



Yesh Din

Volunteers for Human Rights

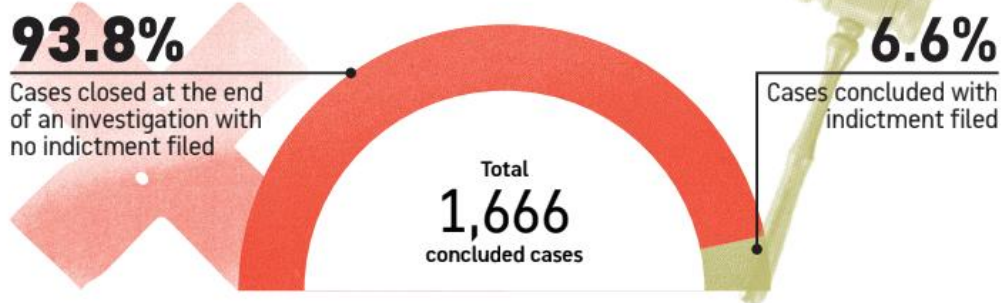
Yesh Din Publishes Law Enforcement Data on Settler Violence in the West Bank Over the Past 20 Years

For two decades, Yesh Din has documented offenses committed by Israeli citizens - settlers and others - against Palestinians or their property in the West Bank. Alongside documenting these incidents, the organization also monitors the outcomes of investigations launched by the Israeli police in response to these acts of violence, aiming to assess the willingness of Israeli law enforcement authorities to protect Palestinians in the West Bank, as required by Israeli and international law.

Yesh Din Monitoring 2005–2024: Key Data

The data does not reflect all incidents of violence against Palestinians in the West Bank during this period, but only cases monitored by Yesh Din.

Investigation outcomes 2005-2024



* Six investigation files (0.4%) were closed by the police but reopened following appeals filed by Yesh Din with an indictment ultimately filed.

94% of Cases Closed Without Indictment

Since 2005, Yesh Din has monitored 1,701 police investigations into offenses committed by Israeli civilians against Palestinians in the West Bank (excluding East Jerusalem). Of the cases that have concluded, 93.8% were closed after investigation without an indictment. The vast majority of these cases were closed for reasons indicating police failure to identify suspects or gather evidence.

Only 3% of Cases Ended in Convictions

Out of the 1,666 concluded police investigations monitored by Yesh Din since 2005, indictments were filed in only 109 cases (6.6%), with 53 leading to full or partial convictions. This means that only 3% of investigations into ideological offenses against Palestinians in the West Bank that Yesh Din has monitored resulted in a conviction. This low rate sends a clear message - spanning at least two decades - that the law enforcement system does not hold Israeli civilians accountable for violence against Palestinians, fostering a sense of immunity among offenders and enabling the recurrence of such acts.

Significant Decline in Trust in Police

In addition to tracking police investigations, Yesh Din has documented hundreds of cases of settler violence over the years where Palestinian victims chose not to file a police complaint. In such cases, the police often did not investigate the incidents at all.

This trend has intensified significantly over the past two years, coinciding with the current government. Between January 2023 and September 30, 2024, Yesh Din documented 328 incidents of harm to Palestinians. In 60% of these cases, victims chose not to file a complaint. In 2024, this rate rose to 66% (101 out of 153 incidents documented by the organization). Most victims attributed their reluctance to distrust in Israeli authorities and the investigation process, while some expressed concerns that filing a complaint might harm them or result in the revocation of work or entry permits to Israel.

Systemic Failure to Enforce the Law

Yesh Din's data, based on two decades of monitoring thousands of police investigations, highlights a systemic failure to enforce the law on Israeli citizens in the West Bank. This persistent and consistent failure reflects a deliberate policy by the State of Israel, which tolerates - and even benefits from - ideological violence against Palestinians in the West Bank.

[Follow Yesh Din on Twitter](#)

[New WhatsApp Group for Diplomatic Updates](#)

We opened a new WhatsApp group for diplomatic updates, in which we will be sending periodic updates on important developments in the West Bank easily and conveniently. It will be a 'silent' group, meaning only the administrators can post messages, and there won't be conversations or debates. This is an efficient way to keep the diplomatic community up to date, and you are welcome to join and share the link with colleagues.

Join Yesh Din's new WhatsApp group

Read the full datasheet

For more information contact: Yahav Erez || Yahave@yesh-din.org || +972 (0)54.759.2456

For media inquiries contact: Uri Cirlin || +972 54-559-6178

Yesh Din is required by law to make the following statement:

Yesh Din is mostly funded by foreign governmental entities - through grants devoted to the provision of humanitarian assistance and the promotion of human rights. A list of our donors is available on the Israeli Associations Register's website and on Yesh Din's website.

Yesh Din is proud to be funded by States that are committed to the rule of law, that believe the occupation is not an internal Israeli matter, and that support the defense of international humanitarian law and human rights.



Copyright © 2025 Yesh Din, All rights reserved.

You are receiving this email because you signed up through our website

Our mailing address is:

Yesh Din

PO Box 50304

Tel Aviv 6150201

Israel

[Add us to your address book](#)

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#)
