

Tension remains high in Gaza

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GAZA - Hamas militants reportedly arrested nearly 400 people in Gaza after clashes with rival Fatah gunmen left at least seven people dead and more than 80 injured. The 400 were detained during overnight raids after clashes Monday during a rally marking the third anniversary of the death of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, Fatah officials told CNN, which noted the arrests had not been confirmed by Hamas officials. Monday's rally was the largest Fatah rally since Hamas wrested control of Gaza in June and violence was expected, CNN reported. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, who heads Fatah, declared three days of mourning for those killed and injured at the rally, the Voice of America reported Tuesday. Most businesses in Gaza remained closed Tuesday as Hamas security forces patrolled the streets and several Fatah leaders were missing and feared kidnapped, the VOA reported.

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