

Sharon – West Bank reoccupation underway?

Israel's reoccupation of Beit Jala in the West Bank marks a turning point in the conflict; for the first time Israeli forces have retaken control of an exclusively Palestinian area and signalled Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's intentions should the ten-month long intifada continue unchecked

Sharon favours retaining up to 60% of West Bank territory

Area A: 17.2%
Palestinian Authority full control

Area B: 23.8%
Joint PA-Israeli control

Israeli settlements ●
Contraction of Palestinian West Bank →

Sharon 1997 final status proposal



Reoccupation plan:
Proposed by chief of staff,
Brigadier-General Shaul Mofaz

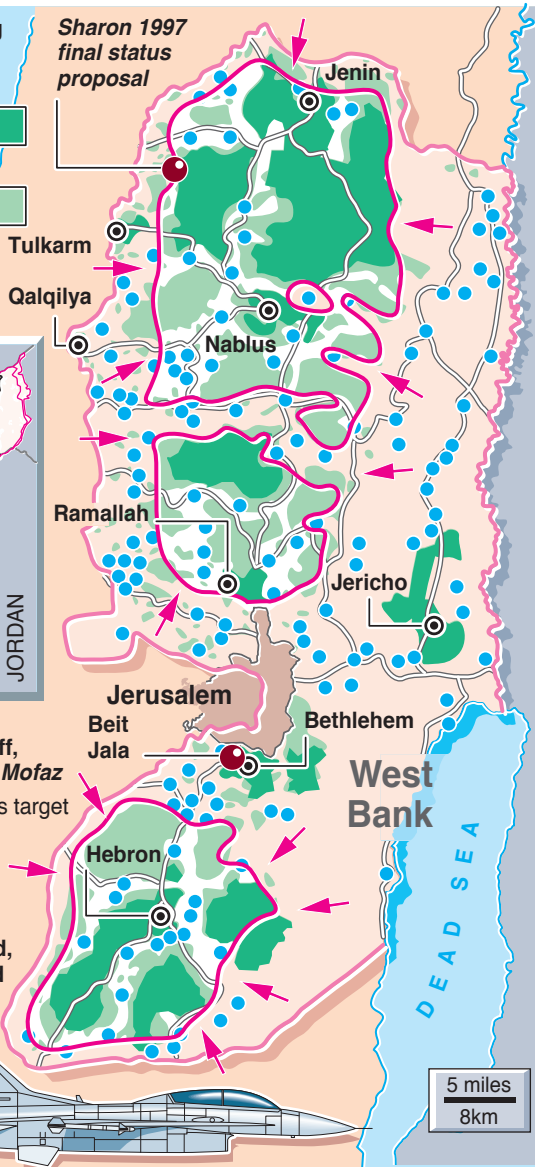
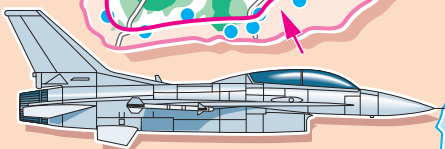
Air force: F-16s and F-15s target PA in Ramallah and Gaza

Army: Up to 30,000 paratroopers, infantry, armoured brigades

Objectives: PA destroyed, 40,000 Palestinian armed forces disarmed.

Yasser Arafat driven into exile

F-16 Fighting Falcon



5 miles
8km