

# *Palestinians Reach Long-Term Truce with Israel*

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Gaza City, August 26 (RHC)-- Palestinian resistance groups and Israeli officials have reportedly reached an agreement on a permanent ceasefire for the besieged Gaza Strip. According to Palestinian sources, the Palestinians and the Israelis agreed to a permanent ceasefire on Tuesday.

A senior unnamed Palestinian official was quoted as saying that the agreement includes the "end of the blockade and a guarantee that Gaza's demands and needs will be met."

Meanwhile, Mussa Abu Marzuk, a senior official from the Palestinian resistance group Hamas, said the truce marks a victory for the Palestinians. As the news was announced, even before it became official, celebrations broke out in the streets of Gaza City.

The developments come as previous temporary ceasefires have failed to produce a deal between the two sides. The contentious subject at the Cairo talks has been the issue of the Israeli blockade of the impoverished territory.

The Palestinian resistance movement Hamas wants the seven-year siege of Gaza, which has crippled the coastal enclave and tightly restricted the movement of goods and people, to be removed.

The Palestinians also demand that the coastal territory be allowed to open an airport and seaport.

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