

# Israel set for major settlement expansion

The creation of 22 new settlements in the occupied West Bank – the biggest expansion in decades – is straining Israeli ties with key allies, who have threatened sanctions



**New settlements**



**Existing Israeli settlements**



**Built-up Palestinian area**



**West Bank barrier**



**Planned barrier**

## POPULATION

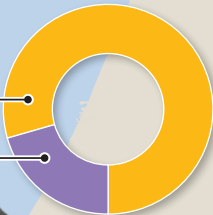
(West Bank and East Jerusalem)

Palestinians

~2.7 million

Israeli settlers

~700,000



Defence Minister **Israel Katz** (left) says expansion is “strategic move that prevents the establishment of a Palestinian state”

ISRAEL

WEST BANK

JORDAN

Jerusalem

Jenin

Nablus

Ramallah

Jericho

Bethlehem

Hebron

DEAD SEA

10km

6 miles