PA Leader Forms Committee to Investigate Possible Crimes by Israel in Last Year's Conflict

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Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas ordered Sunday the formation of a higher national committee to investigate possible war crimes committed by Israel during last year's Operation Protective Edge, according to Palestinian news agency Ma'an.

Palestinian Chief Justice Farid al-Jallad was appointed by the PA leader to head the committee, which will investigate accusations along the lines of previous UN inquiries.

The investigation is expected to begin after Eid al-Fitr, which signifies the end Ramadan, and will consist of a committee of seven legal experts.

Last month the UN Commission of Inquiry on the 2014 Gaza conflict found "credible allegation[s" that each actor in the conflict may have committed potential war crimes,](http://www.jpost.com/Israel-News/Politics-And-Diplomacy/UN-to-issue-findings-on-war-crimes-in-2014-Gaza-conflict-406763)and urged both sides to fully cooperate with a preliminary probe being conducted by the Intentional Criminal Court.