



Putrajaya a la Paris: 6 planned cities that suddenly appeared on the map

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Rawabi, Palestine

Rawabi, which means “the hills” in Arabic, is the first planned city in the West Bank – the first new Palestinian city to be built since 1967. Founded in 2010 and funded by Palestinian multimillionaire Bashar al-Masri and Qatari company LDR to the tune of US\$1 billion (RM3.3 billion), Rawabi aims to house up to 40,000 residents.

Due to its proximity to Jerusalem and Tel-Aviv, Israeli protestors have targeted the upcoming city. But a laurel wreath was extended to Rawabi when the Jewish National Fund donated 3,000 saplings to a greening initiative to grow a forest around the city. Here’s hoping that Rawabi can be a haven of peace in the besieged land.