

Israel sets conditions for two-state solution

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has offered conditional support for the establishment of a Palestinian state – the so-called two-state solution – for the first time



Jewish state:
Palestinians must explicitly recognize Israel as a Jewish nation

International guarantees:
Palestinian state must not have an army, no control of its air space and no way of smuggling in weapons

Jerusalem: Will remain capital of Israel. Palestinians must surrender their claim to capital in east Jerusalem

Settlements: Netanyahu repeated his agreement not to build more settlements in West Bank but indicated he will allow so-called “natural growth” of existing ones

Right of return: Palestinian refugee problem must be solved outside of Israel. (Millions of Palestinian refugees live in camps in West Bank, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and Gaza Strip)

Israeli settlements:
Around 280,000 Jewish settlers live in 121 settlements. Some 200,000 more live in East Jerusalem

★ Israeli army base

■ Palestinian control

— West Bank barrier

— 1967 ceasefire line

