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#### ABBREVIATIONS

| \$:      | United States dollars                                     |
|----------|---|
| AGREXCO: | Agricultural Export Corporation                           |
| AIDO:    | Arab Industrial Development Organisation                  |
| EEC:     | European Economic Community                               |
| GS:      | Gaza Strip  |
| GDP:     | Gross domestic product                                    |
| GNP:     | Gross national product                                    |
| GSP:     | Generalized System of Preferences                         |
| IEC:     | Israel Electricity Corporation                            |
| ILO:     | International Labour Organisation                         |
| JD:      | Jordanian dinars  |
| JEC:     | Jerusalem Electricity Company                             |
| NIS:     | New Israeli shekels                                       |
| OPT:     | Occupied Palestinian territory (West Bank and Gaza Strip) |
| PLO:     | Palestine Liberation Organization                         |
| PVO:     | Private voluntary organization(s)                         |
| VAT:     | Value-added tax   |
| WB:      | West Bank   |
| WBDBP:   | West Bank Data Base Project                               |
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# REFERENCE CODES OF CONSULTED SOURCES

| Code | Source/Publication                               |
|------|--|
| BIL: | <u>Sawt al-Bilad</u> , Belgrade (Arabic)         |
| DAV: | Davar, Jerusalem (Hebrew)                        |
| DST: | al-Dastour, Amman (Arabic)                       |
| FAJ: | al-Fajr, Jerusalem (English)                     |
| FIL: | Filasteen al Thawra, Nicosia (Arabic)            |
| FJR: | al-Fair, Jerusalem (Arabic)                      |
| HAA: | Haaretz, Jerusalem (Hebrew)                      |
| HAD: | Hadashot, Jerusalem (Hebrew)                     |
| HAM: | al-Hamishmar, Jerusalem (Hebrew)                 |
| IE:  | Israel Economist, Jerusalem (English)            |
| ITT: | al-Ittihad, Haifa (Arabic)                       |
| JP:  | Jerusalem Post, Jerusalem (English)              |
| KOL: | Kol Ha'ir, Jerusalem (Hebrew)                    |
| MAA: | Maariv, Jerusalem (Hebrew)                       |
| MEI: | Middle East International, London (English)      |
| MEM: | Middle East Magazine, London, (English)          |
| NAH: | <u>al-Nahar</u> , Jerusalem, (Arabic)            |
| QDS: | <u>al-Quds</u> , Jerusalem (Arabic)              |
| RAI: | <u>al-Rai</u> , Amman (Arabic)                   |
| SAW: | Sawt al-Shaab, Amman (Arabic)                    |
| SHB: | al-Shaab, Jerusalem (Arabic)                     |
| STH: | South, London (English)                          |
| SUN: | Special United Nations Service, Geneva (English) |
| YED: | Yediot Aharanot, Jerusalem (Hebrew)              |
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Other sources consulted:

<u>Israeli Mirror</u> (fortnightly/London/English) <u>Al-ard al Muhtalleh, Waqai' wa-ahdath</u>, (monthly/Nicosia/Arabic) <u>Revue des Etudes Palestiniennes</u> (quarterly/Paris/French) <u>Sh'uun Filastinieh</u> (monthly/Nicosia/Arabic) <u>Sh'uun Tanmawieh</u> (quarterly/Jerusalem/Arabic) \_

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PREFACE

1. This document is the third in the series of monitoring reports on economic issues and related Israeli practices in the occupied Palestinian territory of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. It presents extracts of information compiled by the UNCTAD secretariat in its data base on the Palestinian economy for the period July 1987-December 1988, inclusive. It is not exhaustive in terms of its coverage of the economic areas, activities and/or related Israeli practices.

2. The document is intended to serve three main objectives:

(a) It constitutes a selected record of major events and related issues which dominated economic activity in the occupied Palestinian territory during the period under review;

(b) Along with the previous two issues (UNCTAD/ST/SEU/1 and UNCTAD/ST/SEU/6), it serves as a useful cumulative source of references for further investigation of the issues concerned. The original sources which have been consulted provide insights into the issues, practices and problems confronting the occupied territory in much greater detail than is possible to present in this document; and,

(c) It supplements both quantitative and qualitative information compiled within the frame of the data base for research on economic development in the occupied territory. The document is not, however, an alternative to field research and investigation on the issues covered. It may usefully be referred to in conjunction with related UNCTAD reports and studies, namely "Recent economic developments in the occupied Palestinian territories" (TD/B/1142 and TD/B/1183) and "Palestinian external trade under Israeli occupation" (UNCTAD/RDP/SEU/1).

3. The extracts are classified according to major subjects and presented chronologically with indications of source, date and details of extracted information. Where items are relevant to more than one subject, they have been cross-referenced accordingly and are preceded by an asterisk (\*). The information presented in this document is as portrayed in the original sources without any interpretation or analysis. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy in recording information as it is reported.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - GENERAL

| Source | Date     | <u>Details</u>   |
|--------|----------|--|
| SUN    | 21 07 87 | EEC steps up OPT aid programme to \$3.4 million for 1987, similar figure expected for 1988.  |
| MEI    | 25 07 87 | EEC aid programme to OPT commences with direct allocations<br>to Palestinian institutions; EEC officials note continued<br>Israeli refusal to allow free direct exports to Europe from<br>OPT.   |
| FAJ    | 26 07 87 | * GS company formed and licensed to negotiate with GS municipality for establishment of port.  |
| BIL    | 28 07 87 | * Palestinian economists at WB symposium discuss economic effects of occupation and limitations of international aid.  |
| JP     | 31 07 87 | * WB military government co-ordinator says WB water project<br>still being studied; discusses Jordanian and international<br>aid to GS and Israeli Government expenditures on<br>construction in GS.   |
| FAJ    | 04 08 87 | Palestinian economist reviews transformations in OPT economy since 1967.   |
| FIL    | 29 08 87 | Review of attempt by Palestinian industrialist to take-over<br>bankrupt Israeli factory and Israeli court's restriction.   |
| MEM    | 00 09 87 | Jordanian Minister for Occupied Territory Affairs explains<br>Jordan's view of responsibilities towards WB, progress in<br>Jordan Development Programme for the territory and other aid<br>efforts.  |
| IE     | 00 09 87 | * Review of economic developments in OPT and role of Jordan, PLO, PVOs and Israel.   |
| BIL    | 01 09 87 | * Profile of the village of Beit Ummar (WB): olives, grapes<br>and fruit trees backbone of village economy; examples of<br>Israeli policies and restrictions.  |
| JP     | 02 09 87 | New Israeli CBS statistics point to a GDP growth of<br>9 per cent in the WB and 4 per cent in GS during 1985/86;<br>WB growth largely due to olive crop; growth noted in factor<br>income from Israel, in private disposable income and in<br>employment and productivity; investment in building and<br>equipment has also risen. |
| FAJ    | 06 09 87 | Jordan allocates JD 140,000 for projects in GS, as part of its five-year Development Programme for OPT.  |
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- FAJ 20 09 87 \* WBDBP report focuses on recent developments in OPT economy and Israeli settlements.
- JP 29 09 87 New WBDBP report on disproportionate government aid to Jewish settlements in OPT; increasing Palestinian population growth; progress in funding Jordanian Development Programme for OPT; continued channelling of Palestinian financial resources to Israel through taxes.
- FIL 10 10 87 Review of recent WBDBP report and other studies on economic relations of OPT with Israel: "occupation tax", trade imbalances, industrial competition in food and clothes.
- FIL 17 10 87 The Jordanian Development Programme for the OPT discussion of allocations and expenditures.
- JP 23 10 87 Jordan announces tenders for \$4 million worth of projects in WB and GS within context of Development Programme; 36 projects cover 9 areas in electrification, roads, water, and building schools and hospitals.
- JP 26 10 87 \* United States Export-Import Bank Director declares willingness in principle to finance WB projects, including United States exports to WB.
- FIL 31 10 87 PLO calls for enhanced Arab support for OPT industrial development, AIDO conference approves programme of technical assistance to OPT industry.
- BIL 03 11 87 PLO calls on Arab Ministers of Industry to establish programme of support for Palestinian industry in OPT; Ministers agree to support programme within framework of PLO-AIDO co-operation.
- JP 06 11 87 \* Israeli experts' report on GS in year 2000: population congestion, housing shortages, falling supplies of water and limitation of land.
- JP 20 11 87 Rising tensions in GS: resistance to Israeli settlers and increasing congestion; expected population growth and low living standards.
- QDS 31 12 87 Israeli press reports say that Italian Government is considering providing development assistance to OPT, including establishment of a fruit-juice plant in GS.
- JP 12 01 88 WBDBP director claims that Palestinians cannot hope to implement economic boycott of Israel since their economy is powerless.

| Source | <u>Date</u> | <u>Details</u>   |
|--------|-------------|--|
| FIL    | 14 01 88    | Possibilities for undertaking economic boycott of Israel:<br>examination of impact on Palestinian society compared to<br>impact on Israel.   |
| JP     | 15 01 88    | Singapore in GS: a series of articles investigating the socio-economic and legal viability of transforming GS into a small city-state.   |
| FJR    | 15 01 88    | Voluntary committees in GS commence distribution of basic<br>foodstuffs to refugee camps and localities beseiged or put<br>under curfew by Israeli authorities.                                      |
| JP     | 18 01 88    | At Jerusalem seminars, ex-head of Israeli Civil<br>Administration calls for more Israeli aid to OPT through<br>return of income tax and duties to OPT and establishment of<br>free trade zone in GS. |
| JP     | 20 01 88    | Economic war of attrition: authorities using economic measures to control unrest.  |
| NAH    | 21 01 88    | Town of Salfit and Balata refugee camp (WB) report severe<br>shortage of basic foodstuffs due to continuing curfew<br>enforced by Israeli authorities.   |
| DST    | 31 01 88    | Village of Beit 'Or (WB) reported to be suffering from food<br>shortages due to forced closure of shops by Israeli<br>authorites.  |
| FJR    | 31 01 88    | Landlords in Jenin (WB) industrial zone decide to grant<br>leases three-month period of suspension of rent payments in<br>view of difficult economic conditions.                                     |
| JP     | 05 02 88    | * Israeli Central Bank expects economic slowdown in OPT as a result of commercial strikes.   |
| FAJ    | 07 02 88    | Landlords in WB refrain from rent collection to support residents and merchants during uprising.   |
| RAI    | 11 02 88    | Israeli statistics indicate that the Palestinian population of East Jerusalem numbered 132,000 by the end of 1987.   |
| JP     | 21 02 88    | An economic answer to the uprising: liberal business<br>relations between Palestinians and Israelis and attention to<br>Palestinian economic interests.  |
| JP     | 22 02 88    | Palestinian "economic resistance" could backfire: Israeli<br>view of the costs to the Israeli economy of fall in labour<br>from OPT, boycott of Israeli goods and Palestinian<br>self-sufficiency.   |
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| 2 | Source | <u>Date</u> |      | <u>Details</u>  |
|---|--------|-------------|------|---|
|   | FJR    | 12 03       | 8 88 | Israeli Minister of Defence states that Israel may be forced<br>to use stiff economic measures to convince the inhabitants<br>of the West Bank and Gaza Strip to "abandon violence".  |
|   | MAA    | 13 03       | 88   | Qabatiya (WB) village subjected to collective economic punishment, including a ban on exports to Jordan.  |
|   | JP     | 14 03       | 88   | Israeli authorities ban delivery of fuel to Palestinian petrol stations in OPT.   |
|   | JP .   | 14 03       | 88   | Palestinian leaflets distributed calling for boycott of<br>Israeli banks in GS, resistance to Israeli tax collection,<br>safety of workers' travel to and from Israel on non-strike<br>days; new wave of resignations among GS Palestinian tax<br>collectors. |
|   | KOL    | 16 03       | 88   | Israeli authorities decide to exert economic pressure on<br>OPT, including: electricity and telephone cuts, ban on<br>export of building stone, ban on local marketing of<br>agricultural products.   |
|   | FIL    | 17 03       | 88   | Palestinian women's union in OPT calls for encouragement of the household economy to support OPT during uprising.   |
|   | JP     | 18 03       | 88   | WBDBP report shows official Israeli figures on OPT<br>population to be incorrect and underestimated; 1987<br>population estimated 320,000 more than officially reported,<br>i.e. a total of 1.74 million.   |
|   | FJR    | 22 03       | 88   | For the third day Israeli authorities prevent the entry of<br>food and basic supplies to Ramallah and Nablus (WB) before<br>11 a.m., i.e. the period specified for opening during<br>Palestinian commercial strike.   |
|   | QDS    | 24 03       | 88   | Israeli Minister of Economy says that uprising is harming<br>the Israeli economy, causing \$150 million loss in<br>construction from labour absenteeism and over<br>NIS 500 million costs to the economy as a whole.  |
|   | FIL    | 24 03       | 88   | Palestinian sources view Israeli economic measures as<br>unlikely to achieve end of uprising; Israel will also suffer<br>as a result.   |
|   | JP     | 27 03       | 88   | * Israelis and Palestinians employing economic measures in<br>uprising: Palestinian boycott not likely to achieve end of<br>occupation and Israeli restrictions unlikely to break<br>Palestinian will.  |
|   | BIL    | 01 04       | 88   | Israeli authorities enforce new measures against farmers and businessmen as part of an effort to contain uprising.  |

| <u>Source</u> | Date     | Details  |
|---------------|----------|--|
| JP            | 05 04 88 | Palestinian leaflets in OPT call on inhabitants to buy<br>locally produced goods and employ specific categories of<br>workers towards building an independent national economy.  |
| FIL           | 07 04 88 | * Financial losses to Israel arising from the first<br>three months of unrest estimated at around \$500 million;<br>review of Israeli debate on importing foreign workers and<br>effects of Palestinian labour shortages on small Israeli<br>companies.  |
| FAJ           | 10 04 88 | Various measures of economic harassment employed by Israeli<br>authorities to halt uprising.   |
| JP            | 18 04 88 | * Uprising hurts Israeli tourism, effects on industry less<br>severe than expected, with sales down about 10 per cent;<br>labour shortages not considered debilitating.  |
| FAJ           | 24 04 88 | Israeli authorities begin confiscation of identity cards of<br>Shati' and Jabaliya refugee camps (GS) residents, and<br>enforce high fees for return of card.  |
| JP            | 29 04 88 | Israeli Minister of Economy says uprising has cost<br>NIS 800 million in diverted funds and lost production.   |
| IE            | 00 05 88 | A survey of economic conditions in the OPT.  |
| IE            | 00 05 88 | West Bank municipalities reduce municipal taxes to lighten<br>burden on inhabitants.   |
| MEI           | 14 05 88 | Increased United States aid expected to cover Israeli losses from uprising.  |
| JP            | 17 05 88 | * Israeli Minister of Economy says Palestinian uprising has<br>hurt the Israeli economy, particularly tourism, agriculture,<br>construction and industry.  |
| FAJ           | 22 05 88 | Palestinian household economy taking hold in uprising.   |
| FAJ           | 22 05 88 | Development of the Palestinian household economy - a case<br>study.  |
| DST           | 31 05 88 | Israeli sources state that 2,850 Israeli companies went<br>bankrupt due to the impact of the uprising, 29 per cent of<br>which were in commerce and services, 19 per cent in<br>construction, 12 per cent in textiles and clothing and<br>15 per cent in metalwork; the rest in such branches as<br>communications and transport, tourism, and rubber and<br>plastics manufacturing. |
| MEM           | 00 06 88 | Counting the cost to Israel of the uprising: falling sales<br>to OPT, shortages of manpower, decline in tourism,<br>construction squeezed, etc.  |
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| <u>Source</u> | Date     | <u>Details</u>  |
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| FIL           | 05 06 88 | Losses to Israeli economy from uprising estimated at<br>\$500-800 million; Israeli options to compensate for losses.  |
| JP            | 07 06 88 | Israeli Minister of Trade and Industry calls for eliminating<br>GS refugee camps and making the Strip a modern urban<br>industrial area; EEC Commissioner says problems in OPT<br>cannot be solved by economic measures but also require<br>political solution.   |
| FAJ           | 12 06 88 | Book reviews: economics of the OPT and the uprising.  |
| JP            | 13 06 88 | Uprising costs EL AL airlines \$11 million.   |
| FIL           | 19 06 88 | Political implications of EEC aid to OPT: an entity independent of Israel and Jordan.   |
| JP            | 20 06 88 | * Israeli industrial output falls 3.5 per cent in first<br>quarter of 1988, 17 per cent decline in textile output both<br>attributed to effect of uprising.   |
| FIL           | 26 06 88 | Widening application of household economy and self-reliant measures among Palestinians in OPT.  |
| JP            | 27 06 88 | Palestinians in OPT ask visiting Japanese Foreign Minister for economic aid to OPT.   |
| HAM           | 28 06 88 | Beit Sira and Beit Dagan villages (WB) are blockaded for<br>over one week by Israeli troops; farmers forbidden to enter<br>and no supplies from outside the villages are allowed entry.   |
| JP            | 29 06 88 | Continuation of uprising threatens OPT economy and the gains<br>to OPT and Israel of past 21 years of economic relations:<br>an opinion.  |
| IE            | 00 07 88 | * Some new indicators of economic costs of uprising:<br>\$500 million loss to Israeli GNP (1.5 per cent) and some<br>20 per cent drop in Palestinian GNP expected; Israeli<br>service sector in West Jerusalem badly hit; absenteeism of<br>Palestinian workers from jobs in Israel at about<br>20 per cent; subcontracting (textiles) especially harmed. |
| STH           | 00 07 88 | The economic costs to Israel and the OPT of the uprising.   |
| JP            | 11 07 88 | Uprising cost Israeli armed forces NIS 270 million; total cost to Israel in six months NIS 1 billion.   |
| HAM           | 11 07 88 | Israeli authorities forbid any movement of vehicles to or<br>from the village of Ubaydiya (WB), preventing export of<br>crops and movement of workers.  |
| JP            | 13 07 88 | Assessment of the economic impact of the uprising.  |
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| <u>Source</u> | Date     | Details  |
|---------------|----------|--|
| JP            | 13 07 88 | PLO, Arab and Jordanian aid reaching OPT to support local inhabitants during uprising.   |
| HAA           | 15 07 88 | Israeli authorities impose ban on all entry of food to GS and confiscate food brought in by residents.   |
| JP            | 15 07 88 | * WB vegetable garden and seed distribution centre closed and organizers are arrested.   |
| FIL           | 17 07 88 | Continuing rise in costs to Israel of uprising; might reach \$1 billion by the end of 1988.  |
| FIL           | 17 07 88 | Conflict between OPT inhabitants and Israeli occupation authorities over household vegetable cultivation.  |
| FAJ           | 21 07 88 | Israeli authorities announce ban on popular committees in OPT, including those engaged in provision of community services.   |
| FAJ           | 21 07 88 | * Palestinian institutions and experts discuss establishment<br>of Supreme Agricultural Council in OPT to deal with<br>agricultural problems and markets.  |
| FAJ           | 31 07 88 | Jordan cancels its five-year Development Programme for the OPT.  |
| JP            | 05 08 88 | Estimates of expected effects on public expenditure in WB as a result of Jordanian disengagement decision.   |
| JP            | 11 08 88 | Israeli Minister of Finance says uprising has cost Israeli<br>economy 1.5 per cent of its GDP.   |
| JP            | 19 08 88 | Israeli authorities outlaw OPT popular committees involved<br>in community development; viewed as threat to existing civil<br>services.  |
| JP            | 24 08 88 | Israeli building constructors announce \$200 million losses<br>in 1988 due to uprising; call for fund to compensate.   |
| FAJ           | 28 08 88 | Israeli authorities close down several OPT social institutions and professional associations.  |
| FIL           | 28 08 88 | The cost to Israel of the Palestinian uprising in<br>six months: Israeli tourism receipts fall, losses in<br>construction, industry and agriculture, exports weaker,<br>upsurge in unemployment. |
| FAJ           | 31 07 88 | Jordan cancels its five-year Development Programme for the OPT.  |

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| Source | Date     | Details   |
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| JP     | 10 08 88 | Jordan halts salaries to WB civil servants and freezes funds<br>earmarked for its Development Plan for OPT as part of<br>disengagement decision.  |
| QDS    | 14 08 88 | * Meeting in Jerusalem, attended by 50 Palestinian<br>agricultural experts and businessmen, discusses problems of<br>agriculture in the OPT and announces the establishment of<br>the "Higher Council for Agriculture".                       |
| FAJ    | 04 09 88 | Israeli authorities close OPT Federation of Charitable<br>Societies.  |
| JP     | 06 09 88 | Israeli CBS reports GS population growth at 3.4 per cent<br>per annum 1985/86, one of highest in the world.   |
| DAV    | 19 09 88 | Israeli blockade of village of Tell (WB) is lifted after<br>53 days.  |
| QDS    | 23 09 88 | * Israeli military sources announce intention of authorities<br>to use the forthcoming olive harvesting season to impose<br>collective punishments on villages and other areas of<br>unrest, by preventing marketing and export of olive oil. |
| JP     | 23 09 88 | Economic slowdown in second half of 1988 in Israel less than first half; uprising seen as a major contribution to decline.  |
| FAJ    | 25 09 88 | * Israeli authorities threaten punitive action against olive<br>crops of "troublesome" villages, including possible bans on<br>marketing or export.   |
| STH    | 00 10 88 | Palestinian popular committees and local institutional initiatives provoke new Israeli controls.  |
| JP     | 19 10 88 | Uprising exposes problems in GS of resettled Palestinian refugees and housing problems.   |
| JP     | 23 10 88 | The economic costs to Israel of occupation of WB/GS.  |
| JP     | 23 11 88 | Potentials of OPT for independent economic development.   |
| FIL    | 11 12 88 | In-depth review of the cost to the Israeli economy of one year of uprising.   |
| BIL    | 12 12 88 | Origins, development and activities of Palestinian local committees in uprising.  |
| FIL    | 18 12 88 | PLO report: the role of the economy in the uprising.  |
| FIL    | 25 12 88 | PLO report discerns new modes of economic and social<br>activity in OPT in light of the effects/achievements of the<br>uprising.  |
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| Source | Date     | Details   |
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| JP     | 29 12 88 | Bank of Israel attributes 1.5 per cent fall in Israeli<br>business sector output to uprising: Treasury report quotes<br>2.5 per cent fall in gross domestic product.  |
| JP     | 30 12 88 | Israeli GDP growth only 1 per cent in 1988, compared to<br>4.5 per cent forecast; partly attributed to effects of<br>uprising on sales of Israeli goods in OPT and fall in<br>employment rates in Israeli industry and agriculture. |
| JP     | 30 12 88 | The effects of economic sanctions in the OPT.   |
|        |          | AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES   |
| FIL    | 11 07 87 | Large increase in OPT agricultural output reported for 1986/1987, especially due to olive crop.   |
| FAJ    | 12 07 87 | New military order prohibits GS fishermen from fishing; an investigation of problems of fishing industry.   |
| BIL    | 28 07 87 | Effect of closures of port, limitations on fishing area, security controls: interviews with GS fishermen.   |
| JP     | 04 08 87 | * Israeli Civil Administration issues license for the<br>establishment of WB agricultural export and marketing board<br>(Federation of Agricultural Marketing Co-operatives),<br>registered in Jordan.                              |
| НАА    | 07 08 87 | * Gaza: curfews and migrant labour: an investigation of effects of security and recession on GS labour, fishing and economy.  |
| FAJ    | 18 08 87 | Several GS fishermen fined by Israeli authorities for fishing outside the security limits.  |
| FAJ    | 23 08 87 | * Water shortage in WB village of Auja threatens banana crop.   |
| BIL    | 01 09 87 | * Profile of the village of Beit Ummar (WB): olives, grapes<br>and fruit trees backbone of village economy; examples of<br>Israeli policies and restrictions.   |
| FAJ    | 06 09 87 | Israeli authorities demolish poultry farm in Nablus (WB)<br>area for lack of permit (third case reported in two weeks).   |
| BIL    | 28 09 87 | * Almost 45 per cent of GS 1987 citrus crop sold to Israeli<br>canning industries; 42 per cent exported to Jordan; head of<br>GS Citrus Producers' Federation calls for establishment of<br>Palestinian canning industry.           |
| FIL    | 10 10 87 | * Ghor region of WB: issues of agricultural development,<br>housing, education, health, water and pasturing<br>restrictions, barriers on trade to Jordan and efforts of<br>local agricultural marketing societies.                  |
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- BIL 03 11 87 GS Citrus Producers' Federation's 1987 report warns of impending collapse of sector in new season; problems in acreage and marketing, need for local juice processing facility.
- BIL 03 11 87 Huge losses to Jericho/Ghor Valley and GS vegetable and fruit cash crops as a result of floods and poor weather conditions.
- JP 20 11 87 Very poor 1987/88 WB olive harvest; expected loss of \$50 million, approximately 10 per cent of GDP.
- QDS 05 12 87 \* Representatives of residents and landowners from the Khan Yunis (GS) sea-shore area protest to the Israeli military authorities against harassment by Israeli settlers and restrictions placed by the authorities on use of agricultural land.
- FAJ 06 12 87 Report on work of agricultural committees in WB.
- FAJ 06 12 87 Interview with Palestinian farmers on effects of drought and water shortages.
- FAJ 13 12 87 Jordan River valley springs dry out, threatening crops.
- SAW 31 12 87 \* Farmers from Awarta (WB) complain to Israeli authorities about sewage water which flows on their agricultural land from the nearby Israeli settlement of Tel Haim, damaging olive and fruit orchards.
- QDS 18 01 88 \* Total GS exports of Shamouti oranges, grapefruit and lemons for 1987/88 season estimated at 24,000 tons, of which 10,000 tons were destined for Israeli juice canning factories and the balance for East European and Arab markets; citrus output reported to have dropped by 30 per cent over last season, to 120,000 tons: attributed to climatic conditions, weak marketing facilities and high price of fertilizers.
- MAA 18 05 88 Palestinian farmers in Mjah village (WB) complain that the long curfew enforced by the Israeli authorities has threatened their crops due to long period when they are not tended.
- JP 15 07 88 \* WB vegetable garden/seed distribution centre closed and organizers are arrested.
- FAJ 21 07 88 \* Palestinian institutions and experts discuss establishment of Supreme Agricultural Council in OPT to deal with agricultural problems and markets.

| Source | Date     | <u>Details</u>  |
|--------|----------|---|
| QDS    | 14 08 88 | * Meeting in Jerusalem, attended by 50 Palestinian<br>agricultural experts and businessmen, discusses problems of<br>agriculture in the OPT and announces the establishment of<br>the "Higher Council for Agriculture".                         |
| QDS    | 20 08 88 | Israeli authorities ban a seminar by local Palestinian<br>experts, farmers and businessmen, intended to discuss the<br>prospects for local marketing of Palestinian meat and milk<br>products.  |
| FAJ    | 25 09 88 | * Israeli authorities threaten punitive action against olive<br>crops of "troublesome" villages, including possible bans on<br>marketing or export.   |
| QDS    | 23 09 88 | * Israeli military sources announce intention of authorities<br>to use the forthcoming olive harvesting season to impose<br>collective punishments on villages and other areas of<br>unrest, by preventing marketing and export of olive oil.   |
| SHB    | 27 09 88 | * Israeli tax authorities raid olive-presses in the Ramallah<br>(WB) area and serve owners with demands for the payment of<br>heavy taxes, equivalent in some cases to twice the value of<br>the enterprise.                                    |
| FAJ    | 23 10 88 | Israeli restrictions hurt olive season; harvesting banned in<br>some areas, heavy taxes imposed on olive-presses; problems<br>in marketing expected.  |
| FAJ    | 30 10 88 | Despite abundant crop yields, WB olive crop suffers from<br>Israeli restrictions, including bans on harvesting, closure<br>of co-operatives and olive-presses and payment of heavy<br>taxes; in other areas and sectors tax conflicts continue. |
| SHB    | 01 10 88 | * Federation of Agricultural Co-operatives in WB protests to<br>Israeli authorities at decision to impose taxes of<br>JD 3,000-10,000 on all WB olive-presses as a pre-condition<br>for issuance of operating permits.                          |
| FIL    | 06 11 88 | Crisis in WB olive oil marketing; some branches of<br>Palestinian industry show significant growth in response to<br>consumer demand for Palestinian goods.   |
| QDS    | 12 11 88 | * Israeli authorities impose license fees on farmers wishing<br>to market olive oil in the WB by passing through Jerusalem<br>in the direction of other cities; fees are set at NIS 1.4 on<br>each 20 litre tin and NIS 20 on each ton in bulk. |
| DST    | 28 11 88 | * In order to solve the marketing problems faced by OPT<br>olive oil producers, Italian importers have offered bids for<br>purchase of large quantities of oil.   |

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| Source | Date     | <u>Details</u>  |
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| FIL    | 18 12 88 | Effects of Israeli restrictions on WB olive harvest.  |
| DST    | 17 12 88 | * French importers to negotiate with local producers to purchase of WB olive oil.   |
| QDS    | 24 12 88 | * WB agricultural co-operatives receive permits from<br>Jordanian authorities to commence export of olive oil and<br>olives to Arab markets in transit through Jordan.  |
|        |          | INDUSTRY  |
| JP     | 23 07 87 | Israeli court rejected bid by GS investor to take over<br>Israeli building materials factory owing to "lack of permit<br>to acquire assets in Israel".  |
| FAJ    | 26 07 87 | Israeli court prevents GS investor from buying bankrupt<br>Israeli factory for alleged "security reasons".  |
| HAD    | 14 08 87 | * JEC issue highlights Israeli policy towards independent<br>Palestinian economic activity in OPT: an Israeli commentary.   |
| BIL    | 28 09 87 | * Almost 45 per cent of GS 1987 citrus crop sold to Israeli<br>canning industries; 42 per cent exported to Jordan; head of<br>GS Citrus Producers' Federation calls for establishment of<br>Palestinian canning industry.   |
| BIL    | 01 12 87 | Palestinian consumer industries in OPT: finance, scale, competition, marketing, employment and other issues.  |
| FJR    | 04 12 87 | Israeli authorities order five construction material<br>factories belonging to Dheisheh (WB) refugee camp residents<br>to be closed indefinitely.   |
| JP     | 18 03 88 | * Ex-head of Israeli Civil Administration in OPT admits<br>Israeli limitations on development of Palestinian industry;<br>says that taxes collected by the Administration, except VAT<br>on fuel and income tax of workers employed in Israel, are<br>returned to OPT as Government expenditures. |
| HAM    | 24 03 88 | Since 1986, Palestinian entrepreneurs in the OPT presented<br>Israeli authorities with 12 applications to establish<br>factories, of which only 4 were approved.  |
| IE     | 00 05 88 | Recent developments in industry in the WB.  |
| FIL    | 02 10 88 | * As sales of Israeli exports to OPT fall, Palestinian<br>consumer goods industry increase output and sales in<br>domestic markets.   |
| FAJ    | 11 10 88 | Israeli authorities impose fee of \$12,000-25,000 on<br>olive-presses in WB before issuing operating permits for new<br>season.   |
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## TRADE AND TOURISM

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| BIL    | 07 07 87        | Israeli Knesset debates "competition" of OPT industrial<br>goods with Israeli manufactures; calls by some MPs for more<br>strict controls on entry of OPT industrial goods to Israel.                   |
| FIL    | 11 07 87        | Israeli industrialists protest to Ministry of Trade and<br>Industry about alleged competition of OPT industrial exports<br>to Israel.   |
| JP     | 19 07 87        | Israel Ministerial Committee rejects EEC request for direct<br>export of OPT agricultural produce; EEC announces \$3 million<br>programme of direct aid to OPT for 1987.                                |
| FIL    | 25 07 87        | Palestinian chocolate exports to Israel give rise to complaints by Israeli producers about "flooding of Israeli market".  |
| FAJ    | 26 07 87        | Thousands attend first Arab industrial exhibition ever held<br>in Nazareth (Israel) with participation of many Palestinian<br>firms from OPT.   |
| JP     | 31 07 <b>87</b> | Advertising campaigns for Israeli consumer products aimed at<br>Palestinian markets.  |
| JP     | 04 08 87        | * Israeli Civil Administration issues license for the<br>establishment of WB agricultural export and marketing board<br>(Federation of Agricultural Marketing Co-operatives),<br>registered in Jordan.  |
| JP     | 26 08 87        | Ramallah hosts first ever Palestinian industrial fair,<br>organized by Palestinian industrial marketing and investment<br>company; review of marketing problems of Palestinian<br>industrial goods.     |
| JP     | 26 08 87        | EEC's request to Israel for direct marketing of OPT agricultural goods discussed by Israeli Cabinet.  |
| JP     | 27 08 87        | Israeli Cabinet decides to establish company to co-ordinate<br>OPT exports to Europe, enforcing Israeli quality control<br>measures.  |
| FAJ    | 30 08 87        | Israeli Cabinet accepts marketing of OPT produce to Europe<br>but insists on marketing company to ensure quality control.   |
| FAJ    | 06 09 87        | Opening of first Palestinian women's food production and marketing co-operative in the WB.  |
| FIL    | 26 09 87        | Possibility of direct exports by Palestinian farmers to<br>Europe still conditioned by Israeli demand for overseeing<br>procedures on quality control and safeguarding interests of<br>Israeli farmers. |
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Source Date Details

- JP 06 10 87 Israeli Government co-ordinator in OPT urges Palestinian farmers to arrange for direct export to Europe via Jordan, promises Israeli technical assistance and refrigeration.
- JP 09 10 87 EEC Commissioner visits Israel to discuss with Israeli Government possibilities of direct Palestinian agricultural exports to EEC markets.
- FIL 10 10 87 \* Ghor region of WB: issues of agricultural development, housing, education, health, water and pasturing restrictions, barriers on trade to Jordan and efforts of local agricultural marketing societies.
- FAJ 11 10 87 Review of EEC Commissioner's role in developing EEC position towards Palestinian trade and aid.
- JP 12 10 87 EEC Commissioner in meeting with Israeli Minister of Agriculture links Israeli approval of direct Palestinian agricultural exports to renewal by EEC of Israeli preferential trade terms.
- JP 13 10 87 Agreement between Israel and EEC on direct exports from OPT under guidance of municipal chambers of commerce and certificate of origin bearing exporting city's name.
- FIL 17 10 87 Israeli authorities continue to block export facilities for OPT farmers; EEC attempts to convince Israeli Government to allow direct and independent Palestinian export.
- FAJ 25 10 87 Israeli Ministry of Tourism plans to reclassify Jerusalem hotels without allowing sufficient time to undertake improvements; Palestinian hotel owners in East Jerusalem protest short notice and consider measure aimed at them.
- FAJ 25 10 87 Jerusalem municipality and Israeli police set roadblocks at entrances to East Jerusalem and confiscate and destroy all Palestinian agricultural produce brought for marketing.
- JP 26 10 87 \* United States Export-Import Bank Director declares willingness in principle to finance WB projects, including United States exports to WB.
- FAJ 08 11 87 Jericho farmers to export to EEC through AGREXCO; fine of \$1,500 for export through other channels.
- FAJ 16 11 87 Israeli authorities close nine car-repair garages in Gaza city for allegedly operating without a license.

HAA 19 11 87 EEC expresses interest in dealing directly with Palestinian producers and marketing agency.

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| JP     | 20 11 87 | EEC technical delegation meets with WB chambers of commerce<br>to arrange marketing of output in Europe. Produce to be<br>handled by AGREXCO subsidiary in OPT with local Palestinian<br>certificates of origin issued by towns' Chambers of Commerce.  |
| FAJ    | 22 11 87 | EEC team of exports in OPT to discuss technical aspects of exports' requirements, certification, grading and packing.   |
| JP     | 23 11 87 | Ratification of EEC-Israel trade accord pending "concrete" agreement on allowing direct OPT exports.  |
| JP     | 24 11 87 | EEC and Israel fail to agree on terms for direct Palestinian<br>agricultural exports; Israel refuses to allow direct exports<br>despite acceptance of direct industrial exports, certificate<br>of origin issued by Palestinian chambers of commerce and<br>trademarks of nearest Palestinian cities. |
| FAJ    | 06 12 87 | Numerous obstacles in the way of Palestinian exports.   |
| FAJ    | 06 12 87 | EEC and Israel in conflict over Palestinian exports;<br>EEC Commissioner calls for Israeli approval of direct<br>export; promises assistance to establish Palestinian<br>marketing infrastructure.  |
| JP     | 09 12 87 | Israel and EEC close to accord on OPT exports: producers to choose exporting through AGREXCO, or directly if they can prove commercial need.  |
| JP     | 10 12 87 | Israel-EEC trade accord signing delayed due to failure to agree on terms for OPT exports.   |
| JP     | 14 12 87 | EEC and Israel reported to reach final agreement on direct export of OPT goods accompanied by local certification.  |
| QDS    | 15 12 87 | Israeli authorities order three Ramallah (WB) stores to close after participation in commercial strike.   |
| JP     | 16 12 87 | EEC and Israel sign trade protocol on Israeli exports to Europe and the Community's aid to Israel.  |
| JP     | 17 12 87 | Israel concedes reality of European markets: review of<br>Israel-EEC negotiations to allow direct Palestinian exports<br>to Europe and ensure correct certification of Palestinian<br>"goods exported via Israel".  |
| BIL    | 22 12 87 | EEC delegation meets with OPT chambers of commerce,<br>industrialists and farmers; chamber of commerce officials<br>concerned about EEC suggestion to export via Israel<br>(AGREXCO) and Israeli companies.   |
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Israeli authorities order many stores in GS to close for 27 12 87 FJR four to five days because of owners' refusal to open their stores during a commercial strike. EEC protests Israeli import tax (tamah), also applied to JP 28 12 87 imports to the OPT, as form of protectionism. DST 30 12 87 Head of the Nablus Chamber of Commerce writes to Israeli authorities protesting restrictions placed on local exporters, and requesting permission to import limited quantities of olive oil in view of the poor domestic crop in the 1987 season. Agriculture Department official in GS announces that ODS 04 01 88 4,500 tons of oranges were shipped to East Europe from GS via Israeli ports, in addition to some 2,300 tons to Arab countries over the Jordan river bridge. Mayor of Jericho (WB) calls upon Israeli authorities to QDS 11 01 88 rescind order closing commercial premises in the town as punishment for striking. Israeli army seal 23 stores in Tulkarem and Qalqilya (WB). FAJ 17 01 88 FAJ 17 01 88 \* West Bank residents are forbidden to work in East Jerusalem hotels without applying through the Israeli labour exchange. QDS 18 01 88 \* Total GS exports of Shamouti oranges, grapefruit and lemons for 1987/88 season estimated at 24,000 tons, of which 10,000 tons were destined for Israeli juice canning factories and the balance for East European and Arab markets; citrus output reported to have dropped by 30 per cent over last season, to 120,000 tons: attributed to climatic conditions, weak marketing facilities and high price of fertilizers.

- JP 18 01 88 EEC avoids using ratification of trade accord with Israel to exert pressure over recent OPT events.
- JP 18 01 88 East Jerusalem commercial life at standstill as merchants' strike continues.
- JP 20 01 88 \* East Jerusalem hotels face pressure from Israeli Government Employment Service for direct hiring of staff, rather than via exchanges.
- DAV 24 01 88 Israeli army forces striking businesses in Ramallah, Hebron and Bethlehem (WB) to open stores.
- QDS 26 01 88 Ramallah (WB) Chamber of Commerce and Industry calls on city's merchants to maintain price controls in order to aid inhabitants during uprising.

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| RAI    | 26 01 88 | GS exports of strawberries in 1987/88 season reported equal<br>to 120 tons, including exports via Israeli AGREXCO and<br>direct exports to Jordan.   |
| YED    | 04 02 88 | Israeli soldiers force open 18 striking stores on main Gaza<br>city street.  |
| JP     | 05 02 88 | * Israeli Central Bank expects economic slowdown in OPT as a result of commercial strikes.   |
| JP     | 05 02 88 | East Jerusalem merchants' strike: unable to cover cheques,<br>indebtedness increasing, while Jewish businesses in<br>West Jerusalem report boom in sales.  |
| JP     | 05 02 88 | EEC officials assert that Israel is failing to honour pact<br>on OPT exports; Ministry of Agriculture witholds export<br>licence for first trial shipment of GS citrus bound for<br>Europe.                        |
| FAJ    | 07 02 88 | Palestinian merchants in WB outline aims of commercial<br>strike: political demands and cancellation of taxes imposed<br>by Israel since 1967, including VAT.  |
| JP     | 08 02 88 | EEC-Israel accord still not ratified; Israeli officials deny<br>obstacles to direct GS citrus exports, claim that agreement<br>is being abided by.   |
| HAA    | 11 02 88 | Israeli authorities decide to cease attempts to force open<br>striking businesses owing to unsatisfactory results.   |
| SUN    | 13 02 88 | European Parliament delays ratification of trade protocols<br>with Israel until plenary session in March 1988 - unrest in<br>OPT and Israeli infringement of accord with EEC over OPT<br>exports cited as reasons. |
| FAJ    | 14 02 88 | Israeli authorities close two stores in Gaza city due to participation in commercial strike.   |
| FJR    | 21 02 88 | Israeli authorities raise minimum tax payment applicable to GS merchants from NIS 200 to NIS 1,700.  |
| FAJ    | 21 02 88 | Palestinian farmers ask Israeli authorities to allow trucks<br>which transfer exports to Jordan to remain in Amman<br>overnight owing to the difficulties encountered in returning<br>the same day.                |
| Ý QDS  | 23 02 88 | Seventy tons of GS tomatoes are exported to Western Europe<br>in 1987/88 season via Israeli agencies.  |
| QDS    | 01 03 88 | For the first time since 1967, citrus fruit from<br>40 Gaza Strip orchards is exported to markets in Egypt and<br>the Far East via the Jordanian port of Aqaba.  |

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- JP 10 03 88 EEC delays ratification of trade protocols with Israel, reflecting position towards OPT trade relations with European Community.
- JP 11 03 88 Israeli officials surprised at EEC position: Minister of Agriculture discloses attempts to compromise on OPT exports.
- DAV 11 03 88 Israeli authorities prevent Hebron (WB) bus company from operating for one day in punishment for striking.
- JP 14 03 88 Israeli authorities enforce strict control on OPT exports to Europe following non-ratification of Israeli protocols with EEC; little chance of approval of export licenses for OPT.
- QDS 14 03 88 The export of honeydew melons from Gaza Strip to Western Europe commences via Israeli company, AGREXCO.
- MAA 15 03 88 Israeli authorities force stores in towns of Jericho and Jenin (WB) to close during non-strike hours specified during uprising.
- FJR 15 03 88 Israeli military governor of Jericho (WB) issues order preventing all farmers in the district from moving produce to the Jericho central market in the morning hours, i.e. the period specified for opening during the Palestinian commercial strike.
- JP 16 03 88 Travel restrictions between WB and GS expected to cause problems for movement of GS agricultural output to Jordan; permits required to move between WB and GS.
- FIL 17 03 88 Israeli Minister of Trade and Industry says that uprising has caused serious problems for Israeli goods in OPT; Israeli press reports confirm problems in sales, rent collection and tourism.
- FJR 19 03 88 Israeli military authorities in Bethlehem (WB) inform vegetable retailers that they are not permitted to trade before noon, i.e. the period specified for opening during Palestinian commercial strike, and threaten closure of stores if the order is disobeyed.
- JP 23 03 88 Ratification of Israel-EEC trade protocol possible in May 1988 if Israel implements agreement with EEC on OPT exports.
- JP 23 03 88 \* Unrest in OPT deals a double blow to Israeli textile sector: labour shortages and falling sales; construction materials sector also affected.

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| QDS           | 23 03 88 | The quantity of tomatoes exported via AGREXCO from the<br>Gaza Strip to Western Europe amounted to 300 tons in 1987/88<br>season (until mid-March 1988).  |
| FAJ           | 23 03 88 | All printing-shops in Nablus (WB) are ordered by the Israeli<br>authorities to apply for new licenses and pay new<br>registration fees.   |
| FIL           | 24 03 88 | European Parliament refusal to ratify trade protocols with<br>Israel provokes calls in Israel for economic measures<br>against OPT.   |
| QDS           | 24 03 88 | The quantity of citrus fruits exported to east Europe and Arab markets amounted to 60,000 tons in the 1987/88 season.   |
| FAJ           | 27 03 88 | Three stores and two pharmacies in Bethlehem (WB) are closed<br>down by the Israeli army for non-compliance with<br>opening/closing hours specified by the authorities.   |
| JP            | 27 03 88 | West Bank inhabitants are forbidden to enter East Jerusalem<br>at specified hours for store-opening during strike.  |
| HAM           | 30 03 88 | All West Bank stores and businesses are ordered closed by the Israeli authorities for a three-day period.   |
| IE            | 00 04 88 | Effects of Palestinian uprising on Israeli trade with OPT<br>and internationally; Palestinian exports to Jordan now<br>subject to permits.  |
| QDS           | 03 04 88 | In response to the ongoing commercial strike, Israeli<br>authorities close a total of 42 commercial premises in<br>Bethlehem (WB) for different periods, including 7 handicraft<br>stores, 3 pharmacies and a bakery. |
| DST           | 04 04 88 | In response to the ongoing commercial strike, Israeli<br>authorities close for an indefinite period all commercial<br>premises in Jenin (WB).   |
| QDS           | 06 04 88 | Israeli authorities close and seal 10 stores in<br>Bethelehem (WB).   |
| QDS           | 07 04 88 | Israeli authorities close and seal 3 stores in Bethlehem<br>(WB), bringing to 60 the total number of premises recently<br>closed.   |
| QDS           | 07 04 88 | Israeli authorities close a number of commercial premises in<br>Beit Sahour (WB) after owners participated in the commercial<br>strike; confiscate identity cards of owners; and impose<br>fines of NIS 2,000 each.   |
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| FJR    | 08 04 | 88 | For second time in one week, Israeli authorities in Jenin<br>(WB) order all commercial premises to close down.   |
| QDS    | 13 04 | 88 | Israeli authorities closed and sealed 10 premises in the<br>Ramallah (WB) industrial zone after owners participated in<br>the commercial strike.   |
| FJR    | 15 04 | 88 | Beit Sahour (WB) Consumer Co-operative Society opens store<br>to sell vegetables and fruits at cost price to local<br>residents.   |
| QDS    | 21 04 | 88 | * Israeli authorities order all Palestinian exporters in OPT<br>to provide proof of payment of taxes before receiving export<br>permits.   |
| QDS    | 22 04 | 88 | Jordanian Government announces cancellation of all fees<br>payable on GS citrus exports to/through Jordan for 1988 and<br>1989.  |
| FAJ    | 24 04 | 88 | All pharmacies in Ramallah (WB) are closed by miltary order for an unspecified period.   |
| HAA    | 24 04 | 88 | Israeli military governor of West Bank orders 25 East<br>Jerusalem stores to remain open all day long; closure during<br>working hours is punishable by stiff prison terms.                |
| JP     | 25 04 | 88 | East Jerusalem merchants defy Israeli military orders for<br>business to remain open, insist on maintaining strike hours,<br>claiming right to open and close their business as they wish. |
| JP     | 25 04 | 88 | Israeli police enforce new restrictions on East Jerusalem merchants to counter strike efforts.   |
| DAV    | 25 04 | 88 | Israeli troops force Tulkarem (WB) stores to be closed.  |
| DAV    | 25 04 | 88 | Israeli troops confiscate the identity cards of several<br>Bethlehem (WB) shop-owners.   |
| SHB    | 25 04 | 88 | Israeli authorities close 25 stores in East Jerusalem until<br>further notice because of owners' participation in<br>commercial strike.  |
| JP     | 26 04 | 88 | Nineteen East Jerusalem merchants jailed for refusing to obey Israeli military orders on opening hours of business.  |
| JP     | 26 04 | 88 | EEC to discuss with Israeli officials issue of Palestinian<br>direct exports; Israeli officials reaffirm requirement of<br>Israeli approval of each shipment prior to export.              |
| YED    | 26 04 | 88 | Israeli authorities arrest East Jerusalem shop-owners for infringing military order to remain open all day.  |
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| QDS    | 26 04 88 | Israeli authorities permit Jericho (WB) vegetable market to reopen after one-month forced closure.   |
| JP     | 27 04 88 | Israeli authorities announce intention to take further<br>action against East Jerusalem merchants in order to break<br>commercial strike.  |
| JP     | 27 04 88 | Israeli soldiers confiscate 3,000 car tyres and damage others at the warehouse of a Gaza city merchant.  |
| MAA    | 29 04 88 | Two Hebron (WB) bus companies are prevented from operating<br>for a one-week period owing to their participation in a<br>commercial strike.  |
| DST    | 01 05 88 | Israeli authorities suspend for one week the operating<br>permits of six West Bank bus companies owing to their<br>deviation from established routes.  |
| JP     | 03 05 88 | EEC and Israel approaching agreement on exports from OPT;<br>Israel agrees to ease export licensing conditions.  |
| KOL    | 06 05 88 | After one day general strike, Israeli authorities order a<br>complete halt to all business in the OPT for three days;<br>transport of people and goods is forbidden and all<br>foodstuffs carried by residents are confiscated or spoiled. |
| QDS    | 12 05 88 | Israeli authorities inform village chief of Auja (WB) that<br>farmers are forbidden from exporting their banana and melon<br>crops to Jordan.  |
| FAJ    | 15 05 88 | Israeli authorities sieze IDs of Ramallah merchants to be returned only upon proof of payment of taxes.  |
| JP     | 16 05 88 | Israeli Ministry of Agriculture announces that direct export<br>will be allowed from OPT as of next season; all licenses<br>will be granted providing such exports are co-ordinated with<br>Israeli "seasonal plan".                       |
| FAJ    | 22 05 88 | OPT watermelon export contracts with Israel cancelled;<br>export licenses to Jordan delayed; crop bound to be damaged.   |
| JP     | 06 06 88 | EL AL Israel airlines cuts summer flights in anticipation of drop in traffic due to uprising.  |
| JP     | 06 06 88 | The crisis in Israeli tourism.   |
| QDS    | 07 06 88 | Israeli municipality in Jerusalem forbids roadside sellers<br>in East Jerusalem to display goods and threatens legal<br>action, including confiscation of goods, if order is<br>disobeyed.   |
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Date Details Source Israeli municipality in Jerusalem forbids roadside sellers ODS 07 06 88 in East Jerusalem from displaying goods and threatens legal action, including confiscation of goods, if order is disobeyed. Israeli Civil Administration orders Ramallah-Bireh (WB) bus QDS 13 06 88 company to suspend operations for one week for having participated in commercial strike. Final obstacles reported cleared to allow direct OPT JP 16 06 88 agricultural exports to EEC in 1988/89 season. 19 06 88 Direct Palestinian export to Europe: a hard-won gain for FIL Palestinian exporters, still trying to obtain approval of "WB/GS" origin of exports. FAJ 26 06 88 Israeli municipality freezes all bank accounts of Palestinian hotels in East Jerusalem due to failure in payment of arnona (municipal rates). 28 06 88 Israeli authorities refuse to grant export permits to FJR Beit Ummar (WB) farmers. JP 29 06 88 Jerusalem municipality freezes East Jerusalem hotels' bank accounts for failure to pay arnona. DST Israeli military Governor in Hebron (WB) orders closure 02 07 88 until further notice of 24 stores in the city. 10 07 88 JP Israeli officials sceptical about ratification of EEC protocols in October; European Parliament not convinced of Israeli willingness to allow direct OPT marketing; Israeli Ministry of Agriculture seen bowing to AGREXCO pressure to prevent marketing OPT products outside its channels. FAJ 10 07 88 Israeli authorities ban exports to Jordan from Burin village (WB) as punishment for demonstrations. 14 07 88 East Jerusalem hotel owners protest Israeli measures that FA.T force payment of elevated municipality taxes and block hotels' accounts.

JP 14 07 88 Five EEC importers sign deal for the export to Europe of 160,000 tons of GS citrus in forthcoming season (20 per cent of GS output); deal still requires an Israeli export license.

JP 15 07 88 Ministry of Agriculture official criticizes EEC importers for "testing Israel" by signing agreement for GS citrus export, but promises that Israeli authorities will grant necessary export licenses according to agreement with EEC.

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| JP     | 31 07 88 |  |
| 51     | JI 07 88 | Israeli authorities issue export permits for GS citrus to EEC: 160,000 tons from November 1988 to April 1989.  |
| QDS    | 03 08 88 | Israeli Military Governor in GS orders all commercial<br>premises to install plaques in Arabic and Hebrew on<br>store-fronts that are visible whether the store is open or<br>closed, specifying the name of store and its owner's name,<br>address and phone number, and the business license number;<br>non-compliance with the order is punishable by a NIS 15,000<br>fine. |
| JP     | 05 08 88 | Palestinian hotel owners in East Jerusalem disappointed at<br>insufficient discount in municipal rates decided by<br>municipality.   |
| JP     | 09 08 88 | Israeli Citrus Marketing Board says that forthcoming GS exports to Europe pose no threat to Israeli exports.   |
| JP     | 11 08 88 | Empty hotels in East Jerusalem cause severe problems for<br>owners; eight hotels already closed down; <u>arnona</u> tax<br>payments impossible for most.   |
| DAV    | 17 08 88 | Israeli authorities in the West Bank order stores to close<br>at specified hours for opening during general strike and<br>open at time specified for closure during strike; merchants<br>in all major cities refuse to comply; Israeli army enforces<br>a food blockade on Nablus and Tulkarem.  |
| RAI    | 22 08 88 | Intensive consultations among WB businessmen and farmers<br>about the possibilities for establishing a company for<br>export marketing of local commodities, including grading,<br>packaging and other facilities.   |
| FJR    | 23 08 88 | Co-operative Marketing Society in Hebron (WB) announces that<br>seasonal exports of plums and peaches to Jordan totalled<br>2,000 tons.  |
| FAJ    | 28 08 88 | Further measures by Jordan to affirm legal and<br>administrative separation of WB from Jordan, covering<br>passports, education, residence in Jordan, maintaining WB<br>export procedures to/through Jordan.   |
| JP     | 01 09 88 | GATT director says Israeli <u>Tama</u> tax doesn't violate trade<br>regulations because it serves to regulate Israeli balance of<br>payments.  |
| QDS    | 05 09 88 | Officials from the Israeli municipality of Jerusalem,<br>accompanied by police, remove roadside vendors in old city<br>and confiscate goods from some.   |
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| Source | Date  |    | <u>Details</u>   |
| SHB    | 06 09 | 88 | * Israeli tax authorities set up checkpoints on the<br>Hebron-Jerusalem (WB) road and confiscate goods from<br>vehicles carrying agricultural products to market.                    |
| JP     | 07 09 | 88 | Israel Minister of Agriculture reaffirms intention to honour pact with EEC on OPT exports.   |
| QDS    | 08 09 | 88 | Israeli authorities forbid Halhoul (WB) farmers from exporting their grape crop to Jordan.   |
| FJR    | 14 09 | 88 | Israeli military authorities prevent passage to Jerusalem of<br>vehicles carrying vegetable and fruit produce from the<br>Bethlehem (WB) area.                                       |
| FAJ    | 18 09 | 88 | After banning grape exports from Hebron (WB) area to Israel,<br>authorities prevent export to Jordan during the period<br>specified by Jordanian import arrangements.                |
| HAM    | 25 09 | 88 | Israeli authorities forbid the marketing by Beit Umar (WB) villagers of grapes, their principal crop.  |
| FIL    | 02 10 | 88 | * As sales of Israeli exports to OPT fall, Palestinian consumer goods industry increase output and sales in domestic markets.  |
| JP     | 11 10 | 88 | GS producers begin direct shipping of citrus to Europe under brand name "Gaza Top".  |
| FAJ    | 16 10 | 88 | Palestinians in OPT begin direct export to Europe; first<br>shipments leave GS and new export licenses awaited;<br>WB vegetable producers plan to establish grading centre<br>in WB. |
| DST    | 28 11 | 88 | * In order to solve the marketing problems faced by OPT<br>olive oil producers, Italian importers have offered bids for<br>purchase of large quantities of oil.                      |
| JP     | 01 12 | 88 | First GS citrus exports leave for Europe: total exports of 139,000 tons exported in 1988/89 to all markets.  |
| SHB    | 07 12 | 88 | Head of GS Citrus Producers' Union appeals to Jordanian and<br>Arab authorities to ensure export of GS citrus to Arab<br>markets in 1988/89 season.                                  |
| QDS    | 07 12 | 88 | GS citrus exporters report that exports of citrus to<br>Yugoslavia until 6 December 1988 totalled 1,100 tons of<br>lemons and 450 tons of oranges.                                   |
| JP     | 09 12 | 88 | Jordan announces temporary freeze on olive oil imports from OPT in 1988/89 due to local bumper crop.   |
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| JP     | 13 12 88    | Israeli sources claim Jordan not importing WB olive oil and<br>agricultural produce; new arrangements to be announced soon<br>to govern Jordanian imports from OPT.   |
| JP     | 16 12 88    | Forty tons of WB aubergines, labelled <u>Jericho</u> exported directly via Israeli port to France.  |
| DST    | 17 12 88    | * French importers to negotiate with local producers to purchase of WB olive oil.   |
| JP     | 21 12 88    | Fall in imports of Israeli goods to OPT from \$850 in 1987 to \$250 million in 1988.  |
| QDS    | 24 12 88    | * WB agricultural co-operatives receive permits from<br>Jordanian authorities to commence export of olive oil and<br>olives to Arab markets in transit through Jordan.  |
| FAJ    | 26 12 88    | First shipment of GS citrus reaches Europe; new shipments expected including WB vegetables.   |
|        |             | MONEY AND BANKING   |
| JP     | 07 07 87    | Cairo-Amman Bank will open two new branches in towns of<br>Hebron and Ramallah (WB).  |
| FAJ    | 12 07 87    | Director of Cairo-Amman Bank signs agreement with Israeli<br>Civil Administration to re-open branches in towns of<br>Ramallah, Hebron and Jenin (WB).   |
| FAJ    | 18 08 87    | Cairo-Amman Bank to re-open Ramallah branch in<br>September 1987.   |
| FAJ    | 23 08 87    | Bank of Palestine in Gaza studying possibility of opening<br>Khan Yunis branch. Israeli authorities reported to "have<br>almost" agreed to the opening of the branch.   |
| JP     | 02 09 87    | Cairo-Amman Bank re-opens second WB branch in Ramallah.   |
| ITT    | 20 02 88    | * Head of Israeli Civil Administration in OPT announces:<br>that all residents wishing to travel to Jordan must obtain a<br>permit from the authorities; reduces to \$1,000 the amount of<br>funds that may be brought into the OPT from abroad; and,<br>that non-payment of taxes by Palestinians will be met with<br>cuts by the authorites in social services. |
| FJR    | 21 02 88    | Cairo-Amman Bank re-opens branch in Hebron (WB).  |
| JP     | 23 02 88    | Israeli bank branches in OPT facing difficulties in<br>maintaining operations: low level of financial services<br>reflects under-developed nature of Palestinian economy.   |
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| QDS    | 27 02 88 | Israeli authorities announce confiscation of JD 97,000 from<br>Nablus (WB) resident at Jordan river bridge because he<br>declared only JD 77,000.  |
| FAJ    | 06 03 88 | Israeli authorities confiscate the sum of JD 97,000 from a<br>Nablus (WB) businessman at Jordan river bridge crossing.   |
| JP     | 23 03 88 | * New measures by Israeli authorities to counter unrest in OPT include travel ban over bridges for moneychangers.  |
| IE     | 00 04 88 | Thousands of Palestinians close accounts in Gaza Strip<br>branches of Israeli banks. Most branches expected to move<br>out of GS.  |
| IE     | 00 05 88 | Travel ban enforced by Israeli authorities on OPT moneychangers.   |
| FIL    | 26 06 88 | Israeli authorities applying new regulations regarding entry<br>of foreign currency to OPT; local residents reported to be<br>increasing holdings of United States dollars at the expense<br>of Jordanian dinar and Israeli shekel.  |
| FAJ    | 21 07 88 | New Israeli restrictions on amounts of money allowed to be<br>brought into OPT and requirements for international<br>organizations operating in OPT to submit reports to<br>authorities on activities and funding.   |
| QDS    | 15 07 88 | * Chairman of the Bank of Palestine (GS) requests the head<br>of the Israeli Civil Administration to cancel taxes imposed<br>on local vehicles and to cease raids by tax authorities<br>against local businesses; also calls for a lifting of recent<br>Israeli restrictions on entry of export proceeds and<br>international aid to the GS. |
| JP     | 10 08 88 | New branch of Cairo-Amman Bank to open in WB.  |
| JP     | 15 08 88 | New Israeli restrictions on import of funds to OPT, controls<br>on funding activities of international agencies, plans to<br>prevent establishment of OPT marketing/trade association.   |
| JP     | 26 08 88 | Value of Jordanian dinar declines some 10 per cent in WB<br>against United States dollar and Israeli shekel.   |
| FAJ    | 28 08 88 | Value of Jordanian dinar reaches record low against Israeli<br>shekel in OPT.  |
| QDS    | 12 08 88 | Chairman of the Cairo-Amman Bank informs the Israeli Civil<br>Adminstration of intention to expand activities in the WB<br>and open a new branch in the city of Jenin.   |
| FAJ    | 23 10 88 | Floating of Jordanian dinar will have negative impact on<br>Palestinian exports through Jordan.  |

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| F   | AJ   | 30        | 10 | 88 | Branch offices of Arab Bank Ltd. in the WB ordered closed by Israel authorities.   |
| Q   | DS   | 28        | 11 | 88 | Chairman of Bank of Palestine (GS) requests permission of<br>Israeli authorities to open a new branch of the Bank in a<br>Gaza city suburb.  |
| J   | P    | 19        | 12 | 88 | Further Israeli reductions on amounts of money allowed into OPT from Jordan - halved to JD 200 (\$400); declaration required for larger sums.  |
| F   | 'AJ  | 26        | 12 | 88 | New Israeli restrictions reduce sums permitted into OPT to<br>equivalent of \$400; conditions attached to entry of larger<br>sums, including export proceeds.  |
|     |      |           |    |    | TAXATION AND GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES   |
| F   | ΊL   | 11        | 07 | 87 | Israel Civil Administration announces that for the first<br>time, 1986/1987 tax revenue from the OPT has covered budget<br>expenditures.   |
| Q   | DS   | <b>01</b> | 12 | 87 | Israeli tax officials raid poultry farms and olive presses<br>in the village of Kfar Sur (WB), and order the owners to<br>present themselves at the district tax department for<br>investigation.  |
| Q   | DS   | 03        | 12 | 87 | Israeli tax officials raid commercial premises in Rafah (GS) and confiscate documents and tax records.   |
| F   | 'JR  | 04        | 12 | 87 | Israeli tax officials order all driving schools in Gaza city<br>to close after their refusal to pay additional taxes ranging<br>between JD 7,000-35,000 each.  |
| F   | 'JR  | 20        | 01 | 88 | Israeli Members of Knesset claim that Israel collects<br>annually some NIS 80 million from tax deductions on wages<br>paid to Palestinians working in Israel, value added tax on<br>Palestinian imports from Israel and from fuel taxes. |
| J   | P    | 26        | 01 | 88 | Israeli Treasury lowers tax threshold on unregistered OPT workers in Israel by withdrawing income tax credit points on unregistered workers.   |
| D   | ST   | 13        | 02 | 88 | Israeli authorities impose heavy fees on Hebron (WB)<br>truck-owners and require them to renew driving permits after<br>proof of payment of income tax.  |
| J   | P    | 18        | 02 | 88 | Israeli authorities enact new measures to ensure tax-payment<br>by OPT residents: proving payment before receiving travel<br>permission; also reduce limit on funds permitted to be<br>brought in over the bridges.                      |
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- MAA 18 02 88 Israeli social security payments to East Jerusalem Palestinians will no longer be made to bank accounts but only to persons upon presentation of identity cards.
- RAI 19 02 88 Israeli authorities announce that residents of OPT will be permitted to travel abroad and obtain import and export licenses after proving payment of taxes.
- ITT 20 02 88 \* Head of Israeli Civil Administration in OPT announces: that all residents wishing to travel to Jordan must obtain a permit from the authorities; reduces to \$1,000 the amount of funds that may be brought into the OPT from abroad; and, that non-payment of taxes by Palestinians will be met with cuts by the authorities in social services.
- FJR 26 02 88 Israeli authorities demand East Jerusalem resident pay NIS 74,000 in income tax for the 1984-1986 period during which the resident was in an Israeli prison.
- FJR 27 02 88 Bethlehem (WB) farmers protest Israeli tax and excise authorities' roadblocks to prevent them from marketing their produce in East Jerusalem.
- FJR 28 02 88 Israeli authorities impose tax payment of NIS 50,000 on GS factory owner despite the burning-down of factory.
- FAJ 28 02 88 New Israeli measures to contain unrest: OPT residents required to prove tax payment before obtaining permit for travel; lowering limit on funds permitted into OPT via bridges from \$5,000 to \$1,000 per person.
- FJR 29 02 88 Israeli tax authorities close GS company premises and demand payment of NIS 630,000 in taxes.
- JP 03 03 88 \* Israeli Government takes steps to contain economic impact of unrest on Israeli settlements in OPT: tax collection reported down in recent months.
- FAJ 06 03 88 Israeli tax collectors confiscate goods from Gaza city store for alleged non-payment of taxes.
- FAJ 06 03 88 Israeli tax collectors confiscate truck from Ramallah (WB) driving school for sale in lieu of unpaid taxes.
- JP 07 03 88 Palestinian tax collectors in GS resign <u>en masse</u>, effectively paralysing the GS Tax Department.

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\* Head of Israeli Civil Administration says services functioning despite unrest; admits fall-off in tax revenue, but measures were being instituted to ensure payment; new branch of Cairo-Amman Bank opens in Hebron, receives large public deposits; most OPT labourers in Israel reported to be going to work.

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| KOL    | 14 03 88    | WB Palestinian residents are required to prove payment of taxes before renewal of driving licences.   |
| JP     | 18 03 88    | * Ex-head of Israeli Civil Administration in OPT admits<br>Israeli limitations on development of Palestinian industry;<br>says that taxes collected by the Administration, except VAT<br>on fuel and income tax of workers employed in Israel, are<br>returned to OPT as government expenditures. |
| JP     | 30 03 88    | Tax revenue in OPT down 32 per cent in March (compared<br>to 1987) and falls against February level, due to drop in<br>economic activities; Israeli continued measures to ensure<br>tax payments.   |
| HAM    | 10 04 88    | Israeli troops enter a Ramallah (WB) factory, whose owner had failed to pay taxes, and damage the premises.   |
| JP     | 26 04 88    | New measures restrict movement of GS residents, include<br>pre-condition of payment of income tax, customs duty, VAT<br>and municipal fees before being allowed to travel outside GS.   |
| HAA    | 26 04 88    | Israeli authorities begin exchange of identity cards of Gaza<br>city refugee camp residents; proof of payment of taxes and<br>utility bills is required before receiving new cards.   |
| IE     | 00 05 88    | OPT tax collection completely halted since March 1988.  |
| JP     | 03 05 88    | Israeli Civil Administration cuts off water and electricity<br>to 10 WB villages following non-payment of utility bills.  |
| DAV    | 03 05 88    | Israeli authorities cut off water supplies from 10 West Bank villages for non-payment of bills.   |
| HAA    | 08 05 88    | Israeli authorities invalidate identity cards of all<br>Gaza Strip residents, requiring proof of payment of taxes<br>and utility bills before issuance of new cards; some newly<br>issued cards prevent holder's travel to Israel.  |
| JP     | 08 05 88    | East Jerusalem Palestinians will lose national insurance benefits if they do not present themselves to update records.  |
| YED    | 12 05 88    | Israeli authorities effect road-side controls in different<br>areas of OPT to ensure that drivers have paid all taxes.  |
| FAJ    | 15 05 88    | Israeli police impound 40 Palestinian taxis until owners have proved full payment of taxes.   |
| JP     | 02 06 88    | Israeli Civil Administration announces freeze on<br>socio-economic expenditures because of decline in tax<br>revenue during uprising.   |

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| FAJ    | 05 06 88    | Tax collection in OPT drops - budget cuts likely.   |
| HAA    | 09 06 88    | Israeli authorities carry out raids on homes and stores in<br>Beit Furik and Beit Sahur (WB) towns, confiscating identity<br>cards of residents who cannot prove payment of taxes.                                    |
| HAM    | 12 06 88    | Merchants in Beit Sahur (WB) on strike in protest against<br>Israeli tax raids on towns and villages.   |
| JP     | 13 06 88    | Tax revolt widens in OPT as Israeli tax raids are carried out on wide-scale.  |
| JP     | 15 06 88    | Israeli authorities in GS enforce new measures to ensure<br>payment of taxes, and fines; consider work-permit scheme for<br>GS workers in Israel.   |
| FAJ    | 19 06 88    | Conflict widens between Israeli authorities and Palestinians over payment of taxes.   |
| FAJ    | 19 06 88    | WB residents arrested for refusal to pay taxes.   |
| HAM    | 30 06 88    | Israeli tax inspectors confiscate identity cards of<br>Nablus (WB) merchants and require payment of NIS 3,000-5,000<br>before returning them.   |
| RAI    | 05 04 88    | Residents of Ramallah (WB) wishing to travel to Jordan<br>complain of Israeli authorities' decision to increase the<br>fees for travel permits.   |
| FJR    | 07 04 88    | Israeli tax authorities raid al-Bireh (WB) marble factory<br>and confiscate equipment and records owing to owner's<br>alleged non-payment of VAT.   |
| QDS    | 08 04 88    | Israeli authorities inform Tulkarem (WB) residents that<br>renewal of driving and business licences will be possible<br>upon proof of payment of outstanding taxes.   |
| FJR    | 19 04 88    | * Since the beginning of 1988, Palestinian workers in Israel<br>registered with Israeli labour exchanges have been obliged<br>to pay a new monthly income tax of NIS 100, over and above<br>what Israeli workers pay. |
| QDS ,  | 21 04 88    | * Israeli authorities order all Palestinian exporters in OPT<br>to provide proof of payment of taxes before receiving export<br>permits.  |
| QDS    | 26 04 88    | Palestinian owners of seven-passenger taxis report that<br>Israeli authorities have begun to impose VAT of JD 100-300,<br>despite prior exemption from this tax.  |
| FJR    | 27 04 88    | Israeli authorities in Jenin (WB) continue to prevent<br>petrol-station owners from receiving supplies from Israel<br>before proving payment of outstanding taxes.  |
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| QDS    | 28 04 88 | Israeli tax authorities in Nablus (WB) set-up roadblocks and impound cars of residents until the latter prove payment of all outstanding taxes.               |
| FJR    | 30 04 88 | Israeli authorities in Bethlehem (WB) require residents who<br>request hospitalization in government establishments to<br>prove payment of outstanding taxes. |
| QDS    | 01 05 88 | Israeli tax authorities demand payment of tax arrears by<br>driving schools in southern area of WB, which have been<br>closed for over two months.            |
| QDS    | 03 05 88 | Israeli authorities continue to demand payments of taxes<br>from Gaza Strip driving schools and confiscate 16 cars until<br>payments are made.                |
| RAI    | 03 05 88 | * Israeli Civil Administration in WB decides to cut off<br>water and electricity supplies from 10 villages for failure<br>to pay outstanding bills.           |
| QDS    | 06 05 88 | Israeli Military Governor of Jericho (WB) orders wholesalers<br>in the city to pay all outstanding taxes, and imposes heavy<br>advance payments on some.      |
| QDS    | 10 05 88 | Israeli tax authorities impound 40 taxis in East Jerusalem,<br>insisting on payment of outstanding taxes by owners before<br>releasing the vehicles.          |
| FJR    | 10 05 88 | Israeli soldiers and tax authorities set up roadblocks on<br>Ramallah-Jerusalem (WB) highway, demanding proof of tax<br>payment by residents.                 |
| QDS    | 25 05 88 | Israeli authorities raid premises of three Bethlehem (WB)<br>driving schools, closed since early 1988, and confiscate tax<br>records.                         |
| FJR    | 28 05 88 | Israeli tax authorities raid Bethlehem commercial premises,<br>confiscate records and belongings, and arrest owners for<br>alleged non-payment of taxes.      |
| FJR    | 03 06 88 | Israeli military and tax authorities raid commercial<br>premises in Rujib (WB) and impose tax payments on 10 owners,<br>totalling JD 18,000.                  |
| FJR    | 03 06 88 | Israeli tax authorities raid stores in village of<br>Beni Naim (WB) and arrest 12 owners for non-payment of taxes.  |
| FJR    | 04 06 88 | Israeli tax authorities impose an arbitrary tax on all<br>owners of "Peugeot" vehicles.   |
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| RAI    | 06 06 88 | Israeli tax authorities impound cars belonging to six<br>residents of Jenin (WB) for non-payment of taxes.  |
| RAI    | 07 06 88 | Israeli tax authorities issue new instructions to enforce<br>the payment of JD 20, imposed as a fee on all residents who<br>apply for documents proving their payment of taxes.                                 |
| FJR    | 12 06 88 | Israeli military and tax authorities establish roadblocks at<br>the entrance to the Ramallah (WB) industrial zone, impound<br>the cars of some residents, and serve orders for payment of<br>outstanding taxes. |
| QDS    | 14 06 88 | Israeli authorities in al-Bureij refugee camp (GS) carry out<br>tax raids and collect some NIS 500,000.   |
| QDS    | 14 06 88 | Israeli military and tax authorities in Tulkarem (WB)<br>continue tax raids, targetting 10 new businesses and<br>imposing heavy tax levies.   |
| QDS    | 16 06 88 | Israeli tax authorities in Nablus (WB) impose heavy tax<br>payments on six bakeries.  |
| QDS    | 16 06 88 | New measures by Israeli authorities to enforce tax payments by Tulkarem (WB) businesses and residents.  |
| DST    | 23 06 88 | Israeli tax authorities in Gaza Strip impose pre-payment of NIS 5,000 as taxes on all fishermen.  |
| FJR    | 25 06 88 | Israeli authorities continue to carry out tax raids in<br>Bethlehem and Beit Jala (WB), confiscating residents'<br>identity cards for non-payment of taxes.   |
| QDS    | 26 06 88 | Israeli tax authorities continue raids on West Bank towns of<br>Ramallah and al-Bireh (WB), confiscating property from<br>businesses for non-payment of taxes.  |
| FJR    | 30 06 88 | Israeli tax raids continue in Nablus (WB), with officials<br>demanding tax payments by many stores in the city's main<br>commercial district.   |
| JP     | 07 07 88 | Israeli Civil Administration imposes three-day pre-payment scheme for WB public hospitals.  |
| DAV    | 10 07 88 | Israeli authorities order that the licence plates of all 40,000 vehicles in the Gaza Strip be renewed at a fee of NIS 200 per vehicle.  |
| FAJ    | 10 07 88 | One thousand, three hundred Palestinians in Beit Sahur (WB)<br>return ID cards to authorities after raid by tax inspectors<br>on local merchants and confiscation of merchants' IDs.                            |
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| FAJ    | 10 07 88 | Israeli tax inspectors raid stone-cutting factories in<br>Nablus (WB), close four owing to non-payment of taxes.   |
| FAJ    | 21 07 88 | The tax war between OPT inhabitants and Israeli authorities as latter enforce new regulations to prove tax payment.  |
| FAJ    | 24 07 88 | New tax imposed by Israeli authorities on GS car owners requiring re-registration of vehicles.   |
| QDS    | 15 07 88 | * Chairman of the Bank of Palestine (GS) requests the head<br>of the Israeli Civil Administration to cancel taxes imposed<br>on local vehicles and to cease raids by tax authorities<br>against local businesses; also calls for a lifting of recent<br>Israeli restrictions on entry of export proceeds and<br>international aid to the GS. |
| RAI    | 02 08 88 | Israeli authorities increase from JD 85 to JD 105 the<br>monthly fee on permits for the crossing of trucks, buses and<br>other public transport over the Jordan river bridges into<br>the occupied Palestinian territory.  |
| FJR    | 04 08 88 | Israeli authorities issue orders raising the fee for the<br>exit of individuals over the Jordan bridges to NIS 178<br>per person and for the entry of visitors into the occupied<br>territory to NIS 220 per person.   |
| JP     | 05 08 88 | Israeli Prime Minister says Israel will not substitute for<br>Jordan in providing services to West Bank.   |
| JP     | 12 08 88 | Israeli jurist claims that linking renewal of Palestinian<br>identity cards by the authorities to proof of tax payment is<br>illegal.  |
| JP     | 25 08 88 | Israeli officials pledge to block any attempts by PLO to pay salaries of Palestinian civil servants in OPT.  |
| QDS    | 02 09 88 | Israeli tax authorities set up checkpoints in Anabta (WB)<br>and serve residents with orders for tax payments.   |
| QDS    | 02 09 88 | Israeli tax officials raid Tulkarem (WB) stores and demand of owners the payment of outstanding taxes.   |
| QDS    | 02 09 88 | Israeli tax authorities set up roadblocks at all major<br>entrances to Jenin (WB), and order residents to ensure<br>payment of outstanding taxes.  |
| FJR    | 03 09 88 | Israeli tax authorities set up checkpoints near Dheisheh (WB)<br>refugee camp, confiscate residents' identity papers and<br>demand proof of tax payment.   |
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| FJR    | 05 09 88 | Israeli authorities in Hebron (WB) begin replacing vehicle<br>licence plates for a fee of JD 50-200.  |
| SHB    | 06 09 88 | * Israeli tax authorities set up checkpoints on the<br>Hebron-Jerusalem (WB) road and confiscate goods from<br>vehicles carrying agricultural products to market.   |
| FJR    | 06 09 88 | Israeli tax authorities carry out raids on Nablus (WB)<br>businesses and confiscate records and identity cards,<br>serving notice for payment of taxes.   |
| SHB    | 12 09 88 | Israeli tax authorities raid businesses in Qalqilya (WB).   |
| FJR    | 13 09 88 | Israeli tax authorities confiscate 12 vehicles from<br>Bani Naim (WB) residents who could not prove payment of<br>taxes.  |
| SHB    | 13 09 88 | Israeli tax authorities withold identity cards of<br>20 Beit Dajan (WB) residents for non-payment of taxes.   |
| SHB    | 15 09 88 | Israeli tax authorities raid car-repair garages in<br>Nablus (WB) and impose heavy taxes on owners.   |
| SHB    | 16 09 88 | Israeli tax authorities raid two buildings housing many<br>businesses in Nablus (WB) and search for their owners.   |
| QDS    | 17 09 88 | Israeli tax authorities and soldiers set up roadblocks near<br>entrance to Bethlehem (WB) to check payment of taxes by<br>local residents.  |
| НАМ    | 23 09 88 | A group of Palestinian lawyers and doctors in the Gaza Strip<br>appeals to the Israeli Supreme Court to suspend the renewal<br>of vehicle registration plates owing to the imposition by<br>the Israeli authorities of an illegal new tax as part of the<br>registration procedure. |
| SHB    | 27 09 88 | * Israeli tax authorities raid olive-presses in the<br>Ramallah (WB) area and serve owners with demands for the<br>payment of heavy taxes, equivalent in some cases to twice<br>the value of the enterprise.  |
| FJR    | 29 09 88 | Israeli soldiers and tax authorities raid stores in<br>Aizariyeh (WB), and serve orders for tax payments.   |
| QDS    | 29 09 88 | Israeli tax authorities and soldiers raid houses in<br>Tulkarem (WB) refugee camp, demanding tax payments.  |
| QDS    | 29 09 88 | Israeli tax authorities set up roadblocks at eastern<br>entrance to Tulkarem (WB) and serve residents with orders to<br>pay outstanding taxes.  |
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|    | FJR  | 01         | 10 | 88 | Israeli tax authorities and soldiers raid villages of<br>Maythalun, Saris and Judeideh (WB) to enforce the payments<br>of tax on local residents and merchants.  |
|    | SHB  | 01         | 10 | 88 | Israeli tax authorities and soldiers raid Ramallah and al-Bireh (WB) to enforce the payment of taxes on local residents and merchants.   |
|    | SHB  | 01         | 10 | 88 | * Federation of Agricultural Co-operatives in WB protests to<br>Israeli authorities at decision to impose taxes of<br>JD 3,000-10,000 on all WB olive-presses as a pre-condition<br>for issuance of operating permits.   |
|    | SHB  | 03         | 10 | 88 | Israeli tax authorities request local councils and<br>municipalities in WB to prepare lists of residents who have<br>not paid local taxes and to exert efforts to collect sums<br>due.   |
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|    | QDS  | 07         | 10 | 88 | Israeli tax authorities enforce the payment of a tax of JD 5,000 on all five olive-presses in Beita (WB).  |
|    | FJR  | 11         | 10 | 88 | Israeli authorities enforce the payment of sums ranging<br>between JD 3,000-5,000 as taxes on the 130 olive-presses in<br>the Tulkarem (WB) area before allowing their operation.  |
|    | SHB  | 12         | 10 | 88 | Israeli tax authorities and soldiers raid village of<br>Beit Iba (WB) to enforce the payment of taxes on residents.  |
|    | SHB  | 12         | 10 | 88 | Israeli tax authorities at permanent checkpoint of northern<br>entrance to Bethlehem (WB) stop vehicles, impound some, and<br>serve residents with orders for the payment of taxes.  |
|    | QDS  | 12         | 10 | 88 | Israeli tax authorities confiscate GS trucks carrying<br>agricultural produce, confiscate some and serve owners with<br>orders for payment of taxes.   |
|    | SHB  | 12         | 10 | 88 | Israeli tax authorities raid industrial zone in<br>al-Bireh (WB), confiscate merchants' identity cards and<br>serve orders for tax payments, equivalent in some cases to<br>JD 6,000.  |
| ÷  | SHB  | 14         | 10 | 88 | Israeli tax authorities and soldiers raid village of<br>Dhahiriyeh (WB) to enforce the payment of taxes by local<br>residents.   |
|    | QDS  | 14         | 10 | 88 | Israeli tax authorities and soldiers raid village of<br>Bala'a (WB) to serve local merchants and poultry farmers<br>with orders for tax payments ranging between JD 300-1,000.   |
|    | QDS  | 18         | 10 | 88 | Israeli tax authorities confiscate goods from trucks carrying agricultural produce in the Nablus (WB) area.  |
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- QDS 18 10 88 Israeli tax authorities raid commercial premises in Nablus (WB) and impose the payment of taxes on local merchants, confiscating the identity cards of three.
- QDS 18 10 88 Israeli tax authorities raid stores in village of Burqa (WB) and impose tax payments on local merchants of between JD 1,000-3,000.
- QDS 19 10 88 Israeli tax authorities set up checkpoint at entrance to village of Shweika (WB), and serve residents with orders to pay outstanding taxes.
- QDS 25 10 88 Israeli Civil Administration officer in Tulkarem (WB) area summons all owners of printing shops, and serves order for payment of outstanding taxes.
- QDS 27 10 88 Israeli tax authorities raid village of Kfar Ra'i (WB) and impose payment of a tax of JD 80 for each village tractor and JD 200 for all private vehicles.
- QDS 28 10 88 Israeli tax authorities set up checkpoint at entrance to the village of Beit Fujjar (WB).
- BIL 31 10 88 Israeli revenues from occupation of WB and GS: land, water, labour, trade, taxation.
- SHB 04 11 88 Israeli tax authorities and soldiers set up checkpoints on main roads into Bethlehem (WB) and serve residents with orders for payment of taxes.
- SHB 05 11 88 Israeli tax authorities set up checkpoints on main roads into Beit Sahour (WB) and serve residents with orders for payment of taxes.
- QDS 07 11 88 Israeli tax authorities set up checkpoints at entrance to industrial zone in Jenin (WB) to ensure the payment by residents of outstanding taxes.
- FJR 07 11 88 Israeli tax authorities summon more than 35 doctors from Hebron (WB) and serve orders for payment of outstanding taxes of between JD 1,000-3,000.
- QDS 08 11 88 Israeli tax authorities use curfew in village of Zeita (WB) to impose payment of taxes of between JD 200-300 on local merchants and olive press owners.
- FJR 09 11 88 For second day running, Israeli tax authorities and soldiers raid commercial premises in Halhoul (WB).

FJR 10 11 88 GS commercial strike protests ongoing tax raids by Israeli authorities.

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| FJR    | 10 11 88 | Israeli tax authorities and soldiers raid commercial<br>premises in Nablus (WB), confiscate identity cards of owners<br>and serve them with orders to pay taxes.  |
| QDS    | 12 11 88 | * Israeli authorities impose licence fees on farmers wishing<br>to market olive oil in the WB by passing through Jerusalem<br>in the direction of other cities; fees are set at NIS 1.4 on<br>each 20-litre tin and NIS 20 on each ton in bulk. |
| QDS    | 21 11 88 | Israeli tax authorities and soldiers raid commercial<br>premises in Rimal (GS), confiscate identity cards of owners<br>for lack of proof of tax payment.  |
| QDS    | 23 11 88 | Israeli tax authorities set up checkpoints on<br>Hebron-Bethlehem (WB) highway and confiscate identity cards<br>of residents for alleged non-payment of taxes.  |
| FJR    | 24 11 88 | Israeli tax authorities set up checkpoints at entrances to<br>Dheisheh refugee camp and Bethlehem (WB) and confiscate<br>identity cards of residents unable to prove payment of taxes.  |
| FJR    | 25 11 88 | Israeli tax authorities and soldiers set up checkpoints on<br>Jenin-Nablus (WB) highway and confiscate identity cards of<br>residents unable to prove tax payments.   |
| QDS    | 25 11 88 | Israeli soldiers and tax authorities arrest a large number<br>of el-Ram (WB) merchants for failure to pay taxes.  |
| QDS    | 27 11 88 | Israeli tax authorities inform owners of handicraft<br>workshops in the Bethlehem (WB) area of requirement to pay<br>outstanding VAT.   |
| QDS    | 02 12 88 | Israeli tax authorities raid commercial premises in Gaza city (GS) demanding proof of payment of taxes.   |
| QDS    | 02 12 88 | Israeli soldiers and tax authorities seal off five villages,<br>Zababdeh, Misleah, Raba, Talqit and Tannin (WB) to enforce<br>tax collection from residents.  |
| QDS    | 05 12 88 | Israeli tax authorities raid commercial premises in<br>Nablus (WB) old city and confiscate identity cards of<br>owners, serving them with orders to pay taxes.  |
| SHB    | 06 12 88 | Israeli tax authorities and soldiers raid commercial premises in Jericho (WB).  |
| SHB    | 07 12 88 | Israeli tax authorities continue to withold for the third<br>month the identity cards of villagers from Azzoun (WB) who<br>were unable to prove payment of taxes.   |
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| SHB    | 08 12 88 | Israeli tax authorities impose an arbitrary tax of JD 200 on owners of all private Mercedes cars.   |
| FJR    | 12 12 88 | Israeli soldiers and tax authorities raid several pharmacies<br>in Tulkarem (WB) and impose advance tax payments of JD 1,200<br>on each.  |
| SHB    | 13 12 88 | Israeli tax authorities continue for second week to impound<br>all private, public and agricultural vehicles belonging to<br>villagers from Tamoun (WB) owing to their alleged<br>non-payment of outstanding taxes. |
| SHB    | 15 12 88 | Israeli tax authorities raid several commercial premises in Jenin (WB).   |
| QDS    | 15 12 88 | Israeli tax authorities raid village of Kfar Ni'meh (WB) and impose fines on several store-owners for alleged non-payment of taxes.   |
| FJR    | 15 12 88 | Israeli tax authorities raid village of Samu' (WB) and enforce tax payments on 18 store-owners.   |
| QDS    | 22 12 88 | Israeli soldiers and tax authorities raid village of<br>al-Halajeh (WB) and undertake on-site tax collection from<br>owners of stores, cars and tractors.   |
| QDS    | 23 12 88 | Israeli tax authorities raid stores in Jenin (WB) and<br>enforce the payment of heavy taxes on owners, and confiscate<br>the contents of some.  |
| FJR    | 28 12 88 | As part of ongoing effort to enforce tax collection in<br>Tulkarem (WB), authorities continue raids on stores in the<br>city and demand submission of full records of income and VAT.                               |
|        |          | LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT   |
| FAJ    | 26 07 87 | University graduation produces more unemployment.   |
| BIL    | 28 07 87 | Vocational training centres in WB produce qualified staff<br>but the latter are unable to find jobs in areas of<br>competence.  |
| НАА    | 07 08 87 | * Gaza: curfews and migrant labour: an investigation of effects of security and recession on GS labour, fishing and economy.  |
| MEI    | 07 11 87 | Problems and obstacles in organizing Palestinian workers'<br>unions: impact of Israeli policies and role of Histadrut.  |
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| JP            | 06 12 87 | Investigation of Palestinian migrant labourers in Israel:<br>work conditions, recruitment, income and compensation,<br>effects.                        |
| HAA           | 18 12 87 | Israeli settlement official explains dependence on<br>Palestinian labour from GS for harvest.  |
| JP            | 12 01 88 | Israeli Prime Minister says if unrest continues in OPT,<br>Israel might be forced to prevent entry of Palestinian<br>workers to Israel.                |
| JP            | 13 01 88 | Israeli Cabinet considering use of economic measures,<br>including closing Israel to OPT workers, as way of quelling<br>unrest.                        |
| JP            | 14 01 88 | Israeli Ministers encourage closing off Israel to<br>OPT workers and substituting them with foreign labour.  |
| JP            | 14 01 88 | Officials of Israeli Ministries of Labour and Agriculture<br>oppose hiring foreign labour to replace Palestinians<br>from OPT.                         |
| YED           | 15 01 88 | Palestinian workers are "irreplaceable" at \$12/day: effects of breaking economic ties between GS/Israel.  |
| FAJ           | 17 01 88 | * West Bank residents are forbidden to work in<br>East Jerusalem hotels without applying through the Israeli<br>labour exchange.                       |
| MAA           | 17 01 88 | Israeli Minister of Agriculture suggests limited import of<br>foreign labour to aid sectors most affected by Palestinian<br>workers' absenteeism.      |
| JP            | 20 01 88 | * East Jerusalem hotels face pressure from Israeli<br>Government Employment Service for direct hiring of staff,<br>rather than via exchanges.          |
| JP            | 22 01 88 | Review of problems faced by Israeli employers and<br>Palestinian workers as a result of fall in employment of<br>Palestinians from OPT during unrest.  |
| JP            | 26 01 88 | Israeli Construction Workers' Union protests the effect of<br>OPT workers on the wages and employment of Israelis in<br>Israeli construction projects. |
| FAJ           | 31 01 88 | Hospital in Haifa (Israel) fires striking Palestinian<br>workers.  |
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- JP 04 02 88 Israeli Ministry of Labour report says there is no need to import foreign workers to replace Palestinians from OPT; suggests increased employment of Israelis and use of labour saving equipment.
- BIL 09 02 88 Strikes by OPT workers hurting the Israeli economy review of the implications of continued absence of Palestinian workers from work-places in Israel.
- JP 10 02 88 Uprising does not significantly reduce the flow of OPT labour into Israel; number of registered workers, estimated at 45 per cent of total, drops only slightly.
- JP 15 02 88 GS workers still working in Israel despite uprising; Ministry of Labour considering arrangements to allow workers to remain inside Israel overnight to avoid transportation problems.
- JP 17 02 88 Israeli employment service begins wide-scale crackdown on Palestinians employed in Israel without permits; 1,600 court cases to be brought against workers and employers.
- QDS 19 02 88 Israeli Ministry of Economy report indicates that 110,000 Palestinians work in Israel, constituting 40 per cent of the OPT labour force and 42 per cent of total labour in Israeli construction, 5 per cent of total labour in Israeli industry and 18 per cent of total labour in Israeli agriculture.
- JP 19 02 88 Problems facing OPT workers in Israel during uprising.
- IE 00 03 88 Economic shifts in Israel caused by continuation of uprising; Palestinian labour force withdrawal is not likely on wide scale.
- JP 04 03 88 Workers from the south of Lebanon fill the labour gap in Israel: the treatment of Palestinian workers by Israeli employment services; benefits, taxes and pensions.
- JP 06 03 88 Israeli employment authorities considering importing foreign workers to replace labour from OPT.
- JP 07 03 88 Israeli food industries not badly affected by unrest despite reliance on Palestinian labour and consumers in OPT; report shows only small falls in OPT employment and sales.

JP 08 03 88 Israeli demand for OPT labour drops in February; actual number of workers falls; employment services says 60 per cent of the usual number of workers is engaged in Israel.

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| FIL    | 10 03 88 | Israeli economy facing problems as a result of a fall in the flow of OPT workers.  |
| JP     | 11 03 88 | Effects of OPT unrest on Israeli food processing industry:<br>labour shortages and loss of "traditional" OPT markets due<br>to commercial strikes; switch to capital-intensive<br>production envisaged.  |
| JP     | 13 03 88 | Governor of the Bank of Israel says unrest in OPT has had<br>minimal impact on Israeli economy; certain damage to<br>individual sectors owing to 20 per cent drop in labour flow<br>from OPT and decline in some exports (textiles).   |
| JP     | 15 03 88 | Head of Israeli Employment Service considers effect of<br>unrest on Israeli economy as "traumatic" because of<br>40 per cent fall in the flow of OPT workers to Israel.  |
| JP     | 22 03 88 | GS workers absenteeism lower than WB: 69 per cent of<br>GS workers and 54 per cent of WB workers registered with<br>Israeli employment service are working in Israel; Finance<br>Ministry reverses earlier decision to stop giving<br>OPT workers tax-credit points; employment service will<br>continue to collect \$22-\$24 million income tax annually from<br>OPT workers in Israel. |
| JP     | 23 03 88 | * Unrest in OPT deals a double blow to Israeli textile<br>sector: labour shortages and falling sales; construction<br>materials sector also affected.  |
| JP     | 30 03 88 | Complete three-day halt in OPT labour flow to Israel as a<br>result of Israeli closure of OPT: crippling effect on<br>Israeli construction, food industry and vegetable growers.   |
| FIL    | 07 04 88 | * Financial losses to Israel arising from the first three<br>months of unrest estimated at around \$500 million; review of<br>Israeli debate on importing foreign workers and effects of<br>Palestinian labour shortages on small Israeli companies.   |
| JP     | 18 04 88 | * Uprising hurts Israeli tourism, effects on industry less<br>severe than expected, with sales down about 10 per cent;<br>labour shortages not considered debilitating.  |
| JP     | 25 04 88 | Israel offers bonuses to demobilized soldiers who are<br>prepared to work in agriculture, construction or industry,<br>as incentive to replace absent Palestinian labour.  |
| IE     | 00 05 88 | Education and employment in the OPT.   |
| JP     | 09 05 88 | The number of Palestinians from OPT officially employed in<br>Israel registers a fall in April.  |

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| JP            | 17 05 88 | * Israeli Minister of Economics says Palestinian uprising<br>has hurt the Israeli economy, particularly, tourism,<br>agriculture, construction and industry.  |
| IE            | 19 05 88 | Basic problems of OPT economy aggravated during uprising;<br>review of export of Palestinian labour to Israel.  |
| JP            | 09 06 88 | Problems in Israeli construction industry persist due to uprising, but mechanization is replacing labour.   |
| JP            | 13 06 88 | Israeli Kibbutz hotels and tourist sector greatly harmed by<br>Palestinian labour absenteeism in uprising.  |
| JP            | 13 06 88 | Increase in number/proportion of OPT workers reporting to jobs in Israel in first part of June.   |
| JP            | 20 06 88 | * Israeli industrial output falls 3.5 per cent in first<br>quarter of 1988, 17 per cent decline in textile output both<br>attributed to effect of uprising.   |
| JP            | 21 06 88 | Palestinians from OPT working in Israel register at level of<br>80 per cent of total Palestinian workers in Israel prior to<br>uprising.  |
| FJR           | 19 04 88 | * Since the beginning of 1988, Palestinian workers in Israel<br>registered with Israeli labour exchanges have been obliged<br>to pay a new monthly income tax of NIS 100, over and above<br>what Israeli workers pay.   |
| IE            | 00 07 88 | * Some new indicators of economic costs of uprising:<br>\$500 million loss to Israeli GNP (1.5 per cent) and some<br>20 per cent drop in Palestinian GNP expected; Israeli<br>service sector in West Jerusalem badly hit; absenteeism of<br>Palestinian workers from jobs in Israel at about<br>20 per cent; subcontracting (textiles) especially harmed. |
| STH           | 00 08 88 | Conditions of Palestinian migrant workers in Israel.  |
| MEM           | 00 08 88 | ILO reports on conditions of work and employment in OPT.  |
| JP            | 23 08 88 | About 80 per cent of OPT workers still regularly at work in Israel.   |
| FAJ           | 28 08 88 | Palestinian workers worried about rising anti-Palestinian sentiment in Israel; slim chances of new jobs in Israel.  |
| FAJ           | 28 11 88 | United States Trade Representative reviews petition to halt<br>trade privileges enjoyed by Israel with United States (under<br>GSP) for infringement of Palestinian trade union rights.   |
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JP 29 11 88 Israeli citrus growers call on Government to employ 2,000 foreign workers for harvesting tasks usually undertaken by Palestinians from OPT; losses mounting due to unpicked citrus.

JP 30 11 88 Israeli employment service officials refuse to grant new permits for foreign workers to harvest citrus in period of "growing unemployment".

INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSING, ELECTRICITY, WATER AND TRANSPORT

- JP 02 07 87 Israeli State Comptroller reports that OPT water supply is drying up due to excessive usage.
- JP 03 07 87 Israeli Minister of Defense approves WB water drilling project; <u>Mekorot</u> (Israeli water distribution agency) and Israeli military authorities discuss legal aspects.
- JP 07 07 87 Israeli Civil Administration announces it will block water drilling project near Bethlehem (WB) if local Palestinians' rights are not guaranteed.
- FAJ 12 07 87 Israeli authorities decide to split area of JEC concession which is expected to result in lay-off of half of staff, transfer of equipment and lines to IEC, and cancellation of most of \$23 million debt.
- JP 13 07 87 Israeli Minister of Science and Technology calls for scrapping Cabinet decision to split JEC concession with IEC; claims JEC is inefficient and planned changes are costly.
- JP 19 07 87 Israeli Cabinet proposes to compensate Palestinian residents for water extracted in planned deep drilling project near Bethlehem (WB).
- FAJ 19 07 87 Israeli Cabinet considers not adopting inner Cabinet recommendations on partial acquisition of JEC; calls by some for total control over concession.
- JP 20 07 87 Israeli inner Cabinet majority supports reducing JEC concession and limiting extension of concession period.
- JP 24 07 87 JEC decision delayed by Cabinet after some Ministers declare opposition to stated formula and call for complete take-over of the concession.
- FIL 25 07 87 Plans for WB water drilling threatens to drain Bethlehem reservoir for the benefit of Israel.

FAJ 26 07 87 Israeli Cabinet delays JEC decision in light of deadlock between Ministers over terms of renewal of concession.

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| FAJ    | 26 07 87 | * GS company formed and licensed to negotiate with GS municipality for establishment of port.   |
| FAJ    | 26 07 87 | Israeli water drilling plan further threatens scarce<br>WB water resources: interviews and analysis.  |
| JP     | 30 07 87 | United States firm hesitates on WB water drilling after<br>Palestinian protest; says it will not go through with<br>project if "equitable distribution of water resources" is<br>not ensured.                 |
| JP     | 31 07 87 | * WB military government co-ordinator says WB water project<br>still being studied; discusses Jordanian and international<br>aid to GS and Israeli Government expenditures on<br>construction in GS.          |
| FAJ    | 02 08 87 | United States company suspends water drilling project until<br>assured by local inhabitants and mayors that project will<br>not harm them.  |
| j j p  | 10 08 87 | Israeli Cabinet's final decision to reduce scope and period<br>of renewed JEC concession is opposed by staff and<br>JEC officials; 60 per cent cuts in staffing and all<br>electricity to be bought from IEC. |
| JP     | 11 08 87 | JEC workers vow to fight Cabinet decision; management will accept plan if it is seen as the only way left to save company.  |
| JP     | 13 08 87 | Israeli Ministry of Energy and JEC officials to begin<br>implementing Cabinet plan for restructuring JEC, including<br>loans for new grid, lay-offs and debt relief.  |
| HAD    | 14 08 87 | * JEC issue highlights Israeli policy towards independant<br>Palestinian economic activity in OPT: an Israeli commentary.   |
| FAJ    | 18 08 87 | Israeli Cabinet decision splits JEC concession with IEC:<br>JEC Board will make final response known by end of August<br>and is leaning towards acceptance.   |
| FAJ    | 18 08 87 | Israeli water resource policies deprive Palestinians:<br>review of studies and Israeli statistics.  |
| JP     | 18 08 87 | Plan to allow Palestinian home building of 10,000 units in<br>North Jerusalem approved by municipal planning committee;<br>still requires approval by Ministry of Interior.                                   |
| FAJ    | 23 08 87 | East Jerusalem residents and JEC strike in protest against<br>Israeli decision to reduce JEC concession.  |
| FAJ    | 23 08 87 | * Water shortage in WB village of Auja threatens banana crop.   |
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| JP     | 27 08 87 | Israeli inner Cabinet authorizes Bethlehem (WB) water<br>drilling project with stringent conditions attached on<br>protecting WB residents' rights; observers doubt that<br>conditions will be fulfilled or that drilling contractors<br>will be able to finance the project. |
| FIL    | 29 08 87 | Review of Israeli authorities decision to reduce<br>JEC concession – economic and political implications.   |
| FAJ    | 30 08 87 | Israeli Cabinet decides to proceed with negotiations with<br>United States firm to arrange contract with <u>Mekorot</u> on<br>Bethlehem (WB) drilling project.  |
| FAJ    | 30 08 87 | Israeli Knesset debates proposed JEC law reducing scope of concession and limiting its duration up to the year 2000.  |
| FAJ    | 30 08 87 | Revised North Jerusalem housing plan approved by municipal<br>planning committee, with reduced number of housing units for<br>Palestinians, and construction of new Israeli settlement.   |
| BIL    | 01 09 87 | Review of Israeli water policies in WB: Bethlehem water<br>drilling project and Israeli acquisition of WB water for<br>settlements.   |
| FAJ    | 06 09 87 | Law published by Israeli authorities on terms of abolition<br>of JEC concession; licence to renew activities for 12 years<br>and reduced scope of operation.  |
| BIL    | 15 09 87 | Review of the terms and implications of the reduction in JEC concession: position of staff and administration.  |
| FAJ    | 20 09 87 | Head of Israeli Civil Administration resigns over policy<br>disagreements with Israeli authorities; opposition to<br>WB water drilling project cited among reasons.   |
| FIL    | 03 10 87 | The role of the Arab Studies Society (East Jerusalem):<br>research, statistical activities and institutional<br>development.  |
| FAJ    | 04 10 87 | Bethlehem (WB) municipality rejects Jerusalem municipality<br>decision to link annexed village of Beit Safafa to Israeli<br>water network.  |
| FAJ    | 11 10 87 | Problems facing Palestinians' in attempts to build homes and<br>the issue of unlicenced buildings - an in-depth review of<br>conflicts between OPT residents and Israeli authorities over<br>land classification, zoning surveys, etc.  |
| FAJ    | 18 10 87 | JEC Board rejects terms of Israeli decision to reduce<br>concession and instead issue a 12-year licence for limited<br>operation.   |
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| JP     | 20 10 87 | United States contractor drops bid on Bethlehem (WB) water<br>drilling project; <u>Mekorot</u> will instead drill shallow wells.  |
| FAJ    | 25 10 87 | GS refugees induced to renounce refugee status and resettle<br>in Israeli housing projects; given plot of land, sum of<br>money to build new houses in return for demolishing old ones.   |
| JP     | 25 10 87 | JEC might totally lose concession if it insists on rejecting proposed reduction of scope of concession.   |
| JP     | 26 10 87 | JEC: chances still exist for agreement.   |
| BIL    | 27 10 87 | Israeli authorities continue exploration of deep water well<br>drilling near Bethlehem (WB) despite withdrawal of<br>contractor.  |
| JP     | 29 10 87 | JEC warned by Israeli Ministry of Energy that if it does not<br>accept accord before end of year, the entire company will be<br>taken over.   |
| BIL    | 03 11 87 | JEC chairman explains reasons for rejection of Israeli plan<br>to cancel JEC concession; Jordanian Government position now<br>supports JEC decision.  |
| JP     | 06 11 87 | * Israeli experts' report on GS in year 2000: population congestion, housing shortages, falling supplies of water and limitation of land.   |
| JP     | 10 11 87 | Israeli experts' report on GS in year 2000 criticizes<br>authorities' "rehousing" project for refugees as inadequate;<br>housing estates will become overcrowded new slums.   |
| JP     | 24 11 87 | Jordanian Government informs JEC that aid to the company<br>would only be possible if concession was renewed in existing<br>areas; Israel reaffirms take-over plans if JEC does not<br>co-operate.  |
| FAJ    | 29 11 87 | Beit Jala (WB) town residents still awaiting connection to telephone network 10 years after original request.   |
| FJR    | 01 12 87 | Israeli Civil Administration is considering allowing<br>WB municipalities to establish local electricity companies<br>instead of obtaining power from JEC.  |
| FJR    | 05 12 87 | * For the first time since 1967, Israeli authorities<br>announce plan to spend NIS \$8 million on improving the<br>service infrastructure of Palestinian refugee camps in<br>the OPT, including road building, and extending electricity,<br>water and sewage networks. |
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| JP     | 06 12 87 | IEC begins disconnecting Jewish settlements in<br>East Jerusalem from JEC grid and connecting them to IEC,<br>despite refusal of JEC to co-operate in reduction of<br>concession.  |
| JP     | 09 12 87 | JEC vows continued service to customers and resistance to reduced concession.  |
| JP     | 11 12 87 | JEC makes last attempt to fight take-over; history of company and review of crisis and take-over.  |
| FAJ    | 13 12 87 | Israeli Ministry of Energy begins steps to take-over JEC;<br>reconnection of some parts of network to IEC grid, despite<br>non-co-operation by JEC staff.  |
| FAJ    | 13 12 87 | JEC Chairman of Board and JEC President of Workers' Union<br>explain position towards take-over, insist on viability of<br>company, assert rights to concession.   |
| JP     | 24 12 87 | Jordan renews JEC concession for 60 years, to provide legal basis for continued operation of company.  |
| JP     | 30 12 87 | JEC to receive 12-year concession from Israel, excluding<br>Jewish settlements in East Jerusalem and WB areas previously<br>served.  |
| JP     | 19 02 88 | New Israeli roads in WB to be built this year to by-pass<br>Palestinian towns and population centres.  |
| RAI    | 03 05 88 | * Israeli Civil Administration in WB decides to cut off<br>water and electricity supplies from 10 villages for failure<br>to pay outstanding bills.  |
| HAM    | 12 06 88 | After the resignation of Palestinian council members of<br>Bureij refugee camp (GS), an Israeli officer is appointed to<br>administer the camp; residents refuse to pay taxes and the<br>authorities impose curfews and cuts in water and electricity<br>supplies. |
| HAM    | 31 08 88 | Israeli army blockades two villages near Nablus (WB), preventing the transport of crops to market.   |
| НАМ    | 04 09 88 | Israeli army confiscates 25 donkeys owned by villagers of<br>Tell (WB) near Nablus owing to their use by inhabitants for<br>transport of crops outside the village, which has been<br>blockaded for over a month.  |
| FAJ    | 26 12 88 | In-depth review of effects of Israeli policies of house<br>demolition (over 300 since uprising) on already desperate<br>housing situation in OPT.  |
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#### LAND AND ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS

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| FIL    | 04 07 87 | In-depth review of the role of land expropriation policies<br>and State subsidies in supporting growth of Israeli<br>settlements in the OPT.   |
| JP     | 07 07 87 | Israeli Minister of Trade and Industry sees a need for<br>increased Israeli settlement in OPT ("creating facts"), and<br>expanded industrial infrastructure of settlements.                              |
| MEI    | 25 07 87 | East Jerusalem Palestinians explain problems caused by<br>Jewish settlers and attempts to rehouse Palestinians outside<br>the old city.  |
| FAJ    | 23 08 87 | Israeli authorities inform villagers that 2000 dunums of land in Hebron (WB) area are slated for expropriation.  |
| FAJ    | 06 09 87 | Effects of land confiscation on Palestinian rural<br>communities: examples of land confiscated, Israeli<br>settlements and their effects on the economy of two villages.                                 |
| FAJ    | 20 09 87 | * WBDBP report focuses on recent developments in OPT economy and Israeli settlements.  |
| JP     | 06 11 87 | Israeli settler population in OPT numbered 58,000 at end<br>of 1987; fall witnessed in the number of new settlers this<br>year.  |
| FAJ    | 08 11 87 | Israeli Ministry of Justice issues orders classifying all<br>East Jerusalem property owned by West Bankers as "absentee".  |
| FIL    | 12 11 87 | * Khan Yunis (GS) sewage project: Israeli authorities<br>relocate project on expropriated fertile agricultural land<br>in order to satisfy Israeli settlers' objection to<br>originally agreed location. |
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- QDS 03 12 87 The chief of the settlement branch of the Jewish Agency announces plan for new settlement drive in OPT, aimed at increasing the Israeli settler population there to 40 per cent of the Palestinian population by the end of the century.
- QDS 03 12 87 The legal advisor of the Israeli Ministry of Justice issues a ruling that tens of thousands of dunums of land belonging to the Palestinian towns of Bethlehem, Beit Sahour and Beit Jala (WB) which have been annexed to the Israeli municipality of Jerusalem should be designated as "absentee property", thereby denying the owners access and usufruct.

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QDS 05 12 87 \* Representatives of residents and landowners from the Khan Yunis (GS) sea-shore area protest to the Israeli military authorities against harassment by Israeli settlers and restrictions placed by the authorities on use of agricultural land.

QDS 08 12 87 Israeli authorities inform villagers of Beit Ummar (WB) of decision to expropriate a number of parcels of agricultural land for use by the Israeli settlement of Ifrat.

NAH 10 12 87 Chief of the settlement department of the Jewish Agency presents to the World Zionist Congress meeting the Agency's settlement plan, aimed at establishing new Israeli settlements on the mountain ridges of the central WB, capable of absorbing Israelis presently living in the areas of the Israeli coastal plain.

HAA 13 12 87 Israeli settlers in GS receive 28 per cent of so-called "State land" in the Strip.

QDS 18 12 87 Villagers of Qusin (WB) protest to Israeli Supreme Court against expropriation of 2,000 dunums of agricultural land belonging to the village.

QDS 19 12 87 Villagers of Azzoun and Atma (WB) present Israeli authorities with land title deeds which prove their ownership of 8,000 dunums of land planned for expropriation by the Israeli authorities.

QDS 28 12 87 Israeli tractors begin levelling land of village of Husan (WB) in preparation for establishment of a new Israeli settlement.

SAW 31 12 87 \* Farmers from Awarta (WB) complain to Israeli authorities about sewage water which flows on their agricultural land from the nearby Israeli settlement of Tel Haim, damaging olive and fruit orchards.

- FJR 22 02 88 Israeli authorities confiscate 700 dunums of land belonging to villagers from al-Khodr and Artas (WB) and plant the area with pine trees.
- JP 03 03 88 \* Israeli Government takes steps to contain economic impact of unrest on Israeli settlements in OPT: tax collection reported down in recent months.

JP 04 03 88 Israeli Ministry of Trade and Industry agrees with Ministry of Finance to boost government funding of industrial zones in Israeli settlements in OPT.

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QDS 05 04 88 New Israeli settlement established near Palestinian village of Sanur (WB).

FJR 27 04 88 Israeli settlement committee announces intention to begin expansion of borders of <u>Hileah Amos</u> settlement south of Bethlehem (WB); if enacted, expansion will require expropriation of some 2,000 dunums of land from nearby Palestinian village of Arab al-Rashaydeh.

QDS 24 06 88 Israeli Ministry of Housing plans to build 2,000 housing units in WB in a one-year period in 10 permanent new settlements, for absorption of settlers presently residing in temporary settlements; work has already begun on three of the planned new settlements.

- FJR 25 06 88 Israeli military authorities fence off 1,100 dunums of land belonging to villages of Turmus Aya and Sinjil (WB) after having informed villagers of intention to expropriate 450 dunums of land for annexation to Israeli settlement of Shilo.
- RAI 03 08 88 New Israeli settlement of <u>Bet Betar</u>, is inaugurated south of Hebron (WB).

SHB 05 08 88 Israeli military authorities inform villagers of Azzoun, Itma and Beit Amin (WB) that 1,000 dunums of their land is considered as "State land" and is accordingly slated for expropriation.

- FJR 09 08 88 Residents of Husan (WB) village report that Israeli authorities have begun work on expanding the settlement of <u>Hadar Ilit</u> on 2,000 dunums of village land recently expropriated for this purpose.
- FJR 09 08 88 Israeli authorities begin clearing an 8 km. long, 200 metre wide area of the 1,600 dunums of expropriated agricultural land and built-up areas of al-Khader (WB) village, in preparation for the building of a road to allow Israeli settlers to travel from Jerusalem to Hebron without passing by Dheisheh refugee camp.
- ITT 08 09 88 Israeli municipality of Jerusalem is studying plans to expand the municipal borders through expropriation of Palestinian lands, to include areas formerly under the jurisdiction of the East Jerusalem municipality.

FJR 20 09 88 Israeli bulldozers continue clearing land to build a 3 km. road from the Qalqilya-Nablus (WB) highway, serving the Israeli settlement of <u>Alfe Menashe</u>.

- FJR 21 09 88 Israeli settlers in <u>Betar</u> near Husan (WB) take control of village lands with the aim of expanding the area of their settlement.
- FJR 16 11 88 Israeli authorities open first 3 km stretch of road serving the Israeli settlement of <u>Maaleh Bet Hawran</u> and bypassing nearby Palestinian villages of Lower and Upper Beit 'Awr (WB).
- ITT 22 11 88 Israeli authorities expropriate 300 dunums of land planted with vegetables from Beit Iksa (WB) villagers for afforestation by Israel Land Authority.
- FJR 28 11 88 Israeli authorities continue expansion of new highway from Jerusalem to Hebron, serving Israeli settlements of <u>Gilo</u>, <u>Ifrat, Elazar</u> and <u>Kiryat Arba</u>', bypassing Palestinian villages in the region.
- QDS 05 12 88 Israeli authorities expropriate 450 dunums of agricultural land from villagers of Jansafut (WB).
- DST 30 12 88 Israeli authorities inform villagers of Yatta (WB) of decision to expropriate 350 dunums of their land.

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