move building materials into Palestinian home near bathhouse seized 6/5, begin renovating it for their occupation. (WT 6/8; MENA 6/8 in FBIS 6/10)

**UN** votes to ask Secy. Gen. Butros Butros-Ghali to fix a dollar amount on damages caused by **Israel's** 4/96 offensive in **Lebanon**. **U.S.**, Israel are the only countries to vote against. The figure is necessary to establish claims against Israel by victims' families. (WT 6/8)

Turkish PM **Yilmaz** resigns in hopes of averting the no-confidence vote, affording his party the chance to form a new government. (CSM, NYT 6/7)

**8 JUNE**

In Damascus, **Egypt, Syria, Saudi Arabia** close 2 days of talks to show unity, support for peace process. Secy. of State **Christopher** warns Arabs not to "prejudge" Israel, "close doors." Arab states, particularly Syria, call warning one-sided, insulting. (WP 6/8; MENA, RMC, SARR 6/8 in FBIS 6/10; NYT, WP, WT 6/9; CSM, WT 6/10; MM 6/12)

**Hizbullah** attacks 2 Israeli patrols in **s. Lebanon**, wounding 2 **IDF** soldiers. (CSM 6/10)
9 JUNE

British PM John Major sends letter on peace process to Israeli PM-elect Netanyahu. (MA 6/10 in FBIS 6/10)

Israel couple is killed in an apparent drive-by shooting in Zekharia, a rural area of central Israel. In belief the assailants are Palestinian, IDF closes shops in Hebron, searches Palestinian cars. PA condemns the killing. (AFP 6/9, QY 6/10 in FBIS 6/10; MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/10; CSM, NYT, WP 6/11; WJW 6/13)

In s. Lebanon, 1 SLA soldier is wounded by roadside bomb. IDF responds with heavy artillery bombardment of Hizballah targets in Nabatiyya, Iqlim al-Tuffah, killing 1 Lebanese army soldier; describes situation as very tense. (QY 6/9, MENA, QY, RL 6/10 in FBIS 6/10)

10 JUNE

In Gaza, PA police rearrest human rights activist Sarraj; order him detained for interrogation for 48 hrs.; raid his office at the Gaza Community Mental Health Program; confiscate papers, tapes; arrest his secretary. Sarraj’s lawyers say they have been denied permission to see him, do not know where he is being held. (NYT 6/11; WT 6/12; PR 6/14; MEI 6/21) (see 5/27)

Israel says it has begun construction of 100s of housing units for a new settlement on Hazayit Hill, nr. Efrat settlement; expansion, renovation of Rachel’s Tomb in Bethlehem. (QY 6/10 in FBIS 6/10) (see 7/17/95, 7/31/95)

In s. Lebanon, Hizballah ambushes IDF patrol, killing 5 soldiers, wounding 8. IDF responds by shelling Nabatiyya, killing 1 Lebanese soldier, wounding 1 civilian. (MM 6/10; QY 6/10, 6/11 in FBIS 6/11; CSM, MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/11; WJW 6/13)

11 JUNE

Likud’s Roni Milo, Arafat adviser Housseini hold get-acquainted mtg. in Tel Aviv. (ITV, VOP 6/11, QY 6/12 in FBIS 6/12; MM 6/12; QY 6/12, HA 6/13 in FBIS 6/13; MM 6/13)

In a private mtg., PM-elect Netanyahu promises Qatrzin Local Council head Sami Bar-Lev that some 14,000 housing units will be built in Qatrzin settlement during his current term. (IDF Radio 6/13 in FBIS 6/13)

Fatah Central Comm. forms a 12-mbr. “emergency council” to revitalize the move-ment’s activities in the West Bank, Gaza. (VOP 6/11 in FBIS 6/11)

PA police claim to have found drugs in Sarraj’s office 6/10. Sarraj’s lawyers say drugs were planted. (NYT 6/11; WT 6/12; MEI 6/21)

In response to the 6/10 Hizballah attack, PM-elect Netanyahu reinforces troops in s. Lebanon, says that once he forms his government he will act against Hizballah. His chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Amnon Shahak, says IDF would not hesitate to strike at Hizballah targets in s. Lebanon villages even if it meant civilians would be hurt. Strong tone of statements worries Arab leaders. (RL 6/11 in FBIS 6/12; CSM, NYT, WT 6/12)

12 JUNE

U.S. says it is not insisting that Israel redeploy its troops in Hebron by today, the deadline set by PM Peres before the 5/29 elections. (MM, WP 6/12)

Palestinian human rights groups say Sarraj has been beaten by PA police while in custody. PA military court accuses him of striking an officer. Sarraj’s lawyers have still not been permitted to see him. (NYT, WP 6/13; PR 6/21; WT 6/22, WP 6/26) (see 6/11)

In light of the Netanyahu win, Israel’s Peace Now decides to shelve its campaign to encourage an Israeli withdrawal fr. the Golan in favor of the “less ambitious” goal of blocking new Jewish settlements in the West Bank. (WP 6/12)

13 JUNE

Israeli forces arrest AFP correspondent ‘Ali Diya’ in s. Lebanon on charges of collaborating with Hizballah, take him to Israel for questioning; sparking protests by media, human rights groups. (AFP 6/14, 6/16 in FBIS 6/17; VOL 6/17 in FBIS 6/18)

14 JUNE

Bomb exploded in Hula, Lebanon, a Shi’ite village just outside Israel’s self-declared security zone, killing 5 children, wounding 2. Hizballah, IDF each blame the other for planting the device. (QY, RL 6/14 in FBIS 6/17)

15 JUNE

Syria reinforces troops on its border with Turkey. Turkey says it does not see troops as a threat. (AFP 6/16, 6/17 in FBIS 6/17; WT 6/17; al-Ra’i 6/18 in FBIS 6/18) (see 5/27)
16 JUNE

PM Peres returns to 3 senior PA officials (Sufyan Abu Zayda, 'Abd al-Rahman Hamad, Intisar al-Wazir) VIP cards, which were revoked when the officials tried to bring Palestinian students into Israel with their entourages. (QY 6/16 in FBIS 6/19)


In last stages of building a government, Israeli PM-elect Netanyahu signs coalition agmts. with National Religious Party (NRP), Shas, Third Way, assuring support of 55 of the 120 MKs. All 3 parties support negotiations with the PA, oppose compromise on the Golan. In contradiction to Israeli High Court rulings, these agmts. bar Reform, Conservative Jews fr. serving on religious councils controlling Israel's religious life. Discussion with United Torah Judaism (UTJ), Yisrael Ba'aliya continue. (QY 6/16 in FBIS 6/17; NYT, WT 6/17; NYT 6/18; JP 6/29)

In a gesture of conciliation, Arafat personally releases top Hamas mbr. Jamal Mansour fr. custody, promises to release more Hamas prisoners. Mansour spent 80 days in solitary confinement in the PA's Nablus police station, following the 2-3/96 suicide bombings. (YA 6/16 in FBIS 6/17; WT 6/17)

In West Bank, unidentified gunmen fire on Israeli car, killing 1 man, wounding his wife. IDF places the nearby Palestinian village of Biddiya under curfew, closes stores until further notice. (QY 6/16 in FBIS 6/19; CSM, NYT, WP 6/17)

In s. Lebanon, Hizballah attacks SLA convoy, killing 1 soldier. (QY, RL 6/16 in FBIS 6/17; CSM 6/17)

17 JUNE

In Jerusalem, the new Knesset is sworn in. Netanyahu signs final coalition agmts. (with UTJ 4 seats), Yisrael Ba'aliya [7 seats) to secure his coalition government. Debate with Sharon over cabinet position delays presentation of the new government until 6/18; Gesher's David Levy threatens to withdraw fr. the coalition (see 3/12) if Sharon is not given an adequate portfolio. (MM 6/17; QY 6/17 in FBIS 6/17; MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/18; HA 6/18 in FBIS 6/21; WP 6/19; WJW 6/20) (see 6/16)

18 JUNE

After agreeing to create a cabinet position for Sharon (see 6/17), Netanyahu is able to present his new government (see Doc. C2). Sharon's national infrastructure portfolio will give him control over defense industries, government land, railroads, bypass roads—previously the purviews of several different ministries—positioning him to expand settlement activity. Netanyahu is "nominal head" of the housing, religious affairs portfolios. (QY 6/18 in FBIS 6/19; CSM, NYT, WP, WT 6/19; WJW 6/20)

In his inaugural address, PM Netanyahu calls on Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Syria to take part in direct peace talks, with no preconditions. In his speech as outgoing PM, Peres warns Netanyahu that "the platform on which you were elected cannot serve as a recipe for success and progress in the peace process . . . Petty slogans will be no substitute for policy." (QY 6/18 in FBIS 6/19; CSM, MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/19; MM 6/21)

19 JUNE

In 1st cabinet session, PM Netanyahu creates U.S-style national security council (NSC); appoints David Ivri, fmr. DM dir. gen., as its chief. Purpose of council is to institutionalize security, foreign policy decision making in the PM's office, outside the PM, DM, while relieving the PM of carrying the DM portfolio (as PMs Rabin, Peres had done). Also sets up council of economic advisers (CEA). (QY, IDF Radio 6/19 in FBIS 6/20; MM, WT 6/20; JP 6/29; CSM 7/8)

New Israeli Transportation M Yitzhak Levi says he will not cede any of his departments to Sharon's new National Infrastructure Min. Agriculture M Eitan says he will leave the government before giving Sharon control of any water issues. (QY 6/19 in FBIS 6/20; MM 6/20) (see 6/18)

In Washington, France, Israel, Lebanon, Syria, the U.S. resume talks on a cease-fire monitoring comm. for 1st time since Israeli elections. Parties discuss points in dispute, return to their governments for input, hope this will be last round of discussions. Outstanding point remains rotation of comm. chair. (MM 6/20; RL 6/20 in FBIS 6/20) (see 5/21)

20 JUNE

Israel further eases closure, permitting Palestinian trucks to enter Israel for the 1st time in 3 mos., Palestinian prisoners to receive visitors. (CSM 6/21) (see 6/5)

PSF, Israeli officials meet in Gaza. PSF head Muhammad Dahlan says he can prevent Hamas attacks during 1st 100 days of new Israeli government but is rapidly losing support on the street for the PA’s continued crackdown on Hamas; after 100 days he can make no guarantees. (QY 6/21 in FBIS 6/21)

After talks with the PA, the Qassam Brigades offers Israel a freeze on military action “for a specific period, which is renewable,” in exchange for a halt to Israel’s crackdown on Hamas. (QY 6/20 in FBIS 6/20; AFP, J MCC 6/20 in FBIS 6/21; CSM, NYT, WP, WT 6/21)

State Dept. hands Israeli defense officials an intelligence report, containing classified CIA information, alleging Israel has transferred U.S. military avionics—incl. advanced radar-detection system, electronic warfare equipment—to China. Israel denies transaction. (WT 6/19; QY 6/20 in FBIS 6/21; WJW 8/22) (see 1/8/95)

21 JUNE

In Hebron, pro-Palestinian Strike Forces of the Popular Committees for Palestinian National Solidarity release leaflet calling for renewal of the intifada, demonstrations 7/7, general strike 7/9. (J MCC 7/1 in FBIS 7/2; PR 7/5)

22 JUNE


23 JUNE


In Amman, leaders of the Iraqi National Accord (INA), a Sunni Muslim group opposed to Iraqi Pres. Saddam Hussein, say they have received funds fr. the CIA, are working to implement CIA-backed plot to topple Hussein. (WP 6/23)

24 JUNE

U.S. Secy. of State Christopher arrives in Israel on start of a 2-day visit. (MM, WT 6/25; MEI 7/5)

Hizballah fires 4 Katyusha rockets at IDF, SLA targets in s. Lebanon. (CSM, NYT 6/25)

25 JUNE

Secy. of State Christopher meets with Netanyahu, then discusses with FM Levy a CIA report that says N. Korea recently has supplied Egypt with military equipment that could be used to build Scud-C surface-to-surface missiles. Egypt says it has only bought spare parts for earlier make of Scud. PA, Arab states are “not encouraged” by mgt., see Christopher as parroting Netanyahu, criticize him for not mentioning UN Res. 242. (QY, YA 6/25, JP 6/26 in FBIS 6/26; CSM, MM, WP, WT 6/26; SARR 6/26 in FBIS 6/27; Syria Times 6/26 in FBIS 7/1; MM 6/27; MEI 7/5; JP 7/6; WT 7/31)

Outside the al-Khobar U.S. military barracks nr. Dahran, Saudi Arabia, truck bomb detonates, killing 23 Americans, wounding more than 100. No one claims responsibility. (MM 6/25; MM, NYT, WP, WT 6/26, 6/27)

26 JUNE

In his strongest attack on Syria since the 5/29 elections, Israeli PM Netanyahu accuses Syria of being a base for terror, says
peace efforts with Damascus depend on its ending its “indirect war” with Israel; warns he may seek international economic sanc-
tions against Syria. (MM 6/26; QY 6/26 in FBIS 6/27; WT 6/27)

In Cairo, U.S. Secy. of State Christopher meets separately with AraFAt, Pres. Mubarak. In mg. with Mubarak, Christopher acknowledged Palestinians’ right to self-de-
termination as laid out in UN Res. 242 (see 6/25). (CSM, MM 6/26; MENA, RE 6/26 in FBIS 6/26; RE 6/26 in FBIS 6/27; CSM 6/27; MEI 7/5)

Alleged Palestinian assailants infiltrate border fr. Jordan, ambush IDF patrol nr. Jericho, killing 3 soldiers, wounding 2. Jor-
dan permits IDF to cross border in pursuit; coordinates search for wanted men brown. IDF, Jordanian army. Jordan’s King Hussein calls PM Netanyahu to express his con-
dolences. DM Mordechai blames the Jordanian army for not preventing the attack. Syrian-
based group Fatah-Uprising takes responsibility, says its West Bank cell carried out the attack. (QPAR 6/26 in FBIS 6/26; JTV, QY, RMC 6/26, JP, YA 6/27 in FBIS 6/27; CSM, MM, NYT, WT 6/27; JP 7/6)

Iraqi security forces arrest, allegedly execu-
tion 100 INa mbns. in n. Iraq. (WP 9/10) (see 6/23)

27 JUNE


PA releases Palestinian human rights ac-
tivist Sarraj. Gaza City court dismisses his drug possession charges (6/11); he must still face PA military court charges that he struck an officer (6/12). Sarraj says he believes he was arrested 6/10 because of a letter he sent to Arafat, criticizing the PA’s human rights record. (WP 6/27; PR 6/28) (see 6/12)

28 JUNE

IDF changes its open-fire rules for the West Bank, Gaza, permitting soldiers to shoot PA policemen if they feel their lives are threatened. (QY 6/28 in FBIS 6/28)

Turkey’s Islamic Welfare Party leader, Necmettin Erbakan, becomes PM, head of ruling coalition with fmr. PM Tansu Ciller’s True Path party. The parliament has 2 wks. to give the government a vote of confidence. Erbakan has vowed previously to annul

Turkey’s military pact with Israel. (WP, WT 6/29; NYT, WP, WT 6/30) (see 6/7)

29 JUNE

Hizballah clashes with the SLA in s. Lebanon. 3 Hizballah mbns. are killed, 3 SLA mbns. are wounded. (ITV, RL, VOL 6/29 in FBIS 7/1; NYT 6/30)

30 JUNE

G-7 summit closes in Lyons, France; issues statement on the peace process. (al-
Dustur, RE, SARR 6/30 in FBIS 7/1; al-Ayyam 6/30, SARR 7/1 in FBIS 7/2; VOP 7/3 in FBIS 7/3; MENA 7/3 in FBIS 7/5; al-Manar 7/8 in FBIS 7/10)

In his inaugural speech, new Turkish PM Erbakan says his government will honor all agmts. made by previous governments. His coalition partner, Ciller, assures Israel this incl. the Turkish-Israeli military pact. (MA, QY 6/30, IDF Radio 7/1 in FBIS 7/1; CSM, MM 7/1; NYT 7/3; WJW 7/4; MM 7/6)

Pro-Fatah Popular Committees release 2d leaflet calling for renewal of intifada. (JMCC, QY 7/1, HA 7/2 in FBIS 7/2; PR 7/5) (see 6/21)

1 JULY

IDF lifts curfew on Biddiyya that was imposed 6/16, allows stores to reopen. (QY 7/1 in FBIS 7/2; PR 7/5)

IDF raids al-ibrahimi Cultural Center in Hebron, confiscates computers, disks, pa-
ers; detains center’s director Hijazi al-Shuyukhi for 3 hrs. of questioning regarding Popular Committees leaflets distributed 6/ 
21, 6/30. Shuyukhi’s brother Azmi heads the Popular Committees. (QY 7/1, HA 7/2 in FBIS 7/2) (see 6/30)

Shas party threatens to leave Netanyahu’s coalition if it does not receive the Religious Affairs Min. portfolio, currently held by the NRP, by the end of the wk. NRP says it will leave the coalition if Netanyahu bends to Shas’s demands. (QY 7/1, 7/2 in FBIS 7/2; JP 7/22 in FBIS 7/22)

100,000s of Israelis adhere to 1-hr. strike called by Histadrut labor federation to pro-
test PM Netanyahu’s economic policies. (MEI 7/5)

2 JULY

Fatah Central Comm. decides to take disciplinary measures against some 10 Fatah Council mbns. on the PC who voted against
the confidence motion presented by Arafat to the PC 6/27. PC mbr. Haydar 'Abd al-Shafi (National Democratic Coalition-Gaza City) calls decision inappropriate. (QY 7/2 in FBIS 7/3)

IDF, Shin Bet recommend DM Mordechai significantly ease closure on the West Bank, Gaza; say closure is a good short-term solution, but in the long-term creates serious security problems. (MM 7/2; HA 7/2 in FBIS 7/2, CSM 7/3) (see 6/20)

In retaliation for ambush nr. Jericho 6/26, Israeli Air Force (IAF) shells Fatah-Uprising ammunition depot 3 mi. fr. the Syrian border in the Biqa' Valley, well n. of the self-declared security zone. (QY, RL 7/2 in FBIS 7/2; CSM, NYT, WT 7/3; MM 7/5)

3 JULY

Israeli sources say formation of a cease-fire monitoring comm. for s. Lebanon is being held up by a disagreement btwn. Israel, U.S. over the assurances the U.S. promised Israel in a side letter accompanying the cease-fire agmt. (see 4/26). Based on the letter, which has never been made public, Israeli demands comm. decisions be made by consensus, not by majority; freedom of movement in s. Lebanon; each country would be able to send inspectors to its own territory only. U.S. disagrees. (HA 7/3 in FBIS 7/3) (see 6/19)

Israeli FM Levy threatens to resign his post if PM Netanyahu does not finalize cabinet position for Sharon within 5 days. (MM 7/3; QY 7/3 in FBIS 7/3; NYT, WT 7/4) (see 6/19)

PA police find Islamic Jihad figure Salih Tahayna stabbed to death nr. al-Bireh. Tahayna was sentenced by Israel to 30 yrs. in jail for firing at IDF soldiers but escaped earlier this yr. during a prisoner transfer. Islamic Jihad blames Mossad, vows revenge. (AFP, QPAR, SARR 7/4 in FBIS 7/5)

PA begins releasing some of the 900 Hamas, Islamic Jihad mbrs. arrested after the 2–3/96 suicide bombings. (PR 7/12) (see 6/16)

4 JULY

PM Netanyahu finalizes creation of infrastructure portfolio for Sharon. Among Sharon's new responsibilities are development in the s. Negev, n. Galilee; construction of homes outside cities; bypass roads; water; sewage; railroads. (MM, WP 7/4; QY 7/4 in FBIS 7/5; CSM, WP, WT 7/5) (see 7/3)

PSF arrests 4 Islamic Jihad mbrs. for Tahayna murder, blames Islamic Jihad infighting for his death. (QY 7/5 in FBIS 7/5) (see 7/3)

Shin Bet announces that, after 2 mos. of questioning, Hamas's Salameh recently "broke down" and admitted being trained in Iran (see 5/17); sees this as "further proof" Iran is behind terrorist activity; says it has been "unsuccessful" in extracting a similar confession fr. Husayn Maqdad, wounded 3 mos. ago in an East Jerusalem explosion (see 5/16). (YA 7/4 in FBIS 7/5)

5 JULY

UNRWA opens new headquarters in Gaza. Headquarters Coordinator April Glaspie, Arafat sign agmt. regulating UNRWA's legal relationship with the PA. (UNRWA press release 8/20)

PM Netanyahu presents Sharon's portfolio to the cabinet for approval. Dep. Construction M Meir Porush, fr. UTJ, refuses to relinquish 2 agencies under his control—the Public Works Dept. ($200-m. budget) and the Rural Construction Administration ($40-m. budget for construction of kibbutzim, small settlements)—forcing a delay. (WT 7/6; MM, NYT 7/8)

6 JULY

Lebanese FM Buwayz says he does not think the cease-fire monitoring comm. for s. Lebanon will ever be formed due to interruption of the peace process, "inflammatory" remarks fr. Israel. (RL 7/6 in FBIS 7/8) (see 7/3)

7 JULY

Israeli cabinet approves creation of Sharon's new Infrastructure Min., with duties as previously outlined (see 6/18, 7/4), incl. supervision of water negotiations with the PA, implementation of water agnts. with Jordan. (QY 7/7, MA, QY 7/8 in FBIS 7/8; MM, NYT 7/8; ITV, QY 7/8 in FBIS 7/9; JP 7/13)

PA releases 20 Palestinians arrested following the 2–3/96 suicide bombings. Some 700 of the 900 Hamas, Islamic Jihad mbrs. arrested at that time are still in PA custody. (CSM 7/8) (see 7/3)

8 JULY

Before leaving for the U.S. to meet with Pres. Clinton, PM Netanyahu swears in
Sharon as infrastructure M; appoints Eliahu Ben-Elissar as new amb. to the U.S., effective 9/1. (ITV, QY 7/8 in FBIS 7/9; MM, NYT, WP, WT 7/9; WT 7/10; MA 7/10, HA 7/11 in FBIS 7/11; WJW 7/11; JP 7/13, 7/26; CSM 7/23; WT 7/24)

Before leaving for the U.S., Israeli PM Netanyahu meets with Golan settler leaders, who present him with a development plan; says he will act to accelerate the plan's implementation upon his return, he has no plans of withdrawing fr. the Heights. (QY, SARR 7/8, SARR 7/9 in FBIS 7/9; SARR 7/16 in FBIS 7/17)

In a press conference on Netanyahu's upcoming visit, White House spokesman Michael McCurry refuses 3 times to state U.S. policy on Israeli settlements, says position has not changed but there is no “usefulness” in restating the U.S. view. Later, on condition of anonymity, a White House official reaffirms that the U.S. believes settlements complicate negotiations. Administration seeks to avoid clash with Netanyahu on the settlement issue before 11/96 elections. (WT 7/9)

Turkish PM Erbakan's government wins (278-265) confidence vote. Israel, Syria send their congratulations. (CSM, MM, NYT, WP 7/9; MA, SARR 7/9 in FBIS 7/9; MM 7/11) (see 6/28)

9 JULY

At the White House, Israeli PM Netanyahu holds 1st mg with Pres. Clinton; also meets with Secy. of State Christopher, Secy. of Defense William Perry, leaders of AIPAC, World Bank Pres. James Wolfensohn. (ITV, QY, SARR 7/9, QY, SARR 7/10 in FBIS 7/10; MM, NYT, WP, WT 7/10; MENA 7/10 in FBIS 7/11; WJW 7/11; MEI 7/19; JP 7/20)

In s. Lebanon, SLA mistakes group of Lebanese civilians for Hizballah patrol; opens fire, wounding 1. (WT 7/10; HA 7/10 in FBIS 7/11)

10 JULY

PM Netanyahu speaks before joint session of Congress. Rep. Benjamin Gilman (R-NY), noted for holding up Middle East Peace Facilitation Act aid to the PLO, calls speech “an eloquent and visionary tour de force.” Netanyahu then holds talks with congressional leaders, representatives fr. Arab embassies, CIA Dir. John Deutch. (ITV, QY, SARR 7/10, QY, YA 7/11 in FBIS 7/11; MM, NYT, WJW, WP, WT 7/11; CSM 7/12; QY 7/14 in FBIS 7/15; MM 7/16; WJW 7/18; MEI 7/19; JP 7/20)

In Hebron, Palestinians clash with Israeli police after PM Netanyahu fails to set a date for redeployment in the city; IDF seals area, imposes curfew. Palestinians had hoped Clinton would have pressured Netanyahu to set a timetable for redeployment, easing of closure. (QY 7/20 in FBIS 7/10; QY, RE, SARR 7/10, al-Hayat, QY, RE, SARR, VOP 7/11 in FBIS 7/11; CSM, MM, WP, WT 7/11; RMC 7/10, al-Hayat, QY 7/11, VOP 7/12 in FBIS 7/12; MM 7/15)

Bowling to pressure fr. ultraorthodox Jews, Israeli Transportation Min. agrees to close Bar Ilan Street, 1 of Jerusalem’s main roads, for most of the Jewish Sabbath for a 4-mo. trial period. Israeli High Court overrides his order with a temporary injunction to keep the road open. Israeli police expect demonstrations, violent classes bwn. orthodox, secular Jews. (WT 7/11)

After Organization of African Unity gives near-unanimous backing to UN Secy. Gen. Boutros-Ghali in his bid for a 2d term, U.S. again says it will veto him if he runs. (WT 7/11) (see 6/23)

Hizballah releases 2 SLA prisoners, proposes to exchange 17 other SLA mbrs. in its custody for 200 Lebanese nationals held in al-Khiyam prison in s. Lebanon. (MENA, VOL 7/10 in FBIS 7/11; MM 7/17)

11 JULY

PM Netanyahu heads to New York to meet with 200 leaders of the U.S. financial community, mbrs. of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations (CPMAJO), ambs. to the UN, presidential candidate Bob Dole. (MM 7/11; MM, NYT, WP 7/12; QY 7/12 in FBIS 7/12; WP 7/13; WJW 7/18)

PA announces plans to use 12 acres of state land in Nablus to build headquarters for Arafat. Villagers protest, say they own the land, accuse PA of confiscation. Nablus municipality says those protesting have no legal right to the plot. (PR 7/19)

Nr. Tulkarm, IDF uses tear gas to disperse 10s of Palestinian workers protesting closure. (QY 7/11 in FBIS 7/11)

12 JULY

PM Netanyahu says he is “neither impressed nor bothered” by harsh Arab reaction to his statements over recent days (see
7/10); he will meet with Arafat “when I decide it is vital.” (MM 7/12; YA 7/12 in FBIS 7/12; ITV 7/12 in FBIS 7/15)

At the State Dept., France, Israel, Lebanon, Syria, the U.S. finalize agmt. on cease-fire monitoring comm. for s. Lebanon—to be called the Israel-Lebanon Monitoring Group (ILMG). U.S., France will rotate chairmanship; chair will be based in Cyprus; comm. will meet in Naqura, s. Lebanon; FMs of France, Syria, U.S. will consult with FMs of Israel, Lebanon when dispute arises; decisions will be made by consensus. (IDF Radio, SARR 7/13, IDF Radio, VOL 7/14 in FBIS 7/15; MM 7/15; JP 7/20) (see 7/6)

13 JULY

Fmr. Oslo negotiator Ya’ir Hirschfeld gives details of secret verbal understandings the Rabin government reached with the PA. (Nequda 7/14 in FBIS 8/1; MM 7/31; PR 8/9) (see Doc. C3)

In Jerusalem, secular Jews led by Meretz party activists drive down Bar Ilan Street, protesting plans to close the road during Sabbath (see 7/10). 1,000s of ultraorthodox Jews, led by UTJ MK Avraham Ravitz, hurl garbage, stones at the cars, sparking riot. Israeli police use water cannons to disperse crowd, arrest 13. (WT 7/14; JP 7/14 in FBIS 7/15; NYT 7/15; WJW 7/18; JP 7/20; WJW 8/8)

In Beirut, fmr. Lebanese Forces militia leader Samir Ja’ja’ is acquitted of trying to overthrow the government, masterminding 1994 church bombing that killed 11 worshipers. (WP, WT 7/14) (see 5/20)

14 JULY

In Muscat, Damascus Declaration Group closes 2-day mtg., issues final statement on the peace process. (AFP, SARR, Sultanate of Oman Television Network 7/14 in FBIS 7/15; MM 7/15; SARR 7/15 in FBIS 7/16; MM, NYT 7/17; JP 7/27)

Israeli settler leaders announce plans to double or triple their numbers (to bwn, 300,000 and 500,000 settlers), build 8-10 new settlements, expand existing settlements under Netanyahu’s tenure. (QY, VOP 7/14 in FBIS 7/15; MM, WP 7/15; MEI 7/19; JP 7/27)

15 JULY

Israel’s stock market falls for the 9th straight day, hitting its lowest mark in 8 mos. (JP 7/16 in FBIS 7/16)

Nearly 1 mo. after announcing plans to block 2d term for UN Secy. Gen. Butros-Ghali, the U.S. has received no pledges of support for its position. Conversely, China, the Arab states, most African leaders have endorsed Butros-Ghali’s candidacy. France, Russia, UK have been supportive of Butros-Ghali, but noncommittal. (NYT 7/16) (see 7/10)

16 JULY

Arafat refuses to meet with Netanyahu adviser Gold. Instead, Gold meets with PA chief negotiator Abbas. (MM 7/16; QY 7/16 in FBIS 7/16; CSM, NYT, WP, WT 7/17; QY, VOP 7/17 in FBIS 7/17; QY 7/17 in FBIS 7/18)

PM Netanyahu says he has decided in principle to ease the closure on the West Bank, Gaza. (QY 7/16 in FBIS 7/16; VOP 7/16 in FBIS 7/17; CSM, NYT, WP, WT 7/17) (see 6/20)

Israeli Construction Min. says building will begin within the boundaries of the Jewish neighborhood of Har Homa in East Jerusalem in the next few days; 6,000 housing units are planned. (QY 7/16 in FBIS 7/17)

17 JULY

500,000 Israelis comply with 1-day general strike called by Histadrut to oppose PM Netanyahu’s economic liberalization plans, $1.6-b. budget cut. (MM 7/17; QY 7/17 in FBIS 7/17; NYT 7/18, 7/31) (see 7/1)

Israel’s United Kibbutz Movement says it has discussed with the Construction Min. plans to build 4-5 “pre-settlements” btwn. Gaza, Hebron to alter the demographic balance bwn. Arabs, Jews in that area. (QY 7/17 in FBIS 7/18)

Nr. Hebron, 2 Palestinians suspected of collaborating with Israel are shot to death by 6 masked men. Villagers claim pair was killed by PSF. (QY 7/17, 7/18 in FBIS 7/18)

18 JULY

On his 1st visit to an Arab capital since his election, Israeli PM Netanyahu meets with Egyptian Pres. Mubarak in Cairo. (MM 7/18; MENA, QY 7/18 in FBIS 7/18; IDF Radio, ITV, MENA, RE 7/18, MENA 7/19 in FBIS 7/19; CSM, MM, NYT, WP, WT 7/19; MENA 7/20; YA 7/22 in FBIS 7/23; CSM 7/22; WP 7/23; NYT 7/31; MEI 8/2)

Israeli DM Mordechai meets with YESHA settlers’ council mbrs., who ask that
mbrs. of their civil guard be attached to the regular army patrols in the West Bank, Gaza; more land be zoned for settlement expansion. (QY 7/18 in FBIS 7/18)

Mayor of Ma'ale Adumim settlement presents plans to link the settlement with Jerusalem through construction of 2,000 housing units, 3,000 hotel units on state-owned land stretching fr. Ma'ale Adumim to Pisgat Ze'ev, thereby doubling Ma'ale Adumim's population to 40,000. (MA 7/18 in FBIS 7/18)

19 JULY

Nr. Nablus, more than 100 Palestinians tear down fences, throw stones at settlers who illegally confiscated Palestinian land for Karyut settlement. 10s of settlers attack Palestinians with clubs, destroy Palestinian cars, beat 3 journalists, confiscate film fr. their cameras. IDF fires tear gas to break up clash, imposes curfew. (JMCC, QY 7/19 in FBIS 7/22; NYT 7/20)

Palestinian Omar Muhammad Ali Rizaq, who admitted killing 2 passengers (incl. 1 American) during a 1985 hijacking of an Egypt Air flight fr. Athens to Malta, is convicted in the U.S. Rizaq was convicted, served 7 yrs. in Malta, and was released before being rearrested by U.S. agents in Nigeria in 1993. He was tried under U.S. antiterrorism statues that permit prosecution when Americans are victims. (NYT 7/20)

20 JULY

Israel seals Ramallah, after PSF mbrs. allegedly abduct an Israeli Arab fr. East Jerusalem in connection with a land dispute with the Coptic Church there. PSF says it arrested, did not kidnap, 'Abd al-Salam al-Hirbawi. (WT 7/21; QY 7/20, JMCC, QY, VOP 7/21 in FBIS 7/22; WT 7/22; JP 7/27; MEI 8/2)

For the 2d wk., street clashes erupt brwn. over 10,000 orthodox, secular Jews over plans to close Jerusalem's Bar Ilan Street during Sabbath. 2,500 riot police attempt to keep order. (NYT 7/21; CSM 8/6; WJW 8/8) (see 7/13)

21 JULY

Israel allows 10,000 more Palestinian workers fr. Gaza into Israel, raising total number of permits issued fr. 25,000 to 35,000; allows more trucks carrying goods into, out of the self-rule areas through Israeli checkpoints. (QY 7/21 in FBIS 7/22; JP 7/27; WJW 8/1)

PSF releases 'Abd al-Salam al-Hirbawi. (JMCC 7/21 in FBIS 7/22; WT 7/22; MEI 8/2) (see 7/20)

Under a deal brokered by Germany, Israel swaps bodies of 123 Arab militiamen for the remains of 2 IDF soldiers, Yossi Fink and Rahamim Alshaykh, who were captured by Hizballah in s. Lebanon in 2/86. Hizballah also frees 21 SLA mbrs. in return for 45 prisoners held in al-Khiyam prison. PM Net- anyahu calls return of the dead “a step in the right direction.” DM Mordechai thanks Iran, Lebanon, Syria for their cooperation. (IDF Radio, QY, RL, VOL 7/21, QY, RL 7/22 in FBIS 7/22; MM, NYT, WP, WT 7/22; MA, RMC 7/22 in FBIS 7/23; CSM, WT 7/23; JP 7/27; MM 8/2) (see 7/10)

22 JULY

7 of the 23 local council heads making up the YESHA settlers' council break away to form their own group. The 7 are Likud mbrs., representing settlements close to the Israeli-West Bank border (or 60% of the West Bank settler population), who are considered more likely than other YESHA mbrs. to accept a permanent agmt. with the PA that would annex to Israel those settlements nr. the Green Line. (MM 7/23)

Spokesman for the U.S. delegation to the UN, James Rubin, says the U.S. is concerned by signs that some UN officials are working to promote Butros-Ghali's reelection as secy. gen.; U.S. intends to look into “how UN personnel are being used by the sec. gen. for this purpose.” (WP 7/24) (see 7/15)

CIA accuses Chinese manufacturer of M-11 missiles of sending a shipment of military cargo to Syria in 6/96, contravening China's 1994 pledge to the U.S. not to export missiles, missile components that violate the Missile Technology Control Regime. (WT 7/23)

23 JULY


UN spokeswoman Sylvana Foa (an American citizen) denounces U.S.'s Rubin for
accretions made 7/22; says U.S.'s “bully
tactics, threats, and blatant attempts at intimi-
dating staff mbrs. have a very disconcerting
odor of the McCarthy era.” (WP 7/24)

In s. Lebanon, 2 Amal mbrs. are
wounded in shootout with IDF patrol. (QY,
RL 7/24 in FBIS 7/25)

24 JULY

Israeli High Court passes resolution,
allowing small groups of Temple Mount
Faithful to enter the al-Aqsa mosque court-
yards 7/25 to perform Jewish religious rites
for fast day. PA, Jordan, Syria protest. 10s of
Jews immediately try to storm the mosque
but are blocked by Israeli police. (QY 7/24,
QY, al-Ra'i, SARR, VOP 7/25, RMC 7/26 in
FBIS 7/26; MENA 7/31 in FBIS 8/1; RJ 7/31 in
FBIS 8/2; MEI, PR 8/2)

PA policeman shoots at suspicious car
nr. checkpoint outside Qalqilya, slightly
wounding girl; is held by PA for questioning.
IDF puts closure on Qalqilya. (QY 7/25 in
FBIS 7/26; QY 7/28 in FBIS 7/29)

25 JULY

PA’s Arafat makes his 1st official visit to
Syria since 1993, meets with Pres. Asad. (MM
7/25; VOA, VOP 7/25 in FBIS 7/25; al-Hayat,
SARR, SATN 7/25, SARR 7/26 in FBIS 7/26;
CSM, MM 7/26; al-Hayat, PBC, VOP 7/26,
VOP 7/27 in FBIS 7/26; MEI 8/2)

Israeli police escort 100s of Temple
Mount Faithful in pairs to al-Aqsa courtyard
for prayers; arrest 12 mbrs. of Hay Veqayam
who try to enter the site. (QY 7/25, JP 7/26
in FBIS 7/26; MEI 8/2) (see 7/24)

In testimony before the House Interna-
tional Relations Comm., Philip Wilcox,
State Dept. coordinator for counterterrorism,
says the U.S. has no evidence of direct Syrian
involvement in “terrorist” acts since 1986.
Rep. Gilman called this session of the comm.
despite the objections of the State Dept. that
it would alienate Pres. Asad, further hinder
resumption of Syrian-Israeli talks. (WT 7/26;
WJW 8/1)

26 JULY

PM Netanyahu orders the resumption of
Israel-Pa security contacts. (MEI 7/5)

2 Israelis are killed, 1 is wounded in a
drive-by shooting 15 mi. southwest of Jeru-
alem in central Israel. IDF suspects PFLP
carried out attack, reseals West Bank, closes
Jericho, demands PA find assailants. (MM,
WP 7/26; QY, VOP 7/26 in FBIS 7/26; NYT,
WP, WT 7/27; WP 7/29; WJW 8/1)

Pres. Clinton rejects clemency appeal of
convicted spy for Israel, Jonathan Pollard.
Israeli PM Netanyahu regrets the decision.
(NYT 7/27; IDF Radio, QY 7/27 in FBIS 7/29;
WT 7/28; WJW 8/1)

27 JULY

IDF lifts closure on Jericho imposed 7/
26. (VOP 7/26 in FBIS 7/29)

28 JULY

Israeli wounded in 7/26 drive-by shooting dies. (QY 7/26 in FBIS 7/28; MM, WP 7/
29)

 Wife of convicted spy Pollard begins
hunger strike to convince Pres. Clinton to
grant her husband clemency. (WT 7/29) (see
7/26)

29 JULY

Israel lifts full closure on West Bank
imposed 7/26, allows 12,000 Palestinian
workers fr. the West Bank into Israel. (QY 7/
29 in FBIS 7/29; WP 7/30)

In an attempt to tighten Israel’s links to
disputed lands, Israeli Infrastructure M
Sharon orders plans be executed to build 2
highways through the West Bank, build 2
bridges to the Golan Heights, expand high-
way running the length of the West Bank
along the Jordan Valley. PA, Labor Ms call
order an act of defiance against the Oslo
agmts. (MM 7/29; QY 7/29 in FBIS 7/29; MM,
NYT 7/30; WP 7/31; JP, YA 7/31 in FBIS 7/
31)

PM Netanyahu meets with mbrs. of
YESHA settlers’ council in the West Bank,
approves of their expansion plans but makes
no commitments. 4 of the 7 representatives
who left YESHA 7/22 attend the mtg. (IDF
Radio, QY 7/29 in FBIS 7/30; MM, NYT 7/30;
CSM, WP 7/31; CSM 8/2)

2 Hizballah mbrs. are killed in s. Leba-
on in clash with IDF. (VOL 8/1 in FBIS 8/
2)

30 JULY

Palestinian prisoner in PA custody,
Mahmud Jumayil, is left brain dead, with
skull fractures and burn marks, after alleged
torture by PA coastal police at Jneid prison
nr. Nablus. Another Palestinian jailed with
Jumayil is missing. (NYT, WT 7/31; JP 8/1 in

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FBIS 8/1; CSM, MM, PR 8/2; Houston Chronicle 8/5; PR 8/9; MEI 8/16; WP 8/20

Acting on information provided by the PSF on Arafat’s orders, IDF finds nr. Tel Aviv the remains of a soldier kidnapped, killed 7 yrs. ago by Hamas. (ITV, QY 7/30 in FBIS 7/31; MM, NYT, WP, WT 7/31; QY 7/31 in FBIS 8/1)

In s. Israel, bedouin fr. the Tarabin al-Sana tribe, protesting the confiscation of their land for the expansion of the Jewish town of Omer, attack Israeli police with stones, slingshots, wounding 39 officers. 37 bedouin are arrested. (WT 7/31; PR 8/2)

31 JULY

Fmr. Israeli negotiator and Peres aide Yossi Beilin confirms Hirschfeld’s 7/13 report. PA confirms Beilin’s statement. (MM 7/31; QY 7/31 in FBIS 7/31; CSM, NYT, WT 8/1; QY 7/31, JP 8/1 in FBIS 8/1; CSM 8/2, WT 8/7; PR 8/9) (see Doc. C3)

Arafat says PA has reached agmt. with Israel for release of Hamas spiritual leader Shaykh Ahmad Yasin, is awaiting implementation. (QY 7/31 in FBIS 8/1)

Palestinian prisoner Mahmoud Jumayil become the 7th to die in PA custody. In Bethlehem at its weekly session, PC sets up comm. to investigate the death; Arafat says 3 officers already have been detained. (VOP 8/1 in FBIS 8/1; VOP 8/1 in FBIS 8/2; MM, NYT, WT 8/2; Houston Chronicle 8/5; PR 8/9; MEI 8/16; WP 8/20) (see 7/30)

CIA tells Congress’s Select Comm. on Intelligence that 6 countries (China, Cuba, France, Iran, Israel, Russia) are involved in industrial espionage against the U.S. Israel denies the charge. (ITV 7/31 in FBIS 8/1; WP 8/16)

Hizballah attacks IDF, SLA position in s. Lebanon. IDF, SLA return fire, killing 1 Hizballah mbr. (JP 8/1 in FBIS 8/1; VOL 8/1 in FBIS 8/2)

1 AUGUST

In Hebron, Israeli border police stop car of PA’s Hebron police chief, arrest him, assault 2 of his passengers, damage 2d car. (VOP 8/1 in FBIS 8/1)

In Nablus, 1,000s of Palestinians protest Jumayil’s death 7/30; some call for resignation of Nablus mayor Ghassan Shaka, saying he ordered the killing as an act of personal revenge. IDF declares city closed military zone. (IDF Radio, QY 8/1 in FBIS 8/2; CSM, MM, NYT, WT 8/2; Houston Chronicle, MM 8/5; PR 8/9; MEI 8/16; WP 8/20) (see 7/31)

2 AUGUST

Israeli cabinet unanimously decides to lift building restrictions in Jewish settlements but is vague about how much building it will permit. PA protests. Abolishing the ban on new construction also does away with the special ministerial committee that had reviewed building requests, leaving approval of new construction to the DM alone. (MM 8/2; QY 8/2 in FBIS 8/2; ITV 8/2 in FBIS 8/5; VOP 8/2, 8/3 in FBIS 8/6; NYT, WT 8/3; CSM 8/5; WJW 8/8; PR 8/9; JP 8/10)

Nt. Tulkarm, PSF opens fire on 100s of Palestinian protesters who try to storm a West Bank jail, killing 1, wounding 30. Several inmates escape in the melee but surrender hrs. later. PA police arrest 200, put curfew on Tulkarm, say Hamas mbrs. hiding in the crowd are responsible for the shooting (though jail officials deny this). IDF seals the town. (MM 8/2; AFP, QY, VOP 8/2 in FBIS 8/5; WT 8/3; CSM, NYT 8/5; VOA 8/5 in FBIS 8/5; MM 8/15) (see 7/11)

3 AUGUST

Jordan’s King Hussein arrives in Damascus for 1st time in 2 yrs.; holds “very successful” reconciliation mtg. with Pres. Assad. (JTV, RJ, SARR 8/3; al-Dustur 8/4, JT 8/5 in FBIS 8/5; WP, WT 8/4; WP 8/6; WJW 8/8)

In wake of riot 8/2, Fatah holds pro-Arafat rally in Tulkarm, PA releases 23 Hamas mbrs. to stem anger. (QY 8/3 in FBIS 8/5; MM 8/5) (see 7/7)

In Jericho, PA military court sentences 3 PA police officers to prison terms for torturing Jumayil to death. 2 men are given 15-yr. terms, 1 is given 10 yrs. (VOP 8/3, AFP 8/4 in FBIS 8/5; NYT 8/4; CSM, Houston Chronicle, NYT 8/5; PR 8/9; MEI 8/16; WP 8/20) (see 8/1)

4 AUGUST

Australian billionaire Yosef Gutnik presents to Dep. Construction M Porush for approval plans to build 200 housing units in Shilo settlement in the West Bank. (ITV 8/5 in FBIS 8/6)

Israel’s High Court upholds Yigal Amir’s conviction for Rabin assassination. (WP 8/5) (see 7/7)
5 AUGUST

Israeli PM Netanyahu, King Hussein meet in Amman. Jordan regrets that Netanyahu's 25-mbr. entourage includes no FMin. officials, high-ranking diplomats. (MM 8/5; AFP, JT; RJ 8/5 in FBIS 8/5; JTV, RJ 8/5 in FBIS 8/6; CSM, NYT, WP, WT 8/6; MM, WT 8/7; WJW 8/8; NYT 8/9)

Israel allows another 5,000 Palestinian workers to enter Israel, bringing total number of permits issued to 37,000. (NYT, WP 8/6; WJW 8/8)

In s. Lebanon, Hizballah fires on IDF post, wounding 2; captures 1 SLA mbr. (QY 8/5, SARR 8/6 in FBIS 8/6; MM, WP 8/6; WT 8/7; WJW 8/8)

In Washington, Pres. Clinton signs legislation imposing sanctions on foreign companies that do business with Iran, Libya. Bill is expected to strain U.S. relations with the EU, which has threatened retaliation. In particular, France, Germany, Italy do significant trade with Iran, Libya. (NYT, WT 8/6; NYT 8/7; MEI 8/16)

6 AUGUST

Shas, NRP agree to share religious affairs portfolio, alternate yrs. serving as religious affairs M. (QY 8/6 in FBIS 8/6) (see 7/1)

Nr. Hebron, Israel bulldozes Palestinian home to make way for bypass road; displaces 14-mbr. family. (PR 8/23)

In s. Lebanon, Hizballah shells IDF post, killing 1, wounding 2. (IDF Radio 8/6 in FBIS 8/6; MM, WP 8/6; WT 8/7)

7 AUGUST

Israeli FM Levy refuses to attend mtgs. with PM Netanyahu in protest over the PM's exclusion of FMin. officials fr. the Israeli delegation to Jordan 8/5; tendency to ignore the FMin.; failure to brief the FMin. on mtgs. (particularly those made by Gold) with foreign leaders (incl. an alleged secret overture to Morocco made recently by Gold). (MM 8/7; JP 8/7 in FBIS 8/7; JTV 8/7 in FBIS 8/6; MM, WT 8/8; NYT 8/9; WP 8/10)

Israeli DM Mordechai laments about how PM Netanyahu is conducting contacts with the PA, deliberations on Hebron; says Netanyahu is using private advisers, such as Gold, Cabinet Secy. Dani Nave, too much and the DMin. too little. (ITV 8/7 in FBIS 8/8)

Arafat orders release of 120 of Hamas mbrs. to allay tensions following protests in Nablus (8/1), Tulkarm (8/2). (QY 8/7 in FBIS 8/8; NYT 8/25) (see 8/3)

8 AUGUST

Palestinian arrested 8/2 during protests against Jumayil death is admitted to Nablus hospital, claiming he was also tortured by PA police. (WP, WT 8/10; MEI 8/16; WP 8/20)

IAF hits Hizballah targets nr. Baalbek, Lebanon, in response to Hizballah attacks 8/5-6. Later in the day, the 1st mtg. of the ILMG is held in Naqura to discuss organizational, administrative issues related to its operation. (MM, WT 8/8; IDF Radio 8/8 in FBIS 8/12; NYT 8/9)

9 AUGUST

Israeli FM Levy boycotts cabinet mtg., says he will quit post if PM Netanyahu does not give him more power, control over the negotiations with the PA. (QY 8/9 in FBIS 8/9; WP 8/10; WT 8/11) (see 8/7)

Palestinian prisoners fr. the PA-controlled Jneid prison in Nablus are admitted to hospital for injuries incurred in detention. The 4 have been detained without charge for 8 mos. (PR 8/16) (see 8/8)

10 AUGUST

IDF closes Bethlehem to Israeli traffic because 10s of Palestinians are demonstrating for the release of Hamas mbrs., jailed without trial since 3/96. (QY 8/10 in FBIS 8/12) (see 8/7)

In Ramallah, Palestinian Khalid Habal dies while in PA custody. PA says he committed suicide. (PR 8/23) (see 8/9)

11 AUGUST

Palestinian Naher Dahan dies while in PA custody. PA says he committed suicide. al-Damir human rights organization says he died as a result of abuse during interrogation. (MM 8/15; PR 8/16) (see 8/10)

Turkish Pres. Erbakan arrives in Iran for 3-day official visit; holds talks on political, economic ties with Pres. Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani. U.S. is angered. (MM 8/12) (see 8/5)

12 AUGUST

In Israel's 1st move to expand settlements, DM Mordechai approves placement of 298 government-owned mobile homes in Jewish settlements for public, educational
use; admits units will be used primarily as living quarters. (QY 8/12 in FBIS 8/13; MM, WT 8/13; VOP 8/13 in FBIS 8/13; CSM, MM, WP 8/14; JP 8/24)

Israel demolishes 6 Palestinian homes: 1 in Jerusalem built without a permit, 2 n. of Jerusalem to make way for a bypass road, 3 nr. Ramallah. (PR 8/23) (see 8/6)

Israel’s Interior M Eliyahu Suissa says $5 m. will be reallocated fr. local governments to settlements to help Jewish settlers pay expenses resulting fr. the Oslo agmts. (QY 8/12 in FBIS 8/12; MM 8/13; WT 8/14; WJW, WP, WT 8/15; JP 8/24)

PA arrests al-Damir Exec. Dir. Muham- mad Dahman, accuses him of fabricating 8/11 story of Dahlan’s death in custody. (MM 8/15; PR 8/16)

Turkish PM Erbakan signs $23-b. natural gas deal with Iran; says Iran may use the Turkish ports of Trabzon, Iskenderun for trade with foreign countries. U.S. considers this a provocative challenge to its policy on Iran. (CSM, MM 8/12; MM 8/13; Hurriyet [Istanbul]. Turkish Daily News 8/13 in WNC 8/21) (see 8/5, 8/11)

Republican National Convention adopts party platform on the Middle East. (NYT 8/13)

13 AUGUST

Jordan implements IMF-sanctioned cut in food prices, almost tripling the cost of bread. (JT 8/13 in FBIS 8/13; MM, WP 8/14)

YA reports that 130 Jewish families have moved to settlements in the Golan since Netanyahu’s election. (MM 8/13)

N. Jerusalem, Israel demolishes 2 Palestinian homes allegedly built without permits. (PR 8/23) (see 8/12)

Turkey, Iraq close 3 days of talks on improving political, trade relations and security issues; sign extradition agmt. (Sabah [Istanbul] 8/14, Milliyet [Istanbul] 8/15 in WNC 8/21) (see 8/12)

14 AUGUST

Arafat sends letter to Pres. Clinton, urging him to block Israel’s expansion of settlements. State Dept. says it has asked PM Netanyahu for clarification of statements made by Israeli government officials that the settler population would grow. (MM 8/14; VOP 8/14 in FBIS 8/15; WP, WT 8/15)

15 AUGUST

IDF presents to the DMin. for review plans to pave at least 300 mi. of roads in the West Bank, linking Jewish settlements. Palestinian lands will be confiscated to complete the project. (NYT 8/16)

PA military court sentences 5 Palestinians to jail for taking part in Tulkarm demonstration 8/2. 2 receive 12-yr. sentences; 1 gets 5 yrs.; 2 get 2 yrs. 50 others arrested during the riot have been released. (MM 8/15)

Israeli High Court votes 6-1 to keep Bar Ilan Street open during Sabbath until a comm. is formed to review the dispute, present findings. (NYT 8/16; HA 8/19 in IL 8/19; WJW 8/22; JP 8/24) (see 7/20)

IMLG meets in Naqara at Israel’s request, following the death of a Lebanese civilian during a clash with Hizballah in s. Lebanon. (RL 8/15 in FBIS 8/15; QY 8/15 in FBIS 8/16; JP 8/17, 8/24)

Pollard’s wife ends hunger strike after PM Netanyahu promises to lobby U.S. for Pollard’s release. (WT 8/16; JP 8/24) (see 7/28)

Chronology Source Abbreviations

AFP (Agence France Presse, Paris)
CSM (Christian Science Monitor, Boston)
FBIS (Foreign Broadcast Information Service Daily Report, Near East & South Asia)
HA (Ha’aretz, Tel Aviv)
IGPO (Israeli Government Press Office, Jerusalem)
IL (Israel Line [internet], New York)
ITV (Israel Television Network, Jerusalem)
JMCC (Jerusalem Media and Communications Center, Jerusalem)
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MBC (Middle East Broadcasting Centre, London)
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