

## New PA plan to safeguard West Bank, Gaza

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GAZA - A recently launched 100-day plan from the Palestinian Authority is oriented towards increasing security in both on the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

Drafted by Interior Minister Hani Qawasmeh, the security plan focuses on using strategic means to battle regional organized crime and includes the use of thousands of troops to ensure its success, the Middle East Newsline reported.

Qawasmeh said that the Palestinian Authority's plan would specifically focus on combating incidents of kidnapping and gunfire in the Gaza Strip and will aim at reducing the illicit use of religion to justify regional violence.

"The plan includes the rejection of mosques to defame others, and standardizes religious sermons," he told the Middle East Newsline. "Weapons in the hands of the Palestinians must be under control and not used against the national interest."

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