

Galili chides Labour doves on Ma'ale Adumim future

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Ma'ale Adumim is not considered *a priori* to lie outside of Israel's future borders by any Cabinet member, and no Labour Party forum has ruled it out either, Minister Without Portfolio Israel Galili chided the doves in the Alignment Knesset faction last night.

In a report designed to calm the furore over the project on the Jerusalem-Jericho highway, Galili stressed that Mapam's Cabinet ministers did not vote against the idea. They merely requested a six-month's postponement. The only bone of contention in the Cabinet over Ma'ale Adumim was housing there, he recalled.

Galili said that the Treasury had officially approved the arrangement whereby the Jewish Agency could

advance money to start work on the project until the new financial year began. Such advances from the Agency were quite common in past settlement ventures, on the Golan Heights especially, he said. The Ministry of Commerce was given the power of veto from the very beginning over all proposals about transferring industrial plants to Ma'ale Adumim from elsewhere, he said, in a reference to dove charges that three major factories scheduled for Galilee were to be diverted to Ma'ale Adumim.

The hawks in the Alignment faction were pleased by Galili's report. Mapam tried in vain to get an immediate debate and was promised it would be held at some subsequent meeting. The Labour doves did not utter one single word.