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Update on Settler Violence

Since October 7, Yesh Din has documented **219** incidents of settler violence carried out against Palestinians in the West Bank. These attacks occurred in **92** towns and villages across the West Bank. There have been **99** olive harvest-related incidents documented, some carried out by settlers, some by soldiers, and some by both together.

In this period of time, **192** Palestinians were killed in the West Bank (Palestinian Ministry of Health data), at least eight of them, apparently, by armed Israeli settlers.

[Read Yesh Din's summary of settler violence since Oct. 7](#)

Update about the Burqa/Homesh case

A week after the war broke out, on October 19, a number of caravans were placed in the area where the illegal Homesh outpost was

erected (again) last May. These caravans are situated on plots of privately-owned Palestinian land. Following a letter issued by Yesh Din and the Burqa Village Council on the matter, last week, a response was received by the military legal advisor of the West Bank, stating that these caravans were positioned as part of a seizure order that was issued by the Military Commander in the West Bank. According to the military, the land seizure is aimed at protecting the illegal presence of the adjacent Yeshiva (Jewish religious seminary) that was erected in the area.

Two important points arise from this response:

1) It is necessary to remember that, even according to the Israeli government and the Military Legal Advisor, the presence of the Israeli Yeshiva is illegal. Both the structures of the outpost and the presence of people in it constitute a violation of the demarcation order and the military closed zone order which are currently in action. This seizure order is an infringement of Palestinians' property rights for the purpose of protecting and maintaining an illegal presence of Israeli settlers.

2) One of the claims Yesh Din had stated in the [petition filed this past August](#) against the allocation of the plots to the Samaria Regional Council was that the presence of Israelis specifically in this area would necessarily harm the rights of Palestinians to access their lands safely. This is living proof of these forecasts.

It is clearer now more than ever, that the Government of Israel is carrying out takeover of privately-owned Palestinian lands in order to preserve illegal presence of Israeli settlers in an [illegal outpost](#).

Night invasions of destruction & humiliation

Last night, Israeli soldiers [invaded dozens of homes](#) in the village of al-Mughayir in the West Bank. They left the families with destruction and chaos. Words cannot describe the humiliation and frustration of these men, women and children whose homes were targeted. Among others, a bumper sticker was put on the wall upon the soldiers' exit, stating "I stand with Israel".



al-Mughayir, during the night between November 15th and November 16th.
Photo by al-Mughayir residents

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