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Just spoke with her – says things are pretty grim. Abbas is in very precarious shape because of a combination of Goldstone (and them handling it badly), the Hamas prisoner release, and Egypt ramming reconciliation with problematic terms. Israelis recognize in principle that he needs help, but they won't budge on anything.