

## Fatah agrees to Egypt new proposal

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A Palestinian official has announced that the Fatah movement has agreed to the new written Egyptian document proposing to sign the reconciliation pact on Oct.15.

The official who spoke on condition of anonymity said that Fatah party has decided to send Azzam al-Ahmed, a member of its Central Committee, to Cairo within the next 48 hours to deliver the party's written agreement to Egyptian officials.

Upon Hamas leaders' request, Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Abul Gheit announced on Sunday that the declaration of the reconciliation pact, which was due on Oct. 25, will be postponed for a few weeks.

The deal is expected to be signed after the Muslim holiday of Eid ul-Adha in late November.

Al-Ahmad earlier revealed that his party received a new written Egyptian document proposing to sign the reconciliation pact on Oct.15.

"President Abbas received a printed official copy of the Egyptian proposal to achieve reconciliation," said el-Ahmad, adding "the Egyptian paper proposes advancing the date for signing on the pact to Oct. 15 and delaying the official ceremony for the declaration of the pact until late November."

He said that each faction, including Fatah and Hamas, will be unilaterally signing on the Egyptian-drafted reconciliation agreement, "and after Eid ul-Adha holiday, all Palestinian factions will be attending an official celebration in Cairo to sign and declare the reconciliation pact."

Al-Ahmad said that Egypt has kept holding contacts with both groups to speed up a reconciliation deal following disputes over postponing a debate on a UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) fact-finding report on Israel's crimes against Gaza last winter.

The UN report, authored by respected South African judge Richard Goldstone, accused Israeli occupying regime committing war crimes during the 22-day Israel incursion into Gaza that killed 1,400 Palestinians.

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