

# Political games and a message to the West

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Prof. Kobi Michael: The Palestinian National Council's planned November elections are little more than political games and an attempt to project an image of legitimacy to the United States and the West.

Abbas's advanced age at 90, if he is alive in November or close to November, and if he will be sure enough that Fatah can gain the election, then he will enable the election, but if he will have some good indications that he's going to lose the election, then he will find very good excuses why they have to postpone the election.

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