

Who's who in the Palestinian elections

Some 1.3 million Palestinian voters will pick from 726 candidates standing for the 132-member Palestinian Legislative Council. Half the seats will be chosen from 11 party lists throughout the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Arab East Jerusalem, the remainder will be decided by voting in 16 districts

■ Fatah: 45 candidates.

Ruling faction of President **Mahmoud Abbas**, tainted by allegations of nepotism and corruption. Fatah is formally committed to peace deal with Israel for a Palestinian state. Fatah list is headed by **Marwan Barghouti** (right) – charismatic legislator currently jailed by Israel for planning militant attacks



■ Change and Reform – Hamas: 59 candidates.

Hamas has won support for its charity work and determination to stamp out corruption. Neck and neck with Fatah – has indicated that it may be willing to talk to Israel through a third party



■ Third Way: 25 candidates.

Led by former finance minister **Salam Fayyad** (below left) and Palestinian scholar and spokeswoman, **Hanan Ashrawi** (below right).



List seeks to achieve Palestinian statehood through civic action

Other lists / candidates

Freedom and Social Justice, 13; Wa'ad, 12; Martyr Abu al-Abbas, 11; Freedom and Independence, 10; Palestinian Justice, 8

■ Martyr Abu Ali Mustafa List: 50 candidates.

Headed by **Ahmed Sa'adat** (above), Incarcerated in Jericho jail since May 2002, accused by Israel of ordering assassination of former Israeli tourism minister **Rehavam Zeevi**. Sa'adat is believed to still control armed wing – **Shahid Abu-Ali Mustafa Brigades**



■ Badil: 40 candidates

Coalition of former members of secular and Marxist PLO factions,

headed by senior leader of Democratic Front for Liberation of Palestine, **Qais Abdel-Karim**



■ Independent Palestine: 41 candidates.

Headed by former presidential candidate **Mustafa Barghouti** (above). Advocates social reform and non-violent resistance to occupation

