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Fatah joins Hamas and Islamic Jihad in Missile Launches

Armed groups linked to Fatah say they began launching rockets and mortar shells into Israel Wednesday evening, in the first indication of Mahmoud Abbas's movement actively taking part in violence emanating from Gaza. The Nidal Al-Amody force of Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades claimed responsibility for firing Grad and 107 millimeter rockets toward Ashkelon, Sderot, Netivot, Kibbutz Ein Hashlosha and the Sufa Crossing from Gaza, starting at 5 p.m Wednesday. Communiqués specifying the attacks were published on Fatah's official Facebook page. So far, only Hamas and Islamic Jihad were known to have launched rockets into Israel, though Mahmoud Abbas's spokesman Nabil Abu Rudeineh stated on Tuesday that Palestinians had the right to oppose Israel "by all legitimate means." Meanwhile, Hamas has begun broadcasting Hebrew messages on its television station Al-Aqsa, threatening to resume stabbings and suicide attacks "on every bus, cafe, and street." "Zionists, we can reach you above ground and below it," one of the clips warns.