

Israeli plan to extend security fence

The Israeli cabinet has approved plans to extend its controversial security barrier to take in a major settlement bloc deep inside Palestinian-controlled territory. The U.S. is threatening to deduct the cost of the barrier – designed to stop suicide bombers from infiltrating into Israel – from \$9 billion in loan guarantees

Proposed extensions to barrier seen as attempt to define borders of eventual Palestinian state in "bantustans" – enclosed territories with no contiguity

Jewish settlements

Palestinian areas

Solid wall: 8m high, prefabricated, reinforced concrete wall in areas designated high-risk

Barbed wire pyramid
Stacked rolls 2m high

Ditch 2m deep
To prevent vehicle attacks on barrier

Dirt track
Foot patrols and IDF vehicles

Chain-link fence
Electrified, 3m high

Soft sand strip
Preserves footprints

