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SUBJECT: WEST BANK AND JERUSALEM MEDIA REPORT,
- DECEMBER 30, 1993

1. SUMMARY

- WEST BANK DAILIES CONTINUE THEIR SUPPORT OF ARAFAT,
- PREDICT ARAFAT-HUSSEIN MEETING AS NEXT STEP
- DESPITE FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS, GOI WEST BANK
- SETTLEMENT POLICY UNCHANGED
- ANTI-ARAB ATTACKS CONTINUE; ARRESTS OF SUSPECTED
- PLO MEMBERS

2. WEST BANK DAILIES CONTINUE SUPPORTING ARAFAT,
- PREDICT ARAFAT-HUSSEIN MEETING AS NEXT STEP

THE THREE MAJOR WEST BANK DAILIES (AL-QUDS, AL-FAJR,
AND ASHAAB) CONTINUED THEIR CAMPAIGN OF RALLYING SUPPORT
FOR ARAFAT. ALL THREE QUOTED STATEMENT FROM TUNIS-BASED
PLO SPOKESMEN AFFIRMING PLO SUPPORT FOR ARAFAT AND ALL

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THREE CONTINUED THEIR NEWS BLACK-OUT ON CRITICISM COMING FROM DAMASCUS. ALL THREE QUOTED EGYPTIAN SOURCES PROMISING AN ALL-OUT EFFORT IN 1984 TO PROMOTE "A JUST SOLUTION TO THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM." MODERATE AL-QUDS QUOTED BOTH MUBARAK AND SECRETARY OF STATE SHULTZ'S PREDICTIONS THAT THE NEXT STEP IS TO INCLUDE KING HUSSEIN IN THE PROCESS. PRO-PLO AL-FAJR REPORTED THAT NO TIME HAD BEEN SET YET FOR AN ARAFAT-HUSSEIN MEETING. IN A RELATED ARTICLE, AL-QUDS WROTE THAT THE LIKUD GOVERNMENT'S GREATEST FEAR IS THAT ARAFAT WILL RECOGNIZE ISRAEL AND ENTER PEACE TALKS WITH JORDAN, ISRAEL, AND EGYPT, WITH THE U.S. AS A FULL PARTICIPANT.

ANTI-SYRIAN ATTACKS CONTINUED IN THE PRESS. AL-QUDS DEVOTED A FULL PAGE TO MILTON FORSYTH'S NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE CRITICAL OF SYRIAN AIMS IN LEBANON. AL-FAJR AND RADICAL ASHAAB RAN A FRONT-PAGE FEATURE ON "ASSAD'S BLOODY PURGE" OF PRO-ARAFAT SUPPORTERS IN THE YARMUK REFUGEE CAMP OUTSIDE DAMASCUS.

3. DESPITE FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS, GOI WEST BANK SETTLEMENT POLICY REMAINS UNCHANGED

THE POST AND AL-FAJR REPORTED PM SHAMIR'S PLEDGE THAT LIKUD'S COMMITMENT TO PROMOTING JEWISH SETTLEMENT OF THE WEST BANK REMAINS UNCHANGED. AL-QUDS FEATURED A SHORT ITEM CLAIMING THAT THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT FREEZE IS DUE TO FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS ALONE. "THE FACT THAT SUCH A FREEZE IS BEING CONSIDERED IS INDICATIVE OF THE DIRE STRAITS OF THE ISRAELI ECONOMY." IN ITS EDITORIAL, AL-QUDS ACCUSED THE LIKUD GOVERNMENT OF "DELIBERATELY WRECKING" THE ISRAELI ECONOMY BY ATTEMPTING TO FUND A MASSIVE SETTLEMENT PROGRAM AND TO PAY FOR ITS MASSIVE DEFENSE EXPENDITURES OVER THE PAST SIX YEARS.

IN A RELATED ITEM, AL-FAJR AND PRO-ISRAELI AL-ANBA PREDICTED A 20 TO 30 PERCENT PRICE INCREASE IN JANUARY FOR BASIC COMMODITIES.

4. ANTI-ARAB ATTACKS CONTINUE; ARRESTS OF SUSPECTED PLO MEMBERS

TWO ANTI-ARAB ATTACKS WERE REPORTED LAST NIGHT:

- A GRENADE-ARMED TIME BOMB WAS DISCOVERED NEAR AN ARAB STORE ON THE JERUSALEM-HEBRON ROAD (AL-FAJR)

- AN ARAB CAR WAS TORCHED IN EAST JERUSALEM'S AL-THURI AREA, THE SEVENTH SUCH ATTACK THIS MONTH (AL-FAJR, ASHAAB, AL-QUDS)

THE ARABIC PRESS REPORTED A NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS AND ARRESTS OF SUSPECTED PLO MEMBERS:

- A BETHLEHEM SCHOOL TEACHER WAS SENTENCED TO ONE YEAR IN JAIL FOR FATAH MEMBERSHIP. SHE WAS ALSO ACCUSED OF ANTISTATE ACTIVITY (AL-FAJR)

- A YOUNG SHUFAT REFUGEE CAMP RESIDENT WAS SENTENCED TO FOUR YEARS FOR FATAH MEMBERSHIP AND ATTEMPTING TO KILL A "COLLABORATOR" (AL-FAJR, ASHAAB)

- EIGHT YOUTHS FROM THE AL-AMARI REFUGEE CAMP WERE SENTENCED TO 12 TO 36 MONTHS FOR FATAH MEMBERSHIP (ASHAAB)

- A TOWN ARREST ORDER WAS RENEWED FOR ANOTHER SIX-MONTH PERIOD ON A SENIOR UNION OFFICIAL AT THE EAST JERUSALEM ELECTRIC COMPANY, THE FIFTH SUCH RENEWAL (AL-FAJR, ASHAAB)

IN RELATED ITEMS, AL-FAJR REPORTED THAT SIX YAABAD AREA YOUTHS WERE SENTENCED TO 18 MONTHS (14 OF WHICH ARE PROBATION) FOR STONE-THROWING AND PARTICIPATING IN POLITICAL DEMONSTRATIONS. ALL PAPERS NOTED THAT A WEEK-LONG CLOSURE ORDER IMPOSED ON THE COMMERCIAL CENTER OF HEBRON WAS LIFTED TODAY.

5. WORTH NOTING

A) -- THE POST FEATURED A LONG ARTICLE ON JEWISH RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES IN THE MOSLEM QUARTER OF JERUSALEM. THE ARTICLE NOTED THAT THE FIRST SUCH SETTLEMENTS ENTERED THE AREA PEACEFULLY, OCCUPYING ABANDONED HOUSES AND REPORTEDLY DID NOT EVICT ARABS AS THEY EXPANDED. TROUBLE BEGAN ONLY WHEN THE EXTREMIST BIRKAT AVRAHAM YESHIVA ENTERED THE AREA. BIRKAT AVRAHAM ATTACKED NOT ONLY ARABS BUT THE FIRST, PEACEFUL YESHIVAS TOO. THEIR ENTRY AND EXPANSION IS OPPOSED BY MODERATE YESHIVAS AS WELL AS BY ARABS.

B) -- AL-QUDS RAN A HALF-PAGE ARTICLE ON THE U.S.-GOI STRATEGIC AGREEMENT, ENTITLED "WHO PUSHES WHOM." THE ARTICLE OUTLINED THE MANY ECONOMIC, MILITARY, AND DIPLOMATIC BENEFITS WHICH ACCRUED TO ISRAEL UNDER THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT. THE ARTICLE CLAIMED THAT THE U.S. OBTAINED NOTHING OF VALUE IN RETURN.

C) -- AL-QUDS ALSO RAN A HALF-PAGE ARTICLE ON THE IRANIAN THREAT TO THE GULF STATES. THE ARTICLE POINTED OUT THE WEAKNESSES OF THE GULF REGIMES, THE EXISTENCE OF LARGE SHIITE MINORITIES THERE, AND THE AGGRESSIVE NATURE OF THE KHOMEINI REGIME. AL-QUDS CALLED FOR ARAB UNITY TO CONFRONT THIS THREAT.

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פרוטוקול החלטת ממשלה
(החלטה מצורפת)
אשר קיבלה תוקף ביום ה', כ"ג בטבת התשמ"ד - 29.12.1983

החלטת ועדת השרים לענייני פנים, שירותים ואיכות הסביבה מיום
ה' בטבת התשמ"ד - 11.12.1983

250(פש/3). מעבר תיירים בגשרי הירדן

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נוספת תוקף החלטה מס. פש/7 - מיום
כ"ו בתשרי התשמ"ג-13.10.1982 - של ועדת
השרים לענייני פנים, שירותים ואיכות הסביבה,
בדבר מעבר תיירים בגשרי הירדן המאפשר לתיירים
מירדן לחצות גשרי-הירדן לישראל ובחזרה.

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ירושלים, כא' טבת תשמ"ד
27 בדצמבר 1983

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יולי-ספטמבר 1983: 92,000 נפש מיהודה שומרון
וחבל עזה באו לעבוד בישראל

מספר המועסקים חושבי יהודה שומרון וחבל עזה שבאו לעבוד בישראל בשבוע ממוצע בחקופה יולי-ספטמבר 1983 הגיע ל-92,000 נפש לערך בהשוואה ל-80,000 נפש באותה תקופה אשתקד - גידול של כ-15%. מספר הבאים מיהודה ושומרון הגיע ל-52,000 נפש ומספר של הבאים מחבל עזה הגיע ל-40,000 נפש. על כך מסר דובר הלשכה המרכזית לסטטיסטיקה בהתבסס על סיכום חוצאות סקר המשפחות הנערך באורת שוטף על ידי הלשכה.

בתשעה החודשים הראשונים של 1983 הגיע מספר העובדים בישראל מיהודה, שומרון וחבל עזה ל-87,000 נפש לערך. בממוצע לשבוע זה הוא גידול של כ-8% לעומת אותה תקופה ב-1982.

מספר העובדים בענף הבינוי הגיע בינואר-ספטמבר 1983 ל-44,000 נפש (גידול של כ-4% לעומת 1982), בענפי התעשייה ל-16,000 (גידול של 13% לערך) ובענף החקלאות ל-11,000 נפש (גידול של כ-4%).

מספר המועסקים העובדים בתחומי יהודה, שומרון וחבל עזה בחקופה ינואר-ספטמבר 1983 הגיע ל-143,000 נפש (145,000 באותה תקופה ב-1982) מהם כ-97,000 נפש בתחומי יהודה ושומרון ו-46,000 נפש בתחומי חבל עזה.

בחקופה ינואר-ספטמבר 1983 הגיעה אוכלוסיית יהודה, שומרון וחבל עזה בגיל 14 שנה ומעלה ל-681,000 נפש - גידול של 2% בהשוואה לאותה תקופה ב-1982.

מספר המועסקים הכולל (עובדים בישראל ובתחומי יהודה שומרון וחבל עזה) הגיע ל-230,000 נפש (גידול של 2%), בעוד שמספר המועסקים מקרב חושבי יהודה ושומרון גדל ב-2.7% (ומספרם הגיע ל-145,000 נפש); לא נמצא כל שינוי במספר המועסקים מקרב חושבי חבל עזה (שמספרם עמד על 85,000 נפש).

הלשכה המרכזית לסטטיסטיקה

המועסקים תושבי יהודה שומרון וחבל עזה
לפי ענפי כלכלה

ממוצע ינואר-ספטמבר 1982, 1983 (א)

| עובדים בישראל | | | עובדים ביו"ש ועזה | | | סך הכל | | | |
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| 12.6 | 11.0 | 10.7 | 26.1 | 37.3 | 38.0 | 21.0 | 48.4 | 48.8 | חקלאות |
| 18.6 | 16.3 | 14.3 | 16.2 | 23.2 | 23.2 | 17.0 | 39.2 | 37.4 | תעשייה |
| 50.2 | 43.9 | 42.3 | 9.9 | 14.2 | 15.3 | 25.3 | 58.2 | 57.5 | בנוי |
| 6.4 | 5.6 | 4.2 | 17.8 | 25.5 | 26.7 | 13.5 | 31.1 | 30.9 | שירותים- צבוריים |
| 12.1 | 10.6 | 9.8 | 30.0 | 42.7 | 41.4 | 23.2 | 53.4 | 51.3 | יתר |

(א) נתונים מתוקנים לפי אומדני האוכלוסייה המעודכנים.

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SUBJECT: ANDERSON/WP

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(FOLLOWING IS MATERIAL NOT FOR PUBLICATION)

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF COLUMNIST JACK ANDERSON'S DECEMBER 19 WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE, "COOLING DOWN THE WEST BANK":

(BEGIN TEXT)

REAGAN ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS ARE HOPEFUL THAT ISRAEL, UNDER U.S. PRODDING, WILL MODERATE ITS TREATMENT OF PALESTINIANS IN THE TENSE WEST BANK REGION. THIS COULD HELP COOL TENSIONS AND IMPROVE PEACE PROSPECTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

DURING THEIR RECENT TALKS IN WASHINGTON, ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER YITZHAK SHAMIR AND DEFENSE MINISTER MOSHE ARENS SHOWED LESS INTRANSIGENCE OVER THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE THAN THEIR PREDECESSORS, MENACHEM BEGIN AND ARIEL SHARON.

MY ASSOCIATE, INDY BADHWAR, HAS SEEN A CONFIDENTIAL BRIEFING PAPER SUMMARIZING THE RESULTS OF THE U.S.-ISRAELI TALKS. ACCORDING TO THIS DOCUMENT, PRESIDENT REAGAN MADE A STRONG PITCH ON BEHALF OF THE PALESTINIANS. HE TOLD THE ISRAELI DELEGATION THAT THE OFFICIAL ENCOURAGEMENT OF JEWISH SETTLEMENTS ON THE WEST BANK WAS THE MAIN OSTACLE TO HIS PEACE INITIATIVE FOR THE MIDDLE EAST. THIS CALLS FOR CREATING A PALESTINIAN "ENTITY" IN THE DISPUTED AREA UNDER A LOOSE CONFEDERATION WITH JORDAN.

THE PRESIDENT TOLD SHAMIR THAT CONTINUED JEWISH COLONIZING OF THE WEST BANK KEPT JORDAN'S KING HUSSEIN FROM GIVING HIS CRUCIAL SUPPORT TO THE REAGAN PEACE PLAN. REAGAN GOT NO COMMITMENT FROM THE ISRAELI LEADERS WHEN HE URGED A FREEZE ON FURTHER SETTLEMENTS. BUT THE BRIEFING PAPER NOTED THAT "OBSERVERS ON BOTH SIDES THOUGHT THAT SHAMIR AND ARENS WERE PREPARED TO BE MORE FLEXIBLE" THAN BEGIN AND SHARON HAD BEEN.

FOR THE FIRST TIME, REAGAN RAISED THE TOUCHY QUESTION OF

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HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE WEST BANK REGION -- WHICH WAS
DIPLOMATICALLY REFERRED TO AS "THE ISSUE OF 'QUALITY OF
LIFE' OF PALESTINIANS IN THE ADMINISTERED TERRITORIES." THE
ISRAELIS AGREED TO COOPERATE WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN
DEALING WITH THE PROBLEM.

PETER RODMAN OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT POLICY PLANNING
STAFF AND WILLIAM KIRBY OF THE NEAR EAST BUREAU WILL BE IN
CHARGE OF THE PROJECT. BRIG. GEN. "FUAD" BEN ELIEZER,

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ATTN JORDAN AAMM

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ISRAELI COORDINATOR OF THE WEST BANK OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, WILL FLY TO WASHINGTON NEXT MONTH FOR DISCUSSIONS.

HERE ARE OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF THE RECENT WASHINGTON SUMMIT TALKS:

-- THE ISRAELIS EXPRESSED CONCERNED THAT U.S. ARMS SOLD TO ARAB COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN WINDING UP IN THE HANDS OF ISRAEL'S IMPLACABLE ARAB ENEMIES. BUT THE AMERICANS EXPLAINED THAT IT IS IN THE U.S. INTEREST TO HELP MODERATE ARAB STATES DEFEND THEMSELVES AGAINST THE SOVIET-BACKED RADICAL FORCES.

-- THE U.S. STRESSED ITS INTEREST IN ENSURING THAT THE IRAQI REGIME NOT BE OVERTHROWN BY THE IRANIAN REVOLUTION, THE BRIEFING DOCUMENT STATED. BUT THE ISRAELIS WERE AMBIVALENT ON THIS POINT, ARGUING THAT "IRAQ IS A RADICAL COUNTRY, HOSTILE TO THE JEWISH STATE."

-- THE PRESIDENT AGREED TO REAFFIRM PUBLICLY HIS COMMITMENT TO THE ISRAELI-LEBANESE AGREEMENT ON TROOP WITHDRAWAL. THE AGREEMENT'S IMPLICIT RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL BY LEBANON IS REGARDED AS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT BY THE ISRAELI LEADERS.

-- THOUGH SHAMIR FAILED IN HIS EFFORT TO ESTABLISH ISRAEL AS A DE FACTO U.S. MILITARY ALLY, THE TWO SIDES DID AGREE ON CREATION OF A JOINT POLITICAL MILITARY GROUP TO COVER COMBINED PLANNING AND EXERCISES, AND TO PROVIDE U.S. MILITARY HARDWARE TO ISRAEL. THE U.S. TEAM IS IMPRESSIVELY HIGH-LEVEL.

-- THE CONFEREES AGREED ON A JOINT EFFORT TO BOLSTER THE LEBANESE REGIME OF PRESIDENT AMIN GEMAYEL BY ENCOURAGING HIM TO WIDEN HIS MINORITY POLITICAL BASE AND HELPING HIM EXTEND HIS AUTHORITY TO THE CHOUF MOUNTAINS, THE COASTAL ROAD AND AREAS OF ISRAELI-CONTROLLED LEBANON.

SOURCES TOLD MY REPORTER, BILL MONTAGUE, THAT THE ISRAELIS ALSO WON IMPORTANT ECONOMIC CONCESSIONS. SHAMIR'S BIGGEST SINGLE ACHIEVEMENT WAS PERSUADING THE ADMINISTRATION TO CONVERT A LARGE PORTION OF U.S. MILITARY AID TO ISRAEL FROM INTEREST-BEARING LOANS TO OUTRIGHT GRANTS. ISRAEL HAS ENORMOUS DIFFICULTIES MEETING ITS FOREIGN DEBT PAYMENTS. (PRECEDING FS MATERIAL NOT FOR PUBLICATION)

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A RECENT Letter to the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* came from a Palestinian who talked about how Israelis should approach the problem of the territories. While I do not doubt the writer's sincerity, he revealed, as many other Palestinians have, a blindness caused by Arab and general misinformation about the "Palestinian problem" — about the "legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and their just claim to sovereignty over the territory of the West Bank and Gaza Strip."

The letter writer, a Mr. O. Hallik, very rightly urges "the abandonment of extreme and radical ideologies which reject compromise." But he does not seem to notice that his position is also extreme, in which all rights belong to the Arabs and not to the Jews. Admittedly, the assertion that he is prepared to live peacefully, side by side, with the Israelis and accept their right to exist is a substantial move away from total rejection but hardly enough in the complex circumstances of the area.

He does not accept any Jewish rights whatsoever to the territories. For him, as for so many others, historical rights do not count (especially if they do not favour their views): "History is history, it belongs to the past and has not

situation slow down Jewish settlement in

Reagan Plan.

I am sure that most of my Labour

Much of the problem really concerns semantics. One can say the same thing with an anti-American slant or with a pro-Israeli one. One

is, as yet, unknown.

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Recognizing Jewish rights

By PAUL LAX

much to do with present problems. The land belongs to those who till it and who live on it," etc. I do not disagree with this position entirely, especially where bona fide private possession of land is concerned. This is and must remain the inviolable right of the individual.

With respect to sovereign rights, however, the position is somewhat different in the case of the Jews, this being a *sui generis* case. The formula that "the land belongs to the people who till it" applies fairly generally, because practically everywhere the peoples of the old and middle ages (like Goths, Franks, etc.) do not exist anymore corporately and not even individually. Not so the Jews.

They preferred 2,000 years of exile and persecution to forgetting

their ancient home. This unprecedented love of the homeland sustained the Jewish people, brought pilgrims and immigrants to the country and culminated 100 years ago in the first Zionist settlements and political Zionism. This intimate connection with the ancient homeland, coupled with the homelessness of the Jewish people gave legitimacy to the Zionist movement and its goal: the Jewish state. The same legitimacy applies to every part of the homeland.

ANY DENIAL of such legitimacy to any part of the homeland logically includes the denial to any other part of the homeland. This does not preclude, however, any voluntary change in exercising sovereign rights, for practical purposes, in certain parts of the country. As a mat-

ter of fact, this happened a few times in the history of Zionism. In 1922, the British Mandatory Power suspended the provisions of the mandate in Eastern Palestine. An inexperienced and frightened Zionist executive was tricked into acquiescence with this *de facto* truncation of its would-be territory by over 75 per cent. In 1946, this area was taken out of its Palestinian chrysalis and transmogrified into the "Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan."

This "history" of Jordan clearly demonstrates, how empty and demagogic the Arab claim is that the Palestinian Arabs are without a homeland. Jordan is populated, practically entirely, by Palestinians from both sides (but prevalently the western side of the river Jordan). Only a few thousand armed tribesmen who came with Prince Abdullah from the Hejaz, and their descendants, are not genuine Palestinians.

King Hussein, Prince Hassan and Yasser Arafat themselves declared that "Jordan is Palestine and Palestine is Jordan" or something to that effect.

Another occasion of voluntary abdication was the acceptance of the UN Partition Plan of 1947. The Arabs, by rejecting it, made the mistake of their lives. Israel would have

become an indefensible country, exposed to non-existent Arab mercy.

A third instance of voluntary cessation of sovereign rights would have occurred if Jordan, in June 1967, would have accepted the Israeli Government's offer to turn the Israeli-Jordanian armistice lines into permanent borders, under the condition that Jordan abstains from attacking Israel. The Jordanian refusal was a serious blunder. It clearly revealed that the war had nothing to do with defence but everything to do with the destruction of Israel. This gives a further dimension to the legitimacy of retaining the territories, i.e. justified security demands.

I am drawing attention to the past in order to make Mr. Hallik and others realize that the problem is complex, and that there is no simple solution to it, and to show that an abracadabra handing-over of the territories is not on the map.

One can only agree with the suggestions of Mr. Hallik that roads, hospitals, schools, etc. should be built in the territories. But all this can and should be done in the framework of autonomy, which is not a catchword if it is taken seriously by both sides. Only strengthened mutual confidence, built via autonomy, can lead, with time and patience, to higher forms of national coexistence.

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1. SUMMARY.

-- ARAFAT-MUBARAK TALKS DOMINATE HEADLINES

END SUMMARY.

2. ARAFAT-MUBARAK TALKS DOMINATE THE HEADLINES

THE UNEXPECTED MEETING BETWEEN PLO LEADER YASSER ARAFAT AND EGYPT'S PRESIDENT MUBARAK DOMINATED THE FRONT PAGES OF THE ARABIC PRESS AND FORMED THE MAIN TOPIC OF INTEREST IN MANY OF THE INNER PAGES AS WELL. MODERATE AL-QUDS WAS THE STRONGEST SUPPORTER OF ARAFAT'S INITIATIVE, COMPARING IT TO SADAT'S JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM AS A COURAGEOUS STEP ON THE ROAD TO PEACE. UNLIKE THE MORE RADICAL PRESS, AL-QUDS REPORTED THE NEGATIVE AS WELL AS THE POSITIVE RESULTS OF THE MEETING. PRO-PLO AL-FAJR WAS MORE

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RESTRAINED IN ITS REPORTAGE BUT SPOKE FAVORABLY OF THE MEETING, PRAISING IT AS THE SORT OF BOLD INITIATIVE NECESSARY TO STIMULATE INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL PROGRESS AT THIS CRUCIAL TIME. RADICAL ASHAAB REFUSED TO COMMENT ON THE MEETING, REPORTING ONLY THE BARE FACTS, AND ISSUED AN URGENT CALL FOR AN IMMEDIATE MEETING OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEES OF THE PLO AND FATAH. THE POST REPORTED THE GOI'S 'BITTER' DISPLEASURE AT THE MEETING.

3. ALL PAPERS REPORTED THAT THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF FATAH PUBLICLY BELITTLED THE MEETING AS A PRIVATE VENTURE BY ARAFAT, AND CRITICIZED THE PLO LEADER FOR ACTING CONTRARY TO THE RECENTLY ADOPTED PRINCIPLE OF COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP. THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE IS ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE REFUSED TO ENDORSE ANY COMMITMENTS MADE BY ARAFAT UNTIL AFTER A COLLECTIVE ASSESSMENT COULD BE MADE. AL-QUDS, AL-FAJR AND ASHAAB ALL REPORT THAT ABU IYYAD, THE NUMBER TWO MAN IN FATAH, STRESSED THAT THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S REFUSAL TO ENDORSE THE MEETING NOW DID NOT MEAN THAT THEY WOULD DIVIDE OVER THIS ISSUE. AL-QUDS WENT FURTHER THAN THE REST OF THE PAPERS AND QUOTED ABU IYYAD SAYING "EGYPT, JORDAN AND PALESTINE FORM ONE PEOPLE, AND THE THREE COUNTRIES HAVE REALIZED THAT THE FEZ PLAN IS THE ONLY SOUND PATH TO PEACE." ON THE OTHER HAND, AL-QUDS WAS THE ONLY ARAB PAPER TO REPORT THAT THE DFLP'S HABASH AND THE PFLP'S HAWATMEH HAVE CALLED FOR ARAFAT'S RESIGNATION.

4. THE STRONGEST ENDORSEMENT OF THE MEETING CAME FROM AL-QUDS, WHICH HAS THE LARGEST CIRCULATION ON THE WEST BANK. AL-QUDS EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT ARAFAT WOULD REALIZE THAT HIS STRONGEST BASE OF POPULAR SUPPORT IS THE WEST BANK, AND URGED HIM TO MOVE RAPIDLY TOWARD PALESTINIAN-JORDANIAN COOPERATION. THE MODERATE PAPER ALSO PORTRAYED THE MEETING AS A FATAL BLOW TO THE PLO'S ENEMIES. SYRIA HAD BEEN FURTHER ISOLATED AND HAD AGAIN FAILED TO PREVENT THE PLO FROM ESCAPING THIS ISOLATION. THE GOI TOO WAS DISCOMFITED. 'ISRAEL WHICH FLOURISHES IN TIMES OF WAR WILL NOT DO SO WELL IN THE EVENT OF PEACE.' AL-QUDS FURTHER CLAIMED THAT THE MEETING COULD ENABLE EGYPT TO EVENTUALLY ESCAPE FROM THE MORE ONEROUS BURDENS IMPOSED BY CAMP DAVID. USG STATEMENTS THAT TALKS BETWEEN THE PLO AND MODERATE

ARABS COULD NOT HELP BUT BE BENEFICIAL WERE ALSO CITED.

5. AL-FAJR TOO DEPICTED THE MEETING IN A FAVORABLE LIGHT, OMITTING ANY REFERENCE TO THE DEFECTION OF THE DFLP AND THE PFLP. THE PRO-PLO PAPER QUOTED A FOUR POINT FRANCO-EGYPTIAN PEACE PLAN (WHICH INTER ALIA CALLED FOR AFFIRMING THE RIGHT OF ALL STATES IN THE AREA TO EXIST IN PEACE, AND FOR SIMULTANEOUS, MUTUAL RECOGNITION BY ALL PARTIES CONCERNED) AS A SOUND BASIS FOR OPENING A MUCH NEEDED INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMATIC OFFENSE. AL-FAJR STRESSED THAT SUCH BOLD MOVES WERE CRUCIAL AT THIS TIME AND CALLED FOR SOVIET INVOLVEMENT AS A COUNTER BALANCE TO THE US. THE DESIRABILITY OF CLOSER PLO-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS WAS ALSO EMPHASIZED.

6. WORTH NOTING

A) -- A RAMALLAH APPEALS COURT HEARD COMPLAINTS BY DEHEISHE RESIDENTS THAT BLASTING ACTIVITY BY A NEARBY ISRAELI STONE CUTTING FACTORY IS DAMAGING HOUSES IN THE REFUGEE CAMP.

DEHEISHE, A STRONG CENTER OF OPPOSITION TO THE BEN PORAT REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PLAN, WON A COURT INJUNCTION AGAINST THE ISRAELI COMPANY TWO AND A HALF YEARS AGO, BUT THE CASE HAS BEEN UNDER APPEAL EVER SINCE. (AL-FAJR)

B) -- AFTER PM SHAMIR'S VISIT TO NABLUS AREA SETTLEMENTS, SETTLERS THERE DREW UP A MASTER PLAN FOR EXPANDING THEIR SETTLEMENTS, TRANSFORMING THEM INTO FULL FLEDGED CITIES. (COMMUNIST WEEKLY AL-TALI'AH)

C) -- WEST BANK FARMERS HAVE CALLED ON MOSQUES TO OFFER SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR RAIN TO END THE CURRENT DRY SPELL WHICH THREATENS THEIR CROPS. (AL-QUDS)

D) -- MUSLIM TOMBS IN JAFFA WERE DEFACED BY "TNT" GRAFFITI, THE HEBREW ACRONYM OF THE TERROR AGAINST TERROR GROUP WHICH HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR A SPATE OF RECENT ATTACKS ON MUSLIM AND CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS SITES AND AGAINST ARAB HOUSEHOLDS IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS. (ALL PAPERS).

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1. SUMMARY

- ISRAELI TERRORIST GROUP ADMITS ATTACK ON ARAB CARS
- ARABS AND ISRAELIS TRIED FOR WEST BANK DISTURBANCES
- JEWISH SETTLER ATTEMPTS TO SEIZE OLD CITY BUILDING
- PL CONTINUES TO DOMINATE WEST BANK HEADLINES

END SUMMARY.

2. ISRAELI TERRORIST GROUP ADMITS ATTACK ON ARAB CARS

ALL PAPERS REPORTED THAT THREE ARAB CARS WERE BURNED IN THE WADI JOZ AREA OF EAST JERUSALEM. AS IN FOUR OTHER ATTACKS ON ARABS AND ON CHRISTIAN AND MUSLIM RELIGIOUS SITES IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS, AN ISRAELI VOICE CLAIMED

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THAT THE TERROR AGAINST TERROR (TNT) GROUP WAS RESPONSIBLE. THE CALLER WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT "JEWISH BLOOD IS NOT CHEAP." THE POST REVEALED THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE ANONYMOUS CALLER MENTIONED DETAILS OF THE ATTACK WHICH HAD NOT YET BEEN MADE PUBLIC. PRO-PLO AL-FAJR PUOTED ISRAELI ACTIVISTS OF THE BIR ZEIT UNIVERSITY SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE CONDEMNING THE ATTACKS AND DEMANDING POLICE ACTION. AL-FAJR NOTED THAT IT TOOK POLICE ONE HOUR TO REACH THE SCENE OF THE ATTACK, A FIVE-MINUTE DRIVE FROM BOTH THE NATIONAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND THE JERUSALEM CENTRAL POLICE COMPOUND. THE PRO-PLO PAPER ALSO ATTEMPTED TO LINK TWO RECENT BURGLARIES OF EAST JERUSALEM MONEY CHANGERS WITH THE TNT GROUP.

3. ARABS AND ISRAELIS TRIED FOR WEST BANK DISTURBANCES

MODERATE AL-QUDS REPORTED THAT THE RAMALLAH MILITARY COURT ENTENCED 10 ARAB YOUTHS TO SENTENCES RANGING FROM FOUR TO SIX MONTHS IN JAIL, PLUS FOUR TO SIX MONTHS ON PROBATION, AND THE SHEKEL EQUIVALENT OF U.S. DOLLARS 200 IN FINES FOR THROWING STONES. IN A RELATED ITEM, THE PAPER ALSO REPORTED THAT AN ISRAELI BUS DRIVER AND TWO IDF PASSENGERS WERE BEING TRIED FOR SEVERELY BEATING TWO ARAB YOUTHS IN QABATIYA, NEAR TULKARM. WHEN THE REAR WINDOW OF THE BUS WAS BROKEN, THE THREE ISRAELIS LEFT THE BUS AND SEIZED TWO ARABS SUSPECTED OF THROWING STONES, WHO WERE SUBSEQUENTLY HOSPITALIZED FOR THEIR INJURIES.

ELSEWHERE ON THE WEST BANK, AL-FAJR REPORTED THAT THE IDF BLOCKED ROADS LEADING TO AN-NAJAH UNIVERSITY. SUCH ROAD BLOCKS HAVE BEEN ERECTED DURING EVERY WEEK SINCE CLASSES BEGAN EARLIER THIS MONTH. RADICAL ASHAAB QUOTED WEST BANKERS' CLAIMS THAT LARGE PRO-ARAFAT, ANTI-SYRIA DEMONSTRATIONS WERE STAGED IN RAMALLAH AND NABLUS. IDF SPOKESMEN ADMITTED ONLY TO SCATTERED STONE-THROWING INCIDENTS. ASHAAB ALSO REPORTED THE RELEASE OF A SILWAD MAN SERVING A ONE-YEAR SENTENCE FOR FATAH MEMBERSHIP.

4. JEWISH SETTLER ATTEMPTS TO SEIZE OLD CITY BUILDING

BENEATH A PHOTO OF A SEVERELY-DAMAGED ROOF, AL-FAJR RAN AN ARTICLE CLAIMING THAT A JEWISH SETTLER HAD

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DEMOLISHED THE ROOF OF AN ARAB-OWNED RESTAURANT IN A BUILDING AT THE EDGE OF THE JEWISH QUARTER, IN AN ATTEMPT TO FORCE THE ARAB TO LEAVE. THE ARAB, THE LAST TENANT IN THE BUILDING, IS QUOTED AS CLAIMING THAT THE SETTLER IS WORKING WITH THE ISRAELI-OWNED EAST JERUSALEM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. THE ARAB CLAIMS THAT THE SETTLER HAD FORCED OTHER ARAB FAMILIES LIVING IN THE UPPER STORIES OF THE BUILDING TO LEAVE BY SIMILAR MEANS. THE JERUSALEM MUNICIPALITY HAS REPORTEDLY ORDERED THE ARAB TO REPAIR HIS ROOF OR TRANSFER OWNERSHIP TO THE SETTLER. THE RESTAURANT OWNER HAS HIRED A LAWYER AND CLAIMS THAT HIS LEASE STIPULATES THAT THE BUILDING'S OWNER MUST MAKE REPAIRS.

5. PL CONTINUES TO DOMINATE WEST BANK NEWS

THE SUCCESSFUL EVACUATION OF THE PLO FROM TRIPOLI DOMINATED THE HEADLINES OF WEST BANK PAPERS. AL-FAJR AND ASHAAB USED THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE THEIR DENUNCIATIONS OF SYRIA AND ASSAD. AL-QUDS JOINED THE MORE RADICAL PAPERS IN REPORTING THAT ARAFAT HAS CALLED FOR MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES OF THE PL AND FATAH IN TUNIS. THE DAMASCUS-BASED PALESTINE NATIONAL COUNCIL CALLED ON ALL PLO FACTIONS TO MEET AND WARNED THAT IF THE WARRING FACTIONS DO NOT MAKE PEACE, THE UMBRELLA PLO ORGANIZATION WILL CEASE TO EXIST. ABU JIHAD, HOWEVER, REPEATED PLO DECLARATIONS THAT SYRIA WILL NEVER BE PERMITTED TO DOMINATE THE PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT AND AGAIN ACCUSED ASSAD OF CONSPIRING WITH THE U.S. AGAINST THE PLO. AL-QUDS SUGGESTED THE PLO, WITH ITS ARMY DISPERSED IN EIGHT ARAB COUNTRIES, WILL BE FORCED TO RELY ON POLITICS TO ACHIEVE ITS GOALS. THE POST EDITORIAL AGREED THAT DESPITE ITS MILITARY DEFEAT, ISRAEL CANNOT RULE OUT THE PL AS A SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL OPPONENT.

6. WORTH NOTING

A) -- THE MINISTRIES OF JUSTICE, THE INTERIOR, AND DEFENSE WILL PRESENT TO THE KNESSET A JOINT PROGRAM ON WEST BANK LAW ENFORCEMENT. BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE KARP COMMISSION WHICH INVESTIGATED SETTLERS' LAWLESSNESS, THE NEW POLICY WILL BE BASED ON THE PREMISE THAT EVERYONE IS EQUAL BEFORE THE LAW. (AL-QUDS)

B) -- THE CIVAD HAS PERMITTED A CHARITABLE INSTITUTION IN SHUWEIK VILLAGE TO IMPORT 5,000 DINARS FROM JORDAN. ANOTHER TULKARM AREA VILLAGE, SAFARIN, WAS PERMITTED TO BRING IN 4,000 DINARS TO PURCHASE A NEW GENERATOR.

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1. SUMMARY:

- MOD ARENS REJECTS APPEALS TO STOP COLLECTIVE PUNISHMENT ON WEST BANK
 - SECRETARY SHULTZ DEFENDS CONGEN AGAINST GOI ATTACKS
 - GOI CONTINUES TRIPOLI ATTACKS DESPITE US CEASEFIRE REQUESTS
 - WEST BANK SETTLEMENT DRIVE FALTERS
 - WEST BANK UNREST CONTINUES
- END SUMMARY.

2. MOD ARENS REJECTS APPEALS TO STOP COLLECTIVE PUNISHMENT ON THE WEST BANK

THE POST REPORTED THAT MOD ARENS HAS REJECTED

APPEALS TO STOP THE COLLECTIVE PUNISHMENT OF DESTROYING HOMES BELONGING TO THE FAMILIES OF SUSPECTED TERRORISTS. ARENS CLAIMED THAT THIS WAS THE MOST POWERFUL DETERRENT MEASURE AVAILABLE. NONETHELESS, THE MOD ALSO CLAIMED THAT ISRAEL WOULD HAVE TO LIVE WITH WEST BANK ARAB STONE THROWING BECAUSE ISRAEL DID NOT WANT TO ADOPT MEASURES CONTRARY TO ITS NORMS. ARENS THEN WARNED JEWISH SETTLERS AGAINST TAKING THE LAW INTO THEIR OWN HANDS BECAUSE THIS "PLAYS INTO THE HANDS OF ARAB DEMONSTRATORS WHO WILL EXPLOIT THE DETERIORATING SECURITY SITUATION."

ARENS THEN ADMITTED THAT THERE WERE MORE RIOTS IN THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1983 THAN IN THE SAME 1982 PERIOD. AFTER A SLIGHT DECLINE IN SEPTEMBER, NOVEMBER 1983 WAS 40 PERCENT MORE VIOLENT THAN NOVEMBER 1982. ARENS CONCLUDED BY CLAIMING THAT THE DEMOLITION OF ARAB HOMES WOULD BE DISCONTINUED IF IT IS PROVEN THAT IT FAILS TO DETER EFFECTIVELY.

3. SECRETARY SHULTZ DEFENDS CONGEN AGAINST GOI ATTACKS

THE POST REPORTED THAT SECRETARY OF STATE SHULTZ DEFENDED CONGEN JERUSALEM AGAINST THE LATEST GOI ACCUSATIONS THAT US DIPLOMATS THERE ARE "STILL PROMOTING THE ACTIVITIES OF PRO-PLO WEST BANKERS." RADI AL ASHAAB QUOTED THE SECRETARY EXPRESSING HIS FULL CONFIDENCE IN THE CONSUL GENERAL, WHO WAS ALSO A PERSONAL FRIEND.

4. GOI CONTINUES TRIPOLI ATTACKS DESPITE US -- CEASEFIRE REQUESTS

ALL PAPERS REPORTED THAT THE USG URGED ISRAEL "IN THE MOST EXPLICIT TERMS" TO CEASE ITS ATTACKS ON PLO FORCES IN TRIPOLI. THE POST QUOTED GOI SOURCES CLAIMING THAT THE CONTINUED ATTACKS HAVE MADE THEIR POINT. THE POST ALSO REPORTED THAT THE GOI STILL REFUSES TO STATE CLEARLY THAT IT WILL NOT INTERFERE IN THE TRIPOLI EVACUATION.

THE ARABIC PRESS CONDEMNED ISRAELI TACTICS. MODERATE AL-QUDS COMPARED THE PLO WITHDRAWAL TO THE EXODUS OF HEBREWS FROM EGYPT, WITH THE GOI PLAYING THE PART OF PHAROAH. THE ARABIC PRESS HIGHLIGHTED

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THE REPORTED PRESENCE OF "SEVEN FRENCH WARSHIPS" PROTECTING THE CONVOY FROM ISRAELI INTERFERENCE. THE ARABIC PRESS ALSO FEATURED WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN LARRY SPEAKS' REPORTED STATEMENT THAT THE USG WOULD GUARANTEE THE SAFETY OF THE TRIPOLI EVACUATION.

5. WEST BANK SETTLEMENT DRIVE FALTERS

THE JERUSALEM DAWN (ENGLISH LANGUAGE WEEKLY OF PRO-PLO AL-FAJR) RAN A TWO PAGE ARTICLE ON WEST BANK SETTLEMENTS. BASED ON RESEARCH BY ISRAELI SOCIAL SCIENTISTS, THE DAWN ARTICLE CONCLUDED THAT THE NUMBER OF ISRAELI FAMILIES MOVING TO THE WEST BANK IS SMALL, AND THAT THE NUMBER OF IDEOLOGICALLY MOTIVATED SETTLERS IS DWINDLING. SINCE 1977 WHEN THE PRESENT LIKUD GOVERNMENT CAME TO POWER, SETTLER POPULATION GROWTH HAS NOT EXCEEDED 9 PERCENT A YEAR OUTSIDE OF THE JERUSALEM-TEL AVIV SETTLER SUPURBS.

BY THE TURN OF THE CENTURY, SETTLERS WILL ACCOUNT FOR ONLY 3.5 PERCENT OF THE WEST BANK POPULATION. THE FEAR IS THAT THIS SMALL MINORITY WILL TOTALLY DOMINATE THE REMAINING 96.5 PERCENT OF THE WEST BANK POPULATION IN AN APARTHEID-STYLE ARRANGEMENT. SETTLEMENTS ARE NOW DEVELOPING THEIR OWN SEPARATE ROAD NETWORKS, SEPARATE SEWAGE LINES AND SEPARATE LEGAL SYSTEMS. NONETHELESS, THE ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT OUTSIDE OF THE JERUSALEM AND THE TEL AVIV AREAS, THE SETTLEMENT DRIVE WILL NOT LEAD TO THE PHYSICAL CREATION OF "UNALTERABLE FACTS ON THE GROUND."

6. WEST BANK UNREST CONTINUES

--ISRAELI CARS WERE STONED IN RAMALLAH. AT THE NEARBY AL-AMARI REFUGEE CAMP, TWO ISRAELI BUSES HAD WINDOWS BROKEN BY THROWN STONES. NO ARRESTS AND NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED. (AL-FAJR, ASHAAB, AL-QUDS).

-- AN ARAB CAR WAS STONED BY JEWISH MILITANTS AS IT PASSED THE GILO SETTLEMENT JUST SOUTH OF JERUSALEM. THE DRIVER WAS SLIGHTLY INJURED AND NO ARRESTS WERE MADE. (AL-MITHAQ).

--A 60 YEAR OLD WOMAN, AN AMERICAN TOURIST, DIED YESTERAY FROM WOUNDS RECEIVED IN THE DECEMBER 6 JERUSALEM BUS BOMBING. SHE IS THE SIXTH FATALITY (ALL PAPERS).

--THE MILGOV CLOSED SIX ARAB SHOPS ON HUSSEIN

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SQUARE IN NABLUS, THE SCENE OF CONTINUED CLASHES. THE SECPs ARE TO REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. (AL-QUDS).

--A VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL IN RAMALLAH WAS ORDERED CLOSED FOR TWO WEEKS AFTER STUDENTS STAGED A ROWDY PRO-ARAFAT DEMONSTRATION SUPPORTING HIS PLANNED "VICTORIOUS" WITHDRAWAL FROM TRIPOLI. THE STUDENTS REPORTEDLY BLOCKED ROADS WITH BURNING TIRES. (AL-QUDS, AL-FAJR, ASHAAB).

--A DR. KHARAYSH WAS CONVICTED IN THE NABLUS MILITARY COURT AND SENTENCED TO FOUR YEARS FOR BELONGING TO FATAH. HE HAD RECENTLY RETURNED FROM WORKING IN A JORDANIAN HOSPITAL. (AL-FAJR).

--FOUR MEN FROM THE JENIN AREA RECEIVED LIFE SENTENCES FOR KILLING THE MUKHTAR OF AN ISRAELI ARAB VILLAGE

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ON THE PRE-1967 BORDER. A FIFTH MAN RECEIVED A FIVE YEAR SENTENCE. (AL-QUDS).

7. WORTH NOTING:

A. COORDINATOR FOR AFFAIRS IN THE ADMINISTERED TERRITORIES GENERAL ELIEZER SAID THAT THE RODMAN-KIRBY DELEGATION WILL RETURN TO ISRAEL AND THE WEST BANK FOR A SECOND ROUND OF TALKS ON WAYS TO IMPROVE WEST BANK LIVING CONDITIONS. THE GENERAL REPEATED CONTROVERSIAL GOI DEMANDS THAT U.S. AID BE FUNNELED THROUGH OFFICIAL GOI CHANNELS. THE GENERAL ALSO CLAIMED THAT THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION IS PREPARED TO WORK WITH ISRAEL ON THIS PROJECT. ELIEZER CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT UNLIKE SECRETARY SHULTZ, HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT GREATER WEST BANK PROSPERITY WILL LEAD TO A MORE MODERATE POLITICAL STANCE. (POST)

B. THE JERUSALEM CITY COUNCIL HAS ISSUED A SECOND DEMOLITION ORDER FOR AN ILLEGAL ADDITION BEING BUILT ON TO THE BIRKAT AVRAHAM YESHIVA IN THE MUSLIM QUARTER OF THE OLD CITY. THE FIRST ORDER WAS OVERTURNED ON TECHNICAL GROUNDS. SOME OF THE CONTROVERSIAL YESHIVA'S STUDENTS REPORTEDLY REGRET THE IMAGE THEY CREATED BY BRAWLING WITH THEIR ARAB NEIGHBORS. (POST)

C. AN ISRAELI WORKING AS A WEST BANK LAND BROKER WAS FINED THE EQUIVALENT OF 2,500 DOLLARS AND GIVEN A 6-MONTH SUSPENDED SENTENCE AFTER CONVICTION FOR THE ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF WEAPONS, INCLUDING 5 HAND GRENADES, AND FOREIGN CURRENCY. (POST)

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1. SUMMARY

--SHAMIR DESCRIBES SETTLEMENT ENTERPRISE AS GUIDING
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POLICY

--ARENS CLAIMS ONLY WAY TO PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS ON WEST
BANK IS ANNEXATION

--SETTLER VIGILANTES OBSTACLE TO RULE OF LAW

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2. SHAMIR DESCRIBES SETTLEMENT ENTERPRISE AS GUIDING
PRINCIPLE OF GOI; STONE THROWING WILL NOT CHANGE THIS
POLICY

ALL PAPERS REPORTED THAT PM SHAMIR UNDERTOOK A
COMPREHENSIVE TOUR OF WEST BANK SETTLEMENTS, THE
FIRST SUCH TOUR BY AN ISRAELI PM. ALL PAPERS QUOTED

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SHAMIR DESCRIBING THE SETTLEMENT ENTERPRISE AS A NECESSITY AND A GUIDING PRINCIPLE OF THE GOI. THE POST REPORTED THAT DUE TO SETTLERS' PRESSURE, SHAMIR WAS COMPELLED TO VISIT JOSEPH'S TOMB, SITE OF A RECENT ILLEGAL PROTEST OCCUPATION BY GUSH EMUNIM ACTIVISTS. THE PM RESISTED SETTLERS' DEMANDS FOR HARSHER PENALTIES AGAINST ARAB DEMONSTRATORS SAYING THAT THE SECURITY FORCES HAD THE SITUATION WELL IN HAND.

ELSEWHERE ON THE WEST BANK, ARAB UNREST CONTINUED:

--A KIRYAT ARBA BUS WAS STONED IN HALHOUL, INJURING TWO PASSENGERS (POST)

--THREE NABLUS AREA YOUTHS WERE SENTENCED FROM THREE TO SIX YEARS IMPRISONMENT AND THREE YEARS PROBATION FOR SETTING EXPLOSIVES ON WEST BANK ROADS AND BELONGING TO THE PLO (ASHAAB)

--FIVE RESIDENTS OF SA'IR WERE SENTENCED FROM FOUR TO TWELVE YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR SECURITY OFFENSES (ASHAAB)

--FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, TWO TEACHERS AND SCORES OF STUDENTS WERE ARRESTED AT AN AL-BIREH SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR DEMONSTRATING AGAINST THE PRESENCE OF THE CIVAD HEAD AND THE ISRAELI-APPOINTED MAYOR AT THE OPENING OF THEIR NEW SCHOOL. THE NEW BUILDING IS FAR FROM THE MAIN ROAD WHERE STONE THROWING ATTACKS HAVE BEEN FREQUENT (AL-TALIAH)

--THE TOWN ARREST ORDER FOR HAMDI FARRAJ, A PROMINENT JOURNALIST FROM DEHEISHAH CAMP, WAS EXTENDED FOR ANOTHER SIX MONTHS (ASHAAB)

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3. ARENS CLAIMS THE ONLY WAY TO PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS -- ON THE WEST BANK IS BY ANNEXATION

PRO-PL AL-FAJR QUOTED MOD ARENS SAYING THAT THE ONLY WAY TO GUARANTEE HUMAN RIGHTS ON THE WEST BANK IS ANNEXATION AND THE EXTENSION OF THE FULL ISRAELI LEGAL SYSTEM TO THE AREA. THE COMMENT REPORTEDLY AROSE WHILE ARENS ANNOUNCED MOD PLANS TO STUDY NEW LEGAL PENALTIES TO REPLACE COLLECTIVE

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PUNISHMENT NOW IMPOSED ON THE FAMILIES OF INDIVIDUAL SECURITY OFFENDERS AND ON ENTIRE COMMUNITIES INVOLVED IN MASS DISTURBANCES.

IN RELATED STORIES, RADICAL ASHAAB REPORTED THAT A HEBRON RESIDENT PETITIONED THE ISRAELI SUPREME COURT TO REOPEN HIS HOME WHICH HAD BEEN SEALED FOLLOWING THE ARREST OF HIS SON. THE PETITIONER CLAIMED THAT THIS COLLECTIVE PUNISHMENT HARMED INNOCENT FAMILY MEMBERS. PRO-ISRAELI AL-ANBA'A NOTED THAT IN A SIMILAR CASE THE SUPREME COURT ISSUED A RESTRICTIVE ORDER PREVENTING THE MOD FROM DEMOLISHING OR SEALING TWO EAST JERUSALEM HOUSES. THE PETITIONER CLAIMED THAT COLLECTIVE PUNISHMENT IS CONTRARY TO INTERNATIONAL LAW.

4. SETTLER VIGILANTES OBSTACLE TO RULE OF LAW

AL-FAJR QUOTED MOD ARENS DESCRIBING SETTLER VIGILANTES AS AN OBSTACLE TO THE RULE OF LAW. THEIR VIOLENT BEHAVIOUR STIMULATES FURTHER ARAB UNREST ON THE WEST BANK. IN RELATED ITEMS, AL-FAJR QUOTED THE GOI LEGAL ADVISOR SAYING THAT TERRORISM AGAINST ARABS WAS A GREATER DANGER THAN PALESTINIAN TERRORISM AGAINST ISRAELIS, BECAUSE ANTI-ARAB ATTACKS "JUSTIFIED" PALESTINIAN TERRORISM IN THE EYES OF WEST BANKERS.

QUOTING ISRAELI PRESS REPORTS, AL-QUDS CLAIMED THAT WOMEN ON THE SETTLEMENTS WERE RECEIVING EXTENSIVE WEAPONS TRAINING. THE PAPER THEN QUOTED ISRAELI FEARS THAT RECENT SUGGESTIONS BY THE OFFICER COMMANDING WEST BANK IDF FORCES THAT ARMED SETTLERS PURSUE AND APPREHEND STONE THROWERS COULD SERVE AS A JUSTIFICATION FOR THEIR OPENING FIRE ON ARABS. AL-QUDS CONTINUED BY QUOTING ISRAELI PRESS ALLEGATIONS THAT JEWS WHO ATTACK ARABS ARE NEVER PROSECUTED WITH THE SAME RIGOR AS ARABS WHO ATTACK JEWS.

IN CONTRAST, THE POST REPORTED A RECENT COURT DECISION WHICH RULED THAT THE USE OF FIREARMS EVEN IN TIMES OF DISTURBANCES IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN UNLESS THE RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY DESIGNATED BY LAW SO AUTHORIZES OR IF THE PERSON WHO FIRES DOES SO TO PROTECT HIS OR HER OWN LIFE FROM DANGER. THE RULING WAS MADE WHEN THE COURT REDUCED TO SIX MONTHS THE SENTENCE OF ELIEZER ITZKOWITZ, A KIRYAT ARBA SETTLER WHO SHOT AN ARAB YOUTH IN AL BIREH LAST YEAR.

IN ANOTHER COURT DECISION, THE POLICE WERE PERMITTED TO CONTINUE HOLDING THE SETTLER SUSPECTED OF SHOOTING AN 11 YEAR OLD ARAB GIRL INSIDE HER FATHER'S NABLUS BAKERY.

5. WORTH NOTING.

A)-- COMMUNIST WEEKLY AL-TALI'AH ACCUSED JORDAN'S KING HUSSEIN OF USING THE VILLAGE LEAGUES TO IMPROVE HIS POSITION ON THE WEST BANK VIS A VIS THE PL ,AND SO COMPELL ARAFAT TO JOIN THE "AMERICAN PEACE PLAN."

B)-- AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD'S VISIT TO JERUSALEM TODAY TOOK THE ARABIC PRESS BY SURPRISE. AL-QUDS, AL-FAJR AND ASHAAB ALL BELIEVED THAT THE AMBASSADOR WOULD TRAVEL DIRECTLY FROM DAMASCUS TO BEIRUT.

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C)-- EXTREMIST SETTLERS IN HEBRON DEMANDED
INCREASED STUDY FACILITIES AT THE IBRAHIM
MOSQUE. IF THE DEMANDS ARE MET, PRAYER
HOURS COULD BE FURTHER REDUCED FOR MUSLIMS. (ASHAAB)
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1. SUMMARY

-- IDF ARRESTS ISRAELI ACTIVISTS AND U.S. FILM CREW
 AT DEHEISHAH CAMP PROTEST.

-- AL-FAJR EDITOR DEFENDS HIS STAND AGAINST RANDOM
 TERRORIST VIOLENCE.

-- MINOR DISTURBANCES REPORTED OVER THE WEEKEND.

-- ECONOMIC CRISIS CONTINUES; TOURIST TRADE HURT.

-- ARAFAT CLAIMS TRIPOLI SIEGE WORSE THAN WEST BEIRUT.

END SUMMARY.

2. IDF ARRESTS ISRAELI ACTIVISTS AND U.S. FILM CREW
 AT DEHEISHAH CAMP PROTEST

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PRO-PL AL-FAJR AND RADICAL ASHAAB REPORTED THE ARREST OF TWO MEMBERS OF THE ISRAELI ACTIVIST GROUP KNOWN AS THE PIR ZEIT UNIVERSITY SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE (PZUSC) ALONG WITH TWO MEMBERS OF A FILM CREW WORKING FOR U.S.-BASED VIZNEWS, DURING A PROTEST IN THE DEHEISHEH REFUGEE CAMP. ABOUT 40 BZUSC MEMBERS WENT TO DEHEISHEH TO HELP CAMP RESIDENTS REOPEN A ROAD WHICH HAD BEEN BLOCKED BY THE IDF. SECURITY FORCES STOPPED THE GROUP AND WARNED THAT THEY WERE IN A CLOSED MILITARY AREA. MOST BZUSC ACTIVISTS AGREED TO LEAVE AFTER BEING PERMITTED TO MAKE A FAREWELL SPEECH. TWO ACTIVISTS REFUSED TO LEAVE, AND QUESTIONED THE LEGALITY OF THE MILITARY ORDERS USED AGAINST THEM. THE IDF THEN ARRESTED THE ACTIVISTS. WHEN THE VIZNEWS FILM CREW ATTEMPTED TO INTERVENE, THEY TOO WERE ARRESTED.

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3. AL-FAJR EDITOR DEFENDS HIS STAND AGAINST RANDOM TERRORIST VIOLENCE

IN A LENGTHY FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE, AL-FAJR EDITOR HANA SINOURA VIGOROUSLY DEFENDED HIS STAND AGAINST RANDOM TERRORIST VIOLENCE AND HIS CONDEMNATION OF THE RECENT BUS BOMBING IN JERUSALEM. HE ALIGNED HIMSELF WITH PLO MODERATES LIKE THE SLAIN ISSAM SARTAWI. SINOURA THEN CLAIMED THAT HIS LIFE HAD BEEN THREATENED BY SUPPORTERS OF THE PLO DISSIDENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RADICAL WEEKLY AL-MITHAQ, AND REITERATED HIS CALL FOR DEMOCRATIC DIALOGUE TO ACHIEVE NATIONAL GOALS. HE CONTRASTED HIS PLO-BACKED PAPER'S POLICY OF OPEN DEBATE WITH THE ATTEMPTS BY REBEL-BACKED AL-MITHAQ TO "PHYSICALLY LIQUIDATE" OPPOSING VIEWS.

SINOURA WENT ON TO REITERATE HIS SUPPORT FOR THE "LEGITIMATE LEADERSHIP OF THE PLO" AND THE FEZ PEACE PLAN. HE THEN CLAIMED THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE "REJECT THOSE WHO REJECT ARAFAT. AL-FAJR WILL CONTINUE TO OPPOSE ANYONE WHO TRIES TO REPLACE THE SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE" WHETHER THEY ARE BACKED BY SYRIA OR THE ISRAELIS.

COMMENT: WHILE WEST BANK RUMOR HAS LINKED AL MITHAQ WITH ABU MUSA FOR SOME TIME, SINOURA IS THE FIRST TO MAKE THIS ALLEGATION IN THE ARABIC PRESS. END COMMENT

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4. MINOR DISTURBANCES REPORTED OVER THE WEEKEND

-- TWO GRENADE BOOBY TRAPS WERE FOUND IN WEST BANK ARAB COMMUNITIES. ONE WAS DISCOVERED IN THE CENTER OF BETHLEHEM AND ANOTHER IN A SMALL VILLAGE NORTH OF JERUSALEM. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED (AL-FAJR)

-- A HAND GRENADE DAMAGED AN ISRAELI VEHICLE NEAR QALQILYA. NO INJURIES REPORTED (AL-FAJR)

-- THE CENTRAL BUS STATION OF JERUSALEM WAS CLOSED WHEN POLICE DISCOVERED A FALSE BOMB (AL-QUDS). ANOTHER FALSE BOMB ALERT IN AL-BIREH LED TO THE SEALING OFF OF AN ENTIRE NEIGHBORHOOD AS POLICE SEARCHED A THREE-WHEEL DELIVERY VEHICLE (ASHAAB). IN HEBRON, TWO ARAB SCHOOLS WERE CLOSED UPON RECEIPT OF ANONYMOUS BOMB THREATS BY PHONE (AL-QUDS, ASHAAB).

-- THE BODY OF AN ARAB MAN, APPARENTLY KILLED BY GUNSHOT WOUNDS, WAS DISCOVERED IN A FOREST NEAR TULKARM (AL-FAJR)

-- IN JERUSALEM, HAYAN AL-JU'BEH, A MEMBER OF THE PERFORMING ARTS COMMITTEE OF THE ARAB THOUGHT FORUM, WAS ARRESTED BY SECURITY FORCES. IN HEBRON, A 24-YEAR OLD ARAB WAS ARRESTED FOR SECURITY OFFENSES.

-- IN RAMALLAH FOUR YOUTHS FROM NEARBY REFUGEE CAMPS WERE SENTENCED TO 6 TO 9 MONTHS FOR THROWING STONES. THE DEPOSED MAYOR OF QALQILYA WAS HELD FOR QUESTIONING BY SECURITY FORCES ON CHARGES OF LEAVING THE TOWN WITHOUT PERMISSION (AL-FAJR, ASHAAB, POST)

-- 7 STORES WERE REOPENED IN DOWNTOWN NABLUS AFTER A ONE-WEEK CLOSURE BY SECURITY FORCES. THE QALANDIYYA REFUGEE CAMP WAS REOPENED AFTER A TWO-MONTH CLOSURE (AL-FAJR, ASHAAB)

-- TEACHERS IN RAMALLAH SENT A LETTER TO THE MILGOV PROTESTING A RECENT DECISION TO PLACE TEACHERS ON LEAVE WITHOUT PAY WHEN THEIR SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED BY PROTESTS.

-- THE EAST JERUSALEM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DEMANDED THAT POLICE DO MORE TO APPREHEND THOSE GUILTY OF ATTACKS ON ARABS (AL-QUDS, ASHAAB)

5. ECONOMIC CRISIS CONTINUES, TOURIST TRADE HURT

THE PREDOMINANTLY ARAB EAST JERUSALEM TOURIST INDUSTRY IS FACING A SEVERE ECONOMIC CRISIS, ACCORDING TO THE

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JERUSALEM DAWN (THE ENGLISH WEEKLY PUBLISHED BY AL-FAJR), SINCE IT IS CAUGHT BETWEEN A GENERAL DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF TOURISTS AND ALLEGED "ATTEMPTS BY CERTAIN ZIONIST MOVEMENTS" TO DIVERT TOURISTS AWAY FROM ARAB SHOPS TO THE NEW JEWISH QUARTER OF THE OLD CITY. MERCHANTS ALSO COMPLAIN THAT INCREASED GOI ATTEMPTS TO COLLECT INCOME TAXES ARE SOMETIMES BANKRUPTING SHOP-OWNERS. THE PAPER EXPRESSED FEARS THAT THESE MOVES MAY ONLY BE THE FIRST STEP IN AN ORGANIZED CAMPAIGN TO FORCE ARABS TO EMIGRATE.

IN RELATED ECONOMIC STORIES, THE POST REPORTED THAT ISRAELI UNIONS IN JERUSALEM WILL BE MOBILIZING THOUSANDS OF WORKERS TO PROTEST RISING UNEMPLOYMENT. AL-QUDS REPORTED THAT BANKS ARE INCREASING THEIR CONTROLS ON

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FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS TO HELP POLICE STEM THE FLOW OF COUNTERFEIT U.S. DOLLARS IN JERUSALEM. ALL ARABIC PAPERS REPORTED THAT THE EAST JERUSALEM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS PROTE TING PLANS TO INCREASE JERUSALEM MUNICIPAL TAXES BY 300 PERCENT.

6. ARAFAT CLAIMS TRIPOLI SIEGE WORSE THAN WEST BEIRUT

THE ARABIC PRESS ALL REPORTED THAT AN ESTIMATED 700 PEOPLE DIED IN THE RECENT TRIPOLI FIGHTING AND 3,000 WOUNDED. AL-FAJR QUOTED ARAFAT'S CLAIM THAT THE FIGHTING IN THE NORTH OF LEBANON WAS HARDER THAN THE IDF SIEGE OF WEST BEIRUT. AL-FAJR AND ASHAAB VIEW THE FIGHTING AS A VICTORY, INASMUCH AS ARAFAT AND THE "LEGITIMATE LEADERSHIP OF THE PLO" REMAIN AS THE OFFICIAL HEAD OF THE ORGANIZATION. THE POST CRITICIZED THE GOI FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THIS "ILLUSION" OF VICTORY. BY MAKING CRUDE THREATS AGAINST THE PLO EVACUATION WHICH IT HAS NO INTENTION OF FULFILLING, THE GOI ENABLES ARAFAT TO APPEAR TO WITHDRAW IN DEFIANCE OF ISRAEL. IN FACT, THE POST CONCLUDES, HE HAS BEEN EXPELLED BY SYRIAN-BACKED REBELS OF HIS OWN ORGANIZATION.

7. WORTH NOTING

A) -- THE ARABIC PRESS CLAIMED THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS SENT A SECRET LETTER TO SHAMIR IN WHICH THE PRESIDENT PLEDGED TO "UNDERSTAND" ISRAEL'S INCREASING SECURITY NEEDS AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL MILITARY ASSISTANCE AS REQUIRED. ACCORDING TO RADICAL ASHAAB, IN THIS "UNPRECEDENTED" STEP, THE PRESIDENT ALSO PROMISED TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE ECONOMIC BURDEN OF DEFENSE.

B) -- AN-NAJAH UNIVERSITY WILL ESTABLISH EXCHANGE PROGRAMS WITH UNIVERSITIES IN THE U.S. AND THE UK (AL-QUDS).

C) -- THE MILGOV PLANS TO "DEVELOP" THE AREA AROUND JOSEPH'S TOMB IN NABLUS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WISHES OF JEWISH SETTLERS IN THE AREA. THE FIRST PROJECT IS A PARKING LOT TO BE BUILT NEAR THE BALATA REFUGEE CAMP (ASHAAB).

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SUBJECT: WEST BANK AND JERUSALEM MEDIA REPORT, DEC. 9, 1983

1. SUMMARY

--TWO ARAB CHILDREN SHOT IN NABLUS, ONE DIES

--SETTLERS STOP ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF NABLUS TOMB,
BUT CONTINUE "SELF DEFENSE" CAMPAIGN

--ISRAELIS REFUSE TO RELEASE ZIAD ABU EIN

--IN EAST JERUSALEM CENSORSHIP IS DIRECTED AGAINST
PALESTINIAN NATIONALISM, NOT MILITARY SECRETS, ACCORDING
TO JERUSALEM POST

--PLO TRIPOLI EVACUATION THREATENED BY GOI

2. TWO ARAB CHILDREN SHOT IN NABLUS, ONE DIES.

ALL PAPERS REPORTED THAT UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUALS IN

A CAR WITH ISRAELI PLATES SHOT TWO ARAB GIRLS AGED NINE AND ELEVEN, KILLING ONE IN CENTRAL NABLUS. THE SHOOTING OCCURRED DURING A LARGE-SCALE ISRAELI RAID ON A NEARBY NABLUS LABOR UNION OFFICE WHICH PROVOKED STONE THROWING DEMONSTRATIONS BY RESIDENTS OF THE WORKING CLASS NEIGHBORHOOD. THE KILLERS OPENED FIRE WHEN THEIR CAR WAS STONED. SOLDIERS ARRESTED EIGHT UNION WORKERS AND SEVERAL STONE THROWERS. THE SEARCH CONTINUES FOR THE ARMED PASSENGERS OF A RED CITROE SEEN SPEEDING AWAY FROM THE SCENE OF THE SHOOTING.

WHEN NEWS OF THE SHOOTING SPREAD, RADICAL ASHAAB AND THE POST REPORTED THAT A CAR BELONGING TO A SETTLER WAS STONED IN NABLUS, AND DEHEISHEH CAMP RESIDENTS STONED A BUSLOAD OF KIRYAT ARBA SETTLERS. MODERATE AL-QUDS AND THE POST ADDED THAT THE SETTLERS RUSHED OFF THE BUS AND CHASED THE STONE THROWERS. NO INJURIES OR "ARRESTS" WERE REPORTED.

3. SETTLERS STOP ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF NABLUS TOMB
- BUT CONTINUE "SELF DEFENSE" CAMPAIGN

ALL PAPERS REPORTED THAT SETTLERS HAVE DISMANTLED THE CONTROL CENTER OF THEIR ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF JOSEPH'S TOMB IN NABLUS. AL-QUDS AND AL-FAJR REPORTED THAT THE SETTLERS CLAIMED TO HAVE RECEIVED PROMISES FROM MOD ARENS OF NEW, HARSHER SECURITY PENALTIES ON ARAB DEMONSTRATORS. THE POST QUOTED DEPARTING SETTLERS SAYING THAT THEY WOULD GIVE THE GOI ONE MONTH TO PROVE THAT PROMISES OF BETTER SECURITY WILL BE KEPT.

FURTHER SOUTH, AL-QUDS REPORTED THAT GROUPS OF SETTLERS ATTACKED ARAB FARMERS AND SHEPHERDS NEAR THE VILLAGE OF YATTA, FORCING THEM TO LEAVE THEIR WORK. AL-QUDS QUOTED LOCAL RESIDENTS' COMPLAINTS THAT KIRYAT ARBA SETTLERS WERE TRAVELING AROUND THREATENING ARAB FARMERS. AL-FAJR REPEATED JALAZOUN CAMP RESIDENTS' STATEMENTS THAT LOCAL SETTLERS HAVE JOINED FORCES WITH THE IDF IN IMPOSING A NIGHTLY CURFEW ON THE CAMP.

4. GOI REFUSES TO RELEASE ABU EIN

ALL PAPERS REPORTED THAT THE GOI REFUSES TO RELEASE CONVICTED TERRORIST ABU EIN DESPITE HIS APPARENT INCLUSION IN THE AGREED-UPON ICRC LIST OF PRISONERS TO BE EXCHANGED. AL-QUDS QUOTED ISRAELI CLAIMS THAT ANOTHER PRISONER WAS RELEASED IN HIS PLACE BECAUSE OF A RED CROSS SPELLING ERROR. THE ISRAELIS THEREFORE, SEE NO REASON FOR RELEASING HIM NOW. AL-QUDS ADDED THAT THE IDF SPOKESMAN WAS UNABLE TO SATISFACTORILY EXPLAIN WHY ABU EIN HAD BEEN TRANSPORTED FROM THE PRISON TO THE AIRPORT IF HIS NAME DID NOT APPEAR TO BE ON THE AGREED-UPON RED CROSS LIST.

5. IN EAST JERUSALEM, CENSORSHIP IS DIRECTED AGAINST
- PALESTINIAN NATIONALISM NOT MILITARY SECRETS ACCORDING
- TO JERUSALEM POST

THE POST FEATURED A HALF-PAGE FEATURE ON MILITARY CENSORSHIP ON THE WEST BANK. MILITARY CENSORSHIP IN THE REST OF THE PRESS IN ISRAEL IS CONCERNED PRIMARILY WITH MILITARY SECURITY. THE POST CONCLUDED THAT THE ARABIC PRESS IN EAST JERUSALEM DOES NOT ENJOY THE SAME FREEDOM OF SPEECH PROVISIONS GUARANTEED TO ISRAELI PAPERS. ISRAELI OBSERVERS CONCLUDE THAT CENSORSHIP OF THE ARABIC PRESS SEEKS "TO ERADICATE EXPRESSION THAT COULD FOSTER PALESTINIAN NATIONALIST FEELINGS OR WHICH SUGGESTS THAT PALESTINIANS ARE A NATION WITH A NATIONAL HERITAGE."

THE POST ADDED THAT INCREASED IMPORTS OF ARABIC BOOKS SINCE CAMP DAVID HAS LED TO RAPID INCREASES IN THE NUMBER OF BANNED BOOKS, E.G., JUMPING FROM 1,002 TITLES IN 1982 TO 1,600 A YEAR LATER. THE LIST OF BOOKS BANNED COVERS THE ENTIRE LITERARY SPECTRUM. ANY BOOK DEALING WITH THE CULTURAL HERITAGE OF PALESTINE IS SUBJECT TO CENSORSHIP.

6. PL TRIPOLI EVACUATION THREATENED BY GOI

ALL PAPERS RAN FRONT PAGE ARTICLES ON THE EXPECTED EVACUATION OF ARAFAT AND HIS SUPPORTERS FROM TRIPOLI. THE POST AND PRO-ISRAELI AL-ANBA'A CONCENTRATED ON PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR'S REQUEST THAT THE UN NOT PROTECT ARAFAT LEAVING TRIPOLI. THE ARABIC PRESS AN ARTICLES STATING THAT THE GOI WOULD PREVENT THE EVACUATION. AL-FAJR CHARACTERIZED SHAMIR'S UN REQUEST AS A DENUNCIATION. AL-QUDS NOTED THAT THE RECENT PLO BOMB ATTACK ON A CROWDED BUS IN DOWNTOWN JERUSALEM HAS ANGERED MANY ISRAELIS WHO NOW WANT THE IDF TO GET ARAFAT.

IN ITS EDITORIAL, AL-QUDS CALLED ON THE PLO TO TAKE PRACTICAL STEPS TO SOLVE THE PALESTINIAN DILEMMA.

THE EDITORIALS IN AL-FAJR AND ASHAAB WERE BOTH CENSORED. AL-QUDS FEATURED A LONG ARTICLE IN ITS INNER PAGES PROCLAIMING THAT THE WEST BANK OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORTS ARAFAT AND WANTS HIM TO ASSUME A NEW POLITICAL ROLE IN THE WEST BANK.

7. WORTH NOTING

A) ECONOMIC SLUMP CONTINUES. BASIC COMMODITIES WERE INCREASED BY UP TO 25 PERCENT YESTERDAY AS THE GOI

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CONTINUES PHASING OUT SUBSIDIES (POST). TAX OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO COLLECT HEAVY TAX ASSESSMENTS FROM ARAB MERCHANTS IN RAMALLAH AND NABLUS. ONE RAMALLAH MERCHANT WAS JAILED UNTIL HE PAID A FIVE MILLION SHEKEL INSTALLMENT ON HIS TAX ASSESSMENT (AL-FAJR, ASHAAB).

B) RELIGIOUS EXTREMISTS FROM THE FAITHFUL OF THE TEMPLE MOUNT GROUP ATTEMPTED TO BREAK INTO THE MUSLIM-ADMINISTERED TEMPLE MOUNT AND CELEBRATE HANUKHA PRAYERS. SPOKESMEN COMPLAINED THAT "JEWISH WEAKNESS" EXEMPLIFIED IN THE GOI REFUSAL TO SEIZE CONTROL OF THE TEMPLE MOUNT "ENCOURAGED THE KILLERS TO KILL JEWS IN BROAD DAYLIGHT." (AL-FAJR, ASHAAB)

C) ROCK-THROWING DEMONSTRATORS IN AL-BIREH PROTESTED THE PRESENCE OF CIVAD HEAD SHLOMO ILYA AT THE OPENING OF A NEW SCHOOL. BORDER POLICE DISPERSED THE ARAB YOUTHS WITH TEAR GAS (POST).
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משלחת הסקר, שלך 55.

1. המשלחת נתקבלה אצלנו בהמלצת חיים כהן ובוללת את דר' אדמס מאוקספורד (יחבי'ל). פרופ' פרנק ניומן מברקלי (משפטים) וגבי' בול יורגנסן מדנמרק (נשיאת אוניברסיטת דוסקילדה).
2. המשלחת נפגשה אתמול (6.12) עם סא'יל יואל וינגר, רע'ין דינ- בינלאומי במפצ'יר. נכה אלסטר ממשפט.
3. התלוננו על הטרדות (HARRASMENTS) לאוניברסיטאות המכוונות להצר צעדיהם, דיברו על מחסומים המונעים מסטודנטים לבוא ללמוד, על הוראות להפסיק בניה שכבר אושרה, על חוסר שלפונים באוניברסיטאות לעומת אוניברסיטאות בישראל ועל אי שמירה על במחון המכללות נהרצח במכללה האיסלמית בחברונ.
4. וינגר השיב כי אין להשוות את המשטר באוניברסיטת ביר זית למשטר באוניברסיטה אחרת במדינה דמוקרטית אלא את המשטר באוניברסיטה בביר זית למשטר הכללי באיו"ש המוכתב על פי כללי האג ואמנת ג'נבה הרביעית אשר דנים באיוון שבין חובת המושל הצבאי לשמור על הסדר והבטחון לעומת זכויות התושבים. הדגיש שלא היו אוניברסיטאות כלל לפני 67' ובי בארצות ערב אין כלל אוניברסיטאות פרטיות מטעמים ברורים.
5. הרגשת החי'מי היתה כי המשלחת בקורתית אך לא מפגינה עוינות בולטת והדו"ח אשר יהיה קרוב לודאי שלילי ברוח הנחיות מק-דרמוט וארגונו עשוי גם לשקף את תגובותינו. ההרגשה היתה כי ביקורתם מופנית לא כלפי הנעשה בחנוך הגבוה באיו"ש דווקא אלא בעיקר כלפי חיי היום יום בשטחים אשר אותם הם

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מודדים לפי קני מידה של חריות יסוד במדינה דמוקרטית.
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6. יש לציין כי ה- MUS לא עוסק במשלחות סקד ופועל
בטיקד במתן מלגות לסטודנטים מהעולם השלישי. המשלחת לאיו"ש
היה התקדים הראשון. בהקשר זה יש מקום לדעתנו שדרייפר אכן
ישוחח עם מק-דרמוט ויעמידו במקומו על כי הוא - לדברי
המשלחת - שלח אותם כדי לחקור בעניין הסתירות שבין החוברת של
שחאדה וכותאב לבין טענות ישראל ב- RULE OF LAW
ולראות מה האמת. התעסקותו האובססיבית של ה- ICS
בישראל חסרת פרופורציות.

7. מבקשים שדרייפר יאמר גם שהגורמים הישראליים הסכימו לקבלם
אפילו בהתראה קצרה נצה"ל, תאום פעולות, משה"ח) כדי לתת
בידס אפשרות של תמונה מאוזנת ואנו מצפים שתמונה זו תמצא את
ביטוייה בדוחי.
8. בשיחה עם למברט מסר ח. כהן כי התרשמותו היתה כי המשלחת
טעונית בדו"ח מאוזן. לדעתנו קשה כמובן לצפות כיצד יפעל
מק-דרמוט.

9. הנ"ל בתאיום עם ארבי"ל 3.

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משלחת סקר - חינוך גבוה בשטחים.

1. בזכור ניסה מקדמום מה- INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS לשכנע את פרופ דרייפר לעמוד בראש משלחת סקר שתחקור סוגית החינוך הגבוה ביו"ש. דרייפר סירב.

2. מתברר שבשבוע שעבר הגיעה ארצה משלחת סקר כזו מטעם מקדמום מה- WORLD UNIVERSITY CENTER הידוע בגישתו העוינת לישראל. המשלחת מונה שלושה אנשים שאחד מהם דר אדם רוברטס מאוקספורד, מומחה לדיני מלחמה. שגישתו לישראל ביקורתית. 3. הנריקונו נא מה ידוע לכם על ביקור המשלחת והאם התקשרה לרשויות המוסמכות בישראל.

4. דרייפר שחזר והתבטא בפני בחריפות נגד מקדמום והמשלחת נוסע ביום חמישי לגנבה לעניניו ויהיה מוכן, אם לנו ענין בכך, לאמר למקדמום דברים כדברנות. הנריקונו נא לא יאוחר מיום רביעי. פלג

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1. SUMMARY

- PRISONER EXCHANGE A PRECEDENT FOR GOI-PLO NEGOTIATIONS;
ARAFAT URGED TO GO TO AMMAN

- SETTLER VIGILANTES DEPLOYED BY CIVILIANS, ENCOURAGED BY
IDF

- MI GOV GETS TOUGH WITH TROUBLEMAKERS

- ARABIC PAPER CLAIMS U.S. COMPANY PROFITS FROM CONFISCA-
TION OF ARAB LAND

- GOI PROMOTES VILLAGE LEAGUES AS PARTNER IN TALKS WITH
JORDAN

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2. PRISONER EXCHANGE A PRECEDENT FOR GOI-PLO NEGOTIATIONS;
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THE NATIONALIST ARABIC PRESS TREATED THE REPORTED EXCHANGE OF 4800 PALESTINIANS FOR SIX ISRAELI PRISONERS AS A PERSONAL TRIUMPH FOR ARAFAT AND THE "LEGITIMATE LEADERSHIP" OF THE PLO. PRO PLO AL-FAJR ARGUED THAT THE EXCHANGE IMPLIED GOI RECOGNITION OF THE POW STATUS OF IMPRISONED PLO GUERRILLAS. AL-FAJR JOINED MODERATE AL-QUDS IN PRAISING THE EXCHANGE AS PROOF THAT THE GOI CAN IN GOOD FAITH DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH THE PLO. AL-QUDS WENT ON TO EXPLICITLY ARGUE THAT SUCH RATIONAL, CALM NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES COULD SOLVE OTHE PROBLEMS. PRO-ISRAELI AL-ANBA'A STATED THAT THE TIME HAD COME FOR MUTUAL RECOGNITION BY THE PLO AND THE GOI.

QUOTING BEIT JALLA MAYOR ARAJ, AL-QUDS WROTE THAT THE TIME HAD COME FOR ARAFAT TO "PLACE HIS HAND IN THE HAND OF KING HUSSEIN." ARAJ CLAIMED THAT WITHOUT JORDAN, PEACE IS IMPOSSIBLE. AL-QUDS THEN QUOTED ARAFAT AS SAYING IN AN INTERVIEW THAT "NO ONE CAN STOP ME FROM GOING TO AMMAN." HOWEVER, REPORTING THE SAME INTERVIEW, AL-FAJR DID NOT REPORT THIS STATEMENT. AL-ANBA'A QUOTED NABLUS CITY COUNCILMAN DR. HATEM ABU GHAZALA AS CALLING FOR DIRECT TALKS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE PLO.

3. SETTLER VIGILANTES DEPLORED BY CIVILIANS, ENCOURAGED BY IDF

THE POST, ASHAAB AND AL-QUDS ALL REPORTED THAT PEACE NOW ACTIVISTS GAVE KNESSET MEMBERS A FIVE PAGE LIST OF ILLEGAL AND PROVOCATIVE ACTIONS BY KIRYAT ARBA SETTLERS. AL-QUDS QUOTED ISRAELIS AS COMPLAINING THAT WEST BANK SETTLERS "CONSIDERED THEMSELVES THE LORDS OF ISRAEL." SETTLERS, IT WAS SAID, WERE DISSATISFIED WITH THE "LENIENCY" OF THE JUDIBIAL SYSTEM AND THE "COMPASSION" OF THE IDF. IN GENERAL, 'THEY IGNORED THE STATE OF ISRAEL WHEN IT DECLINED TO DO THEIR BIDDING.' MANY ISRAELIS REPORTEDLY VIEWED THE SETTLERS AS A THREAT TO DEMOCRACY IN ISRAEL.

AL-QUDS AND ASHAAB REPORTED THAT MAJOR GENERAL AMNON LIFK N, COMMANDER OF IDF FORCES ON THE WEST BANK MET WITH

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SETTLERS. LIFKEN REPORTEDLY ENCOURAGED SETTLERS TO PURSUE AND APPREHEND STONE THROWERS. HE PROMISED TO LOOK INTO THE LEGALITY OF SETTLERS OPENING FIRE ON STONE THROWERS AND BREAKING INTO HOUSES TO CAPTURE THEM. IN A SEPARATE ITEM, ASHAAB REPORTED THAT KIRYAT ARBA SETTLERS HAVE RECENTLY SHOT SEVERAL ARAB YOUTHS THROWING STONES NEAR HALHOUL.

4. MI GOV GETS TOUGH WITH TROUBLEMAKERS

TODAYS PAPERS CARRIED A NUMBER OF ARTICLES ON RECENT ISRAELI MOVES AGAINST ARAB "TROUBLEMAKERS". THE POST AND AL-QUDS REPORTED THAT THREE ARAB YOUTHS RECEIVED SENTENCES OF FIVE TO SEVEN YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR THROWING FIRE BOMBS LAST SPRING NEAR NABLUS. ALTHOUGH NO ONE WAS SERIOUSLY HURT IN THE ATTACKS, THE MILITARY COURT ACTED SEVERELY TO ENSURE THAT THE ROADS REMAINED OPEN. ALL ARABIC PAPERS REPORTED IDF ROADBLOCKS NEAR QALANDIYYA CAMP WHICH DISRUPTED TRAFFIC. AL-FAJR AND ASHAAB REPORTED THAT THE ROADS LEADING TO AN-NAJAH UNIVERSITY HAVE BEEN BLOCKED SEVEN DAYS SINCE CLASSES RESUMED ON NOVEMBER 12, PREVENTING STUDENTS AND TEACHERS FROM HOLDING CLASSES.

THE COMMUNIST WEEKLY AL-TALIAH CALCULATED THAT OVER 6,000 PALESTINIAN STUDENTS ARE CURRENTLY LOCKED OUT OF THEIR SCHOOLS BY VARIOUS MILGOV CLOSURE ORDERS. OVER ONE MILLION CLASSROOM HOURS WILL BE LOST BY THE END OF NEXT MONTH. IN ONE SCHOOL THAT WAS REOPENED IN NABLUS, AL-QUDS REPORTED THAT THE MILGOV TRANSFERRED 40 STUDENTS TO SCHOOLS IN SURROUNDING VILLAGES TO REMOVE THE TROUBLEMAKERS.

DESPITE THE APPARENT CRACKDOWN, AL-FAJR AND ASHAAB REPORT THAT ON NOVEMBER 23 3,000 PEOPLE DEMONSTRATED IN NABLUS SUPPORTING ARAFAT AND BURNING PICTURES OF SYRIA'S AL 'ASSAD.

5. GOI PROMOTES VILLAGE LEAGUES AS A PARTNER IN TALKS WITH

AL-ANBA'A REPORTED ON A RECENT MEETING OF VILLAGE LEAGUERS AND CIVAD OFFICIALS IN TULKARM WHICH DISCUSSED THE POLITICAL ROLE OF THE LEAGUE, INCLUDING PARTICIPATION IN FUTURE TALKS WITH JORDAN. IN TULKARM; THE CIVAD BOLSTERED THE LOCAL LEAGUE OFFICE BY PROMISING ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT. A 7,000 DINAR CIVAD GRANT WAS GIVEN TO HARIS VILLAGE TO LINK IT WITH THE ISRAELI ELECTRICITY GRID. IN A SEPARATE ITEM, AL-ANBA'A REPORTED CIVAD PLEDGES OF INCREASED CIVAD "DEVELOPMENT GRANTS" TO THE BETHLEHEM VILLAGE LEAGUE. (FYI - BOTH TULKARM AND BETHLEHEM ARE AMONG THE FEW WEST BANK TOWNS STILL RUN BY MAYORS ELECTED IN THE LAST ELECTION IN 1976.)

6. ARABIC PAPER CLAIMS THAT US COMPANY PROFITS FROM
CONFISCATION OF ARAB LAND

IN A FULL PAGE ARTICLE, AL-FAJR DESCRIBED HOW THE HYATT
HOTEL GROUP WILL OPERATE A NEW HOTEL BEING BUILT ON
LAND APPARENTLY CONFISCATED FROM ARABS IN EAST JERUSALEM.
AL-FAJR URGED US COMPANIES TO ENSURE THAT THEIR JOINT
VENTURES NOT BE BASED ON LAND CONFISCATION, ESPECIALLY
SINCE SUCH LAND SEIZURES ARE CONTRARY TO STATED US
POLICY. SUCH JOINT VENTURES COULD, ACCORDING TO
AL-FAJR, JEAPORDIZE THEIR INTERESTS ELSEWHERE IN THE
ARAB WORLD.

7. WORTH NOTING:

A. AN ARAB HOUSE IN THE BEIT HANINA SECTION OF
EAST JERUSALEM HAS BEEN SURROUNDED BY BARBED WIRE BARRI-

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CADES. BUILT IN 1975 WITH A VALID BUILDING PERMIT, THE HOUSE WAS BLOCKED OFF BECAUSE IT IS "TOO CLOSE" TO AN ARMY POST. (ASHAAB) IN A SIMILAR MOVE, THE MOD IS BLOCKING CONSTRUCTION OF A COPTIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL ON LAND BOUGHT BY THE COPTIC PATRIARCHATE BEFORE 1967. THE PROPOSED SITE OVERLOOKS AN ARMY CAMP.

B. AL-JIB VILLAGERS CLAIM THAT FORGERY WAS USED IN THE SALE OF 200 DUNAMS NEAR TWO JEWISH SETTLEMENTS. THE LAND WAS SOLD WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE OWNERS AND SETTLERS RE-REGISTERED IT IN THEIR NAMES AT CIVAD (AL-TALIAH)

C. A NEWLY DISCOVERED WEST BANK ARTESIAN WELL WILL BE USED ONLY TO WATER KIBBUTZIM NEAR THE DEAD SEA AND NEARBY SETTLEMENTS. (ASHAAB)

D. AL-MIRA'A, THE VILLAGE LEAGUE PAPER, RAN A FRONT PAGE ARTICLE DESCRIBING AT LENGTH ANTI-ARAFAT AND PRO-SYRIAN PROPAGANDA DISTRIBUTED BY PLO DISSIDENTS. ACKNOWLEDGING THE WIDESPREAD POPULAR SUPPORT ENJOYED BY ARAFAT, THE PAPER ARGUED THAT 'FANATICAL' SUPPORT FOR ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER WAS COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.

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1. SUMMARY:

--POST CALLS FOR REVIEW OF WEST BANK SECURITY POLICY

--ISRAELI CHIEF OF STAFF ADMITS POSSIBILITY OF ACTIVE
- JEWISH TERRORIST CELLS IN JERUSALEM AND THE WEST BANK--PALESTINIAN TEACHERS DAY OCCASION FOR CRITIQUE OF WEST
- BANK EDUCATION--VILLAGE LEAGUES RENEW CALLS FOR DIRECT JORDANIAN-
- ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS

2. POST CALLS FOR REVIEW OF WEST BANK SECURITY POLICY

IN ITS EDITORIAL TODAY, THE POST DOUBTED THE WISDOM
OF DESTROYING OR SEALING HOUSES OF ARAB TERRORISTS,
ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF EARLIER KNESSET CLAIMS

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OF REDUCING USE OF THIS MEASURE. SUCH COLLECTIVE PUNISHMENT IN WHICH "LITTLE CHILDREN ARE TURNED OUT OF THEIR HOMES" SOWS "THE SEEDS OF HATE" FOR THE SECURITY FORCES. THE POST SUGGESTED THAT SECURITY FORCES SHOULD WAIT FOR A COURT DECISION BEFORE ACTING, BECAUSE A MERE CONFESSION DOES NOT AMOUNT TO A CONVICTION IN ISRAELI LAW. FYI: PRO-ISRAELI AL-ANBA'A QUOTED IDF CHIEF OF STAFF LEVY'S CLAIMS THAT HE HAD SECURED AUTHORIZATION FROM BOTH THE COURT AND THE MOD BEFORE ACTING. END FYI.

OTHER SECURITY MOVES:

--THE POST REPORTED THAT 14 JENIN YOUTHS WERE SENTENCED TO TWO TO THREE YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR ATTACKING A POLICE STATION WITH STONES AND FIREBOMBS.

--AL-Q DS REPORTED A JERUSALEM MAN SENTENCED TO 30 MONTHS (22 OF WHICH ON PROBATION) FOR BELONGING TO AN ILLEGAL ORGANIZATION.

--MODERATE AL-QUDS AND PRO-PLD AL-FAJR REPORTED THAT SECURITY FORCES SEALED OFF AN-NAJAH AND BETHLEHEM UNIVERSITIES TO THWART PLANNED DEMONSTRATIONS.

--ALL PAPERS ALSO REPORTED THE REOPENING OF THE NABLUS VEGETABLE MARKET AFTER A THREE-WEEK CLOSURE FOLLOWING AN AX ATTACK ON AN ARMED SETTLER.

--AL-FAJR ADDED THAT AN ARAB HOME IN HEBRON WAS UNSEALED AFTER A ONE-DAY CLOSURE.

3. ISRAELI CHIEF OF STAFF ADMITS POSSIBILITY OF ACTIVE JEWISH TERRORIST CELLS IN JERUSALEM AND THE WEST BANK

MODERATE AL-QUDS QUOTED IDF CHIEF-OF-STAFF MOSHE LEVY AS SAYING THAT THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT JEWISH TERRORIST CELLS ARE ACTIVE IN JERUSALEM AND THE WEST BANK. ALL PAPERS REPORTED THAT POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR POSSIBLE LINKS BETWEEN LAST WEEKEND'S (DEC. 9-11) ANTI-ARAB BOMBINGS AND OTHER UNSOLVED ATTACKS IN WHICH JEWISH EXTREMISTS WERE SUSPECTED. THE POST ADDED THAT POLICE OFFICIALS MAINTAIN THAT THIS WAS A ROUTINE PR CEDURE. POLICE ALSO REPORT THAT THEY HAVE BEEN DELUGED WITH FALSE BOMB THREATS SINCE

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LAST WEEKEND'S EVENTS. AL-FAJR REPORTED A BOMB THREAT AGAINST ITS OFFICES WHICH FORCED AN EVACUATION OF THE BUILDING.

4. PALESTINIAN TEACHERS DAY OCCASION FOR CRITIQUE OF WEST BANK EDUCATION

PRO-PLO AL-FAJR FEATURED A FULL-PAGE ARTICLE ON THE "CRISIS" IN WEST BANK EDUCATION. FOREMOST AMONG TEACHERS' COMPLAINTS IS THE LOW SALARY WHICH STARTS AT THE CURRENT SHEKEL EQUIVALENT OF DOLLARS 160 TO 240 A MONTH, BARELY ENOUGH TO PAY ONE'S ENT. BEFORE THE RECENT DEVALUATION THEY AVERAGED DOLLARS 380. TEACHERS ALSO COMPLAIN OF ISRAELI INTERFERENCE IN WEST BANK SCHOOLS FOR "SECURITY REASONS." RECENT MOVES AGAINST POLITICALLY-ACTIVE STUDENTS AND TEACHERS ARE RESENTED, E.G. EXPELLING STUDENTS WHO MISS MORE THAN 20 DAYS OF CLASSES IN A SEMESTER, AND TRANSFERRING STUDENTS AND TEACHERS WHO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED DURING DISTURBANCES. TEACHERS REPORTEDLY FEAR THAT A RECENT RULE WHICH FORCES TEACHERS TO GET MILGOV APPROVAL BEFORE MOONLIGHTING (AN ECONOMIC NECESSITY FOR TEACHERS) WILL BE USED TO ENFORCE DISCIPLINE. AL-FAJR WAS PARTICULARLY CRITICAL OF ALLEGED ISRAELI ATTEMPTS TO MANIPULATE THE CURRICULUM BY SYSTEMATICALLY ELIMINATING ALL REFERENCES TO PALESTINIAN HISTORY, IDENTITY OR CULTURE.

5. VILLAGE LEAGUES RENEW CALL FOR DIRECT JORDANIAN-ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS

PRO-ISRAELI AL-ANBA'S REPORTED THAT AMMAN MAY AGREE TO MEET WITH A DELEGATION OF VILLAGE LEAGUE HEADS WHO REPORTEDLY WILL URGE KING HUSSEIN TO IGNORE OTHER ARAB STATES AND ENTER INTO DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL. THE ARTICLE CLAIMED THAT JORDANIAN OFFICIALS REQUESTED THE VILLAGE LEAGUE TO CANCEL A RALLY A FEW WEEKS AGO WHICH WAS TO SUPPORT KING HUSSEIN'S ROLE IN THE WEST BANK. THE REQUEST WAS ALLEGEDLY TO PREVENT DISSENSION AMONG PRO-JORDANIAN FORCES ON THE WEST BANK. FYI, AT THE TIME, THE ARABIC PRESS BLAMED THE CANCELLATION ON THE MILGOV. IN RECENT WEEKS, THE VILLAGE LEAGUE HAS BEEN INCREASINGLY OUTSPOKEN IN SUPPORT OF KING HUSSEIN.

6. WORTH NOTING

A) RADICAL ASHAAB REPORTED THAT MAYOR FREIJ OF BETHLE-

HEM HAS DEMANDED THAT THE GOI PERMIT THE U.S. TO CHANNEL DIRECT AID TO THE WEST BANK BECAUSE WEST BANK SERVICES ARE DECLINING. THE MAYOR ASCRIBED THE DECLINE TO GOI INTERFERENCE WITH AID FROM OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES AND THE LACK OF ADEQUATE AID FROM THE CIVAD.

B) JERUSALEM'S CHIEF OF POLICE PERSONALLY ARRESTED THE HEAD OF THE CONTROVERSIAL BIRKAT AVRAHAM YESHIVA, WHICH HAS IGNORED MUNICIPAL STOP WORK ORDERS ON ILLEGAL CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL STORY TO THEIR BUILDING IN THE MUSLIM QUARTER OF THE OLD CITY. (ALL PAPERS)

C) THE ICRC ACCUSED THE GOI OF HOLDING ON TO SEVERAL PLO PRISONERS WHO HAD BEEN SLATED FOR RELEASE IN THE RECENT GOI-PLO PRISONER EXCHANGE. THE MOD WAS

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QUOTED AS SAYING THAT ISRAEL IS NOT PREPARED TO CORRECT
ANY "MARGINAL MISTAKES" COMMITTED DURING THE RECENT
EXCHANGE. (POST, AL-FAJR)

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הפירסומים הרבים בערבית הנוגעים ליהודה ושומרון ואיזור
חבל עזה, הינם חומר רב חשיבות להכרת הלכי הרוח הרווחים
בקרב תושביהן הערביים.

בשל הכמות הרבה של החומר והשפה הערבית בה הוא מתפרסם
רק מעטים מסוגלים להגיע אליו ולקבל תמונה שוטפת על המצוי
בו.

חוברת "מידע" היוצאת עתה לראשונה ממחלקת היועץ לעניני ערבים
בלישכת מתאם הפעולות באיו"ש ואזח"ע תשתדל לסכם אחת לחודש
את הפירסומים הגלויים הנוגעים לאיזורים הללו, כאשר בכל
חוברת יעשה מאמץ להרחיב את הדיבור בנושא מוקד אחד או יותר.
החתום מטה ישמח לקבל הערות והצעות באשר לתוכנן של
החוברות הבאות.

פרופ^ו משה שרון - אלי"מ
היועץ לעניני ערבים

היבטים פוליטיים והלכיו רוח.

המרד בפת"ח והמתרחש בטריפולי, תגובתם של תושבי איר"ש ואזח"ע

1. גילוי התמיכה בערפאת באו לידי ביטוי בתקופה הנסקרת באותם מאפיינים, שאותם ראינו, מאז החל המרד בערפאת (מאי 83°) עצומות, כרוזי תמיכה, גילוי דעת, עצרות הזדהות, מברקי תמיכה והפרות סדר. יצוינו מספר תגובות בולטות של התושבים:-

א. פנייתם של "מוסדות לאומיים" באיר"ש ואזח"ע למזכ"ל הליגה הערבית להתערב נגד מעשי הטבח המתבצעים בטריפולי ע"י סוריה ולוב וקריאה לכינוס דחוף של הליגה הערבית. (עיתונות מז"י-ירושלים, 4 נוב)

ב. העיתון "אלשעב" כתב במאמר המערכת (21 נוב°) כי סוריה אולי תוכל להביס את אש"פ/ערפאת צבאית אך לא מדינית, משום שהמוני הפליטים תומכים ברובם בערפאת. כן פבור הכותב כי אם להתנגדות של ערפאת יתוּסַף לחץ מדינות ערב, סוריה תאלץ להסיר ידיה מאש"פ.

ג. העיתון "אלקדס" קבע במאמר מערכת (18 נוב°) כי מעתה יהיו שני אש"פ, האחד מדיני בראשות ערפאת והשני צבאי בראשות סוריה. המצב יביא לבלבול בין המדינות, שכן הן לא תדענה מי המיצג האמיתי של הפלסטינים ובמי להכיר, כן יחריף הפילוג באש"פ את הפילוג החריף, הקיים ממילא בין מדינות ערב.

ד. בראיונות לטלוויזיה הישראלית הצהיר אליאס פריג' ראש-עיריית בית-לחם, כי הכרחי לערפאת ולמטרה הפלסטינית להגיע להסכם פוליטי ולשיתוף פעולה עם ירדן. בסאם שכעה

(ראש העירייה המודח של שכס) אמר, שחשובה האחדות הפלסטינית וערפאת הוא המנהיג החוקי, שנבחר באופן דמוקרטי. מסיבה זו טועה אבו-מוסא, אליבא דשכס, ואף התנהגותו אינה תורמת למאבק ולמטרה.

2. יצויין עם זאת, שעל אף שמרבית הגופים והאישים הפוליטיים באי"ש ואזח"ע הגיבו על הנעשה בטררפול, יש הבחנה בין גינורי הטבח ההדדי והקריאה לדו-שיח דמוקרטי בתוך אש"פ לבין המאבק בין סוריה לפת"ח בראשות ערפאת. חלק מקבוצות השמאל נזהרות בניסוח המודעות ביחס לסוריה, בעוד האחרים לא נמנעים מלקרוא לבשיא סוריה, אסד, "עריץ" "משוגע" "רוצח".

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3. ראש העירייה המודח של עזה חזר ב-14 נוב' לעזה לאחר ששהה כמעט חודש בחו"ל. במהלך הביקור ביקר שווא פעמיים בירדן, פעמיים במצרים ופעם בלונדון. בירדן נועד עם המלך חסין, עמו דן על בעיות תושבי אזח"ע (עבודת תושבי אזח"ע בירדן, בעיות תעודות המשמשות את תושבי אזח"ע המוצאות ע"י הירדנים). במצרים נפגש עם שר החוץ ונשיא מצרים (2 נוב').

4. עיתונות מדינות ערב סקרה באריכות את ביקור רשאד-א-שווא בחו"ל. עיתונות מז' -ירושלים דיוחה על הביקור בצורה אינפורמטיבית (למעט העיתון הקומוניסטי "אלטליעה", שדיווחו יובא להלן). העיתונות המצרית מסרה, ששווא דן עם הנשיא מבארק בנושא שיוק ההדרים של חבל עזה, בנושא לימודי סטודנטים מאזח"ע במצרים, כן הועלה נושא האוטונומיה באזח"ע בניהול מצרי.

5. כאמור נכתבו על ביקור שווא מספר מאמרים, יצוין העיתון הסעודי "שרק אלאוסט" מ-14 נוב', שכתב תחת הכותרת "האם תחזור עזה למנהל מצרים". המאמר מתאר בהרחבה את היחסים בין מצרים לאזח"ע ואומר כי פנייתם של אישים מאזח"ע למצרים באה על רקע חשש, שנוצר אצל תושבי אזח"ע כי ישראל עומדת לספח את אזח"ע לישראל. לדברי העיתון נסיונותיה הכושלים של מצרים בעבר לפתור את בעית אזח"ע מונעת ממנה כיום להענות לקריאת תושבי אזח"ע וזאת במיוחד לאור העובדה, שהענות זו עלולה לפגוע במטרתה העיקרית של מצרים- כיום לשפר יחסיה עם העולם הערבי.

6. השבועון "אלטליעה" (הידוע כבטאן המפלגה הקומוניסטית באיר"ש ואזח"ע) כתב על ביקור שווא בגליונו מה-6 ב-אוק:-
נסיון לעקוף את אש"פ ע"י הסכמת מצרים לשווק את הדרי הרצועה.
" מקורות מוסמכים ברצועת עזה מסרו כי כמה חוגים מנסים לנצל את מצוקתם של מגדלי ההדרים כדי להעביר מטרות מדיניות מוגדרות. הדו"ח השנתי של אגודת מגדלי ההדרים ברצועה מסד כי שלטונות ישראל מנעו את יצוא ההדרים אל שווקי מדינות המערב כדי למנוע תחרות בהדרים מישראל. כמו כן כמה ממדינות ערב גמנעו מליבא את הדרי הרצועה מסיבות בלתי מובנות. מקורות אלה מסרו כי המדינות הסוציאליסטיות לקחו חלק בהקלת המשבר הזה, המאיים להרוס את היבולים, ע"י יבוא כמויות גדולות של הדרי הרצועה, אולם המצור המוטל על יצוא לשווקים ערביים ומערביים מאיים לחסל את היבול שנשאר השנה. לכתבנו נודע כי החוגים הנ"ל מנצלים את המשבר החמור בנסיון ליצור מסגרת שתכין את הפעולה כתחליף לאש"פ. הדבר המאשר את המסקנה הזו היא (העובדה) שהנ"ל (החוגים הנ"ל) ביקרו בלוית 3 אחרים אצל מספר אישים ברצועה, הציגו את הנושא בפניהם והתיעץ עמם בשאלה הקמת משלחת, שתבקר בשגרירות המצרית בת"א

בתואנה על שיחה במספר שאלות בעלות חשיבות מיוחדת לסקטורים נרחבים בקרב התושבים ביניהן שאלת שיווק ההדרים, קבלת מספר גדול של סטודנטים באוניברסיטאות מצרים והקלה בהגבלות המוטלות על מעבר התושבים מהרצועה למצרים ובחזרה. כתבנו צטט מכמה מקורות כי האישיות הזו הצליחה להקים משלחת בת 12 אישים ידועים בשוק ההון ובמסחר ההדרים. המשלחת ביקרה בשגרירות המצרית בת"א נפגשה שם עם מיופה הכוח ודנה עמו באפשרויות סיוע מצרי לשוק ההדרים למדינות הסוציאליסטיות. המשלחת הציעה למיופה הכוח ליצא את ההדרים דרך נמל אשדוד כדי שיגיעו לארץ המיבאת בעזרת השלטון המצרי. כמו כן תקבל השגרירות או הקונסוליה המצרית את מחירי ההדרים המיוצאים בכסף או בעין, וסכומים אלו יופקדו על שם הסוחרים והיצואנים העזתיים בבנקים במצרים. המקורות אומרים כי ביצוע ההצעה פירושה פגיעה ברורה בסמכויות של אש"פ ע"י הוצאת האחריות הזו מידיה והפקדתה בידי השלטון המצרי. זאת כיוון שידוע, שאש"פ היה מאשר את החוזים עם המדינות הסוציאליסטיות וטיפל בהעברת מחירי ההדרים לבעליהם. שיחת המשלחת לא הצטמצמה לשאלת שווק ההדרים ונדון גם נושא קבלת סטודנטים כיוון שמספרם צומצם בשנה שעברה ל-30 סטודנטים בלבד. כמו כן דנו בקשיים, שבהם נתקלים הנוסעים מהרצועה למצרים ובחזרה. מיופה הכוח המצרי בת"א בקש מאלו שנפגשו עמו להקים משלחת שתצא למצרים לשיחות בנושאים שהוזכרו לעיל. מיופה הכוח לא שכח להזכיר להם כי הסטודנטים מהשטחים מהווים סכנה לבטחון המשטר המצרי ובבר נעצרו וגורשו רבים מהם בשנים האחרונות."

7. לאחרונה הופיעו בעיתונות ידיעות המצביעות על אפשרות לתוצאות ראשוניות ולביקור שווא בחו"ל, פורסם על הכרה מצרית בתעודות אוניברסיטת אל-אזהר בעזה, על בכונות מצרית לענות ביצוא ובקליטת הדרי אזח"ע ועל אפשרות להגדלת מספר התלמידים מאזח"ע במצרים.

תגובות אישים מאיו"ש ואזח"ע על הפיגוע באוטובוס בירושלים (6 דצמ' 8)

8. חמישה אישים מאיו"ש וממזרח ירושלים פרסמו הצהרה שהופיעה בכלי התקשורת הישראליים ובעיתון "אלפג"ר" בערבית (8 דצמ' °) בידיעה נאמר:-

(הכותרת) "חמישה אישים פלסטינים מביעים את דעתם על הפיצוץ שאירע באוטובוס הישראלי"

חמישה אישים פלסטינים הביעו אתמול את דעתם על ענין הפיצוץ שקרה באוטובוס הישראלי שלשום בירושלים המערבית, הם אמרו: "בנוגע לתקרית אנו מאמינים כי חיוני להצביע על כך שההתקפה על מטרות אזרחיות מזיקה לכל הבנה שיכולה להיות בין הפלסטינים לבין הישראלים". הם הוסיפו כי "מעשים כאלה אם יהיו בירושלים בעין אלחילוח או בשכם יש להביע צער עליהם", הם הוסיפו עוד כי "האלימות (ענף) נגד האזרחים מכל צד שהוא, דבר שאינו מועיל לפתרון צודק של הבעיה הפלסטינית כי מקרה כזה אין אש"פ עומד מאחוריו, משום שזה עומד בסתירה לקו הפוליטי הננקט כעת על-ידי ההנהגה הלגאלית שלו".

כרים ח'לף, אנואר נסיבה, פול עג'לונגי, מצטפה נטשה וחנא סניורר

9. נסיבה אף הוסיף כי לדעתו פרסום מודעה כזו הוא המינימום שניתן לעשות וכי הוא אישית מצטער על הפיגוע.

10. נטשה אמר עוד ("הארץ" 8 דצמ' °) כי:

א. הפיגוע אינו דרך פרודוקטיבית והפלסטינים מפסידים בה יותר מאשר הישראלים לגבי דעת הקהל בעולם, ולכן אש"פ הפסיק בשנות ה-70 עם חטיפת מטוסים וטרור.

ב. איני מאמין כי אנשי ערפאת, העסוקים בנסיון לעזוב את טריפול עמדו מאחורי הפיגוע, ובכל מקרה אנשי הקבוצה אינם מאמינים באלימות נגד אזרחים משני הצדדים.

ג. כן חזר על כך ש"אש"פ הוא נציגנו וערפאת הוא המנהיג".

11. גם רימונדה טוויל הגיבה ^{על} האירוע ובראיון לקו"י (9 דצמ' °) גינתה את הפיגוע באוטובוס וטענה שאין אזרחים צריכים להיות כתובת לפיגועים וכי הדבר יכול להיות "חרב פיפיות".

12. אישים מחבל עזה הגיבו גם הם על הפיגוע, בעיתון היוצא בעזה "א-שורוק" גינה העורך את הפיגוע וגינה את הפיגוע באזרחים. כן הסכימו לפירסום גינוי באמצעי התקשורת ראש עיריית דיר אל-בלאח, ראש עיריית ח'אן יונס ועוד נכבדים מהחבל.

13. יצוין כי אין תקדים להודעה קבוצתית מעין זו נגד מעשה פיגוע כנגד אזרחים ישראלים, ובפרט שכל אנשי הקבוצה מזוהים עם אש"פ, אשר נטל על עצמו (על שני פלגיו) את ביצוע הפיגוע. אף שאין גיבוי מפורש של אש"פ בהודעה ומוטל טפק באחריות אש"פ, ההודעה יוצאת דופן בהתייחסות שלילית לפיגוע.

תגובות למצב הכלכלי

1. המצב הכלכלי בישראל משפיע גם על המצב באיו"ש ואזח"ע, לאחרונה פנו מספר סקטורים במנגנון הממשלתי בדרישה לעל את שכרם, בין השאר פנו בנושא עובדי מערכת החינוך הממשלתית, עובדי מערכת הבריאות, חלק מהם אף הפנו עצומות לראשי המנהל האזרחי עם פירוט תביעותיהם ואף איימו באירגון שביתה.

2. המנהל האזרחי מצידו החליט על העלאת שכר העובדים ב-15% מחודש אוקט' 83, מעבר לתוספות היוקר.

3. גם בקרב העצמאים והפועלים מורגש המצב הכלכלי, עיתון "אלפג"ר" ערך משאל בקרב סוחרים בשכם המתארים את המצב בעיר כקיפאון מסחרי מוחלט בו אין מוכרים דבר להוציא חומרי מזון בסיסיים והכרחיים. להלן מספר דוגמאות של הדוברים במשאל:

רל"ש מסחר בשכם, ט"אפר אלמצרי

בעיר לא היה מזה שנים רבות קפאון גרוע מהמצב הנוכחי, הקפאון הזה החל בזמן שהגדמ"ע קיימת אבטלה בקרב אנשי מקצוע ובוגרי אוניברסיטאות, למרבה הצער מערכת המיסים אינה מתחשבת במצב הקשה ומכבידה את אכפה על התושבים.

בעל חנות מכולת

אנחנו לא סובלים קשה מהקפאון הנוכחי. בהשוואה לאחרים מצבנו טוב בהרבה אבל אנו מבחינים בירידה בכמות המכירות קונים רבים שנהגו לקנות שק סוכר ושק אורז החלו לקנות בקילוגרמים, כמו כן יש סחורה כמו דברי מתיקה שהדרישה להם ירדה באופן משמעותי.

בעל החנות לכלי בית ומתנות

שיעור הקניה אינו עולה בימים אלו על 15%, מכירת דברי מותרות ומתנות הופסקה לגמרי.

בעל מאפית "אלנצר"

אנחנו מוכרים חצי מהכמות שנהגנו למכור וזאת בגלל המצב הקשה של האנשים, חלקם אף החלו לאפות בבתיים ואינם קונים לחם מוכן במאפיות, כמו כן אנשים בעלי הכנסה נמוכה החלו לצמצם את צריכת הלחם שלהם...

בעל מאפית "אלעכר"

למרות שמה הטוב של מאפיתנו איננו אופים יותר מ-60% מהכמות שנהגנו לאפות לפני שלושה חודשים.

קצב

נכון כי אנשים שנהגו לאכול בשר קפוא או בשר הודו החלו לקנות בשר טרי כיוון שמחירו כיום כמחיר הבשר הקפוא, אולם למרות זאת המכירות הן פחות ממה שהיו בעבר ובמיוחד מכירת בשר כבש.

בעל חנות בגדים

... כאשר האזרח ובמיוחד הפועלים והפקידים שהם חלק גדול באוכלוסיה מתקשה לקנות לחם, כיצד הם יכולים לחשוב על קניית בגדים... איננו מוכרים במידה שתכסה את צרכינו ואת המיסים..

("אלפג"ר" 13 אוק "

מאמרים מקומיים

פעילות דתית באזח"ע

לאחרונה היינו עדים לפעילות דתית באיו"ש ואזח"ע, דוגמא לפעילות זו הינם הכרוזים הבאים להגיב על אירועים שונים הקורים בעולם ובאזור, כרוז כזה הופץ לאחרונה באזח"ע, העקבות הפיגוע במכללה האסלאמית בחברון (יולי 83').

בשם אללה הרחמן והרחום
בענין... הטבח החדש

הוי המוני עמנו המוסלמים,
מה עושים בנו היהודים צאצאי הקופים והחזירים. מה הדם הטהור של בנינו אשר ניגר כל יום מבלי שיוקם... מה האלימות שנוהג בנו אויבנו החמוש בנשק ומשביע את תאוותו לדם... האם זו דיר יאסין חדשה או צבא ושתילה חדשה או כפר קאסם חדש או דיר יאסין החמישה עשר או העשרים במספר... איך זה קל עוד לזכור מספרו של הטבח.
הוי המוני עמנו האצילים,

תוכניתם של היהודים היא אחת, מאז באו אל אדמתכם הקדושה התנכלות... התנכלות... מעשי טבח... הגירה בסיטונות. התכנית הזו לא השתנתה, והאם השתנו אמצעי עמידתנו מול אויבנו. הם מתנחלים על כל שעל של אדמה בגדה וברצועה. יתרה מכך, הם דוחקים את האנשים בבתים כדי לגרשם מהם, ואח"כ קוראים להגן על אותם מתנחלים מסכנים אשר נוטרים טינה ומשטמה על מאות השנים של השפלה והמסכנות שחיו היהודים. אח"כ הם באו עם נשק בידיעת השלטונות, כדי לעשות שמות בתושבים שהיו בעבר בהגנתו של הכיבוש הבריטי והיום (הם חיים) תחת כידוני בני גיזעם.

ההתקפה החדשה על תלמידי המכללה הדתית בחברון אינה אלא המשך התקפות שלא יספרו מקרוב, על מסגד אלאקצא ועל מערת המכפלה. מטרתו (של האויב) **בראש** ובראשונה לפגוע בקדשי האומה, פעם במסגדיה ופעם אחרת בבתי החינוך שלה. הלבבות העוינים הללו יורקים משטמה לאסלאם כהכנה להסתערות מכרעת על קדשינו כדי למחוק את מסגד אלאקצא ולבנות מחדש את מקדשם הכוזב ומה אנו עושים (נוכח כל זאת)?
הוי המוני עמנו המוסלמים,

מדוע עוברים מעשי הטבח הללו ללא עונש? היכן השן תחת שן עין תחת עין? האם אנו רוצים את חיי העולם הזה במקום העולם הבא? האם אנו פוחדים מהמוות? והרי המוות יבוא אלינו כשאנו יושבים בבתי תפילה שלנו, במוסדותינו, ברחובות... בכל מקום. מעשי הטבח הללו העוברים ללא עונש הם אשר מעודדים את הפחדנים הללו להמשיך בפשעיהם ובשחצנותם האם אנו מצפים מאויבנו לרחמים... האם אנו מצפים ממדינה בוגדנית

להעניש את הפושעים... האם אנו לא רואים מה כתוב בקוראן: "אח"כ התקשו ליבותיהם ונעשו קשים כאבן או אף יותר קשים ממנה. ואם הם כמו אבן מדוע שיפרצו מהם הנהרות ומדוע שיבקעו ויפרצו מהם המים ואם הם מאבן מדוע (שהמים) יזרמו בגלל יראת אללה".
האם אנו מצפים לשחיטה כמו עיזים... האם נהגר ונשאיר את האדמה הקדושה לפחדני ציון שיחיו בה בהפקרות... והיכן היא האדמה שקבלנו? הוי המוני עמנו, מי שמת ללא רכוש הרי הוא חלל (שהיד-במקור-מי שמת על קידוש השם), מי שמת ללא כבודו הוא חלל מי שמת ללא אדמתו הוא חלל. הבה נלחם על קיומנו/הבה נלחם על מסגדנו מוסדותנו והמקומות הקדושים לנו.

הוי המוני עמנו המוסלמים, למה אנו מחכים? האם אנו מחכים לעזרתם של אלה ששחטו אותנו בספטמבר השחור? האם אנו מחכים שיעמדו לצידנו או שירחיקו מאיתנו את האיבה? האם אנו מחכים למרצחי תל אל זעתר? האם אנו מצפים למרצחי הפלוגות? האם אנו מחכים לאנשי הכניעה בקמפ דויד? האם אנו מחכים למלכי הנפט השקועים בתאוריהם ואינם מתפכחים? האם מחכים לכל אלה שהם השותפים האמיתיים של בני ציון? האם אנו מחכים לעזרתם שעה שהם משרתיהם (של האזיבים). האם אנו מחכים לרחמי ארה"ב ולעזרת המרצחים הרוסים אשר טובחים באחינו באפגניסטן? כל הדרכים נחסמו בפנינו ולא נשארה לנו אלא דרך אללה. הבה נטיל ייבנו על אללה ונכריז על מאבק אסלאמי שיחזיר את הזכויות לבעליהן.

הוי המוני עמנו המוסלמים, מעשי הטבח הללו מתרחשים שעה שהפילוג מכרסם את ליבות עמנו. הם מתרחשים שעה שהמורדים בבקאע מגירים את הדם הפלסטיני לרצון אדוניהם, מוכרי הגולן ומרצחי תל אלזעתר. זהו הזמן להתעורר. זהו הזמן שנשים קץ לסכסוכנו ונתלכד לגוש אחד מול אויבנו האכזר. זהו הזמן להתאחד אחדות אמיתית ולא אחדות כוזבת כמו אותה אחדות שהם קוראים לה אחדות לאומית כדי שישתלטו על גורל עמנו. האם קיימת דרך נכונה לאחדות מלבד האסלאם. "השליכו ייבכם על אללה יחד ואל תתפלגו".

הוי המוני עמנו המוסלמים, איך בפנינו אלא התקוממות... איך בפנינו אלא הג'האד (מלחמת המצווה) איך בפנינו אלא מלחמה באויבי אללה. יש להם בתי ספר כמו בתי ספרינו, להם בתי תפילה כמו בתי התפילה שלנו, שירותים כמו שירותינו, ואם כך מדוע בתי התפילה שלהם, בתי הספר והשירותים שלהם בטוחים שעה שאנשינו פוחדים ללכת הרחוב. אנו חייבים להלחם בהם בכל האמצעים האפשריים ובכל המקומות וללא רחמים.

הרי המוני עמנו המוסלמים,
הם לא רוצים אף אחד מאתנו על האדמה הזו אז הבה נאבק בהם.
אין בפנינו אלא דרך הלחימה.
"אין בפנינו אלא הג'האד... והבכי לא יעזור לנו, השיבו להם
בכל הכח שתוכלו".

תנועת המאבק האסלאמי.

ידיעות על כונה להקים את "החזית הלאומית הפלסטינית"
באיו"ש ואזח"ע
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מדי פעם מופיעים בעיתונות הערבית ידיעות על כונה לחדש את
פעילות "החזית הלאומית הפלסטינית" (שפסקה מלפעול ב-1974)
למשל השבועון "אלחריה" השייך ל"חזית הדמוקרטית" של נאיף חארתמה
כתב "החייאת החזית הלאומית צורך חיוני".

א. ב-15 אוג' 83, נמסר על הקמתה של ה"חזית הלאומית הפלסטינית"
באיזורים הכבושים, כמסגרת ארגונית מאוחדת, המרכזת בתוכה
את כל כוחות המהפכה, האישים וה"מוסדות הלאומיים", כדי שהעם
בשטחים הכבושים יוכל לעמוד באופן רציני בפני שלטונות
הכיבוש והכשלת תוכניותיו אשר מטרתן: הפקעת אדמות ועקירת
העם (הפלסטיני) מאדמתו. ההודעה על הקמת "החזית הלאומית
הפלסטינית", כמכשיר למאבק מאוחד של כל השכבות והקבוצות
הלאומיות, מבטאת את הצורך של העם על כל מוסדותיו ושכבותיו
להתאחד ולנהל מאבק נגד הכובש. מאז הוקמה לראשונה ה"חזית
הלאומית", הצליחה בשנים 73-76 לנהל מאבק נגד שלטונות הכבוש
והתכניות הציוניות וליכוד האוכלוסיה בשטחים סביב אש"פ,
כנציג לגיטימי יחיד של העם הפלסטיני, מאז הוקמה לראשונה
"החזית הלאומית" הכריזה על עצמה, כחלק בלתי נפרד מאש"פ וכי
היא משמשת לאש"פ מכשיר מדיני, לאומי וזרוע יחידה בשטחים
הכבושים. כמו כן הצהירה על דבקותה המלאה במצע המדיני והלאומי
של אש"פ כולל שיבה, הגדרה עצמית והקמת מדינה לאומית עצמאית

פלסטינית. שלטונות הכבוש ניהלו מאבק מתמיד נגד פעילות "החזית
הלאומית", וגרמו לצמצום פעילותה ע"י הוצאתה אל מחוץ לחוק של
"הועדה להכוונה לאומית" ופיזור העיריות במרץ 1982. מאז נעשו
מספר נסיונות להחיות מחדש את ה"חזית הלאומית הפלסטינית" ובהקשר
זה נתקבלו מספר החלטות במוסדות אש"פ ובפרט בכנסים של "המועצה
הלאומית הפלסטינית", אך אלה לא נשאו תוצאות חיוביות, בגלל חילוקי
דעות פנימיים בין הזרמים השונים של אש"פ, סיכסוכים וחשבונות
אישיים, וחילוקי דעות בתוך שורות המהפכה, כל אלה עיכבו ומנעו
את החיאתה של "החזית הלאומית". המצב הנוכחי בו חי ונתון העם
בשטחים הכבושים, כולל מדיניות הפקעת קרקעות, צעדי דיכוי מצד
שלטונות הכיבוש, התנחלויות, פגיעה בזכויות הלאומיות של העם
הפלסטיני, כפיית המנחל האזרחי ותכנית האוטונומיה, נסיונות לכפות
הנהגה אלטרנטיבית, וכן המצב בו נתונה המהפכה הפלסטינית באש"פ,
ובפרט לאחר יציאת אש"פ מביירות, הקרבות הפנימיים והנסיונות
החוזרים ונישנים לפגוע בהחלטה הפלסטינית העצמאית והחלשת אש"פ,
כל אלה מדגישים את החשיבות והצורך וללא היסוס, לתת עדיפות
לפעילות בשטחים.

מצב זה של אש"פ והשטחים מחייב את החיאתה של "החזית הלאומית"
באופן דחוף, כדי שזו תוכל לשמש מכשיר למאבק ולהנהיג את המוני
התושבים בשטחים נגד המדיניות היום יומית של האויב במסגרת המצע
המדיני של אש"פ, והחלטות המועצה הלאומית הפלסטינית באלג'יריה.
החיאת "החזית הלאומית" מופיחה מחדש את התמיכה וליכוד העם סביב
הנהגת אש"פ כנציג לגיטימי יחיד, דבר אשר מגביר את המשך המאבק
להשגת הזכויות הלאומיות הקבועות של העם הפלסטיני כולל הזכות
לשיבה, להגדרה עצמית והקמת מדינה לאומית עצמאית.

מאמר של צאיב עריקאת (ד"ר למדעי המדינה באוניברסיטת נג'אח בשכס)
מלמד על התיחסות באיו"ש ואזח"ע לקורה באש"פ.

הברירות העומדות בפני אש"פ

"המצוד על ערפאת ואנשיו בטריפולי מצד מורדי אבו מוסא בסיוע סורי מעלה את השאלה, מהן הברירות (האפשרויות) העומדות בפני ערפאת לעתיד, בפרט כאשר טריפולי הפכה להיות המקום האחרון, אשר יכולים כוחות התנועה הפלסטינית לנוע בחופשיות. כמו כן, כאשר הנסיבות הנוכחיות האזוריות והבינלאומיות אינן מאפשרות הקמת מדינה פלסטינית עצמאית, מכאן שבפני ערפאת ניצבות שלוש ברירות:

א. לשוב לסוריה להענות לכל תביעותיה.

ב. לשוב לירדן ולחדש את הדו-שיח הפלסטיני-ירדני.

ג. הכרזה על הקמת תנועה פלסטינית חשאית, בדיוק כפי שהיה -1965.

באשר לאפשרות הראשונה נראה כי סוריה שואפת ועומדת על כך להחליף את הנהגת התנועה הפלסטינית, איך זה מתקבל על הדעת, שערפאת יכנע למשטר הסורי, כי אז פירושו של דבר, חיסול חופש ההחלטה הפלסטינית ועצמאותה, וקשירת הבעיה הפלסטינית במישור הצבאי והמדיני בהחלטה הסורית.

האפשרות השניה של שיבת ערפאת לירדן וחידוש הדיאלוג הפלסטיני-ירדני, הרי שכאן ניצבים מכשולים רבים, פניתו של ערפאת לירדן תביא להקמת אירגון שחרור חדש, וזה בדיוק מה שסוריה מצפה. שערפאת יעשה, הדבר יספק לסוריה תירוץ להכריז על הקמת אירגון שחרור חדש. בנוסף לכך נקודות מחלוקת בין התנועה הפלסטינית שרירות וקיימות, כמו כן, יש להזכיר את עמדותיה העקשניות של ישראל בנושא האדמות הכבושות והמשך הקמת התנחלויות.

באשר לאפשרות השלישית, דהיינו התנועה הפלסטינית לתנועה חשאית ^{הסבת}

הפועלת במחתרת, הדבר יגרום לכך, שאש"פ וערפאת יאבדו חלק ניכר מהישגיהם במישור הבינלאומי ויחזיר את אש"פ לאחור לשנות השישים.

כל שלושת הברירות קשות להנהגה הפלסטינית, אך יהיה אשר יהיה, נראה שאלה האפשרויות שערפאת בוחן ובודק עתה והעתיד יבהיר לנו באיזו דרך יבחר ערפאת ללכת, מכל מקום, לכל דרך שערפאת יבחר בה יהיו השלכות רבות על המצב המדיני במזרח-התחכוך.

("אלקדס" 30 אוק' 83)

עו"ד עצאם אלענאני כתב גם הוא לאחרונה "על הבעיה הפלסטינית", כתב ענאני:

לפני ואחרי תבוסת יוני 67° תר העם הפלסטיני אחר זהותו ומולדתו. לאחר כל תבוסה של אומתנו חיפש העם הפלסטיני אחר זהותו ומולדתו ועדין ממשיך בחיפושו. זוהי האמת ואיש אינו מכחיש אותה. ואולם בנסיבות הנוכחיות בהן נתון העם הפלסטיני ובעיקר על רקע המשבר והקרע באש"פ מעלה מחבר המאמר סדרת שאלות, מה על העם הפלסטיני והאוכלוסייה בשטחים לעשות בשלב הנוכחי בקשר לחיי היום יום והחשוב מכל מה צריך לעשות בנוגע לפתרון המדיני. כותב המאמר שואל מדוע לא נחשוב כיצד לשמור על עצמנו, קיומנו והשארותנו על אדמתנו למרות כל הקשיים והמשברים העוברים עלינו.

מדוע לא נדרוש בקול עיבוד תכנית לפתרון בעיותנו ההומניות, הכלכליות והחברתיות? מדוע לא נערכים מפגשים להקמת גוף או מוסד מיוחד שיפעל להכנת תכנית מעשית, למימוש של פתרונות אלה? מדוע לא ניתן לעצמנו הפוגה זמנית, שבמהלכה נפסיק את פיטפוי הסרק ונתמקד אך ורק הנושא אחד בוער וחשוב והוא האדם הפלסטיני "בפנים" ("בשטחים").

המחבר מציע: קיום הפוגה ממפלגות, הפוגה מהאשמות עצמיות, נגד מדינות ערב ומדינות העולם.
הפוגה מניהול מסחר על הווה ועל עתיד, הפוגה ממריבות עם אחרים
הפוגה מכל דבר והתמקדות בנושא אחד והוא האנשים, אשר אנו מכנים
אותם בשם העם הפלסטיני, אשר הם יסוד ובסיס, ואשר למענם יש להשיג
חופש, חרות, וזכויות לגיטימיות, שהרי רק בגללם תשאר המולדת
ובהם בלבד תמשיך הבעיה להתקיים.

("אלקדס" 3 נוב' 83)

ידיעות בקצרה

פניות סטודנטים מאוניברסיטת עזה למצרים להכיר בתעודותיה

1. סטודנטים, שסימו לימודיהם האקדמאים באוניברסיטה האיסלאמ בעזה, ביקשו במכתב (31 אוק') שהופנה לשלטונות מצרים, לעש את כל המאמצים בכדי שיכירו בתעודותיהם.

("אלקדם" 30 אוק

הכרה מצרית בתעודות האוניברסיטה האיסלאמית בעזה

2. רקטור האוניברסיטה האיסלאמית בעזה, ד"ר מחמד אחמד צקר, מיי כי הגורמים המוסמכים במצרים התחילו לאשר ולהכיר בתעודות האוניברסיטה האיסלאמית בעזה החל מ-21 נוב' 83.

("אלשעב" 23 נוב'

סגירת אוניברסיטת בית-לחם

3. אוניברסיטת בית-לחם נסגרה למשך חודשיים, החל מ-1 נוב', בעיקבות הפרות סדר של סטודנטים באוניברסיטה במחאה על מעצו של 8 חברי מועצת הסטודנטים בעקבות תערוכת המורשת הפלסטיני (21 אוק'), שהתקיימה באוניברסיטה. הלימודים באוניברסיטה חודשו בהסכמת המנהל האזרחי בלבד (5 דצמ').

(עיתונות מז' י-ס, 3 נוב'

פניית גורמים מאיר"ש ואזח"ע לליגה הערבית להתערב במאבקים

בטריפולי

4. המוסדות היצוגיים של התושבים הערבים בגדה וברצועה פנו בקריאה דחופה למזכ"ל הליגה הערבית על מנת שיתערב נגד מעשי הטבח המתבצעים בטריפולי ע"י סוריה ולוב. המוסדות גם דורשים כינוס פסגה ערבית על מנת שתבחן את הפעולות הסוריות והלוביות הפוגעות באש"פ.

(ס"צ 3 נוב')

מסיבת עיתונאים של תדשבי מ.פ. דהישה בנושא תכנית שיקום

הפליטים

5. נציגי מ.פ. דהישה קיימו (21 נוב') מסיבת עיתונאים בה הביעו התנגדותם לתכנית השר בן-פורת. הם אמרו בין היתר, כי הם דוחים את תכנית בן-פורת והם רוצים בפתרון פוליטי של העניין הפלסטיני ולא בפתרון של העניינים החברתיים של מחנות הפליטים. מטרתה של תכנית בן-פורת היא לטשטש את הזהות הפוליטית והחברתית של הפלסטינים. מטרת התכנית הן ההיפך מדברי התעמולה הישראליים המדברים על הומניטריות ואי אפשר להגשים פתרונות הומנטריים בנסיבות האפליה הגזעית הנקוטה ע"י שלטונות הכיבוש בשטחים.

("אלפג"ר" 22-23 נוב')

תגובות לחילופי השבויים בין אש"פ לישראל

6. מאמר מערכת "אלקדס" (25 נוב') משבח את חילופי השבויים ומקווה שלתהליך ולסגנון זה יהיה המשך בפתרון הבעיות הגדולות.

"אלשעב" (25 נוב°) רואה בחילופים הישג גדול שיחזק את ביטחונם העצמי של הפלסטינים ואת תמיכתם בהנהגתם.
"אלפג°ר" (25 נוב°) משבח את החילופים ומקוה לעליית יוקרת הנהגת אש"פ בעיני פלסטינים.
העיתונים גם פירסמו מודעות ברכה למשוררים הפלסטינים מטעם גופים לאומיים שונים מאיר"ש.

התאחדות מגדלי ההדרים באזח"ע אמורה לשלוח משלחת למצרים

7. התאחדות מגדלי ההדרים באזח"ע החליטה לשלוח משלחת למצרים כדי לדון עם שלטונות מצרים בענין שיווק ההדרים מהרצועה למדינות ערב. יו"ר ההתאחדות, חאג° האשם עטא א-שוא מסר שהמשלחת תפגש עם נשיא מצרים ותבקש ממנו לפעול על מנת שסעודיה ומדינות המפרץ יקנו כמויות גדולות יותר של הדרים.

("אלקדס" 29 נוב°)

משלחת הרוקחים מאזח"ע לכרית

8. משלחת מטעם הרוקחים מאזח"ע יצאה (11 דצמ°) לכרית להשתתף בכנס השבועי של הרוקחים הערביים בכרית.

("אלפג°ר" 13 נוב°)

משלחת אקדמאית מאוניברסיטאות באירופה וארה"ב בדקה את החופש

האקדמאי באיר"ש

9. משלחת של שלושה אישים מאוניברסיטאות באירופה וארה"ב סיימה (9 דצמ°) ביקור באיר"ש ואזח"ע שנועד לבדוק את החופש האקדמאי

באיזורים אלה, המשלחת ביקרה במספר מוסדות להשכלה גבוהה באיר"ש ואזח"ע והיתה אמורה לבדוק את השפעת הצויס הצבאיים על האוניברסיטאות ואת תכנית הפיתוח של האוניברסיטאות, כמו כן בדקה המשלחת את סגירתן של חלק מהאוניברסיטאות, המשלחת גם נועדה עם ראשי המועצה להשכלה גבוהה באיר"ש.

("אלשעב" 13 דצמ')

ציון יום המורה הפלסטיני באיר"ש

10. לרגל יום המורה הפלסטיני (17 דצמ') שלחה הועדה הכללית של מורי בתי-הספר הממשלתיים באיר"ש איגרת למורים לציון המאורע. האיגרת מסבירה את שליחות המורה בחינוך הנוער, ומדגישה כי יום המורה יהיה הזדמנות להגברת המאבק למען השגת הדרישות הצודקות של המורים.

בחירות למועצת הסטודנטים באוניברסיטה האיסלאמית בחברון

11. בבחירות שהתקיימו ב-28 נוב' למועצת הסטודנטים באוניברסיטה האיסלאמית בחברון **גור** "גוש תנועת הצעירים הסטודנטאלי" (הלאומי) על הגוש האיסלאמי וזכה בכל המנדטים.

("אלפג'ר" 29 נוב')

בחירות למועצה להשכלה גבוהה באיו"ש

12. לאחר תקופה ארוכה של שיתוק בפעולות המועצה להשכלה גבוהה ב"או"ש התקיימו ב-21 באוק' בחירות למועצה. בעקבות הבחירות הורחבה המועצה מ-9 ל-11 חברים ובהם ד"ר שריף כנעאנה-מ"מ נשיא אוניברסיטת נג'אח, ד"ר אנטון צנצור- סגן נשיא אוניברסיטת בית-לחם, ד"ר גאבי בראמכי- סגן נשיא אוניברסיטת ביר-זית, ד"ר שפיק עיאש- נשיא אוניברסיטת ירושלים, איבראהים סלימאן טוויל- נציג העיריות באיו"ש (ר"ע אלבירה המודח), ד"ר מחמד נאצר א-דין- נציג האיגודים המקצועיים באיו"ש, ד"ר אדיב אלקייסי מאגודת אקדמאים בחברון, מחמד אלזאהר מאיחוד האיגודים המקצועיים בעזה, ד"ר צובר עיוש- נציג המרצים באוניברסיטאות והמהנדס חסן אלקיק.

בישיבה שקיים ה"ועד הפועל של המועצה" בתאריך 27 אוק' נבחר כיו"ר ה"ועד הפועל של המועצה להשכלה גבוהה" ד"ר אנטון צנצור.

(עיתונות מזרח ירושלים)

מצרים מסכימה ליבא פרי הדר מאזח"ע

1. מצרים הסכימה לאחרונה ליבא השנה פרי הדר מאזח"ע. זו הפעם הראשונה מאז 1967, שנחתם הסכם בענין זה עם אחת החברות המקומיות באזח"ע.

("אלקדס" 14 דצמ')

תשובת המלך פאהד לפניית התאחדות מגדלי ההדרים באזח"ע להפסיק
הטבח בלבנון

14. יו"ר התאחדות מגדלי ההדרים באזח"ע, חאג' האשם עטא א-שוא, קיבל מברק מפאהד מלך סעודיה בתשובה לפנייתם למלכים וראשי מדינות

ערביים לפעול למען הפסקת הטבח נגד העם הפלסטיני בלבנון ונגד הנהגתו החוקית. בתשובתו מדגיש המלך הסעודי כי ממלכתו עושה את המאמצים להתגבר על הטרור בלבנון תוך שמירה על העם הפלסטיני ועל ישותו והגנה על זכויותיו ומעמדו.

("אלפג"ר" 14 דצמ°)

ציון יום המורה הפלסטיני

15. באולם "התאחדות האשה הערבית" במזרח-ירושלים התקיימה ב-14 דצמ° מסיבה לרגל יום המורה הפלסטיני. מספר מורים נשאו דברים על תפקידי המורה הפלסטיני בחינוך הדור הצעיר וגידולו בתנאים הקשים העוברים על הבעיה הפלסטינית. בתום המסיבה חילק המהנדס איבראהים דקאק מדליות למורים המצטיינים ("אלקדס" 14 דצמ°). קודם לכן שלחה הועדה הכללית של מורי בתי-הספר הממשלתיים באיו"ש איגרת למורים לציון המאורע בו מוסברת שליחות המורה בחינוך הנוער, וכי יום המורה יהיה הזדמנות והגברת המאבק למען השגת הדרישות הצודקות של המורים.

("אלפג"ר" 13 דצמ°)

משאלים בעיתונות מזרח-ירושלים על מידת התמיכה באש"פ, ערפאת, ואיזה פתרונות רצויים לבעיה הפלסטינית

16. לאחרונה מפרסמים עיתוני ושבועוני מזרח-ירושלים תוצאות של משאלי דעת קהל וכן מפיצים לקוראים שאלות, שמטרתן לעמוד על מידת התמיכה של הקוראים בערפאת באש"פ, ואיזה פתרונות מקובלים על הקוראים. בעיתון "אלפג"ר" 29 נוב° 83°, נשאלים הקוראים על דעתם בדבר הקמת/אי הקמת ממשלה פלסטינית גולה,

וממיכה/אי תמיכה במנהיגות ערפאת כראש אש"פ ובקו הפוליטי
שלו. השבועון "אלביאדר אלסיאסי" מ-3 לדצמ' 83, מפרסם
תוצאות משאל עם, שערך השבועון, שבו נקבע שכ-94% תומכים
המנהיגות ערפאת, כ-80% תומכים בחידוש הדיאלוג הירדני-פלסטיני,
40% בעד הסכם אשפ"י-ירדני-מצרי לפתרון מדיני, כן תומכים
58% בהמשך הקשר עם כוחות השלום הישראליים.
יצויין שמשאלים אלה אינם מביעים את הלכי הרוח האמיתיים של
תושבי איר"ש ואזח"ע, אינם ערוכים בצורה מדעית והם חלק
מהתעמולה הפרו-אשפ"י"ת באמצעות עיתונים אלו.

פעילות המנהל האזרחי

פתיחת שנת הלימודים באיו"ש

1. ב-1 באוק' 83', נפתחה שנת הלימודים של בתי-הספר הממשלתיים באיו"ש, זאת תוך שמירת שקט מלא.

פתיחת מרכזיה אוטומטית בעיר שכס

2. בתחילת אוק' נערך טכס פתיחת המרכזיה האוטומטית בעיר שכס בבנין הדואר, וזאת בהשתתפות שר התקשורת, מתאם הפעולה באיו"ש ואזח"ע, ראש המנהל האזרחי ונכבדים מקומיים רבים בניהם רל"ש מסחר בעיר, ראש העיר לשעבר חאג' מעזוז אלמצרי, חברי המסחר לשכת בעיר, נשיא בית-המשפט המקומי בשכס ופקידות ערבית בכירה.

הכרזה על מועצה כפרית חדשה באזח"ע מועצה כפרית ג'ררה (נפת ח'אן-יונס)

3. ב-7 בדצמ' הוכרזה בנפת ח'אן-יונס על הקמת מועצה כפרית חדשה ג'ררה, הטכס נערך בהשתתפות ראש המנהל האזרחי, סגן המנהל הכללי של משרד הפנים ובהשתתפות נכבדים ערבים מכל האיזור והנפה.

סיור בתערוכה החקלאית ע"י המנהל האזרחי באזח"ע

4. ב-6 באוק' 83', ערך המנהל האזרחי באזח"ע סיור בתערוכה החקלאית אגרוטק 83', בסיור נטלו חלק ראשי ערים, מועצות מקומיות, מנכלי"ם ונציגים מהמפקדה.

השתלמות לעובדים בכירים מהמנגנון הממשלתי וראשי האגפים

באולפן "עקיבא"

5. מ-1-3 לנוב' התקיימה באולפן "עקיבא" (נתניה) השתלמות לעובדים בכירים מהמנגנון הממשלתי באזח"ע וראשי הרשויות.

יוצאת ירחון מטעם המנהל האזרחי בעזה

6. בתחילת דצמ' יצא גיליון חדש של ידיעות עזה, שמוצא ע"י המנהל האזרחי בעזה, הירחון מקיף כ-80 עמודים ונמכר בכ-200 עותקים בשוק החופשי ובבתי-הספר. הגיליון החדש עוסק בידיעות על פיתוח המנהל האזרחי ברשת הטלפונים, סיקור ההשתלמות באולפן "עקיבא", סיקור טכס סיום קורס מורי נהיגה, סיקור ביקור ראש המנהל האזרחי והמטה אצל אישים ומוסדות לרגל חגיגת עיד אל-אדחא (חג הקורבן), חגיגת יום השוטר והמדורים הקבועים.

ביקור, מתאם הפעולות באיו"ש ואזח"ע

7. מתאם הפעולות באיו"ש ואזח"ע ביקר בארה"ב בין התאריכים 7-21 דצמ' 83°, בהמשך הביקור נפגש המתאם עם אישים במחלקת המדינה בארה"ב, וזאת עפ"י בקשת מחלקת המדינה, לאחר שהועלתה הצעה עירונית אמריקאית לשיפור איכות החיים באיו"ש.

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Israel's West Bank

By Robert M. Morgenthau

The much-touted rapprochement between America and Israel notwithstanding, there is one bone of contention that appears to defy resolution: disposition of the West Bank. The Administration seems to believe that Israeli control over the area will make Arab antagonism irreversible. And many of Israel's would-be friends maintain that unless the West Bank is relinquished, Israel will lose its Jewish identity in the flood of a rapidly growing Arab population and will have to resort to ever more repressive measures against the Arab inhabitants, making endless violence inevitable.

In the heat of the debate, a few facts are ignored.

First, there is no one to talk with about the West Bank. Israel has repeatedly called for negotiations, stipulated in the Camp David agreement. Jordan, after hinting, promising and teasing, has refused to join. Palestinian Arab leaders, fearful after assassinations by the Palestine Liberation Organization, shy away. Egypt has shown no interest in West Bank negotiations since 1930.

Second, Israel cannot relinquish military control of the West Bank. Both the governing coalition and the Labor opposition believe that military control of the area is vital. The reasons could not be plainer. The "confrontation states" on Israel's eastern front are arming feverishly. By 1986, they will have a staggering number of sophisticated weapons, including 10,000 tanks. (That's about the number the Atlantic alliance has for the defense of Europe.) To suggest that Israel withdraw from the only barrier between these hostile armies and the 10-mile-wide coastal strip that contains 80 percent of Israel's population and 66 percent of its industry is to recommend suicide.

Third, it is illogical to claim that the settlements are "an obstacle to peace." Only the prospect of an irreversible, complete Israeli takeover of the entire West Bank can serve as an incentive for the Arabs to negotiate. If the settlements are frozen, the Arabs will have nothing to lose by waiting.

Fourth, the "demographic danger" is a canard. There is no danger that Israel will be engulfed by a fast growing Arab population. The West Bank has been under Israeli control since 1967. Since then, the ratio of Jews to Arabs west of the Jordan River — in Gaza, the West Bank and pre-1967 Israel — has remained exactly the same: 65 percent Jews, 35 percent Arabs. (Without Gaza, it is 71-29.) All projections point to a similar ratio in the future.

Israel has brought unprecedented prosperity to the West Bank. There are four Arab universities — none existed under Jordan. Medical care, life expectancy and the standard of living are all rapidly approaching Israel's levels.

Existing tensions and restrictions

are rooted in the territory's transitional status. Once Israel's right to exist is affirmed, West Bank Arabs, like their 700,000 brethren who are Israeli citizens, will have full civil and human rights and will live in peace with Israel.

What is lost amid the sensational

Fifth, Palestinian Arabs already have a state. All Arab leaders, including King Hussein and Yasir Arafat, have repeatedly declared that Palestinians and Jordanians are one nation. The inevitable conclusion is that a Palestinian-Arab state exists: It is called Jordan and it comprises 80 percent of the area of Palestine as defined by the League of Nations (the only existing political definition of Palestine). It is therefore difficult to see the need for a second Palestinian-Arab state in the 40-by-50-mile area known as the West Bank.

Sixth, Israel's right to Judea and Samaria and to the coastal plain is indisputable. Israel's legal claim is based on the League of Nations Mandate, which stipulated Jewish settlement and a Jewish National Home in all of Palestine. It is based, too, on the historic, religious and cultural Jewish ties to the land, on the 3,000 years of uninterrupted Jewish presence, on the fact that only the Jews have ever had an independent sovereign state there and on the sacrifices they have made to redeem the land.

Seventh, West Bank Arabs have more civil rights than citizens of any Arab country. They have access to impartial courts and the right of habeas corpus. They enjoy freedom of the press, of movement and of peaceful assembly.

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headlines and passionate debate is that, despite occasional Arab violence and ugly incidents of Jewish vigilantism, 50,000 Jews and 750,000 Arabs in the West Bank live, work and trade in peace. There is a *modus vivendi* with Jordan, the bridges on the Jordan River are open, commerce flourishes and 150,000 visitors from Arab countries come every summer.

If the West Bank, rather than reverting to Arab rule, remains under Israel, its Arabs will live in a free democracy instead of an autocratic police state.

Israeli settlements on West Bank hew enmity into stone

By Peter Almond
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EFRAT SETTLEMENT, West Bank — The sound of jackhammers and construction machinery floats to the top of the hill on the long, winding road from Bethlehem.

The new white townhouses, clinging to the crest of the bare rocky hillside, make it clear that Washington's hopes for a freeze on Jewish settlements have been vain ones.

The Jewish settlement of Efrat, now with 500 families which are expected soon to become 5,000, is but one of scores of Jewish settlements intended to introduce 100,000 Israelis into the West Bank Arab population of 700,000 by 1990. About 30,000 Jews have settled on the West Bank already, and they are increasing at the rate of 10,000 a year.

The Zionist dream of the Jewish

people returning to their ancient homeland is proceeding apace, no matter how much President Reagan might like a freeze on construction as a spur to Jordan and other Arab states to move toward negotiations. The West Bank was captured from Jordan in the 1967 Six Days War, and Jordan's claim to the area now complicates the claims on it.

The settlers of Efrat, identified by the Israeli license tags on their cars, are the particular targets of the stone throwers of the Dahasthia Palestinian refugee camp. The camp is a few miles away on the same Jerusalem Hebron road near Bethlehem.

It was an ax attack on a Jewish settler in the Nablus marketplace on Monday that created the latest tension between Jews and Palestinians felt throughout the West Bank. The settlers demand more Israeli protection; the Arabs say they fear



stricter control and vigilante action against them.

Stabbings, shootings and death from stoning continued to mark Arab resentment of these settlements.

Early this week, Amiton Argah, a high-school biology teacher, was

taking his turn to watch over the settlement's elementary school as mothers came to collect their children. He carried an Uzi submachine gun over his shoulder and said there was no hope of his ever being forced to leave, or for construction at Efrat to stop.

"My sister was a prisoner of the Jordanians near here in 1948," he said. "I have classmates who died defending Etzion (another, older Jewish settlement a short distance away). This was always Jewish land. We have taken nothing from the Arabs."

Marina Goldsmith, lately of Jerusalem and Reading, Pa., came by to collect her two children and said she too saw no way she could be made to leave Efrat. "Even if there was this Palestinian autonomy, I understand these settlements would continue to come under the protection of Israel," she said.

The houses of Efrat are far from the rude log cabins of America's pioneering days. A settlement clerk said they cost \$80,000 to \$120,000 each, partly because they are made of local stone, which adds 50 percent to the basic cost, and partly because of the expense of preparing the rocky land and

bringing in water, electricity and sewage lines.

They thus appeal to the relatively well-paid, which translates into settlers who are educated, motivated and politically powerful.

Even before Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir went to Washington, he went out of his way to say there would be no freeze on the settlements and that this was not even on the agenda for his discussions with President Reagan.

The Jerusalem Post rebuked Mr. Shamir for making such a statement, particularly as the settlements were almost certainly on the agenda of things the Americans wanted to talk about.

But the Post also reported last weekend that the three-member Tehiya Party in Mr. Shamir's shaky coalition government would leave the coalition if Mr. Shamir made any concessions on Judea and Samaria (the West Bank) while he was in Washington. A pullout of the Tehiya Party probably would be enough to bring down Mr. Shamir's government.

Faced with such Israeli determination, many Palestinians see little hope of getting the land. Noting statements by Arab leaders that the settlements make it "one minute to midnight" for the cause of a Palestinian state, Mayor Elias Freig, the moderate Palestinian mayor of Bethlehem, told The Washington Times:

"I believe it has already gone past midnight. There is no more time left for us. The settlements should have been stopped when we had a chance with President Reagan's plan last year.

"I accepted it, but the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organization) didn't. And the Rabat decision (a 1974 meeting of Arab nations) recognizes only the PLO and (its Chairman Yasser) Arafat (as representing the Palestinians)."

Mr. Freig said that, ironically, Palestinian moderates are in a stronger position now than they have ever been. But in the crossfire of Arab politics they find it impossible to organize.

"There is still a very small chance — if Arafat leaves Tripoli and goes to Amman. If he goes to Algiers (where 1,100 recently released PLO fighters await him), then I don't know. I think most Palestinians here want Arafat to go to Jordan and join with King Hussein."

Indeed, a number of people in the Dahasthia refugee camp — one of the remaining bastions of PLO support remaining on the West Bank — say they want Mr. Arafat to join King Hussein in their wish to have the king to represent them in autonomy talks with Israel. One man says 80 percent of the camp wanted that.

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American in Israeli army believed POW

By Thomas D. Brandt
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One American, born in Brooklyn, is missing in action in Lebanon.

Thought to have been captured by Syrians while serving in an Israeli tank in June 1982, Sgt. Zachary Baumel, then 22, was paraded as a prisoner of war in Damascus the same day, and since then has never been accounted for.

His mother and father, who along with Sgt. Baumel hold dual U.S.-Israeli citizenship, say they have information indicating their son is alive.

The Syrians deny any knowledge of Sgt. Baumel. He was part of the Israeli invasion force that moved into Lebanon last year.

Sgt. Baumel is in the Israeli army and is registered with the U.S. Selective Service. He and his family moved from the United States to Israel in 1971. According to a State Department official, the dual citizenship "creates a problem, but that doesn't make it any less an issue for us."

(Although the United States does not recognize dual citizenship, and foreign nationals applying for U.S. citizenship must renounce allegiance to the country where they were citizens, many other nations have no such provision. An American does not automatically lose his U.S. citizenship upon becoming a citizen of another country.)

The U.S. official said it is an ongoing matter in U.S.-Syrian relations, but "as long as they (Syrians) say they have no knowledge, what can we do?" A White House spokesman yesterday deferred questions to the State Department.

The parents, Yona and Miriam Baumel, have information from at least one eyewitness in Damascus who believes he saw Sgt. Baumel, along with other prisoners, on their captured tank in the Damascus war parade.

There is also a fuzzy photograph taken from a television picture of the parade showing an Israeli tank which bears the same markings as Sgt. Baumel's tank, and men who appear to be Israeli prisoners. The State Depart-

ment source, who is familiar with the photo and the parade, said the men could have been Syrians dressed as prisoners for propaganda purposes.

"I don't want to say we've given up on him because we haven't," Mr. Baumel said in a telephone interview yesterday from Jerusalem. "But we don't have any hard news, the same as we haven't had from the beginning."

The father, working for the last year with the office of Sen. Charles Percy, R-Ill., and others in Congress, have confirmed other facts about his son. Sgt. Baumel's tank was the last to leave the battlefield of Sultan Yakoub on June 11, the same day as the Damascus parade.

While the Syrians have denied knowledge of Sgt. Baumel, one of the three POWs they have identified, and still hold, served on Sgt. Baumel's tank.

"We have eyewitness accounts that he arrived alive in Damascus," Mr. Baumel said about his son. He believes, from intelligence sources that he could not reveal, that his son probably is being held by a faction of the Palestine Liber-

ation Organization which is waiting to use him in a future trade.

"We hold the Syrians to account for him," Mr. Baumel said, noting that under the Geneva Convention on the rules of war, a country that captures a prisoner is responsible for his treatment.

Yesterday Sen. Percy said he "hopes that the Syrians see that it is to their advantage to account for this man." The Baumels and Sen. Percy's office said they have pressed the issue as a humanitarian matter and not a political one, feeling that approach would most likely bring results.

"If I have anything to say, it would be great thanks to Sen. Percy and his discreet diplomacy," Mr. Baumel said. Since last year the senator, who is chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, has met with the Syrian ambassador, government officials from the Middle East, Europe and the United States, plus the international Red Cross, on the Baumel matter.

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--POLICE FEAR START OF BOMBING CAMPAIGN BY IDF-
TRAINED JEWISH TERRORISTS--U.S. CITIZEN HELD FOR MURDER OF 11 YEAR OLD ARAB
GIRL IN NABLUS--AGENCE FRANCE, "CHILDREN'S WAR IS FIRST LINE OF
RESISTANCE ON WEST BANK, ITS SYMBOL THE THROWN STONE"--ISRAELIS CARRY ANTI-SETTLEMENT PROTEST TO WEST BANK;
SETTLEMENT DRIVE CONTINUES--ARABS EXPECT ARAFAT-HUSSEIN PEACE MOVE;
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2. POLICE FEAR START OF BOMBING CAMPAIGN BY IDF- TRAINED JEWISH TERRORISTS

--ALL PAPERS REPORTED FIVE BOOBY-TRAPPED GRENADES AT CHRISTIAN AND MUSLIM RELIGIOUS SITES AND OTHER ATTACKS ON COMMERCIAL TARGETS IN EAST JERUSALEM. A SHOP WAS TORCHED IN THE OLD CITY CHRISTIAN QUARTER AND A GRENADE THROWN LATE SATURDAY EVENING ON THE MAIN SHOPPING STREET OF EAST JERUSALEM. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED IN THE NOCTURNAL ATTACKS. MORE ALARMING TO POLICE OFFICIALS WAS THE DISCOVERY OF FIVE BOOBY TRAPS ARMED WITH IDF ISSUE GRENADES BEARING CONSECUTIVE SERIAL NUMBERS. PLACED AT A FRANCISCAN MONASTERY, A GREEK ORTHODOX SEMINARY, THE DORMITION ABBY AND A MOSQUE NEAR THE GILO SETTLEMENT, THE BOOBY TRAPS (ACCORDING TO THE POST) STRUCK POLICE OFFICIALS AS REMINISCENT OF IDF TRAINING. THE POST QUOTED BOMB SQUAD OFFICIALS, WHO HAVE DEALT WITH 50 BOMB WARNINGS A DAY SINCE THE BUS BOMBING, AS COMPLAINING THAT THEY HAVE "ENOUGH WORK WITHOUT HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT SOME CRAZY JEWS PLANTING BOMBS." A JEWISH EXTREMIST GROUP CALLING ITSELF "TERROR AGAINST TERROR" TOOK RESPONSIBILITY.

--ALL PAPERS ALSO REPORTED THAT SIX ARAB CARS WERE TORCHED IN THE MIXED NEIGHBORHOOD OF ABU TOR. ARABIC PAPERS LINK THE CAR BURNING WITH THE JEWISH TERRORIST GROUP. THE POST REPORTED THAT POLICE OFFICIALS WERE NOT RULING OUT NEIGHBORHOOD RIVALRIES IN THE TENSE NEIGHBORHOOD AS A MOTIVE. PRO-PLO AL-FAJR ADDED THAT A BOMB WAS DISCOVERED IN AN ARAB SECONDARY SCHOOL IN DOURA, OUTSIDE HEBRON.

--IN RELATED ITEMS, THE POST QUOTED PM SHAMIR'S ADDRESS TO FORMER MEMBERS OF THE IRGUN CALLING FOR A REVIVAL OF THE "VALUES AND PRIORITIES" OF THE ISRAELI UNDERGROUND MOVEMENT. AL-FAJR WONDERED WHY THE GOI IS QUICK TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST ARAB TERRORISTS, BUT SLOW TO CONDEMN JEWISH ATTACKS ON ARABS. AL-FAJR PRAISED ONE ISRAELI PAPER, AL-HAMASHBIR, FOR HAVING THE COURAGE TO CONDEMN TERRORISTS FROM BOTH COMMUNITIES. AL-FAJR CONCLUDED BY DEMANDING EQUAL TREATMENT FOR ARAB AND JEWISH TERRORISTS AND CONDEMNED THE LAW OF THE JUNGLE WHICH SETTLERS IMPOSE

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3. U.S. CITIZEN HELD FOR MURDER OF 11 YEAR OLD ARAB GIRL IN NABLUS

--ALL PAPERS REPORTED THE DETENTION OF A 26 YEAR OLD U.S. CITIZEN LIVING IN THE ELON MOREH SETTLEMENT FOR KILLING ONE ARAB AND WOUNDING THREE OTHERS WITH HIS AUTOMATIC WEAPON. POLICE ARE REPORTEDLY HANDLING THE KILLING AS MURDER, AND THE MILGOV SECURITY APPARATUS IS NOT INVOLVED IN THE CASE. THE POST QUOTED EYE-WITNESS REPORTS THAT THE KILLER CHASED A GROUP OF CHILDREN DOWN A SIDE STREET AND THEN BROKE INTO A BAKERY OPENING FIRE. RADICAL ASHAAB, CITING ISRAELI SOURCES, REPORTED THAT WHEN THE BAKER EMERGED FROM THE BACK ROOM AND ASKED WHAT WAS GOING ON, THE KILLER TOLD HIM TO SHUT UP OR HE WOULD BE SHOT TOO. ONLY WHEN THE KILLER FLED DID THE BAKER SEE THAT HIS TWO DAUGHTERS, WHO HAD BEEN PLAYING IN HIS SHOP, WERE AMONG THE VICTIMS.

--THE POST REPORTED THAT POLICE DID NOT YET BELIEVE THAT THE EVIDENCE SO FAR ASSEMBLED AGAINST THEIR AMERICAN SUSPECT WAS CONCLUSIVE. THE POST ADDED THAT CALLS FOR A PROTEST STRIKE IN NABLUS WENT LARGELY UNHEEDED.

4. AGENCE FRANCE, "CHILDREN'S WAR IS FIRST LINE OF RESISTANCE ON THE WEST BANK, ITS SYMBOL IS THE THROWN STONE"

--AL-FAJR QUOTED EXTENSIVELY FROM AN AGENCE FRANCE REPORT ON THE "CHILDREN'S WAR" ON THE WEST BANK. DESCRIBING HOW BOYS AS YOUNG AS SIX YEARS OLD HIDE IN AMBUSH TO STONE ISRAELI VEHICLES, THE REPORT CLAIMED THAT THEIR ACTIONS HAD MADE LIFE UNBEARABLE FOR SETTLERS. AL-FAJR CLAIMED THAT THE CHILDREN RECEIVE ADULT SENTENCES AND ARE SEVERELY BEATEN WHEN ARRESTED. ASHAAB QUOTED A GUSH EMUNIM SPOKESMAN SAYING SETTLERS HAD IDF PERMISSION TO SHOOT STONE THROWERS IF SETTLERS LIVES ARE THREATENED.

--THE REST OF THE PRESS REPORTED SEVERAL STONE-THROWING ATTACKS OVER THE WEEKEND. ASHAAB REPORTED THAT AT ASKAR AND QALANDIYYA CAMPS, RESIDENTS STONED VEHICLES. ALL PAPERS REPORTED THAT A KIRYAT ARBA BUS WAS STONED BY DEHEIS EH CAMP. SETTLERS GAVE CHASE, BUT DIDN'T CATCH THE ATTACKERS. MODERATE AL-QUDS ADDED THAT SETTLERS SMASHED ARAB CAR WINDOWS IN REVENGE. THE ARABIC PRESS

REPORTED THAT TWO FIREBUMBS WERE THROWN AT A POLICE VEHICLE IN AL-BIREH, CAUSING NO DAMAGE AND NO INJURIES. THE ARABIC PRESS ALSO REPORTED THAT SIX JENIN AREA YOUTHS WERE FINED 150 TO 300 USDOLS EACH FOR THROWING STONES.

5. ISRAELIS CARRY ANTI-SETTLEMENT PROTEST TO WEST BANK; SETTLEMENT DRIVE CONTINUES

--ALL PAPERS REPORTED THAT ISRAELIS BELONGING TO "THE ALTERNATIVE" MOVEMENT DEMONSTRATED BEFORE MINISTER OF FINANCE COHEN ORGAD'S HOUSE IN THE ARIEL SETTLEMENT OVERLOOKING NABLUS. THE PROTESTORS ACCUSED THE GOI OF STEALING LAND FROM THE ARABS AND THEN TAKING FOOD OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF ISRAEL'S POOR TO PAY FOR THE SETTLEMENTS. THE POST QUOTED THE MOF AS

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CLAIMING THAT ONLY 22 MILLION USDOOLS HAD BEEN SPENT ON SETTLEMENTS THIS YEAR. THE PROTESTORS DID NOT BELIEVE THIS. RESIDENTS OF THE SETTLEMENT BEGAN THROWING STONES AT THE PROTESTORS. NO ARRESTS REPORTED.

--ELSEWHERE ON THE WEST BANK, THE SEIZURE OF ARAB LAND CONTINUED. AL-QUDS REPORTED THAT 260 DUNAMS OF ARAB-OWNED LAND NEAR THE HUGE MAALE ADUMIM SETTLEMENT WAS SEIZED, ALLEGEDLY FOR A JEWISH CEMETERY. AL-FAJR REPORTED THAT 13 ARAB HOMES WERE DESTROYED NEAR JERUSALEM WHEN HOUSEHOLDERS FAILED TO PRODUCE ADEQUATE TITLE DEEDS. AL-FAJR AND ASHAAB REPORTED SIX DUNAMS OF FARM LAND WERE SEIZED IN BEIT SAHOUR. ALL ARABIC PAPERS REPORTED THE FEARS OF EIN YABROUD RESIDENTS, MANY U.S. CITIZENS, THAT THE NEIGHBORING OFRAH SETTLEMENT WILL EXPAND AND SEIZE MORE OF THEIR LAND. RESIDENTS COMPLAIN THAT THE NUMBER OF SETTLERS IS INCREASING IN OFRAH AND SETTLERS' PROVOCATIONS AND ATTACKS ARE GROWING MORE SERIOUS. IN CONCLUSION, AL-FAJR PUOTED UNDOCUMENTED CLAIMS BY AMMAN THAT 16 NEW SETTLEMENTS WERE BUILT IN 1983.

6. ARABS EXPECT ARAFAT-HUSSEIN PEACE MOVE; MODERATES URGE WEST BANKERS TO SEIZE INITIATIVE THEMSELVES

--THE ARABIC PRESS ALL FEATURED LENGTHY EXCERPTS FROM KING HUSSEIN'S RECENT U.S. TV INTERVIEW (THE POST RAN ONLY A SMALL, THREE-INCH COLUMN). ALL PAPERS PRAISED HUSSEIN FOR DEMANDING PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION IN ANY FUTURE TALKS AND ALL QUOTED ARAFAT STRESSING JORDAN'S POSITIVE ROLE IN THE PEACE PROCESS AND HIS PLEDGE TO RESUME HIS DIALOGUE WITH THE KING. AL-QUDS POINTED OUT THAT JORDAN FELT ITSELF THREATENED BY THE PRESENT STALEMATE. JORDAN IS WORRIED BOTH BY CONTINUING MIGRATION FROM THE WEST TO THE EAST BANK, AND BY THE GOI'S ALLEGED INTENTION TO IMPOSE A PALESTINIAN STATE ON JORDAN. AL-QUDS BELIEVED THAT THE ISRAELI-AMERICAN STRATEGIC ALLIANCE MEANT THAT THE U.S. HAS CHANGED ITS MIND AND IS NO LONGER CONCERNED ABOUT MODERATE ARAB PARTICIPATION IN PEACE TALKS. IN A RELATED ITEM, CROWN PRINCE HASSAN IS QUOTED AS CALLING FOR SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN THE PEACE PROCESS, BECAUSE THE U.S. COULD NOT SOLVE THE PROBLEM ON ITS OWN.

--IN A SEPARATE ARTICLE, AN AL-QUDS WRITER CALLED UPON WEST BANKERS TO STEP FORWARD AND SEIZE THE INITIATIVE. HE URGED ACCEPTANCE OF BOTH 242 AND THE REAGAN PLAN AND TOLD WEST BANKERS NOT TO WAIT

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FOR OTHERS (I.E., ARAFAT). AL-QUD'S SATURDAY EDITORIAL FEATURED SIMILAR SUGGESTIONS, URGING WEST BANKERS TO STOP CHASING MIRAGES AND DREAMS AND TO FACE REALITY AND ACT. (FYI: AL-FAJR AND AL-ANBA'A REPORTED THAT KING HUSSEIN GAVE OVER 350,000 USDOLS TO THE TULKARM AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE TO BE DISTRIBUTED AS "SUBSIDIES" FOR LOCAL FARMERS.)

7. WORTH NOTING:

A) 12 GUSH EMUNIM YESHIVA STUDENTS PROTECTED BY BORDER POLICE, BEGAN OCCUPYING A BUILDING IN THE MUSLIM QUARTER. THE MUNICIPALITY IS DOUBTFUL OF THE LEGAL BASIS OF THEIR PRESENCE IN THE BUILDING (POST). SEVEN KIRYAT ARBA SETTLERS WERE ARRESTED WHEN THEY TRIED TO BREAK INTO SECTIONS OF THE IBRAHIMIYYA

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MOSQUE IN HEBRON STILL RESERVED FOR MUSLIM WORSHIPPERS (ASHAAB).

B) PR -PLO AL-FAJR PUBLISHED THE FOLLOWING RESULTS OF A POLL CONDUCTED AMONG 1,111 WEST BANKERS IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS OF NOVEMBER: 96.12 PERCENT SUPPORT ARAFAT'S CONTINUED LEADERSHIP OF THE PLO, 58.68 PERCENT SUPPORT CONTINUATION OF HIS (MODERATE) POLICIES, 72.09 PERCENT OPPOSE FORMING GOVERNMENT-IN-EXILE, 3.24 PERCENT REFUSED TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

C) FIFTH VICTIM DIES FROM PLO BUS BOMBING; NEW PRECAUTIONS

--ALL PAPERS REPORTED THE DEATH OF A FIFTH VICTIM OF THE PL TERROR BOMBING. THE POST, AL-QUDS AND PRO-ISRAEL AL-ANBA'A ADDED THAT DURING EVERY TRIP BUS DRIVERS WILL REMIND PASSENGERS TO WATCH FOR UNATTENDED PARCELS AND RETIRED IDF PERSONNEL WILL INSPECT BUSES AT THE START AND THE END OF EACH BUS JOURNEY. THE NUMBER OF BUSES WILL BE INCREASED TO REDUCE OVERCROWDING ON BUSY ROUTES. AL-QUDS AND AL-FAJR FEATURED AN OFFICIAL PLO STATEMENT THAT THE BOMBING OF A CIVILIAN BUS WAS A MISTAKE. THEIR AGENT WAS ACCUSED OF ATTACKING THE WRONG BUS. THE TRAVEL BAN ON JERUSALEM RESIDENTS GOING TO JORDAN REMAINS IN EFFECT.

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WEEKEND WRAPUP - DEC. 31 - JAN. 2

1. SUMMARY:

-- WEST BANK DAILIES PRAISE FATAH CENTRAL
 COMMITTEE'S SUPPORT FOR THE ARAFAT-MUBARAK MEETING
 -- EXTREMIST TNT GROUP CLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY FOR
 BOMB ATTACKS ON HEBRON MOSQUES

-- "ANNEXIONIST SETTLEMENTS POLICY A THREAT TO
 DEMOCRACY" (JERUSALEM POST)

-- WEST BANK VIOLENCE AND ARRESTS CONTINUE

END SUMMARY.

2. WEST BANK DAILIES PRAISE FATAH CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S SUPPORT FOR THE ARAFAT-MUBARAK MEETING.

-- ALL THREE WEST BANK DAILIES RAN BANNER HEADLINES
 ANNOUNCING THAT THE FATAH CENTRAL COMMITTEE SUPPORTED

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ARAFAT'S MEETING WITH EGYPT'S PRESIDENT MUBARAK. IN THEIR EDITORIALS, MODERATE AL QUDS AND RADICAL ASHAAB CLAIMED THAT CRITICS' CHARGES THAT THE MEETING WOULD LEAD TO OFFICIAL FATAH DISSENSION WERE PROVED GROUNDLESS. AL-FAJR JOINED IN PRAISING THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE DECISION AS A TRIUMPH FOR PLO DEMOCRACY AND ITS LEGITIMATE LEADERSHIP. ALL THREE PAPERS ATTACKED CRITICS AS BEING AGENTS OF OUTSIDE POWERS SEEKING TO UNDERMINE PLO LEGITIMACY. -- ON THE OCCASION OF THE 19TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF FATAH, THE THREE WEST BANK DAILIES ESCALATED THEIR CRITICISM OF SYRIA. AS PRO-PLO AL-FAJR WROTE, "SINCE SYRIA SUPPORTS THE FEZ PLAN AND UN RESOLUTION 338 (WHICH CONTAINS IMPLICIT RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL), DAMASCUS HAS NO RIGHT TO TELL THE PLO WHAT TO DO. IN RELATED ITEMS, THE THREE WEST BANK DAILIES REPORTED THAT EGYPT WAS URGING THE U.S. TO TALK TO THE PLO AND THAT EGYPT WOULD WORK TO FOSTER JORDANIAN-PALESTINIAN COOPERATION.

3. EXTREMIST TNT GROUP CLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY FOR BOMB ATTACKS ON HEBRON MOSQUES

-- ALL PAPERS REPORTED THAT TWO IDF GRENADES EXPLODED AT TWO HEBRON MOSQUES ON FRIDAY, DEC. 30, WOUNDING A CUSTODIAN AND CAUSING MINOR DAMAGE. THE POST NOTED THAT A TELEPHONE CALLER WITH AN AMERICAN ACCENT SAID THAT THE TERROR AGAINST TERROR (TNT) GROUP WAS RESPONSIBLE. MOST TNT ATTACKS, THE POST ADDED, OCCURRED ON FRIDAYS AND SUNDAYS, THE MUSLIM AND CHRISTIAN HOLYDAYS, AND WERE AIMED AT RELIGIOUS SITES.

-- IN A SEPARATE ITEM, AL QUDS REPORTED THAT A THIRD GRENADE TIME BOMB WAS DISCOVERED OVER THE WEEKEND. SECURITY FORCES SUCCESSFULLY DEFUSED THE BOOBYTRAP DISCOVERED IN THE NEBLUS QASBAH.

-- IN A RELATED ITEM, ALL PAPERS REPORTED THAT TWO MORE ISRAELI SUSPECTS WERE ARRESTED FOR THE MURDER OF AN 11 YEAR OLD NABLUS GIRL AND THE SHOOTING OF HER NINE YEAR OLD SISTER. ONE OF THE ARRESTED, YOSEF HARNOI, IS SUSPECTED OF THE ACTUAL MURDER. THE SECOND SUSPECT, A PRIVATELY HIRED ARMED GUARD ON ISRAELI BUSES TRAVELLING ON THE WEST BANK, IS ACCUSED OF CONSPIRING TO CONCEAL EVIDENCE. THE THIRD SUSPECT, EPHRAIM

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SUBJECT: WEST BANK AND JERUSALEM MEDIA REPORT,

SIEGEL, AN AMERICAN CITIZEN, ARRESTED TWO WEEKS AGO, IS ACCUSED OF DRIVING THE GETAWAY CAR.

4. "ANNEXIONIST SETTLEMENTS POLICY A THREAT TO DEMOCRACY" (JERUSALEM POST)

-- IN AN ARTICLE ON THE ANTI-DEMOCRATIC NATURE OF EXTREMIST SETTLERS, THE POST QUOTED A HEBREW UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR'S BELIEF THAT "DEMOCRACY IS NOT THE CROWNING GLORY OF ISRAEL. IT IS THE 'JEWISH ATTRIBUTE' WHICH IS OUR NATIONAL ESSENCE...DEMOCRACY CAN LEAD TO (NATIONAL) SUICIDE." THE ARTICLE CONCLUDED THAT IN THEIR SEARCH FOR TERRITORIAL AGGRANDIZEMENT, MANY EXTREMIST SETTLERS ARE WILLING TO DISPENSE WITH DEMOCRATIC NORMS. IN RELATED ITEMS, THE WEST BANK DAILIES QUOTED ISRAELI PRESS SPECULATION THAT A RECENT DECISION BY THE CHIEF RABBI THAT IT IS A SIN FOR JEWS TO LIVE AMONG NON-JEWS, IS PART OF A WIDER PROCESS LEADING TO AN APARTHEID-TYPE REGIME.

-- IN RELATED ITEMS, MODERATE AL-QUDS REPORTED THAT THE GOI WILL NOT FREEZE SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY DESPITE SIGNIFICANT BUDGET CUTS FOR SETTLEMENT CONSTRUCTION. A JERUSALEM POST POLL, HOWEVER, REVEALED THAT 72 PERCENT OF ISRAELIS BELIEVE THE SETTLEMENT BUDGET SHOULD BE CUT FIRST. ELSEWHERE, SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY CONTINUES.

-- AT ZAHARIYYA LIVESTOCK MERCHANTS WERE FORCED TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN THE TOWN CEMETARY BECAUSE THE MILGOV CLOSED THE MARKET, ALLEGEDLY AT THE REQUEST OF THE CUSTODIAL OFFICE FOR ABSENTEE PROPERTY. VILLAGERS FEAR A JEWISH SETTLEMENT WILL BE BUILT ON THE SITE AS WAS DONE WITH ABSENTEE PROPERTY IN NEARBY HEBRON. (AL-FAJR)
-- 2,500 SHEEP WERE CONFISCATED FROM YATTA VILLAGE, REPORTEDLY BY THE ISRAELI CONSERVATION GROUP, THE SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF NATURE. THE SHEEP, WHICH COMPOSE A LARGE PART OF THE VILLAGERS WEALTH, WERE SOLD TO KIBBUTZES NEAR BEER SHEBA. THE VILLAGERS CLAIM THE SHEEP WERE SEIZED ON THEIR LAND, NOT IN A RESTRICTED AREA AS CLAIMED BY THE ISRAELIS. (AL-FAJR)
-- EXTREMIST SETTLERS WERE REPORTEDLY MARCHING ON NABLUS LAST FRIDAY, DEC. 30, BEARING BANNERS SAYING "LAND AND RELIGION" AS PART OF ONGOING EFFORT TO ESTABLISH A SETTLEMENT AT JOSEPH'S TOMB. (AL-FAJR)

5. WEST BANK VIOLENCE AND ARRESTS CONTINUE.

-- A FIRE BOMB WAS THROWN AT AN IDF PATROL IN

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NABLUS. TWO OTHER FIREBOMBS WERE THROWN AT SEPARATE PATROLS IN THE NEARBY BALATA REFUGEE CAMP. A CURFEW WAS IMPOSED AND SEVERAL ARRESTS WERE MADE. (AL-QUDS, AL-FAJR)

-- A VIOLENT DEMONSTRATION TOOK PLACE IN THE NABLUS CASBAH COMMEMORATING 19TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF FATAH. ISRAELI CARS WERE STONED BUT NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED. (POST, AL-FAJR)

-- AN ISRAELI BUS WAS FIREBOMBED IN QABATIYA, NEAR JENIN, NO INJURIES REPORTED. (AL-FAJR)

-- A 23 YEAR OLD JENIN MAN WAS SHOT DEAD BY AN IDF PATROL NEAR A ROADBLOCK OUTSIDE THE JALAZOUN REFUGEE CAMP NORTH OF RAMALLAH. (POST, AL-FAJR, ASHAAB)

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-- AN ALERT JERUSALEM PASSENGER DISCOVERED A TIME BOMB ON A BUS BEFORE IT COULD DETONATE. THE BUS WAS NEARING JAFFA GATE, HAVING STARTED ITS ROUTE IN WEST JERUSALEM. (POST, QUDS, AL-FAJR)

-- THREE YOUTHS ERECTED A BONFIRE ROADBLOCK OUTSIDE YATTA. A VILLAGER CHASED THEM AWAY AND TURNED ONE YOUTH OVER TO THE POLICE. (ASHAAB)

-- A 23 YEAR OLD ARAB FROM QALQILYA WAS REMANDED INTO CUSTODY ON SUSPICION OF PARTICIPATING IN THE KILLING OF AN IDF GIRL CONSCRIPT SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. (POST, AL-QUDS)

-- SCORES OF STUDENTS IN JENIN ARE BEING HELD FOR INVESTIGATION. A LOCAL LAWYER WAS ARRESTED. NO CAUSE GIVEN. (AL-FAJR)

-- A BALATA YOUTH WAS SENTENCED TO 20 MONTHS (INCLUDING 12 ON PROBATION) FOR PARTICIPATING IN POLITICAL DEMONSTRATIONS. (ASHAAB)

-- THE RAMALLAH MILITARY COURT SENTENCED ONE YOUTH TO THREE YEARS AND ANOTHER TO TWO YEARS (HALF ON PROBATION) FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE PLO AND "RESISTING THE OCCUPATION." (AL-FAJR)

-- A YOUNG MAN FROM BAYT ANEN WAS RELEASED FROM 18 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT FOR SECURITY OFFENSES. HE WAS MADE THE GUEST OF HONOR AT A CULTURAL EXHIBITION AT A LOCAL UNION HALL. (AL-FAJR)

-- THREE JENIN YOUTHS WERE RELEASED AFTER AN 18-DAY DETENTION FOR SUSPECTED SECURITY OFFENSES. (AL-FAJR)

-- FIVE AN-NAJAH STUDENTS WERE RELEASED FROM DETENTION BY THE MILGOV. (ASHAAB)

-- LOCAL STUDENT YOUTH MOVEMENT (SYM) ACTIVISTS HELD A PEACEFUL PRO-ARAFAT FESTIVAL IN THE ALANDIYYA REFUGEE CAMP. SYM, THE LARGEST WEST BANK STUDENT ORGANIZATION, ANNOUNCED THE OPENING OF BRANCHES IN TWO YAABED SECONDARY SCHOOLS. (AL-FAJR)

-- SECURITY FORCES ARE STUDYING THE POSSIBLE USE OF POLICE DOGS AGAINST DEMONSTRATORS AND STONE THROWERS. POLICE CIRCLES OPPOSE THE PLAN BECAUSE THE USE OF DOGS COULD REMIND PEOPLE OF WWII GERMAN CROWD CONTROL TECHNIQUES. (AL-QUDS)

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7. WORTH NOTING:

A) THE MILITARY CENSOR BANNED THE MONDAY AL-QUDS EDITORIAL AND THE SUNDAY ASHAAB EDITORIAL.

B) AL-QUDS FEATURED AN ARTICLE CLAIMING U.S. ELECTORAL POLITICS FORCES CANDIDATES TO AFFIRM THEIR TOTAL SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL AND THEIR HOSTILITY TO ARABS IN ORDER TO GET ELECTED. IN A RELATED ITEM, PRO-PLO AL-FAJR RAN A FRONT-PAGE STORY ON MONDALE'S STATEMENT THAT HE WOULD EXCLUDE THE PLO FROM THE PEACE PROCESS.

C) AL QUDS QUOTED ISRAELI MOD OFFICIALS'

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SPECULATION THAT THE U.S. WOULD SOON WITHDRAW THE MARINES FROM BEIRUT. ALL PAPERS REPORTED THAT THREE FORMER CIA DIRECTORS URGED SUCH A WITHDRAWAL IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

D) TWO WEST BANK SETTLEMENTS NEAR JERUSALEM (JAKIR AND KADUMIM) DECIDED TO RETURN THEIR IDF-ISSUED WEAPONS TO THE MILGOV IN RETURN FOR ADDITIONAL IDF PROTECTION. GUNS "ENDANGER AND COMPLICATE THE LIVES OF THOSE WHO HOLD THEM." (POST, AL-QUDS)

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US hopes Shamir's visit will bring new Israeli flexibility

White House expects more respect in return for closer ties, more aid

By Joseph C. Harsch

There will be a more than usually interesting meeting in Washington this coming week. Israel's new prime minister, Yitzhak Shamir, is coming to the United States for his first major round of negotiations with leaders of the Reagan administration.

Secretary of State George Shultz has worked out a new version of an old US position to present at the meeting. He and some of his subordinates are mildly optimistic. They cite changes in the framework around these talks that just might make Israel more considerate of American views and interests than it was in the old days dominated by Menachem Begin.

There is hope as well as optimism. The Middle East is the world's most dangerous place. The risk of confrontation between the two superpowers — USA and USSR —

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is greatest there. Ronald Reagan is the fifth US president to set his heart, and diplomatic efforts, to ending the hostility between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

Mr. Reagan has launched two serious pushes toward Middle East peace. The first, in 1981, was called "strategic consensus." The second, in 1982, was called the new "Reagan peace plan." Mr. Begin shot them both down, contemptuously and without serious consideration. In retrospect one can see why he did. Mr. Begin's course was set on the invasion of Lebanon and the improved military position that that invasion was expected to bring to Israel. Nothing could deflect him from that military course.

Are conditions more promising now for a third Reagan effort? Officials at the White House and State Department think there are important changes. Mr. Begin is gone from power and office. He left when it became apparent that his military policies had failed.

Instead of bringing peace along Israel's northern border with a friendly new government in Lebanon, the Begin invasion brought new hostility. It also brought a stronger Syria, rearmed by the Soviet Union with new weapons so awesome that the Israelis have been avoiding coming in their range.

Add that the invasion brought heavy Israeli casualties. Those casualties in turn have divided the people of Israel as never before. Many Israelis, enough to be politically significant, are now demanding peace and security rather than war and conquest.

Add that the Israeli Army, now deployed along the Awali River, is converting once potentially friendly Arabs into bitter enemies. Washington's latest informa-

tion is that resistance to the Israeli occupation in southern Lebanon is so strong that the Israeli Army may have to pull back to the Litani River to bring casualties down.

Even holding the Litani line might be too much for Israelis to stand for long. The Begin invasion policy is a disastrous failure, and so recognized in Israel. This can mean (provided White House optimism is soundly based) that the new Israeli leadership may give Mr. Reagan's wishes and Mr. Shultz's new plan the thoughtful consideration that was denied during the Begin days.

The key to what the President hopes might come from this next round of talks is to be found, and best understood, in terms of what went wrong before. The "strategic consensus" of 1981 was one of those "two-track" ideas in vogue in Washington. One track would be closer strategic association with Israel. The other track would be closer US association with the moderate Arabs — Egypt, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia.

For success, that original Reagan plan required Israel to accept US military collaboration with the three most friendly Arab states. The acid test came at the very beginning. Talks were opened with the Israelis in March. That was track one. On April 21 the White House announced the plan to sell advanced warning and ground control aircraft, the famous AWACS, to Saudi Arabia. That was track two.

The White House expected Mr. Begin to tell his American supporters to stand aside and let that deal go

through. But Israel's American supporters did not stand aside. They mounted an anti-AWACS campaign in Congress and very nearly defeated the project.

President Reagan persisted. On Sept. 10, 1981, he actually signed a "strategic cooperation" agreement with Begin. But on Dec. 18 Begin annexed the Golan Heights. The President had to cancel the "strategic cooperation" agreement in order to retain his standing with the Arabs.

Today the White House is hoping for more respect from Israel in return for closer ties and more US aid to Israel. The President thinks he has a right to expect three things:

1. That Israel refrain from objecting to the arming of Egypt, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia.

2. Suspension of further building of Israeli settlements in the West Bank.

3. Resumption of negotiations under the terms of President Reagan's peace plan of Sept. 1, 1982.

No one at the White House expects instant agreement from Mr. Shamir. He is coming with a long shopping list for military goods and economic aid. He will undoubtedly fight shy of Reagan's track two items. But he also knows (or should know) that if he is going to get the kind of long-term guarantees he needs for Israel's security, he must give the kind of respect to the President's wishes that Begin refused to give.

The President's experts on the Middle East think the change in Israeli thinking just might make the times ripe for the kind of progress that was never conceivable under Begin. But then one must remember that Shamir is a longtime associate and supporter of Begin.

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Report from the West Bank

By Merle Thorpe Jr.

Israel's security requires that it have peace with its neighbors, and it will not have peace with its neighbors until the Palestinians have a homeland. The West Bank (population: 800,000 Palestinians, 30,000 Israelis) and the Gaza Strip (500,000 Palestinians, 2,000 Israelis) represent the best basis for such a homeland. Unfortunately, Israel continues to settle and effect the de facto annexation of these two vital areas. The most promising option for Middle East peace is thus being foreclosed.

The taking of West Bank Palestinian land has been well reported. About 60 percent is now under Israeli control. Less coverage has been given to companion measures designed to suppress Palestinian economic development and encourage Palestinian emigration. For example, agricultural cooperatives — marketing co-ops and irrigation and olive press equipment — are the lifeblood of West Bankers, but both the registration of new cooperatives and expansion of existing cooperatives are blocked. "You won't need a bulldozer," one cooperative was recently told. "You have no land for reclamation."

Since 1978 the Israeli government has denied approval of a United States-funded feasibility study for a project to upgrade an open irrigation canal dating from the 1930s. No new water would be involved. The project would simply conserve currently exploited water already in the hands of the farmers. None of the costs would be borne by Israel.

For "the well-being of the population and in order to preserve the water resources," reads the Military Governor's recent Order 1015, which requires a permit for any commercial planting of grapes, plum trees, tomatoes, or eggplant. But irrigation is not used by West Bank farmers for plums and grapes. These fruits are rain fed. Tomatoes and eggplant were already denied new water by the authorities. With but a few exceptions, West Bankers have not been permitted to drill wells for irrigation during the 16 years of military occupation.

The removal of many mayors (two were also deported) elected in 1976 in Israeli-sponsored elections has also been reported, but not the full measure of control which the authorities continue to exercise over their freedom of association and expression. Many are restricted in their travel or confined to areas away from their homes. (One deposed mayor, Bassam Shaka of Nablus, was prohibited earlier this month from traveling to Jerusalem to meet with the visiting British Foreign Office minister of state.) If Palestinian leaders are permitted to leave the country, it is made clear that if they speak publicly against the occupation, they will not be permitted to return. Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij was the only Pales-

tinian from the West Bank invited to attend a conference on Middle East peace in Atlanta recently. He declined. Why? (Mr. Freij was refused permission last year to come to the US to appear on NBC's "Meet the Press.")

While Palestinian institution-building in the West Bank is suppressed, Jewish settlement is promoted. "It is God's will, we are but His instrument," settlers say. Their numbers, however, have been insufficient to meet settlement goals, and the government has now turned to heavy settlement subsidies. A distinguished Jewish editor comments: "These days it takes ideology to stay out of the West Bank, not to move into it."

The former head of Israel's intelligence service, Shin Bet, has described the settlements as a "psychological hothouse for the growth of Jewish terror," but few of the settler hooligans have been apprehended. Settlers in military service are now assigned to areas of their own settlements. It is almost impossible for Palestinians to tell whether they are acting in their capacity as soldiers or on their own initiative. Palestinians are deeply concerned that a breakdown in military discipline will subject them to more sophisticated techniques of violence.

Secretary of State George Shultz spoke recently of the US interest in "improving the quality of life" for Palestinians on the West Bank and in Gaza, but the occupation authorities assert that all assistance programs are subject to their approval. Secretary Shultz must therefore choose between supporting programs that simply serve Israel's pacification program and those that encourage self-help and the opportunity for Palestinians to run their own affairs.

We Americans are strongly committed to Israel because of our admiration for the Jewish people and their contribution to Western civilization. It is a commitment that deplores centuries of anti-Semitic sentiment and action, and above all the unparalleled treatment of Jews during World War II. But it is important for Americans to distinguish between that commitment and the assistance the US currently provides Israel, amounting indirectly to some \$200 million a year, to support the West Bank settlement policies described above.

Since Israel was created, it has experienced, on average, a war every eight years. Its security needs are not to be minimized and must be guaranteed. West Bank policies, however, are a prescription for permanent conflict.

Americans are in shock over the recent carnage in Beirut. If there is not to be more of the same, we must heed Sen. Charles Mathias's recent recommendation that the US "move quickly to sweep aside any doubts in the minds of the new Israeli leadership about the sincerity of the US opposition to Israel's settlement policy." It is a task that is in Israeli, Jewish, and American interests.

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1. SUMMARY:

- U.S. ALIGNING ITSELF WITH ISRAEL AGAINST SYRIA
- UNREST CONTINUES BUT AT DECREASED LEVEL
- FIGHTING IN TRIPOLI DOMINATES HEADLINES
- ECONOMIC DOWNTURN ON THE WEST BANK

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2. U.S. ALIGNING ITSELF WITH ISRAEL AGAINST SYRIA

ALL PAPERS HIGHLIGHTED RECENT REMARKS BY DEFENSE SECRETARY WEINBERGER THAT THE U.S. BELIEVED THAT THE BEIRUT TERROR BOMBING WAS AUTHORIZED BY SYRIA AND IMPLEMENTED WITH ITS PERMISSION. LOCAL PRESS

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SPECULATION ABOUT U.S. MILITARY MOVES AGAINST SYRIA HAS INCREASED. ALL PAPERS ALSO FEATURED RECENT STATEMENTS BY GOI ENERGY MINISTER MODAI THAT PM SHAMIR SHOULD PROPOSE A FORMAL DEFENSE PACT WITH THE U.S. DURING HIS UPCOMING VISIT TO AMERICA.

IN SHARP CONTRAST TO THOSE TWO STORIES, MODERATE AL-QUDS QUOTED KUWAITI PRESS REPORTS THAT THE U.S. WAS WORKING FOR PALESTINIAN AUTONOMY IN GAZA AND THE WEST BANK IN A POLITICAL ENTITY LINKED TO SYRIA.

3. UNREST CONTINUES BUT AT DECREASED LEVEL

PRO-PLO AL-FAJR REPORTED THAT THE STUDENT YOUTH MOVEMENT HELD A NOISY BUT PEACEFUL PRO-ARAFAT RALLY AT THE HEBRON POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE. ELSEWHERE IN THE WEST BANK, HOWEVER, VIOLENCE IN A RELATED ARTICLE, THE POST REPORTED THAT THE MILGOV WAS DELIBERATELY LETTING YOUNG PEOPLE "LET OFF STEAM" IN PRO-PLO DEMONSTRATIONS, INTERVENING ONLY TO CONTROL VIOLENCE.

ALL PAPERS REPORTED THAT FOUR FIRE BOMBS WERE THROWN AT TULKARM MILGOV HEADQUARTERS NOVEMBER 21. NO CASUALTIES REPORTED. PAPERS ALSO REPORTED THAT AN IDF VEHICLE WAS FIREBOMBED NEAR TULKARM, AGAIN WITH NO CASUALTIES. AL-QUDS AND AL-FAJR ADDED THAT ANOTHER IDF VEHICLE WAS FIREBOMBED IN THINNABA VILLAGE IN TULKARM DISTRICT. AL-QUDS REPORTED THAT THE MONTH-OLD TRAVEL BAN ON UNDER 35'S FROM TULKARM TOWN HAS BEEN LIFTED. ISRAELI-SPONSORED AL-ANBAA NOTED THAT THE UNDER 35'S TRAVEL BAN REMAINED IN FORCE IN THE VILLAGES SURROUNDING TULKARM, AND YOUNG PEOPLE THERE MUST APPLY THROUGH THE LOCAL VILLAGE LEAGUE FOR PERMISSION TRAVEL TO JORDAN.

AL QUDS AND RADICAL ASHAAB REPORTED THAT TWO ISRAELI CARS AND A BUS WERE STONED NEAR JENIN; NO CASUALTIES REPORTED. AL-QUDS ADDED THAT A TRACTOR BELONGING TO A "COLLABORATOR" IN SALFIT WAS FIREBOMBED.

4. FIGHTING IN TRIPOLI DOMINATES HEADLINES

THE FIGHTING IN TRIPOLI DOMINATED TODAY'S HEADLINES.

THE POST REPORTED INCREASED PRESSURE BY THE SAUDIS, THE ARAB LEAGUE AND THE SOVIETS ON SYRIA TO STOP THE FIGHTING. AL-FAJR CALLED ON ARAFAT LOYALISTS TO STAND FIRM AGAINST THE AGGRESSORS. IN CONTRAST TO THE REST OF THE NATIONALIST ARABIC PRESS, AL-MITHAQ (APPARENTLY PRO-ABU MUSA) DID NOT JOIN THE RITUAL CONDEMNATION OF SYRIA, BLAMING UNDEFINED "IMPERALIST CONSPIRATORS" INSTEAD. AL-MITHAQ ALSO REFUSED TO PRAISE THE HEROISM OF ARAFAT LOYALISTS AND CALLED FOR COMPROMISE AND BLAMED BOTH SIDES FOR THE FIGHTING.

5. ECONOMIC DOWNTURN ON THE WEST BANK

AL-FAJR RAN AN ARTICLE ENTITLED, "THE PROBLEMS OF WORKERS WHOSE SALARIES WERE DEMOLISHED BY THE SHEKEL DEVALUATION." WEST BANK ARAB WORKERS SUFFERED A 13 PERCENT DECLINE IN THEIR BUYING POWER DESPITE AN 18 PERCENT INCREASE IN THEIR SHEKEL-BASED SALARIES. IN A SEPARATE ARTICLE, AL-FAJR DESCRIBED A SEVERE COMMERCIAL RECESSION IN HEBRON. CONSUMERS BUY ONLY NECESSITIES AND MANY SHOP OWNERS HAVE DIFFICULTIES PAYING THEIR RENT. BUTCHERS IN HEBRON ARE CALLING FOR INCREASED IMPORT OF SHEEP TO BRING DOWN MEAT PRICES.

IN A RELATED ITEM, AL-QUDS REPORTED THAT A RAMALLAH MAN WAS ARRESTED ATTEMPTING TO CARRY 80,000 DINARS (I.E., 240,000 DOLLARS) ACROSS THE ALLENBY BRIDGE TO JORDAN.

6. WORTH NOTING:

A) -- TODAY, AL-FAJR AND AL-QUDS CARRIED DETAILED ALLEGATIONS BY DEHEISHEH CAMP RESIDENTS OF BEATINGS, TORTURE AND ARRESTS DURING THE RECENT SIX-DAY CURFEW. THE TWO PAPERS WAITED UNTIL THE ALLEGATIONS FIRST APPEARED IN THE ISRAELI PRESS.

B) -- MILITARY PROSECUTORS DISMISSED CLAIMS BY EX-KIRYAT ARBA OFFICIALS THAT THEY DESTROYED EVIDENCE RELATED TO THE 1980 CAR BOMB ATTACKS ON THREE WEST BANK MAYORS ONLY TO PRESERVE THE SETTLEMENT'S GOOD NAME. SUCH CLAIMS WERE AN "INCREDIBLE LIE." THE TWO MEN FACE UP TO FIVE YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR CONCEALING EVIDENCE. (POST, ASHAAB)

C) -- REFUGEE CAMP INHABITANTS ARE CIRCULATING PETITIONS OPPOSING PROPOSED GOI PLANS TO RESETTLE THEM OUTSIDE THE CAMPS (ASHAAB).

D) -- THERE IS DISCUSSION OF SCRAPPING THE SEPARATE CIVIL ADMINISTRATION AND REUNITING ALL GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS UNDER A SINGLE MILITARY-BASED UNIT. THIS WOULD IMPROVE COORDINATION AND EFFICIENCY IN ADMINISTRATION (ASHAAB).

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(FOLLOWING FS MATERIAL NOT FOR PUBLICATION)

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF DREW MIDDLETON'S NOV. 20 NEW YORK TIMES MILITARY ANALYSIS, "SYRIA SAID TO PASS EGYPT AS A POWER":

(BEGIN TEXT)

SYRIAN IS RAPIDLY ECLIPSING EGYPT AS THE PREDOMINANT ARAB MILITARY POWER IN THE MIDDLE EAST, ACCORDING TO ISRAELI AND UNITED STATES MILITARY ANALYSTS.

THE OFFICIALS ATTRIBUTE THIS TO SYRIA'S MOBILIZATION OF MANPOWER AND TO CONTINUED INCREASES IN THE NUMBER AND QUALITY OF SOVIET WEAPONS REACHING SYRIAN FORCES.

THE ISRAELI AND UNITED STATES SOURCES WHO TAKE THIS VIEW ALSO SAY THE PRESENCE OF 5,000 TO 7,000 SOVIET SOLDIERS IN THE COUNTRY HAS STRENGTHENED SYRIA'S DEFENSIVE POSITION.

SYRIA'S PRESENT TACTICAL DEPLOYMENTS, INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS SAID, MAKE IT VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT ANY DEEP PENETRATION OF SYRIAN AIRSPACE BY ISRAELI FIGHTERS AND BOMBERS WOULD MEET HEAVY ANTIAIRCRAFT FIRE, BOTH FROM MISSILES AND GUNS, THAT ARE LARGELY MANNED BY SOVIET PERSONNEL. ONLY ONE OF THE FOUR MAJOR SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE BASES IN SYRIA IS NOW SAID TO BE OPERATED BY SYRIANS.

SIMILARLY, THE ANALYSTS SAY, AN ISRAELI GROUND AND AIR OFFENSIVE AGAINST SYRIAN TROOPS IN THE BEKAA REGION COULD INVOLVE SOME OF THE SOVIET TROOPS WHO GUARD A NUMBER OF THE FORWARD ANTIAIRCRAFT MISSILE SITES AND ADVISE SYRIAN COMMANDERS.

SYRIA HAS ACHIEVED THIS FAVORABLE STRATEGIC POSITION, THE ISRAELI ANALYST SAID, WHILE PALESTINIAN REBELS ARE CLOSE TO TAKING OVER CONTROL OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION FROM YASIR ARAFAT. THE EXPECTATION AMONG WESTERN AND ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE SOURCES IS THAT SYRIA WILL PROVIDE THE PALESTINIAN REBELS WITH MORE AND BETTER ARMS THAN THEY HAVE NOW AND DIRECT THEM TO REOPEN THE GUERRILLA WAR AGAINST ISRAELI TROOPS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON AND NORTHERN ISRAEL.

SHOULD SYRIAN DOMINATION OF THE P.L.O. BECOME COMPLETE, TWO BRIGADES UNDER SYRIAN OFFICERS, A TOTAL OF ABOUT 6,000 MEN, WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO CARRY OUT THESE TACTICS, THE ANALYSTS SAY.

ISRAELI ANALYSTS ARE ALSO CONCERNED WITH THE IMPLICATIONS OF SYRIA'S RECENT GENERAL MOBILIZATION, WHICH, THEY ASSERT HAS ADDED 100,000 MEN TO AN ARMY OF ABOUT 170,000. ISRAEL'S ARMY ON MOBILIZATION WOULD NUMBER ABOUT 450,000 MEN AND WOMEN.

THE QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF SOVIET MATERIEL THAT HAS ARRIVED IN SYRIA THIS YEAR HAS CAUSED GROWING CONCERN AT THE ISRAELI MILITARY HEADQUARTERS IN TEL AVIV.

ISRAEL NOW ESTIMATES THAT SYRIA HAS AT LEAST 7,000 TANKS, COMPARED WITH ISRAEL'S 3,600. THE ISRAELI ESTIMATE IS IN SHARP CONTRAST TO THE TANK FIGURE OF 4,200 SYRIAN TANKS GIVEN BY THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES YEARLY PUBLICATION.

BUT WESTERN INTELLIGENCE EXPERTS SAY THEY HAVE NO ACCURATE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ARRIVAL OF NEW SOVIET TANKS IN THE LAST SIX MONTH. THEY BELIEVE THAT THE TANKS ARRIVING ARE MODERN T-62 AND T-72 MODELS, WHICH ARE THE EQUAL OF THE BRITISH CENTURIONS AND AMERICAN M-48'S AND M-60'S THAT MAKE UP THE BULK OF THE ISRAELI ARMORED FORCE.

SOPHISTICATED SOVIET COMMAND AND CONTROL EQUIPMENT ALSO HAS ARRIVED IN SYRIA THIS YEAR. THE FOUR MAJOR SAM SITES AROUND DAMASCUS ARE CONTROLLED BY SOVIET PERSONNEL.

THE SYRIAN AIR DEFENSE COMMAND, PATTERNED ON THAT OF THE SOVIET UNION, NOW INCLUDES 54 SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE BATTERIES, 25 OF WHICH ARE ARMED WITH SAM-6'S PLUS A

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STEADILY INCREASING FORCE OF ZSU RADAR-CONTROLLED
ANTIAIRCRAFT GUNS.

THE STRENGTHENING OF THE AIR DEFENSE COMMAND, ONE
AMERICAN AUTHORITY SAID, ENABLES SYRIA TO PROVIDE LAYERS OF
ANTIAIRCRAFT MISSILES AND SHELLS AT A VARIETY OF ALTITUDES
IN THE DEFENSE OF DAMASCUS. SOME ISRAELI BOMBERS WOULD
INEVITABLY GET THROUGH, BUT THE POLITICAL COST OF KILLING
RUSSIANS WITH THEIR BOMBS WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN INTO
ACCOUNT IN THE PLANNING BY THE ISRAELI GENERAL STAFF, THE
SOURCE SAID.

INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS SAY THEY ALSO BELIEVE THAT SYRIAN
TACTICS ARE CHANGING. ONE OF THE REASONS ATTRIBUTED TO THE
COLLAPSE OF THE SYRIAN ARMY IN THE FIGHTING AGAINST ISRAEL
IN 1973 AND 1982 WAS THE RIGIDITY WITH WHICH THE SYRIAN TANK
FORMATIONS PRESSED THEIR ATTACK, OVEREXPOSING THEIR ARMOR TO
ISRAELI FORMATIONS THAT IMPROVISED TACTICS ON THE
BATTLEFIELD.

THE CONSEQUENCE OF THE SYRIAN BUILDUP FOR THE ISRAELIS,
ONE ANALYST SAID, IS THAT THEY CAN NO LONGER EXPECT THE
SYRIANS TO ATTACK ON ONE LINE OF ADVANCE AS THEY DID IN THE
LAST TWO ENCOUNTERS.

MILITARY EXPERTS ON THE REGION OFFER TWO EXPLANATIONS FOR
THE SIZE AND SPEED OF THE SYRIAN BUILDUP.

THE MORE OBVIOUS EXPLANATION IS THAT SYRIA, WITH THE HELP
OF THE SOVIET FORCE IN THE COUNTRY, HOPES TO MAKE ITSELF
INVULNERABLE TO ISRAELI GROUND AND AIR ATTACK BECAUSE OF
BOTH THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY CONSEQUENCES.

THE SECOND IS THAT SYRIA BELIEVES IT IS IN POSITION TO
PURSUE ITS GOAL OF A GREATER SYRIA, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE
NORTHERN AND CENTRAL LEBANON AND JORDAN IN A NEW STATE THAT
WOULD DOMINATE THE ARAB MIDDLE EAST.

A MINORITY VIEW IS THAT SYRIA INTENDS TO USE ITS
INCREASED STRENGTH AGAINST IRAQ, WHICH IS INCREASINGLY
DEBILITATED BY ITS LONG WAR AGAINST IRAN. HOSTILITY BETWEEN
THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAS GROWN EVER SINCE SYRIA CLOSED IRAQ'S
MAIN OIL PIPELINE RUNNING THROUGH SYRIA TO THE
MEDITERRANEAN.

THE SOVIET UNION WILL BE THE CHIEF BENEFICIARY OF A
STRONGER SYRIA, DIPLOMATS AND MILITARY OFFICIALS AGREE. THE
INCREASING STRENGTH OF ITS PRINCIPAL CLIENT IN THE REGION,
THESE SOURCES SAID, WILL ENABLE MOSCOW TO CLAIM A MAJOR ROLE
IN ANY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE POLITICAL FUTURE OF THE MIDDLE
EAST, A ROLE IT HAS BEEN DENIED SINCE THE CAMP DAVID
AGREEMENTS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT.

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DAVID IGNATIUS'S NOVEMBER 21 WALL STREET JOURNAL ARTICLE, "ARAFAT'S SETBACKS SADDEN WEST BANKERS; MANY LOOK TO SYRIA OR JORDAN FOR HELP":

(BEGIN TEXT)

BIR ZEIT, ISRAELI-OCCUPIED WEST BANK-YASSER ARAFAT'S SETBACKS IN NORTH LEBANON ARE LIKELY TO PRODUCE A PAINFUL TUG OF WAR BETWEEN SYRIA AND JORDAN FOR THE LOYALTY OF WEST BANK PALESTINIANS.

THE POLITICAL DEBATE IS ALREADY STARTING AMONG PALESTINIAN STUDENT LEADERS AT BIR ZEIT UNIVERSITY, A CENTER OF WEST BANK ACTIVISTS. THEIR DISPUTES SUGGEST THAT THE RADICAL-MODERATE SPLIT THAT HAS AFFLICTED THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION FOR A GENERATION -- AND BLOCKED ANY MOVE TOWARD PEACE NEGOTIATIONS -- WILL CONTINUE FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

"THE SYRIANS WANT TO DESTROY THE PLO AND KILL ARAFAT," SAYS AHMED FARES, THE 29-YEAR-OLD LEADER OF THE PRO-ARAFAT STUDENT FACTION HERE. HE SAYS HE WOULD SUPPORT A NEW PLO ALLIANCE WITH JORDAN'S KING HUSSEIN "TO SAVE THE LAND" IN THE WEST BANK FROM ISRAELI OCCUPATION.

HISHAM GABRIEL DISAGREES. "SYRIA IS BETTER THAN THE OTHER ARAB REGIMES BECAUSE SYRIA OPPOSES THE REAGAN PLAN AND CAMP DAVID," SAYS MR. GABRIEL, A 23-YEAR-OLD SUPPORTER OF ABU MUSA, THE SYRIAN-BACKED PALESTINIAN BATTLING MR. ARAFAT'S FORCES THIS WEEK. BACKING THE SYRIAN LINE, YOUNG MR. GABRIEL REJECTS PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL AND FAVORS CONTINUED RELIANCE ON ARMED STRUGGLE TO ACHIEVE A

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FOR ORDINARY PALESTINIANS, WHO ARE LESS PASSIONATE ABOUT POLITICS THAN THESE STUDENT ACTIVIST, MR. ARAFAT'S DEFEAT HAS BROUGHT A SENSE OF SHAME AND SADNESS. FOR THEM, MR. ARAFAT IS LESS A POLITICAL TACTICIAN THAN A SYMBOL OF THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE, AND FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW, THEY ARE WATCHING HIM RETREAT IN HUMILIATION.

THROUGHOUT THE WEST BANK, PEOPLE SEEM DEPRESSED BY THE PLO INFIGHTING: A CHAMBERMAID FROM EAST BEIRUT BURST INTO TEARS AS SHE DESCRIBES MR. ARAFAT'S PLIGHT; A BARTENDER FROM NATA CURSES WITH EQUAL VENOM ISRAELI AND ARAB LEADERS; YOUNGSTERS IN HALHUL EXPRESS THEIR BLIND RAGE BY THROWING STONES AT ISRAELI CARS.

MR. ARAFAT REMAINS POPULAR HERE. A POLL SEVERAL WEEKS AGO BY THE EAST JERUSALEM NEWSPAPER AL-FAJAR FOUND THAT 93 PERCENT OF WEST BANK PALESTINIANS SUPPORTED HIS CONTINUED LEADERSHIP OF THE PLO. AND A LARGE MAJORITY OF WEST BANKERS PROBABLY ENDORSE MR. ARAFAT'S DESIRE TO JOIN WITH KING HUSSEIN IN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS, A MOVE THAT TRIGGERED THE VIOLENT SPLIT IN THE PLO LAST SPRING.

BUT PALESTINIANS TEND TO RALLY AROUND A WINNER, AND IF ABU MUSA (WHOSE REAL NAME IS SWED MUSA) EMERGES AS STRONG SUCCESSOR TO MR. ARAFAT AFTER THE RECENT FIGHTING WEST BANKERS MAY GRADUALLY SWITCH THEIR LOYALTIES. AS ONE POOR FARMER TOLD A LOYALTY. AS ONE POOR FARMER TOLD A WESTERN VISITOR THIS WEEK: "THE WINNER HAS THE RIGHT."

THERE ALREADY ARE SIGNS THAT JORDAN AND SYRIA -- TRADITIONAL RIVALS FOR GUARDIANSHIP OF THE PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT -- ARE CONSIDERING WAYS TO EXPLOIT AN ARAFAT DEFEAT.

JORDAN'S KING HUSSEIN, WHO RULED THE WEST BANK UNTIL IT WAS CONQUERED BY ISRAEL IN 1967, MAY BE IN THE BEST POSITION TO FILL THE LEADERSHIP VACUUM. THOUGHT HE YIELDED TO MR. ARAFAT THE RIGHT TO SPEAK FOR THE PALESTINIANS IN 1974, KING HUSSEIN HAS CONTINUED TO PAY THE SALARIES OF PRE-1967 CIVIL SERVANTS ON THE WEST BANK, AND HE HAS MAINTAINED AN EXTENSIVE POLITICAL AND INTELLIGENCE NETWORK HERE.

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THERE ARE RUMORS THAT JORDAN MAY CONSIDER APPOINTING NEW MAYORS FOR WEST BANK TOWNS. THIS WOULD PROVIDE A LIMITED FORM OF SELF-RULE THAT MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE TO ISRAEL. THE JORDANIANS MAY ALSO EASE THE RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL, UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS AND EXPORTS THAT THEY IMPOSED ON WEST BANKERS CROSSING THE BRIDGE INTO JORDAN LAST SPRING, AFTER THE COLLAPSE OF PRESIDENT REAGAN'S PEACE INITIATIVE.

"PEOPLE WILL GO TO ANYONE WHO WILL SAVE THE WEST BANK FROM ISRAELI OCCUPATION, AND THE BEST HOPE WILL BE KING HUSSEIN," ARGUES EMIL SALIYEH, A PROFESSOR AT BIR ZEIT UNIVERSITY. BUT HE AND OTHERS WORRY THAT A RECENT WAVE OF TERRORISTS ATTACKS AGAINST JORDANIAN DIPLOMATS ABROAD AND ATTACKS IN JORDAN ITSELF SIGNALS AN ATTEMPT BY PRO-SYRIAN PALESTINIS TO INTIMIDATE KING HUSSEIN -- AND BLOCK HIM FROM PLAYING A LARGER ROLE ON THE WEST BANK.

SYRIA WILL FACE BIG OBSTACLES IN WINNING WEST BANK SUPPORT FOR A NEW, PRO-SYRIAN LEADERSHIP OF THE PLO. THE SYRIANS HAVE NEVER BEEN VERY POPULAR ON THE WEST BANK, AND THEY ARE EVEN LESS SO AFTER THEIR RECENT CAMPAIGN AGAINST MR. ARAFAT.

BUT THERE IS ALREADY AN EFFORT TO BUILD A NEW ORGANIZATIONAL BASE FOR ABU MUSA HERE. PALESTINIANS SAY THAT SYRIAN AND LIBYAN MONEY IS SEEPING INTO THE AREA, AND THERE IS A SLICK NEW MAGAZINE CALLED AL-AHAD, PUBLISHED IN EAST JERUSALEM THAT SUPPORTS THAT ABU MUSA LINE.

THE ISRAELIS, NOT SURPRISINGLY, ARE DELIGHTED BY MR. ARAFAT'S TROUBLES. BUT THEY SEEM UNCERTAIN HOW TO EXPLOIT THE SITUATION. THE ISRAELI EFFORT OF THE PAST TWO YEARS TO CREATE AN ALTERNATIVE PALESTINIAN LEADERSHIP THROUGH THE VILLAGE LEAGUES HAS HAD PROBLEMS ATTRACTING PROMINENT LOCAL SUPPORTERS.

PALESTINIANS ARE STUBBORN ENOUGH THAT THEY AREN'T LIKELY TO RUSH INTO ISRAEL'S ARMS SIMPLY BECAUSE OF MR. ARAFAT'S SET BACK. "I HONESTLY DON'T THINK PALESTINIANS WILL START COLLABORATING WITH ISRAEL NOW," SAYS MR. SALIYEH. "IF THEY HAD WANTED TO COLLABORATE, THEY COULD HAVE DONE IT LONG AGO."

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SUBJECT: WEST BANK AND JERUSALEM MEDIA REPORT, 22 NOV 83

1. SUMMARY:

-- SETTLERS PLAN RESPONSE TO STONE THROWING ATTACKS

-- DEHEISHE CAMP RESIDENTS PROTEST ALLEGED IDF
BRUTALITY

-- MILGOV STRENGTHENS TULKARM VILLAGE LEAGUE

-- NATIONALIST ARABIC PRESS ATTACKS ARAB STATES'
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END SUMMARY.

2. SETTLERS PLAN RESPONSE TO STONE THROWING ATTACKS

ALL PAPERS REPORTED A MEETING OF WEST BANK JEWISH
SETTLERS TO CONSIDER DIRECT RESPONSES TO STONE

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THROWING ATTACKS BY ARAB RESIDENTS. MODERATE "AL-QUDS" ADDED THAT SETTLERS ACCUSED THE IDF OF BEING TOO COMPASSIONATE WITH ARABS. QUOTING ISRAELI SOURCES, PRN-PLO "AL-FAJR" AND RADICAL "ASHAAB" WROTE THAT THE SETTLERS PLAN TO FORM A COMMITTEE TO COORDINATE REPRISALS FOR ATTACKS ON JEWS. THE SETTLERS SUBMITTED A LIST OF DEMANDS TO MOD FOR HARSHER PUNISHMENT OF ARABS.

AL-QUDS ALSO REPORTED THAT SETTLERS PROTESTED THE ONE-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE IMPOSED ON A KIRYAT ARBA MAN WHO SHOT AN ARAB BOY. IN CONTRAST, THE "POST" NOTED THAT ONE 17-YEAR-OLD ARAB BOY WAS SENTENCED TO SIX MONTHS IMPRISONMENT AND A 30,000 SHEKEL FINE FOR PARTICIPATING IN A STONE THROWING ATTACK IN WHICH NO ONE WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED.

ALL PAPERS REPORTED SETTLERS' DEMANDS THAT THE MUSLIM FUNDAMENTALIST KILLERS OF AHARON GROSS BE HUNG. MOREOVER, THE ISRAELI SPONSORED "AL-ANBA'A" QUOTED OPPOSITION KNESSET MEMBERS SPECULATIONS ABOUT WHY SECURITY FORCES WERE ABLE TO FIND AHARON GROSS' ARAB KILLERS WHILE THEY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO APPREHEND THOSE WHO PLACED BOMBS IN THE CARS OF THREE ARAB MAYORS IN 1980, WHO KILLED PEACE NOW ACTIVIST EMILE GRUNSWIG, AND WHO KILLED THREE STUDENTS AT THE HEBRON ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY IN A GRENADE AND MACHINE GUN ATTACK THIS SUMMER.

3. DEHEISHEH CAMP RESIDENTS PROTEST ALLEGED IDF - BRUTALITY

ALL PAPERS REPORTED THE JERUSALEM PRESS CONFERENCE SPONSORED BY THE ISRAELI-BIR ZEIT UNIVERSITY SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE AND A DOZEN INHABITANTS OF THE DEHEISHEH REFUGEE CAMP TO PROTEST IDF BRUTALITY. THEY CLAIMED THAT DURING THE RECENT SIX DAY CURFEW, THE IDF BEAT CAMP INHABITANTS (INCLUDING WOMEN AND CHILDREN) AND SUBJECTED THEM TO ARBITRARY SEARCHES AND ARRESTS. THREE YOUNG ARABS WERE REPORTEDLY SHOT BY MEN DRESSED IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES. ACCORDING TO "THE POST", THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE CONFIRMED THAT THOSE IN QUESTION WERE BORDER POLICE WEARING CIVILIAN CLOTHES BUT DID NOT EXPLAIN WHY THIS WAS NECESSARY AFTER THE CAMP HAD BEEN PLACED

UNDER CURFEW.

-- CAMP INHABITANTS ALSO EXPRESSED THEIR OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED GOI REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PLANS. DESPITE GOI CLAIMS REPORTED IN AL-QUDS THAT THE PLAN WOULD BE VOLUNTARY AND IMPLEMENTED IN COORDINATION WITH UNRWA, CAMP RESIDENTS FEAR THAT THE PLAN IS INTENDED TO DEPRIVE THEM OF THEIR CLAIMS TO REPATRIATION TO THEIR LANDS AND PROPERTY IN PRE-1948 ISRAEL. "AL-FAJR" AND "ASHAAB" QUOTE CAMP RESIDENTS' DEMANDS FOR A COMPREHENSIVE POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THEIR PLIGHT AND THEIR REJECTION OF SOCIAL WELFARE PALLIATIVES.

4. MILGOV STRENGTHENS TULKARM VILLAGE LEAGUE

SENIOR MILGOV OFFICIALS PAID A VISIT TO THE TULKARM VILLAGE LEAGUE OFFICES APPARENTLY IN RESPONSE TO BOASTS BY TULKARM'S ELECTED MAYOR, HILMI HAUNDOON, THAT THE LOCAL LEAGUES ARE INSIGNIFICANT. THE CIVAD GAVE TULKARM VILLAGE LEAGUE HEAD TAHSEN MANSOUR A CHECK FOR THREE MILLION SHEKELS, TO BE USED TO "IMPLEMENT LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT PLANS" AND PROMISED ONE AND A QUARTER MILLION SHEKELS MORE TO BUY A NEW CAR FOR THE LEAGUE. AL-ANBA'A ADDED THAT THE CIVAD WOULD PERMIT THE LEAGUE TO INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF THOSE NEEDING "EMERGENCY" TRAVEL PERMITS TO AMMAN DURING PERIODS OF RESTRICTED TRAVEL.

5. NATIONALIST ARABIC PRESS ATTACKS ARAB STATES' IMPOTENCE

THE NATIONALIST ARABIC PRESS CONTINUED TO HEADLINE THE PLIGHT OF THE PALESTINIANS OUTSIDE TRIPOLI. IN ITS EDITORIAL, "AL-QUDS" NOTED THAT, "16 ARAB STATES DO NOTHING WHILE TWO OTHER ARAB STATES (SYRIA AND LIBYA) MASSACRE THE PALESTINIANS. THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT IS DOING MORE THAN THE ARABS TO STOP THE KILLING. ARE THE ARABS AFRAID OF SYRIA?" THE RADICAL ASHAAB DEMANDED AN IMMEDIATE HALT TO THE KILLING AND ASKED ARAB STATES TO FORCE SYRIA TO "ABANDON ITS DELUSION THAT IT CAN DOMINATE THE PALESTINIAN DECISION." THE PRO-PLO AL-FAJR'S EDITORIAL WAS CENSORED.

6. WORTH NOTING:

A) -- GUSH EMUNIM SPOKESMEN COMPLAINED THAT THE LIKUD HAD ABANDONED ITS PLAN TO SETTLE THE WHOLE WEST BANK AND WAS ACTUALLY IMPLEMENTING THE ALON PLAN (SETTLING THE JORDAN VALLEY AND SURROUNDING JERUSALEM). GUSH EMUNIM DEMANDED THAT THE SETTLEMENT PROGRAM BE EXCLUDED FROM PLANNED GOI BUDGET REDUCTIONS. (ASHAAB)

B) -- TRAVEL BANS ARE PREVENTING QALQILYA FARMERS FROM EXPORTING THEIR CROPS TO JORDAN. TULKARM FARMERS COMPLAIN ABOUT THE RISING COSTS OF PLOWING THEIR FIELDS (AL-FAJR). AL-ANBA'A ANNOUNCED THAT THE TULKARM VILLAGE LEAGUES WILL CHARGE 40 PERCENT LESS THAN

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COMMERCIAL RATES FOR THE USE OF ITS NEW TWO MILLION
SHEKEL TRACTOR PROVIDED BY THE CIVAD.

C) -- QUOTING AGENCE FRANCE PRESS, AL-QUDS WROTE THAT
DESPITE THE SO-CALLED UNIFICATION OF JERUSALEM,
ARAB WORKERS ARE RECRUITED IN A SHADOWY NO MANS LAND

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BETWEEN EAST AND WEST. ISRAELI FOREMEN CRUISING
BY ARE SURROUNDED BY SCORES OF ARABS SHOUTING
THEIR JOB SPECIALTIES. THEY CAN BE HIRED FOR 6.60
TO 10.10 DOLLARS PER DAY, WELL BELOW THE MINIMUM
WAGE FOR ISRAELI WORKERS. THE LOSS OF 11,000 CONSTRUCTION
JOBS IN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS WILL HIT THIS
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1. SUMMARY:

-- WEST BANK UNREST CONTINUES

-- SCHOOL CLOSINGS

-- SETTLERS DEMONSTRATE, SETTLEMENT DRIVE CONTINUES

-- ARABS CRITICIZE GOI PLANS TO RESETTLE REFUGEES

-- VILLAGE LEAGUER CALLS ON KING HUSSEIN TO NEGOTIATE

2. WEST BANK UNREST CONTINUES; ISRAELIS MOVE AGAINST
 - ARAB SCHOOLS.

PRO-ARAFAT DEMONSTRATIONS CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE WEST
 BANK. THE MOST SERIOUS INCIDENTS WERE IN TULKARM WHERE

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THE POST REPORTED FIRE BOMB ATTACKS ON ISRAELI BUSES AND ARMY OBSERVATION POSTS. NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED AND THE TOWN WAS PLACED UNDER CURFEW. THE PRO-PLU AL-FAJR ADDED THAT THE MAYOR AND LOCAL LABOR LEADERS MET WITH ISRAELI ARABS AND JEWS TO DISCUSS THE RECENT KILLING OF TWO YOUNG ARABS AND THE ARRESTS OF LOCAL LABOR LEADERS. A CURFEW ON THE TULKARM REFUGEE CAMP, HOWEVER, WAS LIFTED AFTER THE THIRD DAY.

THE POST AND AL-FAJR REPORTED SPIRITED PRO-ARAFAT DEMONSTRATIONS IN YABAD, BALATA AND BIR ZEIT UNIVERSITY. THE RADICAL ASHAAB SAID THAT THE BALATA DEMONSTRATION WAS BROKEN UP BY TEARGAS AND THAT THE ROAD LEADING TO NEARBY AN-NAJAH UNIVERSITY WAS BLOCKED BY POLICE. BIR ZEIT UNIVERSITY IS ALSO SAID TO BE PLANNING A FESTIVAL TO CELEBRATE PALESTINIAN CULTURAL HERITAGE AND IDENTITY. AL-FAJR REPORTED THAT THE MENS' TEACHERS TRAINING COLLEGE IN RAMALLAH HELD A MEETING WHICH CALLED FOR UNITY BEHIND ARAFAT AND SUPPORT FOR HIS LEGITIMATE LEADERSHIP. IN BETHLEHEM, ACCORDING TO AL-FAJR, POLICE ERECTED A ROADBLOCK NEAR RACHEL'S TOMB AND CONDUCTED INTENSIVE SEARCHES OF PASSING VEHICLES.

3. SCHOOL CLOSINGS

THE ISRAELI-SPONSORED AL-ANBA'A REPORTED THAT THE IOF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF WEST BANK EDUCATION HAS DECIDED TO FORBID STUDENTS WHO MISS MORE THAN 20 DAYS OF SCHOOL FROM TAKING THE QUALIFYING EXAMINATION. MOREOVER, TEACHERS WHOSE SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO OTHER LOCATIONS. THE MODERATE AL-QUDS ADDED THAT HENCEFORTH, STUDENTS ARRESTED IN DEMONSTRATIONS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO RETURN TO THEIR FORMER SCHOOL AFTER THEIR RELEASE.

AL-MIRA, THE VILLAGE LEAGUES' PAPER CARRIED A REPORT THAT THE CIVAD HAS THREATENED TO STOP WORK ON FAMILY REUNION REQUESTS IN DIRECT RETALIATION FOR THE RECENT UNREST. THOUSANDS OF SUCH REQUESTS ARE FILED EACH YEAR AND AL-QUDS REPORTED THAT SINCE 1967, 80,000 SUCH REQUESTS HAVE BEEN GRANTED.

UNRWA HAS SENT A WRITTEN PROTEST OF THE CLOSURE OF THE KALANDIA GIRLS SCHOOL AND THE VOCATIONAL TRAIN-

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ING CENTER (VTC) WHICH HAS AFFECTED OVER 1,300 STUDENTS. ACCORDING TO AL-QUDS, AL-FAJR AND ASHAAB, THE PROTEST NOTED THAT ONLY TEN STUDENTS WERE INVOLVED IN THE STONE-THROWING ATTACKS AT THE VTC AND CLAIMED IT WAS UNFAIR TO PUNISH OVER 1,300 STUDENTS FOR THE ACTS OF A FEW.

4. SETTLERS DEMONSTRATE; SETTLEMENT DRIVE CONTINUES

THE POST AND AL-FAJR REPORTED THAT FOLLOWING A STONE-THROWING ATTACK ON THEIR BUS OUTSIDE HALHOUL, KIRYAT ARBA SETTLERS BLOCKED THE ROAD TO ALL TRAFFIC. ASHAAB ADDED THAT EVENTUALLY 300 SETTLERS SWARMED OVER THE ROAD, SOME SMASHING ARAB CAR WINDOWS. IDF TROOPS EVENTUALLY PERSUADED THEM TO GO HOME. IN NABLUS, THE POST, AL-QUDS AND AL-FAJR NOTED THAT GUN-CARRYING YESHIVA STUDENTS FROM NEARBY SETTLEMENTS BROKE INTO AN ARAB SCHOOL AND PROMISED REPRISALS IF THE STUDENTS CONTINUED TO THROW STONES. NO ARRESTS WERE MADE.

ALL PAPERS WROTE THAT 2,400 NEW HOUSING UNITS WILL BE STARTED BY MARCH 1984, AND THAT ANOTHER 1,600 UNITS SHOULD BE STARTED BY THE END OF FISCAL YEAR 1984. NINE SCHOOLS, 12 PRE-SCHOOL CENTERS, NUMEROUS SWIMMING POOLS, SPORTS COMPLEXES, SYNAGOGUES AND COMMERCIAL CENTERS ARE ALSO TO BE BUILT THIS YEAR. A SEPARATE ROAD NETWORK CONNECTING THE SETTLEMENTS AND BYPASSING ARAB TOWNS IS ALSO BEING BUILT. AL-ANBA' A QUDES A HOUSING MINISTRY OFFICIAL AS SAYING THAT ONLY ONE PERCENT OF THE GOI BUDGET GOES TOWARDS SETTLEMENTS. THUS, COMPLAINTS THAT ISRAEL CANNOT AFFORD NEW SETTLEMENTS NOW IS FALSE. NEXT YEAR, ACCORDING TO AL-FAJR THE GOI WILL SPEND 10 BILLION SHEKELS ON 6 NEW SETTLEMENTS AND 2,400 MORE HOUSING UNITS.

5. ARABS CRITICIZE GOI PLAN TO RESETTLE REFUGEES

THE POST REPORTED THAT PM SHAMIR WILL SOLICIT U.S. AID FOR A CONTROVERSIAL 1.5 BILLION DOLLAR PLAN TO RESETTLE REFUGEES UNDER ISRAELI CONTROL. THE REFUGEES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES INSIDE ISRAEL'S BOUNDARIES; INSTEAD, THEY WILL BE OFFERED SMALL PLOTS OUTSIDE THEIR PRESENT CAMPS WHICH WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO NEARBY WEST BANK MUNICIPALITIES.

THE GOI CLAIMS THAT NO ONE WILL BE FORCED TO LEAVE THE CAMP. THE NATIONALIST ARABIC PRESS REJECTS THE PLAN. THEY VIEW IT AS AN ATTEMPT TO 'CREATE NEW FACTS ON THE

GROUND," ONCE RESETTLED THE CAMPS INHABITANTS WILL NO LONGER BE REFUGEES AND WILL NO LONGER HAVE ANY CLAIM TO BEING RESETTLED IN THEIR PRE-1948 LANDS AND PROPERTIES. AL-FAJR AND ASHAAB REPORTED THAT THE PLO HAS ORDERED THE CAMPS TO REJECT THE PLAN FOR JUST THIS REASON. AL-QUDS WROTE THAT SINCE THE GOI LACKS THE MONEY TO IMPLEMENT THE PLAN, U.S. FUNDING IS ESSENTIAL. ASHAAB WRITES THAT ANOTHER PURPOSE OF THE PLAN IS TO MOVE THE CAMPS FURTHER FROM THE MAIN ROADS AND SO KEEP THE ROADS FREE OF INTERFERENCE.

6. VILLAGE LEAGUER CALLS ON HUSSEIN TO NEGOTIATE THE POST AND THE PRO-ISRAELI AL-ANBA'A REPORTED THAT

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NASSER CRITICIZED THE PLO AS INEPT AND NOW IRRELEVANT. HE ASCRIBED THE PLO'S PAST SUCCESS IN DOMINATING WEST BANK POLICIES TO GOI POLICIES SINCE '67. BY BANNING ALL OVERT POLITICAL ACTIVITY, THE ISRAELIS ENSURED THAT THE COVERT APPARATUS OF THE PLO WOULD HAVE A NEAR MONOPOLY OF POLITICAL POWER.

NASSER ALSO CLAIMED THAT THE GOI HAS 'TURNED AGAINST' THE VILLAGE LEAGUES BECAUSE THE GROUP NOW CALLS FOR PALESTINIAN CONTROL OF THE WEST BANK. IN CONTRAST, AL-MIRA'A (THE VILLAGE LEAGUE PAPER) QUOTED MILGOV AUTHORITIES AS DESCRIBING THE LEAGUE AS A BASIC ELEMENT IN ANY POLITICAL DIALOGUE WITH THE WEST BANK. MOREOVER, THE CIVAD RECENTLY GRANTED 200,000 SHEKELS TO THE BURGEYN VILLAGE LEAGUE FOR VARIOUS AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS.

7. WORTH NOTING:

A. ISRAELI SECURITY FORCES UNCOVERED THE TERRORIST CELL WHICH KILLED AHARON GROSS IN HEBRON. A MUSLIM FUNDAMENTALIST CELL ACTIVE IN JERUSALEM AND HEBRON WAS APPARENTLY RESPONSIBLE. (POST) NO PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN UNCOVERING THE MASKED GUNMEN WHO KILLED THREE ARAB STUDENTS AND WOUNDED 33 OTHERS AT THE HEBRON ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY. (ASHAAB)

B. THE 15-MONTH-OLD CONTROVERSY OVER ALLEGED "LOYALTY OATH" PROVISIONS IN THE WORK PERMIT APPLICATION FORMS APPEARS TO BE OVER. SUNDAY, THE FOREIGN FACULTY AT BIR ZEIT UNIVERSITY SIGNED WORK PERMIT APPLICATION FORMS CONTAINING A ONE-WORD AMENDMENT WHICH THE MILGOV AND THE STUDENTS HAVE ACCEPTED. THE PERMITS SHOULD BE APPROVED SHORTLY AND THE FOREIGN FACULTY HAS BEEN PERMITTED TO RESUME TEACHING. (ALL PAPERS)

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1. SUMMARY:

-- FRENCH ATTACK BEKA'A; INCREASED PRESSURE ON U.S.
FOR SIMIKAR REPRISALS

-- PRO ARAFAT DEMONSTRATIONS CONTINUE ON WEST BANK

-- ALLEGATIONS THAT U.S. WILL FUND CONTROVERSIAL REFUGEE
RESETTLEMENT PLAN

-- MAJORITY OF ISRAELIS SUPPORT SETTLEMENT FREEZE

END SUMMARY.

2. FRENCH ATTACK BEKA'A; INCREASED PRESSURE ON U.S.
FOR SIMILAR REPRISALS

ALL PAPERS REPORTED FRENCH AIR STRIKES ON MILITANT

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SHIAHS IN THE BEKA'A VALLEY. THE POST QUOTED THE FR NCH AS SAYING ISLAMIC AMAL WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BEIRUT TERROR BOMBING AND AL QUDS ADDED THAT IRANIAN REVOLUTIONARY GUARDS WERE ALSO HIT. THE POST NOTED THAT JERUSALEM WAS PLEASED WITH THE ATTACK AND PREDICTED THAT PRESSURE WILL INCREASE ON PRESIDENT REAGAN TO FULFILL HIS PLEDGES TO PUNISH THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR ATTACKING THE MARINES IN BEIRUT.

-- THE RADICAL ASHAAB CLAIMED THAT SCORES OF LEBANESE CIVILIANS WERE HURT IN THE ATTACK AND COMPLAINED OF THE RETURN OF FRENCH COLONIALISM TO THE MIDDLE EAST.

3. PR -ARAFAT DEMONSTRATIONS CONTINUE ON WEST BANK

-- PRO-PLD AL-FAJR REPORTED THAT THREE NATIONALIST STUDENT GROUPS HELD A PEACEFUL PRO-ARAFAT RALLY AT BIR ZEIT UNIVERSITY. IN AN UNUSUAL GESTURE OF SOLIDARITY, THE ISLAMIC BLOC (A MUSLIM FUNDAMENTALIST GROUP) JOINED THE RALLY, UPSTAGING THEIR SECULAR COUNTERPARTS BY ANNOUNCING A HUNGER STRIKE. ONE RADICAL STUDENT GROUP ABSTAINED, NOT WISHING TO CRITICIZE THE SYRIAN BAAH.

-- ELSEWHERE, AL-FAJR REPORTED THAT A NABLUS SECONDARY SCHOOL WAS CLOSED FOR ONE WEEK AFTER STUDENTS STONED SETTLERS' VEHICLES, AND AN ISRAELI BUS WAS STONED NEAR THE QALANDIYYA CAMP.

-- ISRAELI REACTION WAS SWIFT. AL-FAJR NOTED THAT POLICE CONDUCTED A HOUSE-TO-HOUSE SEARCH IN NABLUS AND THE NEARBY BALATA CAMP, ARRESTING INDIVIDUALS FOUND WITH BANNED BOOKS AND PERIODICALS. A ONE-DAY ROADBLOCK WAS ESTABLISHED AT AN-NAJAH UNIVERSITY TO CHECK STUDENTS AND TEACHERS ON THE SECOND DAY OF CLASSES. FURTHER SOUTH, SECURITY FORCES INTERROGATED SCORES OF PEOPLE FROM THE JALAZOUN REFUGEE CAMP. THE CURFEW ON DEHEISHEH CAMP, HOWEVER, WAS LIFTED.

-- THE PLIGHT OF THE PLD CONTINUES TO DOMINATE THE HEADLINES IN ALL THE ARABIC PRESS.

4. ALLEGATIONS THAT U.S. WILL FUND CONTROVERSIAL REFUGEE SETTLEMENT PLAN

THE COMMUNIST WEEKLY AL-TALIAH CLAIMED THAT THE U.S. WILL PROVIDE 15 MILLION DOLLARS TO REHOUSE WEST BANK

REFUGEES. MOSHE ARENS, WHO IS REPORTED TO BLAME WEST BANK UNREST ON THE CAMP INHABITANTS, SEES THE RESETTLEMENT PLAN AS A MEANS TO PACIFY THE CAMPS AS WAS DONE IN GAZA IN THE SIXTIES BY ARIEL SHARON. ACCORDING TO AL-TALIAH, THE PLAN ENVISAGES THE DISPERSAL OF SOME OF THE CAMPS' INHABITANTS, AND CREATING CLEAR FIELDS OF FIRE INSIDE THE CAMPS FOR THE EFFECTIVE DEPLOYMENT OF MILITARY VEHICLES. AL-TALIAH BELIEVES THAT INCREASED STRATEGIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ISRAEL WILL REDUCE U.S. PRESSURE ON ISRAEL AND GIVE IT A FREE HAND ON THE WEST BANK. MANY OF THE ALLEGATIONS IN THIS ARTICLE HAVE APPEARED IN SHORTER ITEMS IN OTHER ARABIC PAPERS DURING THE PAST WEEKS.

5. MAJORITY OF ISRAELIS SUPPORT A SETTLEMENT FREEZE;
SETTLEMENT DRIVE CONTINUES

-- THE POST CONDUCTED A SURVEY WHICH SHOWED THAT 54 PERCENT OF ISRAELIS SUPPORTED A FREEZE ON CONSTRUCTING NEW SETTLEMENT; 22 PERCENT EVEN FAVORED A SELECTIVE DISMANTLING OF SOME CAMPS. JUST OVER HALF FAVOR GIVING UP SOME LAND FOR PEACE (3 PERCENT WOULD CEDE ALL OF THE WEST BANK; 9.3 PERCENT WOULD CEDE ALL BUT JERUSALEM AND 41 PERCENT WOULD CEDE SOME TERRITORY). THE LARGEST SINGLE BLOCK, 43 PERCENT, OPPOSE ANY TERRITORIAL COMPROMISE.

-- SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY CONTINUES. AL-FAJR REPORTED A GOI DECISION TO BUILD A NEW SETTLEMENT ON LAND BELONGING TO RUJAIB VILLAGE, NEAR NABLUS. VILLAGERS WON A COURT ORDER COMPELLING THE MILGOV TO STOP WORK ON A SITE BELONGING TO THEM ONLY 500 METERS FROM THE NEW PROPOSED SITE.

-- THE COMMUNIST AL-TALIAH REPORTED THAT SETTLERS ARE SUEVING LAND NEAR BEIT FAJAR (A VILLAGE BETWEEN BETHLEHEM AND HEBRON) FOR A PROPOSED STONE CUTTING FACTORY. VILLAGERS IN ABU TOR NEAR JERUSALEM REPORTEDLY FEAR THAT A HOTEL BEING CONSTRUCTED ON LAND PURCHASED FROM THE ORTHODOX CHURCH WILL FORM THE NUCLEUS FOR A NEW SETTLEMENT OVERLOOKING THE OLD CITY.

6. WORTH NOTING

A) -- THE PRO-ISRAELI AL-ANBA'A CLAIMED THAT YESTERDAY'S REPORT OF A THIRD ARAB DYING IN THE RECENT TULKARM SHOOTING IS UNTRUE. THE POST MAKES NO MENTION OF THIS.

B) -- THE SOCIAL GAP BETWEEN SEPHARDI IMMIGRANTS AND THEIR ASHKENAZI COUNTERPARTS IS INCREASING IN THE SECOND GENERATION. THE GAP BETWEEN FIRST GENERATION SEPHARDI AND ASHKENAZI IMMIGRANTS HAS DECREASED, AND SECOND GENERATION SEPHARDIS ARE MUCH BETTER EDUCATED AND EMPLOYED THAN THEIR PARENTS. NONETHELESS, THE GAP BETWEEN SECOND GENERATION SEPHARDIS AND

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ASHKENAZIS IS INCREASING AS THE LATTER ADVANCE MORE QUICKLY UP THE ECONOMIC LADDER. (POST)

C) -- THE NATIONALIST ARABIC PRESS (AL-QUDS, AL-FAJR AND ASHAAB) ALL QUOTE EXTENSIVELY FROM RECENT SURVEYS CONDUCTED IN THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY. THE PAPERS NOTED THAT 73 PERCENT OF U.S. JEWS FAVOR

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NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PLO IF IT RECOGNIZES ISRAEL
AND THAT 51 PERCENT BELIEVE PALESTINIANS
SHOULD HAVE A NATIONAL HOME.

D) -- THE POST REPORTED THAT THE ULTRA ORTHODOX
JEWISH ANTI-ZIONIST NATOREI KARTA GROUP PROSCRIBED
THE NEW 1,000 SHEKEL NOTE WHICH BEARS A PICTURE
OF THE NOTED JEWISH PHILOSOPHER, PHYSICIAN AND THEOLOGIAN,
MOSES MAIMONIDES. "THE ZIONISTS DEMONSTRATE THAT
THEY WISH TO DIMINIS JEWISH VALUES JUST AS THE
SHEKEL DECREASES IN VALUE." THE RADICAL
ASHAAB REPORTED A GRAMMATICAL ERROR IN THE ARABIC
PRINTED ON THE NOTE.

E) -- AL-TALIAH CLAIMED THAT A GROUP OF AMERICAN
FUNDAMENTALIST CHRISTIANS WITH "LINKS" TO PRESIDENT
REAGAN, WANT TO BUY LAND IN BETHLEHEM FOR A RADIO
STATION. THE GROUP CURRENTLY RUNS A PRO-CHRISTIAN
STATION IN SOUTH LEBANON SUPPORTING RENEGADE LEBANESE
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1. SUMMARY:

--WEST BANK DISTURBANCES CONTINUE AS THIRD ARAB YOUTH
DIES FROM GUNSHOT WOUNDS

--SPECULATION ON ISRAELI ANNEXATION; SETTLEMENT DRIVE
CONTINUES

--MILGOV FORSEES NEW AGE OF CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE WITH
WEST BANKERS

--ECONOMIC CRISIS WORSENS; INCREASED CRIME EXPECTED

END SUMMARY

2. WEST BANK DISTURBANCES CONTINUE AS THIRD ARAB YOUTH
DIES FROM GUNSHOT WOUNDS

--THE NATIONALIST ARABIC DAILIES (AL-QUDS, AL-FAJR, AND

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ASHAAB) CARRIED DEATH NOTICES FOR A THIRD ARAB WHO DIED FROM WOUNDS INFLICTED SATURDAY WHEN ISRAELI BORDER POLICE OPENED FIRE ON FIVE ARAB YOUTHS FLEEING THE SCENE OF A STONE-THROWING DEMONSTRATION IN TULKARM. ELSEWHERE ON THE WEST BANK, THE CURRENT WAVE OF UNREST RESULTING FROM WEST BANK CONCERN OVER EVENTS IN TRIPOLI ENTERS ITS SECOND WEEK.

--ACCORDING TO THE PRO-PLO AL-FAJR, TWO ISRAELI BUSES WERE STONED OUTSIDE ARROUB REFUGEE CAMP. A CURFEW WAS IMPOSED. NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED. THE RADICAL ASHAAB REPORTED THAT A MOLOTOV COCKTAIL WAS THROWN AT AN ISRAELI FOOT PATROL INSIDE THE BALATA REFUGEE CAMP. NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED AND THE CAMP WAS PLACED UNDER CURFEW. ASHAAB ALSO NOTED THAT ARAB YOUTHS STONED ISRAELI VEHICLES IN NABLUS. AL-FAJR ADDED THAT THE WEEK-LONG CURFEW ON DEHEISHEH REFUGEE CAMP CONTINUES AND THAT SOLDIERS ARE STATIONED ON THE ROOF TO ENFORCE IT.

--IN A RELATED ITEM, AL-FAJR REPORTED A NON-VIOLENT SIT-IN BY BIR ZEIT UNIVERSITY STUDENTS IN SUPPORT OF FOREIGN FACULTY MEMBERS INVOLVED IN THE DISPUTE CONCERNING THE "LOYALTY OATH" PROVISIONS IN THEIR WORK PERMIT APPLICATION FORMS.

3. SPECULATION ON ISRAELI ANNEXATION; SETTLEMENT DRIVE CONTINUES

--THE MODERATE AL-QUDS SPECULATED THAT THE GOI MAY BE PLANNING TO ANNEX THE WEST BANK AND SOUTHERN LEBANON AT THE HEIGHT OF THE 1984 U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. IN A RELATED ITEM, THE RADICAL ASHAAB REPORTED THE NEW RESTRICTIONS WHICH ISRAEL PLACED ON TRAVEL TO AND FROM SOUTHERN LEBANON AND PREDICTED FURTHER ISRAELI INVOLVEMENT IN THE AREA. IN A DIFFERENT VEIN, AL-QUDS QUOTED EXTENSIVELY FROM RECENT STATE DEPARTMENT STATEMENTS EXPRESSING DISPLEASURE WITH ISRAELI PLANS TO BUILD FIVE NEW SETTLEMENTS IN THE JORDAN VALLEY. ASHAAB AND AL-FAJR BOTH REPORTED A RECENT REQUEST IN THE KNESSET FOR A FIVE BILLION SHEKEL INVESTMENT PROGRAM TO EXPAND EXISTING JORDAN VALLEY SETTLEMENTS.

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--THE PRO-PLD AL-FAJR REPORTED THAT VILLAGERS IN AL-JIB ARE FEARFUL THAT MUCH OF THEIR LAND MAY BE CONFISCATED TO BUILD A SERIES OF ROADS LINKING THE SURROUNDING SETTLEMENTS. AL-FAJR ADDED THAT IN THE PAST YEAR 50 REQUESTS FOR BUILDING PERMITS WERE DENIED BY THE MILGOV WHILE NEARBY SETTLEMENTS HAVE BEEN EXPANDING. ONE ARAB HOME IN THE VILLAGE HAS BEEN DEMO IShed AND TWO OTHERS THREATENED BECAUSE THE HOUSEHOLDERS LACKED THE RIGHT BUILDING PERMIT.

4. MI GOV FORSEES NEW AGE OF CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE WITH WEST BANKERS

--THE PRO-ISRAELI AL-ANBA'A QUOTED COORDINATOR OF ACTIVITIES IN THE ADMINISTERED TERRITORIES "FUAD" ELIEZER SAYING "WE ARE IN THE BEGINNING OF A NEW AGE OF CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE LEADING TO PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE OF ARABS AND JEWS ON THE WEST BANK." THE REMARKS WERE MADE IN HEBRON DURING A MEETING WITH LOCAL NOTABLES. AS PROOF OF THE NEW AGE, ELIEZER ANNOUNCED THE EARLY REOPENING OF AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WHICH WAS PLACED UNDER A ONE-MONTH CLOSURE ORDER FOLLOWING STONING INCIDENTS LAST WEEK.

--AL-FAJR AND ASHAAB DOED THAT THE MILGOV EXTRACTED STRICT ASSURANCES FROM THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL THAT THE SCHOOL WOULD REMAIN CALM. THE TWO PAPERS ALSO REPORTED THAT NO ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN AGAINST SETTLERS WHO "KIDNAPPED" THE PRINCIPAL DURING THE STONING INCIDENTS. MOREOVER, BOTH PAPERS LISTED THE NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS WHICH THE NOTABLES RAISED WITH ELIEZER, E.G, RESTRIC-TIONS ON BUILDING PERMITS, THE ARREST OF LOCAL MERCHANTS FOR NOT PAYING ISRAELI VAT, AND LENGTHY DELAYS IN FAMILY REUNION REQUESTS.

--ELIEZER ALSO PREDICTED THAT THE VILLAGE LEAGUES WILL BE ONE ELEMENT IN THE FUTURE DIALOGUE AND POINTED TO THE LOCAL HEBRON VILLAGE LEAGUE AS A MODEL OF PRACTICAL COEXISTENCE. (FYI: THE HEBRON VILLAGE LEAGUE HAS BEEN RIDDLED WITH CORRUPTION IN THE PAST LEADING TO THE SACKING OF TWO SENIOR LEAGUE OFFICIALS.)

5. ECONOMIC CRISIS WORSENS; INCREASED CRIME EXPECTED

--BOTH AL-QUDS AND AL-FAJR REPORTED A 23 PERCENT INCREASE IN ORDINARY THEFTS AND A 66 PERCENT INCREASE IN ARMED ROBBERIES IN THE PAST YEAR WHICH OBSERVERS ATTRIBUTE TO THE TROUBLED ISRAELI ECONOMY. AL-FAJR REPORTED THAT THE NABLUS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CALLED FOR GREATER POLICE PROTECTION AFTER A MAN WAS STABBED AND ROBBED IN THE CENTER OF TOWN.

--IN OTHER ECONOMIC REPORTING, AL-QUDS QUOTED AN ISRAELI PREDICTION THAT 11,000 CONSTRUCTION WORKERS (MANY OF THEM WEST BANKERS) WILL BE LAID OFF IN THE COMING YEAR. AL-QUDS ALSO QUOTED ISRAELI CONTENTIONS THAT "ARAB WORKERS ARE SUBJECT TO ORGANIZED THEFT." A HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP RECENTLY CALCULATED THAT IF WEST

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BANK WORKERS RECEIVED ALL THE SOCIAL BENEFITS WHICH
THEIR SALARY DEDUCTIONS ENTITLED THEM, THEIR EFFECTIVE
INCOMES WOULD BE DOUBLED.

6. WORTH NOTING:

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(A) THE PLO DEBACLE IN TRIPOLI DOMINATED THE HEADLINES IN AL-FAJR, AL-QUDS AND ASHAAB. THE ARABIC PRESS REPORTED WITH MISGIVINGS THE CAPTURE OF BADDAWI BY SY IAN-LED PLO DISSIDENTS. THE SUPREME ISLAMIC COUNCIL WAS WIDELY QUOTED AS CALLING ON "PALESTINIAN BROTHERS" TO STOP FIGHTING AND RESUME THEIR DIALOGUE.

(B) THE POST REPORTED THAT SPECIAL ENVOY RUMSFELD "VOICED NOT A WORD OF CRITICISM" ABOUT RECENT IAF ATTACKS ON IRANIAN AND SHI'ITE POSITIONS IN THE BAKA'A. THE RADICAL ASHAAB TOOK THIS ONE STEP FURTHER AND SPECULATED ABOUT THE "PHENOMENON" OF RUMSFELD'S VISIT COINCIDING WITH THE IAF ATTACK. ASHAAB DEVOTED ANOTHER ARTICLE TO BRITISH SPECULATIONS ABOUT AN IMMINENT LIMITED WAR BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL. AL-ANBA'A, HOWEVER, REPEATED SHAMIR'S VIEWS THAT NO SUCH WAR IS EXPECTED.

(C) THE JERUSALEM MUNICIPALITY ISSUED A STOP WORK ORDER ON CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW POWER PLANT BY THE ARAB-OWNED EAST JERUSALEM ELECTRICITY COMPANY (EJEC). THE NEW PLANT WOULD LEAD TO A QUADRUPLING OF THEIR POWER OUTPUT. THE CITY CLAIMED THAT THE PLANT WOULD POLLUTE THE AIR AND WATER, AND THAT EJEC FAILED TO OBT IN THE NECESSARY PERMIT FROM THE REGIONAL PLANNING CENTER.

(D) THE POST PRINTED AN ANGRY LETTER TO THE EDITOR COMPLAINING ABOUT PROPOSED INCREASES IN SUBSIDIES TO ULTRA-ORTHODOX AGUDAT ISRAEL'S BOARDING SCHOOLS WHILE SECULAR PARENTS ARE ASKED TO PAY A NEW SCHOOL TAX. "IS IT REALLY ANY WONDER WHY WE FEEL SO MUCH HOSTILITY WHEN WE THE SECULAR ARE PENALIZED WHILE THE RELIGIOUS RECEIVE HANDOUTS THAT THIS COUNTRY CANNOT AFFORD?"

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1. SUMMARY

-- MORE CONFRONTATIONS BETWEEN ARAB DEMONSTRATORS AND ISRAELIS ON THE WEST BANK

-- ARENS DEFENDS WEST BANK POLICY

-- TWO KIRYAT ARBA RESIDENTS TRIED FOR DESTROYING EVIDENCE OF THE 1980 BOMBINGS AGAINST THREE WEST BANK MAYORS.

-- REPORTED INCREASE IN NUMBER OF PALESTINIAN EMIGRES RETURNING TO THE WEST BANK

2. MORE CONFRONTATIONS BETWEEN ARAB DEMONSTRATORS AND ISRAELIS ON THE WEST BANK

THE CURRENT WAVE OF UNREST CONTINUES WITH FIVE VIOLENT

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AND TWO NONVIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS REPORTED YESTERDAY.

-- NABLUS DISTRICT: RADICAL ASHAAB REPORTED THAT A BORDER POLICE CAR WAS STONED IN NABLUS, NO INJURIES REPORTED. THE POST AND PRO-PLD AL-FAJR ADDED THAT IN A SEPARATE INCIDENT AN ISRAELI TAXI WAS SURROUNDED BY A STONE-THROWING MOB. FIRING HIS GUN IN THE AIR, THE DRIVER ESCAPED WITHOUT SERIOUS INJURY ON EITHER SIDE. IN NEARBY BALATA REFUGEE CAMP, RESIDENTS STAGED A NOISY BUT NON-VIOLENT DEMONSTRATION IN WHICH THEY WAVED PALESTINIAN FLAGS (POST).

-- HEBRON DISTRICT: LT. COL. SHLOMO ILYA WAS STONED BY VILLAGERS IN DOURA WHEN HE ATTEMPTED TO DEDICATE A NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MUSTAFA DUDIN, FORMER VILLAGE LEAGUE LEADER (POST, ASHAAB). IN HEBRON ITSELF, YOUTHS STONED ISRAELI VEHICLES REPORTEDLY IN SUPPORT OF DOURA VILLAGERS (AL-FAJR).

-- BETHLEHEM DISTRICT: AN IDF TRUCK WAS FIREBOMBED NEAR RACHEL'S TOMB WHICH IS HEAVILY GUARDED BY IDF TROOPS (POST). THE NEARBY DEHEISHE REFUGEE CAMP REMAINED UNDER CURFEW.

3. ARENS DEFENDS WEST BANK POLICY

ALL PAPERS REPORTED THAT MINISTER OF DEFENSE MOSHE ARENS WAS ASKED TO DEFEND HIS WEST BANK POLICY IN THE KNESSET. QUESTIONS ABOUT THE RECENT SHOOTING DEATHS OF TWO YOUNG ARABS AND THE WOUNDING OF SIX OTHERS, THE POST QUOTED ARENS SAYING "PEOPLE WHO THROW STONES CANNOT KNOW WHAT THE CONSEQUENCES WILL BE." BOTH THE POST AND AL-ANBA' A QUOTE ARENS AS CLAIMING THAT POLITICAL VIOLENCE ON THE WEST BANK IS SEASONAL...IT IS WRONG TO THINK THAT A POLITICAL SOLUTION WILL PUT AN END TO THESE ACTS."

AL-FAJR AND ASHAAB QUOTE OPPOSITION KNESSET MEMBERS' REPLY THAT "THE RESORT TO AN IRON FIST POLICY WHICH HAS ALWAYS FAILED IN THE PAST SHOWS THE BANKRUPTCY OF THE LI UD POLICY...CURRENT UNREST IS DIRECTED AGAINST SYRIA AND SHOWS THAT THE WEST BANK SUPPORTS ARAFAT." ALL PAPERS CONCLUDED BY NOTING THE KNESSET'S DESIRE FOR A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN MONITORING MOD WEST BANK POLICY.

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THE POST AND THE PRO-ISRAELI AL-ANBA'A REPORTED THE

4. TWO KIRYAT ARBA RESIDENTS TRIED FOR DESTROYING EVIDENCE OF THE 1980 BOMBINGS AGAINST THREE WEST BANK MAYORS

0000 THE POST AND THE PRO-ISRAELI AL-ANBA'A REPORTED THE TRIAL OF FORMER DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE KIRYAT ARBA COUNCIL ZE'EV FRIEDMAN AND HIS FORMER SECURITY OFFICER MOSHE ROSENTHAL. THE TWO ADMIT TO FINDING A BOMB IN THE SETTLEMENT'S ARSENAL SIMILAR TO THE ONES WHICH CRIPPLED BASSAM SHAK'A AND KARIM KHALLAF AND BLINDED AN IDF DEMOLITION EXPERT. THE BOMB WAS WRAPPED IN NEWSPAPERS DATING FROM THE TIME OF THE ATTACKS. ROSENTHAL SAID THEY KEPT THE DISCOVERY SECRET AND DESTROYED THE BOMB TO "PRESERVE THE GOOD NAME OF KIRYAT ARBA WHICH WAS SUBJECTED TO SATANIC ATTACKS IN THE PRESS." FOR SECURITY REASONS, THE TWO ARE BEING TRIED IN CAMERA.

0000 5. REPORTED INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PALESTINIAN EMIGRES RETURNING TO THE WEST BANK

BOTH THE MODERATE AL-QUDS AND THE PRO-PLO ASHAAB REPORTED THAT THE DEMOGRAPHIC OUTFLOW OF EMIGRANTS FROM THE WEST BANK MAY BE REVERSING. DECLINING ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN THE PALESTINIAN DIASPORA IS CITED AS THE MAIN REASON FOR THE INFUX OF RETURNING EMIGRES. MOST RETURNEES ARE CHILDREN OF EMIGRES AND WORKERS LAID OFF FROM JOBS IN THE GULF.

0000 AL-FAJR PUTTED RAMALLAH LAWYER RAJA SHEHADEH AS CLAIMING THAT THE ISRAELIS ARE PUTTING NUMEROUS OBSTACLES IN THE WAY OF RETURNEES. DESPITE AGREEMENTS ON FAMILY REUNIFICATION, ISRAELIS ARE RELUCTANT TO GIVE PERMANENT RESIDENCE STATUS TO THE RETURNEES.

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6. WORTH NOTING:

0000 A. AS PART OF ITS CONTINUING ANTI-SYRIAN ATTACKS, THE NATIONALIST ARABIC PRESS JOINED THE POST IN QUOING AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL'S REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN SYRIA. THE PRO-PLO AL-FAJR DEVOTED AN ENTIRE PAGE TO THE REPORT, NOTING 3500 INSTANCES OF TORTURE BY 23 DISTINCT METHODS. THE ACCUSATION OF U.S. COMPLICITY IN THE SYRIAN AGGRESSION WAS ALSO REPORTED IN THE AL-FAJR AND ASHAAB.

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B. THREE AN-NAJAH UNIVERSITY STUDENTS WERE DETAINED BY SECURITY FORCES LAST NIGHT. TWO OTHERS WERE PLACED UNDER TOWN ARREST (POST, ASHAAB).

C. MAJOR ABBAS, THE ISRAELI DRUZE SERVING AS THE MAYOR OF RAMALLAH, INSISTS ON RESIGNING HIS POSITION. THE ARABIC SPEAKING ABBAS WAS GENERALLY REGARDED AS REASONABLE BY LOCAL ARABS. HE CITED DIFFERENCES WITH THE CIVAD FOR HIS RESIGNATION (AL-ANBA'A, AL-QUDS, POST).

D. THE ISSUE OF THE NEW JERUSALEM STADIUM WAS RAISED WITH PM SHAMIR BY AQUDAT ISRAEL MKS WHO EXPRESSED ULTRA-ORTHODOX RELIGIOUS OBJECTIONS. THE STADIUM

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1. להלן תוכן מברק מה-11.11 שהגיענו היום והממוען לרוה'ים:

WE THE MEMBERS OF DURHAM STUDENTS UNION WERE SHOCKED TODAY TO HEAR THAT 20 FOREIGN FACULTY MEMBERS OF BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY WERE ISSUED WITH DEPORTATION ORDERS AND THAT 12 OF THOSE ALONG WITH THE VICE-PRESIDENT DOCTOR BARAMKI WERE INDISCRIMINATELY SELECTED TO BE CHARGED WITH THE FORGERY. WE STRONGLY URGE THAT THESE DEPORTATION ORDERS AND CHARGES BE DROPPED AND THAT THE VICE-PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF STAFF BE ALLOWED TO RESUME THEIR TEACHING DUTIES AT THE UNIVERSITY. WE BELIEVE THAT THE ACTIONS OF THE CIVIL ADMINISTRATION ARE A GROSS INFRINGEMENT OF ACADEMIC FREEDOM.

YOURS SINCERELY THE EXECUTIVE OF THE DURHAM STUDENTS UNION

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1. SUMMARY

- DE LINE IN VIOLENCE ON THE WEST BANK; ISRAELI CRACKDOWN CONTINUES
 - FIVE NEW SETTLEMENTS ANNOUNCED; SETTLERS UNHAPPY WITH BUDGET FREEZE FOR NEW SETTLEMENTS
 - PALESTINIANS RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM THE HIGH COURT, THE ARAB LEAGUE, AND THE POPE
 - JERUSALEM POST EDITORIAL CALLS FOR POLITICAL DIALOGUE
- END SUMMARY

2. DE LINE IN VIOLENCE ON THE WEST BANK; ISRAELI CRACKDOWN CONTINUES

--THE POST REPORTED A SHARP DECLINE IN UNREST ON THE WEST BANK YESTERDAY WITH ONLY ONE VIOLENT DISTURBANCE: IN TULKARM, A PROCESSION MOURNING THE KILLING OF TWO LOCAL YOUTHS BY BORDER POLICE WAS BROKEN UP BY TEARGAS. ELSEWHERE ON THE WEST BANK, THERE WERE TWO NON-VIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN SUPPORT OF ARAFAT: A PRO-ARAFAT SIT-IN AT AN-NAJAH UNIVERSITY AND A NOISY ANTI-SYRIAN RALLY AT A LUTHERAN VOCATIONAL SCHOOL IN EAST JERUSALEM (AL-FAJR AND ASHAAB). ISRAELI CRACKDOWN, HOWEVER, CONTINUED.

--MODERATE AL-QUDS, RADICAL ASHAAB, AND PRO-PLO AL-FAJR ALL REPORTED MINISTER OF DEFENSE MOSHE ARENS REMARKS ABOUT ADOPTING HARSHER MEASURES AGAINST WEST BANK UNREST. AL-QUDS DESCRIBES THE NEW MOVES AS AN IRON-FIST POLICY. ALL THREE PAPERS REPORTED THAT THE IDF ERECTED CEMENT WALLS AND AN IRON GRILL BLOCKING ENTRANCES TO THE KALANDIA CAMP AND THE NABLUS CASBAH, TO STOP STONE-THROWING INCIDENTS. AL-QUDS REPORTED THAT HUNDREDS OF REFUGEE CAMP INHABITANTS HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED AND THE IDF PLANS TO INCREASE ITS PATROL OF TROUBLE SPOTS. THE THREE PAPERS ALSO QUOTED ARENS AS PROMISING SETTLERS THAT THE IDF WOULD INSTALL "ELECTRONIC DEVICES" ALONG WEST BANK ROADS TO STOP STONINGS.

3. FIVE NEW SETTLEMENTS ANNOUNCED; SETTLERS COMPLAIN OF BUDGET FREEZE

--THE POST, AL-QUDS, AL-FAJR, AND ASHAAB ALL REPORTED THAT THE JOINT GOI-WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE HAS ANNOUNCED THE CREATION OF FIVE NEW SETTLEMENTS ON THE WEST BANK, TWO OF WHICH WILL BE FORMED AROUND EXISTING NAHALS. ASHAAB WROTE THAT THE GOI PLANS TO BUILD 4,000 HOUSING UNITS THIS FISCAL YEAR.

--DESPITE THESE PLANS, AL-ANBA'A REPORTED COMPLAINTS BY SOME ISRAELIS THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE SPENDING MORE. "THE CURRENT FREEZE OF SETTLEMENT FUNDING TO ONLY TWO PERCENT OF THE GOI BUDGET IS LIKE A DECREASE IN FUNDING, BECAUSE IT WILL INHIBIT FURTHER PRIVATE INVESTMENT."

4. PALESTINIANS RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM THE HIGH COURT, THE ARAB LEAGUE, AND THE POPE

--THE ISRAELI HIGH COURTS RECENTLY ISSUED THREE DECREES SUPPORTING PALESTINIAN PROTESTS AGAINST MILGOV ACTIONS. IN THE FIRST, AL-QUDS REPORTED THAT THE COURT ORDERED THE MILGOV TO SHOW CAUSE WHY IT SHOULD NOT RELEASE BIR ZEIT UNIVERSITY STUDENT LEADER NEIF SUWAITAT FROM THE JENIN JAIL WHERE HE HAS BEEN HELD FOR THREE DAYS. ASHAAB NOTED THAT THE MILGOV HAD ACTED TO PREVENT SUWAITAT'S LAWYER FROM ATTENDING HIS HEARING. IN THE SECOND CASE, AL-QUDS REPORTED THAT THE COURT ORDERED THE MILGOV TO SHOW CAUSE WHY IT SHOULD NOT CANCEL THE CONFISCATION OF LAND FROM DEIR DEBWAN VILLAGE WHICH WAS SEIZED FOR A SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL CENTER. IN THE FINAL CASE, AL-FAJR REPORTED THAT THE COURT TOLD THE MILGOV TO JUS IFY ITS PLANNED DEMOLITION OF SEVERAL HOUSES IN DEHEIS EH REFUGEE CAMP.

--THE NATIONALIST ARABIC PRESS REPORTED THAT THE ARAB LEAGUE HAS FORMED A COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE THE CONSTRUCTION AND PRESERVATION OF PALESTINIAN HOUSING ON THE WEST BANK AND JERUSALEM. THE COMMITTEE WILL CONSULT WITH THE FEDERATION OF ARAB CONTRACTORS. THE GOAL IS TO STRENGTHEN THE PHYSICAL PRESENCE OF THE PALESTINIANS IN THE FACE OF INCREASED JEWISH SETTLEMENT ON THE WEST BANK.

--THE NATIONALIST PRESS ALSO QUOTED POPE JOHN PAUL'S STATEMENT URGING PALESTINIANS TO CLING TO THEIR LANDS. THE REMARK WAS MADE TO A GROUP OF PALESTINIAN CATHOLICS FROM ISRAEL AND THE WEST BANK AT THE BEATIFICATION OF A 19TH CENTURY PALESTINIAN NUN. THE POPE ALSO URGED PALESTINIAN CATHOLICS TO PLACE THEMSELVES AT THE HEAD OF THE FORCES OF PEACE AND RECONCILIATION.

5. JERUSALEM POST CALLS FOR POLITICAL DIALOGUE

--IN ITS EDITORIAL TODAY, THE POST DECLARED THAT THERE IS NO MILITARY SOLUTION TO WEST BANK UNREST. LONG PRISON TERMS, CURFEWS, COLLECTIVE PUNISHMENT AND PHYSICAL BARRIERS HAVE FAILED IN THE PAST TO STOP STONE-THROWING DEMONSTRATIONS. THE TIME HAS COME FOR POLITICAL DIALOGUE. THE FIRST STEP IS FOR ISRAELI POLITICIANS TO STOP REFERRING TO WEST BANK PALESTINIANS AS 'THE ARABS OF ISRAEL.'

--IN A RELATED ARTICLE, ASHAAB QUOTED AN ISRAELI RESEARCHER WHO BELIEVES THAT ISRAELI ACTIONS ON THE WEST BANK HAVE LED TO AN INCREASE IN NATIONAL CONSCIOUSNESS AMONG PALESTINIANS. THE 'WAR AGAINST THE PLO' AND THE FREE REIGN GIVEN TO GUSH EMUNIM SETTLERS HAS LED TO AN EXTREMIST REACTION AMONG THE ARABS. THE ISRAELI RESEARCHER PARTICULARLY CRITICIZED SHARON'S ACTIONS WHICH PREVENTED THE BIRTH OF AN INDIGENOUS AND POSSIBLY MORE MODERATE POLITICAL LEADERSHIP ON THE WEST BANK.

6. WORTH NOTING:

(A) AL-QUDS REPORTED THAT THE COST OF LIVING HAS INCREASED BY 50 PERCENT IN THE PAST THREE MONTHS.

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RATE IN THE ECONOMICALLY DEPRESSED AREA. THE POST
ADDED THAT LARGE-SCALE LAYOFFS ARE EXPECTED IN MANY

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JERUSALEM AREA FIRMS, PARTICULARLY THOSE MANUFACTURING FOR THE LOCAL MARKET.

(B) THE ARABIC PRESS CONTINUED TO MONITOR EVENTS IN LEBANON. SUPPORT FOR ARAFAT AND CONDEMNATION OF SYRIA ARE THE MAINSTAYS OF THE COVERAGE. LOCAL SCHOOLS, COOPERATIVES AND VILLAGE COUNCILS CONTINUE TO PLACE ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE PAPERS EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ARAFAT.

(C) FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE ISRAELIS APPOINTED HIM MAYOR OF BEIT JALA, AMMAN PERMITTED FARAH ARAJ TO WITHDRAW 50,000 JDS FROM THE MUNICIPALITY'S JORDANIAN BANK ACCOUNTS.

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SUBJECT: WEST BANK AND JERUSALEM MEDIA REPORT,
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1. SUMMARY:

--TWO YOUTHS SHOT DEAD, THREE WOUNDED AS ISRAELI
SECURITY FORCES REACT TO "INTOLERABLE" UNREST ON WEST
BANK; DEMONSTRATIONS AND ROCK-THROWING ATTACKS CONTINUE

--ISRAELI RESEARCHERS DOCUMENT WHAT THEY DESCRIBE AS THE
GROWTH IN HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSE ON THE WEST BANK

--JERUSALEM POST ON WEST BANK LEGAL SYSTEM

--NEW, HARSHER POLICY EXPECTED AS MILGOV ATTEMPTS TO
PACIFY WEST BANK REFUGEE CAMPS

END SUMMARY

2. TWO YOUTHS SHOT DEAD, THREE WOUNDED AS ISRAELI

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SECURITY FORCES REACT TO "INTOLERABLE" UNREST ON WEST BANK; DEMONSTRATIONS AND ROCK-THROWING ATTACKS CONTINUE

--ALL PAPERS REPORTED THE SHOOTING DEATH OF TWO ARAB YOUTHS IN TULKARM THIS SATURDAY. THE POST AND AL-QUDS WROTE THAT THE TWO WERE KILLED BY BORDER POLICEMEN WHO WERE ATTEMPTING TO STOP THEM FROM FLEEING THE VICINITY OF A DEMONSTRATION. THE ARAB MAYOR IN TULKARM SENT OPEN LETTERS TO THE ARAB PRESS CONDEMNING THE KILLINGS AND CLAIMING THAT THERE WERE NO VIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN TULKARM THAT DAY. THE MILGOV IS INVESTIGATING THE SHOOTING.

--IN DEHEISHEH REFUGEE CAMP ALL PAPERS REPORTED THAT BORDER POLICE SHOT THREE ARAB YOUTHS THROWING STONES AT AN ISRAELI PATROL. FOLLOWING THE SHOOTING, MINISTER OF DEFENSE MOSHE ARENS WAS QUOTED IN THE POST AND AL-QUDS AS SAYING THAT RECENT UNREST ON THE WEST BANK IS INTOLERABLE AND THAT THE IDF WOULD USE ALL EXISTING RESOURCES CONSISTENT WITH THE ACCEPTED NORMS OF THE IDF AND THE STATE OF ISRAEL TO STOP THE UNREST. ARENS THEN CALLED ON WEST BANK SETTLERS TO SUPPORT THE ARMY.

ELSEWHERE ON THE WEST BANK, OTHER PRO-ARAFAT DEMONSTRATIONS AND ROCK-THROWING ATTACKS WERE REPORTED:

--JERUSALEM. A PRAYER SERVICE AND NON-VIOLENT RALLY WERE HELD IN THE AL AQSA MOSQUE ON FRIDAY IN MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS OF SYRIAN AGGRESSION IN TRIPOLI. SECURITY FORCES DID NOT INTERVENE (ALL PAPERS).

--NABLUS. PRO-ARAFAT RALLIES WERE STAGED IN NABLUS AND PARTS OF THE CITY WERE PLACED UNDER CURFEW (AL-QUDS, AL-FAJR). A BUS WAS STONED OUTSIDE NABLUS; TWO ISRAELIS WERE SLIGHTLY INJURED (AL-QUDS, POST). DEMONSTRATIONS ALSO REPORTED IN THE NEARBY ASKAR CAMP (AL-QUDS, AL-FAJR).

--RAMA LAH DISTRICT. ISRAELI VEHICLES WERE STONED NEAR RAMALLAH (AL-QUDS, THE POST). IDF FORCES GATHERED THE MALE RESIDENTS OF JALAZOUN AND HELD THEM FOR TEN HOURS, CHECKING THEIR DOCUMENTS FOLLOWING A RASH OF FIRE BOMBINGS ON LAST THURSDAY (ASHAAR).

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-HEBBON AND AVABTA. STONES WERE THROWN AT ISRAELI VEHICLES (AL-QUDS, ASHAAB).

--HALHOUL. AN ISRAELI BUS WAS STONED, SLIGHTLY INJURING THE DRIVER. IDF FORCES CLOSED FIVE NEARBY SHOPS IN REPRISAL (POST, AL-QUDS).

--TULKARM. FOLLOWING THE KILLING OF TWO ARAB YOUTHS, A BOMB WAS DISCOVERED AT A LOCAL BORDER POLICE STATION. THE BOMB WAS SUCCESSFULLY DISARMED (ALL PAPERS).

3. ISRAELI RESEARCHERS DOCUMENT WHAT THEY DESCRIBE AS GROWING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS ON THE WEST BANK

--THE NATIONALIST ARABIC PRESS (AL-QUDS, ASHAAB, AND AL-FAJR) ALL RAN ARTICLES DISCUSSING A RECENT REPORT BY LEFTIST ISRAELI ACADEMICS ON MILGOV POLICIES ON THE WEST BANK. THE REPORT DOCUMENTED 60 ATTACKS BY SETTLERS AGAINST ARABS FROM 1979-1982 RESULTING IN ONLY SIX INDICTMENTS (NOT INCLUDING ONE SETTLER WHO CONFESSED TO VANDALIZING ARAB CARS, BUT WHO WAS NOT PROSECUTED). THE REPORT CONTRASTS THIS LENIENCY TOWARDS SETTLERS WITH THE HARSH PENALTIES METED OUT TO ARABS AND CONCLUDES THAT THE SETTLERS WERE BEING ENCOURAGED AND PROTECTED BY THE MILITARY DURING THAT PERIOD.

--THE REPORT ALSO NOTED THAT IN 1979-1982 FIVE TIMES AS MANY PALESTINIANS THAN ISRAELIS WERE KILLED IN VIOLENT CLASHES, AND THAT EIGHT PALESTINIANS WERE SHOT DEAD SINCE OCTOBER 1982. THE REPORT ALSO CLAIMED THAT THE MILITARY ROUTINELY USED COLLECTIVE PUNISHMENT AS A TOOL TO PACIFY THE WEST BANK. MOREOVER, ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES, WHICH ARE FREE OF JUDICIAL CONTROLS, ARE BEING INCREASINGLY USED; E.G., IN 1979-1982 150 PERSONS WERE FORBIDDEN TO LEAVE THEIR HOMETOWNS.

4. JERUSALEM POST ON WEST BANK LEGAL SYSTEM

--IN A TWO-PAGE ESSAY IN ITS FRIDAY SUPPLEMENT, THE POST ADDRESSED THE ISSUE OF JUSTICE AND THE RULE OF LAW ON THE WEST BANK. THE POST QUOTED U.S.-TRAINED LAWYER JONATHAN KUTTAB AS SAYING THAT "THE SITUATION ON THE WEST BANK IS APPROACHING APARTHEID. THE MILGOV HAS FACILITATED TWO SEPARATE SYSTEMS IN MOST ASPECTS OF LIFE IN THE WEST BANK (WITH) SEPARATE COURTS AND LEGAL SYSTEMS, SEGREGATED AREAS OF RESIDENCE AND SEPARATE INFRASTRUCTURES." CITING ISRAELI CLAIMS OF LEGALITY, THE POST POINTS OUT THAT THE LAWS THEMSELVES ARE UNEQUAL; E.G., THE MILGOV CAN TERMINATE COURT CASES BEFORE THEY ARE CONCLUDED, COURT RECORDS CAN BE PURGED AT WILL AND THE MILITARY ACTS AS BOTH JUDGE AND JURY IN MANY INSTANCES.

--THE POST CONCLUDES THAT "FOR ISRAELIS, THE ABHORRENT COMPARISON WITH SOUTH AFRICAN APARTHEID--A POLITICAL SYSTEM WHICH OUTSIDE THE REPUBLIC IS ALMOST UNIVERSALLY CONDEMNED AS IMMORAL, BUT IS PEDANTICALLY LEGALISTIC--

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IS BECOMING DIFFICULT TO REFUTE."

5. NEW HARSHER POLICY EXPECTED AS MILGOV ATTEMPTS TO
PACIFY THE WEST BANK REFUGEE CAMPS

--AL-QUDS, THE POST, AND ASHAAB REPORTED THAT THE

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COORDINATOR OF ACTIVITIES IN THE ADMINISTERED TERRITORIES, GENERAL BEN ELIEZER, IS CONTEMPLATING NEW, HARSHER METHODS TO PACIFY THE WEST BANK. FOREMOST AMONG THESE MEASURES IS GAINING CONTROL OF THE REFUGEE CAMPS. THE POST WROTE OF PLANS TO RESETTLE THE REFUGEES OUTSIDE OF THE CAMPS AND SO DILUTE THEIR SOLIDARITY AND MILITANCY. THIS IS THE DEAL WITH USG FUNDING. AL-QUDS QUOTED BEN ELIEZER AS SEEKING TO IMPROVE LIVING CONDITIONS IN THE CAMPS BY BUILDING NEW HOUSING, AS WAS DONE IN GAZA." ASHAAB WAS QUICK TO POINT OUT THAT THE END RESULT OF THE RECONSTRUCTION WAS TO REPLACE THE NARROW LANES IN THE CAMPS WITH BROAD ROADS WHERE ARMORED VEHICLES COULD BE DEPLOYED WITH CLEAR FIELDS OF FIRE.

6. WORTH NOTING

(A) GOI PLEDGES TO HAVE 165 SETTLEMENTS HOUSING 125,000 SETTLERS ON THE WEST BANK BY 1986 (AL-FAJR).

(B) A NEW METHOD OF LAND CONFISCATION WAS INTRODUCED IN AL-WALJEH VILLAGE NEAR BETHLEHEM. 2,200 DUNUMS WERE CONFISCATED BECAUSE THE OWNERS HAD LESS THAN 50 PERCENT OF THEIR LAND UNDER CULTIVATION. THIS CONTRADICTS EARLIER POLICY NOT TO CONFISCATE CULTIVATED LAND, AND BRINGS INTO QUESTION THE MOTIVES BEHIND ISRAELI RESTRICTIONS ON WEST BANK AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE (AL-FAJR).

(C) THE RED CROSS ACCUSED ISRAEL OF NOT KEEPING ITS 1977 AGREEMENT CONCERNING ACCESS TO DETAINEES. THE RED CROSS CLAIMED THAT ISRAEL WAS NOT NOTIFYING THEM OF MANY ARRESTS AND THAT SOME PRISONERS WERE DENIED ACCESS TO LAWYERS UNTIL AFTER THEIR INDICTMENT. THE RED CROSS ESTIMATED THAT IT VISITED ONLY HALF OF THOSE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY FOR QUESTIONING BY THE ISRAELIS. ISRAEL DID NOT DENY THE CHARGES, BUT CITED SECURITY REASONS FOR ITS BEHAVIOR (ASHAAB).

(D) ASHAAB REPORTED A RISE OF FROM 10 TO 19 PERCENT IN THE PRICE OF BASIC COMMODITIES THIS WEEKEND. AL-FAJR NOTED AN OVERALL INCREASE IN THE COST OF LIVING SINCE OCTOBER 1982 OF 16 TO 18 PERCENT.

(E) IDF FORCES ARRESTED TWO TULKARM LABOR LEADERS. CLUVERIUS

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--MORE DEMONSTRATIONS IN SUPPORT OF ARAFAT

--FIRING AUTOMATIC WEAPONS, SETTLERS SEIZE SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL IN RETALIATION FOR STONE-THROWING BY ARAB
STUDENTS

--ISRAELIS INCREASE SECURITY FORCES IN THE OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES AS UNREST CONTINUES

--ECONOMIC CRISIS WORSENS ON THE WEST BANK

END SUMMARY.

2. MORE DEMONSTRATIONS IN SUPPORT OF ARAFAT

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--THERE WERE VIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN SUPPORT OF ARAFAT IN THE JALAZOUN CAMP AND THE NABLUS AREA. ALL PAPERS REPORTED THAT SIX-HOUR CURFEWS WERE IMPOSED ON JALAZOUN AND THE NABLUS CASBAH AFTER PRO-ARAFAT DEMONSTRATORS BEGAN STONING IDF VEHICLES. THE MODERATE AL-QUDS REPORTED THAT REFUGEE CAMPS IN THE NABLUS AREA SENT APPEALS TO ASSAD AND THE DISSIDENTS TO STOP THE KILLING IN TRIPOLI. THE ISRAELI-SPONSORED AL-ANBA'A SAID THAT A YOUTH FROM THE ASKAR CAMP NEAR NABLUS WAS ARRESTED FOR THROWING STONES. AL-QUDS AND THE RADICAL ASHAAB REPORTED THAT THE NABLUS-BASED AN-NAJAH UNIVERSITY BOARD ISSUED A STATEMENT CONDEMNING THE FIGHTING AS WELL.

--ELSEWHERE IN THE WEST BANK, THE PRO-PLO AL-FAJR REPORTED THAT "POPULAR PROTESTS CONTINUED AGAINST THE SYRIAN AGGRESSION" AS UNIONS, CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN RAMALLAH, AL-BIREH, TULKARM AND JERUSALEM PUBLISHED OPEN LETTERS SUPPORTING ARAFAT AND CONDEMNING SYRIA. AL-FAJR AND AL-SHAAB ALSO PUBLISHED A TELEGRAM SENT TO ASSAD DEMANDING THAT HE STOP HIS AGGRESSION. THE TELEGRAM WAS SIGNED BY PALESTINIAN INTELLECTUALS AND POLITICIANS FROM THE WEST BANK, GAZA AND ISRAEL.

3. FIRING AUTOMATIC WEAPONS, SETTLERS SEIZE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL IN RETALIATION FOR STONE-THROWING BY ARAB STUDENTS

--HEBRON MADE THE FRONT PAGE OF NEARLY ALL PAPERS TODAY AS TENSIONS BETWEEN ARABS AND SETTLERS ONCE AGAIN ERUPTED INTO VIOLENCE. THE POST, AL-QUDS, AL-FAJR AND ASHAAB REPORTED THAT A BUS CARRYING STUDENTS AND ARMED SETTLERS WAS STONED AS IT DROVE PAST AN ARAB SCHOOL INSIDE HEBRON. A GIRL WAS "LIGHTLY WOUNDED" (THE POST). THE ARMED SETTLERS BURST INTO THE ARAB SCHOOL FIRING THEIR AUTOMATIC WEAPONS INTO THE AIR. UNABLE TO DISCOVER ANY STONE-THROWERS, THE ARMED SETTLERS SEIZED THE PRINCIPAL AND TOOK HIM BACK TO KIRYAT ARBA AND THEN TO MILGOV HEADQUARTERS. THE MILITARY RELEASED THE PRINCIPAL AND SUMMONED THE POLICE TO INVESTIGATE THE ACTIONS OF THE SETTLERS.

--WHEN NEWS OF THE EVENT SPREAD, THERE WERE NUMEROUS STONE-THROWING ATTACKS ON ISRAELI VEHICLES IN HEBRON. AL-FAJR AND AL-SHAAB REPORTED THAT OTHER ARAB STUDENTS

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STONED THE LOCAL VILLAGE LEAGUE OFFICE. THE MILGOV THEN ORDERED A ONE-MONTH CLOSURE OF THE SCHOOL WHERE THE TROUBLE BEGAN.

4. ISRAELIS INCREASE SECURITY FORCES IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AS UNREST CONTINUES

-AL-ANBA'A REPORTED THAT IDF AND BORDER POLICE UNITS ARE BEING STRENGTHENED ON THE WEST BANK AS UNREST CONTINUES. TYPICAL OF THE TYPE OF UNREST WITH WHICH THE IDF MUST CONTEND ARE THE FOUR UNRELATED STONE THROWING INCIDENTS REPORTED IN THE PRESS TODAY:

-AL-BIREH. THE POST REPORTED STONE THROWING IN THIS PREDOMINANTLY MUSLIM TOWN NORTH OF JERUSALEM. AL-ANBA'A ADDED THAT INHABITANTS BLOCKED ROADS WITH BURNING TIRES.

-EAST JERUSALEM. AL-ANBA'A REPORTED THAT STONES WERE THROWN IN THE WADI AL-JOZ AREA OF EAST JERUSALEM. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED.

-JENIN. AL-ANBA'A REPORTED THAT A VILLAGE LEAGUE OFFICIAL'S CAR WAS STONED.

-AL-KHADR. THE POST REPORTED THAT AN ISRAELI BUS WAS STONED IN THIS VILLAGE, SHATTERING THE WINDSCREEN BUT CAUSING NO INJURIES.

-RECENT EVENTS SUGGEST THE BEGINNING OF AN ISRAELI CRACKDOWN ON THE SOURCES OF UNREST. AL-FAJR AND ASHAAB REPORTED THE ARREST OF RIYAD JUBRAN, THE JERUSALEM CORRESPONDENT OF AL-FAJR. HE WAS CHARGED WITH INCITING MERCHANTS TO CLOSE THEIR SHOPS DURING THE RECENT COMMERCIAL STRIKE IN JERUSALEM. THE COMMUNIST WEEKLY AL-TALI'AH REPORTED THAT ITS EDITOR, BASHIR BARGHOUTI, WAS BANNED FROM ENTERING GAZA FOR A YEAR. THE POST REPORTED THE CLOSING OF THE RAMALLAH BOYS SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR A WEEK FOR ITS PART IN LAST TUESDAY'S DISTURBANCES.

--THE MOST DRAMATIC EVENT, HOWEVER, WAS THE CLOSURE OF DEHEISHEH REFUGEE CAMP. AS DESCRIBED IN AL-TALI'AH, STONE-THROWING INHABITANTS SUCCESSFULLY THWARTED IDF ATTEMPTS TO SEAL OFF THE MAIN ROAD INTO THE CAMP. THE BATTLE, IN WHICH IDF FORCES RESPONDED WITH TEARGAS AND WARNING SHOTS, LASTED TWO HOURS. THE FOLLOWING DAY (NOV 6), THE IDF SENT IN MORE TROOPS AND SEALED OFF THE ROAD. THE POST REPORTED THAT DEHEISHEH ENTERED ITS SIXTH DAY UNDER CURFEW.

5. ECONOMIC CRISIS WORSENS ON THE WEST BANK

-THE GLOOMY ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR THE WEST BANK

WAS THE SUBJECT OF A LONG ARTICLE IN THE MARXIST
AL-TALI'AH WHICH ESTIMATED THAT THE MONTHLY
LIVING EXPENSES FOR A FAMILY OF SIX ON THE WEST
BANK INCREASED FROM 17,900 SHEKELS BEFORE THE
DEVALUATION TO 38,940 SHEKELS (I.E. ABOUT 380
DOLLARS). AVERAGE WEST BANK WAGES, HOWEVER,
INCREASED FROM 16,000 SHEKELS TO ONLY 20,000
SHEKELS DURING THE SAME PERIOD (I.E. ABOUT 200
DOLLARS). THE SPECTRE OF 100,000 UNEMPLOYED IN
ISRAEL WILL ALSO POSE SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR THOSE
WEST BANKERS WORKING IN ISRAEL.
AL-ANBA'A REPORTED THAT 7,035 WEST BANKERS WORK IN
JERUSALEM ALONE, ABOUT 1,500 OF WHOM LACK WORK PERMITS.

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-IN RELATED ITEMS, AL-FAJR QUOTED WEST BANK DOCTORS AS ASCRIBING THE DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS TO THE WORSENING ECONOMIC SITUATION. 'PEOPLE CAN'T AFFORD TO GO TO THE DOCTOR ANYMORE.' AL-FAJR ALSO REPORTED BAD NEWS FROM AMMAN. JORDAN WILL NOT ACCEPT WEST BANK OLIVE EXPORTS IF ISRAELI VAT HAS BEEN PAID. THE GOI HAS DECIDED TO IMPOSE VAT ON EVERY TIN OF OLIVES OR OIL EXPORTED TO JORDAN. FOR ITS PART, AMMAN REPORTEDLY REGARDS SUCH TAXES AS ILLEGAL UNDER MILITARY OCCUPATION.

6. WORTH NOTING

A)-- AL-FAJR, ASHAAB AND AL-QUDS CONTINUE TO MONITOR EVENTS IN TRIPOLI AND TO CONDEMN THE SYRIAN AGGRESSION. IN TALKING ABOUT FATAH REBELS, AL-FAJR WROTE "THE KILLING OF BROTHERS BY BROTHERS IS AN UNFORGIVABLE SIN FOR THOSE HEROES OF YESTERDAY WHO ARE THE CRIMINALS OF TODAY." THE PAPER WENT ON TO COMPARE THE ACTIONS OF REBEL LEADER ABU MUSA IN TRIPOLI TO THOSE OF GENERAL SHARON DURING THE SEIGE OF WEST BEIRUT.

B)-- AL-TALI'AH REPORTED THE ARREST OF SEVERAL MEN FROM KUFR MALAK VILLAGE. VILLAGERS SUSPECT THE ARRESTS ARE IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECENT JAILBREAK OF A VILLAGER SUSPECTED OF MURDERING A LOCAL VILLAGE LEAGUE OFFICIAL.

C)-- AL-TALI'AH CLAIMED THAT AN IDF BUS ATTEMPTED TO RUNOVER TWO ARAB GIRLS OUTSIDE THE DEHEISHEH REFUGEE CAMP.

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1. SUMMARY:

--TRIAL OF RAMALLAH TERRORIST CELL

--HEBRON TERRORIST CELL UNCOVERED

--ASHAAB CHARGES ISRAELI PAPERS ARE "CAMPAIGNING AGAINST
WEST BANK CHRISTIAN CLERGYMEN"

--AIRIAT ARBA SETTLER SENTENCED FOR FIREARMS VIOLATION

--IMMANUEL--TO BE LARGEST SETTLEMENT IN THE WEST BANK?

END SUMMARY.

2. TRIAL OF RAMALLAH TERRORIST CELL.

AL FAJR AND AL QUDS REPORT ON THE RAMALLAH MILITARY
 COURT TRIAL OF EIGHT PALESTINIANS ACCUSED OF KILLING

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THE AREA VILLAGE LEAGUE LEADER YUSIF AL KHATIB LAST YEAR. THE PAPERS REPORT THAT THE GROUP ALSO INTENDED TO ASSASSINATE MUKHTARS OF TWO NEARBY VILLAGES. THE GROUP IS ALSO ACCUSED OF MURDERING AN ARAB COLLABORATOR IN RAMALLAH MARKET SIX MONTHS AGO AND OF PLACING BOMBS AT A MILITARY BUS STOP AND ON THE ALON ROAD.

3. HEBRON TERRORIST CELL UNCOVERED.

AL FAJR, AL QUDS AND ASHAAB ALL REPORT THAT SECURITY FORCES HAVE UNCOVERED AN "ARMED CELL" IN HEBRON. THE GROUP IS ACCUSED OF PLACING EXPLOSIVES IN SEVERAL LOCATIONS IN HEBRON AS WELL AS THE JULY HAND GRENADE ATTACK AGAINST THE ISRAELI-OCCUPIED BRIT ROMANO BUILDING. THE PAPERS REPORT THAT AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WAS FOUND IN THE GROUP'S POSSESSION WHEN THEY WERE ARRESTED.

4. ASHAAB CHARGES ISRAELI PAPERS ARE "CAMPAIGNING AGAINST WEST BANK CHRISTIAN CLERGYMEN."

THE RADICAL DAILY ASHAAB CHARGED THAT ISRAELI PAPERS ARE CAMPAIGNING AGAINST WEST BANK CHRISTIAN CLERGY BY CLAIMING THEY ARE INVOLVED IN CURRENCY SMUGGLING. WITHOUT CITING THE PARTICULAR ISRAELI PAPER WHICH FEATURED THE STORY, ASHAAB CHARGED THAT ISRAELI PRESS STORIES HAVE DISCUSSED THE ALLEGED CASE OF A WEST BANK CLERGY, SUPPOSEDLY POSSESSING A DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT, WHO REFUSED TO CROSS THE ALLENBY BRIDGE WHEN CHALLENGED BY ISRAELI CUSTOMS MEN. THE CLERGYMAN WAS SUPPOSEDLY CARRYING ALMOST USDOLS 4 MILLIIN IN CASH AND 252 KILOS OF GOLD IN HIS CAR. ASHAAB QUOTED AN UNNAMED MONEY CHANGER AS SAYING THAT LOCAL MONEychANGERS HAD FALLEN OUT OVER THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MONEY. THE ASHAAB STORY IS UNCLEAR ON DETAILS AND MAKES LITTLE EFFORT TO PROVE THAT THE CLERGYMAN STORY, IF TRUE, SHOWS ANTI-CHRISTIAN BIAS IN THE ISRAELI PRESS.

5. KIRYAT ARBA SETTLER SENTENCED FOR FIREARMS VIOLATION. ASHAAB, QUOTING ISRAELI PRESS SOURCES, REPORTED THAT ELI ITSKOVICH OF KIRYAT ARBA WAS CONVICTED ON OCT. 5 OF THE ILLEGAL USE OF FIREARMS. ITSKOVICH WAS SENTENCED TO A YEAR IN PRISON FOR FIRING ON ARAB DEMONSTRATORS IN RAMALLAH IN AN INCIDENT WHICH LEFT ONE ARAB YOUTH WOUNDED.

6. IMMANUEL--TO BE THE LARGEST SETTLEMENT IN THE WEST BANK?

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AL QUDS FEATURED A LONG PIECE, APPARENTLY DRAWN FROM AN AGENCY FRANCE PRESS STORY, ON THE SETTLEMENT OF IMMANUEL NEAR NABLUS. THE SETTLEMENT IS TO HAVE 32,000 SETTLERS BY NEXT YEAR, ACCORDING TO ITS FOUNDER, RABBI BINA ENRIER. RABBI ENRIER, WHOM THE PAPER DESCRIBED AS THE GGAND\$\$\$ -- THE --UNDER -- BNEI BRAK, SAID THE SETTLEMENT IS --- ORTHODDX OR HARREDIM JEWS WHO WISH NN CCNTACT WITH THEIR ARAB NEIGHBORS BUT RATHER \$ECLUSION FROM "THE BAD INFLUENCE OF MODERN CIVILIZATION." RABBI ENRIER STRESSED THAT HIS GROUP HAS NO COMMITMENT TO THE ISRAELI SETTLEMENT POLICY IN THE WEST BANK BUT WISHES SNLL TO LIVE IN ITS -WN WAY IN "THE LAND OF THE TOOAH." THE SETTLEMENT HAS NEITHER BARS NOR MMVIES BUT DDE\$ HAVE SEEN \$YNAGGUGES AND RELIGIOUS LIBRAAIES VFFM LITHUAAIA AAD DDMAAIA. THE REPORTER WAS IMPRESSED BY THE AUSTERE CLOTHING OF THE SETTLEMENTT WOMEN AND NOTED THAT SCHOOLS ARE NOT COEDUCATIONAL. HE ALSO STRESSED THE ABSENCE OF MILITARY UNIFORMS IN CONTRAST TO OTHER WEST BANK SETTLEMENTS.

7. WORTH NOTING:

A) AL FAJR AND AL QUDS REPORT THAT HASSAN TAHBOUB, HEAD OF A FACT FINDING COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED LAST JUNE BY THE JERUSALEM AWQAF, HAS ANNOUNCED THE COMPLETION OF THE GROUP'S INVESTIGATION INTO THE MAY ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALIST-NATIONALIST BRAWL AT BIR ZEIT UNIVERSITY. THEIR REPORT ON THE CLASH, WHICH WAS THE LARGEST AND NASTIEST OF SUCH FIGHTS ON A WEST BANK CAMPUS, WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE MUFTI OF JERUSALEM. AFTER HIS APPROVAL, THE REPORT WILL BE CIRCULATED TO "ALL THE CONCERNED PARTIES."

B) AL FAJR, AL QUDS AND ASHAAB REPORT THE ARREST BY POLICE OF TWO ISRAELI SETTLERS FROM GILO FOR THE STABBING OF ARAB YOUTH ON JERUSALEM'S KING GEORGE STREET. AL ANBA ADDED THAT A 16 YEAR OLD GILO YOUTH HAS ADMITTED TO THE STABBING.

C) AL QUDS REPORTED THAT HAJ MAZUZ AL MASSI HAS BEEN ELECTED HONORARY HEAD OF THE FEDERATION -- WEST BANK CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE. HE REPLACES SABEH QARAMAN, WHO DIED LAST YEAR.

D) THE EDITORIALS OF AL FAJR AND ASHAAB WERE BANNED BY THE CENSOR.

8. LEBANON:

LEBANON REMAINS A PROMINENT TOPIC IN ALL WEST BANK PAPERS. AL QUDS REPORTED THE AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL DIALOGUE IN LEBANON WHICH THE PAPER SAID A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE IN NEW YORK HAD REACHED YESTERDAY. AL FAJR AND ASHAAB CONCENTRATE ON SYRIAN ACTIONS.

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AL FAJR CLAIMS THAT THERE IS "A NEW SYRIAN CONSPIRATORY
ESCALATION AGAINST THE PLO" AND CITED THE ENCIRCLEMENT
BY SYRIAN FORCES IN THE BAALBEK AREA OF SOME FATAH
LOYALISTS. BOTH AL FAJR AND ASHAAB DEPLORE THE ALLEGED
SYRIAN INTERROGATION OF FATAH FUNCTIONARIES IN
DAMASCUS. ASHAAB ALSO REPORTED ARAFAT'S ALLEGATION
THAT "THE EXPULSION OF FATAH FORCES FROM THE BEAA'A
IS PART OF AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT."

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1. SUMMARY:

--ISRAELI COURTS CONVICT JEWISH VIGILANTES; UPHOLD SEALING
OF ARAB HOMES

--ASHKENAZI-SEPHARDI, ORTHODOX-SECULAR CONFLICTS IN
JERUSALEM

--ISRAEL LAUNCHES LARGEST LAND RECLAMATION PROJECT IN 30
YEARS ALONG THE JORDAN RIVER; NEW SETTLEMENTS PROPOSED

--SPECULATION OVER RECENT US MOVES IN LEBANON

2. VIOLENCE ON THE WEST BANK

ALL PAPERS REPORT THAT ISRAELI COURTS HAVE TAKEN ACTION
AGAINST JEWISH VIGILANTES IN TWO RECENT CASES. IN ONE,
A KIRYAT ARBA MAN WAS SENTENCED TO ONE YEAR IN PRISON

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WITH AN ADDITIONAL YEAR SUSPENDED SENTENCE FOR SHOOTING AN ARAB YOUTH LAST JULY AFTER A ROCK THROWING INCIDENT. THE COURT REJECTED THE SETTLER'S CLAIMS THAT HE ACTED IN SELF DEFENCE AND THAT HE WAS FOLLOWING ORDERS (HE WAS IN CHARGE OF THE MAINTENANCE WORKERS IN THE AL-BIREH MUNICIPALITY).

THE COURTS ALSO CHARGED FOUR OTHER KIRYAT ARBA SETTLERS WITH ILLEGALLY DEMOLISHING AN ARAB HOUSE UNDER CONSTRUCTION NEAR THEIR SETTLEMENT. THE HOUSE, VALUED AT OVER ONE MILLION SHEKELS BELONGED TO THE LOCALLY POWERFUL JAABARI CLAN.

ON THE OTHER HAND, ALL THE ARABIC NEWSPAPERS REPORT THAT THE ISRAELI SUPREME COURT UPHELD THE DECISION OF THE MILITARY GOVERNOR TO SEAL THE HOUSES BELONGING TO THE FAMILIES OF ARAB YOUTHS CONVICTED OF THROWING PETROL BOMBS AT ISRAELI VEHICLES ON THE WEST BANK. THE DECISION CAME AS A SURPRISE BECAUSE THE COURT HAD PREVIOUSLY OVERRULED A DECISION BY THE MILITARY TO DESTROY THE HOUSES AS A FORM OF COLLECTIVE PUNISHMENT.

3. COMMUNAL CONFLICT IN JERUSALEM

ALL PAPERS REPORTED THAT A BORDER POLICE JEEP WAS BURNED AND NEARBY WALLS PAINTED WITH SLOGANS SUPPORTING AZAR COHEN, AN IMPRISONED SEPHARDI RIGHTS ACTIVIST. THE POST REPORTS THAT AT HIS ARRAIGNMENT, COHEN CALLED FOR "AN UPRISING OF SEPHARDIM AGAINST ASHKENAZIM." AL-QUDS REPORTS THAT POLICE BELIEVE THAT A HAND GRENADE ATTACK IN SOUTHERN JERUSALEM MAY BE LINKED TO THE JEEP INCIDENT.

THE POST REPORTS THAT TEDDY KOLLEK IS PROCEEDING WITH PLANS TO BUILD A SWIMMING POOL IN THE RAMOT DISTRICT OF JERUSALEM DESPITE PRESSURE FROM THE HOUSING MINISTRY TO STOP. ORTHODOX RESIDENTS OF THE AREA OPPOSE BUILDING THE POOL AND WERE SUPPORTED BY AGUDAT ISRAEL. THE POST REPORTS THAT AGUDAT ISRAEL MADE ITS SUPPORT FOR SHAMIR'S GOVERNMENT DEPENDENT UPON STOPPING THE POOL. SECULAR RESIDENTS OF THE AREA FEARED THAT "IF THE MUNICIPALITY GIVES IN TO THE DEMAND AS RELAYED BY THE HOUSING MINISTRY IT WILL BE A SIGNAL TO JERUSALEM'S HAREDI (ULTRA ORTHODOX) COMMUNITY THAT RAMOT WAS THEIRS FOR THE ASKING." BY SENDING EXTRA BULLDOZERS TO THE SITE, MAYOR KOLLEK SHARPLY UNDERCUT LIKUD'S MAYORAL CANDIDATE TOUSSIA-COHEN'S BID TO TAKE POLITICAL ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION.

IN OTHER CAMPAIGN NEWS, ARIEL SHARON HIT THE STUMPS FOR TOUSSIA-COHEN IN JERUSALEM'S MAHANEH YAHUDA LAST FRIDAY.

4. LAND RECLAMATION AND SETTLEMENTS

ALL PAPERS REPORT THAT THE JEWISH AGENCY HAS BEGUN A FIFTY MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT TO CLEAR 21,000 DUNUMS OF LAND ALONG THE JORDAN RIVER AND PREPARE IT FOR AGRICULTURE "TO REPLACE MINEFIELDS WITH ALFALFA FIELDS." THE PLAN, THE LARGEST OF ITS KIND IN 30 YEARS, ENVISAGES THE CREATION OF NINE MORE SETTLEMENTS TOTALLING 6,000 NEW SETTLERS OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS.

ALL THE ARABIC PAPERS REPORT THAT SOME 250 DUNUMS OF LAND WILL BE CONFISCATED NEAR BEIT SAHOUR. THE LAND, CURRENTLY CULTIVATED BY SEVERAL FAMILIES, IS BEING SEIZED FOR "MILITARY REASONS."

IN RELATED STORIES, AL-FAJR REPORTS THAT THE SETTLEMENTS SURROUNDING THE MAIN REFUGEE CAMP NEAR JERICHO HAVE EXPANDED BY SEVERAL HUNDRED DUNUMS. THE 3,000 INHABITANTS ARE BEING PRESSURED TO RESETTLE OUTSIDE OF THE CAMP. AL-FAJR ALSO REPORTS THAT THE MILITARY HAS CONFISCATED A LARGE AMOUNT OF LAND IN THE HILLS SURROUNDING HEBRON.

AL-FAJR AND AL-SHAAB QUOTE ISRAELI REPORTS THAT MILITANT SETTLERS ARE DEMANDING THE CREATION OF 41 NEW SETTLEMENTS IN THE COMING YEAR. AL-QUDS QUOTES SHAMIR AS TELLING SETTLEMENT LEADERS THAT HIS GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO ANNEXING THE WEST BANK BEFORE THE NEXT PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN 1985. IN RETURN, SHAMIR GOT PROMISES OF SUPPORT FROM THE ACTIVIST SETTLERS.

ON THE OTHER HAND, AL-QUDS AND AL-SHAAB REPORT THAT THE MILITARY HAS ISSUED PERMITS TO THE ARAB RESIDENTS OF AL-RAMEH (NEAR KIRYAT ARBA) TO BUILD 65 HOUSING UNITS AND 23 SHOPS.

5. SPECULATION ABOUT US MIDDLE EAST POLICY

THE ARABIC PAPERS HAVE BEEN CLOSELY FOLLOWING THE EVENTS IN LEBANON AND U.S. MOVES TOWARDS SYRIA AND JORDAN. THEY QUOTE THE RECENT STATEMENTS BY CARTER, BRZEZINSKI AND REAGAN ON THE NEED FOR A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT ALONG THE LINES OF THE REAGAN PLAN. AL-QUDS REPORTS THAT A SECRET MEETING OF WEINBERGER, CLARK AND MCFARLANE IN ROME HAS DECIDED ON RAPPROCHEMENT WITH SYRIA. BY ACKNOWLEDGING SYRIA'S RIGHTS AND GRANTING HER A SERIOUS ROLE IN THE REGION, THE U.S. HOPES TO DETACH IT FROM THE SOVIETS. AL-QUDS STATES THAT THIS PROJECT WILL BE HEADED BY CLARK AND MCFARLANE, NOT GEORGE SHULTZ.

AL-MITHAQ REPORTS THAT THE U.S. EXPECTS RENEWED JORDANIAN EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE WEST BANK. ALL PAPERS REITERATE THEIR SUPPORT OF ARAFAT AND THE PLO AND EXPRESS DISTRUST AND HOSTILITY TOWARD SYRIA.

6. THE CARTER-FORD CONFERENCE ON THE MIDDLE EAST

AL-SHAAB REPORTS THAT MAYOR FREIJ WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE SPONSORED BY EX-PRESIDENTS FORD AND CARTER. AL-QUDS QUOTING ISRAELI PAPERS REPORTS THAT THE GOI HAS DECLINED AN OFFICIAL INVITATION AND HAS ISSUED AN ORDER FORBIDDING ITS AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON FROM ATTENDING. THE REASON FOR THE REFUSAL IS THAT MEMBERS OF THE PLO MAY ALSO BE PARTICIPATING.

7. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

--ARAB BUSINESSMEN CONCERNED ABOUT NEW GOI TAX POLICY

HAVE BEEN INVITED TO CONSULT WITH TAX EXPERTS AND
LAWYERS AT THE OFFICES OF THE FEDERATION OF MERCHANTS
AND INDUSTRIALISTS IN JERUSALEM.

--THE POST ALSO REPORTS THAT THE POLICE ARE REOPENING
THEIR INVESTIGATION INTO THE FIRE BOMBING AT A LOCAL
BAPTIST CHURCH TO DETERMINE IF THE CASE SHOULD BE
PURSUED OR NOT.

--THREE MOLOTOV COCKTAILS WERE USED IN AN ATTACK ON
BORDER POLICE VEHICLES IN EAST JERUSALEM.

--THE MAIN ROAD THROUGH AL-BIREH WAS CLOSED FOLLOWING A
ROCK-THROWING INCIDENT.
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1. SUMMARY:

- ISRAELI ECONOMIC PROBLEMS HIT WEST BANK
- PALESTINIANS PLAN SEMINAR ON NON-VIOLENCE IN THE PALESTINIAN STRUGGLE
- JORDAN AGREES ON MEASURES TO PERMIT EXPORT OF WEST BANK AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS
- SUPPORTERS OF RAMOT AREA POOL DEMONSTRATE AT SHAMIR'S INAUGURATION
- THE KADI OF TULKARIN PLACED UNDER TOWN ARREST

2. ISRAEL'S TROUBLED ECONOMY

THE COLLAPSE OF THE SHEKEL AND A 50 PERCENT RISE IN CONSUMER PRICES WERE BANNER HEADLINES IN ALL OF TODAY'S PAPERS. AL-QUDS AND AL-FAJR NOTED THAT MANY ARAB STORES REFUSED TO OPEN UNTIL THE VALUE OF THE SHEKEL STABILIZED. OTHER STORES REPORTEDLY EXPLOITED THE SITUATION AND THE PANIC BUYING BY CONSUMERS. ARABIC PAPERS SPECULATED THAT THE CURRENT AUSTERITY MEASURES

WERE ONLY THE FIRST STEP AND PREDICTED THAT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WILL INCREASINGLY HURT THE WEST BANK. AL-QUDS EDITORIALIZED THAT ECONOMIC MEASURES ARE PROVIDING MORE EFFECTIVE THAN POLITICAL MEASURES (AGAINST THE PALESTINIANS).

3. PALESTINIAN SEMINAR ON NON-VIOLENCE

THE POST, AL-QUDS AND AL-SHAAB REPORT THAT PALESTINIAN ACADEMICS ARE PLANNING A THREE DAY SEMINAR ON 'NON-VIOLENCE AND THE PALESTINIAN STRUGGLE.' THIS IS DESCRIBED AS A NEW PHASE IN THE PALESTINIAN STRUGGLE NECESSITATED BY THE CHANGING REALITIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE PARTICIPANTS REMAIN COMMITTED TO THE IDEA OF AN INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE. THE POST SAYS THAT THE PROBABLE GOAL IS A PALESTINIAN VERSION OF THE PEACE NOW MOVEMENT.

4. JORDAN TO PERMIT EXPORT OF WEST BANK FARM PRODUCTS

AL-QUDS REPORTS THAT THE JORDANIAN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TOGETHER WITH WEST BANK AGRICULTURAL AGENTS AND AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE DIRECTORS HAVE AGREED ON MEASURES TO REGULATE THE EXPORT OF WEST BANK AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS STARTING IN NOVEMBER. FARMERS ARE TO OBTAIN EXPORT PERMITS FROM JORDAN. THE PERMITS MUST THEN BE COUNTERSIGNED BY AGRICULTURAL AGENTS AND COOPERATIVE DIRECTORS WHO ARE TO INSURE THAT JORDANIAN GUIDELINES ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED ON THE WEST BANK.

5. JEWISH COMMUNAL CONFLICT IN JERUSALEM

AL-FAJR AND AL-SHAAB REPORT THAT SHAMIR'S INAUGURATION WAS MARRED BY VOCAL DEMONSTRATIONS OF SECULAR RESIDENTS OF RAMOT. THEY WERE PROTESTING SHAMIR'S PROMISE TO THE ORTHODOX RESIDENTS OF RAMOT THAT HE WOULD STOP THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MIXED SEX SWIMMING POOL.

THE POST REPORTS THAT A CONFERENCE ON THE SOCIAL GAP BETWEEN SEPHARDIM AND ASHKENAZIM WILL BE HELD IN JERUSALEM. THE CONFERENCE, ENTITLED "SOCIAL INEQUALITIES: THE WAY OUT," IS BEING FUNDED PRIMARILY BY US-BASED ORGANIZATIONS.

6. TULKARIM'S KADI PLACED UNDER TOWN ARREST

BOTH THE POST AND AL-QUDS REPORT THAT THE KADI OF TULKARIM HAS BEEN CONFINED TO HIS HOME TOWN OF NAHLUS FOR UNSPECIFIED ILLEGAL POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. MUSLIM RELIGIOUS LEADERS HAVE PROTESTED THIS AS AN INTERFERENCE IN THE PRACTICE OF THEIR RELIGION.

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7. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

--AL-FAJR AND AL-SHAAB REPORT THAT THE MERCHANTS OF BAYT JALA AND BAYT SAHOUR WERE FINED 120,000 SHEKELS FOR UNPAID TAXES OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS.

--AL-FAJR REPORTS THAT TURKISH CEMENT IS BEING IMPORTED TO MEET UNEXPECTEDLY HIGH DEMAND ON THE WEST BANK. THE PAPER QUESTIONS WHETHER ALL THIS EXTRA DEMAND IS ON THE WEST BANK AND WHETHER THIS LESSER QUALITY CEMENT WILL BE SOLD ONLY TO ARABS.

--IN AN EARLIER ARTICLE, AL-FAJR REPORTED THAT THE JORDANIANS WERE PREVENTING ALL WEST BANK STUDENTS FROM CROSSING THE BRIDGES, EVEN THOSE ACCEPTED BY UNIVERSITIES IN OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES.

--THE ARABIC PRESS CONTINUES TO FOLLOW THE EVENTS IN LEBANON AND SYRIA. THEY REITERATE THEIR SUPPORT OF ARAFAT IN THE PRESENT CRISES AND CONDEMN SYRIA. THE MUFTI DELIVERED A SERMON AGAINST THE SYRIAN PRESIDENT IN WHICH HE CLAIMED THAT AL-ASAD (AN ALAWITE) WANTED TO ELIMINATE THE SUNNIS FROM HIS COUNTRY AND THAT HE PLANNED A MASSACRE IN THE REFUGEE CAMPS OUTSIDE TRIPOLI.

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1. SUMMARY:

-- BENVENISTI: COALITION MEMBERS' CALL FOR SETTLEMENT
FREEZE IS A BLUFF-- BRITISH BIR ZEIT RESEARCHER TURNED BACK AT BEN GURION
FOR "PLO ACTIVITISM"

-- HIGH COURT CANCELS APPROVAL FOR EXPANSION OF ARIEL

END SUMMARY.

2. BENVENISTI: COALITION MEMBERS' CALL FOR SETTLEMENT
FREEZE IS A BLUFF-- FORMER DEPUTY MAYOR OF JERUSALEM MERON BENVENISTI SAID
YESTER AY THAT THE PROPOSAL BY SIX COALITION MKS TO
FREEZE ANY NEW SETTLEMENTS APART FROM THOSE ALREADY

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PLANNED IS "A BLUFF" ("THE JERUSALEM POST"). IN A NEWS BACKGROUND PIECE ON PAGE ONE, "POST" REPORTER DAVID RICHARDSON CONTENDS, ON THE BASIS OF AN INTERVIEW WITH BENVENISTI, THAT THE RECENT NATIONAL UNITY DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE LIKUD AND LABOR PARTIES OVER THE SETTLEMENT ISSUE "REVEAL AT BEST THE POLITICIANS' IGNORANCE OF THE FACTS ON THE GROUND." CITING STATISTICS COMPILED DURING A TWO-YEAR STUDY UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE AMERICAN ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE, BENVENISTI TOLD RICHARDSON: "IF THE COMPROMISE SUGGESTED...IS ONLY TO COMPLETE WHAT IS ALREADY PLANNED, THERE IS ENOUGH TO SETTLE 200,000 PEOPLE ON THE WEST BANK." HE SAID THAT FORTY PERCENT OF THE LAND ON THE WEST BANK IS AVAILABLE FOR ISRAELI USE AT THE PRESENT TIME. ONE-THIRD OF THE GAZA STRIP HAS ALREADY BEEN EARMARKED FOR SETTLEMENT, BENVENISTI CLAIMS. USING GOVERNMENT PLANNING STATISTICS, HE SAYS LAND SET ASIDE FOR SETTLEMENT IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES IS ENOUGH FOR HALF A MILLION PEOPLE.

-- BENVENISTI SAYS THAT ALTHOUGH HE IS SKEPTICAL THE GOI CAN MOVE 100,000 PEOPLE INTO THE WEST BANK BY 1986, IT CAN CERTAINLY DO SO BY 1991; HE SAYS THAT THE POPULATION INFLUX WILL BE IN THE SURROUNDING AREAS OF TEL AVIV AND JERUSALEM. IN ORDER TO MOVE 100,000 PEOPLE INTO THE WEST BANK BY 1986, GOVERNMENT SPENDING WOULD HAVE TO BE DOUBLE THE CURRENT ANNUAL INVESTMENT OF APPROXIMATELY US DOLS. 187 MILLION.

-- BENVENISTI NOTED THAT EXPANSION OF THE METROPOLITAN BOUNDARIES OF TEL AVIV AND JERUSALEM TO INCLUDE NEW SETTLEMENTS WOULD HEIGHTEN URBAN TENSION BECAUSE THE ARAB AND JEWISH POPULATIONS WOULD BE LIVING IN CLOSE PROXIMITY UNDER UNEQUAL SYSTEMS. IN FACT, BENVENISTI SAID, "IN BOTH AREAS THERE WOULD NO LONGER BE A JEWISH MAJORITY BUT A DANGEROUSLY MINGLED AND UNEQUAL POPULATION."

3. BRITISH BIR ZEIT RESEARCHER TURNED BACK AT BEN GURION FOR "PLO ACTIVISM"

ANNE SCOTT, A BRITISH RESEARCH ASSISTANT WHO WAS RETURNING TO BIR ZEIT UNIVERSITY, WAS TURNED BACK AT BEN GURION AIRPORT SUNDAY BECAUSE, ACCORDING TO AN INTERIOR MINISTRY

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SPOKESMAN, SHE IS "AN ACTIVE SUPPORTER OF THE PLO" ("THE JERUSALEM POST," PRO-PLO "AL FAJR" AND RADICAL "ASHAAB"). SCOTT WAS DETAINED IN JULY, 1982 AT RAMALLAH MILGOV HEADQUARTERS FOR FAILING TO RENEW HER VISA. SHE CLAIMS THAT SHE WAS QUESTIONED BY TWO FEMALE SOLDIERS ABOUT HER ACTIVITIES AT BIR ZEIT UNIVERSITY. WHEN SHE REFUSED TO ANSWER AND DEMANDED A LAWYER, THE SOLDIERS ALLEGEDLY BEAT HER WITH A TRUNCHEON ON HER ARMS, LEGS AND SHOULDERS. HER COMPLAINT WAS INVESTIGATED BY THE IDF, AND THREE WEEKS LATER THE SOLDIERS WERE CONVICTED AND SENT TO PRISON.

4. HIGH COURT CANCELS APPROVAL FOR EXPANSION OF ARIEL

THE ISRAELI HIGH COURT CANCELLED APPROVAL BY THE "WEST BANK DEVELOPMENT BUILDING COMMITTEE" FOR EXPANSION OF THE RESIDENTIAL AREA OF ARIEL, NEAR NABLUS ("ASHAAB" AND MODERATE "AL QUDS"). RESIDENTS OF THE SETTLEMENT BROUGHT THE PETITION BECAUSE THE PROPOSED BUILDING WOULD BLOCK OUT SUN AND VENTILATION. THE COURT ORDERED THE CIVAD AND THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO PAY EACH OF THE PLAINTIFFS US DOLS 400, AND ORDERED THE BUILDING COMPANY TO PAY THEM THE SAME SUM.

5. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST:

A. THE MILITARY OBJECTION COMMITTEE ORDERED THAT LAND BELONGING TO THREE PALESTINIANS FROM KIRBET UM ADDIN, NEAR RAMALLAH, CANNOT BE CONFISCATED BY THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES ("ASHAAB"). THE COMMITTEE RULED THAT THE LAND "WAS SUBJECT TO FORGERIES AND EMBEZZLEMENT."

B. FOUR YOUTHS FROM AZZAHIRIYA VILLAGE, SOUTH OF HEBRON, WERE ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF SHOOTING AT AN EGGED BUS ON THE BETHLEHEM-HEBRON ROAD SUNDAY NIGHT ("THE JERUSALEM POST," "AL QUDS" AND "ASHAAB"). POLICE SAY THEY TRACKED DOWN ONE OF THE FOUR, THE DRIVER OF THE CAR, BECAUSE THE BUS DRIVER REPORTED THE CAR'S LICENSE NUMBER. THEY SAY THE SUSPECTS ADMITTED TO THE SHOOTING.

6. REGIONAL NEWS:

A. ALL ARABIC PAPERS REPORT THAT AMBASSADOR MCFARLANE WAS IN JERUSALEM TODAY. "AL FAJR" WRITES THAT MCFARLANE CAME "TO COMPLETE HIS CONSPIRATORY PLAN CONCERNING LEBANON AND THE ARAB WORLD."

B. ALL ARABIC PAPERS EXCEPT GOI-SPONSORED "AL ANBA" REPORT THAT SYRIA HANDED OVER FATAH OFFICES IN DAMASCUS TO

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"A PALESTINIAN OPPOSITION GROUP." FOR THE SECOND DAY IN A ROW, TRADITIONALLY PRO-SYRIAN "ASHAAB" CRITICIZES THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT'S TREATMENT OF PALESTINIANS, AND PRINTS A STATEMENT BY ABU JIHAD "WARNING OF A NEW CONSPIRACY AGAINST THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE."

C. "AL QUODS" PUBLIS ES A REPORT FROM THE ITALIAN MAGAZINE "PANORAMA" CLAIMING THAT "PRESIDENT REAGAN MIGHT ANNOUNCEUS APPROVAL OF ISRAELI ANNEXATION OF THE WEST BANK IN ORDER TO BE REELECTED."

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West Bank Time Bomb? A Demographic Fallacy

By BENJAMIN NETANYAHU

It often is claimed that Israel cannot retain the West Bank and remain both Jewish and democratic. If it holds on to Judea-Samaria, some argue, it will soon be overwhelmed by a hostile Arab population whose higher birthrate will make it a majority. The fringes of left and right offer drastic solutions to this problem: Israel must divest itself of the territory (the view of the left) or expel the Arab population (the view of a handful on the far right).

The underlying demographic premise is seldom examined. When Israel won the Six-Day War and gained control of Judea-Samaria, some predicted that the Arab population would engulf the Jews. That was 16 years ago. If this projection had been valid, by now we should have seen a dramatic increase in the ratio of Arabs to Jews in the area west of the Jordan River. We find no such increase. In 1982 the proportion of Jews to Arabs was the same as it was in 1967: 71% Jews and 29% Arabs (65% and 35%, respectively, if Gaza is included).

Neglect Other Factors

These demographic projections have proved wrong because they focus on the Arab birthrate (itself in decline) and neglect other factors, especially emigration. West Bank Arabs have been emigrating voluntarily since 1950, a steady flow prompted by economics, not by politics.

In the 1950s and early 1960s, emigration was caused by King Hussein of Jordan's policy of neglecting the West Bank and concentrating industry on the East Bank. To this was added in the 1970s the allure of high pay in the Persian Gulf and elsewhere in the Arab world, and most recently the attraction of emerging Palestinian Arab communities in Europe and the Americas. As a result, the West Bank's population has remained virtually unchanged over 30 years: 742,000 in 1952; 747,000 in 1982.

There is no reason to expect a change in this pattern in the foreseeable future. It is true that Judea-Samaria has fared considerably better under Israel—e.g., real in-

come doubled in the decade after the Six-Day War and emigration has never reached the peak levels under King Hussein. Nevertheless, the West Bank's internal economy still can't provide enough attractive opportunities to curb Arab emigration. This emigration most likely will continue, although the recent economic decline of the gulf may cause an adjustment in numbers and destinations.

Were it not for the high birthrate of the 700,000 Arabs within the pre-1967 boundaries, the percentage of the Arabs in the

joy full rights in a democratic polity. The political status of the Arabs of pre-1967 Israel evolved along similar lines. In the 1950s they lived under a military administration and soon became Israeli citizens with full rights. Through three decades and five Arab-Israeli wars, there have been no serious problems of irredentism or terrorism in this community.

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total population would have dropped. But this birthrate, too, has been declining steadily. It fell to five children per family in 1981 from 8.4 in 1965, and it is expected to approach the Jewish rate (now leveling off at 2.7) in the next 15 to 20 years.

Clearly, the Malthusian projections of Arab population trends, so blithely presented and so uncritically accepted, are unconvincing. It is not inevitable that the Jewish majority will be engulfed by Arab population growth. It is at least as likely that the current ratio of Jews to Arabs will hold for the coming decades. The percentage of Jews may actually increase, especially if there is a resurgence of Jewish immigration.

Even if the Arabs do not become a majority in the country, it is argued, Israel still will have to resort to expulsion or repression to control a hostile minority. The notion that Israel would contemplate expulsion of the Arabs is fantasy. Far from "expelling" the Arabs, Israel has enabled 42,000 Arabs to resettle in Judea-Samaria and Gaza since 1967.

The assumption of repression is also contradicted by experience. As Israel made clear at Camp David, it does not aim to perpetuate military government but to enable the Arabs of Judea-Samaria to en-

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It is instructive to compare Israel's policy toward a potentially hostile minority in wartime to that of the other democratic nations in similar conditions. In World War

II, the U.S. incarcerated 120,000 Japanese-Americans. In both world wars, Britain and France ordered the mass internment of aliens. And in World War I, Britain jailed even British subjects of foreign origin. Israeli policy, in contrast, has been not to infringe upon the rights of its Arab inhabitants in wartime. Except for a partial curfew during the Sinai Campaign of 1956, no special security measures have been taken against them in wartime and none proved necessary.

What accounts for the absence of sub-

version, or of any Israeli concern about it, is the Arab minority's conviction that Israel is here to stay. This conviction is the foundation on which the Arabs of Israel have built their lives, despite incessant anti-Jewish agitation and Palestine Liberation Organization terrorist threats. The belief in Israel's permanence is the key to peace between the Jewish majority and the Arab minority.

The experience within the pre-1967 borders is likely to recur in Judea-Samaria once the Arabs living there recognize the irreversibility of a Jewish presence. Often encouraged by the pronouncements of outsiders, some Arabs believe that a transfer of power to the PLO or Jordan is still a possibility. Uncertainty and the fear of ret-

tribution from new rulers are sufficient to prevent West Bank Arabs from openly coming to terms with Israel. (The PLO murders Arabs who advocate cooperation with Israel; Jordan passes death sentences in absentia on those who sell land to Jews.) Only the steady growth of the Jewish population in Judea-Samaria can convince the Arabs that the Jews are there to stay.

Palestinians Have a State

But why should Israel stay in Judea-Samaria at all? To most Israelis the answer is obvious. Despite disagreements on the area's final political status, virtually all agree that Israel must maintain military control there to survive. And despite pragmatic differences over the pattern of set-

tlements, there is an overwhelming consensus on the right of Jews to settle throughout the Land of Israel. Judea-Samaria is the very heart of the historic Jewish homeland, the place where much of Jewish history was made.

Nor do most Israelis consider the creation of a second Palestinian Arab state acceptable. The Arabs of Palestine already have a state, called Jordan, in eastern Palestine. The demand for another state in the West Bank has nothing to do with self-determination. The purpose is to create a base for an irredentist drive to destroy the state of Israel.

This would be the real West Bank time bomb. An Israeli withdrawal from the area

would start it ticking. This is why Israel will not leave Judea-Samaria. Nor will it infringe on the individual rights of the West Bank Arabs. The Arab minority has nothing to fear from living with a Jewish majority, just as the Jewish majority need not fear living with an Arab minority. Neither the expulsion of the Arabs nor the withdrawal of the Jews is acceptable. In Judea-Samaria, the only realistic solution for the two peoples is to live, in peace, together.

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 SETTLEMENTS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. THESE ARE
 ELISHA AND BROSH IN THE JORDAN VALLEY; ZURIT AND
 METZAR SOUTH OF JERUSALEM; YETZAR NEAR NABLUS AND
 GINAT NEAR JENIN---ALL IN FORMER MILITARY BASES---
 AND THE NEW CITY OF TEZUFIM, TO BE CONSTRUCTED BY
 A PRIVATE COMPANY, IN SAMARIA. AL FAJR ADDED THAT
 THE IDF HAS AN ADDITIONAL 15 BASES IN THE OCCUPIED
 TERRITORIES WHICH WILL BE TURNED OVER TO CIVILIAN USE
 IN COMING MONTHS.

3. CIVAD PROVIDES MORE FUNDS TO WEST BANK TOWNS.

AL ANBA REPORTED THAT THE CIVAD HAS GRANTED THE
 VILLAGE OF QARAWA BENI HASSAN, IN TULKARM DISTRICT.

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32 MILLION SHEKELS FOR NEW WATER WORKS. QALQILIYA MUNICIPALITY WAS GRANTED 4 MILLION SHEKELS AS ITS SHARE IN THE PROPERTY TAX RECEIPTS. SALFIT MUNICIPALITY RECEIVED 4.5 MILLION SHEKELS FOR ROAD PAVING AND ELECTRICITY REPAIRS. KAFR THULTH VILLAGE, ALSO IN TULKARM DISTRICT, IS RECEIVING 1.5 MILLION SHEKELS FOR ROAD REPAIRS. THE VILLAGE WILL CONTRIBUTE THE REMAINING ONE HALF MILLION SHEKELS NECESSARY.

4. WORTH NOTING:

A) AL QUDS REPORTED THAT A SCHOOL, BANK AND SUPERMARKET HAVE ALL OPENED TO SERVE THE NEW SETTLEMENT OF IMMANUEL. 35 FAMILIES CURRENTLY LIVE THERE.

B) ASHAAB AND AL ANBA REPORT ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S MIDDLE EAST CONFERENCE DUE TO BE HELD IN ATLANTA NEXT MONTH. THE PAPERS NOTE THAT BETHLEHEM MAYOR FREIJ IS AMONG THOSE DUE TO APPEAR.

C) ALL PAPERS EXCEPT AL ANBA NOTE THAT NEXT SATURDAY WILL BE A MUSLIM RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY MARKED BY A BOY SCOUT PARADE AND SPECIAL PRAYERS AT AL AQSA MOSQUE.

5. ARAFAT IN LEBANON.

AL QUDS AND AL FAJR BANNER REPORTED STATEMENT BY ABU IYAD (SALAH KHALAF) THAT SYRIA IS PREPARING TO ANNOUNCE ITS OWN PLO. AL FAJR CLAIMED THAT ARAFAT HAS ORDERED HIS MEN NOT TO RETURN FIRE TO AVOID STARTING "THE MASSACRE THAT ASSAD WANTS TO CONDUCT." ASHAAB QUOTES UNNAMED PLO OFFICIALS AS WARNING AGAINST THE PLAN FOR A "SYRIAN MASSACRE" IN LEBANON.

THE NORMALLY VERY HARDLINE ASHAAB HAS NOW TAKEN THE LEAD ON REPORTING THE TRIPOLI PROBLEM FROM THE PRO-PLO AL FAJR. ASHAAB HAS FOLLOWED SEVERAL DAYS EMPHASIS ON AN IMPENDING SYRIAN ASSAULT ON TRIPOLI WITH A LONG, AL FAJR STYLE, ARTICLE INTERVIEWING PROMINENT WEST BANKERS ON THEIR VIEWS. THE PAPER SPOKE WITH SILWAD MAYOR MUSA AL MUSA, DR. SAMIR KATHEB OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL, DR. MUNTHEER SHARIF OF THE WEST BANK MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AND NAIF SWAITAT, PRESIDENT OF THE BIR ZAIT STUDENT UNION. ALL OF THEM REPORTEDLY ENDORSED ARAFAT'S LEADERSHIP AND CALLED FOR WEST BANK EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT FOR HIM. THEY JOINED WITH DEPOSED MAYORS SHAKA'A AND KHALAF IN CALLING FOR A SYRIAN PULLBACK FROM TRIPOLI. KHALAF

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Israel and the Druzes

A hand held out

FROM OUR ISRAEL CORRESPONDENT

A Druze priest was hoping to calm an Israeli's anxieties when he pointed out that Mr Walid Jumblatt, the leader of Lebanon's Druzes, had named his son Tamerlane—in memory of the Tartar's butchery of the Syrians 600 years ago. This reminder of a swathe of destruction and disorder did not produce the intended soothing effect. The Israelis had encouraged Mr Jumblatt to set up the Druze civil administration in the Chouf hills which he announced on October 2nd. But they have their fingers crossed about what it will lead to.

Israel is depending on three things to keep Druze political ambitions in Lebanon in line with Israeli interests. First, it relies on its links with the conservative Druze clergy, whose members have no affection for Syria and maintain close ties with their Druze brothers of the cloth in Israel. Clergymen are well represented in Mr Jumblatt's embryonic administration, especially on the eight-man supreme administrative authority, where they will be a check on his more left-wing supporters.

Second, Israel has tentatively offered Mr Jumblatt some kind of territorial link between the main Druze homeland in the Chouf hills outside Beirut and the Druze communities in southern Lebanon, plus easy access to the Druzes who live in Israel. In return, Mr Jumblatt was asked to keep the Chouf hills clear of Syrian troops and Palestinian guerrillas. He did

not keep his part of the bargain during last month's three-week war against the Christian Maronites which followed Israel's withdrawal from the Chouf. He is now asking for another chance. Israel thinks he may do better this time.

Third, Israel has used military persuasion. During the brief Chouf war, it prevented the Druze militia from fighting its way to the sea near Damour, and thus kept the Druzes landlocked in the Chouf. As a reminder to its Druze friends, Israel deploys armoured columns as far north as the Chouf foothills.

With so much mistrust of Mr Jumblatt, why does Israel toy with the idea of backing an autonomous Druze administration? In the late 1950s the then Israeli foreign minister, Yigael Allon, suggested helping Syria's Druzes to join their south Lebanese co-religionists in creating a crescent-shaped state as a buffer along Israel's northern frontier. Israel's aim this time is another buffer. The Israelis no longer put much trust in their connection with Lebanon's Christians. If the Lebanese peace talks produce a settlement which in Israeli eyes gives too much away to Syria, Israel expects to stay in southern Lebanon for a long time. The hope is that Israel's northern border would then have two lines of defence: the Israeli army in southern Lebanon, and the insulation of the Druzes in the Chouf.

Lebanon

And now what?

FROM OUR LEBANON CORRESPONDENT

The ceasefire in Lebanon, though generously punctuated by spasms of gunfire, was by Thursday still holding, and Beirut airport had at last been reopened. But that is about all that can be put down on the optimism side of the Lebanese ledger.

There is still deadlock on the urgent question of how the truce is to be supervised, and by whom, along the 60-70-kilometre-long line which wriggles up and down the rugged terrain east and south-east of Beirut. The first point at issue is whether the supervisors should be merely observers, which the Druzes and the Shia Moslems prefer, or observers plus troops, which the Lebanese army and the Christian Maronites want. The Druze-Shia contention is that the more solid the supervisory force, the harder it will eventually be to remove. Then there is the matter of who is to man it.

The army and the Maronites wanted observers-cum-troops to be provided by the western multinational force now in Beirut, or by the United Nations. The other side ruled out the multinational force and opposed the United Nations both because UN forces tend to become permanent and because, say the Druzes and Shias, the UN secretariat is under American influence. The Druzes and Shias would rather have another multinational force, composed of countries they approve of, such as India and Yugoslavia; and by midweek the government was prepared to accept this.

Ceasefire is supposed to lead to political reconstruction. But the more important national reconciliation committee has not yet even agreed where it should meet. It was expected that, in tribute to Saudi Arabia's role in negotiating the ceasefire, the ceremonial first session would be held in Jiddah in the presence of King Fahd. But the Syrians did not like this because Saudi prominence would diminish Syria's claim to leadership. The Syrians have been scaring the Saudis by conjuring up the possibility of a rancorous breakdown at the ceremonial session, and the Saudis are hesitating. Alternative

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sites are Beirut itself, or the Arab League's headquarters in Tunis, or even the French aircraft carrier *Foch* off the Lebanese coast.

Understandably, the Druze and Shia invitees are eager for the reconciliation committee to start work, because they would gain from any new political dispensation. For the same reason the Maronites are less eager: ex-President Chamoun has even said that the committee is unnecessary, and that an enlarged government would be quite enough. To prod President Gemayel into action, Mr Walid Jumblatt, the Druze leader, announced on October 2nd that a local administration would be set up in areas under Druze control. The government's claim that this is a prelude to the creation of a separate Druze statelet has been denied by Mr Jumblatt.

An extra twist to the knot is provided by the probability that the Syrians, after ejecting units of the Palestine Liberation Organisation loyal to Mr Yasser Arafat from the Bekaa valley, will now try to crush the last pro-Arafat strongholds in the Palestinian refugee camps north of Tripoli. If the Syrians do not want to do the job themselves, they could do it through their surrogates in the PLO—the Ahmad Jibril group, and suborned units of the Palestine Liberation Army. This would be a back-to-the-wall last fight for the Arafatists. Syria's action will be the first step towards the establishment of a wholly new PLO under Syrian control.



The airliners return, but not yet the doves

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ISRAEL

Stripping
GazaDeborah Pugh on how
Jerusalem profits from its
territories

IN ISRAEL the issue is rarely discussed. But it is clear that the return of the 'occupied territories' will be opposed by any future government not only for security reasons, but because of clear-cut economic imperatives. The tight Israeli control which has been exerted over all aspects of the economies of Gaza and the West Bank has already resulted in what is in effect a total economic annexation.

The West Bank currently gets almost 90 per cent of its imports from Israel. Excluding the lucrative diamond trade, it is now Israel's largest market. In the occupied territories, Israeli products face little competition as Israel controls the import trade and ensures that it fits the requirements of the Israeli economy.

The occupied territories have also become essential to the Israeli economy as a source of extremely cheap labour with no political power. The flow of workers from the territo-

ries with their labour surplus began in the earliest days of the Israeli occupation, following Moshe Dayan's decision to open the borders. The Israeli economy had been suffering an acute labour shortage before the war. The manpower demands of occupying the territories precipitated a crisis which West Bankers and Gazans were used to meet. According to government statistics, they now represent 5 to 6 per cent of the Israeli work force. Half work in construction where they provide one out of every two workers in the industry. The rest dominate other low paid manual jobs in factories, restaurants and hotels. At least half of the West Bank's work force is either employed directly in Israel concerns or is working locally for Palestinian entrepreneurs, subcontracting for Israeli factories for wages substantially below the Israeli average.

The West Bank has only managed to retain a degree of economic self-sufficiency because of its fertile agricultural sector. This will now be put under severe pressure by the continuing expansion of Israeli settlements and the restrictions being placed on the marketing of produce. The situation on the Gaza Strip is worst. Largely landless refugees, crowded into a tiny coastal enclave — with a population density of over 2,000 per square kilometre — are finding their tiny agricultural base being squeezed further by a repeated Israeli settlement drive. The population is almost totally dependent on employment directly linked to the Israeli economy. The Ministry of Labour estimates that 43 per cent of the workers in the Gaza Strip work in Israel, many staying overnight illegally rather than face a round trip of up to five hours a day.

The majority of workers who find work in the Strip are employed in subcontractors' factories. Karima is a typical example. She is 15 years old and has been working in a small dusty clothing factory in Gaza City for the past two years. If her family was not so poor, she would not be allowed to work. But the meagre £60 she earns a month — for an up to 10 hour day, 6 days a week — is essential to their survival.

Karima's factory is typical of hundreds dotting the Gaza Strip, the West Bank and even the Arab villages inside Israel. There are only a dozen employees, most are young women and children, with a sprinkling of men. The equipment is outdated and there is no Israeli enforcement of factory legislation governing safety or the age of workers. The work itself is monotonous; they simply sew together cheap clothing from cloth cut in Israeli factories. Large profits are being made by the Israeli factory owners and on a lesser scale by the Palestinian sub-contractors.

Palestinian men who work in Gaza or in the West Bank are paid double the women's rate, because the employers know that they can move to find better paid employment in Israel. But even in Israel their wages remain far below the national average. A recent study by the Histadut, the Israeli Trade Union Federation, pointed to a 50 per cent differential between the income of construction workers from the occupied territories and that of Israelis.

An irony of the situation has been a dispute between the Israeli government and the Histadut over what shall be done with the social security contributions, amounting to millions of dollars, which have been paid by Palestinian workers to the Israeli government. Palestinians and the Histadut agree that the government is not providing even basic social services in the territories. The Histadut is arguing that it should be the agency to administer the social security benefit fund. The Histadut's concern for the welfare of these workers, which does not extend to allowing union membership to non-Israeli citizens, is more the result of the decline of Israeli dues-paying members in the manual trades, which has dried up pension funds, especially in the construction union.

THE ISRAELI government publicly congratulates itself on its policies for having solved the unemployment problem in the occupied territories. It points to the growth in the West Bank's GNP as an indication of the prosperity which has accompanied the occupation. However, there is little doubt that this surface prosperity has been achieved at the expense of local development. There are now fewer West Bankers employed in local factories than there were in 1966. The vastly increased working class is employed in Israel, building up the Israeli economy at the expense of the West Bank's.

There is widespread bitterness and frustration among the Palestinian workforce. Many are highly educated graduates, given few options but to build settlements or work in factories. According to Amira Andrianov, the head of Israel's Textile Union, 'They (Palestinians from the territories) have no choice but to be satisfied with the monotonous work on the production line. Often they have education above the level of that of the manager, but their advancement opportunities are blocked.' Over 200,000 Palestinians have left since 1967. They are largely skilled young men between 21 and 35 who have found well-paying jobs in Jordan, the Gulf and the United States. Many Palestinians consider that the ultimate objective of Israeli policy is to force emigration on all those unwilling to settle for manual occupations.

The obvious answer to the dilemma of Palestinian surplus labour is the development of a local industrial base in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip to meet the Israeli competition for workers and for markets. The stumbling block is not lack of local and international capital. That is available. It is the hostility of the Israeli government to independent economic activity in the territories. This is demonstrated by the block on imported Arab capital. Moreover Palestinian entrepreneurs, with no protection from heavily subsidised Israeli products, see their only option as finding an Israeli partner and supplying the labour required.

The present situation has served the Israeli economy well. The territories are in effect an exploited colonial dependency. Israel would not want them transformed into an independent Palestinian state. □

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--AN ARAB YOUTH FROM SILWAN VILLAGE (JERUSALEM DISTRICT) WAS STABBED TO DEATH IN JERUSALEM YESTERDAY FOLLOWING A QUARREL WITH A YOUTH FROM THE SUBURBAN JERUSALEM SETTLEMENT OF GILBO (ALL PAPERS). THE INCIDENT OCCURRED AFTER A BUS RIDE DURING WHICH THE GILBO YOUTH ALLEGEDLY DEMANDED THAT THE YOUTH, YUSUF SHA'ABOUNI, SHOW HIM HIS WRISTWATCH. ACCORDING TO BUS PASSENGERS AND EYEWITNESSES, A QUARREL ENSUED AND THE TWO AGREED TO GET OFF THE BUS AND "SETTLE THE MATTER IN A FAIR FIGHT." SHA'ABOUNI WAS STABBED TWICE IN THE CHEST IMMEDIATELY AFTER HE GOT OFF THE BUS; THE GILBO YOUTH FLED THE SCENE.

3. CHRISTIAN AND MOSLEM SEMINARY STUDENTS TO BE GRANTED LARGE FAMILY ALLOWANCE

--CHRISTIAN AND MOSLEM SEMINARY STUDENTS WILL BE GRANTED LARGE FAMILY ALLOWANCES ON A PAR WITH PAYMENTS TO YESHIVA STUDENTS ("THE JERUSALEM POST").

--THE DECISION--REPORTEDLY CONTAINED IN DOCUMENTS FROM THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S OFFICE--FOLLOWS A PETITION TO THE HIGH COURT BY TWO ARAB MKS WHO CLAIMED THAT THE EXTRA ALLOWANCES GRANTED YESHIVA STUDENTS WHO HAVE NOT SERVED IN THE IDF DISCRIMINATED AGAINST THEM. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ORDERED THE TREASURY TO STOP PAYING ALLOWANCES TO YESHIVA STUDENTS IN JULY, BUT WITH THE NEW DECISION, THE PAYMENTS WILL BE REINSTITUTED. GOVERNMENT SOURCES HAVE NOT CONFIRMED THE DECISION.

4. EXPLOSIVE CHARGE FOUND UNDER VEHICLE OF ISRAELI NABLUS ADMINISTRATOR

--AN EXPLOSIVE CHARGE WAS DISCOVERED UNDER THE VEHICLE OF THE ISRAELI COLONEL WHO ADMINISTERS THE NABLUS MUNICIPALITY (PRO-PLO "AL FAJR" AND RADICAL, "ASHAAB"). POLICE DISMANTLED THE CHARGE AND ARRESTED SEVERAL ARAB SUSPECTS. THE IDF SPOKESMAN DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE INCIDENT.

5. POLICE ARREST, THEN RELEASE THREE SUSPECTED ORTHODOX ZEALOTS

--JERUSALEM POLICE ARRESTED THREE RELIGIOUS JEWS IN MEA SHEARIM LAST NIGHT ON SUSPICION OF BEING MEMBERS OF A SECRET ULTRA-ORTHODOX ORGANIZATION ("THE JERUSALEM POST", "AL FAJR" AND MODERATE "AL QUODS"). THE ORGANI-

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ZATION--KNOWN AS KESHET--CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MOST "MILITANT" OF THE ANTI-ARCHAEOLOGY ACTIVITIES DURING THE PAST YEAR, WHICH INCLUDED VANDALIZING GRAVES OF ZIONISTS AND AN ISRAELI ARCHAEOLOGIST. THE GROUP ALLEGEDLY PRINTED LEAFLETS CALLING FOR DEMONSTRATIONS, SOME OF THEM COMPARING JERUSALEM POLICE COMMISSIONER COMFORT TO ADOLF HITLER. THE THREE MEN WERE RELEASED ON BAIL OF APPROXIMATELY USDOLS 850 EACH.

6. MIRIAM LEVINGER: PROUD TO LIVE IN HEBRON

--MIRIAM LEVINGER, WIFE OF RABBI MOSHE LEVINGER, SAYS SHE IS "PROUD TO LIVE IN HEBRON" AND REFUSES TO ENTER INTO A "SEIGE MENTALITY" ("THE JERUSALEM POST"). SHE CLAIMS THAT, CONTRARY TO MEDIA ALLEGATIONS, SHE AND OTHER FEMALE JEWISH RESIDENTS OF HEBRON ARE UNARMED. LEVINGER'S NEIGHBOR, RACHEL NIR, MAINTAINS THAT HER RELATION WITH LOCAL VENDORS IS "ONE OF MUTUAL RESPECT." JEWISH RESIDENTS OF HEBRON NOW RECEIVE ELECTRICITY AND WATER FROM THE HEBRON MUNICIPALITY, WHICH WAS DENIED THEM WHEN ACTING MAYOR NATCHE WAS STILL IN OFFICE BECAUSE THEY WERE CONSIDERED ILLEGAL SQUATTERS.

7. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

A. THE IDF SEALED OFF A HOME AND A ROOM IN KUFR MALIK VILLAGE (RAMALLAH DISTRICT), AND TWO ROOMS IN AIDA REFUGEE CAMP NEAR BETHLEHEM AFTER THEIR OCCUPANTS ADMITTED TO BEING MEMBERS OF TWO PLO "CELLS" IN THE WEST BANK ("THE JERUSALEM POST," "AL FAJR" AND "ASHAAB"). THE RESIDENTS OF KUFR MALIK ALLEGEDLY WERE INVOLVED IN ATTACKS ON ISRAELIS AND SUSPECTED "COLLABORATORS," AND IN THE MURDER OF A LOCAL VILLAGE LEAGUE LEADER. THOSE FROM AIDA CAMP ARE SAID TO HAVE THROWN MOLOTOV COCKTAILS AT POLICE STATIONED OUTSIDE RACHEL'S TOMB.

B. AN EGGED BUS WAS STONED LAST NIGHT AS IT WAS TRAVELING TO THE SETTLEMENT OF OFRA, OUTSIDE OF RAMALLAH ("AL FAJR" AND "ASHAAB"). TWO FEMALE PASSENGERS WERE LIGHTLY INJURED.

C. THE ISRAELI HIGH COURTS ISSUED A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER AGAINST THE DEMOLITION BY THE CIVAD OF A STONE-CUTTING PLANT NEAR HEBRON ("THE JERUSALEM POST," AND GOI-SPONSORED "AL ANBA"). THE OWNER OF THE PLANT, FAYDAL BEDOUTI, CLAIMS HE BEGAN BUILDING THE PLANT ON AUGUST 1, AFTER RECEIVING A PERMIT FROM THE HEBRON MUNICIPALITY. THE CIVAD LATER TOLD HIM THE LICENSE WAS INVALID BECAUSE THE BUILDING SITE LIES OUTSIDE

THE MUNICIPALITY'S JURISDICTION. BEDDUI WAS TOLD TO APPLY TO THE CIVAD SUPREME PLANNING COUNCIL, WHO REFUSED TO GRANT THE LICENSE BECAUSE THE SITE LIES IN AN AGRICULTURAL AREA ON WHICH COMMERCIAL BUILDING IS FORBIDDEN, ACCORDING TO A STILL-APPLICABLE PLAN OF THE BRITISH MANDATE. BEDDUI CLAIMS THAT THE CIVAD'S DECISION WAS MADE "SOLELY TO PLACATE RESIDENTS OF KIRYAT ARBA, WHO COVET THE LAND."

D. JERUSALEM MAYOR TEDDY KOLLEK SAYS A POOL PLANNED FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF RAMOT OUTSIDE OF JERUSALEM WILL BE BUILT ("THE JERUSALEM POST"). KOLLEK WAS REACTING TO A STATEMENT MADE BY AGUDA MK MENACHEM PORUSH CLAIMING THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S "FAILURE" TO STOP CONSTRUCTION OF THE

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POOL--WHICH IS OPPOSED BY RAMOT'S ULTRA-ORTHODOX RESIDENTS--WAS DELAYING AGUDA'S ENTRY INTO PRIME MINISTER DESIGNATE SHAMIR'S COALITION. KOLLEK MAINTAINS THAT THE GOI HAS "LITTLE TO DO WITH THE RAMOT POOL," SINCE MONEY FOR IT, AS WELL AS A LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTER, WAS RAISED THROUGH THE JERUSALEM FOUNDATION. ULTRA-ORTHODOX FAMILIES SAY CONSTRUCTION OF THE POOL WOULD "CAUSE DIVORCES" IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. SOME OBSERVERS SUSPECT OTHER REASONS FOR THEIR OPPOSITION, ONE BEING THAT IF THEY PROVE THEY CAN STOP THE POOL, THIS WILL ENCOURAGE OTHER RELIGIOUS FAMILIES TO MOVE TO RAMOT. SECULAR INHABITANTS REPORTEDLY BELIEVE THAT IF THE POOL IS BUILT, POTENTIAL SECULAR RESIDENTS WILL SEE THAT RAMOT IS NOT DOMINATED BY THE ULTRA-ORTHODOX.

B. REGIONAL NEWS:

A. ALL PAPERS REPORT THAT AMBASSADOR MC FARLANE WAS IN JERUSALEM TUESDAY. "THE POST" SAYS HE "SOUGHT TO EASE ISRAEL'S FEARS OVER WHAT IS PERCEIVED HERE AS SOMETHING OF A TILT TOWARD THE SYRIANS IN AMERICA'S LEBANON POLICY."

B. "AL FAJR" AND "ASHAAB" REPORT THAT PLO LEADER ARAFAT SENT MESSAGES TO ARAB LEADERS "CALLING FOR AN URGENT MEETING ON THE HIGHEST LEVELS TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION WITHIN FATAH." NORMALLY PRO-SYRIAN "ASHAAB" WRITES THAT "DAMASCUS HAS CLOSED ALL DOORS TO A PALESTINIAN INITIATIVE." THE PAPER QUOTES ABU JIHAD AS SAYING: "SYRIA HAS DECIDED TO LIQUIDATE THE PALESTINIAN MILITARY PRESENCE IN LEBANON."

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