

## Abbas and West Bank government drop right of resistance from platform

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The prime minister of the unconstitutional PA government appointed by PA chief Mahmoud Abbas and headed by Salam Fayyad has dropped the right of the Palestinian people to resist the Israeli occupation out of its political platform.

In spite of the continued IOF troops' killing, wounding, and arresting of Palestinian citizens in Gaza Strip and the West Bank, member of that illegitimate government Ashraf Al-Ajrami has affirmed that the armed resistance option was deleted from Fayyad's government's program.

"Program of the [unconstitutional] government was very clear in ending the armed resistance because it is not related to establishing the Palestinian statehood", Ajrami alleged.

Abbas had earlier issued a number of edicts outlawing the Palestinian resistance and ordering the dissolution of all armed wings of the Palestinian resistance factions, which the armed wings rejected, and drew wide popular condemnation in the Palestinian street.

But Fayyad found a supporter for his "harmful" step in the person of Nemr Hammad, Abbas's political advisor, who blessed the step, alleging, "The Palestinian resistance symbolizes an armed mess, and its is about time to stop that mess".

Fayyad's step came at a time the IOF troops were killing and wounding tens of Palestinian citizens on daily basis and refusing to end its occupation of the Palestinian land.

Immediately after it was promulgated, Fayyad's step was widely welcomed by the Israeli occupation government that described it as "a positive step in the right direction" and harmonizes with the intensive diplomatic efforts to nudge the peace process forward.

Meri Eisen, the spokeswoman of Israeli premier Ehud Olmert, opined, "We can feel new atmosphere on the ground from both sides, the Israelis and the Palestinians, but we still have a lot to do".

"We have to resume peace talks with the new PA government under Fayyad, especially regarding sensitive issues pertaining to the final status," said Israeli minister and one of Olmert's close associates Haim Ramon. He was apparently wishing to exploit the presence of Fayyad's government to gain more concessions as far as the Palestinian legal rights are concerned.

Top military brass of the IOF command and Israeli intelligence departments expressed satisfaction with Fayyad's government's action against the Palestinian resistance in the West Bank that, according to them, the IOF troops weren't able to do for many years.

Well-informed Palestinian sources affirmed that security coordination between the PA security apparatuses in the West Bank and Israel reached its peak after Hamas's takeover of Gaza Strip in mid June.

According to the sources, the security coordination between the PA preventive security apparatus and Israeli intelligence departments botched at least three planned armed attacks by the Islamic Jihad and Fatah fighters inside the Hebrew state.

Sources close to the Quds Brigades, the armed wing of the Islamic Jihad, also affirmed that prior to their defeat in Gaza Strip; the PA security apparatuses foiled a plan of the Brigades to capture two IOF servicemen at the Kissufim crossing point, east of Gaza Strip, more than two months ago.

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