

Showdown looms for Abbas and Hamas

Moderate Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas is set to call a referendum on an 18-point programme written by Palestinian faction leaders in Israeli jails that implicitly recognises the Jewish state. The Hamas-led government opposes the two-state solution and has dismissed the referendum as illegal

KEY POINTS OF MANIFESTO



Israel: Allow President to negotiate peace deal with Israel based on previous agreements



Refugees: "Just and fair solution" for up to 5.8m refugees and descendants – estimated 3.2m living in camps



Violent struggle: Resist Israeli occupation of lands captured in 1967, ban on use of weapons in internal conflict

Borders: Create Palestinian state in West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem (1967 borders). Hamas claims entire territory of Israel

1967 ceasefire line

 Palestinian control

Gaza Strip

Gaza City

40km

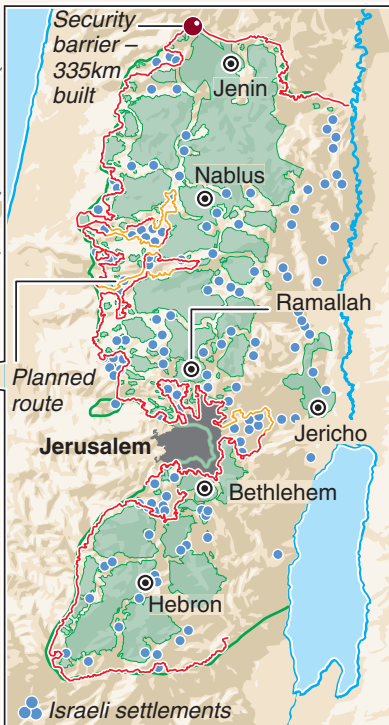
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ISRAEL

West Bank

Jerusalem

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