

Mideast peace pact still faces difficulties

By Neil Feldman
Staff Reporter

With the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashana, just over and the Jews' most religious holiday, Yom Kippur, on Saturday, Israeli leaders are enjoying a short pause in the long road to peace.

Just prior to the start of the High Holy Days, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel addressed the public and emphasized the laborious nature of the negotiations to come.

Rabin said the accord signed in Washington between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization was "the beginning of developments" but "things cannot be achieved in one fell swoop."

One of Israel's primary objectives now is to raise more than \$1 billion to back developments in the occupied territories.

They expect Washington to assist significantly the agreement on Palestinian autonomy by raising money from Japan, Europe and the Gulf states.

The accord between the Israelis and Palestinians calls for autonomy to be applied quickly in the West Bank city of Jericho and the Gaza Strip.

However, several barriers must be overcome there, including finding heavy funding.

The World Bank estimated last week that it would take \$5.5 billion over 10 years to improve basic services in the region.

Many right-wing Israelis who have been against the accord since its birth remain pessimistic, asserting that such a grandiose figure will never be reached.

Echoing the notions of most Israeli parliament members, Foreign Minis-

ter Shimon Peres said last week in a published interview that the accord would not work "without an economic component."

Conditions in the occupied territories are generally poor. The Jebalya refugee camp in Gaza, for example, is socially and economically in shambles, and the Palestinians are banking on that area as one of many development project sites.

According to PLO sources, more than 50,000 new apartments will be needed in the next two years, and Palestinians fear that circumstances actually could decline if this turns into a "political episode," as Peres put it last week.

Another problem both sides must contend with is opposition.

Syria is shaping up to be the most radical opponent, as the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General Command, a large, influential movement based in Damascus, Syria, views the PLO as betrayers of the people of Palestine.

Ahmed Jabril, leader of the PFLP-GC, said last week in a published interview that his organization would bolster military action against Israel.

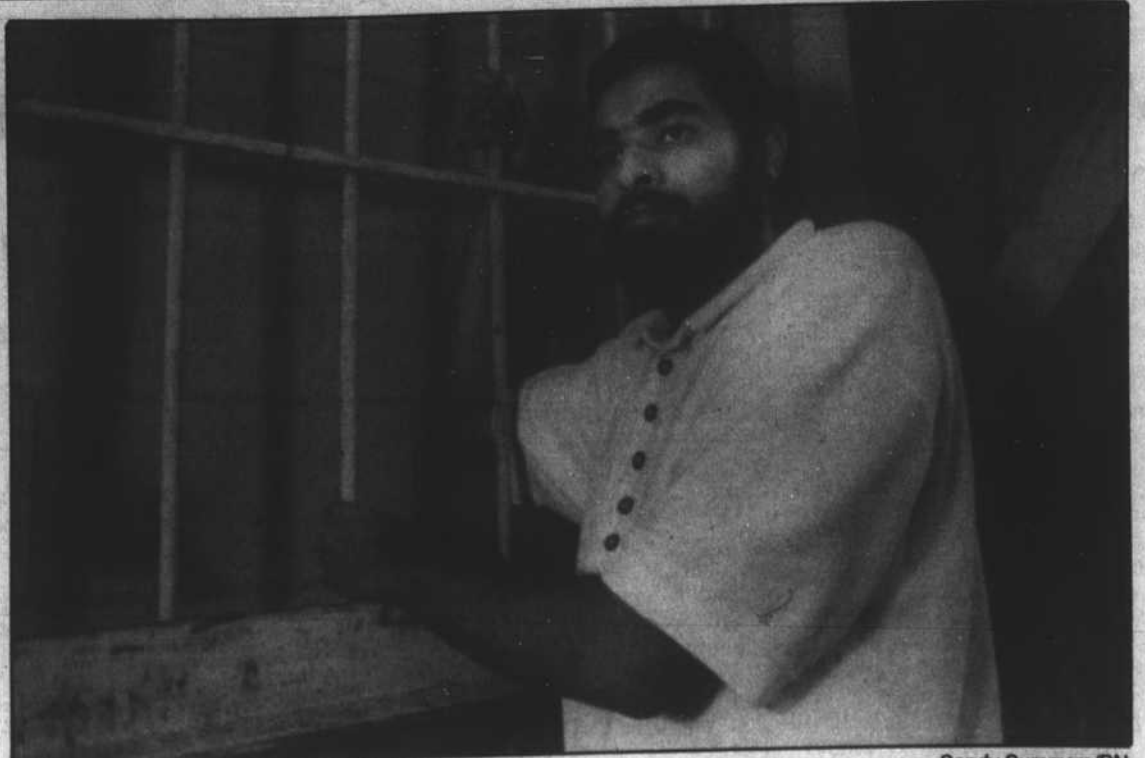
He also said Arafat would not be able to stop them, and that their political influence in the region was stronger than that of the PLO.

Both Israel and the PLO view Jabril's statement as preposterous.

Other radical organizations such as Hamas and the Islamic Jihad also have condemned the PLO and have engaged in violence since the agreement was announced.

But most analysts and Middle East experts, though cautious, do not see such radicalism as a potential source for steering the peace process off course.

For, as Abba Eban, former Israeli ambassador to the United States, said last week, "no organization is strong enough" to derail a process that has "the full support of the United States, Europe and Japan."



Sandy Summers/DN

UNL student Abbas Ali was held in a Croatian detention center this summer after providing food and medical relief to Bosnians for nine months. Ali is now spreading the word of Bosnians who remain in prison.

Bosnia

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"The most important thing was, all the Bosnians remained strong," he said.

As their days of captivity dragged on, Ali and Ahmer were not allowed to speak and often were starved.

"It was bad," Ali said. "For four days there was nothing to eat or drink."

Prayer was the main source of activity in the prison, Ali said, and it kept the inmates' minds off of their capture. On the 18th day of captivity, Ali and Ahmer were taken from the prison to a detention center in Mostar, Bosnia, and eventually were released.

Ali said Arshad Syed of Lincoln helped arrange their release.

Syed, information systems man-

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Bosnian relief worker

ager for the UNL College of Business Administration, said many international agencies played a part in the release.

Syed organized the relief efforts through the Lincoln-based Al-Nasir International Organization. Funding for the venture came from private contributions.

After their release, Ahmer returned to his Pakistan home to recover from the ordeal, but Ali im-

mediately returned to Croatia to take more food and supplies to Bosnia.

Ali's home in Croatia was outside Split. It was raided by police five times, but that didn't deter him, he said.

"Those 25,000 people don't have food. How can I just clean my hands and go away?" Ali said.

Ali said Americans needed to donate more money to Bosnian relief efforts instead of spending it on frivolous things.

"We're wasting so much money on fairs, football games...when there are people dying," Ali said.

Ali continues to spread the word and message of Bosnians still in prison, hoping one day they, too, will be released.

"They were very brave people," he said. "Every word counts. This is my responsibility."

ASUN senators go to students for more input

By Becky Becher
Staff Reporter

The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska's senators are finding new ways to get students' opinions.



But Brian Kubik, speaker of the senate, said low attendance at the constituent meetings have prompted senators to get student input elsewhere.

Kubik said few students went to constituent meetings, and he hoped that by attending student organization meetings, senators would be more effective at telling students about ASUN and at listening to students' concerns.

Kubik said while visiting student organizations, senators would survey members' opinions about their college, the university in general and ASUN.

"The goal of the survey is to get a better blanket of student opinion," Kubik said.

Kubik said the new system was being used on a trial basis. He said

ASUN would still hold constituent meetings, but if the new system worked well, the constituent meetings could be discontinued.

Kubik said senators were setting up meeting times with student organizations. He said he hoped senators would visit about half of the 315 official student organizations by the end of the year.

ASUN meets at 6:30 tonight in the Nebraska Union. Senators will discuss setting up an open forum for students to voice their views on Chancellor Graham Spanier's proposal to turn the parking lot north of the union into a green space.

POLICE REPORT

Beginning midnight Tuesday

- 11:12 a.m. — Car accident, parking lot north of Hamilton Hall, \$400.
- 11:40 a.m. — Book bag stolen, Nebraska Union, \$45.
- 12:38 p.m. — Book bag stolen, University Bookstore, \$75.
- 1:15 p.m. — Tickets stolen, Devaney Sports Center.
- 2:50 p.m. — Assault/misdemeanor, Harper Residence Hall.
- 5:27 p.m. — Windshield shattered, 21st and Vine streets, \$300.
- 6:13 p.m. — Bike stolen, Scott Engineering Center, \$360 loss, \$14 damage to lock.
- 6:53 p.m. — Wallet stolen, Campus Rec Center, \$25.
- 9:17 p.m. — Persons intoxicated, taken to Detox, Nebraska Union.
- 9:19 p.m. — Punctured tire, 19th and R streets, \$100.
- 10:01 p.m. — Verbal disturbance, Harper Residence Hall.
- 10:18 p.m. — Bike stolen, Nebraska Union, \$825.

Beginning midnight Wednesday

- 12:10 a.m. — Assault/misdemeanor, Centennial Mall.
- 9:21 a.m. — Cash stolen, Oldfather

Hall, \$3.

- 9:31 a.m. — Bike stolen, Nebraska Union, \$300.
- 11:53 a.m. — Bike stolen, Harper Residence Hall, \$320.
- 2:42 p.m. — Book bag stolen, Nebraska Bookstore, \$80.
- 4:50 p.m. — Bike stolen, Avery Hall, \$650.
- 4:59 p.m. — Bike stolen, Abel Residence Hall, \$340.
- 8:12 p.m. — Wallet stolen, Campus Rec Center, \$12.
- 8:41 p.m. — Bike part stolen, Nebraska Union, \$69.
- 11:28 p.m. — Cash stolen, Campus Rec Center, \$30.
- 11:28 p.m. — Cash stolen, Campus Rec Center, \$100.

Beginning midnight Thursday

- 1:57 a.m. — Auto accessories stolen, parking lot 19th and R streets, \$2,350, recovered, case cleared with one arrest.
- 10:01 a.m. — Log taken, Burr Residence Hall, \$5.
- 10:48 a.m. — Bike stolen, Abel Residence Hall, \$135.
- 10:58 a.m. — Purse stolen, Hamilton Hall, \$147.
- 12:08 p.m. — Hit-and-run accident, area 10 loop, \$25.

- 2:43 p.m. — Wallet and contents stolen, Selleck Quadrangle, \$24.
- 3:33 p.m. — Larceny from auto, Sandoz Residence Hall, \$100 damage, \$50 loss.
- 4:26 p.m. — Bike stolen, Andrews Hall, \$800.
- 9:11 p.m. — No damage accident, Harper-Schramm-Smith.

Beginning midnight Friday

- 2:23 a.m. — Assault/misdemeanor, 16th and S streets.
- 4:29 p.m. — Larceny from auto, parking lot, 17th and Holdredge streets, \$189 loss, \$80 damage.
- 6:16 p.m. — Bike seat stolen, Architecture Hall, \$65.
- 7:23 p.m. — Two-vehicle, non-injury accident, Harper-Schramm-Smith, \$50.

Beginning midnight Saturday

- 3:54 a.m. — Injury/sickness, Abel Residence Hall, medical assistance refused.
- 3:09 p.m. — Vehicle keyed, 17th and R streets, \$500.
- 3:10 p.m. — Forgery, checks taken, Harper Residence Hall.
- 6:03 p.m. — Vehicle keyed, 17th and R streets, \$250.

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