

13. PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY

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Major Changes

- After Mr. Arafat's death, Mr Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) was elected as the chairman. Mr. Ahmad Qurei (Abu Ala) retained his post as Prime Minister.
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General Data

Official Name: Palestinian National Authority (PA)

Chairman: Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen)

Prime Minister: Ahmad Qurei (Abu 'Ala)

Minister of Internal security: Nasser Yusef

Chief of Security Forces:

Area: 400 sq. km. (Gaza), 5,800 sq. km. (West Bank). By the terms of the Interim Agreement, the West Bank is divided into three areas, designated A, B, and C. The PA has civilian responsibility for Palestinians in all three areas, exclusive internal security responsibility for Area A (18.2%), and shared security responsibility for Area B (24.8%). Israel maintains full responsibility for the remaining 57% (area C).

Population: Gaza - 1,120,000 (estimate); West Bank-2,000,000 (estimate)

Demography

Religious group		
• Sunni Muslims	3,159,000	90%
• Christians	351,000	10%

Economic Data

		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
• GDP (current prices)	\$ bn	4.19	4.63	4.03	3.39	NA
• GDP per capita	\$	1,360	1,440	1,193	967	NA
• Real GDP growth	%	8.9	-5.4	-15.0	-14.5	4.5
• Consumer price index	%	5.5	2.8	1.2	5.7	4.4
• External debt	\$ bn	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Balance of payments						
• Exports fob	\$ bn	0.37	0.40	0.29	0.24	NA
• Imports cif	\$ bn	3.0	2.38	1.35	1.11	NA
• Current account balance	\$ bn	-1.57	-1.11	-0.88	-0.16	-0.45
Government expenditure						
• Total expenditure	\$ bn	0.959	0.963	NA	1.22	1.40
• Security expenditure	\$ bn	0.50	NA	NA	NA	NA
• Real change in security expenditure	%	66.6	NA	NA	NA	NA
• Security expenditure/GDP	%	10.52	NA	NA	NA	NA
Population	M	3.08	3.22	3.38	3.51	3.68
Official exchange rate (Israeli currency)	NIS:\$1	4.150	4.077	4.203	4.74	4.55

Sources: EIU Quarterly Report, EIU Country Profile, IMF International Financial Statistical Yearbook, SIPRI Yearbook

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Arms Trade

Arms Procurement and Security Assistance Received

Country	Type	Details
Afghanistan	• Military training	Trainees abroad (2000)
Algeria	• Military training	Trainees abroad (2000)
Egypt	• Military training	Trainees abroad, police, and civil defense (2005)
Iran	• Military training • Arms transfers	Trainees abroad Sagger ATGMs, MRLs, 120mm mortars (2001)
	• Assistance	\$500,000 for Islamic Jihad (2004)
Jordan	• Military training	Trainees abroad (2003)
Libya	• Military training	Trainees abroad (2000)
Morocco	• Military training	Trainees abroad (2000)
Pakistan	• Military training	Trainees abroad (2000)
Russia	• Arms transfers	SA-7 shoulder launched SAMs (2000 - via Croatia)
Tunisia	• Military training	Trainees abroad (2000)
Turkey	• Military training	Trainees abroad (2005)
UAE	• Military training	Trainees abroad (2003)
UK	• Arms transfers	C2 center (2004)
Yemen	• Military training	Trainees abroad (2000)

Defense Production

	M	P	A
Army equipment			
• Qassam-1/2/3/4, al-Quds 1/2, Saraya 1/2, Yasser 1 rockets	✓		
• 120mm, 82mm, 60mm mortars and mortars ammunition	✓		
• al-Bana, al-Batar, al-Yasin AT rockets	✓		
• Various explosive charges	✓		

Note: M - manufacture (indigenously developed)
P - production under license
A - assembly

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Security Forces

Personnel	Gaza	West Bank	Total	Notes
General Security Service branches				
Public Security	+	+	+	Also referred to as the National Security Force
Coastal Police	+	+	+	
Aerial Police	+	+	+	Rudimentary unit operating VIP helicopters
Civil Police	+	+	+	The Blue Police – a law enforcement agency; operates the 700-strong rapid deployment special police
Preventive Security Force	+	+	+	Plainclothes internal security force
General Intelligence	+	+	+	Intelligence gathering organization.
Military Intelligence	+	+	+	Unrecognized preventive security force; includes the Military Police.
Civil Defense	+	+	+	Emergency and rescue service
Additional security forces				
Presidential Security	+	+	+	Elite unit responsible for Arafat's security
Special Security Force	+	+	+	Unrecognized intelligence organization
Total	~25,000	~20,000	+	

Note: More than four years of armed conflict between the PA and Israel changed the situation described by this table. Most of the fighting was done by the "unofficial organizations" like the Tanzim and Hamas. At present there is no data concerning the status of the organizations listed above. Some of them ceased to exist, some may reappear as strong organizations, depending on the personal status of their leaders. Thus, we preferred to display the situation as it was by the end of 2000.

The Palestinian security services included several organizations under the "Palestinian Directorate of Police Force" recognized in the Cairo and Washington agreements. Some of the security organizations (particularly the civilian police) have little or no military significance. They are mentioned here because of the unusual organizational structure, and because it is difficult to estimate the size of the total forces that do have military significance. See also under "non-governmental organizations". Since the

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death of Yasser Arafat there have been attempts to consolidate the various organizations. As of now the situation is still in constant flux.

Ground Forces

Artillery

Model	Quantity	In service	Since	Notes
Mortars, under 160mm				
• 120mm	+	+	2000	
• 81mm	+	+	2000	
• 52mm/60mm	+	+	2000	
MRLs				
• Qassam-1/2	+	+	2001	
• 107mm	+	+	2000	
• al-Quds 1/2	+	+	2003	
Total	+	+		

Anti-Tank Missiles

Model	Launchers	Missiles	Since	Notes
• RPG-7	+		2000	
• Al-Bana/ al-Batar ATGM's	+		2002	
• LAW	+		2000	

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Air Defense Forces

Surface-to-Air Missiles

Model	Batteries	Launchers	Since	Notes
Shoulder-launched missiles				
• SA-7		+	2000	
• FIM-92 Stinger		*	2000	Alleged
Total				

Major Non-Governmental Paramilitary Forces

Pro-governmental Organizations

Name	Active	Notes
• Tanzim (al-Fatah)	Several thousands	
• Hamas	several hundreds	
• Islamic Jihad	several hundreds	