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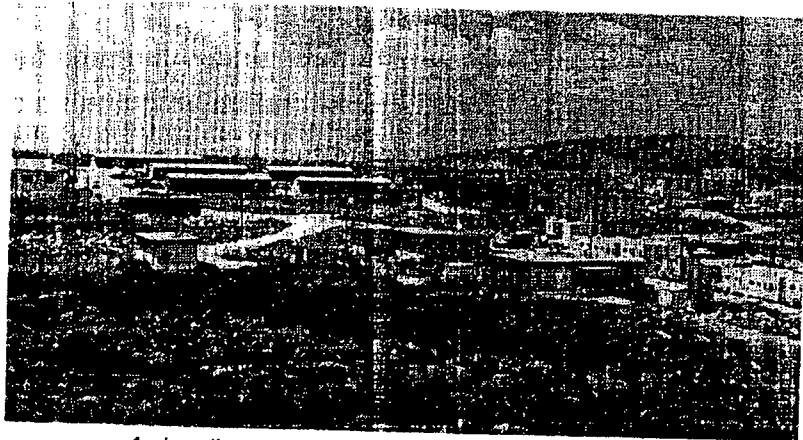
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## PALESTINIAN TERRORISM

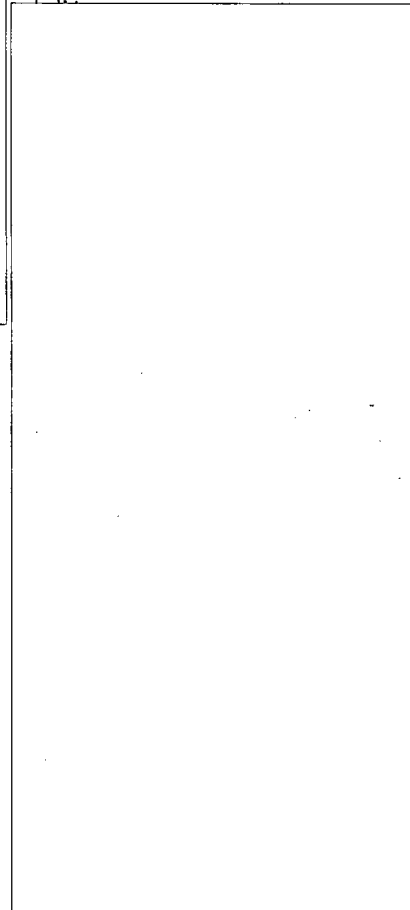
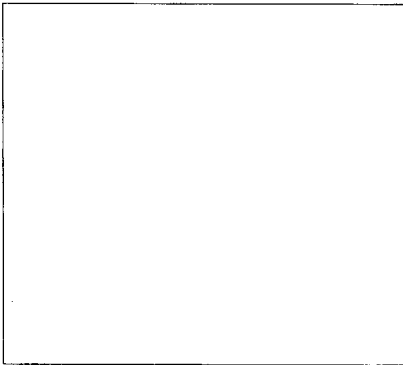
Palestinian terrorist groups have stepped up their operations in Israel and the occupied territories in accordance with plan developed several months ago. Israeli security forces are able to counter most but not all of the terrorist operations, which have a new impetus as the Palestinians try to draw attention to their cause just prior to the Egyptian - Israeli - US summit talks to be held at Camp David next week.

The Palestinians have attempted some 20 terrorist acts in Israel or the occupied territories during the past two weeks—a number already larger than the known total for the month of July. The actions usually involve the planting of explosives in market areas and other public places, but have included one rocket attack.

Most of the bombs have either been detected before they went off or caused minimal casualties or property damage. An explosion in the Gaza Strip on 23 August, however, killed two Arabs and injured several others. It was the first known incident there in over a year.

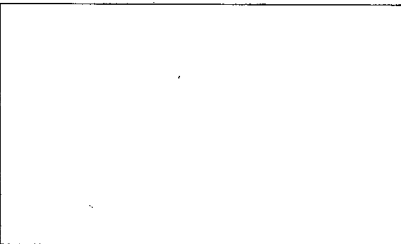


An Israeli settlement in the occupied West Bank territory



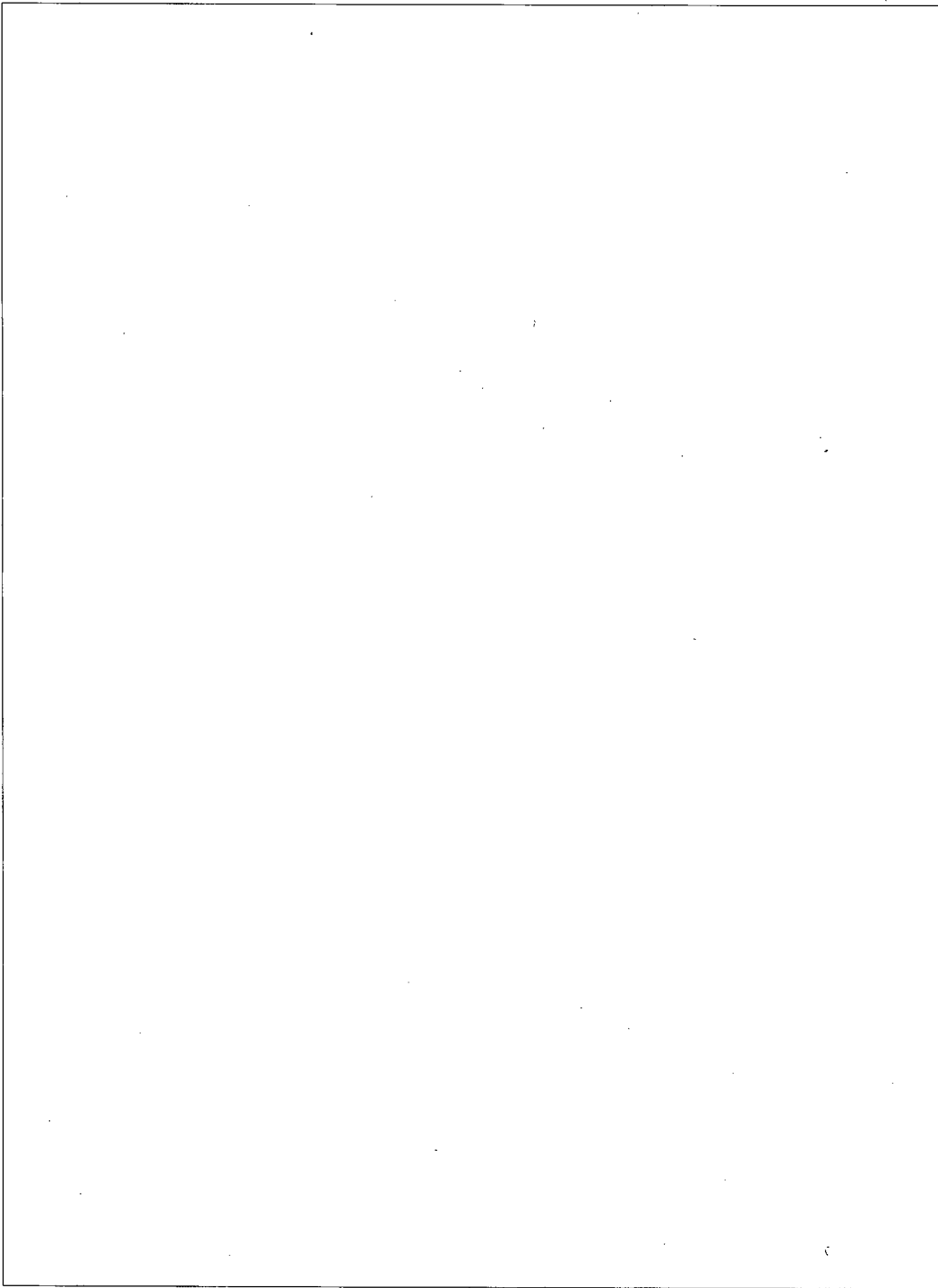
PLO leader Arafat

In addition to underscoring the need for a Palestinian voice in Arab-Israeli settlement efforts, the terrorist operations are intended to demonstrate that the Palestine Liberation Organization is a force to be reckoned with and that it can operate despite Israeli security measures. Yasir Arafat's Fatah has conducted some of the operations, apparently in order to strengthen its image and position in relation to the Palestinian extremists.



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