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New Report and Online Briefing- The Next Frontier: Violence by Israeli civilians against Palestinians in Areas A and B

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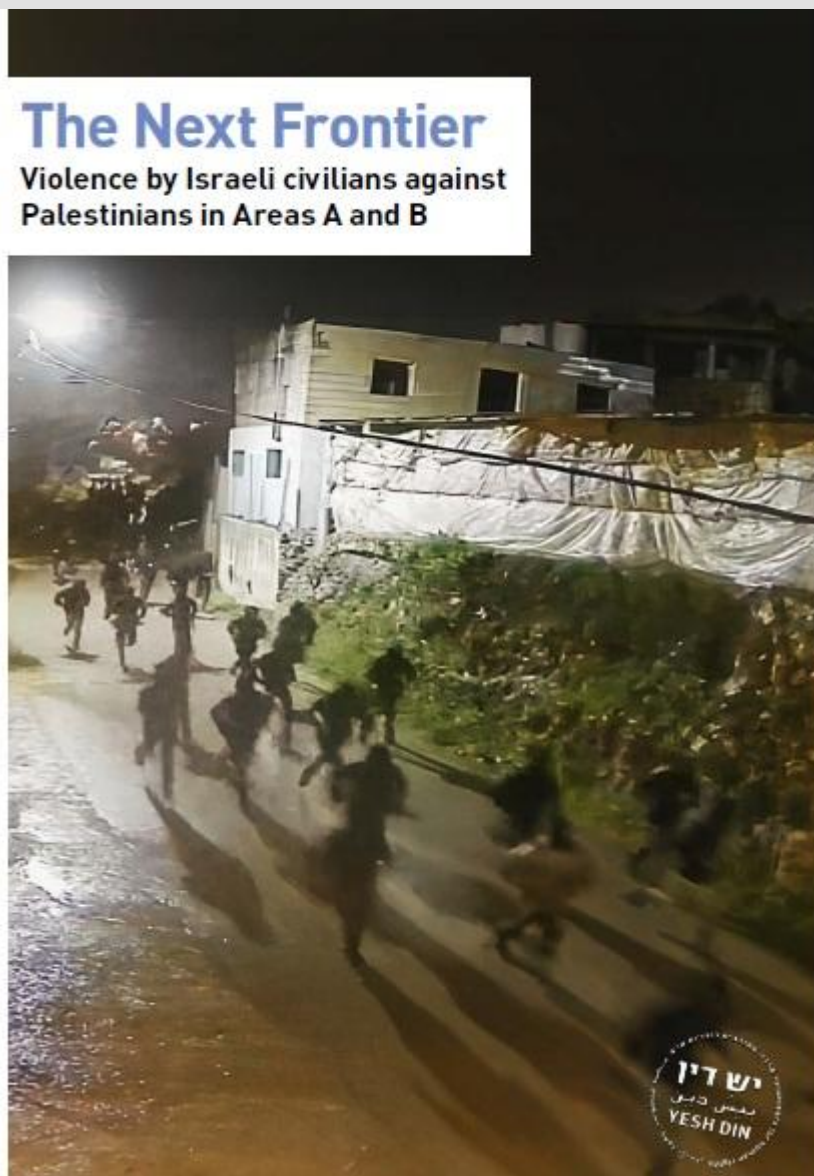
The Next Frontier: Violence by Israeli civilians against Palestinians in Areas A and B

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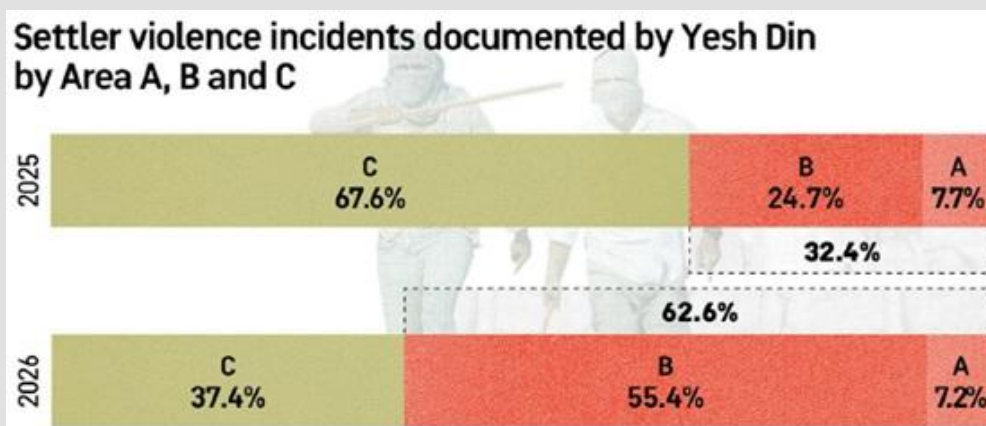
The year 2024 marked a transition into the next phase of the settlement project and a shift in the **geography of violence**. In the two years that followed, Yesh Din has analyzed these developments and our data shows that by the end of June 2026, roughly two-thirds (62.6%) of the settler violence incidents it documented took place in Areas A or B, compared to 32.4% in the same period in 2025. Our new report **The Next Frontier: Violence by Israeli civilians against Palestinians in Areas A and B** shows how the violence and pressure exerted by the Israeli government, military and settlers on Palestinians

has rapidly shifted from Area C into Areas B and even A.

This serves Israel's systematic policy of annexing the West Bank. The path toward this objective is paved by systematic and organized criminality, backed and supported by state institutions. These acts are driven by a clear intention: to erase Palestinian presence from the area—in other words, to carry out ethnic cleansing.



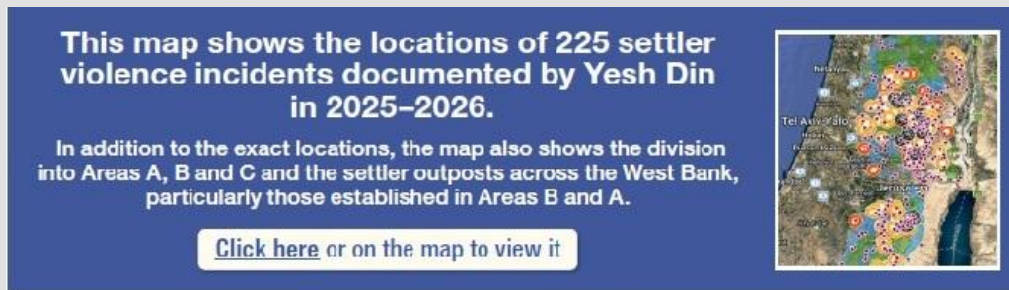
Because this violence is instrumental and meant to achieve political goals, the way it is deployed, its features, methods, and locations are neither random nor arbitrary. Ideologically motivated violence against Palestinians is characterized by recurring patterns of conduct and strategic direction, and it continually evolves and adapts to the strategic objectives it is designed to achieve. As outposts advance deeper into Palestinian territory, **violence, harassment and terror follow.**



The establishment of so many outposts with the support of the Israeli government, in obvious violation of Israeli and international law, demonstrates that the government is in complete alignment with the settlers' declared goals. Senior Israeli ministers openly speak of their ambition to gain control of Area B, abolish the division created under the Oslo Accords and annex the land. Area B includes most Palestinian villages, and Area A encompasses the major Palestinian urban centers of Nablus, Ramallah, Jenin, Tulkarem, Qalqiliyah, Bethlehem and Jericho, as well as continuous Palestinian populated blocs. Most Palestinian daily life occurs in these areas, meaning it has been compressed into just 40% of the West Bank.

For a better visual understanding of the spread of settler violence

across the West Bank, click on the map below to see the location of the 225 incidents documented by Yesh Din in 2025- end of June 2026 and the outposts, including those established in Areas A and B.



The report includes testimonies and examples from Palestinians living in these areas, many of which have never experienced settler violence before, including a family in Atara (Area B), where settler violence combined with military support has forced them to leave their property which has subsequently been taken over by settlers. For more information on this story and Yesh Din's petition for this family, [click here](#).

The deeper settlers push into Palestinian land, the more intensive and aggressive the military's presence grows. Violence instigated by settlers inside Palestinian communities usually brings military intervention and attacks against Palestinian residents. The military also tends to respond to settler violence by issuing orders closing off Palestinian land to prevent "friction" between the populations. These orders always restrict and harm Palestinians while never meaningfully restricting Israelis.

In this way, the settlers set the agenda, expanding the settlements and taking the violence into Areas B and A. The government backs them, funds them, and gives them immunity from prosecution. The army, for its part, protects the settlers and sometimes works with them, while inflicting more harm on Palestinians.

These new developments lead to the inescapable conclusion that the State of Israel effectively grants impunity to settlers who harm Palestinians because it has an interest in its ultimate outcome—the creeping takeover of West Bank land.

**Online Briefing on the New Report and the Siege of
Qusra- Thursday the 27th of August at 16:00**

Following the ongoing siege on Palestinian families living in Qusra and the publication of Yesh Din's new report "The Next Frontier: Violence by Israeli civilians against Palestinians in Areas A and B", we would like to invite you to join us for a one-hour online briefing.

The briefing will include:

- 1) A firsthand account from Qusai Abu Ridi-from his home that is being besieged by settlers and soldiers. Yesh Din has been providing legal aid to affected families, advocating for their protection and rights.
- 2) A briefing by Yesh Din's Data Coordinator Noa Cohen on the increase of settler violence in Areas B and A.

Registration

link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/vOOGOQflRUa9DesVbNposQ#/registration>

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