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RAMALLAH (AP) – Saturday's statements seemed intended mainly as a new warning that Washington's peace efforts are in trouble. The Palestinians sharply criticized Israel's plans to build 238 more homes in east Jerusalem. Palestinian President Abbas met with leaders of the Palestine Liberation Organization and his Fatah movement at his headquarters in the West Bank. The Palestinians plan to study their options in coming days, said Yasser Abed Rabbo, the secretary general of the PLO. "These political options include going to the U.N. and to the Security Council," he said. Mohammed Ishtayeh, a senior Fatah official, said the Palestinians will have prepared options by the time they consult with the Arab League in three weeks.