

# PA and Hamas Ring Alarm Bells over Israeli Plans to 'Impose Sovereignty' on Temple Mount

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## Knesset is set this week to discuss a proposal to place the Temple Mount under Israeli sovereignty.



A JEWISH man waves a flag with the Temple Mount in the background. Photo: REUTERS

The Palestinian Authority and Hamas warned Sunday of Israeli “plans” to impose Israeli sovereignty on the Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem.

PA Minister for Religious Affairs Mahmoud al-Habbash said that there would be no sovereignty over the Aqsa Mosque and Islamic and Christian holy sites other than Palestinian sovereignty. “This is the full right of the Arab, including Muslims and Christians,” he said.

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Al-Habbash claimed that Israel has plans to “divide” the Aqsa Mosque. “These efforts won’t succeed,” he added. He was referring to routine visits by Jews to the Temple Mount and calls by some Israelis to impose Israeli sovereignty over the compound.

The PA minister said that only Muslims were entitled to pray at the holy site.

The Knesset is set to hold a plenary discussion on Tuesday to discuss a proposal by MK Moshe Feiglin (Likud) to place the Temple Mount under Israeli supervision.

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