Palestinians Lose Patience With Abbas as West Bank, Gaza Since 2006

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Amid Hopes to Heal Rift With U.S.

Palestinian Leader Calls First Vote in 15 Years, Gaza Militants Fire Rockets at Israel Amid Escalating Tensions

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**Palestinians in the West Bank:**

The West Bank on Friday was under a state of alert after Palestinian militants fired rockets and mortars into Israel, leading to a rapid escalation of violence.

**Palestinians in Gaza:**

Many analysts believe that the vote will be the first step towards a new Palestinian authority, which could include members of Hamas, or the Islamist militia that controls the Gaza Strip.

**Abbas’s Leadership:**

Abbas has faced criticism for his handling of the conflict, and many believe that a new election could bring in a new leader who is more willing to negotiate with Israel on the issue of Jerusalem.

**Election Commission:**

The Palestinian election commission said that about 1.5 million Palestinians are eligible to vote.

**Hope for Change:**

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**Jerusalem as Capital:**

Jerusalem is the subject of a long-running dispute between Israel and the Palestinians, with Israel declaring its claim to the city as its capital in 2006 following U.S. pressure.

**Hamas:**

Hamas called for a new government to take over from Abbas’s administration, which has been in power since 2005.

**International Community:**

International powers have been divided on the issue, with both the United States and European countries expressing support for a new government.

**Summary:**

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