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See Alon's analysis below

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In addition to the longer chain, you should know that the location of these units is very problematic and would significantly change the demographic dynamics of the city and the ability to divide it, if we get to the point. Har Homa is located in southern Jerusalem just north of Bethlehem. The B and C phases of Har Homa will expand the neighborhood eastward (hotdog shape), going a long ways to cutting off Bethlehem for Jerusalem and the Arab neighborhoods there.

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What do you know?

From: Virgil, Lynn C
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JERUSALEM - (AP) Israel says it is moving ahead with plans to build 1,300 new apartments in disputed east Jerusalem. The Interior Ministry's announcement and its timing could embarrass Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who is visiting the U.S. Washington is already frustrated over his refusal to curb settlement construction. Palestinians condemned the plans. They claim east Jerusalem for a future capital. The government plans to expand the Har Homa neighborhood by 978 apartments and to build 320 new apartments in the Ramot neighborhood.

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