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SUMMARY:

-- JERUSALEM/WEST BANK NEWS:

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1. SHARON TRIES TO BULLDOZE THROUGH IMPEDIMENTS TO NEW WEST BANK SETTLEMENT.
2. GOI AGREES TO SOME MODIFICATIONS IN THE TREATMENT OF AMERICAN PALESTINIANS.
3. CIVAD DEPOSES THREE JERICHO MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS.
4. NEW ALLEGATIONS ABOUT ISRAELI MISTREATMENT OF JUVENILE PALESTINIAN PRISONERS.
5. LOTS OF NEW ADMINISTRATIVE AND TOWN ARREST ORDERS.
6. GOI CLOSES NABLUS COLLEGE AFTER STONE THROWING.
7. GOI REJECTS EC PLEA FOR DIRECT WEST BANK EXPORTS.
8. MOLOTOV COCKTAILS THROWN AT JERICHO CYCLISTS; OTHER INCIDENTS.
9. EJEC TO BE PRUNED RATHER THAN TAKEN OVER.

-- EDITORIALS:

U.S. TRAVEL ADVISORY OVERDUE; UNIVERSITIES NEED FREEDOM, GRADUATES NEED JOBS; WALDHEIM INVITATIONS SABOTAGE ISRAELI PEACENIKS; ISRAEL INSULTS PALESTINIANS AS MUCH AS WALDHEIM INVITATIONS INSULT ISRAEL; OCCUPATION RUINS ARAB FARMERS; EC MUST PAY DEBT IT OWES PALESTINIANS.

END SUMMARY.

JERUSALEM/WEST BANK NEWS:

1. ALL PAPERS REPORTED THAT THE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE LIKUD AND LABOR OVER CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SETTLEMENTS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES ESCALATED WHEN IDF SOLDIERS, ON ORDERS FROM DEFMIN RABIN, TURNED BACK A BULLDOZER SENT ON JULY 17 BY INDUSTRY AND TRADE MINISTER ARIEL SHARON TO THE PLANNED SITE OF THE AVNEI HEFETZ SETTLEMENT IN THE NORTHERN WEST BANK, EAST OF TULKAREM. THE POST REPORTED THAT ALTHOUGH AVNEI HEFETZ IS ONE OF SIX SETTLEMENTS WHOSE ESTABLISHMENT WAS APPROVED IN THE GOVERNMENT'S COALITION AGREEMENT, NO PERMIT FOR ITS CONSTRUCTION, NOR PROOF OF LAND OWNERSHIP HAD BEEN SUBMITTED TO CIVAD AUTHORITIES. SHARON SAID THAT CONDUCTING A SURVEY OF THE AREA AND DISPATCHING A BULLDOZER WERE PRELIMINARY ACTS OF "EXERCISING OWNERSHIP OF LAND WHICH IS CLEARLY JEWISH." AL-FAJR, ASHAAB AND AN-NAHAR REPORTED THAT ARAB MK ABDEL WAHAB DAROUSHEH SUBMITTED AN URGENT PROPOSAL TO THE KNESSET TO DISCUSS ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW SETTLEMENT, CHARGING THAT SHARON IS TRYING TO OBSTRUCT THE PEACE MARCH IN THE REGION.

2. ALL PAPERS REPORTED THAT DURING A MEETING HELD AT THE ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTRY IN RESPONSE TO A U.S. PROTEST AGAINST TREATMENT OF BLACK AND ARAB AMERICANS, IT WAS

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DECIDED THAT "THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE" IN THE POLICY REGARDING INDIVIDUALS SUSPECTED OF TRYING TO ENTER ISRAEL "UNDER FALSE PRETENCES." THE POST SAID THAT MORE THAN 2,000 U.S. CITIZENS OF PALESTINIAN DESCENT, WHO

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ARRIVED "IN ISRAEL" AS TOURISTS, HAVE REMAINED ON THE WEST BANK AFTER THEIR VISAS HAVE EXPIRED AND ARE "HERE ILLEGALLY." WHILE THE GOI WILL STILL TAKE MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT TOURISTS LEAVE THE COUNTRY AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THEIR VISAS, "THERE WILL BE SOME CHANGES IN THE PROCEDURES AT THE AIRPORT." AMCITS QUESTIONED AT THE AIRPORT WILL BE ALLOWED TO CALL THE U.S. EMBASSY, A LAWYER OR RELATIVES; THE U.S. EMBASSY IN TEL AVIV WILL BE ASKED TO APPOINT A DIPLOMAT AS LIAISON OFFICER TO DEAL WITH DISPUTED CASES AND TO PARTICIPATE IN A JOINT AMERICAN-ISRAELI COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM. PHYSICAL FACILITIES WHERE AMCITS ARE QUESTIONED WILL BE IMPROVED. AL-QUDS CITED THE STORY OF NAWAL HAMAD, AMCIT OF PALESTINIAN ORIGIN, WHO RECENTLY ARRIVED AT BEN GURION AIRPORT, WITH HER FOUR CHILDREN TO VISIT HER FAMILY IN THE WEST BANK. NAWAL WAS KEPT AT THE AIRPORT FOR ABOUT 12 HOURS AND WAS LATER COMPELLED TO GO BACK TO PARIS.

3. AL-FAJR, ASHAAB AND AN-NAHAR REPORTED THAT THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS AT THE WEST BANK CIVAD HEADQUARTERS SENT A LETTER TO THE MAYOR OF JERICHO INFORMING HIM THAT SALEH BALO, JAMIL OTHMAN NASSER AND FEISAL ODEH, THREE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE COUNCIL BECAUSE THEY WERE ABSENT FOR MORE THAN THREE CONSECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS. THIS ACTION WAS TAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE JORDANIAN MUNICIPAL LAW OF 1955, IMPLEMENTED IN THE WEST BANK. JERICHO MAYOR, JAMIL SABRI KHALAF SAID THAT ALL THE WEST BANK MAYORS IN THE WEST BANK CONDUCT THEIR BUSINESS ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL LETTERS FROM THE CIVAD. "UNFORTUNATELY," NO WEST BANK MAYOR WAS ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE, BECAUSE HIS TERM AND THE MEMBERSHIP OF HIS COUNCILMEN EXPIRED IN 1980. THE MAYOR ADDED THAT HE SUPPORTS HOLDING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA, TO GIVE RESIDENTS THEIR RIGHT TO ELECT THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEIR INTERESTS.

4. THE POST REPORTED THAT A REPORT, "CHILDREN IN ISRAELI MILITARY PRISONS," COMPILED BY A CHRISTIAN ARAB CLERGYMAN, CANON RIAH ABU AL-ASSAL OF NAZARETH, ALLEGES THAT PALESTINIAN TEENAGERS ARE ROUTINELY BEATEN AND

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SUBJECTED TO MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HARASSMENT DURING INTERROGATION IN ISRAELI PRISONS. THE REPORT, COMPILED BY THE EPISCOPALIAN CANON AND CO-FOUNDER OF THE PROGRESSIVIST LIST FOR PEACE AND THREE AMERICAN RESEARCHERS, INCLUDES ACCOUNTS OF 17 CASES OF ALLEGED MALTREATMENT OF MINORS, SEVERAL OF WHOM WERE NEVER BROUGHT TO TRIAL. THE UNPUBLISHED REPORT WAS OBTAINED BY REUTERS. CANNON ASSAL CLAIMS, IN A LETTER SENT TO U.S. CONGRESSMAN LEE HAMILTON, THAT PHYSICAL MISTREATMENT...IS STANDARD PROCEDURE" IN ISRAELI MILITARY PRISONS. IN A RELATED STORY, AL-FAJR QUOTED HUSSEIN ASH-SHEIKH, A PRISONERS' COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE AT HEBRON PRISON, AS SAYING THAT INMATES SUFFER FROM CROWDEDNESS AND THAT SECURITY PRISONERS SUFFER FROM MALTREATMENT. EIGHTY PRISONERS WERE ALLEGEDLY BEATEN AND TORTURED THERE DURING THE PAST THREE MONTHS.

5. ALL ARABIC PAPERS REPORTED THAT AUTHORITIES CONFIRMED THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARREST ORDERS ISSUED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING:

-- SIRHAN DWEIKAT, 29. OF BALATA REFUGEE CAMP, NEAR NABLUS, FOR THREE MONTHS;
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--JAMAL SALAMEH, 13, OF BALATA CAMP FOR SIX MONTHS;
--MASOUD ZUAITER, 42, OF NABLUS, FOR SIX MONTHS;
--KAMAL ZAKI AREEDI, OF JENIN, FOR SIX MONTHS.

AUTHORITIES RENEWED THE SIX MONTH ADMINISTRATIVE ARREST ORDER ISSUED AGAINST MOHAMMAD AL-LABADI, A UNIONIST FROM EL-BIREH, FOR THE FOURTH TIME IN A ROW.

AUTHORITIES RENEWED THE SIX-MONTH TOWN ARREST OF:

-- UNIONISTS AZMI SANDOUQA AND NABIL ABU SIRRIYEH, OF JERUSALEM, BOTH OF WHOM ARE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL FEDERATION OF LABOR UNIONS IN THE WEST BANK;

-- ABDUL LATIF GHEITH, OF JERUSALEM, FOR THE THIRD TIME IN A ROW;

-- JAMIL FAHED AL-OURI, OF BEIT OUR AT-TAHTA, NEAR RAMALLAH. JAMIL IS A STUDENT AT HEBRON UNIVERSITY AND IS DUE TO GRADUATE IN TWO MONTHS.

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-- MUHAMMED HASSAN TANNINEH, OF TARQUMIA, HEBRON DISTRICT, FOR THE SECOND TIME IN A ROW. TANNINEH IS ALSO A STUDENT AT HEBRON UNIVERSITY.

AUTHORITIES ISSUED A SIXTEEN-MONTH TOWN ARREST ORDER AGAINST FOURTH-YEAR HEBRON UNIVERSITY STUDENT MUHAMED MUSTAFA DUQQA, 25, OF ARRABA, JENIN DISTRICT.

6. ALL PAPERS REPORTED THAT AUTHORITIES ORDERED THE AR-RAWDAH COLLEGE IN NABLUS CLOSED FROM JULY 17 TO 23, 1987 TO PREVENT THE "RECURRENCE OF DEMONSTRATIONS AND DISTURBANCE OF THE PEACE." THE ORDER WAS GIVEN SEVEN HOURS AFTER STONES WERE THROWN AT A POLICE JEEP NEAR THE COLLEGE, SHATTERING ITS WINDSHIELD.

7. THE POST, AL-FAJR AND AN-NAHAR REPORTED THAT EVEN AFTER THE EC COUNTRIES PROTESTED AGAINST ISRAEL'S REFUSAL TO ALLOW DIRECT EXPORTS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE FROM THE WEST BANK AND GAZA, CHANGES IN ISRAEL'S POSITION ARE UNLIKELY. SUCH EXPORTS COULD UNDERCUT ISRAEL'S EXPORTS AS MANY FRUITS AND VEGETABLES EXPORTED BY ISRAEL ARE ALSO GROWN IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. THE POST, AL-FAJR AND ASHAAB REPORTED THAT THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY IS TO DISTRIBUTE THREE MILLION USDOLLARS IN AID DIRECTLY TO PALESTINIANS IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA STRIP THIS YEAR. UNDER A NEW PROGRAM AGREED BY EC MINISTERS IN BRUSSELS IT WAS DECIDED TO END THE CHANNELING OF AID VIA THIRD PARTIES SUCH AS JORDAN AND INSTEAD TO DISTRIBUTE FUNDS DIRECTLY TO SEVEN PALESTINIAN-RUN PROJECTS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. AMONG THE PROJECTS SPECIFIED ARE: AN AGRICULTURAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER IN JERICHO RUN BY THE ARAB DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY; THE HEBRON TECHNICAL ENGINEERING COLLEGE AND THE PALESTINIAN HEALTH-CARE CHARITY, THE WELFARE ASSOCIATION. AN EC GRANT IS ALSO TO BE MADE TOWARDS REFURBISHING OF THE BETHLEHEM HOSPITAL OF THE HOLY FAMILY. THE THREE MILLION IN AID FOR THE COMING YEAR REPRESENTS A MARKED INCREASE ON PAST EC ASSISTANCE IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND THE MINISTERS ANNOUNCED PLANS TO GRANT A FURTHER SEVEN MILLION OVER THE NEXT SEVEN YEARS. THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM IS DUE TO BE FORMALLY UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 06 JERUSALEM 02187

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APPROVED BY THE EC COMMISSION THIS WEEK AND FUNDS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE ALMOST IMMEDIATELY.

8. ALL PAPERS REPORTED THAT FIVE MOLOTOV COCKTAILS WERE THROWN AT TWO ARAB CYCLISTS IN JERICHO ON 7/16. NO ONE

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WAS INJURED. POLICE BELIEVE THAT THE CYCLISTS WERE SUSPECTED OF COLLABORATING WITH ISRAELI AUTHORITIES OR WERE MISTAKEN FOR ISRAELI VISITORS. OTHER INCIDENTS WERE ALSO REPORTED AS FOLLOWS:

-- ASHAAB AND AN-NAHAR REPORTED THAT NO ONE WAS INJURED WHEN STONES WERE THROWN AT AN ISRAELI MILITARY PATROL IN THE BALATA REFUGEE CAMP, NEAR NABLUS.

-- NO ONE WAS INJURED WHEN ANOTHER ISRAELI MILITARY PATROL WAS STONED AT THE ASKAR REFUGEE CAMP, NEAR NABLUS AND CAR TIRES WERE SET ON FIRE. IDF SOLDIERS CAME TO THE SITES AND CONDUCTED A SEARCH.

-- ASHAAB REPORTED THAT A MOLOTOV COCKTAIL THROWN AT AN ARAB RESIDENT IN THE JENIN REFUGEE CAMP FAILED TO IGNITE. NO DAMAGE OR INJURIES WERE REPORTED.

9. ALL PAPERS REPORTED THAT A MAJORITY SEEMS TO BE SHAPING UP IN THE ISRAELI CABINET TO "PRUNE" THE ARAB-OWNED EAST JERUSALEM ELECTRIC COMPANY (EJEC) DRASTICALLY DOWN TO SIZE "FOR TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC" REASONS, BUT NOT TO LIQUIDATE IT, "BECAUSE OF POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS." THE EJEC WOULD SUPPLY CURRENT TO NEIGHBORHOODS WITH AN ARAB MAJORITY, WHILE NEIGHBORHOODS WITH A JEWISH MAJORITY WOULD GET CURRENT FROM THE ISRAELI NATIONAL GRID. THE 50-YEAR OLD CONCESSION ENJOYED BY THE EJEC COMES TO AN END THIS WINTER AND FROM THE LEGAL STANDPOINT IT COULD BE TERMINATED AND NOT RENEWED IN ANY FORM. THE U.S. HAS MADE IT CLEAR TO UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 06 JERUSALEM 02187

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ISRAEL THAT IT IS AGAINST A UNILATERAL ISRAELI REFUSAL TO RENEW THE CONCESSION. IF ISRAEL TAKES SUCH ACTION, THE U.S. WOULD NOT SUPPORT IT AGAINST ATTACK IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS. WASHINGTON SAID IT WILL SUPPORT ANY COMPROMISE SOLUTION REACHED BETWEEN GOI AND THE EJEC. BECAUSE OF THE WISH AMONG A MAJORITY OF ISRAELI MINISTERS TO MAINTAIN A LOW PROFILE OVER THE CONCESSION, THERE IS NO INTENTION OF LETTING IT GO INTO RECEIVERSHIP, ALTHOUGH ITS HUGE DEBTS COULD EASILY BRING THAT ABOUT.

EDITORIALS:

AL-FAJR WEEKLY ENGLISH EDITION (7/19) WROTE THAT NEWS OF U.S. INTENTIONS TO ISSUE A TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR ARABS AND BLACK AMERICANS WHO INTEND TO VISIT ISRAEL IS "LONG OVERDUE." TREATMENT "ARAB-AMERICANS" AND THEIR COMPANIONS RECEIVE WHEN THEY ARRIVE IN ISRAEL HAS BEEN

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"SCANDALOUS." THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT ALLOW ISRAEL TO GET OFF EASILY, IT SHOULD INTRODUCE "MORE TANGIBLE SANCTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL, AND FORCE IT TO CHANGE ITS POLICY REGARDING AMERICANS, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR COLOR OR NATIONAL ORIGIN. "IF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT CANNOT PROTECT ITS OWN CITIZENS, HOW CAN IT CLAIM TO PROTECT NON-AMERICANS HARASSED AND DISCRIMINATED AGAINST ELSEWHERE."

AL-FAJR (7/20) REJOICED OVER THE GRADUATION OF "A NEW BATCH OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS" FROM UNIVERSITIES IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, BUT WORRIES ABOUT THE SPREAD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, WHICH THREATENS THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. IN SPITE THIS, NO LOCAL INSTITUTION HAS CONDUCTED A SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF HOW TO EMPLOY THE MANY LOCAL GRADUATES OR GRADUATES FROM FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES.

ASHAAB (7/19) HOPES THAT ISRAELI HARRASSMENT OF UNIVERSITIES IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WILL STOP AND THAT SPECIAL PROGRAMS WILL BE INSTITUTED TO PLACE GRADUATES IN GOOD JOBS AND SO END THE MIGRATION OF POTENTIAL SCIENTISTS AND BUSINESSMEN.

AN-NAHAR (7/18) REMARKED THAT EVER SINCE IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT **KURT WALDHEIM** HAD A NAZI BACKGROUND, ISRAEL HAS WAGED A CAMPAIGN AGAINST EVERY COUNTRY THAT INVITED THE AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT FOR A VISIT. ISRAELIS FORGET THAT OTHER PEOPLE HAVE FEELINGS ALSO, WHEN ON THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OCCUPATION OF ARAB TERRITORIES, ISRAEL BROADCAST PROGRAMS "DERIDING ARABS" AND REMINDING THEM OF THE CONQUEST OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. THIS IS AN AGGRESSION AGAINST "ARAB AND PALESTINIAN FEELINGS."

THE POST (7/19) SAID THAT THE VISITING EGYPTIAN FOMIN SHOULD REALIZE THAT WHEN ARAB LEADERS PLAY HOST TO WALDHEIM, THEY ARE SUGGESTING THAT THE HOLOCAUST WAS A TRIFLING MATTER. IN THIS WAY, THEY PULL OUT THE RUG FROM UNDER THE FEET OF ISRAELI PEACE SEEKERS AND MAKE THEMSELVES SUSPECT AS THE CHAMAPIONS OF PEACE.

AL-FAJR (7/19) SAID THAT WHEN THE PRICE OF TOMATOES AND EGGPLANTS DROPS DOWN TO ALMOST NOTHING, A NAIVE PERSON WOULD THINK THAT LIVING IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES IS PROSPEROUS AND EASY. YET THE PRICE DROP ACTUALLY DENOTES A "DETERIORATING ECONOMIC SITUATION," WHICH IS "DESTROYING THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL STRUCTURE" OF THE PALESTINIAN FARMER. OCCUPATION DOES NOTHING TO "BETTER OUR LIVING CONDITIONS."

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AL-QUDS (7/18) OBSERVED THAT THE DANGEROUS ECONOMIC SLUMP, THE DETERIORATING SOCIAL STRUCTURE AND THE ABSENCE OF POLITICAL FREEDOM IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES ARE GENERATING INTERNATIONAL CONCERN. THESE DANGEROUS PHENOMENON ARE DIRECTLY LINKED TO THE INABILITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO REACH A JUST, COMPREHENSIVE AND DURABLE SOLUTION OF THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM. THUS THE EC MUST INCREASE ITS FINANCIAL AID TO INSTITUTIONS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND SHOULD CONTINUE TO TRY TO CHANGE ISRAEL'S POLICY CONCERNING THE ECONOMY OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.
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