

# U.S. to tap Tony Blair to run post-war Gaza

The White House is backing a plan for Gaza that would see former UK Prime Minister Tony Blair head a temporary administration before transferring control to the Palestinian Authority (PA)

**Tony Blair:** To head body called *Gaza International Transitional Authority (GITA)* serving under UN mandate as Gaza's "supreme political and legal authority" for up to five years



## GITA

Board of up to ten members – including senior UN officials, leading international figures, Muslim representatives, and at least one Palestinian voice – backed by secretariat of around 25 staff



**PA role:** Under plan, Palestinians would not be encouraged to leave Gaza, Gaza and West Bank would be reunited and Gaza would be gradually handed over to PA

**Hamas would have no role in governance**

Humanitarian affairs

Reconstruction

Group of five commissioners supervising key areas of Gaza governance would report to secretariat

Legislation and legal affairs

PA coordination

Security

**Arish:** GITA would be first based in Egypt – then enter Gaza supported by UN-endorsed Arab multinational force

**Israeli army:** Would withdraw from Gaza Strip once stabilisation force is in place  
**International force across Gaza's border would prevent regrouping of Hamas**

**Separate Palestinian Executive Authority (PEA)**  
– headed by CEO appointed by GITA board – would deliver services such as health, education and utilities at local level

● Initiative's success hinges on U.S. ability to bridge Israeli security concerns, Palestinian political aspirations and Arab demands for clear path to statehood