

West 'moving to reinstall Abbas in Gaza'

By [Global Research](#)

Global Research, January 10, 2009

[Press TV](#) 11 January 2009

Region: [Middle East & North Africa](#)

Theme: [US NATO War Agenda](#)

The West is reportedly working on a plan to bring back Mahmud Abbas's rule to Gaza and deploy international forces in the sliver.

Diplomats are working on the plan according to which the Fatah faction will once again rule the Gaza Strip, the British daily Times reported Saturday.

The plan also sees Turkish and French monitors policing a triangle at the southern end of Gaza, which would include the Rafah and Kerem Shalom crossings "to stop arms smuggling into the costal strip".

The new initiative comes after a UN Security Council resolution calling for a ceasefire failed to end violence in Gaza. Israel rejects the resolution, saying it will not allow any foreign forces to decide for Tel Aviv.

Nonstop aerial and ground offensive in the impoverished area has so far killed more than 827 people and wounded 3,500 others.

Israel insists that the issue of border tunnels, which Israel says is used for arm smuggling, should be tackled by an international group.

Hamas says it would allow international observers to monitor border crossings but it would not agree with the deployment of international forces in the region.

The tunnels have been the life line of Palestinians who have been struggling with an 18-month blockade on the Gaza Strip and are in dire need of food, medicine and other vital supplies.

Egypt, which is against the deployment of international forces on its soil, seeks EU monitors to observe the passage of people and vehicles through the Rafah border crossing.

Israel launched its Operation Cast Lead on December 27. Many victims of the massive offensive have been civilians according to the UN and aid agencies.

The original source of this article is [Press TV](#)
Copyright © [Global Research](#), [Press TV](#), 2009

[Comment on Global Research Articles on our Facebook page](#)

Become a Member of Global Research

Articles by: [Global Research](#)

Disclaimer: The contents of this article are of sole responsibility of the author(s). The Centre for Research on Globalization will not be responsible for any inaccurate or incorrect statement in this article. The Centre of Research on Globalization grants permission to cross-post Global Research articles on community internet sites as long the source and copyright are acknowledged together with a hyperlink to the original Global Research article. For publication of Global Research articles in print or other forms including commercial internet sites, contact: publications@globalresearch.ca

www.globalresearch.ca contains copyrighted material the use of which has not always been specifically authorized by the copyright owner. We are making such material available to our readers under the provisions of "fair use" in an effort to advance a better understanding of political, economic and social issues. The material on this site is distributed without profit to those who have expressed a prior interest in receiving it for research and educational purposes. If you wish to use copyrighted material for purposes other than "fair use" you must request permission from the copyright owner.

For media inquiries: publications@globalresearch.ca