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**Final route of Israel's barrier approved**

Israel's Cabinet approved the final route of Israel's separation barrier in the West Bank, initially constructed to keep out Palestinian attackers. The barrier is about one-third complete.



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**IN BRIEF**

**Sharon's Cabinet begins charting Israel's borders**

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's Cabinet began charting Israel's future borders Sunday, giving final approval to a withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and a revised route for the West Bank separation barrier that would move Israel's border.

With the vote, an Israeli government agreed for the first time since capturing the West Bank and Gaza in 1967 to dismantle the dozens of Jewish settlements there.

While the Palestinians have balked at Israel's go-it-alone approach, they avoid declaring the

moves a deal-breaker in a reinvigorated peace process.

The Gaza withdrawal won approval from 17 Cabinet ministers.

Sharon, a former settler patron, said the dismantling of 21 settlements in Gaza and four in the West Bank is vital for Israel's security. He later signed an order requiring some 9,000 settlers to leave their homes in these areas by July 20 or face removal by force.

He said the vote proved Israel's readiness to take "painful steps ... to make peace."

The easy endorsement appeared to be the final political defeat for withdrawal opponents, including the Jewish settler lobby. The pullout could still be derailed if Sharon fails to get his 2005 budget passed.

— The Associated Press

**Business: Resources found in partners and investors**

explaining that retail and service companies generally have lower pay and growth potential than production companies.

Braud advised that loans should not be an entrepreneur's only financial strategy.

"If someone really has a great idea, they should be looking at some other things as well," he said. Other options, Braud added, include getting people to invest in the business or selecting someone with more resources and experience as a business partner.

"Financing is something that should be at the end of someone's business planning," Braud said, emphasizing that it is very important to have a solid plan in place first.

"A good business plan is something that would be very critical for us if we were looking at a startup," Braud said.

Braud said his department is

cautious when evaluating startup businesses for loans.

"The failure rate for startups is very high," he said. "That's just the nature of business."

However, it is not impossible to obtain loans for new businesses.

"There's a lot of young entrepreneurs that come out of the University that we've done business with," Braud said.

Despite the hard work inherent in the process, in his e-mail Swangard listed many advantages for students who start businesses: "Amazing sense of accomplishment and belief in one's own capabilities, the chance to build something from the ground up, being your own boss and all that comes with it."

"Bill Gates did well," Swangard wrote.

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