

## Examining the Next Year on the Israeli-Palestinian Front

### SPEAKERS

**Mustafa Barghouti** is a Palestinian democracy activist and medical doctor and was a candidate in the election for Palestinian Authority president. In 1991, Barghouti was a delegate to the Madrid Conference, which was held with the aim of ending the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the First Intifada. In December 2005, the Independent Palestine list, a coalition of independents and NGO members in the legislative elections scheduled for January 2006, announced Mustafa Barghouti as its top candidate. Barghouti was elected to a seat on the Palestinian Legislative Council in January 2006, along with one other member of the Independent Palestine list, after Independent Palestine won about 2.7% of the vote in the Council elections. He was Minister of Information in the shortlived Palestinian unity government of March-June 2007.

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