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Carmel Market in Tel Aviv after a suicide bombing
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southern sections of Jerusalem was finally approved in August 2002.

► Other milestones in the Government approval of the fence:

- December 2002- stage B: from Salem towards Bet Shean.
- August 2003- stage C: 68 km of the fence circling Jerusalem.
- October 2003- stage D: Approval of the route from Elkana towards Carmel (Um Daraj).
- In its ruling on June 30th 2004 the Israeli Supreme Court stated that the security fence was built for reasons of national security. The ruling demanded, however proportionality between humanitarian and operational considerations. The routing of the fence underwent a thorough and comprehensive reassessment resulting in a new planning presented to the government for approval.
- 20 February 2005 - Government approval of the new route.
- On April 30th 2006 the cabinet decided to change the route of the Security Fence in several areas:
 - Ariel area- creation of two thin settlement blocks instead of one. The route of the already constructed fence in Alfei Menashe will be changed leaving three clusters of houses in Ras a Tira, A- Dabaa and Wadi Rasha outside the fence, on the Palestinian side.
 - Beit Iksa near Jerusalem's Ramot neighborhood will be left outside the fence.
 - The Palestinian village, Jaba which overlooks the Gush Etzion- Elah road, will be inside the fence with a crossing built to allow residents of Jaba to travel to the nearby Palestinian town Tzurif.
 - Eshkolot and Metzadot Yehuda in the southern Herbon Hills will be inside the fence however quarries will be left out.
 - The route from Metzadot to Har Choled, has been approved. The cabinet also decided that the Police will be responsible for the Security Fence in Jerusalem nicknamed "Jerusalem Envelope".

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