

Ashrawi: Delay in Forming New Government will Harm PA's Political System

RAMALLAH, February 26, 2012 (Wafa) - PLO Executive Committee member and Palestinian lawmaker Hanan Ashrawi Sunday said that postponing the formation of the new government will harm the Palestinian political system, pointing out that its formation will take longer than expected.

During an interview with Voice of Palestine radio, Ashrawi stressed the need to implement the national reconciliation agreement and to conduct free and fair elections in order to restore and strengthen the political system based on democracy.

Meanwhile, Ashrawi said that the Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's request to the Israeli municipality of West Jerusalem not to advertise the construction of new housing units, on the eve of his visit to the United States, fall within the framework of media propaganda and does not mean that he decided to halt settlement activities.