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CHRONOLOGY

16 FEBRUARY-15 MAY 1992

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16 FEBRUARY

Israeli helicopters attack convoy carrying **Hizballah Gen. Secy. 'Abbas Musawi** near Tyre, S. Lebanon, killing him, his wife and child, and 5 bodyguards. (NYT, WP, MM 2/17)

Syria and Lebanon announce they will attend upcoming round of bilateral peace talks scheduled for 2/24 in Washington following meetings between **Pres. Asad**, **Pres. al-Hirawi** in Damascus. (MM 2/17)

17 FEBRUARY

Palestinian delegation to peace talks announces security forces have detained Muhammad 'Abd al-Fattah **al-Hawrani** and Jamal **al-Shawbaki**. The two were associated with the delegation, al-Shawbaki as delegate and al-Hawrani as a member of delegation's steering committee. (AFP 2/17 in FBIS 2/18)

Syria, Lebanon agree to attend fourth round of **bilateral talks** scheduled 2/24 in Washington. (MM 2/17)

Hasan Nasrallah elected new Hizballah gen. secy. Hizballah-led **Islamic Resistance Movement** fires 65 rockets into N. Israel and Israeli "security zone." **IDF, SLA artillery** bombard suspected Hizballah targets in S. Lebanon. (Qol Yisra'el 2/17, Voice of the Oppressed 2/18 in FBIS 2/18; WP 2/19)

Delegates from the eight signatories to the March 1991 "**Damascus Declaration**" meet in Riyadh to discuss implementation of the

declaration. (MM 2/18)

18 FEBRUARY

Hanan Ashrawi, spokeswoman for **Palestinian delegation**, announces delegation **will not participate** in upcoming negotiations due to recent Israeli arrest of 2 persons associated with the delegation [see 2/17]. **PLO** confirms the announcement. (AFP 2/18 in FBIS 2/18)

Islamic Resistance Movement fires more rockets into N. Israel and the "security zone." **IDF, SLA artillery return fire.** SLA radio orders villagers living immediately north of "security zone" to evacuate their homes before 5:00 A.M. on 2/19. (IDF Radio, Radio Free Lebanon 2/18 in FBIS 2/19; MM 2/20)

19 FEBRUARY

Hanan Ahhrawi announces that following discussions with State Dept. in wake of arrest of 2 negotiators [see 2/17], **Palestinian delegation** **will attend** next round of negotiations (IDF Radio 2/19 in FBIS 2/20)

Yitzhak Rabin elected head of Labor party, defeating incumbent Shimon Peres. (WP 2/21)

Islamic Resistance continues **rocket attacks against Israeli targets**. Most fall within "security zone," but **13 Israelis are injured** when rockets land in N. Israel. **IDF, SLA artillery** continue bombarding S. Lebanon. (Qol Yisra'el 2/19 in FBIS 2/19, FBIS 2/20)

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20 FEBRUARY

Following fist-fights with UNIFIL troops trying to halt their advance, IDF troops, tanks bulldoze through UNIFIL barriers and move out of "security zone" to attack villages in S. Lebanon suspected of sheltering Islamic Resistance Movement bases which have been shelling N. Israel. Villages of Yatar, Kafra are captured. Several more rockets are fired at N. Israel, "security zone" and are answered with heavy IDF, SLA bombardment. Amal, communist party, armed civilians join the battle against Israeli forces. Two Israelis are killed and three wounded; at least 7 Hizballah fighters are killed and 17 wounded. In addition, 3 civilians and 4 Fijian UNIFIL troops are wounded.

UN Secy. Gen. Butrus Ghali demands Israeli withdrawal while State Dept. calls on Israel, Syria, Lebanon to "exercise restraint." (Qol Yisra'el 2/20 in FBIS 2/20, FBIS 2/21; IDF Radio, Voice of Lebanon 2/20 in FBIS 2/21; WP 2/21)

PM Shamir wins renomination as head of Likud party. FM David Levy finishes second, Housing Min. Ariel Sharon third. (WP 2/21)

Arab League council begins emergency meeting on Israeli settlements. (MENA 2/20 in FBIS 2/21)

21 FEBRUARY

Secy. of State Baker meets with Israeli ambassador in Washington to discuss loan guarantees to Israel. Baker once again demands that Israel halt settlement activity in return for guarantees. (WP 2/24)

IDF troops operating north of "security zone" return to their bases. Another volley of rockets land in N. Israel, killing a child and injuring 2 other civilians at Moshav Granot. Lebanon's Higher Defense Council decides to halt rocket attacks and forbid presence of armed bands in areas in S. Lebanon patrolled by Lebanese Army (Qol Yisra'el 2/21 in FBIS 2/21; LAT 2/23; MM 2/24)

22 FEBRUARY

Palestinians slated for deportation from Gaza appeal to high court of justice. (Qol Yisra'el 2/22 in FBIS 2/22)

24 FEBRUARY

Arab-Israeli negotiations resume in Washington. (Radio Monte Carlo 2/26 in FBIS 2/27)

Addressing the House Foreign Operations Subcommittee, Secy. of State Baker states U.S. will not provide loan guarantees to Israel unless it ceases settlement activity, noting that "the choice is Israel's" [see JPS 83, doc. C5]. (WP 2/25)

Gunmen kill Israeli guard accompanying a fuel truck in Janin. (MM 2/24)

Lebanese PM 'Umar Karami, FM Faris Buwayz meet with UN Under-Secy. Gen. Marrack Goulding in Beirut, request UN permission to expand Lebanese army presence in UNIFIL zones in S. Lebanon.

Following a meeting with Pres. Ilyas al-Hirawi and Speaker of Parliament Hussein al-Husseini, Karami states that Lebanon has decided to stop armed elements from firing rockets at Israel, adding that this is not considered an acceptable form of resistance [see 2/21]. (MM 2/24; Radio Free Lebanon 2/25 in FBIS 2/25)

25 FEBRUARY

Israeli delegation presents proposal on Palestinian self-government to Palestinian delegates whereby residents of o.t. would be allowed to manage their own affairs in 12 fields, such as taxation, education, and agriculture [see JPS 83, doc. I.B.4]. (WP 2/27; NYT 3/6; MM 4/14)

Secy. of State Baker testifies before Senate Foreign Operations Subcommittee on loan guarantees [see JPS 83, doc. C6]. (NYT 2/26)

EC representative in Israel states EC will not allow Israel to interfere in how EC spends \$80 million in economic projects in o.t. Remarks come in wake of dispute between Israel and EC over whether EC must notify Israel of all projects it implements in o.t. or just those requiring Israeli cooperation. (*Ha'aretz* 2/26 in FBIS 2/27)

Syria and International Atomic Energy Agency conclude agreement in Vienna whereby Syria signs Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty [see 2/9/92 in JPS 83]. (Syrian Arab Television 4/7 in FBIS 4/8)

26 FEBRUARY

Israeli negotiators indicate willingness to negotiate new borders with Syria but state

Israel will not accept a return to 1967 borders. Syrian delegates insist on recovering entire Golan region. (LAT 2/27)

Police arrest 3 Palestinian citizens of Israel from Mushayrif village near Umm al-Fahm in connection with recent killing of 3 soldiers in Ramot Maneshe [see 2/15/92 in JPS 83]. (Israel Television Network 3/4 in FBIS 3/5)

27 FEBRUARY

Palestinian delegation rejects 2/25 Israeli plan for self-government in o.t. (*Ha'aretz* in FBIS 3/2)

29 FEBRUARY

Fateh supporters win all seven contested seats in **Gaza Bar Association elections**. (MM 3/2)

IDF orders **Bir Zeit University closed** for another two months. Bir Zeit remains the only Palestinian university closed in the o.t. (Qol Yisra'el 2/29 in FBIS 3/4)

1 MARCH

Labor party leader **Yitzhak Rabin** promises that if elected prime minister in June, he will reach agreement with Palestinians on autonomy in o.t. within "six to nine months" after election. (Qol Yisra'el 3/1 in FBIS 3/2)

MAPAM party central committee approves electoral platform of "**MERETZ—Democratic Israel**," a joint electoral list comprised of three leftist parties: MAPAM, Citizens' Rights Movement, and Shinui. (Qol Yisra'el 3/1 in FBIS 3/2)

Undercover troops ambush and kill two men in Shabur refugee camp, Gaza. Another Palestinian is killed, over 20 wounded in clashes with IDF following the ambush. (MM 3/2)

2 MARCH

EC for ministers decide not to begin dispersing \$120 million in aid to Lebanon until two **German hostages** held in Lebanon are freed. (MM 3/3)

3 MARCH

Palestinian negotiators present plan for holding elections in o.t. by 10/29/92 to elect a 180-seat parliament to guide the territories during period of interim self-rule. Plan also proposes creating a Palestinian executive and judiciary. Israel rejects the plan. (WP, MM 3/4; Qol Yisra'el 3/5 in FBIS 3/5; NYT 3/6)

Unified National Command of the Intifada issues proclamation no. 80. (Voice of Palestine 3/3 in FBIS 3/6)

Police arrest 2 more Palestinian citizens of Israel in connection with attack which killed 3 IDF soldiers [see 2/26]. (Israel Television 3/4 in FBIS 3/5)

4 MARCH

Fourth round of **peace negotiations ends** in Washington. (Qol Yisra'el 3/5 in FBIS 3/5)

Hamas supporters win 10 of 11 contested seats in **Ramallah chamber of commerce elections**. Elections were the first chamber elections in Ramallah in 25 years. (MM 3/4)

5 MARCH

Gun battle in Bani Suhayla, Gaza leaves 1 Palestinian, 1 IDF soldier dead; 8 Palestinians were arrested. (MM 3/6)

6 MARCH

Police arrest another Palestinian citizen of Israel in connection with attack which killed 3 IDF troops. 8 Palestinians have now been arrested in connection with the killings [see 2/26, 3/3]. (MM 3/6)

7 MARCH

Bomb kills Israeli diplomat in Ankara, Turkey. Victim was first Israeli diplomat killed since 1985. **Islamic Revenge Organization** eventually claims responsibility. (NYT 3/8)

8 MARCH

Representatives from the **Arab Democratic Party** (led by 'Abd al-Wahhab Darawsha) and **Progressive List for Peace** (Muham-

mad Mi'ari) meet to discuss terms under which the two parties would campaign for the upcoming **Knesset elections** as a unified electoral list. (MM 3/9)

Settler sentenced to life imprisonment for 1990 killing of a Palestinian woman to avenge the earlier slayings of 2 Israelis. (*Yedi'ot Aharonot* 3/9 in FBIS 3/11)

9 MARCH

Former PM Menahem Begin dies in Tel Aviv. (WP 3/9)

Nayif Hawatima, head of one faction using the name DFLP, states in interview published in German press that he favors opening an "immediate dialogue" with **Yitzhak Rabin** and the Labor party. (*Berliner Zeitung* 3/9 in FBIS 3/18)

N. Korean ship which U.S. officials thought might be **transporting ballistic missiles** (Scud-1D missiles, also called Scud-C) from N. Korea to Syria and Iran docks at Bandar 'Abbas, Iran, after eluding U.S. naval search for the vessel [U.S. Defense Dept. officials state navy had been searching for the ship after receiving Israeli intelligence reports].

Incident is most recent example of growing **Western readiness to intercept arms shipments to Syria, Iran**. In October 1991, another N. Korean ship carrying equipment for Scud missiles turned back before reaching Syria after Israel indicated it might stop it [see also 1/29/92 and 2/3/92 in *JPS* 83]. (NYT, WP 3/11)

Lebanese police issue **first official casualty report from Lebanese civil war**. Report states 144,240 died and 197,506 were wounded during fighting from 1975-90. An additional 17,415 are missing and presumed dead, including 13,968 kidnapped by various militias. The figures did not include an additional 6,630 Palestinians killed and 8,000 wounded in related conflicts. (NYT, MM 3/10)

Palestinian youth killed in 'Asirat al-Qibliyya near Nablus. Palestinians claim he was shot by a settler and not by IDF. A **second youth killed** by soldiers during clash in 'Arrub refugee camp near Hebron. (MM 3/10)

10 MARCH

PLO issues open statement by Chmn. Arafat to the Palestinian people in which he **defends peace talks**, urges Palestinians to support the peace delegates. (MM 3/11)

Israeli diplomats in Cairo indicate FM Levy recently told Egyptian FM 'Amr Musa that Egypt should either charge 4 Israeli citizens held in Egypt for espionage or release them [3 Arabs of Libyan origin and 1 Jew, were detained in early February. Israel has denied spying on Egypt]. (AFP 3/10 in FBIS 3/11)

Detainee Muhammad 'Abd al-Fattah al-Hawrani, member of the steering committee of the Palestinian delegation to peace talks who was detained in February, is **released** from **Ketziot-Ansar** 3 detention camp [see 2/17]. Commander of Ketziot announces **300 prisoners will be released** early during coming week to mark Islamic holy month of Ramadan. (MM 3/11; *al-Nahar* 3/11 in FBIS 3/12)

IDF kills Palestinian in Gaza City after he accidentally ran into army checkpoint. (MM 3/10)

11 MARCH

State Dept. spokesman declines comment on report that **Israel may have given China access to U.S. Patriot missile technology** or perhaps even one of the Patriot missiles themselves [U.S. provided Israel with two Patriot batteries during the 1991 Gulf war on condition that Israel not share system's technology with other countries]. (WT 3/12)

IDF releases 180 Gazans detained in Ketziot-Ansar 3 detention camp following 3/10 announcement that some 300 Palestinians would be released to mark the Islamic holy month of Ramadan [see 3/10]. (ITN 3/11 in FBIS 3/12)

12 MARCH

U.S. administration confirms it has begun investigating intelligence reports suggesting that **Israel supplied China with technical data from Patriot missile system**. On a visit to U.S., DM Arens strongly denies charge.

The controversy comes at a time when the **State Dept.'s inspector general** has formulated draft report [reported 3/13 in U.S. press] criticizing the department's bureau of politico-military affairs for failing to act on reports that **Israel has been improperly transferring U.S.-made weapons** to third countries. (WT 3/13; WP 3/14)

King Hussein meets with Pres. Bush in Washington, discusses possibility of announcing formation of a **Jordanian-Palestinian confederation** to help Palestinian dele-

gates in their negotiations with Israel. Hussein also agrees that Jordan will "do its part" to enforce UN sanctions against Iraq. (NYT, WP 3/13; WP 3/17)

Pres. Asad accuses Israel of asking the U.S. to intercept N. Korean ship reportedly carrying Scud-C missiles to Syria [see 3/9]. Asad denied the vessel was transporting missiles. (WP 3/13)

IDF kills Palestinian in Janin, arrests dozens others. Army states all were members of the Black Panthers organization. (MM 3/12; WP 3/13; NYT 4/12)

13 MARCH

Pres. Bush meets with aides to discuss recent compromise plan for providing loan guarantees to Israel proposed by Sens. Patrick Leahy and Robert Kasten of the Senate Foreign Operations Subcommittee [the committee is responsible for preparing draft legislation authorizing U.S. foreign aid expenditures in 1992]. The proposal would grant Israel \$1 billion in guarantees immediately followed by an additional \$1 billion later in the year. Israel would receive an additional \$2 billion annually for the next five years but subject to presidential approval. Each disbursement would also be subject to the "Leahy deduction," a figure representing the amount Israel spends on new settlement construction [named after Sen. Leahy, who first proposed adopting such a deduction]. (NYT 3/14)

Israeli officials state they will allow U.S. to inspect Patriot missile batteries in Israel to determine if any are missing or have been tampered with. (WP 3/14)

14 MARCH

117 mbrs. of Palestine National Council deliver memorandum to PLO leadership expressing reservations over course of peace negotiations, including PFLP Gen. Secy. George Habash and Fateh leader Hani al-Hasan. Document also calls for PLO to insist upon certain conditions for continued Palestinian participation, including recognition of PLO and call for halt in settlement activity. (RMC 3/15, 3/16 in FBIS 3/16; *Jordan Times*, *al-Ray'* 3/16 in FBIS 3/17; MM 3/26)

15 MARCH

Israeli govt. spokesman Benjamin Netany-

ahu calls recent reports that Israel transferred Patriot missile technology to China a "deliberate campaign" to "slander Israel" by certain American quarters. (WP 3/16)

Responding to recent press reports that Jordan and the PLO have been discussing a plan for Jordanian-Palestinian confederation [see 3/12], Nabil Sha'th, political advisor to Chmn. Arafat, states that the Palestine National Council already agreed to confederation at the Algiers meeting in November 1988. He also states that such plans presuppose existence of an independent Palestinian state. (Tunisian Republic Radio 3/15 in FBIS 3/16)

Mayor of Petah Tikva informs police he will soon put a fence around the Geha Junction in Petah Tikva to prevent Palestinian workers from congregating each morning looking for work. The mayor claims the action is to forestall possible terrorist attack against city residents. (MM 3/16)

IDF kills 3 Palestinians during gunbattle in 'Askar refugee camp near Nablus. (NYT 3/16)

16 MARCH

DM Arens meets with U.S. Secy. of Defense Richard Cheney in Washington. Cheney shows Arens intelligence findings indicating Israel illegally exported Patriot missile technology to China. Speaking to the press after the meeting, Arens again denies charge and states Israel will cooperate with U.S. experts who will travel to Israel to investigate the reports. (NYT 3/17)

Palestinian peace delegation head Haydar 'Abd al-Shafi states no consensus currently exists among Palestinians regarding Jordanian-Palestinian confederation. (Voice of Palestine 3/17 in FBIS 3/18)

Unified National Command of the Intifada issues addendum to proclamation no. 80 [see 3/3] urging Palestinians in o.t. to resist Israeli attempts to foster internecine divisions. (Voice of Palestine 3/16 in FBIS 3/17)

17 MARCH

Pres. Bush rejects Senate compromise plan on loan guarantees to Israel [see 3/13]. Bush continues to push for an outright freeze on settlement activity; plan did not require settlement freeze but merely called for a reduction in amount of guarantees annually dispersed to Israel corresponding to amount Israel spends on new settlement activity.

Bush also **threatens to veto** any foreign aid legislation authorizing guarantees without calling for a settlement freeze. (NYT 3/18)

Powerful car bomb completely destroys Israeli embassy in Buenos Aires. 3 other buildings, including a church and a school, are also destroyed. At least **32 killed, over 240 wounded**, including children from the school. Israeli officials call it the **most serious attack ever mounted on an Israeli diplomatic facility**. (NYT 3/18, 3/19)

Gazan wielding knives kills Jewish woman, wounds 19 other persons in Jaffa. Attacker also **kills Palestinian citizen of Israel** who tries to stop him, but is himself killed by a policeman. (NYT 3/18)

Announcement made that **Emile Habibi**, ex-communist writer and leading figure in the Palestinian community in Israel, will be awarded the **Israel Prize for Literature**, Israel's most prestigious civilian honor. Habibi, who received a similar literary prize from the PLO in Cairo in 1990, is the first Palestinian citizen of Israel to receive the award. (MM 3/19; NYT 5/7)

18 MARCH

In a move destined to change the Israeli political system, **Knesset votes to allow direct election of prime minister** beginning with first Knesset elections after the upcoming 6/23 vote [first scheduled elections after that would be in 1996]. The law also **lowers number of votes needed to bring down government** from 70 to 61, and gives **Knesset authority to approve cabinet**. (WP, MM 3/19)

State Dept. announced **Bush administration** has issued a proposal to Israel whereby U.S. would grant \$10 billion in **loan guarantees** over six years providing that Israel **restrict settlement activity** to completing housing started before 1/1/92. \$300 million would be provided immediately under the plan, but the rest would be contingent upon a settlement freeze. Announcement also indicated that the administration is calling for a **freeze on settlements throughout 1967 territories**, the first time that the administration has used language suggesting that it seeks to halt **settlement activity in E. Jerusalem** as well as in W. Bank and Gaza. (WP 3/19)

In Beirut, **Islamic Jihad claims responsibility** for 3/17 bombing of **Israeli embassy in Buenos Aires** to avenge Israel's 2/16 assassination of Hizballah leader **'Abbas Musawi**. (WP 3/19)

Leaflet allegedly distributed in Ramallah

by PFLP calls for inclusion of **Hamas in Unified National Command of the Intifada** (*Al Hamishmar* 3/19 in FBIS 3/20)

IDF kills 3 Palestinians in three incidents in Gaza, West Bank. (MM 3/19)

19 MARCH

UN Secy. Gen. Ghali states UN Sec. Council Res. 242 is "not binding." He later corrects himself, stating he meant to say it was "**unenforceable**" because it was not adopted under Chapter 7 of the UN Charter, which allows the UN to enforce decisions through sanctions and use of force. (MM 3/20, 3/23)

20 MARCH

U.S. inspection team arrives in Israel to investigate charges that Israel improperly delivered **Patriot missile technology** to China. (MM 3/20)

IDF closes Gaza, forbids Palestinians from traveling to Israel in wake of **3/17 attack on civilians in Jaffa** by a Gaza resident. (NYT 3/21)

U.S. appeals court in Washington upholds life sentence of **Jonathan Pollard**, the American convicted for spying on behalf of Israel, following an appeal lodged by Pollard. (WP 3/21)

IDF kills Palestinian in Silwad, near Ramallah. A Palestinian youth shot 3/19 in Janin refugee camp dies of his wounds. (MM 3/20)

21 MARCH

Fateh's Revolutionary Council begins meeting in Tunis, debates internal issues and questions about peace process [several leading Fateh figures recently signed petition criticizing PLO policy toward negotiations. See 3/14]. (MM 3/30)

22 MARCH

IDF reopens Gaza after forbidding Palestinians in Gaza from traveling to Israel 3/20. (MM 3/23)

Leaders of the **Palestinian community in Israel** decide to send a delegation to the UN to seek international support for residents of **Ramiya**, near Umm al-Fahm, after supreme court refused to rescind **eviction orders** fac-

ing the villagers [Jewish town of **Karmi'el** intends to evict the residents and build homes on the land, which was confiscated by Israeli authorities in 1976].

Leaders also called for Palestinians in Israel to strike on 3/30 in commemoration of **Land Day**. (MM 3/23)

Israeli **undercover forces** shoot and kill a Palestinian wanted by security forces as he played soccer near Tulkarm. (MM 3/23, 4/16)

25 MARCH

Fateh's Revolutionary Council concludes contentious meeting [begun 3/21] in which PLO decision to participate in peace talks on terms set by U.S., Russia, came under strident attack from **Hani al-Hasan** and other senior Fateh figures. (*al-Ray'* 3/28, Voice of Palestine 3/29 in FBIS 3/30; MM 3/26, 3/30, 5/7)

26 MARCH

U.S. investigatory team ends its inspection of Israeli **Patriot** missile batteries. (NYT 3/27)

Ateret Cohanim seminary opens four stores in **Muslim Quarter** of E. Jerusalem. (MM 3/27)

EC "troika" [three European for. ministers who comprise the EC's presidency] arrives in **Cairo** for talks on **peace process** and upcoming multilateral talks with Egyptian, Arab League officials. (Republic of Egypt Radio 3/26 in FBIS 3/26)

Israel allows **direct-dial telephone service to 10 Arab countries** (Jordan, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Tunis, Morocco, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Qatar, Yemen). **Jordan's** national telecommunications company states it will **block incoming calls** from Israel, asserting no bilateral treaty establishing communications has yet been signed. Decision to initiate service was made in Dec. 1991 [see *JPS* 83]. (NYT 3/28)

27 MARCH

Ateret Cohanim seminary announces housing ministry, headed by **Ariel Sharon**, has given it land to build some 200 homes in **Muslim Quarter** of E. Jerusalem. Housing project would represent the largest block of Jewish housing in the Muslim Quarter. Spokeswoman for Jerusalem Mayor **Teddy Kollek** states Kollek opposes the proposed

move. (MM 3/30)

EC "troika," traveling in the region to discuss peace process, arrives in **Gaza**. (Republic of Egypt Radio 3/27 in FBIS 3/30)

International Monetary Fund approves \$250 million **loan to Israel** to help it overcome damage suffered by economy during Gulf war. (Qol Yisra'el 3/27 in FBIS 4/1)

28 MARCH

EC "troika" meets with **Faisal Husseini** in Jerusalem to discuss peace process, upcoming multilateral talks, Europeans later meet with Palestinian economists to discuss **economic aid** for o.t. promised by EC. (*Davar* 3/29 in FBIS 3/31)

Palestinian dies as **IDF fires on car** carrying "wanted" persons outside al-Fari'a refugee camp near Nablus. (MM 3/30)

29 MARCH

EC "troika" meets with FM Levy to discuss peace process and question of **Israel's membership in EC**. Levy states Israel objects to EC participation in upcoming **multilateral talks** on arms control and refugee affairs. (IDF Radio 3/29, *Al Hamishmar* 3/30 in FBIS 3/31)

FM Levy later announces he will **resign from government** in wake of friction between him and other Likud leaders. (NYT 3/30)

Pres. **Haim Herzog** cuts 12 months from the 18-month sentence which peace activist **Abie Nathan** is currently serving in prison. Nathan, convicted for violating Israeli law forbidding contact with PLO officials, began his sentence in October 1991. (NYT 3/30)

30 MARCH

State Dept. announces Secy. of State **Baker** has sent letters to Israel, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, and the Palestinians inviting them to resume **fifth round of peace talks** 4/27 in Washington and to make a commitment to moving the negotiations to a **venue closer to Middle East**. (WP 3/31)

Israel's Palestinian citizens mark annual commemoration of **Land Day** with a "national holiday" instead of the traditional protests and strikes. Rally is staged in **Ramiya**, a village which the government does not officially recognize and whose inhabitants face eviction [see 3/22].

Islamic Resistance Movement (**Hamas**)

organizes Land Day strikes in Gaza, but security forces curfew most areas. (MM 3/30)

EC "troika" arrives in **Amman** for discussions with Jordanian, PLO officials on **peace talks**, upcoming multilateral economic talks. (Radio Jordan 3/31 in FBIS 4/1)

PFLP, DFLP-Hawatima faction, Palestine Liberation Front, and Palestinian Popular Struggle Front issue statement in Damascus confirming their support for 1988 Palestine National Council decision calling for **confederation** between Jordan and an independent Palestinian state. (Radio Monte Carlo 3/30 in FBIS 3/31)

Israeli peace activist **Abie Nathan** is released from prison [see 3/29]. (MM 3/31)

31 MARCH

Labor Party holds first-ever **primary elections** to determine who will run on the party's slate in upcoming elections. Success of younger "doves" surprises observers, as they must now run on slate headed by recently chosen "hawkish" party leader, **Yitzhak Rabin** [see 2/19]. (MM 3/31, 4/1, 4/2)

EC "troika" arrives in **Syria** for talks with Syrian leaders about the upcoming multilateral economic talks and other issues, even though Syria has declared it will not attend the multilateral talks. (Radio Monte Carlo 4/1 in FBIS 4/2)

1 APRIL

Meeting in Beirut, for **ministers of Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, PLO** approve Arab participation in upcoming round of **peace talks** in Washington. (MM 4/2)

U.S. Congress passes foreign aid bill for rest of fiscal year which does not include \$10 billion in **loan guarantees to Israel**. (MM 4/3)

State Dept. inspector general issues report stating that the department has failed to heed intelligence reports suggesting that an important U.S. ally—widely understood to be **Israel**—was making unauthorized **transfers of U.S. military technology** since about 1983 [see doc. D2]. (NYT 4/2, WP 4/3)

EC "troika" arrives in **Beirut** for talks with Lebanese leaders on regional issues, upcoming multilateral economic talks [Lebanon has already announced it will not participate in multilateral talks]. (Radio Monte Carlo 4/1 in

FBIS 4/2)

Security forces kill at least 4 Palestinians and wound 50 in Rafah, Gaza—**most serious clash in o.t. in months**. Rafah is curfewed shortly thereafter.

In separate incident, **13 year-old boy is killed** during confrontation with IDF in Tarqumiya, near Hebron. (NYT, MM 4/2; IDF Radio 4/5 in FBIS 4/6)

2 APRIL

State Dept. indicates all parties to **peace negotiations** have agreed to resume talks 4/27 in Washington and have given the U.S. lists of proposed sites for the sixth round of talks. (WP 4/3)

State Dept. also announces 17-member **U.S. inspection team** that traveled to Israel found **no evidence** that Israel improperly transferred technology relating to U.S.-built **Patriot missiles** to China. Dept. indicates inspectors found all missiles supplied to Israel intact, but had no way of determining if photos or other information had been supplied to China. (WP 4/3)

Israel denies 4/1 State Dept. report suggesting it improperly **transferred U.S. military technology** to third countries. (MM 4/2)

Hundreds of **Palestinians** clash with **security forces** in Jabaliya, Burayj refugee camps in Gaza as protests over 4/1 killings in Gaza break out. At least 35 Palestinians are injured by security forces' gunfire. Rafah and nearby camps are curfewed.

PLO announces it has requested the **UN Sec. Council** meet to discuss ways of protecting o.t. residents and that it has called on UN Secy. Gen. Ghali to dispatch observers to the o.t. (AFP, MM 4/2; MM 4/3)

Unified National Command of the Intifada issues **proclamation no. 81** urging unity of Palestinian ranks and calling for a "revival" of the Old City of E. Jerusalem. (Voice of Palestine 4/2 in FBIS 4/3, 4/7)

16 **IDF troops** from a special unit established to combat the intifada **desert their post** in Rafah, Gaza, to protest conditions. (NYT 4/2; MM 4/3)

3 APRIL

After touring **UNIFIL** positions in S. Lebanon, **EC "troika"** departs Beirut for Europe after concluding Middle Eastern trip [begun 3/26]. (Radio Lebanon 4/3 in FBIS 4/6).

4 APRIL

UN Sec. Council adopts statement condemning 4/1 violence in Rafah, Gaza, in which Israeli security forces killed 4 Palestinians and wounded at least 50. (WP 4/5)

After striking a compromise with his rivals in Likud party, FM Levy announces he will not resign as foreign minister. (NYT 4/6)

5 APRIL

Israeli Central Bureau of Statistics indicates housing starts in o.t. increased 400% in 1991 over 1990, while those in Israel increased 100%. (MM 4/6)

IDF lifts curfew of Rafah imposed 4/1. (IDF Radio 4/5 in FBIS 4/6)

6 APRIL

After discussing plans with Jerusalem Mayor Kollek, Housing Min. **Sharon** confirms government is buying land and planning to build homes for Jews in several E. Jerusalem neighborhoods, including Muslim Quarter, Silwan, Wadi Jawz, and Mt. of Olives. (MM 4/7)

IDF convoy ambushed in Hula, S. Lebanon, inside Israeli "security zone" and less than 2 kilometers from Israeli-Lebanese border. **2 soldiers killed**, 5 wounded, including 3 officers; 2 SLA soldiers are also wounded. Additional 2 IDF troops are wounded as reinforcements storm the building from which 3 gunmen fired, killing them. **Islamic Jihad in Palestine, Islamic Resistance Movement** claim joint responsibility for attack.

SLA head Gen. Antoine Lahad was reportedly riding in convoy but was not injured. Maj.-Gen. Yitzhak Mordechai, commander of **IDF Northern Command**, had also been riding in convoy but left shortly before attack occurred.

IDF heavy artillery bombs villages of Kabrikha, Shaqra, Majd al-Salim in retaliation. (WP, MM 4/7; Qol Yisra'el 4/7 in FBIS 4/8)

7 APRIL

Chmn. **Arafat's plane crashes** in a desert sandstorm near al-Sarra in S. Libya. Three crewmen die; **Arafat, 9 others survive**. International effort to locate the plane begins.

(NYT 4/8)

State Dept. officials meet with officials of Israeli for. ministry in Jerusalem to discuss ways of averting threatened **Israeli boycott** of any sessions of upcoming **multilateral peace talks** which include **Palestinians from outside o.t.** [U.S., Russia have agreed to allow diaspora Palestinians to participate in meetings dealing with refugee problems and economic development. Israel insists that original terms set for peace process excludes Palestinians from outside o.t.]. Americans propose allowing such Palestinians to participate as **observers**; Israel rejects the proposal. (Yedi'ot Aharonot 4/8 in FBIS 4/9)

Addressing the audience as "fellow Zionists," U.S. Vice Pres. Quayle tells annual meeting of the **American Israel Public Affairs Committee** (AIPAC), most important pro-Israel lobbying group in U.S. that Pres. Bush shares their commitment to Israel's security. (WP 4/8)

8 APRIL

Wreckage of **Arafat's plane** is located in the Libyan desert by a PLO patrol some 12 hours after it crashed. Arafat is flown to a hospital in Misrata, Libya for treatment.

Spontaneous celebrations break out throughout o.t. as news of Arafat's rescue spreads. Some celebrations turn violent as security forces clash with revelers in Ramallah, al-Bira, and Gaza City. (MM 4/8; NYT, WP 4/9; Radio Monte Carlo 4/9 in FBIS 4/9)

IDF kill "wanted" Hamas activist, capture 3 others in Negev desert near Egyptian border. (Qol Yisra'el 4/10 in FBIS 4/10)

9 APRIL

PLO Central Council postpones its scheduled meeting in Tunis until such time as Chmn. Arafat is able to attend [Arafat suffered injuries in the 4/7 crash of his plane in Libya]. **Arafat is moved** to more secure hospital in Tripoli, Libya. (NYT, WP 4/10)

Undercover unit shoots and kills 2 "wanted" Palestinians, one in Tulkarm, W. Bank, and the second in Rafah, Gaza. (MM 4/10)

10 APRIL

Chmn. **Arafat returns to Tunis** following 2 days in Libyan hospitals. (WP 4/11)

11 APRIL

Seminar on negotiating strategies opens in Cairo, attended by Palestinian delegation to peace talks, members of delegation's advisory committee, PLO officials, and Egyptian diplomats who negotiated the **Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty** of 1979. (MENA, Republic of Egypt Radio 4/11 in FBIS 4/14; MM 4/13)

12 APRIL

PLO Exec. Comm. meets in Tunis, decides to hold session of PLO Central Council 5/8 [session had been postponed 4/9 after 4/7 crash of Chmn. Arafat's plane]. (MM 4/13)

Announcement made that imprisoned Fateh activist '**Abd al-Fattah Hamayil**', sentenced to 4 years' imprisonment by Israel in 1990, has been appointed to **Palestinian delegation** to peace talks. Hamayil is scheduled to be released early and deported. (MM 4/13)

Unified National Command of the Intifada issues **appendix** to proclamation no. 81 extending hours businesses are asked to work. (Voice of Palestine 4/12 in FBIS 4/15)

13 APRIL

Israel Aircraft Industries announces U.S. has formally commissioned Israel to begin work on second phase of joint **U.S.-Israel project** to develop the **Arrow missile defense system**, part of U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative, or "**Star Wars**" [U.S. contributions to second stage will total \$320 million]. (Qol Yisra'el 4/13 in FBIS 4/15)

FM Levy demands release of **Israeli held in Egypt** on charges of **espionage** [3 Arabs carrying Israeli citizenship are also being detained; see 3/10]. (IDF Radio 4/13 in FBIS 4/14)

Pres. Asad meets with representatives of **Syrian Jewish community** for first time since assuming power in 1970. Asad informs delegation that **travel restrictions faced by Jews will be lifted**. He also announces government will **release 2 Jews** currently imprisoned in Syria. (MM 5/1)

14 APRIL

Pres. Mubarak receives **Palestinian delegation** to peace talks, which is in Cairo attending a conference [see 4/11]. (MENA 4/14

in FBIS 4/15)

Palestinian People's Party (formerly Palestine Communist Party) announces it will **suspend participation in peace talks**. Party also states it will withdraw completely if Palestinian leadership does not insist upon halt to settlement activity as a central element of negotiations strategy and does not make delegation's consultative committee more democratic. (*al-Ra'y* 4/25 in FBIS 4/27)

15 APRIL

Seminar on negotiating strategies ends in Cairo [see 4/10]. After arriving in Cairo for medical treatment, Chmn. Arafat meets with members of **Palestinian delegation**, steering committee who had been attending seminar. (MENA 4/15 in FBIS 4/16; MM 4/16)

Israeli atty. gen. is instructed to investigate whether or not members of **Palestinian delegation violated Israeli law** forbidding contact with PLO when they met with **Arafat**. (MM 4/16; Qol Yisra'el 4/16 in FBIS 4/16)

Israeli high court of justice postpones ruling on a petition submitted by the **Public Committee Against Torture** which calls for prohibiting Israel's internal security service (**Shin Bet**) from torturing prisoners [in 1987, govt.-appointed **Landau Commission** approved use of "moderate physical pressure" against prisoners. Petition is seeking to overturn commission's recommendations]. (MM 4/16)

Palestinians march in Ramallah to commemorate fourth anniversary of **assassination of Khalil Wazir (Abu Jihad)**.

IDF kills Palestinian youth in Nasariyya, near Nablus. In separate incident, undercover forces kill "wanted" activist. (MM 4/15)

16 APRIL

German PM **Helmut Kohl** notifies FM Levy that Germany cannot provide the amount of additional **aid to resettle Soviet Jews** which Israel had requested [among other items, Israel had requested \$10 billion in loan guarantees and an increase in amount of loans annually provided by Germany to Israel]. Germany is reportedly ready to provide compromise figure of \$1 billion in **loan guarantees**, but Israel refuses. (*Yedi'ot Aharonot* 4/17 in FBIS 4/17; *Ha'aretz* 4/19 in FBIS 4/21)

Israel, Angola establish diplomatic relations. (Qol Yisra'el 4/16 in FBIS 4/17)

Commemoration of Khalil Wazir's death continues as Palestinians throughout o.t. stage marches, rallies [see 4/15]. Numerous demonstrators are injured in confrontations with security forces in Shati', Jabaliya, Burayj, and Dayr al-Balah refugee camps in Gaza. (MM 4/16)

17 APRIL

After receiving distress signals transmitted by a **Syrian merchant ship** some 60 km. northwest of Haifa, **Israeli navy tows ship** to Haifa for repairs. (Qol Yisra'el 4/17 in FBIS 4/17; MM 4/23)

20 APRIL

IDF allows **Bir Zeit University** to reopen its science and engineering dept. beginning 4/29 and rest of university in time for upcoming summer session (university has been closed under IDF orders since January 1988). (NYT 4/21; IDF Radio 4/20 in FBIS 4/21)

State Dept. confirms **Saudi Arabia improperly transferred** U.S. bombs, military vehicles to **Iraq, Syria, Bangladesh**. (NYT 4/21)

Syria releases 2 Jews imprisoned since late 1987 [see 4/13]. (MM 4/20, 4/27)

21 APRIL

State Dept. announces all parties to peace negotiations have agreed to hold future, **sixth round of talks in Rome**. No date has yet been set [upcoming fifth round will take place 4/27 in Washington]. (NYT 4/22)

First Israel-Gaza water pipe is opened in refugee camps in central Gaza. (Israel Television Network 4/21 in FBIS 4/22)

Undercover unit dressed as Arabs shoots and wounds 3 Palestinians painting slogans on a wall in Tura, near Hebron. **Controversy erupts** over what actually occurred. IDF claims soldiers called upon youths to halt and fired warning shots before shooting them. An Israeli couple who witnessed event, however, state **soldiers fired without warning**.

In separate incident, undercover unit shoots, kills Palestinian in 'Illar, W. Bank. (MM 4/21, 4/22, 4/27; NYT 4/22)

22 APRIL

Syrian ship towed to Israel 4/17 after breaking down at sea departs Haifa for Beirut.

(Qol Yisra'el 4/22 in FBIS 4/23; *Jerusalem Post* in MM 4/23)

Yedi'ot Aharonot reports **secret talks** have been underway in Paris between representatives of **El Al and Royal Air Maroc**, the national airlines, respectively, of Israel and Morocco, over cooperation in transporting tourists between the two countries. (MM 4/22)

23 APRIL

Discussions begin between **Palestinian, Jordanian officials** in Amman in advance of upcoming **peace talks**. Among those participating are members of Jordanian and Palestinian delegations and PLO officials. (*al-Ray'* 4/23, Radio Monte Carlo 4/23 in FBIS 4/24)

Israel prevents Muhammad 'Abd al-Fattah **al-Hawrani**, member of steering committee of **Palestinian delegation**, from crossing into Jordan from o.t. to join rest of Palestinian delegation [al-Hawrani had earlier been arrested and released by occupation authorities. See 2/17, 3/10]. (NYT 4/25)

IDF launches investigation into 4/21 shooting of 2 youths in Dura, W. Bank [2 Israelis who witnessed the event contradicted IDF's version of what occurred; see 4/21]. (MM 4/23)

Syrian television broadcasts report suggesting **Syrian Jews** will be able to **emigrate to U.S.** under aegis of family reunification, a move Pres. **Asad** already announced to a delegation of Syrian Jewish leaders [see 4/13]. Move is interpreted as possible Syrian concession on eve of Middle East peace talks. (MM 4/27; JP 5/2)

Press reports emerge detailing how **Syria asked Israel**, through a third party, to allow a **helicopter to ferry supplies across Israeli lines** in Golan to a Syrian military unit stranded on Mt. Hermon [Jabal al-Shaykh] by a snowstorm last winter. Israel agreed to the request, and allowed the helicopter to fly along a course designated by Israeli authorities. (MM 4/23, 4/27)

24 APRIL

During **Good Friday services** at Greek Orthodox church in **Ramallah, Border Guards seize youth** standing in crowd outside the church for allegedly wearing a badge in colors of the outlawed Palestinian flag. IDF claims the youth was immediately released when it was determined that the crowd was participating in religious services, but eight priests

claim **soldiers threatened worshippers** with weapons after they tried to intervene. (MM 4/27)

25 APRIL

IDF clears undercover unit of wrongdoing in 4/21 shooting of 2 W. Bank youths [see 4/21, 4/23]. (Qol Yisra'el 4/25 in FBIS 4/27)

Delegates from **Palestinian People's Party** join rest of Palestinian delegation in traveling from Amman to Washington [party had earlier **suspended its participation** in negotiations. See 4/14]. (Radio Jordan 4/25, *al-Ray'* 4/25 in FBIS 4/27)

At least 20 are wounded as **troops fire on large demonstration** staged by Hamas in al-Shaykh Radwan, Gaza. (Qol Yisra'el 4/25 in FBIS 4/27)

26 APRIL

Team of **Egyptian architects** returns to Cairo after week-long trip to o.t. where they inspected **Islamic holy sites**. Delegation states sites such as **al-Aqsa mosque** and **Dome of the Rock** are suffering from neglect and Israeli diggings near them. In report prepared for Egyptian ministries of foreign affairs and housing, architects state \$10 million is required to repair shrines. (MM 4/27, 4/29)

Court in 'Akka sentences poet **Shafiq Habib**, Palestinian holding Israeli citizenship, to 8 months **imprisonment**, 3 years probation, and a fine of approximately \$3,100 for poems he published which dealt with the intifada. Court claimed poems violated 1949 "Antiterror Act" by offering "praise for murderous violence behind the guise of poetry." (*Ha'aretz* 4/27 in FBIS 4/28)

27 APRIL

Fifth round of **Arab-Israeli peace talks** open in Washington. **Israeli proposes agreement for municipal elections** in selected o.t. localities. Israel insists such a plan is not a substitute for continued negotiations regarding Palestinian autonomy.

Israeli-Jordanian talks center on water use. (MM 4/28; WP 4/29; NYT, MM 4/30; Jordan Television 4/28 in FBIS 4/29)

U.S., Russia issue invitations for upcoming third round, **multilateral talks**. Meetings dealing with five different topics are scheduled to be held in May in different world capitals: **arms control**, 5/11 in Washington;

economic development, 5/11 in Brussels; **water**, 5/12 in Vienna; **refugee problems**, 5/13 in Ottawa; **environmental issues**, 5/18 in Tokyo. (NYT 4/29)

State Dept. announces Syria has informed U.S. it has lifted travel ban and restrictions on purchase and sale of property formerly applied to **Syrian Jews** [see 4/13]. (NYT, MM 4/28)

Israeli state comptroller issues report criticizing mismanagement, waste, and corruption in numerous government agencies. Report recommended **criminal investigations** in several instances of corruption within housing ministry, headed by **Ariel Sharon** [atty. gen. began investigating housing ministry 4/26 after comptroller informed him in advance of report's findings]. (NYT, MM 4/28)

Supporters of **Hamas** win all 10 seats in **elections for student council** of a teachers' academy in Ramallah.

Hamas also calls on merchants in o.t. to observe **strike** in protest of resumption of peace talks. Strike observed in some localities in Gaza; in W. Bank, only shops in Hebron were closed. (MM 4/27, 4/29)

IDF states it has apologized for **disturbing church services** in Ramallah 4/24, but continues to dispute priests' account of what happened [see 4/24]. (MM 4/27)

Palestinian Popular Struggle Front's Central Committee ends meeting in Damascus [begun 4/25] in which it deposed Secy. Gen. **Samir Ghawsha** and replaced him with **Khalid 'Abd al-Majid**. (Radio Free Lebanon 4/28 in FBIS 4/29; al-Quds Palestinian Arab Radio 4/29 in FBIS 4/30; *Sawt al-Kuwait* 5/1, *al-Hayat* 5/2 in FBIS 5/8; INA 5/3 in FBIS 5/4)

28 APRIL

Palestinian spokeswoman **Hanan Ashrawi** criticizes **Israeli proposal** to hold test **municipal elections** in o.t. but states Palestinian delegation has not rejected the proposal outright.

Lebanese, Israeli delegations disagree on anti-Israeli resistance in S. Lebanon. (WP 4/29; Voice of Lebanon, Beirut Radio Lebanon 4/29 in FBIS 4/29; Israel Television 4/29 in FBIS 4/30)

FM **Levy** informs Secy. of State **Baker** Israel will not attend upcoming **multilateral talks** on refugees, economic development, if **Palestinians from outside o.t.** participate [see 4/7]. (Israel Television 4/28 in FBIS 4/29)

In interviews published in E. Jerusalem

press, Nayif Hawatima, leader of one faction of the DFLP, expresses **support for municipal elections** if they are held under international supervision throughout o.t. and not in selected towns as Israel proposed. Hawatima also **criticizes PLO leadership** for allegedly exceeding bounds set by Palestine National Council, PLO Central Council resolutions, calls for **reforms within PLO**, and urges **suspending Palestinian participation** in peace talks. (*Sawt al-Sha'b* 4/28 in FBIS 4/30; MM 4/28)

Faisal Husseini sends letter to 2 members of anti-Zionist Orthodox Jewish movement **Neturei Karta** appointing them to advisory committee of **Palestinian delegation**. (*Yedi'ot Aharonot* 4/29 in FBIS 4/30)

Syrian FM Faruq **al-Shar'** announces hindrances on travel abroad by **Syrian Jews** have been removed [see 4/13, 4/23], but stresses difference between "travel" and "emigration." Al-Shar' also states Syrian Jews have **no desire to emigrate** from Syria. (MM 4/29; Syrian Arab Republic Radio 4/29 in FBIS 4/29)

Israel Television announces work has begun on 12-km. road linking Jerusalem with settlements in Gush Tzion. Road will allow settlers to bypass Palestinian villages between Bethlehem and Hebron, and is described as **largest road project ever carried out by Israel**. (MM 4/29)

Israeli police announce **arrests of 12 Palestinian citizens of Israel** whom police accuse of membership in **Islamic Jihad**. (MM 4/29)

diaspora Palestinians in multilateral talks on refugees, economic development [see 4/28]. Under the Israeli proposal, diaspora Palestinians who have residency in other Arab countries would be allowed to participate as members of the delegations from those countries and not as members of the Palestinian delegation. (WP 4/30)

U.S. announces it will give **\$80 million to Jewish Agency for absorption of immigrants** in Israel, nearly double the size of a similar grant extended last year. (MM 5/1)

Classes resume at Bir Zeit University for first time since IDF closed it in January 1988 [see 4/20]. (MM 4/29)

King Fahd pledges to pay costs, estimated at \$70 million, of repairing **al-Aqsa mosque** and **Dome of the Rock** in E. Jerusalem after receiving reports from UNESCO concerning state of the shrines [team of Egyptian architects recently recommended spending \$10 million to repair Islamic monuments in o.t. See 4/26]. Announcement comes in midst of continued **poor relations between Saudi Arabia and Jordan**, the latter of which has traditionally assumed responsibility for the shrines' maintenance. (Saudi Press Agency 4/29 in FBIS 4/30; MM 4/30; NYT 5/14)

Nazareth court sentences **4 Palestinian citizens of Israel** to life imprisonment for 2/15/92 attack on **IDF camp** which killed 3 soldiers [see 2/26, 3/3, 3/6]. (NYT 4/30)

Undercover units kill 2 Palestinians in Janin area, one in Yamun and second in 'Arraba. IDF claimed both had threatened troops with guns. (MM 4/30)

29 APRIL

Palestinian delegation presents counter proposal in response to 4/27 Israeli suggestion that **municipal elections** be resumed in o.t. calling for elections for a **Palestinian legislative assembly**. Delegation also demands **abolition of military decrees** No. 2 (which granted IDF power to issue laws in o.t.), No. 92 (concerning Israel's control over water in o.t.), and No. 291 (which prohibited registration of land in W. Bank). Delegation also demands Palestinians be given **access to public records** such as land and population records.

Israeli delegation proposes plan which would allow **Palestinians to run o.t. hospitals**. (NYT, MM 4/30; *al-Nahar* 4/30 in FBIS 5/1; *Qol Yisra'el* 4/30 in FBIS 4/30)

Israeli ambassador to U.S. presents compromise proposal to Secy. of State Baker dealing with Israeli objections to **participation of**

30 APRIL

Fifth round of **peace talks ends** in Washington. (WP 5/1)

In interview published in E. Jerusalem press, **PLO Exec. Comm. mbr. Mahmud 'Abbas** sharply **criticizes Nayif Hawatima**, leader of one faction of the DFLP, for comments he made in support of **municipal elections** in o.t. [Fateh opposes the elections]. 'Abbas also scores Hawatima for the latter's call for Palestinian **withdrawal from peace talks** and for his criticisms of PLO leadership [see 4/28]. (MM 4/30)

Unified National Command of the Intifada issues **proclamation no. 82**, calling for unity of Palestinian ranks. (Voice of Palestine 4/30 in FBIS 5/1)

IDF wounds 17 Palestinians in Gaza City and Jabaliya, Shati', Nusayrat refugee camps in Gaza. (NYT 5/1)

1 MAY

'Abd al-Fattah Hamayil, appointed member of Palestinian delegation to peace talks by Faisal Husseini while imprisoned [see 4/12], crosses into Jordan under terms of agreement by which he is forbidden to return to o.t. for 28 months. (Qol Yisra'el 5/1 in FBIS 5/1)

Israeli press reports U.S. officials have placed Israel on list of 20 nations carrying out **espionage against U.S. companies** [see JPS 83, doc. C1]. (MM 5/1)

2 MAY

Border Guards kill Palestinian in Bayt Sahur whom they had arrested following a march. (MM 5/5)

3 MAY

Gulf Cooperation Council Secy. Gen. Ya'qub Bishara denies there are any attempts to suspend "**Damascus Declaration**," but recognizes that security of Gulf region not only depends upon protection offered to Arab states in the Gulf by signatories to the Declaration [notably Syria and Egypt] but also upon "**understanding with Iran**" [Egypt has opposed attempts to draw Iran into Gulf security arrangements]. (KUNA 5/3 in FBIS 5/8)

IDF soldier killed during attack on home of *mukhtar* [headman] of al-Fari'a refugee camp near Janin. IDF **discharges 2 officers** following incident after it was learned the troops did not know the house belonged to the *mukhtar*, who, thinking he was being attacked by camp residents, fired on the soldiers. (IDF Radio 5/4 in FBIS 5/4)

4 MAY

Chmn. Arafat, Fateh leaders meet with PFLP Asst. Gen. Secy. Abu al-'Ali Mustafa and other PFLP leaders in Tunis to discuss differences in advance of upcoming **PLO Central Council** meeting. (*al-Ra'y* 5/6 in FBIS 5/6)

Israel, Nigeria restore diplomatic relations suspended by Nigeria in 1973. (MM 5/5)

Disturbances break out in **Dayr al-Balah** refugee camp in Gaza after IDF arrests 3 "wanted" suspects. At least 9 Palestinians were injured. (*Ha'aretz* 5/5 in FBIS 5/6)

Responding to attacks from Islamic resistance, IDF, SLA **artillery barrages** kill 5,

wounds 4 in Mashghara, S. Lebanon, northeast of Israeli "security zone." Bombardment of 5 villages in Iqlim al-Tuffah region wounds additional 11. (NYT 5/5)

5 MAY

Chmn. Arafat, Fateh leaders meet with Nayif Hawatima, leader of one faction of DFLP, and other DFLP officials to discuss differences in advance of **PLO Central Council** meeting [see 5/4 for similar talks between Fateh, PFLP]. (*al-Ra'y* 5/6 in FBIS 5/6)

PFLP leader Riyad Malki and DFLP-Hawatima faction leader Ali Abu Hilal, hold joint press conference in Jerusalem at which they state their conditional **support for municipal elections**, which have been proposed in different form by Israel but rejected by Fateh and **Palestinian delegation** to peace talks [PFLP, DFLP-Hawatima, and Hamas have now called for supporting municipal elections if held under international supervision, a condition which Israel has rejected. See 4/27, 4/28, 4/30].

PFLP, DFLP also issue **joint statement** in o.t. calling for unified Arab position regarding participation in **multilateral talks** [PFLP had formerly opposed the talks]. (*al-Ra'y* 5/6 in FBIS 5/6)

Following 4/29 Saudi disclosure that **King Fahd** will pay for repairs to Islamic sites in E. Jerusalem, Jordanian cabinet announces **Jordan will pay for repairing Dome of the Rock** [Jordan has traditionally assumed responsibility for shrine's maintenance]. (Jordan Television 5/5 in FBIS 5/6; MM 5/6)

Amnesty International issues report criticizing conditions in **al-Khiyam prison** camp run by SLA in Israel's "security zone." (MM 5/5)

4 Israeli citizens arrested by Egypt in February on charges of espionage are released, **deported to Israel** [see 3/10]. (Qol Yisra'el 5/6 in FBIS 5/6; MENA 5/6 in FBIS 5/7)

3 IDF troops injured by a Palestinian wielding a knife at a roadblock. The attacker is killed. (Qol Yisra'el 5/6 in FBIS 5/6)

6 MAY

Israel informed U.S. it will **boycott** those sessions of upcoming **multilateral peace talks** in which diaspora Palestinians participate [Israel has stated it will only negotiate with o.t. Palestinians; see 4/7, 4/28, 4/29]. (WP 5/7)

IDF commander in W. Bank announces troops may fire without warning upon armed Palestinians [statement was public clarification of change in policy which took effect in February 1992]. Officer also denies charges that undercover units were operating in a manner tantamount to that of **death squads** [e.g., see 4/21]. (NYT 5/7)

IDF blockades o.t., forbidding residents to travel to Israel, in preparation for celebrations of Israel's memorial day, independence day celebrations. (Qol Yisra'el 5/5 in FBIS 5/6)

7 MAY

PLO Central Council begins meeting in Tunis. Faisal Husseini, Hanan Ashrawi secretly address meeting. (*Jordan Times* 5/10 in FBIS 5/11)

Emile Habibi receives prestigious **Israel Prize for Literature** from Pres. Herzog, PM Shamir [see 3/17]. Tehiya party leader Yuval Ne'eman **disrupts ceremony** by rising from the audience and announcing he was returning the Israel Prize awarded to him 23 years ago to protest awarding of prize to Habibi, whom he described as anti-Israeli.

[Habibi had been urged by many Palestinian writers in Israel, o.t., and abroad to refuse the award. He stated that he decided to accept it, however, to pay tribute to achievements made by Palestinian population of Israel]. (MM 5/8)

Undercover unit shoots, injures Palestinian youth in Sa'ir near Hebron. Second Palestinian tries to drive youth to a hospital but is chased by the troops, who open fire on his car, killing him. (MM 5/8)

8 MAY

State Dept. issues statement claiming U.S. has uncovered information implicating Iran in 3/17 bombing of Israeli embassy in Buenos Aires, although it possesses "no conclusive evidence" to this effect. (NYT 5/9)

IDF kills Palestinian youth in Hebron. Clashes break out afterwards, and merchants close shops in mourning. IDF also **ends blockade** of o.t. imposed 5/6. (MM 5/8)

10 MAY

PLO Central Council concludes meeting in Tunis after **heated discussions** over whether Palestinians should continue partici-

pating in peace process. Council eventually issues resolution expressing **support for continuing participation** but linking participation in multilaterals with progress in bilateral negotiations. Council also decides that Palestinians will reevaluate participation in the peace process in October 1992. In wake of criticism of PLO leadership, Council also creates committee to study **internal PLO structures**.

Nayif Hawatima, head of one faction of DFLP and who had been pushing for reevaluation of PLO policy toward peace talks and for reforms within PLO, **expresses dissatisfaction** with results of meeting [DFLP-Hawatima faction, PFLP, Arab Liberation Front voted against the resolution]. (Tunisian Republic Radio, Radio Monte Carlo 5/10 in FBIS 5/11; Voice of Palestine 5/11 in FBIS 5/13; MM 5/11)

Egyptian FM 'Amr Musa states no progress can be made in **multilateral talks** until bilateral talks lead to peace treaties. (MM 5/11)

King Hussein announces he will personally donate \$8.25 million to restore **al-Aqsa mosque** in E. Jerusalem. Hussein intends to sell a country home in Britain to raise the funds [see 5/5]. (Radio Jordan 5/11 in FBIS 5/13; NYT 5/14; Radio Jordan 5/20 in FBIS 5/21)

11 MAY

Multilateral talks on economic development open in Brussels. Only Palestinian and Jordanian delegations attend [Palestinians include representatives from diaspora]. Syria and Lebanon, which had earlier stated that they would boycott multilateral talks due to lack of progress in bilateral Arab-Israeli talks, fail to attend. Israel also follows through on its threats to boycott any talks which include Palestinians from outside o.t. by staying away from session.

Talks on arms control open in Washington. Syria, Lebanon once again refuse to participate. Palestinians do not participate, even as part of Jordanian delegation, because only states with militaries were invited. 20 other nations send observers to talks. (NYT, WP 5/12).

Fateh candidates win all 9 contested seats in elections to staff union of **al-Najah University**, defeating pro-Hamas candidates. Pro-PLO figures also defeated Hamas supporters in elections for the workers' union at **Muttali' Hospital (Augusta Victoria Hospital)** in Jerusalem. (MM 5/12)

12 MAY

State Dept. says U.S. supports UN Gen. Assembly Res. 194, passed 11 December 1948, which upholds right of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes. Israel demands explanation. (NYT 5/13)

Multilateral talks on economic development end in Brussels. (MM 5/13)

Palestinian negotiators **Zakariya al-Agha**, 'Abd al-Rahman Hamad are denied entry at Rafah border crossing by Israeli authorities after they refuse to submit to a search of documents they were carrying as they returned from recent round of bilateral talks in Washington. (MM 5/15)

As Saudi-Jordanian tension mounts over which country's monarch will assume responsibility for paying for repairs to Islamic shrines in E. Jerusalem, Saudi television reasserts Saudi Arabia's intention [made 4/29] to finance repairs to sites such as al-Aqsa mosque and Dome of the Rock [Jordan has stated it will assume repair costs. See 5/5, 5/11]. (NYT 5/14)

Israeli jets, helicopters attack Islamic Resistance positions in Iqlim al-Tuffah region of S. Lebanon. Raids were first Israeli air attacks in S. Lebanon since 2/16. (Voice of the Mountain, Radio Free Lebanon 5/13 in FBIS 5/13)

13 MAY

Multilateral talks on refugees open in Ottawa with Palestinians asserting that solution for Palestinian refugees should be made through implementation of UN Gen. Assembly Res. 194, which calls for repatriation of refugees or compensation. Israel boycotts talks. (MM 5/12)

Responding to 5/12 U.S. statement regarding right of Palestinian refugees to return, PM Shamir states "There is only a Jewish 'right of return' to the Land of Israel." State Dept. clarifies 5/12 statement, reaffirming U.S. support for Res. 194 and Sec. Council Res. 237 (adopted 14 June 1967) regarding return of Palestinian refugees but adding that this remains a matter to be negotiated between Palestinians and Israel. (NYT, MM 5/14)

Multilateral talks on water open in Vienna with more than 30 delegations attending. (WP 5/14)

Palestinian negotiators **Zakariya al-Agha**, 'Abd al-Rahman Hamad are refused entry into Gaza by Israeli authorities at Rafah bor-

der crossing point for a second time after they again refused to allow border guards to search documents they were carrying [see 5/12]. (MM 5/15)

Annual assembly of **World Health Organization** passes resolution criticizing Israel for health conditions in o.t. (MM 5/14)

In Jerusalem, Jordanian-controlled **Higher Islamic Council** warns against intervention by "foreign or international bodies" in repair work to **Islamic holy sites in E. Jerusalem**, an apparent reference to Saudi attempts to finance repairs of shrines in coordination with UNESCO [Jordan has traditionally been responsible for shrines' maintenance] [see 4/29, 5/5, 5/11, 5/12]. (MM 5/13; NYT 5/14)

Shaykh Ishaq Idris Sakhouta, head of Cairo-based and Saudi-financed **World Islamic League**, begins visit to Israel and o.t. After praying at al-Aqsa mosque in E. Jerusalem, Sakhouta praises Israel's handling of Islamic shrines in Jerusalem during meeting with Jerusalem mayor **Teddy Kollek** [Sakhouta's visit is being financed by an **Israeli tourist company** which seeks to increase Muslim tourism to Islamic holy sites in o.t.] (MM 5/14)

IDF kill "wanted" Palestinian in Immatin, near Tulkarm. Separate **gun battle** between IDF and 3 Palestinians leaves 1 Palestinian wounded. (Qol Yisra'el 5/14 in FBIS 5/14)

14 MAY

Multilateral talks on arms control end in Washington. (MM 5/15)

Court order allows Israeli press to publish information concerning an **Egyptian citizen** arrested by Israel for **espionage** in August 1991 and formally charged in March 1992. Press had been forbidden to publish stories on the man for fear of possible effect on case of 4 Israelis held by Egypt on charges of spying [see 5/5]. (MM 5/14)

15 MAY

In interview published in Israeli press, PM Shamir claims U.S. "wants to return us to the 1967 borders." While many Israeli officials have expressed this belief in the past, this represents first such public statement by Shamir. (NYT 5/16)

Multilateral talks on refugees end in Ottawa. (MM 5/18)

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)
JP (*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.)
MET (*Middle East Times*, Nicosia)
MM (*Mideast Mirror*, London)
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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