

U.S. peace push hit by Israeli settlement plans

The Palestinians are threatening to pull out of U.S.-mediated peace talks with Israel before negotiations even start. Both sides agreed to resume indirect talks, but the Palestinians say Israel's latest plan to build 1,600 new homes in disputed East Jerusalem makes it very difficult to return to the negotiating table

SETTLEMENT APPROVALS SINCE PREMIER NETANYAHU TOOK OFFICE IN MARCH 2009

**Settlement:
Housing units**

Givat Ze'ev: 76

**1949
Armistice
Line**

**WEST
BANK**

ISRAEL

Old City

**Jerusalem
municipal
boundary**

Gilo: 900

Har Gilo: 149

Beitar Illit: 112

Ramallah



**WEST
BANK**

Barrier

Maskiot: 20

Modi'in Illit: 84

**Tel
Aviv**

**Enlarged
area**

ISRAEL

**20km
12 miles**

Alon Shvut: 12

**Ramat Shlomo: Plan for
1,600 houses announced
shortly before visit by U.S.
Vice- President Joe Biden**

**EAST
JERUSALEM**

**Maale
Adumim: 89**




Kedar: 25

2km

1.2 miles

WEST BANK SETTLEMENTS

**Settlers: Around 470,000 –
190,000 in East Jerusalem**

-  Israeli settlement
-  Palestinian build-up
-  Israeli army base