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Israel announces even more illegal settlement building, with [277 housing units in Ariel](#), and further announcements expected in the next few days. This follows [international condemnation](#) of its recent announcements of a further 1600 housing units in Ramat Shlomo, another 4300 units in East Jerusalem and 900 units in Har Homa.

Popular struggle [continues in first week of Ramadan](#) and the [BBC comments](#) on the attempt to erase Palestinian names in Jerusalem.

Death toll continues to rise in Gaza - 17-year old disabled child [killed near border](#) by Israeli forces; and [one Palestinian killed and seven injured](#) in Israeli strike on Gaza. Internet 'blackout' in Gaza last week [highlighted Israel's control of communications network](#).



Israeli envoy to the UN, Ron Prosor, warns against [Palestinian 'confrontation at the UN'](#) and says that Blair is 'making progress' in discussions with Palestinians, calls the forthcoming UN conference on human rights (Durban III) 'anti-semitic and racist'.

Palestinian grassroots organisations [comment on the enterprise of declaring a state](#).

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