

West Bank settlements threaten fragile talks

Israel's 10-month moratorium on housing construction in West Bank settlements expires September 26, threatening to derail the newly resumed peace talks. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu says some building will recommence, prompting Palestinian threats to quit the talks

Israeli settlements:
Around 280,000

Jewish settlers live in 121 settlements. Some 200,000 more live in East Jerusalem

Tel Aviv

Key settlements

Since 2004, Israel has declared it intends to retain large settlements in any deal – implying others may be negotiable

Palestinian control: 2.5 million
Palestinians live in West Bank and East Jerusalem

West Bank barrier

1967 ceasefire line

