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Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas said in an interview on Palestinian television that a peace agreement with Israel could be signed within two months if Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has good intentions, reported Israel Radio. Abbas said that what is needed is not negotiations, but decisions. He added that east Jerusalem is occupied land where Palestinians want to establish their capital and this issue was not up for discussion. The PA president also said that the Palestinians do not plan to unilaterally declare statehood.