

Israelis, Palestinians unveil peace blueprint

Amid a new U.S. diplomatic effort to restart peace talks, the Geneva Initiative, a private Israeli and Palestinian group, has unveiled a plan which offers the most detailed solutions yet to several issues which are expected to be part of any final Israeli-Palestinian peace deal

KEY PROPOSALS

■ **Two-state solution:** Independent Palestinian state to encompass 98% of West Bank and all of Gaza Strip. **One third of 300,000 Jewish settlers in West Bank to be evacuated**

■ **Borders:** Israel to annex several large West Bank settlements near Jerusalem – Palestinians compensated with an equal amount of Israeli land

■ **Security:** Palestinian state to have strong security force, but no army. International force placed in Palestine to aid two sides in implementing agreement

■ **Corridor:** Four-lane highway administered by Palestinians but under Israeli sovereignty to connect West Bank and Gaza Strip

■ **Jerusalem:** Parties to mutually recognise Jewish neighbourhoods of city as Israeli capital and Arab neighbourhoods as Palestinian capital

■ **Resources:** Shared water to be redistributed

■ **Refugees:** Fate of Palestinian refugees, one of toughest issues facing peacemakers, not yet detailed

