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REFERENCE CODE

BIL: Sawt al-Bilad, weekly, Nicosia (Arabic)
FAJ: al-Fajr, weekly, Jerusalem (English)
FIL: Filasteen al Thawra, weekly, Nicosia (Arabic)
FJR: al-Fajr, daily, Jerusalem (Arabic)
HAA: Haaretz, daily, Jerusalem (Hebrew)
IE: Israel Economist, monthly, Jerusalem (English)
ITT: al-Ittihad, daily, Haifa (Arabic)
JP: Jerusalem Post, daily, Jerusalem (English)
MEI: Middle East International, weekly, London (English)
MEM: The Middle East Magazine, monthly, London, (English)
QDS: al-Quds, daily, Jerusalem (Arabic)
RAI: al-Rai, daily, Amman (Arabic)
SAW: Sawt al Shaab, daily, Amman (Arabic)
SHB: al-Shaab, daily, Jerusalem (Arabic)
SHU: Shuun Filastinieh, monthly, Nicosia, (Arabic)

SUBJECT CODE

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AGR Agriculture and fishing
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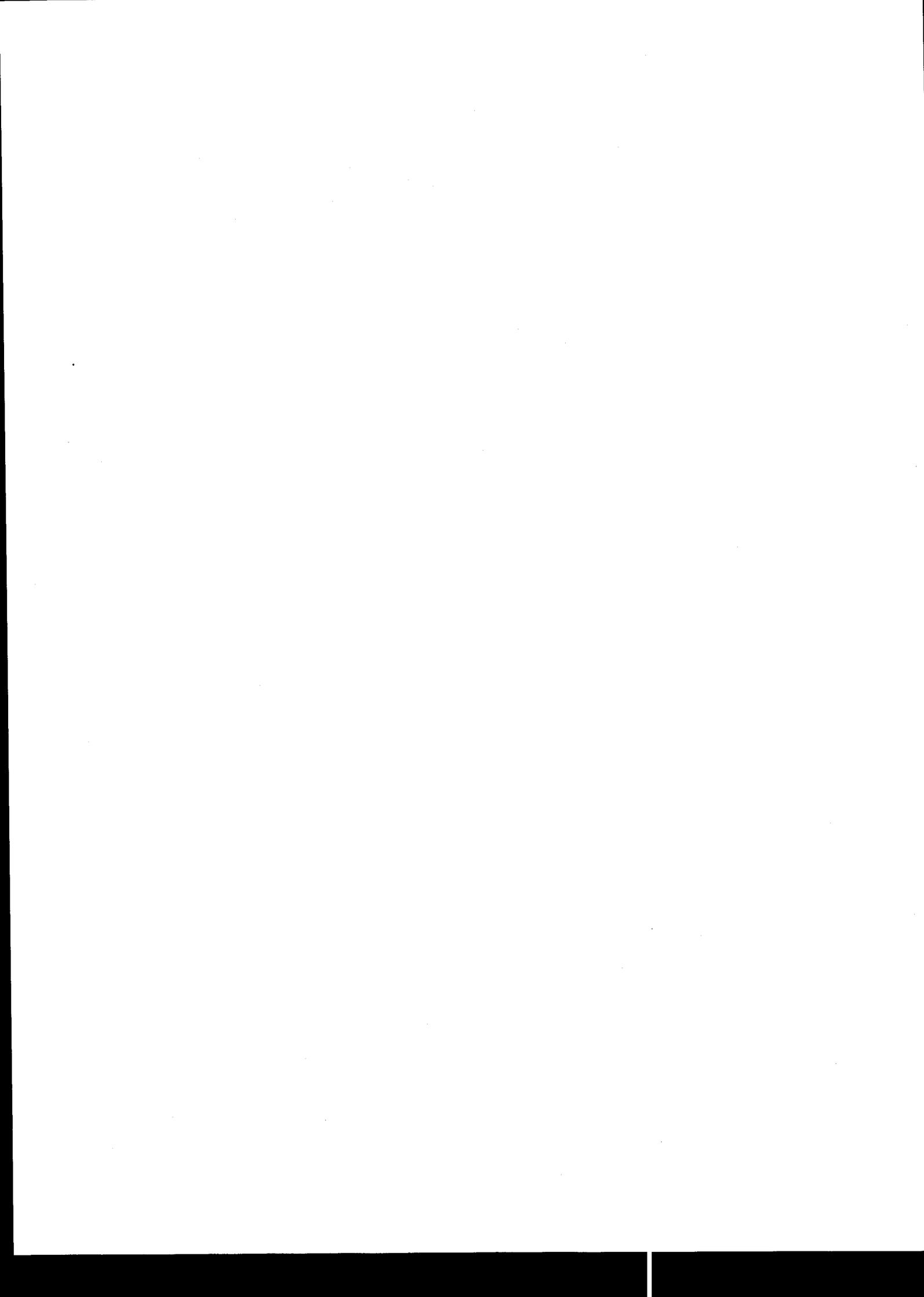
ABBREVIATIONS

\$:	United States dollars
EEC:	European Economic Community
GS:	Gaza Strip
IEC:	Israel Electricity Corporation
ILO:	International Labour Organisation
JD:	Jordanian dinars (1986 annual average exchange rate: JD 1 = \$2.85) */
JEC:	Jerusalem Electricity Company
NIS:	New Israeli shekels (1986 annual average exchange rate: NIS 1 = \$0.68) */
OPT:	Occupied Palestinian territories (West Bank and Gaza Strip)
PLO:	Palestine Liberation Organization
PVO:	Private voluntary organization(s)
UNDP:	United Nations Development Programme
UNICEF:	United Nations Children's Fund
VAT:	Value added tax
WB:	West Bank
WBDBP:	West Bank Data Base Project

*/ International Monetary Fund, International Financial Statistics
(Washington D.C., IMF, March 1987)

PREFACE

1. This document is the second in the series of monitoring reports on Israeli economic practices in the occupied Palestinian territories of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. It presents extracts of information on selected economic issues and related Israeli practices in the territories as compiled by UNCTAD in its data base on the Palestinian economy for the period June 1986 - June 1987, inclusive. It is not exhaustive in terms of its coverage of the economic areas, activities and/or related Israeli practices.
2. The information is classified according to economic areas and presented chronologically with indications of the source and date of reference, subject code and details of extracted information. Where items are relevant to more than one economic area, they appear under each.
3. The document is intended to serve three main objectives:
 - (a) It will constitute a selected record of events and indicate issues which dominated economic activity in the occupied Palestinian territories during the monitored period;
 - (b) Along with the previous and subsequent issues, it will serve as a useful cumulative source of references for further investigation of the issues concerned, especially as the sources involved provide important insight into the issues, practices and problems confronting the occupied territories; 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 territories. It is, however, not an alternative to field research and investigation.
4. The information presented in this document is as portrayed in the original sources without any interpretation and/or opinion expressed. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy in recording events and issues as they are reported.



ISRAELI POLICY - GENERAL

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Details</u>
JP	04 08 86	POL	Israel prepared to give more authority in OPT; Prime Minister talks to local leaders about possible "devolutionary steps".
QDS	04 08 86	POL	Israeli Prime Minister, in meeting with Palestinian personalities from OPT, states that Israel is willing to expand the territories' industrial activity and will encourage any investors, including Arabs from outside the country, to invest in any local industrial project.
JP	05 08 86	POL	Ex-mayor of Gaza says Israeli Prime Minister's meeting with OPT leaders was "propaganda; Israel not really interested in improving 'quality of life'".
JP	05 08 86	POL	Israeli Prime Minister says he will keep talking to Palestinians; cites recent Israeli concessions in municipal, economic and financial spheres.
JP	20 08 86	POL	Israeli Defence Minister supports Jordanian policy towards PLO and Jordanian Development Programme.
FIL	30 08 86	POL	Opinion: developmental war against "Terror" - Israeli policy uses Jordanian plans to achieve political aims.
JP	05 09 86	POL	Why the economy of the WB is stagnant; detailed analysis of Jordanian/Israeli marketing restrictions, lack of investment/credit facilities for industrial development, Israeli policy.
JP	03 10 86	POL	Israeli Defence Minister on OPT policy: stresses importance of Jordanian moves and co-ordination with Israeli policy.
FJR	07 11 86	POL	Israeli Military Government Co-ordinator announces that Israel will not allow independent activities by international agencies in the territories without prior approval by and co-ordination with Israeli authorities, and affirms Israeli opposition to the export of Palestinian products to Europe via Jordan or Egypt.
SHU	00 12 86	POL	Israeli Immigration and Absorption Minister's plan for OPT: prepare for a situation without negotiations - suggestions for economic disengagement of Israel/OPT economies; limits on settlements, civil devolution.

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Details</u>
JP	03 12 86	POL	Israeli settlement of WB/GS under Israeli "national unity" Government: funding new settlements or expanding existing ones?
FIL	20 12 86	POL	Israeli authorities obtain appropriate \$800 million per annum from OPT; review of arguments between Israeli Government and WBDBP on degree of taxation in OPT.
JP	28 12 86	POL	Time to resettle the refugees: Israeli opinion on Jordanian Development Programme and possible future options for United States/Jordanian/Israeli funding of developmental activities.
QDS	28 01 87	POL	Israeli Military Government Co-ordinator in OPT announces that in 20 years of Israeli occupation, the authorities have increased the area of jurisdiction of 18 municipalities in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and that land used for this purpose was private land expropriated for purposes of building and agriculture, as part of Israeli policy to improve the quality of life.
FAJ	30 01 87	POL	Palestinian doctors criticize lack of Israeli expenditure in WB hospitals and health, despite local efforts and activities.
BIL	11 02 87	POL	Attempts to remove the "Green line" dividing Israel from WB; settlements in towns and on hilltops; recent Israeli settlement policies.
SHB	02 03 87	POL	Israeli Military Government Co-ordinator announces that the Bank of Palestine in Gaza may not deal in foreign currencies because military law in the Gaza Strip forbids the inhabitants to deal in any foreign currency (except Israeli shekels); Gaza residents may carry out their foreign currency transactions via the newly opened Cairo-Amman Bank in the West Bank and certain arrangements have been made for Jerusalem residents to also use the Bank.
RAI	19 03 87	POL	Israeli Defence Minister announces that Israel does not object to international or Arab agencies investing in vital sectors in the West Bank and Gaza Strip provided each project is approved and co-ordinated with the relevant Israeli authorities.
FIL	28 03 87	POL	Israel plans for settlement in West Bank, a "greater Jerusalem", and two small "banks" with concentrated settlements in the north.

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Details</u>
JP	30 03 87	POL	Israeli Military Government Co-ordinator warns exporters against attempts to smuggle arms into OPT; Egypt announces willingness to accept GS citrus exports through Rafah, for shipment from Port Said.
FAJ	24 05 87	POL	Review of Israeli military laws and their application by authorities for land confiscation.
FAJ	24 05 87	POL	Opinion: critical review of use of statistics, comparisons and information by Israeli officials and media to portray living conditions in OPT.

AGRICULTURE AND FISHING

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Details</u>
JP	06 06 86	AGR	Profile of WB village of Battir: conditions of land, agriculture, emigration, labour.
BIL	30 07 86	AGR	Despite mounting problems, vegetable and fruit growers in Tulkarem/Qalqilya (WB) express determination to remain on land in order to prevent expropriation; discussion of marketing, water, prices of inputs, transport and labour costs.
FIL	02 08 86	AGR	The prospects for a Ghor Valley (WB) village's agriculture - output, crops, quality, irrigation, water wells and marketing restrictions (Israel and Jordan).
FIL	30 08 86	AGR	Israeli authorities hinder GS fishing industry and cut off the livelihood of GS fishermen - recent developments.
JP	10 09 86	AGR	Jordan plans a survey of WB agriculture to rationalize supply in East Bank and Arab countries; other measures include establishing a central market in Amman to accommodate OPT produce.
FJR	22 09 86	AGR	Villagers in Jura al-Shamaa (WB) complain of difficulties in agricultural marketing, saying that the price obtained in Amman wholesale market barely covers production costs.
FAJ	03 10 86	AGR	Authorities allow Qalqilya (WB) co-operative to receive 25 new tractors for the transport of agricultural goods to Jordan.
FIL	18 10 86	AGR	Fara'a valley in Ghor (WB) region: irrigation canal system 54 kms long, financed by Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, now serves 10,000 dunums of land and thousands of farmers.

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Details</u>
FAJ	26 10 86	AGR	Jordanian Government agricultural committee to visit WB to survey export potential.
FAJ	31 10 86	AGR	Olive crop ready in WB: role in local economy - output, trade, subsistence (in-depth analysis).
FIL	01 11 86	AGR	Israeli settlers in Gaza Strip consume 90 times as much water as Palestinian citizens; report on water resources of OPT and Israeli controls/restrictions.
QDS	24 11 86	AGR	Israeli authorities inform villagers of Sabastiya and Tammoun (WB) of decision to close off 1,500 and 200 dunums, respectively, of their land and prevent them from continuing cultivation.
JP	28 11 86	AGR	The WB olive harvest season and the production and marketing of oil.
FAJ	05 12 86	AGR	Tomato yield will increase with new technique introduced by local agricultural relief committee with PVO support; encouraging results from use of cloth screens to protect plants.
JP	08 12 86	AGR	Arab markets hold the key to WB agriculture; Israeli Deputy Minister of Agriculture describes WB agricultural marketing problems and arrangements.
FJR	10 12 86	AGR	Israeli authorities forbid farmers in Beit Furik (WB) from planting 100 dunums of their land, on the pretext of confiscating the land for security purposes.
FJR	16 12 86	AGR	Israeli authorities prevent farmers in Tamoun (WB) from planting 120 dunums of their land; village council protests but it is informed by military authorities that the land has been closed for military purposes.
JP	07 01 87	AGR	Israeli citrus fruit processing industry officials ask authorities to prevent construction of plant in GS as it allegedly creates excess capacity.
FIL	10 01 87	AGR	Problems with GS citrus fruit production - marketing and falling output (report from recent statistical publication).
QDS	09 02 87	AGR	Israeli Central Bureau of Statistics completes survey of olive production in the north of the West Bank for 1986 season and announces that olive oil production in the sub-districts of Nablus, Jenin and Tulkarem totalled 12,300 tons, while olive production reached 67,500 tons.

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Details</u>
FAJ	06 03 87	AGR	Ghor Valley (WB) vegetable farmers protest low prices and conditions placed on export of tomatoes and eggplants to Israel via AGREXCO, the Israeli export marketing board.
FAJ	13 03 87	AGR	Jordan decides not to import potatoes and onions from WB in 1987 season; authorizes import of tomatoes and eggplants for a 10 week period.
JP	17 03 87	AGR	EEC considers establishing \$6 million credit institution with 50 per cent local participation, to provide \$30,000 loans to local industrialists; also adopts project to establish a grading and packaging plant for the export of agricultural output to Europe.
FAJ	12 04 87	AGR	Gaza (GS) fishing port project revitalizes ailing industry - significance of fishing industry to GS; UNDP renovation and port expansion plan begins implementation.
FAJ	12 04 87	AGR	Four Rafah (GS) fishermen banned from fishing for failure to pay municipal fees on sale of fish.
FAJ	10 05 87	AGR	Prices, transport costs, security restrictions on bridges hurt WB melon exports, encourage local OPT marketing.
BIL	14 05 87	AGR	GS citrus fruit sector faces continuing constraints, export limitations, rising costs, marketing problems and uprooting of unproductive trees.
FAJ	17 05 87	AGR	Authorities burn fish haul worth \$1,200 in GS after fishermen accused of fishing outside GS limits (24 miles x 12 miles deep).
JP	09 06 87	AGR	Ban on GS fishing lifted after three weeks; negative effects of ban: restricted fishing zone, idle fleet and rise in meat prices.
JP	19 06 87	AGR	Record WB olive harvest in 1986; GS farm production down due to fall in citrus fruit output.
FIL	20 06 87	AGR	Palestinian agriculture in OPT; labour trade, water production, quotas, Israeli policies.

DEVELOPMENT AID

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Details</u>
JP	29 06 86	AID	Jordan Ministry of Occupied Territories' Affairs says Jordan spent \$162 million on WB development since 1979, \$20 million of it in past two years.

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Details</u>
FAJ	04 07 86	AID	Part of the JD 50 million allocated for development projects by Jordan has been transferred to Dura municipality, near Hebron (WB).
JP	10 07 86	AID	Jordan said to be stepping up WB involvement (includes details of Development Programme for OPT - \$1.3 billion to be funded largely from outside sources).
JP	17 07 86	AID	Details of Jordanian Programme for OPT development and funding of \$150 million per annum.
JP	18 07 86	AID	New United States plan for OPT aims at local businessmen; consul in Jerusalem outlines new directions of aid programmes dependent on private sector and entrepreneurs especially.
JP	21 07 86	AID	Jordanian Development Programme - Full details of allocations, expenditures, aims and mechanisms.
FAJ	25 07 86	AID	United States and Jordan emphasize investment in private sector.
JP	30 07 86	AID	Jordan completes preparation of 5-year plan for OPT; details of expenditures.
FIL	02 08 86	AID	United States to help finance Jordanian Development Programme for OPT with Israeli approval; details of official announcement of Programme, role of newly appointed WB mayors.
FAJ	08 08 86	AID	United States to channel funds for OPT development through Jordan (\$4-5 million now, \$15-20 million next year towards the Jordanian Programme).
FAJ	08 08 86	AID	GS community leader states: "Arab officials in Gaza have no authority; development aid should go to local agencies, not through Israeli Government as done by UNDP and UNICEF".
FAJ	08 08 86	AID	Detailed critique and analysis by local observers of Jordanian Development Programme. Discussion of types of projects, political aims.
FAJ	08 08 86	AID	Bethlehem (WB) mayor supports Jordanian Development Programme for OPT, meets Jordanian officials to discuss.
FAJ	08 08 86	AID	United States-based PVO director in WB explains approach to development work and its relation to local political issues/conflicts.

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Details</u>
JP	11 08 86	AID	PLO statement criticizes Jordanian Development Programme.
FAJ	14 08 86	AID	Najah University economists' analysis finds Jordan Programme superficial; will not effect real economic change.
FIL	30 08 86	AID	Amman calls a financiers' conference for November to support OPT Development Programme.
SHU	00 09 86	AID	A PLO view of the Jordanian Development Programme for the OPT, drawing on local Palestinian and Israeli press.
FAJ	19 09 86	AID	Palestinian Conference in Jerusalem opposes "suspicious plans and development projects"; calls for establishment of local development agency to prioritize and evaluate projects.
JP	03 10 86	AID	Jordan's WB initiatives; new steps include: re-opening of bank, establishment of chambers of industry, Ministry of Agriculture co-ordination, salary payments for teachers, easing travel conditions and allocation of emergency funds until resources for the 5-Year Programme are available.
FAJ	17 10 86	AID	Palestine National Fund (PLO) to increase aid to development projects with Arab/Islamic assistance.
JP	07 11 86	AID	Jordan seeks foreign funds for OPT Development Programme; problems in attracting Western and Arab donors.
FJR	07 11 86	AID	Israeli Military Government Co-ordinator announces that Israel will not allow independent activities by international agencies in the territories without prior approval by and co-ordination with Israeli authorities, and affirms Israeli opposition to the export of Palestinian products to Europe via Jordan or Egypt.
JP	08 11 86	AID	Jordan seeks international aid for OPT Development Programme as it inaugurates Development Conference; if aid is not forthcoming, compromises would possibly be made on certain projects.
FIL	08 11 86	AID	Detailed PLO analysis of Jordanian Development Programme, United States and Israeli policy, including PLO's position and possibility of financing the Programme.

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Details</u>
JP	10 11 86	AID	Jordan plans emergency funding of Programme (some 5 million JD) until resources are made available for fiscal year 1987.
JP	11 11 86	AID	Jordan increases its contribution to the territories from \$34 million to \$63 million per annum, as part of finances for Development Programme.
FAJ	14 11 86	AID	Palestinian economists and media in OPT and outside wary of Jordan Development Conference and critical of lack of co-ordination with PLO.
FIL	15 11 86	AID	Head of PLO National Fund announces Kuwaiti aid to Palestinian universities in OPT; emphasizes need for additional funding of projects in OPT; welcomes EEC aid.
BIL	19 11 86	AID	WB editorial opinion: failure of the Development Conference in Jordan because of exclusion of PLO.
SHU	00 12 86	AID	Arab and Israeli press reports on Jordan Development Programme for WB and the November Conference.
JP	12 12 86	AID	An inside look at Jordan's 5-Year Development Plan: West Bank seems as "secondary, labour intensive sector"; details of projects, sectoral allocations and observers' comments on feasibility of finance; analysis of "development principles": private sector, existing projects and institutions.
JP	12 12 86	AID	United Kingdom to aid Jordanian Programme for OPT at \$4 million annually; United States to increase contribution to \$7.5 million annually.
RAI	21 12 86	AID	Chairman of Gaza Strip Charitable Society announces that Jordanian Government has allocated JD 10 million for projects in GS for 1987, of which JD 600,000 has been allocated through the branch of the Cairo-Amman Bank, expected to be opened in Ramallah (WB), for loans of JD 4,000 each to individual entrepreneurs for establishment of economically feasible industrial projects.
FIL	26 07 86	AID	Opinion: "Improving quality of life" slogan as new tenets of Israeli, Jordanian and United States policy.
MEM	00 01 87	AID	West Bank: closer economic links with Jordan; possibilities for implementing Jordanian Development Programme.
JP	06 02 87	AID	EEC delegation visits Israel and OPT to discuss trade links and aid programme.

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Details</u>
FAJ	06 02 87	AID	Jordan announces allocation of funding for some projects (roads, electricity).
FAJ	13 02 87	AID	EEC countries pressure Israel to allow OPT exports to their markets; EEC delegation told of Israeli reasons for opposing independent Palestinian agricultural/citrus exports; delegation also assesses areas for aid in territories (credit institutions, employment generation, training, health).
JP	18 02 87	AID	Jordanian-Palestinian Joint Committee resumes meetings in Amman to allocate recent Saudi contribution; PLO terms it "positive development".
JP	11 03 87	AID	After visit to Amman, Gaza ex-mayor says Jordan to begin funding GS projects in context of 5-Year Programme - \$5.25 million allocated.
JP	12 03 87	AID	Mayor of Bethlehem (WB) criticizes EEC for low level of aid to OPT.
JP	12 03 87	AID	Jordan to disburse \$60-80 million in 1987 under 5-Year Programme; establishes WB regional Committees to oversee disbursements.
JP	17 03 87	AID	EEC considers establishing \$6 million credit institution with 50 per cent local participation, to provide loans to local industrialists; also adopts project to establish grading and packaging plant for agricultural exports to Europe.
RAI	19 03 87	AID	Israeli Defence Minister announces that Israel does not object to international or Arab agencies investing in vital sectors in the West Bank and Gaza Strip provided each project is approved by and co-ordinated with the relevant Israeli authorities.
JP	01 04 87	AID	Jordan promised increased United States aid for Development Programme - expected to reach \$30 million.
FAJ	24 05 87	AID	EEC representative in Jerusalem states that EEC aid to OPT via Jordan is in accordance with the 1985 agreements with Jordan while direct aid programme is still being finalized.

MONEY AND BANKING

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Details</u>
JP	01 06 86	BNK	Gaza community leader states "Autonomy under Egyptian aegis would be equivalent to 'liberation' of GS"; calls for establishment of community groups, development of private sector, liberalization of policy towards Bank of Palestine in Gaza.
QDS	03 06 86	BNK	Nablus (WB) municipality requests loan of JD 1 million from Arab Bank, Amman, to complete local projects.
JP	04 06 86	BNK	Summer visiting in full swing over Jordan River Bridges; details on money permitted to be brought and customs.
JP	05 06 86	BNK	New branch of Bank of Palestine in Khan Yunis (GS) approved by authorities; still pending Bank of Israel approval.
FAJ	06 06 86	BNK	Bank of Palestine wins fight to re-open branch in Khan Yunis; effects of tax increases in Gaza.
QDS	08 07 86	BNK	Head of Israeli Civil Administration and Military Governor in GS meet with Board of Gaza Bank of Palestine which calls on authorities to allow re-opening of closed branches of the Bank, free trading in foreign currency and expansion of capital base.
FAJ	10 08 86	BNK	Interviews with Cairo-Amman Bank chairman and Nablus (WB) branch manager, critiques by Najah University economist.
JP	11 08 86	BNK	United States Secretary of State encourages establishment of Jordanian bank in WB; negotiations reported well advanced on opening of branches of Jordanian banks to channel Western and Jordanian aid.
FAJ	14 08 86	BNK	Bank of Palestine (GS) complains to military authorities; asks for permission to deal in foreign exchange, open branches. expand shares.
JP	02 09 86	BNK	Jordan and Israeli authorities agree to allow opening of Cairo-Amman Bank branch in Nablus (WB).
FAJ	05 09 86	BNK	Details on Jordanian bank to open a branch of Cairo-Amman Bank in Nablus (WB); application for establishing "Arab Financial Establishment" soon to be approved.
FAJ	05 09 86	BNK	Negotiations on opening of Cairo-Amman Bank have progressed, according to branch manager.

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Details</u>
RAI	14 09 86	BNK	Chairman of Cairo-Amman Bank announces that Nablus was chosen as location for re-opening of branch because of the concentration of commercial activity in the city; affirms that bank will provide financial security for OPT inhabitants who have been forced in the past to rely on money-changers for their transactions and that bank aims to support development projects in OPT.
QDS	14 09 86	BNK	Israeli Bank Leumi closes branch in Beit Jala (WB), despite objections of local inhabitants; mayor of town sends letter of protest to bank headquarters in Tel Aviv asking for rescinding decision in light of the difficulties faced by some 1,500 bank clients from Beit Jala who are dependent on the branch (the only one in town) and cannot be expected to travel to the nearest Bank Leumi branch in Bethlehem to obtain services.
QDS	18 09 86	BNK	Israeli Military Government Co-ordinator in WB announces agreement to re-open Cairo-Amman Bank branch in Nablus (WB), after indirect negotiations with Jordanian Government and intervention of United States Government; sets out conditions of operation, including dealing only in Israeli and Jordanian currency, supervision by Bank of Israel and Israeli Civil Administration as well as Jordanian banking supervision and measures to ensure that bank is not used by "hostile" elements or against Israeli interests.
JP	19 09 86	BNK	New Cairo-Amman Bank branch in Nablus (WB) licensed by authorities; result of Israeli-Jordanian-United States co-operation.
FAJ	19 09 86	BNK	Israel announces licence for Cairo-Amman Bank in Nablus (WB); Jordanian Prime Minister says United States pressured Israel into accepting after long negotiations.
FIL	11 10 86	BNK	Israeli banks in Gaza Strip charge 1 NIS for every transaction involving payment of municipal utilities and rates by inhabitants; Bank of Palestine not allowed to charge the amount.
JP	17 10 86	BNK	Opening of bank branch in Nablus (WB) delayed; problems with financial backing and bank policy on loans, interest, liquidity, guarantors, etc.
QDS	17 10 86	BNK	Cairo-Amman Bank delays re-opening of branch in Nablus (WB) after differences arise with Israeli authorities which have forbidden the Bank to serve Palestinian customers from East Jerusalem and Gaza Strip.

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Details</u>
FAJ	07 11 86	BNK	Cairo-Amman Bank branch opens in Nablus (WB); unclear position of rights of East Jerusalem residents with bank; two more banks reported to apply for licence (Real Estate Bank and Grindlays).
FAJ	14 11 86	BNK	Military authorities require money-changers to institute new practice of recording all transactions so as to calculate VAT.
FAJ	21 11 86	BNK	New branches of Cairo-Amman Bank expected to open in WB cities.
SHU	00 12 86	BNK	Governor of Jordan Central Bank outlines purpose, mode of functioning and conditions imposed upon Cairo-Amman Bank (Nablus - WB).
JP	16 12 86	BNK	Israeli officials confirm application by Arab Bank, Arab Land Bank and Grindlay's Bank to re-open WB branches; Government of Federal Republic of Germany agrees to aid Cairo-Amman Bank after United States appeal.
QDS	24 12 86	BNK	The only two money-changers operating in Beit Jala (WB) are forced to go out of business due to heavy taxes and recent restriction imposed by authorities requiring money-changers to present complete records and details of names and identity card numbers of all clients.
SHB	02 03 87	BNK	Israeli Military Government Co-ordinator announces that the Bank of Palestine in Gaza may not deal in foreign currencies because military law in the Gaza Strip forbids the inhabitants to deal in any foreign currency (except Israeli shekels); Gaza residents may carry out their foreign currency transactions via the newly opened Cairo-Amman Bank in the West Bank and certain arrangements have been made for Jerusalem residents also to use the Bank.
FAJ	13 03 87	BNK	Cairo-Amman Bank prepares to re-open branch in Hebron (WB), closed since 1967.
JP	17 03 87	BNK	EEC considers establishing \$6 million credit institution with 50 per cent local participation, to provide \$30,000 loans to local industrialists; also adopts project to establish agriculture grading and packaging plant for agricultural exports to Europe.
FAJ	14 06 87	BNK	Israeli court rules invalid licences issued by authorities to 13 East Jerusalem money-changers.

COMMERCE

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Details</u>
RAI	15 06 86	COM	Israeli authorities close six Palestinian shops in the Qazazin quarter of Hebron (WB) until further notice.
JP	19 06 86	COM	Israeli Army plans to lower fence in front of Hebron (WB) shops after complaints to court by shopkeepers.
FAJ	08 08 86	COM	East Jerusalem municipal authorities prevent informal fruit and vegetable pedlars from selling in old city.
FAJ	19 09 86	COM	Farmers from WB harassed by Jerusalem municipality and not allowed to move produce for sale to Jerusalem or through Jerusalem from south to north.
QDS	22 09 86	COM	Group of Palestinian businessmen plan to invest \$2 million in establishing a large commercial centre in al-Bireh (WB) after having obtained official Israeli approval of building plans.
FJR	18 11 86	COM	Israeli authorities inform tenants of restaurants and commercial premises on Gaza Strip shore that they must sign new leases with the Military Government, as the buildings they occupy are on Government property, and pay five years' rent in advance.
QDS	26 11 86	COM	Israeli officials close down sweets factory in Nablus (WB) because of owner's failure to pay taxes owed.
QDS	27 11 86	COM	Israeli officials close down clothes factory in Nablus (WB) because of owner's failure to pay taxes owed.
FAJ	13 03 87	COM	Israeli Supreme Court turns down request from Hebron (WB) shopkeepers for removal of fence erected by settlers which blocks the shops.
FAJ	27 03 87	COM	Two East Jerusalem Arab bakeries in Jewish quarter ordered by authorities to close on Jewish religious holiday; face intimidation by local religious Jews.
FAJ	03 04 87	COM	All East Jerusalem Arab bakeries in old city required by authorities not to display bread during Jewish religious holiday.
FAJ	12 04 87	COM	Former Gaza mayor says low level of business activity in OPT renders commercial port unnecessary.
JP	13 05 87	COM	WB drugs manufacturer finds Israeli restrictions and taxes constrain export to Israeli business expansion.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - GENERAL

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Details</u>
JP	25 05 86	DEV	WBDBP report says situation in Gaza area "explosive...appalling health conditions and deteriorating economy".
HAA	25 05 86	DEV	WBDBP report reveals deteriorating living conditions in Gaza (population density, economic dependency on Israel, labour, industry, agriculture, government revenue and taxation).
JP	26 05 86	DEV	Gaza strip economy in decline according to WBDBP report.
JP	01 06 86	DEV	Gaza community leader states "Autonomy under Egyptian aegis would be equivalent to 'liberation' of GS"; calls for establishment of community groups, development of private sector, liberalization of policy towards Gaza Bank of Palestine.
JP	03 06 86	DEV	Israeli Government official criticizes WBDBP report on Gaza Strip, defends health services, public finance, taxation policies.
BIL	11 06 86	DEV	WBDBP report on GS: integration of labour force; decline of agriculture; external resource generation; industrial stagnation; high taxation.
FJR	16 06 86	DEV	WB Chambers of Commerce meet to call upon authorities to ease restrictions on travel to Jordan, and protest methods of tax collection employed by authorities.
BIL	18 06 86	DEV	General review of conditions in Bethlehem: construction; tourism; municipal budget; health and education.
JP	20 06 86	DEV	Stateless in Gaza: general review of living conditions, settlements and labour in Israel.
FAJ	20 06 86	DEV	Review of WBDBP report on Gaza Strip: agriculture; industry; trade; finance; foreign aid and social trends.
FIL	21 06 86	DEV	OPT economy: will Palestinians become a nation of academics? Review of recent studies published on OPT by WBDBP and ILO on problems of graduates and human resources development; data on Israeli Civil Administration projects, Palestinian suggestions for development strategy.

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FAJ	27 06 86	DEV	Taxi owners say travel over Jordan river bridges reduced by half due to poor local economic conditions; high fees for crossing of persons and taxis.
FIL	28 06 86	DEV	WBDBP report on GS: labour, health, income (i.e. taxes) from occupation.
BIL	02 07 86	DEV	Shatta Camp in GS: field report on economic and social conditions; fishermen; small farmers and fall in remittances.
FAJ	04 07 86	DEV	Opinion: Palestinians need clear criteria for accepting/rejecting development project proposals; example of Chamber of Industry initiative and freezing of steps to implement.
FIL	12 07 86	DEV	Gulf oil, jobs and aid are crucial for the OPT economy: report on recent Bank of Israel and Arab Studies Society (Jerusalem) statistics on overall economic trends in OPT.
FIL	02 08 86	DEV	Interviews with Egyptian Government official in charge of Palestinian affairs; return of Camp Canada inhabitants from El Arish (Egyptian control) to Gaza Strip - problems and details of agreement with Israel.
JP	27 08 86	DEV	OPT find most routes to economic growth blocked - Bank of Israel official assesses likelihood of Jordan Development Programme achieving growth in light of overall slowdown of OPT economy.
JP	05 09 86	DEV	The brighter side of the Gaza picture - critique by Israeli analyst (Krivine) of WBDBP report: data on Gaza Strip economy: agriculture, taxation, growth.
JP	05 09 86	DEV	Why the economy of the WB is stagnant. Detailed analysis of Jordanian/Israeli marketing restrictions, lack of investment/credit facilities for industrial development and Israeli policy.
JP	10 09 86	DEV	WBDBP replies to criticisms by Krivine of WBDBP report: "territories' not-so-bright side". Analysis of tax-revenue and government expenditure.
JP	12 09 86	DEV	Economic growth only 1 per cent in WB and 5 per cent in Gaza during 1984/1985, according to Israeli Central Bureau of Statistics.

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JP	17 09 86	DEV	Reply to WBDBP on GS report: retracts certain criticisms, upholds contention that Israel spends as much as it receives.
QDS	18 09 86	DEV	Israel Central Bureau of Statistics announces new figures for OPT economy: in 1985, 80 per cent of OPT imports from Israel; 75 per cent of OPT exports destined for Israel; GNP grew in 1984/1985 by 1 per cent in WB and by 5 per cent in GS; stagnation of WB economy attributed to cyclical fall in olive production, excluding which GNP is calculated to have grown by 4 per cent in WB; fall of 8 per cent in factor income accruing to OPT from labour in Israel and elsewhere; 3 per cent growth in industrial output, 4 per cent in construction, while labour productivity fell by 2 per cent despite 3 per cent growth in labour input; standard of living fell by 1 per cent.
JP	06 11 86	DEV	Israeli Civil Administration annual report: Jordan-Israel co-operation denied, main economic and social developments reviewed.
FIL	22 11 86	DEV	United States policy towards OPT economic development; political motivations of "improving quality of life"; historical review of United States financing/funding.
FIL	06 12 86	DEV	Israeli-Jordanian co-ordination of economic policy in OPT: problems of agricultural marketing and recent economic developments.
FJR	29 01 87	DEV	Heads of West Bank Chambers of Commerce meet with Israeli Military Government Co-ordinator and present 21 requests, including permission to export the territories' goods directly to EEC countries, speeding of import clearance procedures, widening family reunification programmes, cancellation of recent restrictions against money-changers, lessening constraints on Cairo-Amman Bank operations in the territories, reconstitution of special appeals courts for tax and customs claims, and lowering of fees on transport of exports over the Jordan River bridges.
IE	00 03 87	DEV	Investigation of possibilities for upturn in WB economy as a result of Jordanian development aid.
FAJ	19 04 87	DEV	Qalqilya (WB) economic conditions are poor and agriculture is declining.
FAJ	17 05 87	DEV	Review of OPT economy after 20 years of occupation: output; trade; agriculture; finance; labour and foreign aid.

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JP	27 05 87	DEV	Jerusalem demography: Arab fertility rates drop, migration brings down Palestinian population growth.
FIL	27 06 87	DEV	Israeli Civil Administration announces that WB population reached 836,000 at end of 1986, while GS population is 650,000.

ELECTRICITY

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Details</u>
FAJ	06 06 86	ELC	JEC workers strike: Israel impounds company funds after court rejects JEC case.
JP	18 06 86	ELC	Israeli court orders authorities to explain reason for high price of electricity supplied to JEC.
FAJ	20 06 86	ELC	Israeli Energy Minister to answer JEC appeal on retroactive lowering of prices by court order.
FIL	21 06 86	ELC	JEC; strike by employees against pressure from Ministry of Energy and IEC; court turns down appeal against impounding of funds; situation at a critical stage.
BIL	25 06 86	ELC	JEC faces either liquidation, bankruptcy or loss of concession; no progress in resolving problems.
JP	08 07 86	ELC	JEC efficiency could be improved through closing down of generators, thus saving company financially, according to report by Israeli Minister of Energy.
FIL	12 07 86	ELC	Partial lifting of court order confiscating JEC assets, but no compromise on scope of concession.
FAJ	08 08 86	ELC	JEC prevents attempt by court officials to confiscate company funds because of alleged "unauthorized" expenditures (i.e. payment of salaries).
JP	20 08 86	ELC	Bailiffs raid JEC premises on religious holiday, confiscate documents and records.
JP	21 08 86	ELC	Chairman of JEC angry over bailiffs' raid on JEC, requests meeting with Israeli Prime Minister, JEC workers strike; details of possible deal on reduced scope of concession, selling machinery and parts of network to Israeli Electricity Company to pay off debt and bring administrative reorganization.
FAJ	22 08 86	ELC	Authorities raid JEC Headquarters; attempt to implement one month old court order to confiscate company records; also interview with Chairman of the Board about continuing crisis.

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FAJ	22 08 86	ELC	Opinion: reviewing history of JEC crisis, calls for Arab and PLO financial aid in order to prevent giving up concession.
FAJ	29 08 86	ELC	Israel authorities return confiscated JEC files; no new developments expected in near future.
JP	31 08 86	ELC	Talks on future of JEC; possibility of relinquishing part of coverage in West Jerusalem; still awaiting confirmation of Jordanian financial support.
JP	02 09 86	ELC	Israeli Minister of Energy favours JEC giving up Jewish settlement areas in concession as part of debt repayment/reorganization.
JP	15 09 86	ELC	Israeli Minister of Energy turns down proposals from JEC to cede part of concession and alter terms in others.
QDS	17 09 86	ELC	Israeli authorities request JEC clients in areas of East Jerusalem to pay electricity bills via Israeli banks, and not directly to JEC; JEC obtains court order to suspend new measure and ensure payment of bills directly to JEC.
FIL	27 09 86	ELC	Jordan said to be unwilling at present to help in solving JEC crisis by setting difficult terms for aid; review of JEC debt problems, Israeli explanation for crisis and debts.
FAJ	03 10 86	ELC	JEC administration and workers' union at odds over JEC offer to relinquish concession over three Jewish areas and provide IEC with greater rights in the area.
JP	19 11 86	ELC	JEC stands to lose its Jewish customers covered in present concession unless it repays IS 20 million by end of 1986.
FAJ	21 11 86	ELC	Israeli Energy Minister: Israel will transfer JEC to its control in January 1987 due to debts and refusal of Company Board to implement changes proposed by authorities.
FAJ	05 12 86	ELC	Head of JEC employees' union calls for no concessions to Israel; demands to give up right to serve various areas of Jerusalem concession.
FAJ	12 12 86	ELC	JEC's Board and employees' union play waiting game with Israel; review of crisis and possibilities of ceding part of concession.

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FAJ	19 12 86	ELC	JEC to give up right to supply settlements in return for cancellation of debts and extension of period of concession.
FAJ	25 12 86	ELC	Internal opposition by employees' union at JEC to selling concession to IEC; debate over legitimacy of IEC and settlements in East Jerusalem area.
FAJ	09 01 87	ELC	JEC probes Jordanian reaction to Israeli Energy Ministry offer to cancel debt in return for limiting scope of concession.
FIL	24 01 87	ELC	Differences between JEC administration and staff over terms of leasing or ceding concession to Israeli authorities.
FAJ	30 01 87	ELC	Strike by JEC workers to protest non-payment of salaries due - new negotiations with IEC.
FAJ	13 03 87	ELC	Israeli Minister of Energy declares that JEC has not fulfilled obligation to cede part of concession to IEC; will proceed to take over JEC by December 1987.
JP	15 03 87	ELC	Jewish West Jerusalem residents protest cuts of electricity supplied by JEC due to overloading of capacity; municipality renews call for reducing scope of JEC concession.
BIL	18 03 87	ELC	Chairman of JEC Board explains the offers made by IEC to solve crisis: renewal of full concession for 20 years, rental of lines and generating capacity in Jewish settlement areas in return for cancellation of debt.
FAJ	20 03 87	ELC	Israeli official announces intention to take over JEC concessions at end of 1987; negotiations deadlocked, in disagreement over "leasing" or "selling" parts of JEC concession covering Jewish settlement areas (1/3 of JEC area).
FAJ	27 03 87	ELC	JEC workers' union explains position towards future of company and need to maintain Arab identity, integrity and scope of concession.
JP	02 04 87	ELC	Israeli Government formally notifies JEC that it will lose its concession to Israel at end of 60 year concession period (1987); JEC calls for international arbitration.
FAJ	03 04 87	ELC	Israeli Minister of Energy formally notifies JEC of planned takeover at end of 1987; JEC required to prepare records and documents for takeover in May.

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Details</u>
FIL	13 04 87	ELC	JEC crisis: Israeli pressure to take over concession; no Jordanian aid forthcoming.
FAJ	24 05 87	ELC	Israeli authorities (IEC) advertise JEC building for sale despite continued negotiations.
FAJ	14 06 87	ELC	JEC staff strike to protest Israeli decision to split areas of concession and limit its duration.

INDUSTRY

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Details</u>
FAJ	23 05 86	IND	Israeli Minister of Trade and Industry reveals plan for settlers' industrial zone: details of plan to take land for zone and government investment in settlement industry.
FJR	12 06 86	IND	Israeli authorities approve establishment of WB Chamber of Commerce; Preparatory Committee asks authorities about possibilities for trade via Israeli ports and facilitating of customs clearance measures, as well as about possibility of establishing WB cement factory.
JP	17 06 86	IND	Israeli industries complain of high rents charged on some properties leased by JEC.
FAJ	20 06 86	IND	One of the initiators of the WB Arab Chamber of Industry says no pre-conditions were put on approval of project by authorities.
QDS	22 06 86	IND	Preparatory committee for WB Chamber of Industry announces suspension of initiative, after having obtained official approval - reasons cited include poor economic conditions and organizational problems.
FJR	27 06 86	IND	Inhabitants of Beit Inoun villages near Hebron (WB) protest Government confiscation of land to build industrial zone for nearby Israeli settlement of Kiryat Arba and present documents proving ownership.
FAJ	30 06 86	IND	Israel approves establishment of WB Chamber of Industry to be based in Jerusalem; preparations to hold meeting of factory owners and elect committee.
QDS	18 07 86	IND	Israeli Military Government Co-ordinator for OPT and Head of Israeli Civil Administration tour Nablus (WB) factories and promise to help their export efforts and to provide tax relief, including lower income taxes on export proceeds.

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Details</u>
FJR	17 08 86	IND	Israeli ministers discuss planned establishment of an industrial zone in Ariel settlement (WB) as preparations continue on 15 dunums of expropriated land near Hebron (WB) for the establishment of the zone.
FAJ	05 09 86	IND	Jordan making moves to aid Palestinian industrial sector: including opening banks, removing trade restrictions, new funding through the Development Programme.
JP	07 01 87	IND	Israeli citrus processing industry officials ask authorities to prevent construction of plant in GS as it allegedly creates excess capacity.
JP	04 02 87	IND	Palestinian food industries in Ramallah (WB) attempt to enter Israeli market supervised for Kosher; expected growth sector.
BIL	04 02 87	IND	Problems of competition with Israeli industry facing OPT industries - limited export markets and Israeli restriction.
JP	13 05 87	IND	WB pharmaceuticals manufacturer finds Israeli restrictions and taxes constraining export to Israel.
FIL	20 06 87	IND	Palestinian industry in OPT; labour, trade, water production, quotas and Israeli policies.

INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSING AND WATER RESOURCES

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Details</u>
FAJ	20 06 86	INF	West Bank towns/villages commence zoning project for expansion in buildings.
QDS	20 06 86	INF	Bethlehem (WB) municipality requests Israeli authorities to rescind appointment of Israeli officer to head municipal finance and land registration department.
FAJ	27 06 86	INF	Ya'abad (WB) villagers complain to authorities against plans to open road which would destroy large number of olive trees.
FAJ	27 06 86	INF	Villagers near Bethlehem (WB) protest new highway planned primarily to serve settlers allowing them to avoid WB refugee camp vicinity - plan would expropriate 2,000 dunums of land.
JP	01 07 86	INF	Jordan says it will back mayors appointed by Israeli authorities and give municipalities financial aid.

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Details</u>
HAA	10 07 86	INF	Israeli Civil Administration "objections committee" rejects Bethlehem area (WB) villagers' appeal against building road to by-pass Dheisheh (WB) refugee camp through their expropriated land.
FIL	23 08 86	INF	Report on voluntary and charitable societies in OPT - health, education, social welfare, etc.
FJR	13 10 86	INF	Israeli Water Commission announces plan to supplement Israeli water resources through drilling underground water reservoirs east of Bethlehem (WB); plan calls for drilling 600 metres deep to exploit capacity of some 18 million cu.m. of WB water - local experts point to dangers posed by plan to Palestinian water resources.
FAJ	17 10 86	INF	Arab housing in Jerusalem: problems, policy and solutions.
FIL	18 10 86	INF	Fara'a valley in Ghor (WB) region: An irrigation canal system 54 kms long, financed by Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, now serves 10,000 dunums and thousands of farmers.
FAJ	14 11 86	INF	Differences between Israeli ministries and Jerusalem municipality on zoning for Palestinian housing puts freeze on Arab construction in Jerusalem.
QDS	17 11 86	INF	Israeli Water Commission cuts off water to Beduins from the Jericho region now residents of Taquu' (WB) for their failure to install meters for water supplied to them.
JP	12 12 86	INF	Arab villages in WB engage in pre-emptive expansion to block Jewish settlement.
FAJ	23 01 87	INF	Israeli Military Governor prevents meeting of Beit Jala (WB) town residents to discuss zoning plan for the town which excludes certain built-up areas.
JP	29 01 87	INF	Israeli Government Co-ordinator in WB denies settlers' accusation that expansion of Arab city zones has restricted settlements.
FIL	31 01 87	INF	New Israeli water distribution arrangements in WB increase Israeli control and threaten underground resources east of Bethlehem.
FIL	06 06 87	INF	Israeli zoning plans transform WB localities into suburbs of Jerusalem in master plan; also affects Nablus municipal zoning plans.

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JP	19 06 87	INF	North Jerusalem, scene for confrontation with State and settlers over housing development and delays by municipality in approval of local zoning plans.
JP	26 06 87	INF	Israeli Government to award concession for extraction of water from WB sources for sale to Israeli settlements and possibly Palestinian localities.
JP	28 06 87	INF	WB mayors oppose water drilling plan; the Israeli Civil Administration promises to safeguard OPT residents' interests.
JP	30 06 87	INF	WB mayors meet to discuss ways of opposing water drilling plan, call for its withdrawal.

LABOUR

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Details</u>
JP	06 06 86	LAB	Profile of WB village of Battir: conditions of land, agriculture, emigration and labour.
FAJ	13 06 86	LAB	Analysis by Gaza Strip unemployed graduates of problems faced and types of jobs available.
FAJ	20 06 86	LAB	Effects of recession in Gulf countries on OPT migrant workers.
FIL	21 06 86	LAB	OPT economy: will Palestinians become a nation of academics? Review of new studies published in OPT, by Benvenisti and ILO on problems of graduates and human resource development; data on Israeli Civil Administration projects, Palestinian suggestions for development strategy.
BIL	25 06 86	LAB	Unemployment in WB: hotel workers fired, problems in tourist industry in Jerusalem and Bethlehem.
FAJ	27 06 86	LAB	Hotel employees in East Jerusalem face dismissal and reduced benefits - 114 workers dismissed, benefits cut; owners cite recession as cause.
FAJ	04 07 86	LAB	Hotel workers hold sit-in to protest staff cuts and salary reductions.
JP	13 07 86	LAB	Job problems of "Development towns" in Israel (Arab workers from Israel and OPT employed in development towns are equal in number to Jewish unemployed there).
FIL	19 07 86	LAB	Hotel workers' rights; action in defence of dismissed workers in East Jerusalem hotels; hotel owners blame tourism slump.

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FAJ	14 08 86	LAB	Hotel employees in East Jerusalem oppose dismissals and salary cuts by management.
JP	21 08 86	LAB	Gaza workers: Labour Party Member of Knesset argues against closing labour market to GS/OPT workers; sees benefits to Israeli economy both directly and indirectly (incomes, demand for Israeli goods, etc.).
FIL	23 08 86	LAB	Effects of recession in Gulf countries on employment of OPT university graduates; police crackdown on employment in Israel without work permits.
FAJ	05 09 86	LAB	Histadrut to deduct more from OPT workers' wages; Israeli initial wage level set at \$300 and Palestinian minimum wage at \$221; it is reported that 28 per cent of salaries is taken as taxes.
FAJ	26 10 86	LAB	Palestinian workers dismissed from Israeli factory in WB without compensation after bankruptcy and sale of factory.
JP	03 12 86	LAB	Israeli Government Minister says that development of Israeli robotics industry will help decrease dependency on Arab workers.
FAJ	09 01 87	LAB	OPT workers only receive 10 per cent of eligible benefits according to Israeli Member of Knesset.
FIL	17 01 87	LAB	WB Engineers' Union proposes plan to ease unemployment among Palestinian engineers.
FJR	05 02 87	LAB	Israeli authorities prevent Jericho/Jerusalem Bus Company from continuing to employ six drivers from Jericho (WB) as the buses are registered in Jerusalem and cannot be driven by drivers from the West Bank.
BIL	04 03 87	LAB	Problems facing OPT workers: falling wage levels, no job security and low levels of benefits.
FAJ	06 03 87	LAB	Arab workers paid less than Israeli counterparts in Israeli industries, according to Histadrut survey.
QDS	18 03 87	LAB	Israel Central Bureau of Statistics releases figures for Palestinian labour in Israel that shows that 95,000 Palestinian labourers from the OPT worked in Israel in 1986, equivalent to some 36 per cent of the 261,000 labour force.

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Details</u>
FAJ	27 03 87	LAB	Israeli official figures indicate 91,000 OPT workers in Israel by end of 1986. constituting 31 per cent of WB labour force and 46 per cent of GS labour force.
BIL	21 05 87	LAB	WB trade union official explains OPT workers' situation: discrimination in wages of migrant workers, deductions without benefits.

LAND AND ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Details</u>
QDS	02 06 86	LND	Israeli authorities fence off and bulldoze 200 dunums of land at Abu Median (GS), near settlement of Netzarim.
QDS	03 06 86	LND	Israeli authorities inform villagers of Samuu' (WB) of decision to expropriate 3,500 dunums of land.
BIL	04 06 86	LND	Palestinian farmer details Israeli settlement's attempts to take over village land in WB.
JP	06 06 86	LND	Profile of WB village of Battir: conditions of land, agriculture, emigration, labour.
FAJ	06 06 86	LND	Israeli authorities fence off 339 dunums of Palestinian lands near Israeli settlement of Netzarim in GS after bulldozing; decision to expropriate 2,500 dunums of land belonging to village of Samu' (WB).
FAJ	13 06 86	LND	Lands near Nablus (WB) closed off to sheep herders for use as "military area".
BIL	18 06 86	LND	Israeli efforts to uproot olive trees in WB in preparation for confiscation of land and establishment of settlements (examples of different cases).
JP	20 06 86	LND	1,000 olive trees uprooted at Midiyah village (WB) after troops quell residents' resistance; trees to be given to Jewish National Fund for "resale" to Jewish settlements.
BIL	25 06 86	LND	Effects of Israeli settlements on OPT villages; confiscation of land for grazing of Israeli herds.
FJR	25 06 86	LND	Israeli authorities begin construction of an industrial zone to serve 11 Jewish settlements on 700 dunums of land belonging to villages of Tafouh and Beit Announ (WB) near Hebron.

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Details</u>
FAJ	27 06 86	LND	Villagers in Hebron (WB) area notified of authorities' decision to confiscate 950 dunums of land on "State land" pretext.
FAJ	27 06 86	LND	Olive, almond and fig trees uprooted in Midiyah village (WB) on pretext of clearing border areas between Israel and West Bank.
FAJ	27 06 86	LND	Hebron (WB) landowners protest establishment of settlement industrial zone on 700 dunums of expropriated Palestinian land.
FAJ	27 06 86	LND	Israel bulldozes 100 dunums of expropriated GS agricultural land; 22 more planned for acquisition.
FJR	09 07 86	LND	Israeli bulldozers commence levelling of 120 dunums of Palestinian owned land in northern part of GS.
FJR	11 07 86	LND	Israeli authorities announce decision to expropriate 1,500 dunums of land belonging to villagers in Hebron (WB).
FAJ	18 07 86	LND	Destruction by Israeli authorities of 3,000-4,000 olive trees in Midiyah (WB) termed "an ecological massacre"; review of the issue.
FIL	19 07 86	LND	Detailed case of how family in WB village was able to protect its land from confiscation.
FIL	19 07 86	LND	Story of village of Midiyah (WB) on border with Israel and Israeli uprooting of olive trees.
FJR	21 07 86	LND	Israeli authorities commence building of road west of the settlement of Netzarim (GS) to link up with lands recently expropriated for subsequent annexation to the settlement.
FAJ	25 07 86	LND	Beduins in Gaza losing land - details of new confiscations for Israeli settlement.
FIL	26 07 86	LND	Review of new study on legal aspects of land expropriation in WB.
BIL	30 07 86	LND	Despite mounting problems, vegetable and fruit growers in Tulkarem/Qalqilya (WB) are determined to remain on land in order to prevent expropriation - discussion of marketing, water, prices of inputs, transport and labour costs.
FAJ	01 08 86	LND	3,500 dunums of Ramallah (WB) land threatened by planned confiscation for highway construction.

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Details</u>
FAJ	01 08 86	LND	Bethlehem (WB) resident prevented by settlers from cultivating his land - authorities demand evidence of ownership.
FIL	02 08 86	LND	Midiyah (WB) village and problems from uprooting of olive trees confronting farmers.
RAI	02 08 86	LND	Israeli authorities bulldoze 32 dunums of newly expropriated agricultural land near Khan Yunis (GS).
ITT	06 08 86	LND	Israeli authorities inform villager from Khader (WB) that 35 dunums of his land, bordering Neve Daniel settlement has been expropriated since 1983.
QDS	07 08 86	LND	Israeli authorities expropriate 55 dunums of GS resident's land for annexation to the settlement of Netzarim.
QDS	21 08 86	LND	Israeli authorities issue decision to expropriate 3,000 dunums of land belonging to village of Bedyah (WB).
RAI	21 08 86	LND	Israeli authorities close for military purposes 4,000 dunums of land belonging to Tal village (WB).
FAJ	22 08 86	LND	3,000 dunums near Tulkarem (WB) declared State land in apparent attempt to decide dispute between landowners and Israeli real estate companies.
FJR	02 09 86	LND	Israeli authorities inform villagers in Salfit and Sakaka (WB) of decision to expropriate 3,500 dunums of land; an expropriation attempt was prevented by the Israeli Supreme Court in 1979.
FAJ	05 09 86	LND	Nablus (WB) area villages to lose 4,000 more dunums, in addition to 3,000 dunums of Bidya village land; lands used mostly for olives and wheat to be declared as "State land".
QDS	17 09 86	LND	Israeli Ministry of Tourism announces expropriation of 800 dunums of land in Zaatara/Ta'amara (WB) to build bus station.
QDS	18 09 86	LND	Israeli authorities announce expropriation of 200 dunums of land from villagers of Silwad and Mazraa Sharqiya (WB) for "military purposes".
QDS	23 09 86	LND	Israeli military authorities inform villagers in Wadi Fukin (WB) of decision to expropriate 1,600 dunums of land classified as "Miri" (public) land.

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Details</u>
FJR	28 09 86	LND	Israeli authorities expropriate 2,000 dunums of land belonging to the villages of Kfar Laqef, Deir Estia and Jinsafut (WB), near the Israeli settlement of Karnei Shomron.
SAW	12 10 86	LND	Israeli authorities announce decision to expropriate 1,000 dunums of land from Amatin (WB) village for building of road to link nearby Israeli settlements, on the pretext that the land is not being used for farming.
QDS	27 11 86	LND	Israeli authorities expropriate 600 dunums of land belonging to villagers in Arab Ramadin (WB) and bulldozers commence clearing the areas.
QDS	27 11 86	LND	Israeli authorities inform villagers of Zawiya (WB) of decision to close 2,000 dunums of land cultivated with olive trees and begin to fence off the area with barbed wire.
JP	03 12 86	LND	Israeli settlements in WB/GS under Israeli "national unity" Government: funding new settlements or expanding existing ones?
FJR	12 12 86	LND	Israeli authorities announce expropriation of 16,000 dunums of land belonging to village of Zawiya (WB).
FJR	22 12 86	LND	Israeli authorities inform villagers of Kfar Qaddoum, Beit Lid and Qawsain of decision to expropriate 12,000 dunums of land after declaring it as State land.
QDS	06 08 86	LND	Israeli authorities close off and bulldoze three-kilometre-long strip of GS beach near Elie Sinai settlement and prepare it for building a tourist centre to be managed by the settlement.
FJR	08 01 87	LND	Villagers of Surif and Kharas (WB) are informed by Israeli authorities of intention to expropriate 1,000-metre-long and between 20-400-metres-wide strip of villages' land (along the border with Israel).
QDS	17 01 87	LND	Villagers of Wadi Fukin (WB) are informed by Israeli authorities of intention to expropriate several hundred dunums of village land which has been declared "public land" by the authorities.
JP	22 01 87	LND	WBDBP study finds WB settlements favoured by government aid as compared to similar towns in Israel.
FAJ	23 01 87	LND	Authorities expropriate 400-450 dunums of land belonging to three Bethlehem (WB) villages.

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Details</u>
QDS	01 03 87	LND	Israeli bulldozers begin clearing 1,000 dunums of land between villages of Beit Hanoun and Beit Lahiya (GS) in preparation for the establishment of a new Israeli settlement.
FIL	07 03 87	LND	Israeli settlers uproot 1,800 Palestinian olive trees and grape vines on land claimed for settlements near Bethlehem (WB).
FJR	11 03 87	LND	Israeli authorities inform villagers of Zawiya (WB), where 16,000 dunums of land were recently expropriated, that they are forbidden to enter the confiscated area and risk being fired upon if entry is attempted.
QDS	27 03 87	LND	Israeli authorities inform villagers of Qarawah (WB) of decision to expropriate 1,500 dunums of village land planted with olive trees.
FAJ	03 04 87	LND	Authorities inform village near Nablus (WB) of intent to confiscate 1,500 dunums of village land.
FAJ	24 05 87	LND	Review of Israeli military laws and their application by authorities for land confiscation.
FAJ	24 05 87	LND	Palestinian land planted with 300 dunums of olive trees in Nablus area (WB) ordered for confiscation.
FAJ	24 05 87	LND	Authorities fence off Palestinian land near new Israeli settlement in Bethlehem area (WB).
FAJ	14 06 87	LND	In-depth review of Israeli settlement and confiscation of Palestinian land in OPT since 1967.

TAXATION

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FAJ	30 05 86	TAX	Chairman of Gaza Citrus Fruit Producers' Union asks Israeli authorities to exempt Gaza Strip farmers from taxation and allow them to market produce in Western Europe.
BIL	04 06 86	TAX	VAT officials confiscate gold and dollars from OPT traders to enforce payment of different taxes; Jerusalem chambers of commerce protest.
FJR	24 06 86	TAX	Tax officials search restaurant complex in Jericho (WB) and demand payment of JD 33,000 in taxes.
FJR	27 06 86	TAX	Tax officials search money-changers and gold merchants in Hebron (WB) and confiscate stocks.

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FJR	01 07 86	TAX	Israeli tax officials impose fines ranging from NIS 500 to 2,000 on refugee camp shopowners in Am'ari camp (WB) for non-payment of taxes.
FJR	02 07 86	TAX	Israeli authorities refuse to renew commercial licences of some 200 shops in Qalqilya (WB) because of non-payment of income tax for several years.
ITT	02 07 86	TAX	Israeli VAT officials confiscate between 1 and 3 kg of gold from 12 money-changers and gold merchants in Hebron (WB).
FAJ	04 07 86	TAX	Hebron (WB) jewellers face raids by Israeli tax officials; gold confiscated.
QDS	14 07 86	TAX	Israeli customs officials search stores in Rimal quarter of Gaza town, confiscate documents and interrogate shopowners because of failure to maintain tax records.
QDS	16 07 86	TAX	Israeli tax department in OPT announces lowering of certain tax rates and increasing permissible tax deductions.
QDS	17 07 86	TAX	Israeli tax authorities serve notice to several shopkeepers in Aizariyeh (WB) to appear before tax courts for non-payment of taxes.
FJR	17 07 86	TAX	Israeli tax officials in Bethlehem (WB) distribute bank credit forms to shopkeepers and businessmen, requiring monthly pre-payment of taxes through local Israeli bank branches.
FJR	20 07 86	TAX	Israeli tax officials search shop in Qalqilya (WB), confiscate JD 500, impose fines and order back-payment of JD 5,000 in taxes.
FJR	20 07 86	TAX	Israeli tax officials search shop in Qalqilya (WB) and impose fine of JD 250 for non-payment of taxes and require owner to maintain tax records.
QDS	20 07 86	TAX	Head of WB Chambers of Commerce protests to Israeli tax authorities over high rates of income tax and VAT, calling for reconsideration of personal and educational allowances; considers that due to the deteriorating economic situation, tax is being levied on "non-existent income", causing many enterprises to declare bankruptcy.
FJR	21 07 86	TAX	Israeli tax officials search shop in Qalqilya (WB), confiscate records and impose fine of NIS 2,000 for failure to keep record of sales volume.

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FJR	21 07 86	TAX	Israeli tax officials raid bakery in Qalqilya (WB) and impose fines and back-payment of JD 5,000 in taxes because of alleged falsification of sales records.
QDS	23 07 86	TAX	Israeli VAT officials request payment of JD 108,000 from Bethlehem (WB) carpentry workshop owners.
FAJ	01 08 86	TAX	Bethlehem (WB) merchants protest unfair tax rates; high taxes and other problems facing tourist industry; details of methods for tax payment; closure of factories and dismissal of workers.
FIL	02 08 86	TAX	Complaints by East Jerusalem Chamber of Commerce that taxes are above what people can bear; East Jerusalem taxes and payments enforcement measures.
QDS	06 08 86	TAX	Israeli tax officials search shops in Gaza and confiscate sales and other records.
QDS	06 08 86	TAX	Tax court sentences East Jerusalem businessman to 120 days in prison and NIS 25,000 fine for delays in paying VAT.
QDS	07 08 86	TAX	Israeli authorities issue order amending VAT rates for farmers and original GS residents (i.e. non-refugees), allowing these categories to register with the Customs Department in GS as licensed traders, thus allowing them to recover paid VAT.
QDS	08 08 86	TAX	Israeli tax department in Ramallah (WB) informs local Chamber of Commerce that as of 1/9/86, all taxpayers will have to pay interest and fines on unpaid monthly instalments of tax pre-payments for 1985/1986.
FJR	08 08 86	TAX	Israeli customs and excise officials raid shops in Rimal area (GS), confiscate documents and serve notice for payment of fines by shopkeepers who do not maintain tax records.
FJR	20 08 86	TAX	Israeli VAT officials raid store in Bethlehem (WB) and impose fine of NIS 21,000 for non-payment of taxes.
QDS	22 08 86	TAX	Israeli customs and excise officials search automobile spare-parts shops in Gaza City and confiscate documents and records.
QDS	24 08 86	TAX	Meetings between Israeli tax authorities and Tulkarem (WB) Chamber of Commerce to discuss complaints with regard to tax assessment and collection methods.

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FJR	25 08 86	TAX	Israeli customs and excise officials search textiles and clothes shops in Gaza city, confiscate records and charge several merchants with failure to maintain records.
QDS	28 08 86	TAX	Israeli customs officials raid several stores in Tulkarem (WB) and impose fines for failure to submit tax records.
QDS	02 09 86	TAX	Meeting in Tulkarem (WB) between representatives of local chamber of commerce and Israeli tax authorities to discuss complaints of businessmen regarding heavy tax burden and the need to reduce amounts of pre-paid taxes.
FJR	07 10 86	TAX	Bethlehem (WB) merchants complain of high rates of taxation imposed by authorities and call for lessening of tax burden.
FJR	07 10 86	TAX	Israeli tax officials search several Gaza City automobile spare-parts shops and confiscate documents and charge owners with not maintaining correct tax records.
QDS	08 10 86	TAX	Israeli income tax and VAT officials search Palestinian shops in old city of Jerusalem charging owners with failure to fulfil pre-payment of taxes.
FJR	10 10 86	TAX	Israeli tax officials search Qalqilya (WB) clothes factory, attempt to confiscate documents and impose JD 4,000 as retroactive tax for 1985 on owner, requiring him to pay within 10 days or face closure of factory.
FJR	10 10 86	TAX	Israeli tax officials search Halhoul (WB) pharmacy, confiscate documents and sales records and demand NIS 31,500 as advance payment of taxes.
FJR	15 10 86	TAX	Israeli income tax authorities in Jenin (WB) request owners of stone-cutting factories to pay JD 80 as income tax on each employee, in addition to existing tax of JD 340 per annum on each stone-cutting machine.
FJR	17 10 86	TAX	Bethlehem (WB) car repair garage owners complain of high taxes and discrimination by tax authorities.
QDS	26 10 86	TAX	Israeli tax officials close Hebron (WB) glass factory and require owner to pay income tax of JD 16,000 in addition to JD 6,000 already paid in taxes.

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FJR	30 10 86	TAX	Israeli tax officials search East Jerusalem grocery and confiscate goods worth JD 1,000 due to non-payment by owner of NIS 30,000 in VAT.
QDS	06 11 86	TAX	Head of Israeli Civil Administration in the West Bank announces that the Israeli Government provides some 10-15 per cent of the administration's budget and that the balance is financed from revenue raised through taxes and customs duties.
FAJ	14 11 86	TAX	Military authorities require money-changers to institute new practice of recording all transactions for calculation of VAT.
JP	20 11 86	TAX	400 Israeli companies using registration in WB as tax haven because of greater "expenses" exemptions under Jordanian tax law.
QDS	26 11 86	TAX	Israeli officials close down sweets factory in Nablus (WB) because of owner's failure to pay taxes owed.
QDS	27 11 86	TAX	Israeli officials close down clothes factory in Nablus (WB) because of owner's failure to pay taxes owed.
QDS	03 12 86	TAX	Gaza City merchants complain of incessant tax raids by Israeli authorities after recent raids closed eight shops.
FJR	06 12 86	TAX	Israeli customs officials impose fine of JD 2,300 on truck owner in Qalqilya (WB) for allegedly failing to pay value added taxes.
FJR	12 12 86	TAX	Israeli income tax officials request Nablus (WB) merchant to pay JD 7,600 in retroactive taxes.
QDS	12 12 86	TAX	Israeli tax authorities in WB announce progressive fines of 2 per cent per month on all unpaid property taxes after end of 1986.
QDS	24 12 86	TAX	The only two money-changers operating in Beit Jala (WB) are forced to go out of business due to heavy taxes and recent restriction imposed by authorities requiring money-changers to present complete records and details of names and identity card numbers of all clients.
QDS	24 12 86	TAX	Israeli authorities impose new condition on visitors to territories, requiring a bank guarantee of \$1,000 to be deposited against every visitor to ensure their departure on the date specified in their entry permit.

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QDS	25 12 86	TAX	Israeli tax officials search commercial premises in East Jerusalem because of non-payment of taxes by owners.
QDS	03 01 87	TAX	Israeli tax officials search several commercial premises in Ramallah (WB) and request payment of income taxes or else the businesses concerned face confiscation of goods and closure of premises.
FJR	06 01 87	TAX	Israeli customs officials impound 75 trucks loaded with commercial goods to inspect owners' accounts and customs clearance forms.
FAJ	09 01 87	TAX	Tax officials raid Ramallah (WB) businesses, confiscate funds to withhold against tax payments.
FJR	14 01 87	TAX	Israeli tax officials search shops of three Qalqilya (WB) merchants and confiscate goods valued at JD 1,500 and arrest the owners on the pretext that the goods were stolen, even though receipts and sales records were provided by the merchants.
QDS	16 01 87	TAX	Israeli authorities increase fees imposed on travellers to and from the territories over the Jordan River bridges.
JP	22 01 87	TAX	VAT - A discussion of provisions, coverage and categories (in Israel, also applicable to OPT).
QDS	23 01 87	TAX	Chairman of Gaza Citrus Fruit Producers' Union calls on Israeli authorities to reduce customs duties on citrus fruit exports, presently levied at NIS 10.75 per ton.
FJR	25 01 87	TAX	Israeli VAT authorities distribute tax forms to Bethlehem (WB) lawyers' offices to prepare tax returns, following lawyers' formal objection regarding the legality of methods of tax collection.
FJR	02 02 87	TAX	Israeli tax officials search shop in Qalqilya (WB) and impose retroactive taxes of JD 2,600 on owner and impound accounts and tax records.
FJR	06 03 87	TAX	Israeli tax officials search two shops in Qalqilya (WB), impound records and documents and impose retroactive taxes amounting to JD 3,000 for one and JD 1,300 for the second shop.
FJR	07 03 87	TAX	Israeli tax officials search three petrol stations in Qalqilya (WB) and impose retroactive taxes amounting to JD 3,500, JD 1,200 and JD 3,000, respectively.

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FAJ	13 03 87	TAX	Kalandia refugee camp shopkeepers (WB) refuse jurisdiction of Israeli tax authorities in camp area, withhold VAT payments and are taken to court by authorities for non-payment.
FAJ	20 03 87	TAX	Kalandia refugee camp (WB) shopowners continue to resist imposition of VAT in unprecedented step by Israeli authorities to apply taxation to camps which are under UNRWA jurisdiction, and for which Israel provides no services.
FAJ	12 04 87	TAX	Nablus (WB) restaurant closed by authorities after failure to pay taxes.
FAJ	12 04 87	TAX	Four Rafah (GS) fishermen banned from fishing for failure to pay municipal fees on sale of fish.
FAJ	03 05 87	TAX	Refugee camp shopowners (Ramallah, WB) strike in protest against Israeli taxes of \$9,000 - \$12,000 each.
FAJ	17 05 87	TAX	Tax officials confiscate Beit Jala (WB) co-operative's olive oil for not paying enough taxes. Requests double payment of VAT on oil - first when pressed, second time when sold.

TOURISM

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BIL	28 05 86	TOU	Problems in OPT tourist sector: decline of tourism in Israel; development of East Jerusalem Jewish Quarter antiques and souvenir shops; non-development of Arab hotels; decline in related industries.
BIL	25 06 86	TOU	Unemployment in WB: hotel workers fired, problems in tourist industry in Jerusalem and Bethlehem.
FAJ	27 06 86	TOU	Hotel employees in East Jerusalem face dismissals and reduced benefits - 114 workers dismissed, benefits cut; owners cite recession as cause.
FAJ	04 07 86	TOU	Hotel workers hold sit-in to protest staff cuts, salary reductions.
QDS	17 07 86	TOU	Israeli authorities erect 20 prefabricated buildings located 20 metres from the shore between Deir al-Balah and Khan Yunis (GS) in preparation for the establishment of a tourist beach facility for Israeli settlers.

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FIL	19 07 86	TOU	Hotel workers' rights; action in defence of dismissed workers in East Jerusalem hotels; hotel owners blame tourism slump.
FAJ	14 08 86	TOU	Hotel employees in East Jerusalem oppose dismissals and salary cuts by management.
FAJ	05 12 86	TOU	Three Arab hotels in Jerusalem close down due to slack of business and rising costs without government aid.
JP	15 12 86	TOU	Bleak prospects for hoteliers in East Jerusalem; meeting with Minister of Tourism and call for government support and soft loans to withstand West Jerusalem hotels' competition.
BIL	11 03 87	TOU	Tourist industries and enterprises in OPT threatened by Israeli policies discouraging tourists from patronizing Palestinian establishments and products and entering Palestinian areas, high taxes.
BIL	17 06 87	TOU	Arab hotels in Jerusalem try to expand despite official obstacles: no aid, high taxation.

EXTERNAL TRADE

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Details</u>
FAJ	30 05 86	TRA	Jenin (WB) farmers appeal to Arab countries to allow increased marketing of agricultural goods.
FAJ	30 05 86	TRA	Chairman of Gaza Citrus Fruit Producers' Union asks Israeli authorities to exempt Gaza Strip farmers from taxation and allow them to market produce in Western Europe.
JP	18 06 86	TRA	Review of trends, data and problems in Israeli export trade.
BIL	25 06 86	TRA	Gaza Strip vegetable exports to Europe in winter season total 544 tons.
FAJ	27 06 86	TRA	Twenty trucks transporting WB melon exports are turned back at Jordan river bridge by Jordanian authorities because of "end of melon export season".
FIL	02 08 86	TRA	PLO requests Arab aid for WB marketing of agricultural output.
JP	08 08 86	TRA	EEC to open its markets to WB and GS produce; also studying ways to facilitate OPT exports.

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JP	22 08 86	TRA	Jordan to lift some WB/GS trade bans (on manufactures with raw materials imported through Israel); green light received from Arab Boycott Office.
FAJ	19 09 86	TRA	EEC Commissioner meets PLO Chairman, informs him of possible ways for EEC to encourage OPT agriculture, on basis of the EEC decision of 3 September 1986 to grant produce from the OPT the same status as accorded to the produce of other Middle Eastern countries.
FAJ	19 09 86	TRA	Meeting of the Council of Arab Economic Unity in Amman agrees to open Arab markets to OPT agricultural produce and to establish marketing centres in Amman under Joint Committee supervision.
FAJ	03 10 86	TRA	Analysis of potential benefits of opening EEC markets to Palestinian agricultural products.
FAJ	03 10 86	TRA	Authorities allow Qalqilya (WB) co-operative to receive 25 new tractors for transport of agricultural goods to Jordan.
FAJ	31 10 86	TRA	EEC gives OPT special economic status; preferential access to markets, direct aid programme of 3 million European Currency Units in 1987 aimed at small-scale employment generation and training programmes.
MEI	07 11 86	TRA	EEC decision to open European markets to OPT produce and grant special aid aimed at decreasing dependence on AGREXCO (Israeli export authority).
JP	04 12 86	TRA	Differences between EEC and Israel over terms and conditions of EEC plan for aid to the territories (marketing/export through AGREXCO).
JP	08 12 86	TRA	Arab markets hold the key to WB agriculture; Israeli Deputy Minister of Agriculture describes WB agricultural marketing problems and arrangements.
RAI	11 12 86	TRA	Twenty tons of eggplant are exported from Gaza Strip to Europe via Israeli export company (AGREXCO) and it is expected that another 70 tons will be exported later.
QDS	12 12 86	TRA	Israel Ministry of Trade and Industry issues regulation obliging full labelling in Hebrew language of certain Palestinian food products marketed in Israel (chocolates, sweets, soft drinks, macaroni and related goods).

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RAI	12 12 86	TRA	Chairman of Gaza Citrus Fruit Producers' Union informs Israeli military authorities that only 2,300 tons of GS citrus fruit had been exported so far and that producers were facing severe difficulties in marketing the season's crop; asks Israeli authorities to approve direct export of GS citrus fruit to West European markets, as called for by recent EEC decision.
RAI	12 12 86	TRA	750 tons of Gaza Strip's citrus fruit exported via Israeli port of Ashdod to East European markets.
JP	29 12 86	TRA	EEC plan to support WB output offends no one; in-depth review of decision to extend aid and trade benefits.
QDS	31 12 86	TRA	Israeli Military Governor refuses permission to Gaza Strip farmers to export vegetables to Norway.
RAI	12 01 87	TRA	Gaza Strip exported in 1986 a total of 6,000 tons of guava fruit and 1,200 tons of dates to Jordan, the West Bank and Israel.
RAI	21 01 87	TRA	Gaza Strip exported in 1986 a total of 12,000 tons of citrus fruit to Jordan and other Arab countries.
QDS	23 01 87	TRA	Chairman of Gaza Citrus Fruit Producers' Union calls on Israeli authorities to reduce customs duties on citrus fruit exports, presently levied at NIS 10.75 per ton.
QDS	24 01 87	TRA	Chairman of Gaza Citrus Fruit Producers' Union calls on Egypt to support Gaza Strip's economy and intercede with Arab citrus fruit importing countries to permit the import of Gaza fruit.
JP	06 02 87	TRA	EEC delegation visits Israel and OPT to discuss trade links and aid programme.
JP	08 02 87	TRA	EEC delegation meets Palestinian businessmen and heads of Chambers of Commerce; focus on possibilities for direct exports from OPT.
FAJ	13 02 87	TRA	EEC countries pressure Israel to allow direct OPT exports to EEC markets; EEC delegation told of Israeli reasons for opposing independent Palestinian agricultural/citrus exports; delegation also assesses areas for aid in territories (credit institutions, employment generation, training and health).

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FAJ	13 02 87	TRA	Head of Gaza Citrus Fruit Producers' Union assesses transport, grading and packaging requirements for export to Europe via Israeli ports.
BIL	04 03 87	TRA	EEC mission to OPT; details of planned preferences and local Palestinian opinion regarding problems facing exports to Europe (quality and types).
FJR	05 03 87	TRA	Farmers in Jericho and Ghor valley (WB) area protest against Israeli authorities' decision not to allow exports of agricultural goods to Israeli markets.
JP	10 03 87	TRA	Jordanian Government supports idea of commercial port in GS.
RAI	12 03 87	TRA	Gaza Strip citrus fruit exports to Europe and Arab States totalled 55,000 tons in 1986/1987 season.
FAJ	13 03 87	TRA	Jordan decides not to import potatoes and onions from WB in 1987 season; authorizes import of tomatoes and eggplants for 10 week period.
JP	16 03 87	TRA	Israeli Minister of Defence says Gaza Strip port project is impractical and uneconomical; though Israel has no funds for it. willing to consider proposals if submitted.
JP	17 03 87	TRA	EEC considers establishing \$6 million credit institution with 50 per cent local participation, to provide loans to local industrialists; also adopts project to establish grading and packaging plant for agricultural exports to Europe.
JP	30 03 87	TRA	Israeli Military Government Co-ordinator warns exporters against attempts to smuggle arms into OPT; Egypt announces willingness to accept GS citrus exports through Rafah, for shipment from Port Said.
FAJ	10 05 87	TRA	Prices, transport costs, security restrictions on bridges hurt WB melon exports, encourage local OPT marketing.
FAJ	28 06 87	TRA	EEC Commissioner says Israel is acting illegally by prohibiting Palestinian agricultural exports through Israel; EEC aid for OPT projects totalling \$20 million will soon be channelled.