

Palestinians name Unity Government Cabinet Ministers



BEIRUT, March 15 (Al-Manar)—The new Palestinian national unity government was formed on Thursday and here are the new Cabinet members from different Palestinian parties. 12 leadership positions, including the office of Women's Affairs, went to Hamas, 6 to Fatah, 4 to Independents, 1 to the DFLP, 1 to the Third Way Bloc, 1 to the Nation's Party

Prime Minister: Ismail Haniyeh (Hamas)

Vice Prime Minister: Azzam Al-Ahmad (Fatah)

Foreign Minister: Ziad Abu Amro (Independent)

Financial Minister: Salam Fayyad (Third Way)

Interior Minister: Hani Talab Al-Qawasemy (Independent)

Information Minister: Moustafa el Barghouti (Independent)

Health Minister: Radwan Al-Akhras (Fatah)

Culture Minister: Bassam As-Salihi (Nation's Party)

Social Affairs Minister: Saleh Zaidan (DFLP)

Labor Minister: Mahmoud Al-Aloul (Fatah)



Palestinian Authority caretaker Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh from Hamas, center, speaks to reporters as new unity government cabinet ministers designate look on during a news conference in Gaza City, Thursday, March 15, 2007. The cabinet ministers designate are from left to right, Ghaze Hamad, Basam el-Salhi, Khalil el-Hayah, Ziad Abu Amr, Azzam al-Ahmed, Ismail Haniyeh, Mustafa Barghouti, Saled Zedan, Waled Awad, Mohammed Al Madhoun. (AP Photo/Adel Hana)

Transportation Minister: Saadi Al-Karnaz (Fatah)

Detainees' Affairs Minister: Taysir Abu Sonaina (Fatah)

Public Works Minister: Samih Shbib (Fatah)

Education Minister: Nasser Al-Sha'er (Hamas)

Local Authority Minister: Mohammad Al-Barghouti (Hamas)

Planning Minister: Samir Abu Ayshi (Hamas)

Youth and Sports Minister: Bassem Naim (Hamas)

Agriculture Minister: Mohammad Al-Agha (Hamas)

Communication Minister: Youssef Al-Mansi (Hamas)

Economy Minister: Ziad Al-Zaza (Hamas)

Endowment and Religious Affairs: Ismail Shandi (Hamas)

Justice Minister: Ali Al-Sartawi (Hamas)

State Minister: Wasfi Qabha (Hamas)

Tourism Minister: Kholoud Hadib Do'aybes (Independent)

Woman's Affairs Minister: Mariam Saleh (Hamas)

Israeli occupation Foreign Ministry Mark Regev announced that 'Israel' won't deal with the new Palestinian government and will urge the international community not to work with the coalition.

The Palestinain *Ma'an* news agency reported on Thursday that the acting speaker of the Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC), Dr Ahmad Bahar has called a session on Saturday at 11am in Ramallah, in the central West Bank and in Gaza City through video conference, to vote on confidence for the new government. The spokesperson of the interim Palestinian government, Ghazi Hamad, said on Wednesday that the designate Palestinian Prime Minister, Ismail Haniyeh, has sent a letter to the



Palestinian Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh (center), Deputy Prmie Minister designate Azzam al-Ahmed, Fatah (left), nformation Minister designate Mustafa Barghouti, Independent (right). Gaza City, March 15, 2007. (AP Photo/Adel Hana)

acting speaker of the Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC), Dr Ahmad Bahar, asking for the PLC to conduct a vote of confidence on Saturday for the new unity government. In his letter, Haniyeh confirmed that the government is committed to endeavoring to release the speaker of the PLC, Dr Aziz Dweik, and the other detained members and ministers.

The new Palestinian unity government will be the 11th Palestinian government.
