

## Hamas Treaty

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Hamas cedes to PA President Abbas' demand it dissolve contentious committee formed to run Gaza Strip in defiance of Palestinian Authority □ Abbas cut electricity to Gaza, slashed salaries of public servants in bid to compel Hamas to break up committee.

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Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas | Photo: Reuters

Hamas says it is ready to talk reconciliation with the government of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas without preconditions.

Hamas had previously demanded that Abbas halt a series of measures taken against the terrorist group before sitting down to discuss a reconciliation deal.

Abbas cut electricity to Gaza and slashed the salaries of tens of thousands of public servants in a bid to compel Hamas to dissolve a contentious committee it formed to run the territory in defiance of Abbas' government.

In a statement following a meeting with Egyptian officials in Cairo, Monday, Hamas said it was prepared to dissolve the committee.

The rival Palestinian factions split in 2007 when Hamas violently routed forces loyal to Abbas from Gaza. Repeated attempts at reconciliation have since failed.