

# *Mahmoud Abbas Forming Team to Discuss Possible Gaza Truce*

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Ramallah, July 29 (RHC)-- The president of the Palestinian unity government, Mahmoud Abbas, is planning to dispatch a group of Palestinian representatives to Egypt to discuss the termination of Israel's onslaught on the besieged Gaza Strip.

"Abbas is forming a Palestinian delegation including Hamas and Islamic Jihad representatives to meet Egyptian leaders and discuss a halt to Israel's aggression against Gaza," AFP quoted a senior Palestinian official in the West Bank as saying on Monday. The Palestinian official added: "The aim is to examine with Egyptian leaders how to meet Palestinian demands and put an end to the aggression."

On July 22nd, Abbas said that Israel is violating all international laws and human morality in its offensive against the besieged Gaza Strip. Palestinian resistance movement Hamas has offered its ceasefire proposal, which includes the removal of the Israeli blockade of Gaza Strip and the opening of the Rafah border crossing with Egypt.

The terms of the proposed 10-year-long ceasefire also include the release of Palestinian prisoners held in Israeli jails. Most of those inmates were freed during a prisoner swap deal in 2011, but Israel soon rearrested them.

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