

Foreign aid vital to Palestinians

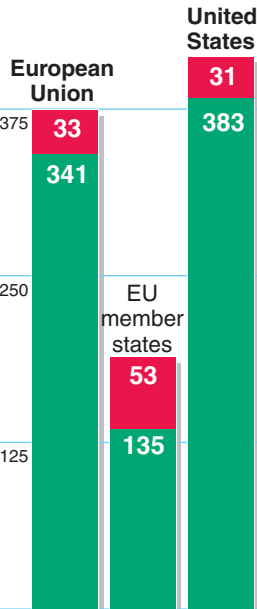
Hamas has appealed to foreign donors not to cut vital aid to a financially crippled Palestinian government, which the Islamic militant group is expected to form. Hamas has pledged the income will be used to pay salaries and fund daily costs and infrastructure

Foreign aid 2005 (\$ millions)

- Institution-building and infrastructure
- Humanitarian appeals

Majority of aid received by non-governmental organisations

540



Israel: Around \$45m of "clearance revenue" – tax and duties – could also be withheld each month

Palestinian budget 2005

