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Following a Petition by Human Rights Organizations: Court Freezes Implementation of Land Registration Proceedings in the West Bank

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On the 15th of September, the Jerusalem District Court issued an interim order freezing a tender regarding the implementation of the Land Registration process in the West Bank following a [petition](#) submitted by Yesh Din, Bimkom and the Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI).

Renewing land registration proceedings in the West Bank is annexionist in nature, and the tender for managing the proceedings was issued without authority and unlawfully. The

tender and the entire process must be invalidated, as its implementation and execution will lead to widespread harm to the human rights of Palestinians and a blatant violation of international law.

The tender process-published by the Ministry of Justice at the end of May 2026- had already advanced and a winning bidder from the private sector had even been selected. In the petition, the organizations argue that, with regard to the West Bank, the State is advancing a tender to carry out a process for which there is currently no legal framework: the 1968 military order that suspended Land Registration proceedings in the West Bank remains in force, and no order has been issued to enable their renewal.

The organizations further argue that the Ministry of Justice has no legal authority to operate in occupied territory, and therefore has no authority to delegate such powers to a private entity. In addition, the tender seeks to transfer to a private body core governmental powers concerning the determination of the status of the land. This constitutes an impermissible privatization of powers of a sovereign and quasi-judicial nature. Furthermore, the terms of the tender effectively exclude Palestinians residing in the West Bank from the possibility of competing for the tender, thereby creating unlawful discrimination. **Above all, the renewal and advancement of Land Registration proceedings in the West Bank contradicts the principles of international law and entails harm to the rights of many Palestinians.**

An earlier petition to the High Court of Justice filed by the three organizations against the Government's decision to renew Land Registration proceedings in the West Bank was dismissed at the

beginning of the year as “premature”, after the State argued that the military orders and rules that would regulate the process had not yet been formulated. The Supreme Court then ruled that the development of the specific legal arrangements should wait, without ruling on the substance of the petition’ arguments against the decision. The organizations now argue that, despite the state’s previous claims, the state has already published a tender to carry out the process and has even selected a winning bidder.

As the final decision on the Land Registration has not been made yet, we call the international community to:

Act now and pressure the Israeli government to cease all actions related to Land Registration, which will permanently change the status of occupied territory and will lead to annexation, dispossession and the infringement of protections of civilians under IHL.

Furthermore, we call for the international community to closely monitor the developments of the tender and the Land Registration more broadly.

Read Yesh Din’s Position Paper on Land Registration [HERE](#) and the Impact of the Decision [HERE](#)

Invitation for the International Community to Observe Key Court Hearings

We highly encourage the diplomatic community to attend the following hearings, as they are key cases which concern equality, law enforcement, settler violence and the dispossession of Palestinians from their land. Diplomats who are interested in attending this hearing with Yesh Din are welcome to write to Jack Munayer (contact details at

the end of this message). All cases listed will take place in the High Court of Justice in Jerusalem.

12 October 2026 at 9:00, Al-Mughayir (Head of the Al-Mughayir Village Council v. Military Commander in the West Bank).

The Israeli military has been imposing severe, ongoing movement restrictions on the village of Al-Mughayir in the Ramallah district ever since the war in Gaza broke out in October 2023.

These closures isolate the village and almost entirely cut it off from its main access roads. They disrupt the daily lives of thousands of residents, force them to use long, irregular detours, and at times prevent them from leaving the village altogether. As a result, residents' access to health, education, employment, agriculture, commerce, and emergency services is severely impeded on a daily basis. Village residents who own agricultural land are denied any access to their lands, both due to physical obstructions and because soldiers drive them away from lands that are not blocked daily, resulting in loss of crops and ongoing harm to their livelihoods and property rights.

[The petition](#) asks the Court to order the military to remove the closures and lift movement restrictions at the village's main entrances, to stop removing residents from any agricultural lands that are not physically blocked, and to allow them to cultivate those lands.

13 October 2026 at 11:30, the Murder of Ali Harb.

On June 21, 2022, a group of settlers, about 17 teens and one adult, Avraham Shemesh, invaded land belonging to the Harb family from the village of Iskaka in the West Bank. The settlers came ready to set up a new unauthorized outpost, bringing mattresses and tools with them. Several Iskaka residents headed over to the land and demanded the

trespassers leave, then, Avraham Shemesh walked up to 27-year-old Ali Harb and thrust the knife into his heart. Ali collapsed on the spot and died.

The police displayed criminal negligence both during and after the incident. Though police officers were on the scene, and had witnessed the fatal stabbing. After the investigation was closed, Ali's father filed an appeal against the decision through Yesh Din, who is helping the family. The appeal demands the stabber be prosecuted, including for murder and obstructing an investigation, detailing the evidence against the stabber and the many flaws in the investigation. On August 5, 2024, Ali Harb's father filed a High Court [petition](#) via Yesh Din, demanding the accused be prosecuted for manslaughter and obstruction of justice. The ongoing petition presents a detailed analysis of the sequence of events. The account Shemesh and the teens gave and the police and State Attorney's Office accepted was disproved by Yesh Din, using materials from the police investigation and further evidence.

14 October 2026 at 11:30 – Emergency Hotline: Hearing Ahead of the Olive Harvest (Yesh Din v. Military Commander of the West Bank et al.).

Israeli settlers violently attack Palestinian farmers and harm their property routinely, particularly during the olive harvest. Such incidents include physical violence, damaging trees, setting fires and stealing produce or farming equipment. Simultaneously, the army exercises administrative measures that restrict Palestinians' access to their land or prevent access altogether. This combination of attacks and administrative measures consistently and systematically harms Palestinians' right to farm their land and harvest their olives.

Before October 2023, the army officially designated parties tasked with handling urgent cases in the West Bank: The Civil Administration humanitarian hotline, District Coordination Offices (DCOs), army brigade war rooms, and the Office of the Legal Advisor – Judea & Samaria (LA-JS) operated as hotlines during various periods for farmers, activists and aid organization workers, providing a response – even if partial – to urgent calls. After October 2023, no party is officially tasked with providing emergency responses to urgent calls. Two call centers, in the Civil Administration and the Central Command, operate on a limited basis on weekdays only. Contacting these call centers has proven ineffective.

On October 30, 2025, Yesh Din [petitioned](#) the High Court of Justice demanding the army assign an official tasked with and authorized to respond in cases when Palestinians' rights are harmed and immediate intervention is necessary, and publish contact information in Hebrew and Arabic for parties tasked with handling urgent calls, who shall be on call 24/7.

21 October 2026 at 11:30 – Takeover of Homes in Area B (Awad et al. v. Commander of Military Forces in the West Bank et al.). In August 2025, settlers established an illegal outpost called “Kfar Tarfon” near the homes of two families from the Palestinian village of Atara in Area B of the West Bank. The settlers then proceeded to attack and harass the families on a regular basis.

Since the outpost was established and they were driven from their homes, the homeowners have filed many complaints with the police and military, but every investigation file opened was closed immediately. Settlers have broken into the homes, vandalized the security cameras, broke and destroyed property in the yard, stole

furniture and the contents of the homes, and took them over. After repeated appeals to the military and the police yielded no result, in July 2026 the homeowners, with Yesh Din's assistance, [petitioned](#) the High Court of Justice, demanding that the Court order the authorities to fulfill their duty: remove the Israeli invaders from the homes and to protect the Palestinian families from settler violence.

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