

Yesh Din

Volunteers for Human Rights

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Earlier today the Ministerial Committee for Legislative Affairs voted to promote legislation that will cancel the 2005 Disengagement Law. The issue will now be brought to a vote by the Knesset General Assembly on Wednesday, February 15.

The central purpose behind the changes to the Disengagement Law is to promote State-led efforts to retroactively authorize the illegal outpost of Homesh, which was previously evacuated as part of the disengagement and which sits on private Palestinian lands belonging to residents of Burqa. Just six weeks ago, Israel's High Court accepted the position of Yesh Din and the residents of Burqa in our joint petition to regain their land by issuing an *order nisi* in HCJ 2821/19.

Cancellation of the Disengagement Law will indeed remove one of the legal barriers currently in place that prevents Israelis from entering the land - however, it will not change the fact that this is private, registered Palestinian land. Israeli leadership shows every intention of denying the rights of the landowners and pursuing State-led land

theft to re-erect a settlement on this land, taking another step towards manifestating its annexation agenda and forsaking of the local population whom it is obligated to protect.

Yesh Din calls upon the international community to express its opposition to this multi-faceted violation of international law, to demand that the property rights of the rightful landowners of this land be respected and that Homesh be evacuated.

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