13. PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY

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Note

Following the takeover of the Gaza strip in July 2007 by Hamas – the PA constitutes in fact two different, separate entities. Therefore we have divided this chapter into two sections – the first dealing with the PA in the West Bank, and the second deals with the Hamas state in Gaza.

Major Changes

- In the West Bank the reorganized National Security Force is training extensively under Jordanian instruction and US supervision. It now constitutes 8 trained battalions out of 10 projected battalions by the end of 2012.
- Hamas forces In the Gaza strip managed to acquire large numbers of long range Grad rockets, as well as various types of missiles: AT-14 ATGMs, SA-7 MANPADS, and C-704 coastal anti ship guided missiles.

General Data

Official Name: Palestinian National Authority (PA)
Chairman: Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen)
Prime Minister: Rami al-Hamdallah
Minister of Internal security: Sayid Abu Ali
Chief of National Security: Major General Nidal Abu Dukhan
Chief of Presidential Guards: Brigadier General Munir al-Zoubi
Chief on Civil Police: Major General Hazem Atallah

Population: 4,200,000

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).

Demography

Religious group		
• Sunni Muslims	3,780,000	90%
• Christians	420,000	10%

Foreign Military Cooperation

Type	Details
• Foreign forces	TIPH; EUPOL COPPS; USSC

Arms Trade

Arms Procurement and Security Assistance Received

Country	Type	Details
EU	• Assistance	$100 million aid to civilian police (2010)
	• Military training	Training of civilian police (2011)
Germany	• Assistance	$15 million aid to civilian police (2010)
Jordan	• Military training	Trainees in Jordan (2011)
Russia	• Arms transfers	BTR-70 APCs (2010)
USA	• Assistance	$100 million military aid (2012)
	• Military training	Re-structuring of Palestinian Security Forces (2011)

Security Forces

Order-of-Battle

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
General data					
• Personnel	40,000	30,000	30,000	35,000	35,000
• Number of battalions	3	5	6	8	10
Ground Forces					
• APCs	145	145	145	145	145

Note: Since Hamas takeover of Gaza, this table represents Palestinian Security Forces in the West Bank.

Personnel

	West Bank	Notes
Civil Police	8,000	Law enforcement agency, incorporating Costal Police and Special Police Force.
Internal Security	9,000	Incorporating General Intelligence, Military Intelligence and Preventive Security units
Civil Defense	+	Emergency and rescue service
National Security Force	10,000	US trained; anticipated 40,000 troops
Presidential Guards	2,500	Elite unit responsible for dignitary security; incorporating 'Force 17' unit.
Total	**~35,000**	

Note: 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".

Ground Forces

Formations

	Brigades	Independent Battalions	Anticipated battalions
National Security		10	
Presidential Guards		2	

APCs/IFVs

Model	Quantity	In service	Since	Notes
Light Armored Vehicles				
• Ford 350	145	145	2008	
Total	**145**	**145**		
Future procurement				
• BTR-70	50	50		Unarmed, delayed in Jordan

Major Non-Governmental Paramilitary Forces

Personnel

Name	Active	Notes
• Tanzim (Fatah)	~3,000	
• Izzedin Qassam Brigades (Hamas)	several hundreds	
• Islamic Jihad	several hundreds	

Hamas Government in Gaza:

Prime Minister: Ismail Haniyeh
Minister of Internal security: Fathi Hammed
Chief of Civil Police: Major General Tawfiq Jaber
Chief of Security Forces:
Chief of Executive Force: Jamal al-Jarakh

Arms Trade

Arms Procurement and Security Assistance Received

Country	Type	Details
Iran	• Assistance	$250 million financial aid (2008)
	• Arms transfers	122mm Grad MRLs (2010), 175mm Nour MRLs (2007), SA-7 (2010), AT-14 Kornet (2010), Fajr-5 (2012)
	• Military training	Training of Hamas operatives (2008)
Libya	• Arms transfers	122mm BM-21 (2011), SA-24 Strelets (2012), unauthorized by Libyan government

Defense Production

	M	P	A
Army equipment			
• Qassam-1/2/3, al-Quds 1/2/3, 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

Security Forces

Order-of-Battle

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
General data					
• Personnel	11,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000
Ground Forces					
• APCs	+	+	+	+	+
• Artillery	+	+	+	+	+
AD systems					
• Shoulder-launched missiles	110	110	110	110	110
• Short-range guns	15	15	15	15	15

Note: Since Hamas takeover in Gaza, this table represents only Palestinian Security Forces in Gaza.

Personnel

	Gaza	Notes
Civil Police	6,000	Law enforcement agency
National Security	400	
Internal Security	200	Incorporating General Intelligence, Military Intelligence and Preventive Security units
Civil Defense	400	Emergency and rescue service
Security and Protection	2,000	Dignitary protection unit
Executive Force	5,000	Hamas military force
Total	**14,000**	
Paramilitary Forces		
Izzedin Qassam Brigades	15,000	Hamas paramilitary forces

Note: See also under “non-governmental organizations”.

Ground Forces

APCs/IFVs

Model	Quantity	In service	Since	Notes
APCs				
• BRDM-2	+	+	1996	Few left in Gaza

Artillery

Model	Quantity	In service	Since	Notes
Mortars, under 160mm				
• 120mm	+	+	2006	
• 100mm	+	+	2006	
• 81mm	+	+	2000	
• 52mm/60mm	+	+	2000	
MRLs				
• 333mm Fajr-5/ M-75	+	+	2012	
• 175mm Nour	+	+	2007	
• 122mm BM-21 Grad	+	+	2006	
• Qassam-1/2/3	+	+	2001	
• 107mm Type 63	+	+	2000	

Anti-Tank Missiles

Model	Launchers	Missiles	Since	Notes
• AT-14 (Kornet)	+	50	2010	
• AT-5 (Konkros)	+		2006	
• AT-3 (Sagger)	+		2006	
• RPG-29 Vampir	+		2008	
• RPG-7	+		2000	
• Al-Bana/ al-Batar ATGM's	+		2002	
• LAW	+		2000	

Air Defense Forces

Surface-to-Air Missiles

Model	Batteries	Launchers	Since	Notes
Shoulder-launched missiles				
• SA-24		+	2012	Allegedly
• SA-14		+	2010	Unconfirmed
• SA-7		~100	2000	
• FIM-92 Stinger		~10	2008	
Total		**~110**		

Other Air Defense Systems

Model	Quantity	In service	Since	Notes
Short-range guns				
• 14.5mm KPV	15	15	2007	

Navy

Coastal Defense

Type	Batteries	Launchers	Notes
• C-704 Nasr	1		Unconfirmed

Major Non-Governmental Paramilitary Forces

Anti-governmental Organizations

Name	Active	Notes
• Tawhid Wa'al Jihad	several hundreds	
• Islamic Jihad	several hundreds	

Equipment

Organization	Category	System	Notes
Islamic Jihad	ATGMs	• AT-14 Kornet	
	Artillery	• 122mm Grad	
		• 120mm Mortars	