# Israel, Palestine begin landmark negotiations

tight deadlines and the threat of renewed violence, Israel and the Palestinians yesterday began historic talks on a final peace treaty their fourth attempt since 1996

After a 75-minute meeting at a West Bank hotel, both sides said they were confident they would meet their ambitious timetable — a

accord ironing out their remaining land and policy disputes by September. President Clinton has offered to host a Mideast summit in the final stretch of the framework negotiations.

The talks were overshadowed by a bomb attack Sunday that injured 33 Israelis in the coastal resort of Netanya. No group has at the request of photographers

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Facing framework agreement by February and a final claimed responsibility, but police suspect Arab villagers from the area. Israeli security officials have warned that militants would step up at-

tacks as the peace process gains momentum. The chief negotiators, Palestinian Information Minister Yasser Abed Rabbo and Israeli diplomat Oded Eran, repeatedly shook hands

## Japan criticizes cell researd

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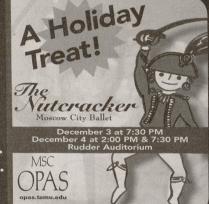
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