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## CHRONOLOGY

# 16 MAY—15 AUGUST 1991

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### 16 MAY

U.S. Secy. of State **James Baker** departs Israel for Washington after talks with Israeli leadership, which still rejects U.N. role in proposed Middle East peace talks. Two sides reportedly agreed to include Palestinian participants in negotiations through joint **Palestinian-Jordanian delegation** comprised of Palestinians living in Jordan. Trip is Baker's fourth to region within two months. (NYT, WP 5/17)

**PLO Pol. Dept. Head Faruq al-Qaddumi** meets with **Lebanese For. Min. Faris Buwayz** in Cairo over **PLO disarmament** in S. Lebanon as directed by Lebanese government. Al-Qaddumi, while stating PLO will cooperate with government in establishing state's sovereignty, noted that PLO will not disarm, offering instead formation of Palestinian brigade which could coordinate with Lebanese army command. Buwayz rejected proposal. (MEM 5/17; NYT 5/18)

Al-Qaddumi also meets with Syrian For. Min. **Faruq al-Shar'** in Cairo to discuss U.S., **Soviet peace initiatives**. (MEM 5/17)

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### 17 MAY

Israeli authorities **deport Ahmad Muhammad 'Ajaj** from Jabal al-Mukabar refugee camp in Jerusalem to Jordan for five years for alleged security violations (FJ 5/20)

**Hizballah-led Islamic Resistance Movement** claims responsibility for two bomb at-

tacks in Nabatiya, S. Lebanon, which kill four, including member of Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army. (NYT 5/18, 5/19)

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### 18 MAY

**King Hussein** meets with Syrian Pres. **Hafiz al-Asad** in Damascus to discuss recent U.S., Soviet peace initiatives. Both countries agree that goal should be settlement based on land for peace. (WP 5/19)

Israeli warplanes attack **Amal** base in Shabriha, S. Lebanon, killing four and wounding 15. Attack is response to 5/17 bombing in Nabatiya carried out by **Islamic Resistance Movement**, which operates in newly-established alliance with Amal after years of rivalry. (NYT 5/19)

**Four** alleged members of **Fateh** **deported from Gaza**, taken to Israel's "security zone" in S. Lebanon by helicopter and released, bringing total to **69 Palestinians deported since intifada** began in 1987. Deportees were: Jalal Yasin Abu Habbal, Mu'in Muhammad Musallim, Hasan Muhammad 'Ali Dahlan, Jamal 'Abd Rabbuh Abu'l-Jidyen. (NYT 5/19; MEM 5/20)

**Israeli troops** kill Jenin youth after confrontation in al-Masahiliyya village. (Radio Israel 5/18)

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### 19 MAY

Egyptian Pres. **Mubarak** arrives in Damas-

cus for talks with Pres. **al-Asad** on recent regional peace efforts. (WP, LAT, CMS 5/20)

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## 20 MAY

While visiting Israel, Polish Pres. Lech **Walesa** apologizes for **Polish anti-Semitism** in speech to Knesset. Walesa is first Polish president to visit Israel. (NYT 5/21)

PLO Pol. Dept. Head Faruq **al-Qaddumi** meets with **King Hussein** in Amman to discuss recent U.S., Soviet peace efforts, Palestinian issues. (MEM 5/21)

Israeli government approves new settlement to be built on occupied **Golan Heights**. (WP 5/23)

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## 21 MAY

Israeli government inaugurates Kanaf, **new settlement** on occupied **Golan Heights** and fourth Israeli settlement established since end of Gulf war and beginning of Secy. of State **Baker's peace initiative** in region [U.S. opposes settlements]. 12,400 Jewish settlers now live on Golan Heights. (NYT 5/22; WP 5/23)

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## 22 MAY

Sec. of State **Baker**, in testimony before U.S. House of Representatives Foreign Affairs subcommittee, calls continued building of **Israeli settlements** "largest obstacle" to convening proposed Middle East peace conference. Remarks come in wake of four new settlements established in occupied territories since Baker began his recent peace initiative. (See *JPS* 80, doc. D2)

More than **200,000 Israelis** now live in occupied territories (NYT, WP, LAT 5/23)

Pres. **al-Asad** and Lebanese Pres. Ilyas **al-Hirawi** sign a "**Treaty of Brotherhood, Cooperation and Coordination**" in Damascus. (See *JPS* 80, doc. B9). Treaty establishes joint Syrian-Lebanese institutions for coordinating defense, security, foreign and economy policy, under authority of higher council comprising the two country's presidents, prime ministers and parliamentary speakers. Treaty transforms Syrian influence in Lebanon into formal role.

Treaty calls for Syria to redeploy its 40,000 troops in Lebanon in Biqa' valley. Syrian troops currently effectively control two-thirds of Lebanon.

Lebanese **Maronite Catholic Patriarch**

Nasr Allah Sufayr opposes accord, stating that it would lead to Syrian domination of Lebanon. Israel voiced opposition to the accord as well. (NYT, WP, LAT 5/23)

Israeli def. ministry confirms that Polish Pres. **Walesa** promised Def. Min. Moshe Arens that **Poland will not sell tanks to Syria** out of deference to Israel. (LAT 5/22)

Knesset erupts into shouting match when Knesset Speaker Dov Shilansky (Likud) calls on **Israeli peace activist Abie Nathan** to halt his 25-day **fast**. Nathan began fast 3/25 to protest Israeli law forbidding Israelis to meet with members of PLO. Shilansky's statement came in wake of failed motion to abolish law.

Nathan has publicly met Yasir Arafat several times since law was passed, serving 122 days in prison in 1990 as result. (NYT 5/23; MEM 7/15)

*Los Angeles Times* reports that **Coca-Cola Company** was removed last month from list of companies **boycotted by Arab League** for their dealings with Israel. Japanese car manufacturer **Toyota** also reported last month that it will begin **selling cars in Israel** in 1992, a departure from its policy of dealing solely with Arab countries. (LAT 5/22)

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## 23 MAY

Lebanese security officials claim that heavy equipment of Christian **Lebanese Forces** militia has been moved by ship from Juniya to Nagura, in Israeli "security zone." Move comes after Lebanese government orders militia to disarm in Beirut, surrounding areas, as part of nation-wide plan to reassert authority of central government. (NYT 5/24)

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## 24 MAY

Secy. of State **Baker** modifies 5/22 **statement concerning Israeli settlement-building** as an obstacle to peace, notes that "other obstacles" present equal difficulties. Baker was criticized by **American Jewish organizations**, some U.S. senators, for singling out Israel in his remarks.

Pres. **Bush backs Baker's criticism** of Israeli settlement building. (NYT, WP 5/24)

Israel begins **airlifting remaining 16,000 Ethiopian Jews** in Ethiopia to Israel in "Operation Solomon" following secret talks with collapsing government of Ethiopia. 5/22 **letter from Pres. Bush** to acting Ethiopian Pres. Lt.-Gen. Tesfaye Gebre-Kidan promising U.S. mediation efforts in Ethiopian civil war in return for unrestricted Jewish emigration paved

way for airlift. Bush had earlier written Ethiopian Pres. Mengistu Haile Mariam in April urging release of the Jews.

Unnamed U.S. official states Bush asked Israeli Prime Min. Yitzhak Shamir **not to settle the Ethiopians in the occupied territories**. Aide to Shamir confirmed Israel told U.S. it had "no intention" of settling immigrants on what he termed "occupied land." Simha Dinitz, Israel's senior immigration official, confirmed that none would be placed in occupied territories.

Western relief workers complained that valuable resources expended on operation could have been used to aid Ethiopian famine victims remaining in Ethiopia.

Airlift comes as Israel is struggling to absorb nearly 250,000 **Soviet Jewish immigrants** who arrived in past 20 months.

12,000 Ethiopian Jews were airlifted to Israel in "Operation Moses" in 1984 before Arab criticism prompted Ethiopian government to halt exodus. 8,000 others came to Israel after emigration resumed on small scale in 1989. By beginning of 1991, more than 20,000 Ethiopian Jews were living in Israel. (NYT, WP 5/25, 5/26; LAT 5/27; NYT 6/6)

U.S. state department issues cautious statement on 5/22 **Syrian-Lebanese treaty**, noting that it will monitor events to determine if Lebanon's independence is respected. (WP 5/25)

Israeli Def. Min. Spokesman Danny Naveh states that **Israel will release all Lebanese prisoners** held by Israel, including alleged Hizballah spiritual leader Shaykh 'Abd al-Karim 'Ubayd, in exchange for Israeli prisoners held in Lebanon. Hizballah spokesman added that Israel must release **Lebanese and Palestinian prisoners**, that Hizballah could only release those Israelis it holds and not those held by other groups.

A total of seven Israelis were captured or reported missing in Lebanon since 1982 Israeli invasion, of whom only two are believed to be alive. Hizballah admits to holding two Israelis. Hizballah is seeking release of Shi'ites held both by Israel and Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army.

Agreement came in wake of statement earlier in the week by Shaykh 'Abbas al-Musawi, new leader of Hizballah, that Hizballah would release the two Israelis if Israel freed Lebanese and Palestinian prisoners it held. The proposed exchange could lead to **release of Western hostages** held in Lebanon as well. (WP 5/25; NYT 5/26)

U.S. joins other 14 members of U.N. **Security Council** in voting to deplore 5/18 **deportation** of four Palestinians from Gaza.

(WP, LAT 5/25; see *JPS* 80, doc. A5)

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**25 MAY**

Israeli officials confirm that 14,500 **Ethiopian Jews** arrived in Israel as "Operation Solomon" airlift is completed as civil war in Ethiopia rages and rebel forces close in on capital Addis Ababa. 2,000-3,000 Jews remain in Ethiopia. (NYT, WP 5/26)

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**27 MAY**

**Lebanese parliament** approves 5/22 **Syrian-Lebanese treaty** by vote of 46 in favor, one against, 20 abstentions. (NYT 5/28)

Israeli Def. Min. Moshe **Arens calls for international conference** involving Middle Eastern nations and countries supplying them with arms to **restrict sales of conventional weapons** to region. Proposal would benefit Israel, which manufactures many of its own conventional weapons, while limiting ability to Arab nations to augment their already large conventional forces. Middle Eastern nations have imported some \$200 billion in military equipment during last 20 years.

Proposal also seen as attempt to **deflect anticipated proposal** by Pres. **Bush** to limit nonconventional "weapons of mass destruction" [see 5/29], a field in which Israel holds an advantage over its Arab enemies. (WP 5/28)

Israeli officials consider second airlift to bring an additional 2,000 **Ethiopian Jews** to Israel, in addition to larger number of Jews who converted to Christianity to escape persecution in the country and who were barred from earlier flights because Israeli immigration law specifies Jews who convert are not eligible to immigrate without reconversion to Judaism. (LAT 5/28)

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**28 MAY**

**Top-level PLO delegation**, comprising Pol. Dept. Head Faruq al-Qaddumi, Information Dept. Head Yasir 'Abd Rabbuh, Exec. Comm. members Mustafa al-Zibri (Abu 'Ali Mustafa), Sulayman al-Najjab, **meets with Pres. al-Asad** in Damascus, Meeting seen as part of recent efforts to **improve PLO-Syrian relations** in wake of diplomatic setback faced by PLO after Gulf war. (NYT 5/29)

Delegation also meets with officials of dissident **Palestinian National Salvation Front** in Damascus. Meeting centers on reconcilia-

tion between PLO and PNSF. At PLO insistence, Col. Sa'id Musa Muragha's (Abu Musa) **Fateh-Uprising group not represented.**

Reconciliation efforts come during increased PLO-Syrian dialogue. (MEM 5/17; NYT, MEM 5/29; CSM 5/30)

**Hizballah leader 'Abbas al-Musawi** claims his group holds two Israeli prisoners, but Israel has failed to meet conditions for their release. States Israel willing to release Lebanese prisoners it held only; Hizballah demanded release of Palestinian prisoners as well. Israeli Def. Min. **Arens expressed optimism** over prospects for possible prisoner exchange. (WP 5/28)

Israel convicts Palestinian **Fu'ad Hasan al-Shar'** of participating in 1983 attempt to blow up airliner belonging to Israeli state airline **El Al**. Al-Shari' sentenced to 25 years imprisonment. (WP 5/28)

**Greek appeals committee upheld Italy's request to extradite 'Abd al-Rahim Khalid**, Palestinian sentenced *in absentia* to life imprisonment in 1987 by court in Genoa for alleged role in October 1985 hijacking of Italian ship *Achille Lauro*. Khalid, arrested 5/5 in Athens, faces two more avenues of appeal before extradition can proceed. (NYT 5/29)

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## 29 MAY

Pres. **Bush unveils proposal for arms control** in Middle East, his first concrete policy initiative dealing with region since end of Gulf war (see *JPS* 80, doc. D3). Proposal includes call for: **U.S., USSR, China, France, Britain** to halt certain arms transfers; freeze on acquisition of surface-to-surface ballistic missiles and nuclear weapons-grade uranium & plutonium; regional acquiescence to global ban on poison gas weapons; commitments to abide by 1972 treaty on biological weapons and 1968 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Proposals do not call for specific treaties but rather encourage self-restraint.

Administration confirms that Israel, which has not signed Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, has objected to provisions on nuclear weapons. Israel reportedly possesses some 100 nuclear warheads. (NYT, WP, LAT 5/30)

Israeli government admits paying **\$35 million** to government of former Pres. Mengistu Haile Mariam's government in Ethiopia for **release of Ethiopian Jews** flown to Israel 5/24 and 5/25, confirms that two senior officials of deposed government were given temporary asylum in Israel as part of

deal. (NYT 5/30)

Following talks with **Jordanian For. Min. Tahir al-Masri**, PLO Pol. Dept. Head **Faruq al-Qaddumi** states that Jordan and Syria have responded positively to PLO proposal for **co-ordinated stand** among Jordan, Syria, Egypt, Lebanon and PLO toward **U.S. peace efforts** in region. (MEM 5/29)

U.S. Def. Secy. **Richard Cheney arrives in Israel** for talks on arms sales. Israel has complained recently that U.S. is **delaying delivery of \$700 million in arms** promised to Israel. Cheney states Washington remains committed to assuring Israel's military advantage over Arab states. (LAT 5/30)

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## 30 MAY

**Cheney** announces that U.S. will give Israel ten used **F-15 fighter aircraft** as well as continue to provide 75% of funding necessary to produce joint **U.S.-Israeli "Arrow" anti-ballistic missile**. Cheney denies any contradiction with Pres. Bush's 5/29 proposal on Middle East arms reductions. (NYT 6/1)

**U.S. ambassador to Kuwait** states Kuwait has ended enforcement of "secondary boycott" of firms dealing with Israel. (MEM 8/8)

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## 31 MAY

U.S. Secy. of Def. **Cheney** states that U.S. currently **stockpiling military equipment in Israel** for future use by either country, according to agreement reached between two countries several years ago but hitherto unimplemented. (NYT, WP 6/1)

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## 1 JUNE

Pres. **Bush sends letters** to leaders of Syria, Israel, Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, **urging flexibility** in positions on proposed Middle East peace conference. Bush's letter to Pres. **al-Asad** delivered by Secy. of State Baker to Syrian For. Min. **Faruq al-Shar'** in Lisbon. Syrian acceptance of U.S. peace proposals considered key to their success. (WP 6/2, 6/4; NYT 6/5)

Israeli troops intercept two commandos seeking to infiltrate across Jordan river, killing one. (NYT 6/1)

Paris-based *Le Point* publishes interview with **King Hussein** in which he called for **"face-to-face" talks** between Arabs and Israelis. (Radio Israel in FBIS 6/1)

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**2 JUNE**

Israeli For. Min. David **Levy**, responding to 6/1 remarks made by King Hussein to French magazine, invites Hussein to Jerusalem to conduct peace talks. Levy also states Israeli officials would travel to Amman for peace talks. Jordanian spokesman states king referred to talks within **framework of an international conference**. (Israel Radio in FBIS 6/2; NYT 6/3; LAT 6/4)

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**3 JUNE**

**Israeli jets** attack Fateh base east near al-Mi'a wa Mi'a refugee camp east of Sidon, killing three, wounding 11. (BVOL in FBIS 6/3)

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**4 JUNE**

U.S. Def. Secy. **Cheney** announces proposed sale of 20 "Apache" **helicopter gunships** to Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, the second major arms transfer announced since Pres. Bush's 5/29 **proposal to limit arms supplies** to region [see 5/30]. Cheney again denies any contradiction in policy. (NYT 6/5)

Israeli For. Min. **Levy** announces **France** has pledged \$500 million in loan guarantees to build **housing for immigrants** to Israel. (MEM 6/5)

**Israeli planes** attack suspended Palestinian and Lebanese **commando bases** near Sidon, S. Lebanon, for second day. Two-day raids destroyed several ammunition, vehicle depots; 22 reported killed, 82 wounded in raids on bases of Fateh, PFLP, DFLP, Fateh-Revolutionary Council, Lebanese Popular Liberation Army.

Raids are largest since the 1982 Lebanon war. (LAT 6/5; NYT, WP 6/6)

Prime Min. **Shamir** tells parliamentarians from Agudat Yisra'el party he opposes notion of "**Jordan is Palestine**," sees no value in replacing King Hussein with Arafat. (Radio Israel in FBIS 6/3).

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**5 JUNE**

Prime Min. **Shamir** states **sovereignty of occupied territories is subject to negotiations**, despite past statements ruling out such talks. (WP 6/6)

Pres. **al-Asad** meets with Pres. **Mubarak** in Cairo to discuss U.S.-sponsored peace ini-

tiative. (NYT 6/6)

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**6 JUNE**

Prime Min. **Shamir rejects Pres. Bush's 6/1 letter** calling for Israeli acceptance of **greater U.N. role** in proposed Arab-Israeli peace talks. Shamir refused proposal for U.N. mediator to be present at talks, as well as proposal that conference, including representatives from superpowers and European community, reconvene periodically. Shamir insisted that international contingent be present **merely for opening ceremonies**. He also seeks clarification of composition of Palestinian participants. (NYT, LAT 6/8; Radio Israel 6/9)

**Israeli peace activist Abie Nathan** ends 37-day **hunger strike** in response to appeal from Israeli Pres. Haim **Herzog**. Nathan's highly-publicized strike failed to prompt Knesset to rescind law forbidding Israelis from meeting with PLO members. (NYT 6/7)

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**8 JUNE**

**Israeli Court** orders Robert and Rochelle Manning, dual U.S.-Israeli citizens, **extradited to U.S.** to face charges stemming from 1980 bombing in California in which a woman was killed. Robert Manning is also a suspect in 1985 bombing which killed **Arab-American activist Alex Odeh** in California. (NYT 6/8)

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**9 JUNE**

Prime Min. **Shamir** insists on Israeli right to **veto Palestinian delegates** to peace talks in apparent contradiction with agreement reached earlier with Secy. of State **Baker**, Shamir also ruled out freeze on settlement building prior to conference. (MEM 6/10; NYT 6/11)

Palestinian activists condemn **internecine Palestinian killings** occurring in occupied territories at E. Jerusalem forum. (NYT, LAT 6/12)

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**12 JUNE**

**Greek government** orders six PLO diplomats, 20 Palestinian workers and students to leave the country in connection with 4/19 **bomb blast** in Patras, Greece. (NYT 6/13)

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**13 JUNE**

Secy. of State **Baker** meets with Israeli For. Min. **Levy** in Washington, urges Israeli flexibility concerning U.S. proposals for peace talks. Levy states Baker pledged U.S. would not propose initiatives which were not cleared with Israel first. (NYT, LAT 6/14)

**Soviet Aircraft Industry Min.** Apollon Systsov tells Israeli Def. Min. Moshe **Arens** that USSR will sell Israel any defensive weapons Israel requires once full diplomatic relations have been established between the two nations, including the advanced **MiG-31 fighter aircraft**. Soviet officials later denied any offer was made. (LAT 6/21; WP 6/25)

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**14 JUNE**

**Lebanese government** decides to **deploy army troops in Sidon** and neighboring areas despite **PLO refusal to evacuate forces**. 5/16 meeting between two sides failed to reach agreement over PLO disarmament in S. Lebanon. (NYT 6/15)

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**17 JUNE**

**Likud party spokesman** announces party's new constitution will delete former references to **Jewish rights in Jordan**. (MEM 6/18)

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**18 JUNE**

**Elections for membership in Hebron Chamber of Commerce** result in election of six candidates affiliated with **Hamas**, five **PLO** candidates, one independent. Elections were first of any kind in occupied territories since 1976. Some PLO factions had opposed holding elections. (MEM 6/19; NYT 6/20)

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**19 JUNE**

**Lebanese Def. Min.** Michel al-Murr states **Lebanese army** will deploy in S. Lebanon by 5 July but will not enter Palestinian refugee camps. (MEM 6/19)

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**21 JUNE**

**Israeli television** broadcasts documentary confirming existence of **undercover military**

**units** in which soldiers dress like Palestinian civilians in order to arrest activists in occupied territories. Israeli public in an uproar over possible compromise of unit's security. (NYT 6/24; LAT 6/21, 6/26)

Ramallah resident Kamil Tawanja announces formation of **Palestinian National Unity Party**. Party claims to support PLO, but renounces violence, favors independent West Bank-Gaza state affiliated with Jordan. Party reportedly made up of Palestinians released from Israeli prisons in 1985. (MEM 6/12; Israel Television [Arabic] in FBIS 6/21; NYT 6/23).

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**23 JUNE**

**Israel releases 89 Palestinians** detained at Megiddo prison in traditional gesture before Islamic holiday of 'Id al-Adha. Most of prisoners jailed for activities related to intifada. 9,492 other Palestinians still held by army. Officials denied any link with **proposed prisoner exchange** under discussion between Israel and Lebanese Hizballah movement [see 5/24, 5/28]. (NYT, LAT 6/24)

**Palestinian prisoners** at Nafha prison begin **hunger strike** to protest prison conditions. (MEM 7/8)

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**24 JUNE**

Prime Min. **Shamir** criticizes Israeli **chief of staff** Gen. Ehud Baraq for failing to consult with Def. Min. Arens before allowing Israeli television to broadcast 6/21 **documentary on special undercover units** operating in occupied territories. (WP 6/25)

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**25 JUNE**

Association of Civil Rights in Israel announces that Israeli army has begun investigating allegations that **undercover army unit** beat Palestinian detainees. (LAT 6/26)

**Palestinian prisoners** at Junayd prison join those at Nafha prison [see 6/23] in beginning **hunger strike** to protest prison conditions. (MEM 7/8)

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**27 JUNE**

**Palestinian prisoners** at 'Ashqalan prison join those at other prisons in beginning **hunger strike** to protest prison conditions.

(MEM 7/8)

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**28 JUNE**

**Hunger strike among Palestinian prisoners** spreads to Gaza central prison. (MEM 7/8)

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**29 JUNE**

Israel peace activist **Abie Nathan** meets with PLO Chmn. **Arafat** in Tunis, third time he has met Arafat and first time since ending a hunger fast protesting Israeli law forbidding Israeli citizens to contact PLO officials [see 6/6]. (WP 6/30)

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**30 JUNE**

**Hunger strike among Palestinian prisoners** spreads to Nablus prison. (MEM 7/8)

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**1 JULY**

Pres. **Bush** states U.S. aid to assist **resettlement of Soviet Jews** in Israel should not be linked with freeze in Israeli settlement building, but calls such building "counterproductive," adding that U.S. is "not giving one inch on the settlements question." Statement comes in wake of continued controversy over Israeli refusal to halt settlement activity in face of American pressure. U.S. anxious to obtain Israeli pledge to cease building settlements prior to proposed peace conference. (NYT, MEM 7/2; WP 7/3) (See doc. D2)

**Lebanese army moves into Sidon** and surrounding area as scheduled, establishing its first presence in area since 1975. Army's action comes as continuation of central government policy of disarming militias and deploying army throughout Lebanon. Thousands of residents flee, fearing **PLO-army clash**. PLO, army commanders confer near Sidon over ways to avoid conflict.

PLO refuses to disarm as long as Israel still controls parts of S. Lebanon: also seeks discussions on Palestinians' rights in Lebanon. Government welcomes talks, but only after deployment of army in Sidon area. (MEM 7/1, 7/4)

Cmdr. of Israeli-backed **South Lebanon Army** Antoine Lahad states willingness to release 300 Lebanese prisoners held by SLA in return for Israelis held by Islamic, Palestinian factions. (NYT 7/4)

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**2 JULY**

**Fighting breaks out between Lebanese army and PLO**, allied Islamic forces as PLO forces refuse to evacuate positions east of Sidon. Army blockades Palestinian refugee camps of al-Mi'a wa Mi'a, 'Ayn al-Hilwa. PLO officials in Tunis call for discussion with Lebanese government. (NYT, LAT, MEM 7/2; WP 7/3)

Israeli Housing Min. Ariel **Sharon** inaugurates new neighborhood of **Israeli settlement** of Mevo Dotan in the northern West Bank, one day after Pres. Bush described settlements as "counterproductive." (MEM 7/2; WP 7/3)

**Palestinian leaders** Hanan Ashrawi, Faisal Husseini meet with Secy. of State **Baker** in Washington, discuss U.S. peace initiative. (MEM 7/3)

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**3 JULY**

Fighting continues between **Lebanese army, PLO** forces near Sidon. (MEM 7/3; NYT 7/4)

As compromise to Palestinians, **Lebanese cabinet** revokes long-standing presidential decree **limiting Palestinian employment** in certain fields. (MEM 7/5)

**Hunger strike among Palestinian prisoners** spreads to Ansar 3/Ketziot prison, the sixth prison now on strike. (MEM 7/8)

Guerrillas open fire at Israeli army post on Mt. Hermon, occupied **Golan Heights**, killing one soldier. Incident represents first Israeli death along Israeli-Syrian front since 1975. **DFLP** claims responsibility. (WP, MEM 7/4)

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**4 JULY**

**PLO-Lebanese army ceasefire** takes hold in Sidon area after 73 killed, 200 wounded, mostly Palestinians. Under terms of ceasefire agreement, **PLO agrees to move heavy weapons out of S. Lebanon**, restrict remaining 5,000 fighters, armed only with light infantry weapons, to the 'Ayn al-Hilwa and al-Mi'a wa Mi'a refugee camps. **Army agrees not to enter camps** as long as cease-fire remains in effect. Government states **discussions on civil and social rights of Palestinians** in Lebanon will take place. Government also agrees to release PLO prisoners. In Tunis, PLO Chmn. **Arafat backs accord**, telephones approval.

Fighting came as result of attempt by Lebanese government to disarm all armed groups

in Lebanon. Army control of area could limit attacks on Israeli-backed forces in the "security zone" in S. Lebanon. (MEM 7/5; NYT, LAT 7/6)

**Hunger strike** among Palestinian prisoners spreads to Tel Mond prison, the seventh prison now on strike. (MEM 7/8)

At press conference with Israeli peace activist **Abie Nathan**, PLO Chmn. **Arafat** declares willingness to have portions of **Palestine National Charter** which "threaten" Israel deleted as part of peace treaty in return for reciprocal Israeli measures. (MEM 7/5)

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### 6 JULY

Palestinian prisoners at Kfar Yona prison begin **hunger strike**, the eighth prison now on strike. (MEM 7/8)

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### 7 JULY

PLO forces in Sidon area **deliver last heavy weapons** to Lebanese army. **Fatch-Revolutionary Council** forces in Sidon also disarmed by army. (NYT 7/8, 7/9)

Israeli government states "**security zone**" in S. Lebanon will be maintained despite recent **defeat of PLO** forces in Sidon area. (NYT 7/8)

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### 8 JULY

PLO Chmn. **Arafat** meets with **Egyptian Prime Min.** 'Atif Siddi in Libya, highest level PLO-Egyptian talks since end of Gulf war. Arafat also met Libya Pres. **Qaddafi**. (MEM 7/8)

**Hunger strike** among Palestinian prisoners at Nafha prison, begun 6/23, ends. (MEM 7/8)

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### 9 JULY

**Lebanese army** units continue **search for PLO weapons** caches in Sidon, order civilians to turn in weapons. More than 500 militia members arrested. (NYT 7/10)

U.S., Britain, France, USSR, China agree to control flow of **nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons** to Middle East, exercise "restraint" in sales of conventional weapons to region. (WP 7/10; NYT 7/16)

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### 10 JULY

**Lebanese army advances into Tyre region** in S. Lebanon, surrounding Palestinian refugee camps of Burj al-Shamali, al-Bass, and al-Rashidiyya. **Arafat** announces PLO will hand over **heavy, medium weapons** held in Tyre to army. (Radio Monte Carlo in FBIS 7/10; LAT 7/12)

Commission from **European Community** meets with Israeli For. Min. **Levy** in Jerusalem to discuss EC aid projects for Palestinians in occupied territories. (MEM 7/11)

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### 11 JULY

**PLO troops** in Burj al-Shamali, al-Bass, and al-Rashidiyya camps near Tyre **begin surrendering weapons to Lebanese army**. Lebanese Min. of State 'Abd Allah Salim states **PLO fighters will not be deported** from Lebanon. (LAT 7/12, 7/13)

Representatives of **DFLP factions** loyal to Nayif Hawatma, Yasir 'Abd Rabbo, meet in Damascus to **discuss reconciliation**. Delegates include Hawatma, 'Abd Rabbuh, Qays Samarra'i, and 'Issam 'Abd al-Latif. (*al-Hayat* in FBIS 7/21)

**European Community** commission, Israeli officials fail to reach agreement on disbursement of \$75 million in EC aid to residents of occupied territories Israel had sought authority to determine how funds would be spent; EC agreed to coordinate but not let Israel decide. (MEM 7/12)

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### 12 JULY

**DFLP reconciliation meeting** begun 7/11 breaks up without success. (*al-Hayat* in FBIS 7/21)

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### 13 JULY

**Israeli troops clamp curfew on Nablus**, arrest some 60 Palestinians in one of largest search campaigns since 1967. Arrests also reported in **Gaza**. (MEM 7/15)

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### 14 JULY

Following decades of Syrian commitment to confrontation, Pres. **al-Asad agrees to attend Middle East peace conference** in letter answering Bush's 6/1 letter to him urging

flexibility in Syria's position toward Middle East peace talks. (WP, LAT 7/15; WP 7/17) Contents of the letter were not revealed, but U.S. officials hinted that it accepted Bush's proposals on terms of peace conference, and that al-Asad apparently renounced his earlier demands for an active UN role and for the conference to remain in constant session. (MEM 7/16, 7/22)

PLO Chmn. **Arafat** meets with **King Hussein**, Jordanian Prime Min. **Tahir al-Masri**, in Amman on U.S.-led peace efforts. (MEM 7/15)

**Israel lifts trade sanctions against South Africa** following similar U.S. decision. Ban on military contracts remains, although secret military deals continue. (LAT 7/15)

**Israeli peace activist Abie Nathan** arrested upon arrival in Israel following 6/29 meeting with **Yasir Arafat** in Tunis, an act which violates Israeli law. Nathan staged hunger strike in June to protest the law, under which he served 122 days in prison in 1990 for meeting Arafat. (MEM 7/15)

**Israeli Peace Now** movement wins legal battle to prevent establishment of Jewish cemetery in West Bank near Jerusalem. Defense ministry, religious affairs ministry informed Israeli high court of justice of their agreement to cancel proposal. (MEM 7/15)

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## 15 JULY

**Israel refuses to alter position** on peace talks in response to 7/14 Syrian decision to accept compromise position suggested by U.S. (WP 7/16)

**PLO committee** meets in Tunis to discuss convening session of **Palestine National Council**. **Hamas** boycotts meeting, complains that PNC membership should be determined by elections in occupied territories and in exile. Groups comprising **Palestinian National Salvation Front** also boycott meeting after PLO invited only those PNSF groups which had membership in the Palestine National Council before 1983. (MEM 7/16, 7/26)

Representatives of the eight Arab states (6 Gulf Cooperation Council members, Egypt, and Syria) party to the 3/6 **Damascus Declaration**, which created an Arab security force led by Syrian, Egyptian troops, for deployment in the Gulf region, begin meeting in Kuwait to discuss possible **changes to the Declaration**. Move comes in wake of reservations by some Gulf states about permanent Syrian-Egyptian force in region, Egyptian concern that Gulf states intend to include Iran in Gulf

security proposals. (MEM 7/16)

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## 16 JULY

At economic summit in Britain, **Group of Seven leaders** (U.S., Canada, France, Italy, Britain, Japan, and Germany) **endorse U.S.-led peace efforts**, call for end to both Arab boycott of Israel and Israeli settlement-building. Prime Min. **Shamir** reacts to linkage of two issues with "disgust." (LAT 7/17; WP 7/20; see doc. A2)

**Fateh central committee mbr.** Khalid al-Hasan **criticizes PLO leadership for supporting Iraq** in recent Gulf war, urges formation of provisional government comprised of Palestinian independents. He urged restoration of Palestinian-Arab relations. (MEM 7/17)

**Hizballah fighters ambush Israeli troops** in Kufr Huna, north of Israel's "security zone" in S. Lebanon. Three Israelis killed, including two officers; four others were wounded. One Hizballah fighter died. Clash was most lethal for Israeli troops since Nov. 1990.

Israel has recently begun dispatching patrols north of the "security zone" to engage anti-Israeli forces before their arrival in zone. (WP, MEM 7/18)

**Lebanese Def. Min. Michel al-Murr** accuses **PLO of hiding medium and heavy weapons** in refugee camps near Tyre, vows continued blockade of camps until weapons are surrendered. PLO denies it holds such weapons. Issue centers on definition of "medium" weapon: Lebanese army considers rocket-propelled grenades (RPGs) as medium weapons; PLO does not.

Lebanese army now has some 10,000 troops deployed in S. Lebanon. (MEM 7/16, 7/18)

**PLO committee** meeting in Tunis agrees to **convene Palestine National Council** (PNC) within three months, urges PLO executive committee to seek rapprochement with **Hamas, Palestinian National Salvation Front** groups, which boycotted the meeting after PLO invited only those PNSF groups which had membership in the Palestine National Council before 1983 to participate.

PNSF, Islamic Jihad, Fateh-Revolutionary Council (Abu Nidal) later call on committee to "reconsider" call for convening PNC in order to preserve "unity of Palestinian ranks."

Committee also urged **greater representation from occupied territories** within PNC. PNC currently has 637 seats, including 186 allocated to representatives from the occupied territories.

PNC meeting would be first since August 1988, when it declared existence of independent Palestinian state, accepted U.N. Security Council resolution 242. (MEM 7/18, 7/26)

**Egyptian-Syrian commission** agrees to formulate **joint foreign policies** between the countries. (LAT 7/18)

Meeting of 6 March **Damascus Declaration** signatories ends. The eight states indicate "total agreement" about amendments to declaration but refuse to state what they are. Observers see move as signalling the effective end of the Syrian-Egyptian-led Gulf security plan. (MEM 7/17)

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### 17 JULY

Pres. **Mubarak** meets with Pres. **al-Asad** in advance of Secy. of State **Baker's** anticipated 7/18 trip to Damascus, Baker's fifth to region since March. Trip comes in response to Asad's assent to attend peace conference. (LAT 7/18)

**Israeli jets** attack targets near five villages in S. Lebanon in response to 7/16 attack by **Hizballah** on Israeli patrol. Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army fighters destroy 14 homes, burn crops in Majd al-Zun, near scene of the ambush. (LAT 7/18; NYT 7/19)

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### 18 JULY

Beginning fifth trip to region since March, Secy. of State **Baker** meets with Pres. **al-Asad** in Damascus. Asad reiterates willingness to attend peace conference with Israel without preconditions, breaking with decades of Syrian policy regarding negotiations with Israel. (MEM 7/18; WP 7/19)

Brief gun battle breaks out between **Lebanese army**, **PLO forces** in al-Bass, Burj al-Shamali refugee camps in Tyre. Army still blockading camps over charges that PLO has refused to hand over heavy and medium weapons, a charge denied by PLO. (MEM 7/19)

**Israeli judge Ezra Kama** issues report stating **Israeli police provoked Oct. 1990 violence at E. Jerusalem's Haram al-Sharif** which left at least 17 Palestinians dead, over 100 wounded, as well as 28 policemen injured. Ruling contradicts police's own Oct. 1990 investigation which exonerated policemen of blame in incident and which claimed Palestinians provoked violence by throwing rocks at Jews worshiping at nearby Western Wall. Kama determined that rock-throwing

came after shooting had begun and most Jewish worshippers had fled.

New report stated **no charges** could be brought in case, however, since it remains unclear which policemen shot at whom.

**Israeli Police Min.** Ronnie Milo admits police made mistakes but asserts Palestinians were nonetheless responsible for incident. (MEM 7/18; NYT, WP 7/19)

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### 19 JULY

After meeting with Secy. of State **Baker** in Cairo, Pres. **Mubarak** proposes **end to Arab League boycott** of Israel in return for halt to Israeli settlement-building in occupied territories. (NYT, WP 7/20)

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### 20 JULY

After meeting with Secy. of State **Baker** in Riyadh, **King Fahd** endorses Pres. Mubarak's call for **suspension of Arab League boycott** against Israel in return for halt to Israeli settlement-building in occupied territories. Move comes amidst climate of increasing pressure on Israel to compromise, accept Baker's conditions for Middle East peace conference. (NYT, WP 7/21)

**Lebanon** announces its **willingness to participate in peace conference** under Pres. Bush's terms of last May. (WP 7/21)

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### 21 JULY

As Secy. of State Baker prepares to leave Amman for Jerusalem, **King Hussein** announces **Jordan will participate in peace conference**, support end to Arab League boycott in return for halt in settlement-building. Hussein states he has contacted Palestinians about joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegation.

Action brings together Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, and Jordan in support of U.S.-led efforts to convene Middle East peace conference.

**Baker** meets with **Palestinian delegation** (Faisal Hussein, Hanan Ashrawi, and Zakariya al-Agha) in E. Jerusalem concerning formation of joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegation to peace talks. Baker tells them **PLO can have no direct relationship with Palestinian delegation** to peace talks, nor can **Palestinians from E. Jerusalem** participate in initial stages of talks because of categorical Israeli refusal to accede to any gesture which might suggest that sovereignty of Jerusalem is

negotiable.

Baker reaffirmed U.S. belief that **E. Jerusalem is part of occupied territories**, and that Palestinians alone have right to choose their own representatives. (NYT, WP, 7/22; MEM 7/23)

**Baker next begins talks with Prime Min. Shamir** in Jerusalem on peace talks in wake of numerous Arab commitments to agree to U.S.-proposed terms for such negotiations. Baker states that Arab assent to attend conference means **willingness to engage in face-to-face negotiations with Israel**.

**Pres. Bush** again calls on Israel to curb settlement building, **urges Israel to accept Arab offer** to end economic boycott in return for settlement freeze. Seven Arab nations have now agreed to such linkage. (NYT, WP, MEM 7/22)

In interview with Egyptian press, British Prime Min. **John Major** calls **Israeli settlements "illegal," "damaging"** to peace process, including those in E. Jerusalem. (MEM 7/22)

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## 22 JULY

**Jordanian parliament** issues statement condemning U.S.-led peace efforts, rejecting end to Arab boycott of Israel in return for halt to Israeli settlement-building. Condemnation came day after **King Hussein** announced Jordan would attend peace conference. (NYT 7/23)

High-level **PLO delegation** [same membership as 5/28 delegation] arrives in Damascus for further discussions with Syrian officials, members of the **Palestinian National Salvation Front**. Delegation invites all PNSF groups to attend PLO-PNSF reconciliation meeting to be held later, after PNSF boycotted 7/15 PLO meeting in Tunis because PLO failed to invite all PNSF members. (MEM 7/19, 7/23, 7/24)

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## 23 JULY

**King Hussein** meets with senior Jordanian officials, later meets with **PLO officials** led by PLO Executive Comm. member Mahmud 'Abbas. Talks allegedly center on **composition of joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation** to peace conference. Israel continues to insist that no PLO members or E. Jerusalem residents participate in conference. (MEM 7/24; WP 8/2)

At E. Jerusalem press conference, **PFLP, DFLP** advocate **rejection of U.S.-led peace**

**efforts**, warn against Palestinian concessions in excess of those authorized by resolutions of PLO Executive Committee, Central Committee, and Palestine National Council. (MEM 7/23)

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## 24 JULY

In interview with Kuwaiti press, **Kuwaiti For. Min. Salim al-Sabah al-Salim reaffirms Kuwait's support for Palestinian cause** despite pro-Iraq stance adopted by PLO during Gulf war. (MEM 7/24)

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## 25 JULY

**PLO Executive Committee** begins open-ended meetings in Tunis, awaiting response from U.S.-Soviet summit in Moscow to demands put forward in letter to Soviet Pres. **Mikhail Gorbachev**. Demands include: guarantees that peace conference will result in Israeli withdrawal from occupied territories, including Jerusalem, and granting of Palestinian self-determination; halt to Israeli settlement activity; and composition of Palestinian delegation by representatives chosen by PLO, including Jerusalem residents. (MEM 7/30)

Following meeting with Palestinian activist **Faisal Hussein**, **French For. Min. Roland Dumas** calls on Israel to accept E. Jerusalem Palestinians as part of Palestinian delegation to peace conference. Dumas states he was in contact with Secy. of State **Baker**, but did not claim U.S. or PLO support for his call. (MEM 7/25)

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## 27 JULY

Syrian Pres. **al-Asad**, Lebanese Pres. **Hirawi** meet in Damascus, agree to call for **implementation of U.N. Security Council resolution 425** at peace conference, which calls for Israeli withdrawal from S. Lebanon, independently of linkage with other issues relating to Arab-Israeli conflict. (MEM 7/29)

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## 29 JULY

**Israeli troops** kill Nabil Hammad near Ramallah, the **1,000th Palestinian** killed by security forces or settlers since beginning of **intifada**, according to count maintained by London-based *Middle East Mirror*. (MEM 7/30)

*Radio Israel* reports Israeli military has ex-

tended for another year the **closure order** against **Arab Studies Association**, headed by Faisal Hussein and based in Jerusalem. (FBIS, MEM 7/29)

Israeli Housing Min. Ariel **Sharon** states construction underway on **new settlement** of Avneh Hafetz near Tulkarm, which he hopes will become the **largest settlement** in occupied territories. Statement is latest in a series of public moves, statements by Sharon to demonstrate Israeli commitment to furthering settlement building in face of increased U.S., international criticism. (MEM 7/30)

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### 30 JULY

**King Hussein** states that Palestinians who participate in proposed joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation to peace talks will **deal with Palestinian-Israeli issues** while Jordanian members will deal with Jordanian-Israeli issues, but notes that **PLO has not yet approached Jordan** about joint delegation. Calls PLO a "temporary organization," spawning speculation of a return to Jordanian-PLO rivalry. (NYT 7/30)

London-based human rights organization **Amnesty International** issues report stating more than **30,000 Palestinians** have faced military trials since beginning of intifada in Dec. 1987. Organization condemns system of Israeli military detention, trial in occupied territories. (MEM 7/30)

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### 31 JULY

Pres. **Bush** and Soviet Pres. **Gorbachev** issue **joint statement on Middle East peace conference** in Moscow, indicating U.S. and USSR will sponsor conference in October. Invitations will be issued at least ten days prior to conference. (NYT, WP 8/1; see doc. A3)

**PLO Exec. Comm. mbr.** Yasir 'Abd Rabbo states **PLO welcomes statement**, but that Palestinian decision to attend is awaiting answer to request made of Gorbachev [see 7/25] to guarantee conference leads to Israeli withdrawal from occupied territories, including E. Jerusalem, and leads to Palestinian self-determination. (MEM 8/1)

**73rd leaflet** issued by Unified National Leadership of the Uprising attacks U.S.-led peace plan, condemns Egyptian Pres. **Mubarak's** plan for end to Arab League boycott of Israel in return for halt to Israeli settle-

ment building. (MEM 7/31)

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### 1 AUGUST

Secretary of State **Baker**, beginning 6th visit to Middle East since Gulf war, meets P.M. **Shamir**, F.M. **Levy** and D.M. **Arens** in Jerusalem. Following meeting, **Shamir commits Israel to attend peace conference** provided no Palestinians associated with PLO or from E. Jerusalem are included in talks. **Shamir** will seek **approval from Israeli cabinet** for move. **Shamir** states U.S. **assured Israel** that Palestinian participants meet Israeli criteria. (NYT, WP, LAT 8/2)

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### 2 AUGUST

Secy. of State **Baker** meets with **Palestinian delegation** comprised of Faisal Hussein, Hanan Ashrawi, Zakariya al-Agha in Jerusalem; urges Palestinian compromise, positive response to peace initiative. Delegation states **PLO response** will come shortly. (NYT, LAT 8/3)

PLO Chmn. **Arafat rejects Israeli veto** power over composition of Palestinian delegation. (LAT 8/3)

**Jordanian government issues "white paper"** explaining its position during Gulf crisis. Pres. **Bush** indicates some U.S. **aid to Jordan will resume** in light of King Hussein's willingness to attend peace conference. (NYT 8/2; LAT 8/3; MEM 8/5)

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### 3 AUGUST

PLO Chmn. **Arafat** sends letter to **Iranian Pres. Hashimi Rafsanjani** detailing Palestinian concerns about US-led peace efforts. Letter, one of many sent by **Arafat** to world leaders, seen as step toward improved PLO-Iranian relations. (MEM 8/5)

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### 4 AUGUST

**Israeli cabinet approves** Prime Min. **Shamir's** 8/1 decision to attend peace conference; vote was 14 in favor, 3 opposed.

**Death threat** against the three Palestinians who have been meeting recently with U.S. Secy. of State **Baker** [Faisal Hussein, Hanan Ashrawi, Zakariya al-Agha] issued in name of Islamic Jihad. (MEM 8/8, 8/9)

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**5 AUGUST**

One Palestinian killed, over 25 wounded in **most violent confrontation** between Palestinians in Gaza and Israeli forces since the Gulf war [a second youth died of his wounds 8/9]. (MEM 8/6, 8/12)

Israeli army allows **Gush Emunim** movement to transform Eshkolot, a paramilitary Nahal base 15 km. s. of Hebron, into newest **Israeli settlement** in occupied territories. Israel has now established **137 settlements**. (MEM 8/6)

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**6 AUGUST**

PLO Chmn. **Arafat asserts his right to choose Palestinian delegates** to peace conference, again rejects Israeli veto over delegation's composition.

Arafat also indicates that **Palestine National Council** will convene in Algeria next month to discuss peace initiative. (NYT 8/7)

In statement to U.S. press, **King Hussein** states not every city in occupied territories need be represented at peace conference, in reference to PLO insistence that E. Jerusalem Palestinians be allowed to participate in peace conference. (MEM 8/6)

Israeli press reports Prime Min. **Shamir** told Israeli cabinet he will **walk out of peace talks** if Syria demands return of **Golan Heights**. (LAT 8/7)

Israeli activists demonstrate at Eshkolot, **Israeli settlement** established 8/5. (MEM 8/6)

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**7 AUGUST**

On Jordanian television, **King Hussein** rules out return to **East Bank-West Bank unity** which reigned from 1950-88. Declares he never believed in it, felt it was the "wrong approach." (MEM 8/8)

U.S., Israel officials begin work on U.S.-Israeli "**memorandum of understanding**" stating understandings between the two countries in relation to the peace process. (MEM 8/8; see doc. C5)

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**8 AUGUST**

Egyptian Pres. **Mubarak** asserts PLO must be involved in peace conference, issue of Jerusalem cannot be excluded from agenda. (MEM 8/8)

**Israeli officials** again indicate willingness to exchange Lebanese prisoners for seven Israelis captured in Lebanon. Number of Lebanese "under Israeli authority" put at 375. (NYT 8/9)

Forty-five member **Islamic Conference Organization** meeting in Istanbul confirms **PLO** as sole representative of the Palestinians. PLO Pol. Dept. Head **Faruq al-Qaddumi** meets with **Saudi For. Min. Prince Sa'ud al-Faysal** during conference, a move considered significant given frigid PLO-Saudi relations following Gulf war.

In move signalling improved PLO-Iranian relations, **al-Qaddumi** also met with **Iranian For. Min.** 'Ali Akbar Velayati, Velayati invited PLO to participate in international conference on Palestine to be held in Tehran in October. (MEM 8/7, 8/9)

In another **PLO-Iranian development**, official *Tehran Radio* urged resumption of Gulf states' funding of PLO. (MEM 8/8)

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**9 AUGUST**

**Israeli newspaper** Ma'ariv publishers poll shows 86% of Israelis support cabinet's decision to attend peace conference. (MEM 8/9)

**PLO Executive Committee** supports Palestinians who have been meeting with Secy. of State **Baker** in Jerusalem, in wake of 8/4 death threat directed against the Palestinians. (MEM 8/9)

U.S. officials including Dan Kurtzer, Aaron Miller, and Edmond Hall meet with Faisal Hussein, Hanan Ashrawi to discuss text of U.S.-Palestinian "**memorandum of understanding**" but fail to reach agreement. Americans met with Israeli officials 8/7 to discuss similar memorandum between U.S., Israel. Palestinians reportedly sought inclusion of demands that peace talks be based on U.N. Security Council resolutions 242, 338, that Israel must withdraw completely from occupied territories, that transition period of Palestinian self-government last for one year only, and that disagreement among peace conference participants be referred to binding international arbitration. (MEM 8/12; see doc. B7)

Five-member **Arab Maghrib Union**, 15 other African countries meeting in Harare, Zimbabwe, issue statement urging PLO inclusion in peace conference. (MEM 8/12)

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**10 AUGUST**

Palestinians protesting U.S.-led peace ef-

forts **clash with Israeli police** near Damascus Gate, E. Jerusalem. (MEM 8/12)

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### 11 AUGUST

Israel again indicates willingness to release Lebanese prisoners in return for release of Israeli soldiers held in Lebanon or documented information on their demise. Offer includes release of Shaykh 'Abd al-Karim 'Ubayd, kidnapped by Israeli troops in June 1989.

In connection with recent release of two Western hostages held in Lebanon [on 8/8, 8/11] and international efforts to secure a **comprehensive exchange** of Lebanese, Israeli prisoners as well as Western hostages, Israeli officials indicate no Lebanese will be released in return for hostages unless Israeli captives are also released. (WP 8/12)

**Syrian For. Min. Faruq al-Shar'** states peace conference cannot take place unless Israel halts settlement building in occupied territories. (WP 8/13)

**Kuwaiti cabinet** establishes six-person committee to develop long-range "**population policy.**" Move comes in wake of flight or expulsion of some 270,000 Palestinians from Kuwait since Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. 50,000 of the remaining 90,000 Palestinians in Kuwait are expected to leave for Jordan. (MEM 8/12, 8/14)

U.S. officials arrive in Amman for talks with Jordanian leaders on **U.S.-Jordan "memorandum of understanding."** Americans earlier met with Israel officials, Palestinians, concerning similar bilateral memoranda with those parties. (MEM 8/12)

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### 12 AUGUST

UN Secy. Gen. Javier Perez **de Cuellar** meets with Israeli defense officials in Geneva over **proposed comprehensive prisoner/hostage exchange.** Israelis reiterate refusal to release any Lebanese held by Israel without release of Israelis held in Lebanon or information relating to them. Refusal comes in wake of increased **Western pressure on Israel** to release some Lebanese to further efforts to achieve prisoner-hostage exchange. De Cuellar has also been maintaining contacts with **Iranian** officials and representatives of groups holding hostages in Lebanon. (WP, LAT 8/13)

**DFLP** spokesman in Damascus states group holds remains of one of the seven Israelis, whom group claims died during an Is-

raeli air raid against Lebanon. (WP 8/13)

**Hizballah** reportedly claims it holds **two Israelis**, Palestinian group holds a third. (WP 8/14)

**Fateh Central Committee mbr. Khaled al-Hasan criticizes Arafat** for "dictatorial" leadership, again calls for formation of provisional Palestinian government [see 7/16]. (MEM 8/13)

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### 13 AUGUST

**British Prime Min. John Major** sends letter to Prime Min. **Shamir** urging token release of some Lebanese. (LAT 8/14)

**PFLP-GC head Ahmad Jibril** claims Hizballah sources told him **Hizballah holds three Israelis** captive. (WP 8/14)

**DFLP** offers to trade body of Israeli soldier it claims it holds in return for prisoners detained by Israel. (MEM 8/13)

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### 14 AUGUST

**Israel refuses token release** of prisoners prior to receiving information on missing Israeli soldiers. UN Secy. Gen. **de Cuellar** states no further meetings on prisoner-hostage exchange are planned. (WP 8/15)

**PFLP-GC head Ahmad Jibril** again claims three Israeli soldiers are alive and in captivity in Lebanon. States he traveled to Lebanon, met with **Hizballah** representatives, urged them not to release the Israelis or Western hostages unless **Israel also frees thousands of Palestinians** detained by Israel during the intifada, in addition to the Lebanese prisoners Israel controls. Jibril states he reminded Hizballah of his role in securing release of Lebanese prisoners held by Israel during 1979, 1985 prisoner exchanges carried out between Israel, PFLP-GC, and claims Hizballah agreed to include Palestinians in any exchange. (LAT 8/15)

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### 15 AUGUST

**Israeli human rights group B'Tselem** states Israel has once again begun **deporting family members of West Bank, Gaza residents** who do not possess residency permits. Most of those facing deportation are non-resident Palestinian women who married residents of the occupied territories, and their children; non-resident family members are not automatically granted residency permits by Israeli military authorities.

Some 200 Palestinians had earlier been deported from territories during second half of 1989 for similar reasons. At B'Tselem's request, Israeli military agreed to **suspend deportations** pending an investigation. (NYT, WP 8/16)

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#### CHRONOLOGY SOURCE ABBREVIATIONS

CSM (*Christian Science Monitor*, Boston)  
 FBIS (Foreign Broadcast Information Service Daily Report, Near East and South Asia)  
 FJ (*Al-Fajr* Jerusalem Palestinian Weekly, Jerusalem)  
 FNS (Federal News Service wire, Washington, D.C.)  
 JPI (*Jerusalem Post*, International Edition, Jerusalem)  
 LAT (*Los Angeles Times*, Los Angeles)  
 MEI (*Middle East International*, London)  
 MEPARC (*Middle East Policy and Research Center*, Washington, D.C.)  
 MEM (*Mideast Mirror*, London)  
 MET (*Middle East Times*, Nicosia)  
 NYT (*New York Times*, New York)  
 WJW (*Washington Jewish Week*, Washington, D.C.)  
 WSJ (*Wall Street Journal*, New York)  
 WP (*Washington Post*, Washington, D.C.)  
 WT (*Washington Times*, Washington, D.C.)

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