

Bush kick-starts Mid-East peace plan

President George W. Bush is seeking Arab support for the international "roadmap" plan which lays out steps to enable Palestinians and Israelis to achieve a lasting peace. The U.S. leader will also hold his first summit with the Israeli and Palestinian prime ministers, Ariel Sharon and Abu Mazen



Ariel Sharon



Abu Mazen
(Mahmoud Abbas)

Phase 1: 2003 –

Palestinian Authority to end terror and violence.
Arab states to cut off funding of terrorist groups attacking Israel.
PA to enact political reform and hold elections.
Israel to withdraw to status quo prior to start of *intifada* in September 2000 and freeze settlement expansion



Phase 2: Dec 2003 –

Creation of independent Palestinian state; first international conference to support Palestinian economic recovery

Phase 3: 2004-05 – Second conference; permanent status agreement and end of conflict. Agreement on final borders, Jerusalem, refugees, settlements

Arab states: To agree to peace deals between Israel and Lebanon, and Israel and Syria – technically still at war – as soon as possible