


Wall to separate Israelis from Palestinians



Israel has begun erecting a sophisticated security barrier around the West Bank to stop Palestinian suicide bombers from reaching its territory.

The project has angered Palestinians, who accuse Israel of seizing more of their land, and also Israeli rightwingers who fear it would set a *de facto* border, weakening their claims to the land occupied in 1967

 Buffer zones proposed by Israeli Premier Ariel Sharon

 Planned crosspoints

 Green line: Pre-1967 border

The project

Construction of 350km fortified fence running parallel to Green Line. Cost: **Up to \$350m**

Construction phases

1. 110km fence Begun June 16, to be completed in 18 months
2. 11km fence in Jerusalem

Barrier: Electrified chainlink fence with motion detectors. Also trenches, watchtowers, and sections of pre-fabricated reinforced concrete wall

