

Countdown to 'final status'

Israeli troops are pulling out of the northern West Bank under its new peace deal with the Palestinians. The cabinet gave the go-ahead after it agreed that the Palestinians had met their initial security obligations under the three-stage *Wye Accord* signed at the White House on October 23

Transfer timeline **Percentage of West Bank (13%)**

NOV 20
Troop withdrawal
Area C to Area B 2%
Transfer from joint control
Area B to Area A 7.1%

DEC 14
Troop withdrawal
Area C to Area B 5%

JAN 25
Troop withdrawal
Area C to Area B 5%
Area C to Area A 1%
Transfer from joint control
Area B to Area A 7.1%

MAY 4
Oslo Accords expire
With no agreement, final status is likely to be determined by 'facts on the ground', i.e. who controls what
Declaration of Palestinian independence expected, raising the spectre of renewed violent conflict



GAZA STRIP
Occupied in 1967



Settlers: Creating 'facts on the ground'
West Bank: 163,200 in 127 settlements
Gaza Strip: 6,200 in 13 settlements
6,000 housing units under construction but 3,000 already built remain empty

Occupied Territories

Major Israeli settlements

Area A – 3% of territory

Palestinian Authority

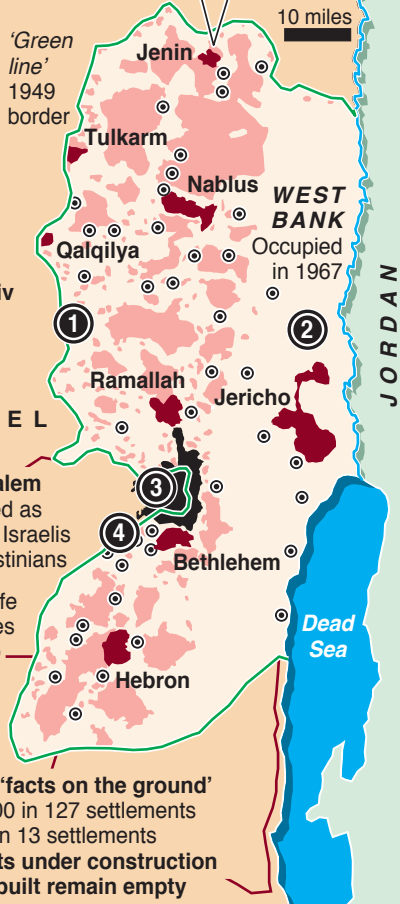
Area B – 27% of territory

Israeli military control,
Palestinian civil control

Area C – 70% of territory

Israeli military control

Nov 20: 195 square miles of land around Jenin to come under full or partial Palestinian control



Israel's final status wish list

- 1 Security strip:** 3-7km east of Green Line
- 2 Jordan Valley:** Strategic 15km belt and water resource
- 3 Jerusalem:** Whole city with expanded boundaries
- 4 Etzion Bloc:** Strategic link from capital to coastal plain