

Junblatt said that the government has made great strides to date. Statements were made that were overoptimistic, he noted, but we have been 80 percent successful in resolving the issue of the Palestinians and their weapons. I ask the United States and Israel: What more are we supposed to do? If the Lebanese Army is supposed to strike at the Lebanese national resistance, let them tell us that. More specifically, if we are expected to strike at the Hizballah, let Mr. Crocker tell us so we know what to do.

Junblatt said that the resistance has a right to continue its operations as long as Israel is on Lebanese soil. Junblatt warned that Israel may try to drag us into endless talks while settling more than 1,000 Jewish immigrants per day. Junblatt had this to say about the international conference:

[Begin recording] [Junblatt] In my opinion, no U.S. solution will satisfy the aspirations of the Palestinians. America is dragging us over Israel's thorny tracks and we are just attempting to preserve decorum and put a brave face on things. Where does this lead us? We have agreed to Israel's conditions in one way or the other. The Americans rejected the idea of having a PLO representative at the talks. The Arabs agreed. They rejected the participation of a delegation from East Jerusalem, meaning Faysal al-Husayni and his colleagues. The Arabs agreed. We will end up by negotiating on whether we, Muslims and Christians, will be praying in Jerusalem under an Israeli or an (?international) flag. This is where matters are going. The process will be void of any substance. [passage omitted]

[Unidentified correspondent] Do you see a role for Lebanon in a peace conference?

[Junblatt] We have agreed. What else do you want? We have agreed. Oh, my God, how fast we did that. It was as if the course of international politics would change if we had said no. U.S. Assistant Secretary of State John Kelly said something to someone who participated in the famous seminar in Washington—that seminar in which we changed the course of world history. Kelly said: Well, you want to implement Resolution 425 alone, go ahead and take your case to the International Court of Justice.

We had no other choice but to participate in the conference. We are obliged to attend it together with the remnants, with the Arab [word indistinct]. Look at Syria. We have to. What role does Egypt have, other than raising the Palestinian issue just to keep it alive? Egypt has an official agreement with Israel. Their role is finished. As for Jordan, King Husayn will once again take charge and lead the joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation. [end recording] [passage omitted]

Talks on Sharing Common Waters With Syria Begin
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[Text] Muhammad Yusuf Baydun, minister of electricity and water resources, announced that Lebanon and Syria

have begun negotiations on the sharing of their common waters and on projects that are to be carried out on the Orontes River, which the two countries share.

After meeting with Syrian Irrigation Minister Engineer 'Abd-al-Rahman Madani and his delegation at the Park Hotel in Shtawrah today, Minister Baydun said the meeting also dealt with the agenda of the summit conference on water that is scheduled to convene in Istanbul. He said that Lebanon and Syria exchanged views and that their views were identical and harmonious.

In turn, the Syrian irrigation minister said the discussions concerned the construction of dams by which Lebanon and Syria could exploit the waters they share.

On the Lebanese side, the discussions were attended by Ambassador Ja'far Mu'awi, director of economic affairs at the Foreign Ministry, and by senior officials of the Ministry of Electricity and Water Resources. Attending on the Syrian side were Nasir Qaddur, minister of state for foreign affairs; and Ambassador Muhammad Munib al-R'ifa'i, director of the secondary administration [al-Idarah al-Thanawiyah] at the Syrian Foreign Ministry.

Amal Claims Responsibility for 29 Jul Attack
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[Text] The Amal Movement said that one of its groups detonated an explosive charge that hit a joint Israeli-Lahd patrol as it was passing on the al-Tayyibah-Dayr Siryan road inside the occupied strip this morning. The explosion, the movement said, left three patrol personnel killed and four others injured.

The Amal Movement says that the occupation forces responded to the operation by shelling Bra'shit, Zawtar, and Mazra'at al-Hamra, which injured some residents.

No Entry to Jazzin; Mock Raids in Sidon
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1030 GMT 29 Jul 91

[Text] The NATIONAL NEWS AGENCY correspondent in al-Shuf has reported that the Israeli occupation forces and their agents this morning closed the al-Shuf-Jazzin road at the agents' checkpoint, barring any entry into Jazzin. People were, however, allowed to leave. This move comes at a time when the occupation forces are intensifying their military measures in the east Sidon area in a manner unprecedented since 1985.

At about 1020 today, enemy warplanes carried out mock raids over Sidon, the camps, and Iqlim al-Tuffah.

Two Said Killed in Israeli Bombardment
NC2907193391 Beirut Voice of Lebanon in Arabic
1915 GMT 29 Jul 91

[Excerpt] The southern villages of Habbush, Kafr Rumman, Tulin, Bra'shit, and Shaqra came under Israeli