



Yesh Din

Volunteers for Human Rights

Yesh Din filed an Objection to the CA - Cancel Plans to Expand the Jurisdiction of the Geva Binyamin Settlement on the Lands of Jaba'

After settlers expelled Palestinian shepherds from the lands of the village of Jaba', the Civil Administration now seeks to add the area into the jurisdiction of the Geva Binyamin settlement.

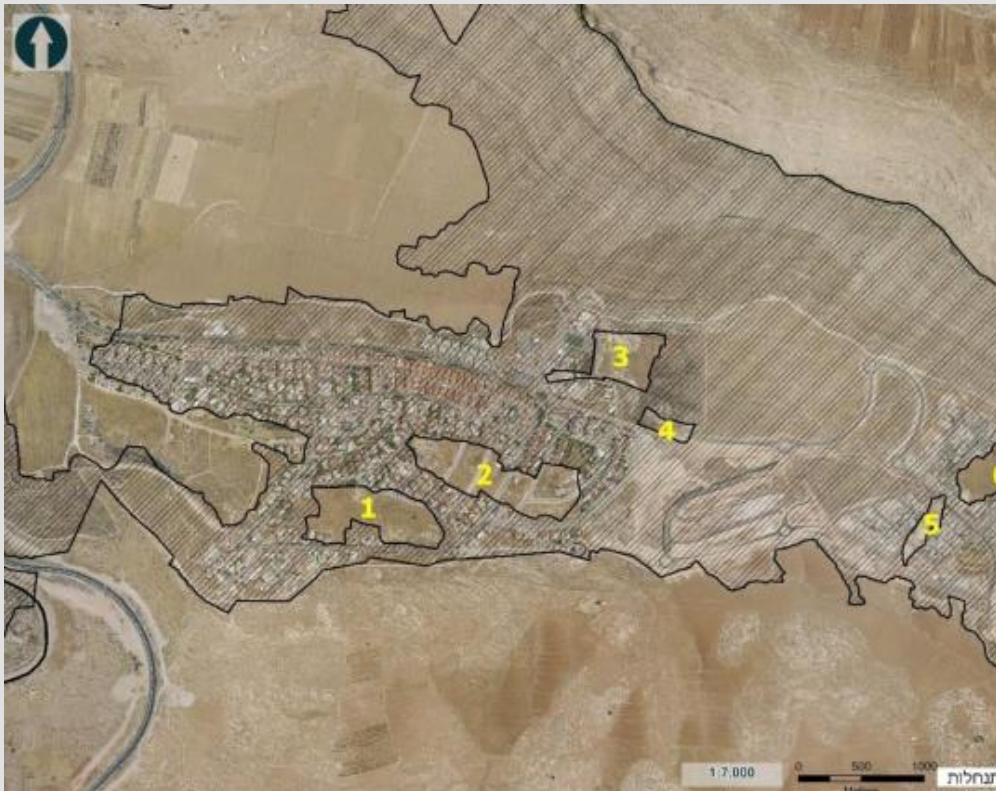
Residents of the Palestinian village of Jaba', in the Ramallah district, in cooperation with Bimkom – Planners for Planning Rights and Yesh Din, filed an objection to the Civil Administration's announcement on December 9, 2024, of its intention to expand the jurisdiction of the Geva Binyamin (Adam) settlement. If approved, the expansion would add approximately 1,107 dunams of land declared public ('state') land in 2023 to be incorporated into the settlement's eastern boundary. As well as prevent access from Palestinians to their private land.

The proposed expansion includes the illegal outpost of Sneh (Bnei Adam), built on both public and privately owned Palestinian lands, which de facto extends even beyond the planned expansion area. If the plan proceeds, two enclaves of privately owned Palestinian land would be enclosed and trapped within the settlement's jurisdiction, effectively

blocking landowners from freely accessing their property. Under Israeli military orders, landowners would be required to obtain individual permits and must coordinate access to their land with Israeli authorities - a process known for imposing bureaucratic obstacles often resulting in landowners losing ownership of their property.

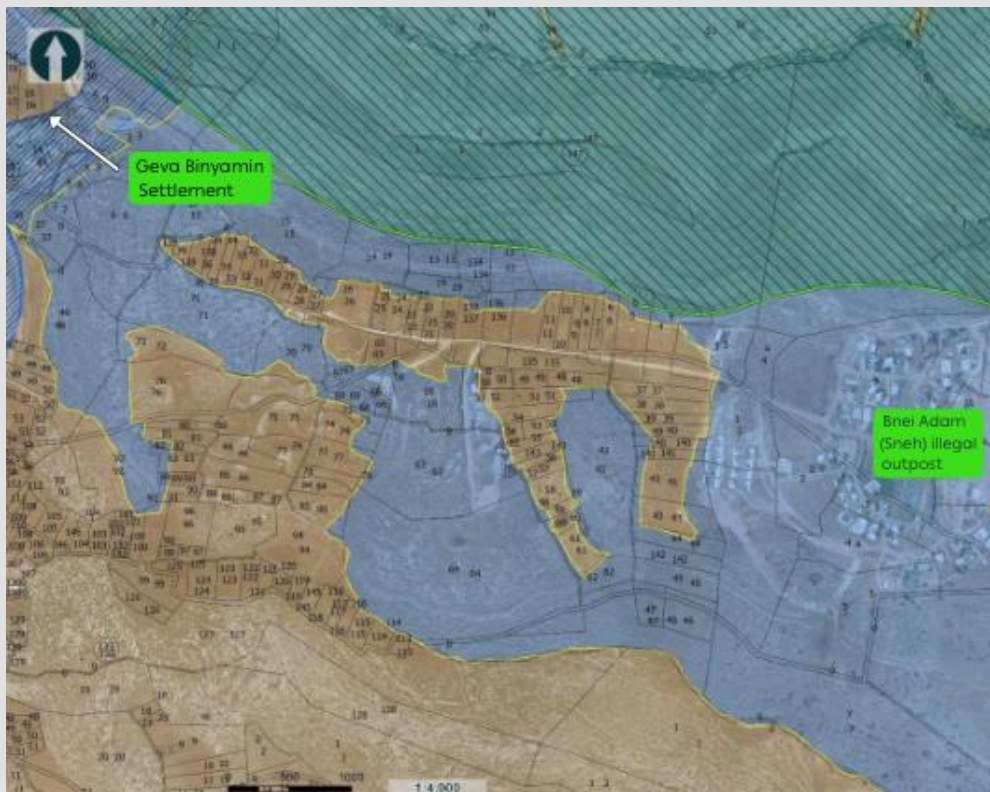
The objection highlights a recent escalation in land takeover and dispossession in the area. In October 2023, under the shadows of war, settlers expelled Palestinian shepherds from the lands designated for the new jurisdiction, destroying their homes and property. Later that month, additional shepherds were expelled from a nearby hill, and the Sneh (Bnei Adam) outpost expanded into the area cleared of Palestinians. Residents of the outpost have since cultivated private lands belonging to Palestinian landowners, in violation of the law and without authorization.

The objection draws attention to six additional enclaves of private lands owned by Palestinians already enclosed within the jurisdiction of Geva Binyamin, where incursions and harassment by settlement residents have been documented. In many cases, these privately owned Palestinian lands have been unlawfully designated into settlement construction zones or public uses, such as municipal offices.



The numbered areas are the lands that have been encircled within the Geva Binyamin settlement, preventing access from Palestinian landowners.

Additionally, the objection argues that there is no genuine need to expand Geva Binyamin's jurisdiction. The settlement already encompasses vast underutilized areas and has sufficient planned land reserves for future development. The proposed expansion appears to be aimed at retroactively legalizing the illegal Sneh (Bnei Adam) outpost, using governmental power and mechanisms to advance political and ideological objectives.



The brown-coloured areas include Palestinians' privately-owned lands, while the blue-coloured area is meant to be added to the existing jurisdiction.

Yesh Din urges the international community to take action and pressure the Israeli government not to approve this intention of the jurisdiction expansion since it violates the human rights of the Palestinian land-owners by preventing access to their lands, and by forcibly displacing the Palestinian shepherding communities living there, like 20 communities who were expelled since October 7, 2023.

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