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Olive Harvest Updates

In October 2024, Yesh Din documented **114** incidents of violence by settlers and armed soldiers against Palestinian olive harvesters - an average of more than three incidents per day. These incidents took place on the lands of **51** Palestinian towns and villages in the West Bank. The acts of violence included shootings (some resulting in fatalities), violent assaults and threats, expulsion of harvesters, prevention of harvesting, theft of crops and agricultural equipment, cutting down of trees, and more.

In approximately **50%** of these cases, Israeli security forces (military, police, and settlements' emergency response teams) were present. However, instead of protecting the Palestinian harvesters as required of law enforcement authorities by law, they cooperated with the settlers and prevented Palestinians from harvesting their crops.

These data do not reflect all incidents of violence against Palestinians in the West Bank during this period, nor do they reflect all incidents

documented by Yesh Din, but only the olive harvest-related incidents documented by Yesh Din.

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Photos: Soldiers and armed settlers forcibly prevent Palestinian farmers from Qusrah and Sinjil from harvesting their olive trees, 29.10.2024 (courtesy of village councils).

A Bill to Authorize Illegal Outposts in the Process of Regularization

As part of the broader efforts to implement measures for the annexation of the West Bank, on November 4, 2024, MK Tzvi Sukkot proposed a bill to retroactively authorize illegal outposts by granting them a status of 'in the process of regularization'. According to this bill, this status will provide the following conditions to dozens of illegal outposts:

(1) The local authority within whose jurisdiction the outposts are expected to fall upon regularization shall provide them with a full range of municipal services;

(2) The relevant local authority shall supply regular and adequate water services to the outposts;

(3) Government ministries shall treat the outposts not yet regularized as fully recognized for all intents and purposes, including budget allocation, assistance with infrastructure, and the establishment of educational and public facilities necessary for the residents' well-being;

(4) The Israel Electric Corporation shall connect the outposts to the electricity grid, with due attention to safety considerations, and establish the necessary infrastructure for this purpose;

(5) All enforcement proceedings and administrative orders shall be suspended, except in cases where a structure's demolition is essential to prevent life-threatening danger;

(6) Enforcement actions by the Civil Administration Inspection Unit shall only be carried out under direct instruction from the Prime Minister or the Minister of Defense and with the approval of the Ministerial Committee on National Security.

This bill is designed to anchor a prior Cabinet decision from February 2023, to retroactively authorize ten unauthorized outposts immediately and move forward with procedures for retroactively authorizing dozens of additional outposts. Following this, in February 2024, Minister Smotrich instructed the Head of the Civil Administration to implement the Cabinet's decision and recognize 63 sites, which include 70 outposts - including Evyatar and Homesh - as places "designated for regularization", connect them to the infrastructure, and refrain from exercising enforcement actions on illegal construction in them. Later, Smotrich circulated a directive to the government ministries instructing

them to recognize 68 outposts as “sites undergoing regularization” and work to connect them to water, electricity, sewage, and communication infrastructures, to build public buildings in them, and to provide them with municipal services.

The significance of this directive and bill is that although regularization has not been completed for these outposts, they will have a status comparable to lawful localities to receive budgets and services, establish infrastructure, and approve the construction of new buildings. This new status will enable illegal outposts to continue to expand even before regularization, and to become de facto authorized settlements, whose status is similar to any locality within sovereign Israel.

Though all of the above has been solidified as part of Smotrich's directive to regularize illegal outposts - this bill serves as yet another legislative effort towards the [wider plan of annexation](#).

[Read the full bill here](#)

A Bill New to Bypass Financial Sanctions Placed on Violent Settlers in the West Bank

On November 4, 2024, MK Tzvi Sukkot proposed a bill to force the Bank of Israel (Israel's Federal Reserve) to provide banking services to individuals and entities sanctioned by foreign governments and compensate them for their frozen resources. The bill quotes:

“In light of this concerning trend, it is proposed that the Minister of Finance, following consultations with the Minister of Justice and the

Minister of Foreign Affairs, be authorized to direct the Bank of Israel to provide banking and credit services to these affected individuals. Unlike private banks, the Bank of Israel is a public institution and should, therefore, respond to this harm against Israeli citizens, even at the cost of fines that may be imposed on it due to non-compliance with these orders.”

[Read the full bill here](#)

Simultaneously, MK Limor Son Har-Melech has proposed an almost identical bill, which Prime Minister [Netanyahu shelved](#) on November 17, 2024, arguing that it would more likely be easier to pass once U.S. President Trump is inaugurated.

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.

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