

**PLO**

As the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, superior to the PA and its term of reference

**PA**

Established in 1964; recognized as sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people at the Arab Rabat Summit, Oct. 1974

**Palestine Liberation Army (PLA)**

**Palestinian Security and Police Forces**

Established on the basis of the Palestinian-Israeli Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Authority (DoP), Washington DC, 13 Sept. 1993

**HEAD**

**Chairman**  
Head of the Executive Committee  
**elected by the PNC**  
*Yasser Arafat*

elects

appoints

**President**  
ex-officio member of the PLC  
**elected** by the Palestinian people in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Jerusalem  
*Yasser Arafat*

**EXECUTIVE**

**Executive Committee**  
**elected by the PNC**  
18 members

elects

**Cabinet**  
**appointed by the President**  
(max. 20% from outside the PLC)  
32 Ministers

**LEGISLATIVE**

**Palestinian National Council (PNC)**  
Parliament in-exile, 669 members  
mostly **appointed** by the Executive Committee  
(represents trade unions, professional organizations, etc., and most factions, excl. Hamas)

headed by a president  
*Salim Zanoun*

headed by a speaker  
*Ahmad Orei'a*

Members

**Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC)**  
Parliament, 88 members  
**elected** by the Palestinian people in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Jerusalem  
(does not represent Palestinians in the Diaspora; members are independents or affiliated with Fatah, Fida, PFLP, PPP, or Hamas)

Ultimate decision-making body and legislative authority; formulates policies; sets guidelines for the Executive. Declared Palestinian independence on 15 Nov. 1988.

Powers limited by the Palestinian-Israeli agreements; legislation excludes issues left for the final status negotiations.

**FOREIGN RELATIONS**

Conducts foreign relations and related activities

Has no foreign relations powers (issue to be settled in the final status negotiations)

