

'Israel to build hundreds of new homes before settlement freeze'

Palestinian outraged

AFP, Jerusalem

Israel will approve construction of hundreds of new homes in West Bank settlements before weighing a freeze sought by Washington in a move announced yesterday that fuelled Palestinian outrage.

The plan was also certain to anger the US administration, which has been pushing for a settlement freeze in an effort to restart the Middle East peace process that has been at a standstill since December.

"In the next days the prime minister will approve construction starts and then he might consider a freeze for a limited time under certain conditions," an Israeli government official told AFP.

He confirmed a report in the Jerusalem Post that said Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu would consider a moratorium on settlement construction "for a few months" after the green light is given to build hundreds of

new homes in the West Bank.

The English-language newspaper said work on 2,500 housing units, which is already under way would continue.

"The only thing suspended by this announcement will be the peace process," Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erakat told AFP.

"This is absolutely unacceptable," he said, speaking by telephone from Paris where he is accompanying Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas.

The Jerusalem Post said any temporary moratorium on construction would be put in place if "conditions are right," including if Arab states move forward with the normalisation of ties that Israel is seeking.

A similar report in the Haaretz newspaper said Netanyahu informed US officials of his decision to authorise construction a few weeks ago.

"The Americans do not agree and are not happy about it, but we put it on the table a

long time ago," the daily quoted an unnamed senior government official as saying.

Israeli media said Netanyahu would take up the issue with US Middle East envoy George Mitchell, who is due to visit the region next week.

Israel's Channel 2 television said on Thursday night the proposed partial freeze would last nine months and would only affect the West Bank -- home to 300,000 Israelis -- and would not affect east Jerusalem, where a further 200,000 settlers live.

It said that in exchange for the move Arab states including Morocco, Oman, Qatar and Tunisia would allow Israeli commercial offices to open on their territory.

The Palestinians have refused to resume peace talks until Israel freezes all construction in the West Bank and east Jerusalem, where they want to make the eastern part of the Holy City the capital of their promised state.



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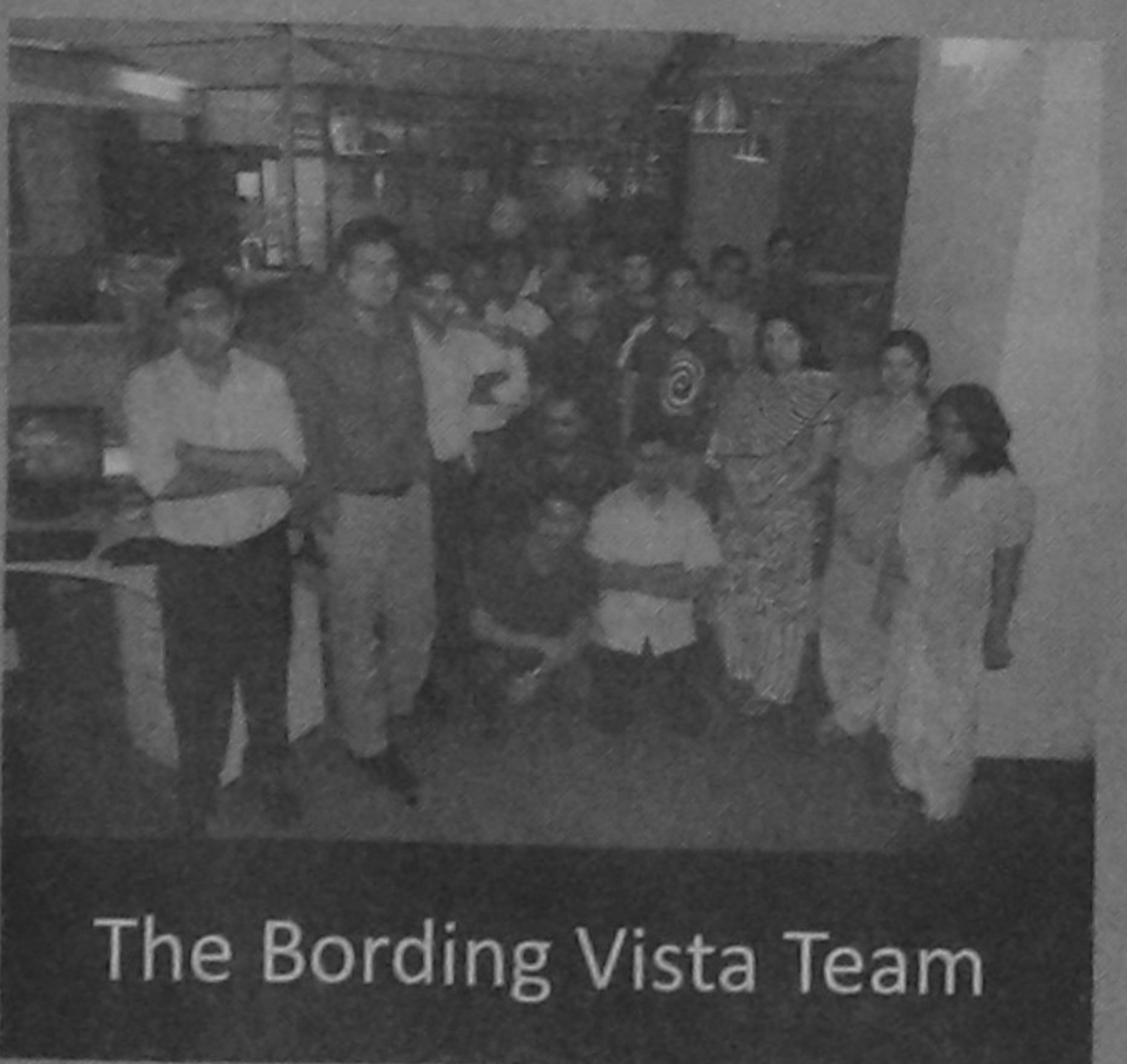
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- Gathering and analyzing software requirements.
- Execute White, Grey and Black Box testing.
- Programming/Scripting skills related to test and release automation and Software testing automation tools and frameworks.
- Oversee test development for new features, with focus on automated test.
- Identify and implement areas for improvement in the Test process.
- Create and own the testing schedule and sign-off process for all features of the product.
- Manage the shipping of the product at all release milestones, including production release.
- Issue tracking and assure change management to the product.
- Maintain integrity of Software Version Control Systems.
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As a Senior Software Engineer you will develop specifications for highly complex software solutions, programming applications and modify/maintain existing software. You will also participate in design and coding activities with other staff members, manage tasks through completion and create technical design in collaboration with the Technical Project Manager.

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- You will be designing and developing complex web based applications.
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- Develop all parts of the system including the core and GUIs based on clients' requirements.
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- Guide other developers in the team.
- Be on top of new technologies.
- Act as mentor for assigned interns and assist the Technical Project Manager.
- Design, develop, test and implement products based on established technical specifications.
- Consults with Technical Project Manager to identify customer needs and include these into the project objectives.

General requirements

- You have a Bachelors or Master Degree in Computer Science or Computer Engineering from a reputed university and minimum 5 years of experience with international outsourcing of software development and projects.
- You enjoy an international environment where advanced professional writing and verbal communication in English is required.
- Analytic skills and advanced arithmetic skills required.
- Analysis of programming complexity.
- Design patterns.
- Ability to master complex abstract data and processing models.
- Creative thinking and proactiveness to ensure quality and meet requirements.
- Quality minded approach throughout the Software Development Life Cycle.
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- An open mindset, willing to learn and gain experience.
- Ready to participate in a rapid business growth that will require a dedicated effort.
- Team player with very professional interpersonal skills to the benefit of the customer, department, project team and company.

Technical requirements for Java team

- Advanced Java-programming.
- Distributed systems, multi-threaded applications and synchronization.
- Middleware (corba-like).
- XSL, XSD, schema driven data models.
- Development of Eclipse plug-ins.
- Eclipse RCP-application development.

Technical requirements for .NET team

- SharePoint.
- .NET 3.5.
- WebService.
- Infragistics.
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- Windows Presentation Foundation.

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