

The Illegal Israeli Settler Movement



National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir and Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich

Land expropriation in the West Bank

The mechanisms by which Israel seizes or expropriates West Bank land were “originally” set forth in a detailed work by [B'Tselem](#) in 2002^[2] and many practices outlined there were confirmed in the official Israeli [Sasson Report](#) of 2005, which focused on government subsidies and support for the creation of illegal [Israeli outposts](#) in knowing contravention of Israel's own laws.^{[3][a]} This was done after the government had officially frozen new settlements, in both the Oslo Accords and an undertaking by [Ariel Sharon](#). https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Land_expropriation_in_the_West_Bank

Regavim

Regavim ([Hebrew](#): רגבים) is a pro-settler Israeli NGO that monitors and pursues legal action in the Israeli court system against any construction lacking Israeli permits undertaken by Palestinians or Bedouins in Israel and in the West Bank. It describes itself as "a public movement dedicated to the protection of Israel's national lands and resources" and aims to "[restore] the Zionist vision to its primary role in the Israeli policy process". It was founded in 2006 by Yehuda Eliahu and Bezalel Smotrich as "response to a Supreme Court case against the illegal outpost of Harasha in Samaria" initiated by Peace Now in 2005.

Regavim focuses most intensely on construction work in the Galilee, Negev, and the West Bank. Its objectives converge with those of Israeli settlers, with whom the group maintains close institutional ties. Regavim is financed by public funds from West Bank local settlement councils and from the settler organization Amana.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regavim_\(NGO\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regavim_(NGO))

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Housing Minister Haim Katz and Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich signed the appointment of Yehuda Eliyahu as the new director of the Israel Land Authority (ILA). Eliyahu currently serves as head of the Settlement Division. The intention to appoint him was first reported on Ynet. Netanyahu said of the appointment: 'I am confident that Eliyahu will bring about important changes in the ILA, cut bureaucracy and work to allocate land to IDF veterans and reserve soldiers.' The appointment was made against the position of Deputy Attorney General Gil Limon, who determined that the appointment of Eliyahu, a close associate of Smotrich, is illegal. The legal adviser to the search committee, Efrat Prokacija, also opposed the appointment.

May 04, 2026.

https://www.ynetnews.com/article/crvudyn2q#google_vignette

Point woman for NGO protecting Israeli land says American Jewry has it all wrong

Naomi Kahn serves as the director of the international division of Regavim, an Israeli NGO dedicated to rooting out illegal Arab construction in Israeli-controlled territory. One of the problems she has encountered U.S. Jewry hasn't welcomed the current Israeli government with open arms. On a U.S. visit this year, only two well-known Jewish organizations confirmed meeting with Smotrich at the time.

"It seems to me that the mainstream Jewish Zionist organizations and Jewish organizations in general are allowing very simply untruths and falsehoods—a rewriting of history—to take over the narrative about everything that has to do with Israel's legal rights, certainly in terms of Judea and Samaria, but everywhere else, as well," Kahn said.



According to Haaretz

Regavim is an organization waging a total war on Palestinian construction in the West Bank. It has been shaping Israeli policy for years. Since 9/23/2023, it has, just in time for 10/07/2023, been in Control.

<https://daysofpalestine.ps/haaretz-this-pro-settler-ngo-has-been-shaping-israeli-policy-for-years-now-its-in-control/>

Daniella Weiss (Hebrew: דניאלה וייס; born 30 August 1945) is an Israeli politician who is the founder of Nachala, an Israeli settler and far-right organization, and a former mayor of Kedumim, an Israeli

settlement in the West Bank. She was sanctioned by Canada in June 2024 for violence against civilians in the West Bank and by the United Kingdom in May 2025.

Known as **Israel's 'settler godmother'**

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daniella_Weiss

Confronted by Louis Theroux and sanctioned by the UK government, Weiss has said that 'no Arab will remain in Gaza'



Israeli settler leader Daniella Weiss in the settlement outpost of Har Hemed near the settlement of Kedumim, Israeli-occupied West Bank, in February 2020 (Reuters)

<https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/israeli-settler-daniella-weiss-west-bank-louis-theroux>

Ben-Gvir

Is the Likud Party Over?

Itamar Ben-Gvir, Israeli National Security Minister, leads Otzma Yehudit, a far-right nationalist Israeli political party. The party is the ideological descendent of the Kahanist Kach Party, which has been designated a terrorist organization.

Otzma Yehudit has been widely described in the international press as an extremist, ultranationalist, and racist organization supporting Jewish supremacy and has been described by multiple sources, including the Israeli sociologist Eva Illouz, as a "Jewish fascist group". The party supports expansion of the Israeli settlements in the West Bank as well as annexing the West Bank and supports eased regulations on gaining firearm licenses.

<https://www.jpost.com/tags/otzma-yehudit>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Otzma_Yehudit

The point has been made that there are not many ideological differences between [far-right party] Otzma Yehudit and Likud, Netanyahu's party.

The Masquerade Is Over: Likud Can No Longer Hide What It Has Become: Haaretz Opinion:

<https://www.haaretz.com/opinion/2026-07-08/ty-article-opinion/.premium/the-party-is-over-likuds-mask-has-fallen/0000019f-3dc7-d269-af9f-3fd711500000>

Calling upon 9/11

Why would the attacks of 9/11/01 be a topic of discussion in 2025? Ask former Israeli National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir, who resigned his post in January 2025 in protest of the Gaza cease fire, but has since returned to Netanyahu's government

In a confrontation with pro-Palestinian activists in Washington DC on April 29, 2025, after being called a war criminal, he screams "You kill babies" and "You support 9/11".

"Because of Ben-Gvir."

Ben-Gvir oversees Israel's prison service and spoke proudly during the war of worsening the conditions of the thousands of Palestinian prisoners held in Israeli jails. Ben-Gvir was warned several times by Israeli intelligence officials that his policy on this issue, and more importantly, his swaggering public statements about it, will harm the hostages. He dismissed and ignored the warnings – and only when the hostages returned alive from Gaza, did the full extent of the damage he caused become clear.

"Because of Ben-Gvir."

These are the words several Israeli hostages released from Hamas captivity during the recent cease-fire used in interviews with Israeli media to describe the horrific torture and abuse they endured in the tunnels in Gaza. According to their accounts, the Hamas terrorists who held them inflicted extreme violence against them in retaliation for the reckless policies and irresponsible statements of Itamar Ben-Gvir, Israel's national security minister.

The blame for the suffering of the hostages rests first and foremost with Hamas, needless to say. But Israelis expected their own government not to make things worse for those hostages. The responsibility, however, is fully shared by the prime minister who appointed such a buffoonish extremist to one of the most senior roles in the government, and won't fire him even now, after the horror stories have come to light. Netanyahu is too weak and too focused on his own political survival to even comment on the issue, fearing he might anger Ben-Gvir and lose his support for the current government.

<https://www.thejc.com/news/israel/ben-gvir-freed-hostage-hamas-abuse-far-right-minister-didh8oam>
<https://www.msn.com/en-us/war-and-conflicts/war-events/because-of-ben-gvir-freed-hostage-segev-kalfon-details-vengeful-torture-in-gaza/ar-AA1PEAYj>



<https://www.hindrabajfoundation.org/posts/hrf-and-ccr-call-on-ny-attorney-general-to-investigate-israeli-minister-ben-gvir>

Ben Gvir canceled his planned trip to US after US Embassy called on him to provide fingerprints.
<https://www.timesofisrael.com/ben-gvir-said-to-cancel-us-trip-at-last-moment-due-to-visa-complications/>

Bezalel Smotrich says there's no Palestinian people, declares his family 'real Palestinians' In Paris, far-right minister says Palestinian nation is 'an invention of past 100 years,' and 'world should hear this truth'; speaks in front of Israel map that includes Jordan

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/far-right-lawmaker-bezalel-smotrich-declares-himself-his-family-real-palestinians/>

Smotrich Speeds Up Land Theft In West Bank

Israel's far-right finance minister Bezalel Smotrich dubbed 2025 the "year of sovereignty in Judea and Samaria" – the pseudo-biblical name Israel uses for the West Bank in order to give its occupation and illegal colonization a veneer of legitimacy.

Coupled with accelerating settler violence that surged by 30 percent compared to the same period last year, the Israeli government has been implementing a series of changes to policy and administration in the West Bank that is fundamentally changing the territory's character while evading international scrutiny.

This is helping to realize longtime Israeli ambitions to tighten Palestinian bantustans while enhancing continuity between Jewish settlements and present-day Israel.

In the first three months of the year, more Israeli settlement units have been approved than in all of 2024 combined.

Israel's so-called Higher Planning Council, which manages settlement activity, approved over 14,000 housing units in less than three months, surpassing the nearly 10,000 units approved during all of last year. according to settlement watchdog group Peace Now.

Quiet annexation

The aim is “to cement Israel’s control over it without being accused of formally annexing it,” as *The New York Times* [described](#) it last June in light of a speech Smotrich gave to settlers.

“I’m telling you, it’s mega-dramatic,” Smotrich told the settlers. “Such changes change a system’s DNA.” Smotrich was working on transferring Israeli military authority of the West Bank to civilian control by creating in 2023 a “settlement administration” within Israel’s defense ministry that reports directly to him.

“It will be easier to swallow in the international and legal context,” Smotrich said, “So that they won’t say that we are doing annexation here.” Israeli jurists believe that “this move in itself constitutes an annexation of the West Bank,” the Tel Aviv daily *Haaretz* [said](#) this month.

The chief of staff of the administration does not try to conceal its objectives either, which is for the state to treat the West Bank as it would any other region in Israel – such as the Galilee in the north or the Naqab in the south – and “to impose Israeli sovereignty in Judea and Samaria.”

Just months before 7 October 2023, the Israeli government transferred the responsibility for planning settlements to Smotrich. Perhaps they knew the events of 7 October 2023 were going to transpire. The changes slashed multiple stages of settlement approval during which the Israeli “defense” minister could influence the process, effectively turning the issue of expanding settlements in the occupied West Bank – all of which are illegal under international law and constitute a war crime – into “an internal Israeli matter, similar to expanding a neighborhood within Israel’s borders,” Peace Now [said](#). This gave way for “unrestricted construction in the West Bank,” Peace Now stated at the time. “This decision is pushing Israel towards full annexation and the establishment of an apartheid regime. Planning is now in the hands of Smotrich,” the group added.

<https://znetwork.org/znetarticle/smotrich-speeds-up-land-theft-in-west-bank/>

April 24 2025

'Real Estate Bonanza': Smotrich Says Israel in Talks With U.S. on Dividing Gaza's Land

According to the far-right minister, Israel has taken care of the 'demolition phase' for rebuilding Gaza, and negotiations are now underway with the U.S. regarding a business plan for Gaza.

Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich said on Wednesday that “the Gaza Strip is becoming a real estate bonanza,” and the plan is “on President Trump’s desk.”

Speaking at the Real Estate Center conference in Tel Aviv, Smotrich added that negotiations have begun with the U.S. regarding a business plan for Gaza. “We paid a lot of money for the war, so we need to decide how to divide the percentages of the land in [Gaza](#). The demolition phase is always the first phase of urban renewal. We did that, now we need to start building,” said Smotrich.

<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/2025-09-17/ty-article/.premium/real-estate-bonanza-smotrich-says-israel-in-talks-with-u-s-on-dividing-gazas-land/00000199-588b-d907-a5db-7def13e40000>

Sept 17, 2025

'Legal Land Theft': What the Cabinet’s Recent Decisions Mean for the West Bank

Since occupying the West Bank in 1967, the Israeli Occupation has maintained a patchwork of Ottoman, British, and Jordanian laws governing land ownership, including a key 1953 Jordanian law that criminalized the sale of land to non-Arabs. But as of February 8, 2026, the Israeli government no longer recognizes this law, which was originally designed to protect Palestinian communities from losing land to settlers—a move that comes as part of a broader series of laws aimed at expanding settlements.

Extremist Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich and War Minister Israel Katz announced a series of measures approved by the security cabinet aimed at deepening Israeli control over the West Bank. At the top of the new decisions is the repeal of the Jordanian law that prohibited the sale of land to non-Arabs. Israeli reports indicate the cabinet now allows settlers to buy land just as their counterparts do in Tel Aviv. The new text also removes the requirement for a “transaction license,” limiting conditions to simple professional criteria. Yedioth Ahronoth noted that the previous restriction forced Jews to purchase land through registered companies. Those limitations have now been removed.

Second, the Israeli Occupation government decided to make land ownership records public after decades of secrecy, allowing anyone to identify Palestinian landowners and contact them. This move could make it easier for settlers to pressure owners to sell or to intimidate, extort, or pursue them through broker networks.

Third, the Land Purchase Committee, a government body dormant for nearly twenty years, will be revived to allow occupation authorities to “preemptively buy land” and secure reserves for settlement expansion.

Fourth, the cabinet expanded enforcement powers to Areas A and B, which are nominally under Palestinian Authority control under the 1993 Oslo Accords. The army and the Civilian Administration were granted executive authority in these areas under the guise of addressing environmental law violations, water theft, and site vandalism. i24 News reported that this means Israeli Occupation authorities can demolish Palestinian homes and seize land in PA-controlled zones.

Fifth, planning and licensing powers in the Jewish neighborhood of Hebron and the Ibrahimi Mosque were transferred from the city’s Palestinian Authority-run municipality to Israeli institutions. Yedioth Ahronoth noted that changes to Jewish construction previously required approval from both the Palestinian municipality and the Israeli Civilian Administration; under the new rules, the Israeli Occupation army’s approval alone suffices, effectively breaching the 1997 Hebron Protocol. Finally, the cabinet decided to establish a local authority at the Ibrahimi Mosque and Rachel’s Tomb in Bethlehem, creating a separate Israeli administration over holy sites located within Palestinian municipal boundaries—effectively annexing these areas.



The Agenda in Focus

While the Israeli Occupation government describes the steps as “streamlining procedures” and “normalizing life,” official statements and expert analyses point to deeper objectives. Extremist Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich boasted that the measures end what he called “racist Jordanian laws,” declaring that the developments “bury the idea of a Palestinian state.” He added that settlers would no longer be second-class citizens and that the government is deepening its grip on all of the “land of Israel.”

War Minister Israel Katz said the decisions reflect a clear policy—strengthening “Israel’s” hold over the West Bank, expanding settlements, and securing “our future.”

Looking at the government’s long-term plans, these steps are part of a creeping annexation strategy. In early 2026, the Israeli Peace Now organization reported that the Netanyahu government was working to weaken the Palestinian Authority and prepare the ground for annexing Areas A and B. A report by the Foundation for Middle East Peace (FMEP) on pending Knesset legislation noted that the proposed “Judea and Samaria Heritage Authority” would allow the purchase and seizure of land under the pretext of protecting antiquities; if passed, it would extend Israeli law over the territories—a step toward annexation.

This aligns with current cabinet decisions, which expand the powers of the so-called Israeli Civil Administration and place more land under Israeli Occupation law. In recent years, the Israeli government has moved to legalize unauthorized settlement outposts and grant formal approval to more than 50,000 settlement housing units, while also creating separate administrative bodies for settlers—such as the Area C Management Council—and granting Smotrich unprecedented authority within the Civil Administration.

Yedioth Ahronoth reported that the ministers aim to implement these measures ahead of the general elections on November 3, 2026, to satisfy the radical settler base that forms a core part of the coalition.

Meanwhile, the settler organization, Regavim, welcomed the decisions, calling them a clear message that “Zionism is not measured in speeches or declarations, but in action on the ground.” The group said the measures allow settlers to “develop new areas” and urged even bolder steps to tighten control, reflecting support from “Israel’s” hard-right for these policies.

The Yesha Council described the decisions as a historic day for settlements, calling them the most important step in 60 years. Israeli right-wing media celebrated the cabinet’s moves. The official Kan channel said the cabinet “abolished the unjust Jordanian law,” allowing settlers to buy land as they do in Israeli cities. Yedioth Ahronoth described the changes as deep reforms in land registration systems, “granting the state the power to demolish Palestinian buildings in Area A,” and called the steps a “breakdown” of the Hebron Agreement.

No Accountability!

While Israeli media and officials celebrate these measures, the steps are catastrophic for Palestinians. Allowing settlers to purchase Palestinian land means properties already vulnerable to theft or legal harassment face a higher risk of forced sale, according to Yedioth Ahronoth.

Opening land ownership records makes it easier to identify landowners, exposing them to pressure, violence, and coercion to sell. Transferring planning powers to Israeli Occupation authorities gives settlers control over all construction in Hebron and around the Ibrahimi Mosque. This, in turn, will increase approvals for settlement expansion projects while rejecting Palestinian building permits, leaving Palestinian homes increasingly at risk of demolition.

Expanding authority into Areas A and B allows the Israeli Occupation army to seize more Palestinian land and displace residents under the pretext of protecting environmental and archaeological sites, according to the official Palestinian Wafa Agency.

Reviving the Land Purchase Committee opens the door to direct Israeli involvement in buying Palestinian land, increasing land seizure and undermining Palestinians’ ability to retain their property. Establishing Israeli municipal authorities within Palestinian lands strengthens Israeli administrative presence and separates these areas from Palestinian institutions. Haaretz noted that extending enforcement powers into Areas A and B challenges the Oslo Accords and allows “Israel” to pursue Palestinians in zones nominally under Palestinian Authority administration.

The Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs stated that the Israeli decisions constitute an effective annexation of Palestinian land, describing them as “Israel’s relentless attempt to create a new reality on the ground through colonial settlements and by changing the legal status and standing of occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem.”

Amid the growing settlement expansion, the international response has been limited to condemnation and calls for “Israel” to reverse its actions, without activating any accountability mechanisms or imposing sanctions.

“The international stance on the accelerating pace of settlement in the West Bank is nothing new,” Mohammed Imad, director of Legal Affairs and Policy at Skyline International for Human Rights, told *Al-Estiklal*. “After the international community’s humiliating silence over two years of Israeli crimes in Gaza, no meaningful response is expected.”

“No action is expected from those who fail to enforce international law protecting human rights, do not restrain Israel’s killing machinery, and do not implement the international criminal protection mechanisms outlined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Hague and Geneva Conventions, and other international legal norms,” he added.

The legal expert said that after the war on Gaza, “we fully realized that the international community has implicitly sided with Israel, reflected in its silence over the horrific massacres in Gaza and what is happening in the West Bank today.”

“Israel justified its crimes in Gaza as a response to the [Palestinian] Resistance, but in the West Bank, there is almost no resistance, yet it continues its arrogance, impunity, and violations of international law without accountability—so it doesn’t even need a pretext,” according to Imad. “It has become clear that the international community does not intend to take any real legal action. It is politicized and aligned with the U.S. narrative, with few exceptions such as Spain, Latin American countries, and others.”

“The international protection system is just ink on paper. It has no real mechanisms for enforcement, protection, or accountability. The international community turns a blind eye to what is happening in Palestinian territories and participates in Israel’s crimes through its unjustified silence.”

<https://www.alestiklal.net/en/article/legal-land-theft-what-the-cabinet-s-recent-decisions-mean-for-the-west-bank>

Feb 2026

https://www.seattle911visibilityproject.in/911VP_2025_update/ilisset/Smotrich-worst-newsweek.pdf

UK: Amnesty condemns 'Great Israeli Real Estate Event' promoting illegal settlement property sales in London

Amnesty International UK has condemned a real estate event scheduled to take place in London on Sunday 14 June that openly advertises the sale of land in Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank, calling on the UK government to take immediate action to prevent it from going ahead.



General view of new buildings in the Jewish settlement of Aliya, south of Nablus in the West Bank © Photo by Nasser Ishtayeh/SOPA Images/LightRocket via Getty Images

<https://www.amnesty.org.uk/latest/uk-amnesty-condemns-great-israeli-real-estate-event-promoting-illegal-settlement-property-sales-in-london/>

June 07 2026

Exclusive: Illegal settlements promoted in London at Great Israeli Real Estate Event

MEE reveals details of properties advertised in occupied Palestine at event on Sunday



Demonstrators and counter-demonstrators face off outside the Great Israeli Real Estate Event on

<https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/exclusive-illegal-settlements-promoted-london-great-israeli-real-estate-event>

The American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) Files Complaint, Demands DOJ, HUD Investigate Real Estate Sales of Illegal West Bank Settlements

The general public can attend the events and purchase the property – so long as they aren't Palestinian, Arab, or Muslim. ADC Staff Attorney Christopher Godshall-Bennett said, "Events like this are abhorrent and the fact that they are being held while Israel wages its genocidal campaign in Gaza truly shocks the conscience. The entities involved must not be permitted to sell stolen property in the United States to facilitate the consolidation of Israel's control over the West Bank."

<https://adc.org/real-estate-illegal/>

March 05 2024

Eleanor Goldfield joins The Marc Steiner Show

Six months into the US-Israeli genocide in Gaza, there is little use denying that what is taking place before our eyes is an intended land grab. Israeli National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir and Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich have called for Gaza to be “resettled” and for the Palestinian population to be expelled. And in the US, the likes of Ben Gvir and Smotrich have their allies and accomplices who hope to profit from the theft of Palestinian land. Across the US, real estate events advertising the sale of land parcels in Gaza, the West Bank, and Jerusalem have begun to appear.

The article only mentions sales of Jerusalem land in New York, New Jersey, and now in Baltimore (Capitol, Capitol-L.) Sale of properties only to Zionists or radical far right conservative Orthodox Jews.

<https://therealnews.com/illegal-real-estate-sales-of-palestinian-land-are-happening-around-the-us>

April 9, 2024

Thousands of armed Israeli settlers urged to attack Palestinians in occupied West Bank An estimated 150,000 firearms were distributed to illegal settlers, for “self-defense” shortly after October 7, according to a security committee in the Israeli Knesset. A growing number of these settlers have been urging their community to start using these firearms against (non-Hamas) Palestinians.

<https://www.newarab.com/news/armed-israeli-settlers-threaten-palestinians-west-bank>

The result has been an epidemic of settler violence against Palestinians across the West Bank. Between October 7 and 27 of 2023, settlers killed 110 Palestinians in the West Bank according to the Palestinian Health Ministry

<https://www.thenation.com/article/world/west-bank-israeli-settler-attacks-palestinians/>



Armed Israeli settlers in the occupied West Bank ready their assault rifles, January 2024 (AFP)

An unexpected response came from the far-right *One America News Network* on July 16, 2025, when it aired a segment critical of not only the killing of Palestinian-American Saif Musallet by Israeli settlers in the West Bank, while the IDF looked on. This segment indicates a change in right-wing public opinion in the US surrounding Israel's actions against Palestinians

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/in-sign-of-shift-far-right-us-network-airs-segment-on-unchecked-settler-violence/ar-AA1IRytJ>

“The truth is, this isn’t an isolated tragedy. It’s part of a pattern of Israeli settler attacks on Palestinian communities that include the torching of homes, farms, and lives, all while protected by Israeli forces who are funded by US tax dollars,” Gaetz said.

“That’s not even the most troubling part. Israel rarely holds these killers accountable,” he said. “There have been eight unsolved killings of American citizens just since 2022.” “These deaths were ruled as ‘mistakes’, and ‘unintentional’. ... its hard to really envision encircling someone, and beating them for three hours as a ‘mistake’ or an ‘unintended consequence’

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/1378774723204781/>

ITV documentary 'Our Land' lays bare the fanaticism of the Israeli settler movement

<https://www.middleeasteye.net/discover/itv-documentary-lays-bare-fanaticism-israeli-settler-movement>

As of 2024, some 400,000 settlers lived in 225 settlements and outposts, all in the midst of 2.7 million Palestinians who live under Israeli occupation.

(The settlers Director: Shimon Dotan)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=prqtXMSdeUw&t=26s>

Selected Examples of Israeli Settler Terrorism against Palestinians

February- March 2024 Israelis and soldiers attack Palestinian shepherds: Israeli settlers and soldiers drive Palestinian Shepherds out of Pastoral land in the South Hebron Hills.

<https://www.btselem.org/video/20240522> video footage demonstrates how israeli settlers on farms take over palestinian pastureland

B'tselem is the Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories. According to its website <https://www.btselem.org/> it strives for a future in which human rights, liberty and equality are guaranteed to all people, Palestinian and Jewish alike. Such a future will only be possible when the Israeli occupation and apartheid regime end. "That is the future we are working towards."

May 14 2024 Israeli settlers Block Aid Trucks: Right wing Israelis block aid trucks from the West Bank destined for Gaza and destroy aid desperately needed in Gaza.

Israeli protesters block aid trucks destined for Gaza <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cg300jek94o>
same event: *Guardian*:

Gaza-bound aid trucks set on fire and looted in West Bank – video

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/video/2024/may/14/israeli-settlers-attack-gaza-bound-aid-convoy-at-west-bank-crossing-video>



May 14 2024 Palestinian Truckers Fear for Safety After Aid Convoy for Gaza Wrecked by Far-right Israelis: A driver with a West Bank-based truckers' union said that around 15 trucks had been damaged by Israeli settlers, who beat some drivers and caused about \$2 million worth of damage, without intervention by the Israeli army or police.

<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/2024-05-14/ty-article/palestinian-truckers-fear-for-safety-after-gaza-aid-convoy-wrecked-by-far-right-israelis/0000018f-776a-ddbe-addf-776fd8fe0000>

May 15 2024 Israeli settler mobs scale Erez Crossing threatening to invade Gaza: Israeli settler mobs scaled the Erez Crossing into Gaza and threatened to invade the enclave if aid deliveries continue. This came a day after settlers attacked aid trucks heading for Gaza from Jordan and destroyed the humanitarian aid onboard which was destined for Palestinians suffering famine in the Strip.

<https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20240515-israeli-settlers-scale-erez-crossing-threatening-to-invade-gaza-if-aid-continues/>

June 30 2025 Over 100 settlers entered the West Bank town of Kfar Malik, setting property ablaze and opening fire on Palestinians who try to stop them. Attempts by Israeli security forces to contain the violence and arrest these settlers resulted in dozens more settlers rampaging around a military base, setting fires, vandalizing military vehicles, and attacking soldiers

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/world/israeli-settlers-attack-palestinians-and-idf-military-vehicles-in-west-bank>

June 30 2025

Aug 14 2025: With Arson and Land Grabs, Israeli Settler Attacks in West Bank Hit Record High Extremists are carrying out one of the most violent campaigns against Palestinian villages since the U.N. began keeping records.



Burned out cars in Burqa, in the West Bank, last month Credit...Mohamad Torokman/Reuters

https://www.seattle911visibilityproject.in/911VP_2025_update/ilisset/nyt-with-arson-and-land-grabs.pdf

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/08/14/world/middleeast/west-bank-israel-settler-attacks.html>

Aug 14 2025

July 12 2026: IDF joins Settlers in Harassing US Rep. Ro Khanna

https://www.seattle911visibilityproject.in/911VP_2025_update/ro-khanna-urges-idf-arrest.pdf

August 18 2026: ‘Destroying agriculture is the purpose’: How Israel is drying up the West Bank’s most fertile farmlands

Agriculture in the northern West Bank could be on the verge of disappearing under the weight of Israeli land confiscation and the destruction of water wells. The Atouf area, in the Tubas governorate in the northeastern West Bank, and long known as the region’s “breadbasket,” has been targeted by settler attacks on its water lines. The settler raids complement the Israeli army’s ongoing infrastructure projects in the area, which have plowed through Palestinian farmlands and demolished wells.

For four months, thousands of Palestinian farmers in the Atouf plain have been unable to access water for their crops after settlers began attacking and damaging water lines, according to local residents. In recent weeks, the Israeli army has bulldozed farmland in Atouf as part of a military road project, further damaging water lines in the process. The army has also issued demolition orders for wells on the plain and has already demolished several.

https://www.seattle911visibilityproject.in/911VP_2025_update/ilisset/mondo-israel-destroying-palestinian-agriculture.pdf

https://mondoweiss.net/2026/08/destroying-agriculture-is-the-purpose-how-israel-is-drying-up-the-west-banks-most-fertile-farmlands/?ml_recipient=196140858791167680&ml_link=196140823846323740&utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=2026-08-19&utm_campaign=Daily+Headlines+RSS+Automation+-+8am

Settler Terror Continues in the West Bank

https://dissentmagazine.org/online_articles/settler-terror-continues-in-the-west-bank/

March 6, 2025

UN alleges record levels of settler violence in the West Bank this year

The UN said Thursday that violence by settlers in the West Bank has reached record levels, with an average of six attacks daily causing casualties or damage. The number of such attacks this year has surpassed 1,000, said Stephane Dujarric, spokesman for the UN chief, citing the UN's Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

"Just last week, settler attacks resulted in the injury of more than 30 Palestinians and widespread damage to property, central infrastructure as well as livelihoods," Dujarric said. "The current pace of settler attacks causing casualties or property damage, with an average of six incidents per day, is higher than any year on record."

More than 2,200 Palestinians have been displaced this year due to settler violence or access restrictions, while hundreds more have been displaced due to home demolitions by Israeli authorities, he said. The remarks came two days after rights group Amnesty [accused Israel](#) of "state-led" ethnic cleansing in the West Bank,

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/un-alleges-record-levels-of-settler-violence-in-the-west-bank-this-year/>

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Settler products from occupied Palestine sold to Europe as Israeli, investigation finds

Shipments are deliberately mislabeled to bolster settler economy, says non-profit Global Echo.

Israeli exporters to Europe regularly hide the origin of produce grown in occupied [Palestine](#) to qualify for unlawful tax breaks that bolster the settler economy, a rights group investigation has found.

The legal non-profit Global Echo [analyzed](#) more than 30,000 export documents for thousands of Israeli shipments to the UK and EU over eight years. One in six shipments it investigated contained agricultural products that had originated in illegal settlements in occupied Palestine and the Syrian Golan Heights, at least 42 percent of which had been mislabeled as Israeli-grown.

"This isn't an aberration and its not accidental," said Emily Schaeffer Omer-Man, the executive director of Global Echo. "This is a system that the UK and the EU have perpetuated and agreed to." The group is demanding the UK government review controls on Israeli imports and has promised to take legal action if HMRC does not tackle verification concerns. Europe is Israel's biggest market, and the EU its single top trading partner, accounting for [almost 30%](#) of exports.

In addition to reviewing export documents, the investigation analyzed publicly available data and interviewed Palestinians and senior Israeli industry representatives, including whistleblowers. The overall effect of mislabeling is that European consumers and governments unknowingly subsidize settlement agriculture.

“European trade continues to contribute materially to an unlawful territorial regime, in direct tension with EU law,” Global Echo said. Settlement exports were “not the result of isolated lapses, but of a systemic failure of regulatory design, enforcement, and accountability”, it said.

Israeli exports used legal loopholes or fraud to import to Europe under a “grown in Israel” label, the report found, with three main techniques.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2026/jun/15/settler-products-from-occupied-palestine-sold-to-europe-as-israeli-investigation-finds> June 15 2026

6 Countries Announce Sanctions Targeting Israeli Settler Networks

The measures aim to “disrupt the flows of finance” supporting attacks on Palestinians in the West Bank, said the British government, which coordinated them with France and other nations.

Six countries are imposing coordinated sanctions on networks that they say have financed and supported violence carried out against Palestinians by Israeli settlers in the occupied West Bank, Britain’s foreign office said on Tuesday. Britain [said](#) it was joining Canada, France and Norway in imposing new sanctions on six entities and one individual “involved in financing, enabling and carrying out settler violence.” Australia and New Zealand [announced related sanctions](#) last week. Together, Britain’s foreign office said, the measures will “disrupt the flows of finance that have allowed extremist settler groups to act with impunity in the West Bank.” Israel’s foreign ministry dismissed the sanctions on Tuesday as “disgraceful measures.”

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<https://www.nytimes.com/2026/06/09/world/middleeast/west-bank-israeli-settlers-sanction.html>

When the European Union issued its latest tranche of sanctions against Israeli settler groups and their leaders, Regavim, founded in part by the country’s Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich, these groups welcomed the measures as a “badge of honour.”

Another sanctioned figure, Daniella Weiss, whose movement, Nachala, has held conferences on the Gaza border to discuss plans for settlement expansion into the occupied Palestinian territory, likewise dismissed the European penalties as “ridiculous” and “banal”.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2026/6/6/badge-of-honour-israeli-settlers-shrug-off-global-condemnation>

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Zionist NGO Regavim to countersue Canada, EU over sanctions, denies claims of violence The Zionist NGO Regavim will be taking legal action against Canada and the EU following the imposition of sanctions, Naomi Kahn, director of the International Division at Regavim, told *The Jerusalem Post* on Wednesday. “Regavim has never been accused of violence against Palestinians. Ironically, in fact, it is known for publishing a report debunking the very concept of settler violence.”

<https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/article-898968>

