



## EUROPEAN UNION

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#### REVIEW OF THE PALESTINIAN PRESS

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#### 1. Summary of key news

- **The PLO and the government adopt Abbas' ten-point proposal on cease fire**
- **President Abbas met with the Swedish FM**
- **Abbas-Olmert meeting next Thursday in Jericho**
- **The Egyptian-Palestinian factional dialogue is still ongoing in Cairo**
- **Today marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of "The Setback of June 5, 1967"**

#### 2. Domestic situation

##### 2.1 Political

- **The government and the PLO adopts the ten-point proposal on cease fire**
- All three Arabic dailies (*Al-Quds*, *Al-Ayyam*, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*), focus on Cairo dialogue between Egyptians officials and Palestinian factions, Abbas-Swedish FM meeting in Ramallah, and the government's adoption of Abbas' ten-point cease fire proposal.
- Palestinian Minister of Information said that a group of points were adopted by the government, including reiterating the position calling for a reciprocal, concurrent and comprehensive calm and the adoption of the internal Palestinian understanding pertaining to the ten points on calm which was discussed and ratified in the government session yesterday. (*Al-Hayat al-Jadida*)
- The PLO supports the plan of the President on achieving calm and stresses on the legitimacy of the legal security services. The PLO Executive Committee said the priority is for the establishment of the state before talking about future relations. (*Al-Ayyam*)

##### 2.2 Security

- **A committee to monitor the implementation of the end of fighting agreement in Gaza**
- **A progress in Cairo talks and Abbas -Masha'l meet in two weeks**
- **Palestinian Minister of Interior file is still under discussions**
- An Egyptian senior official announced that his country proposed to the Palestinian factions to establish a committee under Egyptian supervision to monitor the ceasefire in Gaza Strip and that a meeting for the factions will be held in the second half of this month in Cairo. (*Al-Ayyam*)
- Egypt announces achieving progress at the level of ending the internal fighting and calm. A meeting for the leaders of factions, including Abbas and Mash'al, within two weeks in Cairo. Islamic Jihad announces it will abide by any collective agreement that Israel abides by. (*Al-Quds*)
- Palestinian PM Ismail Hanieh affirmed yesterday that Dr. Ghazi Hamad is one of the names of potential candidates to assume the Interior Ministry portfolio and that discussions were held between President Abbas and PM Hanieh on this matter and the matter has not been decided yet. (*Al-Hayat al-Jadida*)
- Chaos and the siege feed the seeds of al-Qaeda in Gaza. (*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*)

#### 3. Palestinian - Israeli conflict

- **Palestinians mark today 40 years of occupation**

- **Abbas-Olmert Summit will be on Thursday in Jericho**
- **Israel transferred Palestinian officials to administrative detention**
- Today marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of what Arabs termed then "The Setback of June 5, 1967" although it was an extremely dangerous disaster that resulted in the current state of loss and disunity in the Arab world and led to another displacement of the Palestinian people. Activities and statements continued demanding the end of the longest occupation in modern history to enable the Palestinian people to establish their independent state with Arab Jerusalem as its capital and to force Israel to recognize the right of the Palestinian people to live a normal free independent life like all other peoples in the world. (*Al-Quds*)
- The summit between President Abbas and Israeli PM Olmert will be held in Jericho on Thursday. The meeting expected to discuss in their meeting the possibility of reaching a truce that can put an end to the current cycle of violence. (*Al-Hayat al-Jadida*)
- Ministers Nasser al-Sha'er and Kabaha and PLC member Zeidan and Deputy Mayor of Al-Bireh transferred to administrative detention. Warnings of Israeli attempts to undermine the Palestinian political system. (*Al-Quds*)
- One Palestinian fisherman injured by the occupation troops bullets in Rafah. (*Al-Ayyam*)
- Mofaz (former Israeli defence minister) calls for assassinating Hamas political leaders: the army will conduct intensive military operations in Gaza. (*Al-Ayyam*)
- Hamas denies halting of rocket firing in exchange of Israel halting the assassinations. (*Al-Ayyam*)

#### 4. EU coverage in the local media

- **President Abbas met with the Swedish FM**
- President Abbas receives in Ramallah the Swedish Foreign Minister of the Kingdom of Sweden. (*Al-Ayyam*)
- In a workshop organised at Panorama centre in Gaza, participants recommended to strengthen the European role at Rafah Crossing. (*Al-Ayyam*)
- A workshop titled "chances for Euromed community" was organised in Gaza in cooperation between the Palestinian General Union of Cultural Centres and Ana Lind Foundation (ALF). (*Al-Quds*)
- The German FM said that three chapters will be opened at the end of this month cornering negotiations with turkey about its accession to the EU. (*Al-Ayyam*)
- A European Official presents on Friday his second report on CIA prisons in Europe. (*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*)

#### 5. Other

- **A new political initiative by the US President**
- **Clashes renewed in Nahr Al Bared**
- The US President Bush is preparing to declare a new political initiative to be named "a scheme for a permanent settlement" between Israel and the Palestinians to be considered as Bush's heritage after he leaves the White House. (*Al-Quds*)
- Lebanon: An agreement to close the front at Ein al-Hilweh Camp. Renewal of clashes in the area of Nahr al-Bared camp. Sultan Abul Einein, Fatah Representative in Lebanon, says: The factions are ready to use weapons to prevent the expansion of the conflict. (*Al-Ayyam*)

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