



PLO

As the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, superior to the PA and its term of reference

PA



ESTABLISHMENT

Established in 1964; recognized as sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people at the Arab Rabat Summit and by the UN in 1974, by Israel in 1993.

Established on the basis of the Palestinian-Israeli Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Authority (DoP), Washington DC, 13 Sept. 1993 and the subsequent Oslo I and II Accords, 1994-95

HEAD

Chairman
Head of the Executive Committee
elected by the PNC
Mahmoud Abbas

President
ex-officio member of the PLC
elected by the Palestinian people in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Jerusalem
Mahmoud Abbas

EXECUTIVE

Executive Committee
elected by the PNC
18 members

Cabinet
appointed by the President
18 Ministers (including the Prime Minister)

Central Council
Intermediary between PNC and EC
124 members

LEGISLATIVE

Palestinian National Council (PNC)
Parliament in-exile - members are mostly **appointed** by the Executive Committee (represents trade unions, professional organizations, etc., and most factions, excl. Hamas)
Ultimate decision-making body and legislative authority; formulates policies; sets guidelines for the Executive. Declared Palestinian independence on 15 Nov. 1988.

headed by a president
Salim Zanoun

headed by a speaker
Aziz Dweik

Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC)
Parliament, 132 members - **elected** by the Palestinian people in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Jerusalem (does not represent Palestinians in the Diaspora; members are independents or affiliated with various factions, incl. Hamas)
Powers limited by the Palestinian-Israeli agreements; legislation excludes issues left for the final status negotiations.



ARMED FORCES

Palestine Liberation Army (PLA)
outside the occupied Palestinian Territories

Palestinian Security and Police Forces
West Bank Gaza Strip

FOREIGN RELATIONS

Conducts foreign relations and related activities (e.g., negotiations)

No formal but *de facto* foreign relations powers

FINANCES

Palestinian National Fund

PA Finance Ministry / Palestinian Monetary Authority

elects Chairman

