

Summary of Ehud Olmert's "Package" Offer to Abu Mazen¹

(Made on 31 August 2008)²

General

- The preamble will state that the agreement represents the implementation of UNSC Res. 242 and 338, as well as fulfillment of the API (no mention of UNGA Res. 194).

Territory³

- Israel would annex 6.8% of the West Bank,⁴ including the four main settlement "blocs" of Gush 'Etzion (with Efrata), Ma'ale Adumim, Giv'at Ze'ev and Ariel), as well as all of the settlements in East Jerusalem (with Har Homa), in exchange for the equivalent of 5.5% from Israeli territory.
- The "safe passage" (i.e., territorial link) between Gaza and the West Bank would be under Israeli sovereignty with Palestinian control, and is not included in the above percentages.
- There will be a special road connecting Bethlehem with Ramallah, thus by-passing East Jerusalem (most likely the same road currently planned around Adumim).
- East Jerusalem would be divided territorially along the lines of the Clinton Parameters, with the exception of the "Holy Basin", whose sovereignty would be delayed to a later stage (see Jerusalem below).
- There was no mention of the Jordan Valley.

Jerusalem

- Sovereignty over the "Holy Basin", which Olmert said comprises 0.04% of the West Bank (approximately 2.2 km), would be delayed to a later stage.
- The issue would continue to be negotiated bilaterally between Israel and Palestine with the involvement of the United States, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Egypt, but without the ability of these third parties to force an agreement on the parties.

¹ Aljazeera Transparency Unit. "Summary of Ehud Olmert's "Package" to Abu Mazen (Made on August 31, 2008)", *The Palestine Papers*, from: <http://snipurl.com/281ok6p>

² Summary is based on information provided by Dr. Erakat on 9 September 2008.

³ A map was presented to Abu Mazen but he was not allowed to keep it. See revised NSU map projections (*jersep08P.pdf* and *wbgazasep08P.pdf*).

⁴ Percentages are based on Israeli calculations for the West Bank (i.e., excluding the NMF and East Jerusalem).

Refugees

- Israel would acknowledge the suffering of – but not responsibility for – Palestinian refugees (language is in the preamble). In parallel, there must also be a mention of Israeli (or Jewish) suffering.
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- Not clear what the heads of damage for compensation would be, just that there would be no acknowledgement of responsibility for the refugees, and that compensation, and not restitution or return (apart from the 5,000), would be the only remedy.

Security

- The “package” apparently made no mention of security.

PROJECTION OF ISRAELI PROPOSAL FOR TERRITORY

LEGEND

- 1967 Boundary ("Green Line")
- Israeli settlement to be evacuated
- Area projected to be swapped from Palestine to Israel
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- Projection of Israeli proposal in Israeli defined East Jerusalem
- Israeli defined Holy Basin

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Settler Evacuation

- 56,000 evacuated settlers
- 413,000 settlers NOT evacuated

12%
88%

Gaza Strip

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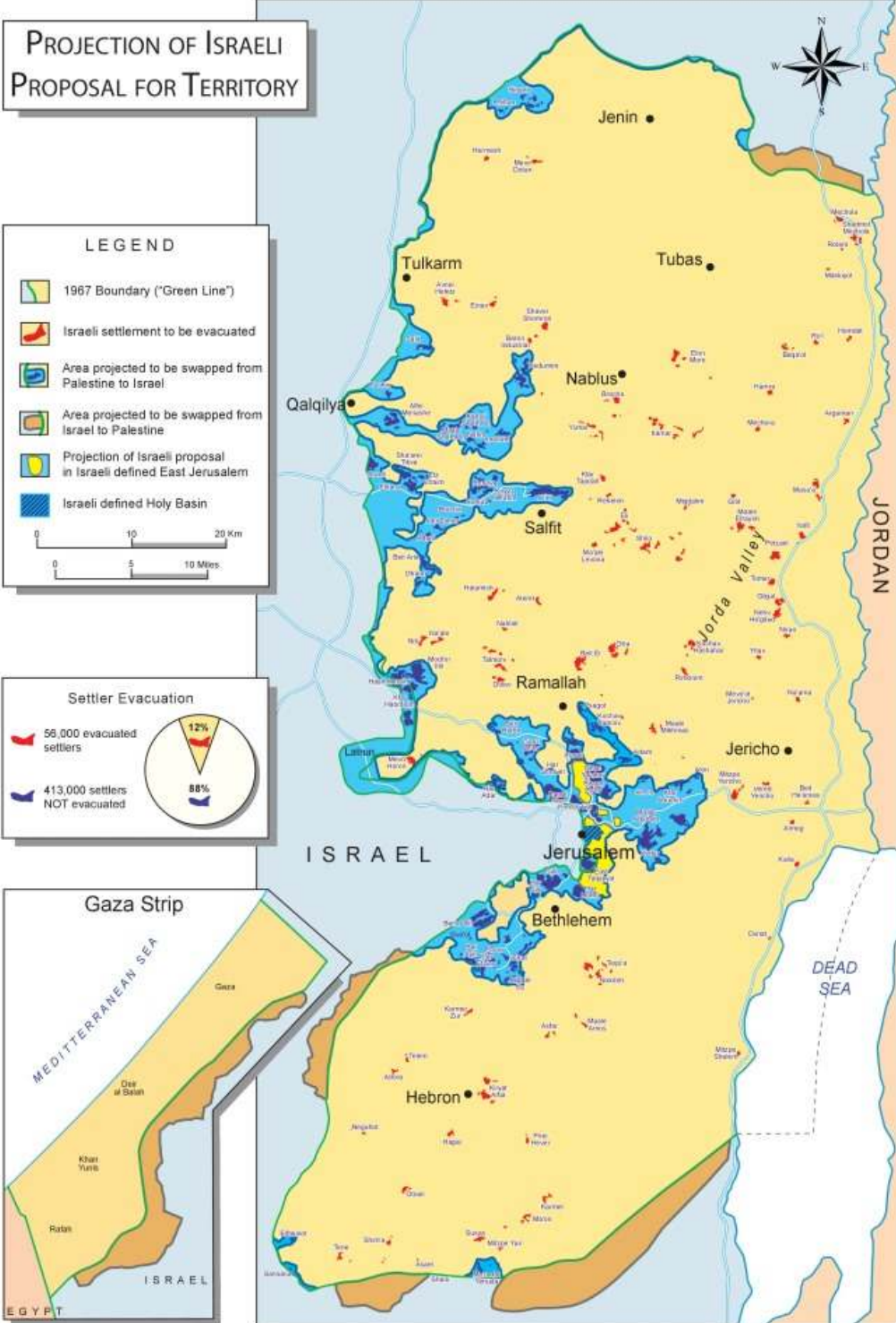
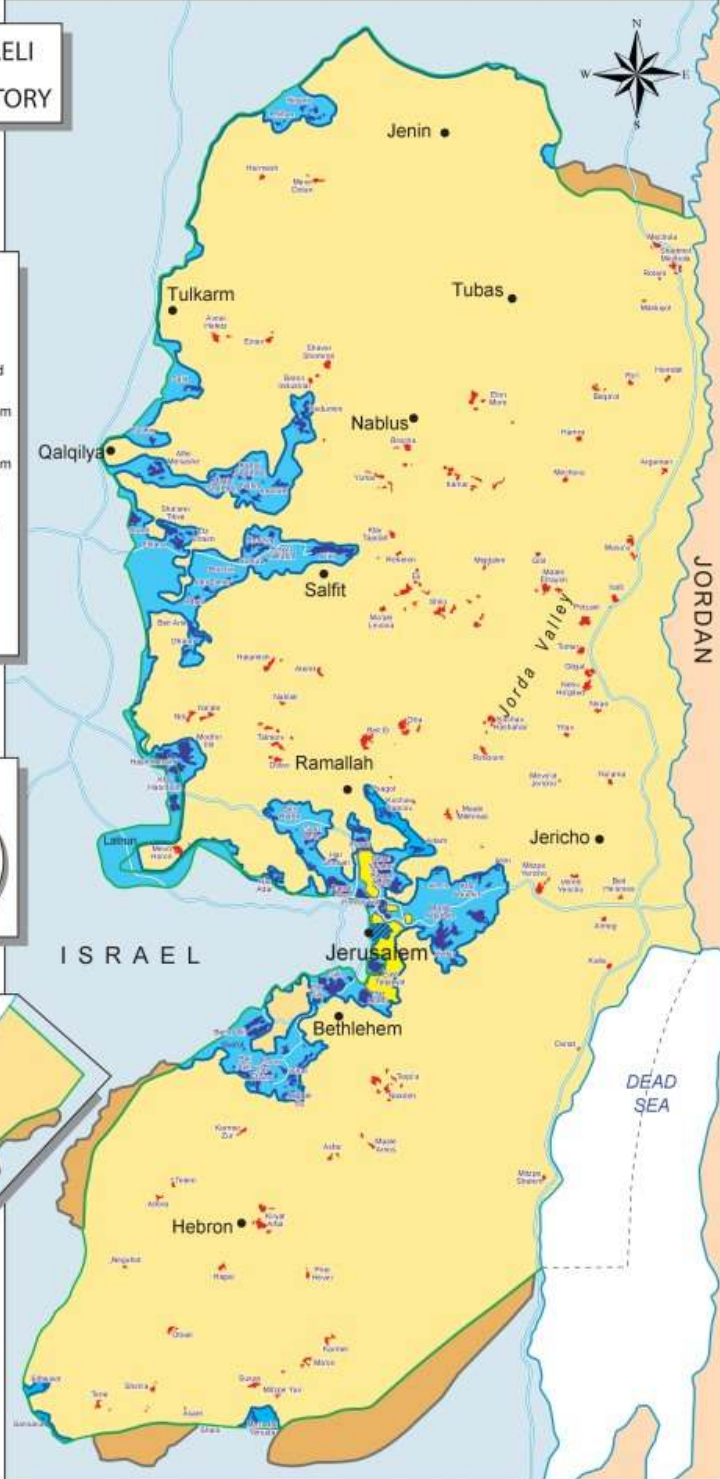
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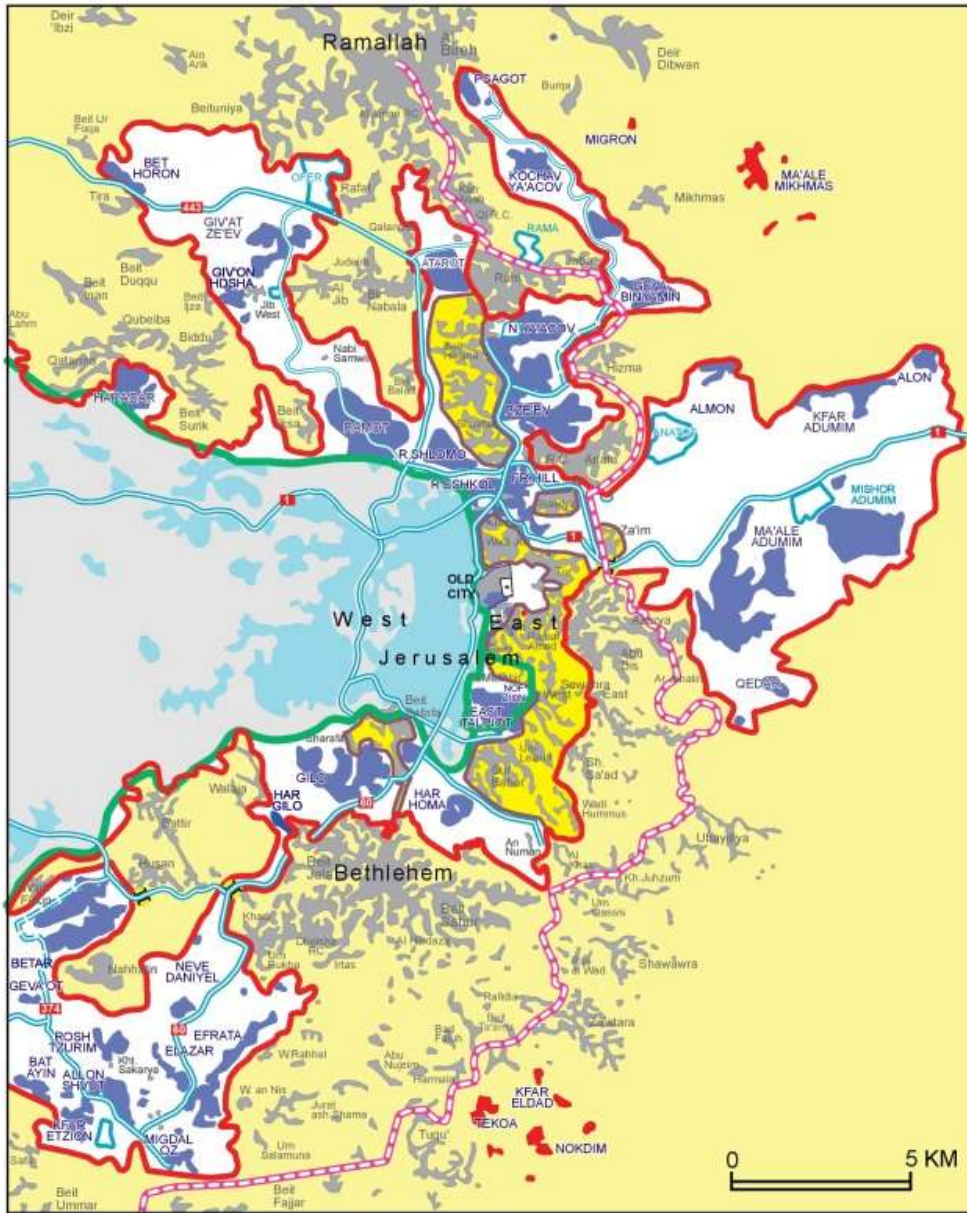
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Israeli Proposal in the Jerusalem Metropolitan Area



- 1967 Boundary ("Green Line")
- Israeli settler / Bypass road
- Palestinian built-up area
- Israeli settlement to be evacuated
- Israeli-proposed "alternative" Palestinian road link
- Israeli built underpass for Palestinians
- Israeli proposal: West Bank area to be annexed by Israel
- Projection of Israeli proposal in Israeli defined East Jerusalem