

Preliminary agreement on the distribution of ministerial portfolios, February 9 2007

The current PM Ismail Hanieh shall assume the PM post in the national unity government.

President Abbas shall appoint a Deputy PM.

Ziad Abu Amro (Independent) shall be appointed as Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Salam Fayyad (Independent) shall be appointed as Finance Minister.

Hamas will nominate an independent figure for the Interior Ministry on condition that President Abbas approves to this nomination.

Hamas will get eight ministries: Education and Higher Education, Islamic Waqf, Labor, Local Government, Youth and Sports, Justice, Telecommunications and Information Technology, Economy, and a state minister.

Hamas will also name an independent figure to the Planning Ministry and another independent figure as state minister.

Fatah will get six ministries: Health, Social Affairs, Public Works, Transportation, Agriculture and Prisoners Affairs.

Fatah will name the Minister for foreign affairs (*Ziad Abu Amro*) and an independent figure as state minister.

Four ministries will be left to the four blocs in the PLC: ministry of information, ministry of women affairs, ministry of tourism and ministry of culture.

The four blocs shall nominate their figures for these ministries in agreement with the PM.

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