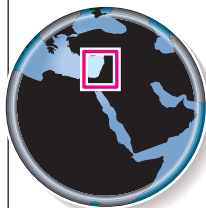


Settlement evacuations to begin in August

The controversial removal of over 9,000 Jewish settlers from the Gaza Strip and four villages in the northern West Bank will begin in mid-August. Both Israeli and Palestinian cabinets favour demolishing the buildings but the army fears it could slow the disengagement, putting soldiers' lives at risk



Security barrier

Loops around major settlement blocs – up to 7% of West Bank

Four-phase evacuation

- A** Central Gaza: 1,208 settlers
- B** West Bank: 663
- C** Gush Katif bloc: 5,798
- D** Northern Gaza: 1,550

