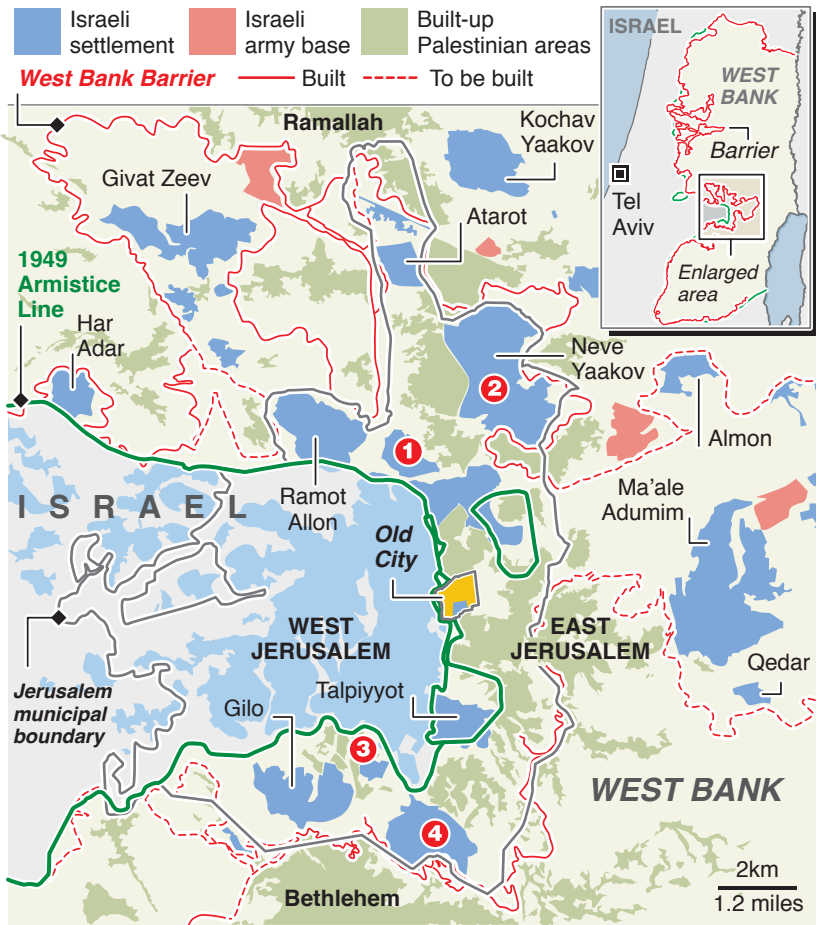


# Israel approves new housing in east Jerusalem

Israel's interior minister has given final approval to build 1,600 settler homes in east Jerusalem with plans to approve 2,700 more. The move is likely to undermine U.S.-led efforts to dissuade the Palestinians from seeking UN endorsement of statehood in the absence of peace talks



**1** Ramat Shlomo: 1,600 homes approved. Initial approval during visit to region by U.S. Vice President Joe Biden in March 2010, caused diplomatic row between U.S. and Israel

**2** Pisgat Zeev: 700 to be approved

**3** Givat Hamatos: 2,000 to be approved

**4** Har Homa: 930 approved Aug 4

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