

Palestinian PM endorses resistance

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CAIRO -- Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Salaam Fayad said Monday Palestinians have every right to resist Israeli occupation. He made the remarks at an Arab League news conference two days after the authority published its platform. The platform immediately came under fire from Hamas and other militant parties for excluding the term "armed resistance" against Israel and death threats were made against Fayad, the Jerusalem Post reported. His remarks appeared to smooth over the choice of language in the platform crafted by the authority's president, Mahmoud Abbas. "What is the essence of resistance, especially in light of the current occupation?" Fayad said in the Post report. "Does it not begin with all possible efforts to strengthen the permanence of the Palestinian citizens on their land? That is precisely the government's agenda." The new platform said any peace agreement with Israel must use the pre-1967 borders and that Jerusalem will be the capital of both Israel and any future Palestinian state, the report said.

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