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**WEST BANK BARRIER
PRELIMINARY OVERVIEW**

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On 20 February 2005, the Israeli cabinet approved a revised route of the West Bank Barrier and published a map on the Ministry of Defense's website (www.seamzone.mod.gov.il). The previous map was released on 30 June 2004.

The Government of Israel began construction of the Barrier in June 2002, following several suicide bombings and attacks by Palestinian militants on Israeli citizens. It maintains that the Barrier is a temporary structure to physically separate the West Bank from Israel to prevent such attacks on Israeli citizens.



COMPARISON OF PRIOR AND NEW BARRIER ROUTE

Barrier Length:

Once completed, the new Barrier route will be 670 km long compared to 622 km of the prior route.

Route on the Green Line:

The new route runs for 135 km on the Green Line (43% of the Green Line), compared to 48 km of the prior route (15% of the Green Line).

The Barrier is more than twice as long as the Green Line. 20% of the new Barrier route runs on the Green Line compared to 7.7% of the prior route.

West Bank Land Incorporated By the Route:

The new Barrier route incorporates 10% of West Bank land (total 570 km²). The prior route incorporated 12.7% (720 km²) of the West Bank. These figures include East Jerusalem.

The Ma'ale Adumim section and Ari'el/Emmanuel 'fingers' are routes "pending completion of detailed staff work". If these sections are subtracted from the new route, the new Barrier route would incorporate 6.8% of West Bank land.

COMPARISON OF POPULATIONS LOCATED BETWEEN THE BARRIER AND THE GREEN LINE:

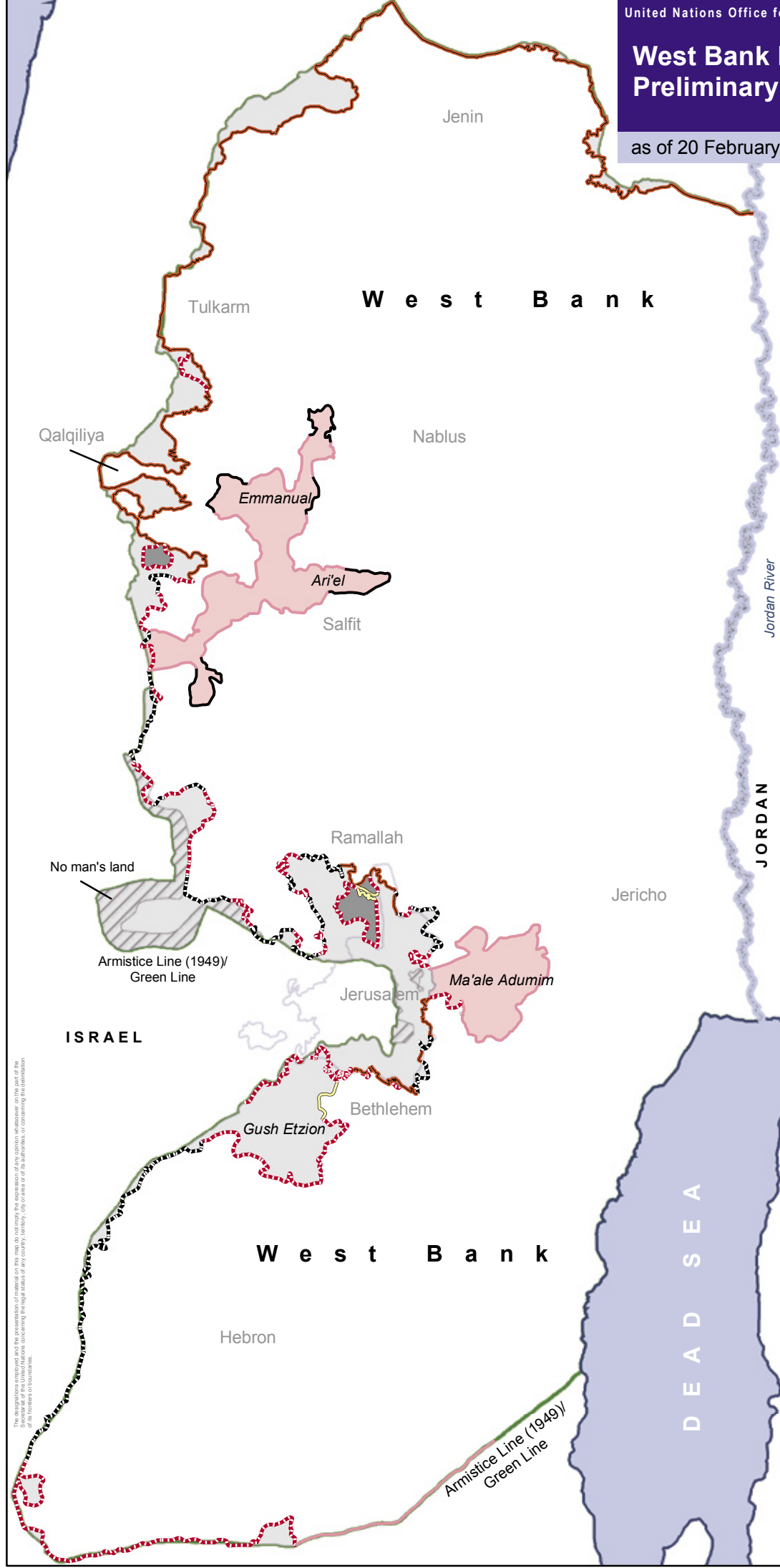
	PRIOR ROUTE	NEW ROUTE	DIFFERENCE
Palestinians	93,200	49,416	47% less
Israeli settlers	140,200	170,123	21% more

[Figures do not include East Jerusalem.]

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West Bank Barrier Route: Preliminary overview

as of 20 February 2005



The total length of the Barrier with this projection is 670 km. Of this length, 135 km or 20% runs along the Green Line.

POPULATIONS AFFECTED

Total Population located between the Barrier and the Green Line:

Palestinians: 49,400 (38 communities)

Israeli settlers: 170,100 (56 Israeli settlements)

Populations not including East Jerusalem.

AREA AFFECTED

Total Area located - between the Barrier and the Green Line.

142,641 acres (57,726 hectares) (figure includes East Jerusalem)

96,537 acres (39,068 hectares) (figure includes East Jerusalem, however excludes the areas pending completion).

BARRIER ROUTE

- Completed - 209 km
- - - Under construction - 105 km
- · · Planned - 184 km
- Special security area - 43 km
- Route pending completion of detailed staff work - 129 km
- Road protection - 10 km*

*not included in sum of Barrier length

- Enclave: Land encircled by the Barrier with access restricted by gates and/or checkpoints.
- Closed Area: Land enclosed by the Barrier and the Green Line
- Area pending completion of detailed staff work on the route of the Barrier.

Barrier route extracted from satellite imagery and verified with field observations - as of 23 February 2005.

Planned Barrier route based on Israeli Government map (Ministry of Defence/Seam Zone Authority), 20 February 2005.

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