

Israel to build military mega-bases in Negev

Israel is planning to construct four vast military bases in its southern Negev region by 2020, as part of a plan to free up more land for housing in Tel Aviv and central Israel

Tel Aviv: Israel Defence Forces (IDF) will vacate land worth \$14 billion, including its headquarters compound – known as *Kiryat* – making room for thousands of new housing units. *Sde Dov* airport will also be removed to free up more land along coast

Beersheva: Three bases to be located in and around city – IDF technology campus, intelligence complex and teleprocessing division

Nevatim: Israel's largest air force base, already relocated from Tel Aviv in 2008

Yeruham: Army training centre due to open by 2015. Will house 10,000 army personnel and 2,500 civilian staff

