

Israel may end “seige”

Israeli prime minister-elect Ariel Sharon has set out three conditions for an end to the blockade of the West Bank and Gaza. Israel cites security reasons for the clampdown on the movement of goods and people, which the Palestinians call “collective punishment”

1. Palestinian President Yasser Arafat must make a public statement calling for an **end to violence**

2. Palestinian Authority must act to **stop incitement**

3. Renewal of **security coordination**

