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Policy paper: What Israel's 37th government's guiding principles and coalition agreements mean for the West Bank

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**Yesh Din, The Association for Civil Rights in Israel, Breaking the Silence, and Ofek - The Israeli Center for Public Affairs** have released a policy paper which offers a brief overview of the planned measures and trends as they emerge from the coalition agreements and guiding principles, along with an analysis of their impact on the human rights of protected persons in the OPT: annexation, settlement expansion, reduced accountability for security forces and settlers, and shrinking democratic space within Israel's sovereign borders.

The guiding principles adopted by Israel's new government begin with the following statement: **"The Jewish people have an exclusive and indisputable right to all parts of the Land of Israel. The Government will promote and develop settlement in all parts of**

**the Land of Israel - the Galilee, the Negev, the Golan and Judea and Samaria.”** The reference to an apparent exclusive right of the Jewish people establishes Jewish supremacy as the central consideration in all government actions in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT) and within Israel.

In our assessment, though formal annexation through the enactment of a law applying Israeli sovereignty to the West Bank is unlikely due to foreign policy considerations, the picture emerging from an examination of the various measures included in the agreements is one of **annexation without an official declaration**.

**The policy paper concludes that Jewish supremacy in the West Bank will be bolstered; Palestinians will continuously be pushed out of Area C, those among them with affinity to lands will be dispossessed and deprived of their property rights; and the obligations of the occupying power will be abdicated as the rights of protected persons are violated and international law is breached. The new government is, therefore, set to effectively violate two key principles of the regime of occupation – temporariness and trusteeship, and further entrench the regime of apartheid in the West Bank.**

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