

## Hamas asks Egypt to delay conciliation agreement

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A delegation of Hamas members in Cairo officially requested a delay in the signing of a conciliation agreement, Hamas sources said Saturday.

The delegation said it had held several rounds of discussions and consultations with Egyptian mediators, and ultimately decided a delay was the only appropriate move. The delegation said Hamas leaders would address the Palestinian people in the coming days to explain their stance on inter-Palestinian dialogue.

"Dismissal of that leadership [in Ramallah] has become not only a Hamas demand, but also a demand by the Palestinian public as well as other Palestinian opposition factions," Hamas lawmaker Dr Yahya Mousa explained.

"There are angry sides amongst the Palestinian public who would not accept that Hamas signed an agreement with those who are accused of selling martyrs blood through withdrawing the report which was supposed to be submitted to the UN Human Rights Council," Mousa said.

"Fatah, the PA, and the PLO must amend the situation," he added, before Hamas can reconcile with them.

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