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# VICTIMS' TESTIMONIES







"At around 1:00 pm, I saw six men approaching us. They were carrying sticks and their faces were covered. I stayed where I was and didn't feel scared because I didn't know they were settlers. When they were about 20 metres away, they started throwing stones at us. Four of them attacked my father, and the other two attacked me and my brother. I felt terrified. Hammam [my three year old brother] started screaming and shivering. He was also terrified."

Odai S., aged 12 (April 2012)<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.dci-palestine.org/documents/voices\\_occupation\\_hammam\\_and\\_odai\\_s\\_settler\\_violence](http://www.dci-palestine.org/documents/voices_occupation_hammam_and_odai_s_settler_violence)



B'Tselem photos © Salma A-Dibi





"I dream that the settlers surround me. Then they catch me and try to choke me,"

Bassam Hathaleen, aged 10, after being beaten by masked settlers with a metal bar.<sup>2</sup>

"Not being able to protect your own child is the worst feeling a parent can have,"

Tomba Suleiman Hathaleen (Aug 2011)<sup>3</sup>

"I woke to the sound of rocks being thrown, and went up onto my roof. The children started to scream so we locked ourselves in our house..."

Makhlouf (Dec 2011)<sup>4</sup>

"The vision in my left eye is not very good, and the doctors say I need three more surgeries in the next couple of months. I have psychological problems, I cannot sleep because I have nightmares and sometimes I have panic attacks. There is also a problem with my ear, where he hit me with the stick. What happened was a big shock, I cannot forget. I am always nervous and easily angry, I shout a lot and even my sons will not accept me. I am scared to leave the house, and I have no job just all of these bills..."

Khaled (Mar 2012)<sup>5</sup>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.palestinemonitor.org/?p=1741>

<sup>3</sup> Ibid

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.councilforthenationalinterest.org/israel/palestineconflict/missingheadlines/item/1418-nabulus-village-at-the-center-of-settler-violence>

<sup>5</sup> <http://littlepiecesofthewhole.blogspot.com/2012/03/settler-violence-with-impunity.html>





"I never sleep more than a couple of hours each night. I jump at every sound. That is the way it is. Everybody fears a settler attack, even if they have not yet been attacked directly themselves."

Nabila Saleh (Aug 2012)<sup>6</sup>

אולפנה  
מלחמה

<sup>6</sup><http://palsolidarity.org/2012/08/asira-al-qibliya-terrorizing-settler-attacks/>

# Introduction,



Israeli settler violence against Palestinian civilians in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem (OPT) is part of the grim daily life under occupation for Palestinians; a reality that has continued for forty-five years. In recent years, however, these terrorist attacks have increased dramatically, producing a situation of constant fear and insecurity among Palestinians. In 2011, settler violence, that is to say attacks by Israelis living illegally in the

OPT including East Jerusalem against Palestinian communities, rose by 39% from the previous year. Since 2007, incidents of settler violence have risen by a staggering 315%.<sup>7</sup>

This upward trend in terrorism forms part of a wider culture of discrimination and hate, which is cultivated, mainly, by the actions of the Israeli government in endorsing discrimination, and its creation of a culture of impunity among

<sup>7</sup> 'When Settlers Attack', The Palestine Center, Washington D.C., 2012  
<http://www.thejerusalemfund.org/ht/a/GetDocumentAction/i/32678>



settlers brought on by its systematic inaction and failure to hold perpetrators of anti-Palestinian hate crimes accountable. Meanwhile, Israeli occupation forces, who have a duty to protect Palestinians under the 1949 Fourth Geneva Convention Relevant to the Protection of Civilians in Times of War (Fourth Geneva Convention), are also widely known to be complicit in settler attacks, most often through deliberate unwillingness to suppress acts of terrorism against Palestinian civilians, property, and places of worship, as well as their failure to see that settlers are tried and punished for their crimes. Most worrying is the government funding provided to openly racist settlers known for inciting against Palestinians in the form of salaries and other government spending.





# WHO ARE THE SETTLERS?

Settlers are Israelis who live in settlements built illegally in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, within the internationally recognized borders of the future Palestinian state.

The settlement enterprise is built upon the theft of Palestinian land and illegal exploitation of Palestinian natural resources. Settlements are linked by a system of settler-only roads, and some are de facto annexed by the illegal wall, which effectively carves up the OPT and makes movement for Palestinians within their own land extremely difficult, and a two-state solution increasingly inconceivable.




Today there are over half a million illegal settlers in the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem, many of whom were originally encouraged to move to settlements through a variety of economic incentives provided by the Israeli government. These government incentives have made living in settlement a lucrative investment. A Peace Now survey concluded that 77% of Israeli settlers primarily moved to the illegal settlements for economic purposes.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>8</sup> [http://peacenow.org.il/eng/content/quality life settlers](http://peacenow.org.il/eng/content/quality%20life%20settlers)







The economic benefits of living in a settlement are significant and numerous. For example, from 2003 to 2011, the education budget allotted for Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank increased by 272%.<sup>9</sup>

A Peace Now study from 2011 revealed that Israeli settlers enjoy subsidized fares of up to 50% on public transport.<sup>10</sup> In May 2012, Israel's Knesset approved a law awarding a 35% tax break to those who donate to non-governmental organizations supporting illegal Israeli settlement activities.<sup>11</sup> In September 2012, Israeli media reports, showing the extent to which buying property in the illegal settlements is advantageous, put the many government incentives in perspective.

<sup>9</sup><http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/business/2012/08/calcalist-exposure-the-secret-do.html>  
<sup>10</sup><http://peacenow.org.il/eng/content/peace-now-research-reveals-settlers-freeloading-your-expense>  
<sup>11</sup><http://www.jpost.com/DiplomacyAndPolitics/Article.aspx?id=270883>



“One good example... [is] Ariel [settlement], where there [are] still plenty of four room apartments under NIS 1 million [USD 255, 000], and as low as NIS 750,000 – while the price for similar homes in nearby Petach Tikvah could be as much as double for the same sized home.... And in Ma’ale Adumin [settlement], just seven minutes away from Jerusalem, four room homes are going for NIS 900,000, far less than the NIS 1.6 million.”<sup>12</sup>

<sup>12</sup> <http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/159838>



The construction and continued expansion of these illegal settlements constitute a grave violation of the Fourth Geneva Convention<sup>13</sup> and the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.<sup>14</sup>

On 9 July 2004, the International Court of Justice rendered its advisory opinion on the legality of the Israeli Wall in which it stated that the settlements and their associated regime, including settler-only roads and the Wall, constitute a violation of the Palestinian people's inalienable right to self-determination and may amount to de facto annexation.<sup>15</sup>

<sup>13</sup><http://www.icrc.org/ihl.nsf/385ec082b509e76c41256739003e636d/6756482d86146898c125641e004aa3c5>  
<sup>14</sup><http://untreaty.un.org/cod/icc/statute/romefra.htm>  
<sup>15</sup><http://www.icj-cij.org/docket/files/131/1671.pdf>





# Background,



Recent reports indicate that 2011 was by far the most violent year for Palestinians in the OPT vis-a-vis settler violence.<sup>16</sup> These attacks include shootings, physical attacks, arson attacks (such as the torching of mosques and farmland), stone throwing and the destruction of property and vehicles. During 2011, settlers uprooted or damaged 10,000 Palestinian trees, and

attacked civilians, resulting in the killing of 3 Palestinian civilians and the injury of 183 others.<sup>17</sup> The UN also reports that at least 1 Palestinian was killed and 125 injured by Israeli soldiers, who provide protection to the settlers. In addition, many Palestinians were forcibly displaced due to settler attacks and more than 250, 000 Palestinians remain at risk of settler violence, 76, 000 of whom are deemed to be at high risk.<sup>18</sup> But 2012 looks set to be even worse. According to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, there have been 154 attacks in the first half of 2012 alone.<sup>19</sup>

The sharp increase of settler terrorism is directly connected to the immunity Israeli settlers seem to enjoy. A report prepared by the United Nations' Office by the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs pointed out that "90% of monitored complaints regarding settler violence filed by Palestinians with the Israeli police in recent years have been closed without indictment".<sup>20</sup>

<sup>16</sup>When Settlers Attack, Palestine Center, Washington D.C., Feb 2012  
<sup>17</sup> [http://www.ochaopt.org/documents/ocha\\_opt\\_settler\\_violence\\_FactSheet\\_October\\_2011\\_english.pdf](http://www.ochaopt.org/documents/ocha_opt_settler_violence_FactSheet_October_2011_english.pdf)  
<sup>18</sup>Ibid(OCHA SETT VIOLENCE SHEET)  
<sup>19</sup><http://www.miamiherald.com/2012/07/11/2891585/reportviolenceagainstpalestinians.html>  
<sup>20</sup> [http://www.ochaopt.org/documents/ocha\\_opt\\_settler\\_violence\\_FactSheet\\_October\\_2011\\_english.pdf](http://www.ochaopt.org/documents/ocha_opt_settler_violence_FactSheet_October_2011_english.pdf)



## THE MYTH OF THE PRICETAG NARRATIVE

There are Israeli groups who have adopted a so-called "price tag policy". These groups claim that they carry out attacks on Palestinian communities in response to unpopular decisions or actions by the Israeli government that are perceived to harm the settlement enterprise. Describing the harm to Palestinians resulting from these attacks, a settler leader in Yitzhar settlement said, "[this is] a good display of good citizenship that was intended to help the police enforce the planning and building laws in the area on Palestinians."<sup>21</sup>

<sup>21</sup>[http://www.btselem.org/topic/settler\\_violence](http://www.btselem.org/topic/settler_violence)



The Palestine Center conducted and published a study revealing that far from being a confrontation between settlers and the Israeli government, so-called 'price tag' attacks are on the rise because of impunity. The research found that while settler violence increased in reaction to government execution of decisions, it did not in reaction to the announcements of such decisions themselves. Furthermore, the study concluded that most settler attacks take place in areas where Israeli has security jurisdiction under the Oslo Accords.

**"This twisted narrative [the 'price tag' narrative] leads the reader to believe that the settlers and the Israeli state are facing off against each other and this is the reason why settler violence exists and is on the rise... The reality is an inversion of this narrative. It is in fact because the Israeli state overwhelming fails to confront the settlers and provide protection for Palestinians and their property that settlers are emboldened and perpetuate attacks."**

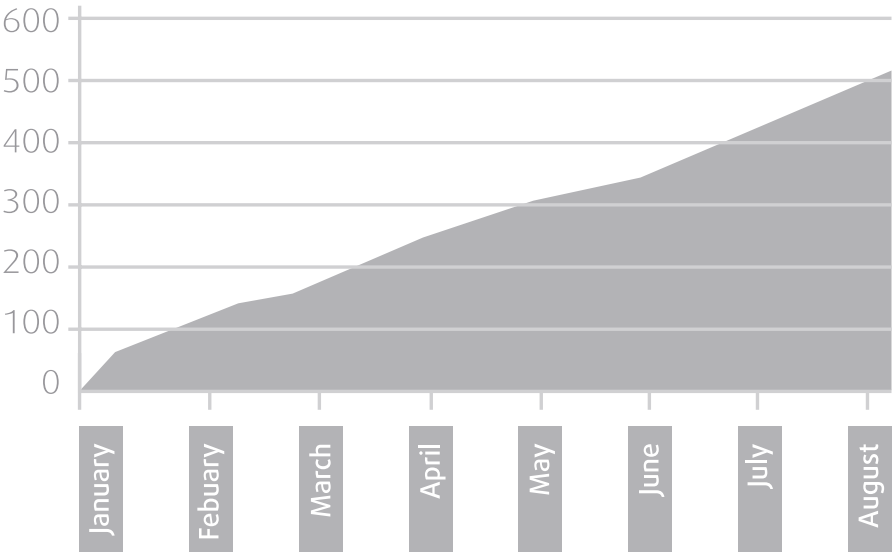
Further examination also reveals that settler attacks are not only a result of government inaction as regards deterring settlers, but also the result of a government endorsed culture of discrimination and hate, which helps to breed this terrorism.







# Settler Attacks 2012 (cumulative)



Source: Palestine Monitoring Group



# GLIMPSES INTO DAILY REALITY... UNDER ATTACK

## August 2012:

In **Jerusalem**, settlers assaulted and injured a Palestinian woman and a child in Shu’fat camp. In **Ramallah**, settlers torched several vehicles near Jalazun camp, set fire to agricultural land near DeirIbzi, stormed several homes and damaged property in Al-Laban Al-Gharbi village, attempted to torch vehicles, and injured 5 residents near Jaba’. In **Qalqiliya**, settlers chased several farmers from their agricultural land in Kafr Qaddum and set fire to agricultural land in Jinsafut village. In **Nablus**, settlers stormed 2 homes and assaulted residents including several children in Al-Laban Al-Sharqiya, attempted to torch 2 vehicles and wrote racist slogans on property in Awarta. In **Bethlehem**, settlers hurled Molotov cocktail bombs towards a vehicle and seriously injured 6 family members including several children. In **Hebron**, a settler vehicle ran over and injured a child in the old city, assaulted a 67 year old civilian in Susiya village, torched 3 vehicles in Sa’ir, uprooted 30 olive trees and wrote racist slogans on property in Yatta. A settler ran over and seriously injured a 4 year old child in the old city of Hebron, sprayed sewage waste towards residents on their way to Friday prayers in Al-Ibrahimi mosque, destroyed 30 olive trees in Al-Tiwani village, and ran over and injured a child near “Kiryat Arba” settlement.



## July 2012:

In **Jerusalem**, settlers opened fire towards Palestinians at Qalandia checkpoint. In **Ramallah**, settlers assaulted and injured several laborers in Sinjil, assaulted a resident after ramming their vehicle into his in Madma village, stoned Palestinians and homes in Beitllo, slaughtered several livestock in Turmus'ayya and stoned vehicles near Bet El settlement in Al-Bireh. In **Jenin**, Israeli settlers stoned civilian vehicles and assaulted and injured 4 residents. In **Qalqilya**, settlers stoned vehicles and ran over a civilian. In **Nablus**, settlers raided Burin, damaged olive trees in Qassri village, stoned homes, attempted to steal civilian property (furniture), opened fire at several shepherds and assaulted them with stones, slaughtered several goats; set fire to agricultural land in Aqraba, damaged 120 olive trees in Yatma and 41 olive trees in Tel village. In **Salfit**, settlers detained 4 residents in near "Barkan" settlement. In Jericho, settlers decapitated several livestock and stoned civilian vehicles. In **Bethlehem**, settlers assaulted a laborer in "BetarAeliyat" settlement, confiscated 5 dunums of agricultural land in Al-Khadr; opened fire towards a herd of camels killing 1 in Husan village. In **Hebron**, settlers sprayed unknown material at residents in Tel Al-Rumayda, stoned residents in the old city, destroyed 100 olive trees in Wad Ma'in area and stormed a home in Yatta.



## June 2012:

In **Jerusalem**, settlers set a mosque on fire and wrote anti-Arab graffiti on walls in Jabaa village and Shufat neighborhood. In **Ramallah**, settlers opened fire indiscriminately between the villages of Abu Shkeidem and Al-Mazraah Al-Gharbieh, sprayed gas inside vehicles injuring 4 Palestinians; and cut down 50 almond trees. In **Qalqilya**, settlers set trees on fire and cut down olive trees. In **Nablus**, settlers razed land for the expansion of settlements and set agricultural land on fire. In **Salfit**, settlers stole irrigation water from Deir Istiyya town. In **Hebron**, settlers opened fire at Palestinians and stoned vehicles in the old city of Hebron.

## May 2012:

In **Jerusalem**, Israeli settlers attacked a child in Silwan, ran over 1 Palestinian and attacked a 70-year-old man in Silwan. In **Ramallah**, settlers set agricultural land on fire; stoned civilian vehicles; and ran over a 9-year old child. In **Qalqilya**, settlers attacked 3 civilians who were working in Qaddoumim settlement. In **Nablus**, settlers set sheepfolds on fire, stoned Palestinians and uprooted 267 olive trees. In **Bethlehem**, settlers damaged irrigation networks and discharged waste water on Palestinian agricultural land. In **Hebron**, settlers stoned civilians, attacked 1 civilian in Yatta town, uprooted fruit trees and destroyed grapevines.



## April 2012:

In **Jerusalem**, Israeli settlers attacked civilians and the guards of Al-Aqsa Mosque. In **Ramallah**, settlers raided Beitelo village and cut down olive trees. In **Jenin**, settlers stoned civilian vehicles. In **Tubas**, settlers razed land, damaged crops and chased farmers. In **Nablus**, settlers razed land, stormed 'Urif village, set agricultural land on fire and indiscriminately opened fire at Palestinians. In **Jericho**, settlers stoned bikers near Al-'Auja and ran over a child. In **Hebron**, settlers attacked twobrothers, hoisted the Israeli flag on Al-Ibrahimi Mosque and stoned civilians and vehicles.

## March 2012:

In **Ramallah**, settlers assaulted a woman and stoned Palestinian vehicles and homes. In **Jenin**, settlers attacked civilians. In **Tubas**, settlers attacked a shepherd and chased laborers who had been working on their agricultural land. In **Qalqilya**, settlers trespassed on agricultural land, uprooted olive trees and ran over three goats. In **Nablus**, settlers attacked farmers and shepherds; stoned Palestinian homes and cut down 220 olive trees. In **Salfit**, settlers razed agricultural land. In **Jericho**, settlers stoned civilian vehicles. In **Bethlehem**, settlers uprooted 185 olive trees and attacked Palestinians. In **Hebron**, settlers uprooted olive trees and attacked Palestinians and international peace activists.



## February 2012:

**Qalqilya**: Israeli settlers set a Palestinian vehicle on fire and closed the Qalqilya-Nablus road. Israeli settlers stoned Palestinian vehicles and attacked several homes. **Nablus**: Israeli settlers cut down olive trees and stoned Palestinian vehicles near Yitzhar settlement. **Jericho**: Israeli soldiers opened fire indiscriminately toward civilians west of Al-Auja and excavated land in Fasayel village. **Hebron**: Israeli settlers stoned Palestinian vehicles and attacked civilians, stoned homes, demolished a house under construction, razed agricultural land, and cut down olive trees.

## January 2012:

**Jerusalem**: A civilian was run over near the village of Issawiya. **Ramallah**: Israeli settlers stoned civilian vehicles near Al-Mahkama checkpoint. **Tubas**: Settlers razed Palestinian-owned land in Khilet Hamad area in the Jordan Valley. **Nablus**: An Israeli settler ran over a herd of sheep near the village of Deir Sharaf. Settlers abducted a Palestinian near Yitzhar settlement. A settler ran over 17 year old Angham Imran, causing her injuries and bruises. **Salfit**: Israeli settlers ran over a civilian on the main road. A group of settlers broke a number of pottery vessels used for agricultural seedlings at a Palestinian nursery. They also set a shop and 3 Palestinian-owned vehicles on fire and wrote abusive slogans on the walls of a mosque in Deir Istiya town.

<sup>22</sup>Information provided by the Palestine Monitoring Group.



# INTERNATIONAL CONDEMNATION,





International condemnation of settler violence over the past year has been strong and widespread. Unfortunately, concrete actions to follow up on these statements are still lacking.

In February 2012, the EU Heads of Mission updated a report<sup>23</sup> from the previous year on the issue of settler violence, in which they highlighted, the ‘alarming phenomenon of increasing settler violence in the [OPT]’ and described the nature of the attacks:

**“Settler attacks against Palestinians have increasingly focused on Palestinian livelihoods, including takeover of and damage to private property, regular vandalism of cars, hindered access to agricultural lands and attacks on livestock and agricultural land.”**

Moreover, the report confirmed that:

**“There has been no widespread response from the Palestinian side.”**

The report also reaffirmed the strong vocal stance of the EU in regards to settler violence:

**“The international community and the EU have repeatedly condemned settler violence through public statements and bilateral dialogue with Israel... During the Security Council session in December, EU SC members condemned the escalation in settler violence, including burning of mosques, as disturbing and called on the Israeli government to fulfil its commitment**



**to bring perpetrators to justice and put an end to impunity.”**

Most recently, in its annual report on terrorism in foreign countries, the U.S. State Department defined so-called ‘price-tag’ attacks against Palestinians in the West Bank as “terrorist incidents”.<sup>24</sup>

<sup>23</sup>EU Heads of Mission Report on Settler Violence <http://www.rightsforum.org/eur1.html> and <http://www.rightsforum.org/eur2.html>

<sup>24</sup><http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/170479.pdf>

## Conclusions of the UN Human Rights Council’s Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination – March 2012; Geneva, Switzerland<sup>25</sup>

- “The Committee draws [Israel’s] attention to its General Recommendation 19 (1995) concerning the prevention, prohibition and eradication of all policies and practices of racial segregation and apartheid, and urges [Israel] to take immediate measures to prohibit and eradicate any such policies or practices which severely and disproportionately affect the Palestinian population in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and which violate the provisions of article 3 of the Convention.”
- “The Committee is extremely concerned at the consequences of policies and practices which amount to de facto segregation, such as the implementation by [Israel] in the Occupied Palestinian Territory of two entirely separate legal systems and sets

<sup>25</sup><http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cerd/docs/CERD.C.ISR.CO.14-16.pdf>



of institutions for Jewish communities grouped in illegal settlements on the one hand and Palestinian populations living in Palestinian towns and villages on the other hand.”

- “The Committee is particularly appalled at the hermetic character of the separation of two groups, who live on the same territory but do not enjoy either equal use of roads and infrastructure or equal access to basic services and water resources.”
- “The Committee is concerned about the increase in racist violence and acts of vandalism on the part of Jewish settlers in the Occupied Palestinian Territory targeting non-Jews, including Muslims and Christians and their holy places, and about information according to which 90 per cent of Israeli police investigations into settler-related violence carried out between 2005 and 2010 were closed without prosecution.
- “The Committee is particularly alarmed by reports of impunity of terrorist groups such as Price Tag, which reportedly enjoy political and legal support from certain sections of the Israeli political establishment. (Articles 4 and 5 of the Convention).”



In April 2012, the Middle East Quartet added to the widespread condemnation in a statement which “**expressed its concern over ongoing settler violence and incitement in the West Bank,**” and called on Israel “**to take effective measures, including bringing the perpetrators of such acts to justice.**”<sup>26</sup>

Unfortunately, while condemnation from bodies such as the UN, EU and the Middle East Quartet has been firm, there has been little action taken to put an end to this violence and discrimination. Israel, the occupying Power, has not been held accountable for its colonization policies, including the daily attacks committed by its illegal settlers and its military forces.

International statements allude to the failure of the Israeli government to punish settler violence. However, far from merely failing to punish settler violence, the Israeli government can be seen in many ways to endorse and encourage a culture of hatred and discrimination against the Palestinians.

<sup>26</sup><http://www.haaretz.com/news/diplomacy-defense/mideast-quartet-criticizes-israeli-settler-violence-incitement-in-west-bank-1.423844>





**ISRAEL'S  
OFFICIAL  
ENDORSEMENT,**



The Israeli government endorses, directly and indirectly, various forms of incitement, including incitement to violence and murder, and hate speech. Such endorsement and/or support, whether direct or indirect, amount to a grave violation of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of Racism and Racial Discrimination. Moreover, this endorsement or acceptance of discriminatory discourse can only serve to exacerbate the issue of violence in Israeli society. This endorsement comes in many forms, including racist statements by leaders and public figures, government funding of individuals and organizations that incite against the Palestinians and stereotyping in school text books.



## STATEMENTS AND PROVOCATIONS BY ISRAELI LEADERS AND PUBLIC PERSONALITIES

Below are examples of incitement by influential Israeli individuals in the public domain.

### **“WE SHOULD OCCUPY GAZA AND ENCOURAGE MIGRATION OF ARABS”<sup>27</sup>**

Likud party representative, Moshe Figlin, head of the Manhigut Yehudit (Jewish Leadership) faction, who ran against Netanyahu in recent party elections, during the latest Israeli military assault on Gaza in March, said: “we should occupy Gaza, destroy the rule of Hamas, and encourage the migration of Arabs.... and then settle the Jews instead, because it’s ours.”<sup>28</sup>

### **“JEWISH PEOPLE HAVE A NATURAL, HISTORIC AND LEGAL RIGHT TO LIVE ANYWHERE IN THE LAND OF ISRAEL”<sup>29</sup>**

The Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister, Danny Ayalon, after visiting a settlement outpost deemed illegal under Israeli law as well as international law, commented on his Facebook wall: “Visited the brave residents of Migron today where I told them that the Jewish People have a natural, historic and legal right to live anywhere in the Land of Israel [referring to the OPT as part of Israel]”.

<sup>27</sup> ‘Incitement by Israel’, vol. 1, Government Media Center, Palestinian National Authority, May 2012  
<sup>28</sup> The interview is recorded and can be heard here <http://www.kr8.co.il/BRPortal/br/P102.jsp?arc=306979>.

<sup>29</sup> ‘Incitement by Israel’, vol. 2, Government Media Center, Palestinian National Authority, June 2012



## KNESSET MEMBERS CELEBRATE HOME EVICTION OF A PALESTINIAN FAMILY IN EAST JERUSALEM<sup>30</sup>

Aryeh Eldad, member of the Israeli parliament or 'Knesset' and leader of the Hatikva party, recently openly celebrated the eviction of the Palestinian Natcheh family from their Beit Hanina home in occupied East Jerusalem, forcibly taken to make way for illegal Israeli settlers. Eldad visited the house with another Knesset member, Michael Ben-Ari, and then posted a photograph on Facebook of themselves lounging on the Natcheh's sofa.

## ISRAELI SETTLERS AND SOLDIERS TOUR THE AL-AQSA COMPOUND

In May 2012, a group of 170 Israeli settlers and soldiers toured the Al-Aqsa compound,<sup>31</sup> raising a number of flags including a large one on one the stairs of the Dome of the Rock.

## "ISLAM IS THE MOST TERRIBLE DISEASE"<sup>32</sup>

Army Radio talk-show host, Avri Gilad, speaking of the African immigrant's issue on June 12 of this year, said: "It's true that we have to check how much available space we have, but let us not forget that those knocking on our doors belong to Islam, and Islam today is the most terrible disease raging around the world. [...] It poisons its believers, and poisons every place it reaches."



<sup>30</sup>Ibid.

<sup>31</sup>ARJ Daily Report [http://www.poica.org/editor/case\\_studies/may282012.pdf](http://www.poica.org/editor/case_studies/may282012.pdf)

<sup>32</sup>'Incitement by Israel', vol. 4, Government Media Center, Palestinian National Authority, July 2012

<sup>33</sup><http://www.haaretz.com/news/diplomacy-defense/lieberman-to-haaretz-israel-must-launch-concertedcampaign-to-delegitimize-abbas.premium-1.460698>

<sup>34</sup>Ibid

<sup>35</sup><http://en.arabstoday.net/20120831184458/lieberman-calls-for-abbas-assassination.html>

<sup>36</sup>Ibid

## "ABBAS SHOULD BE OUSTED"<sup>33</sup>

Israeli foreign minister and deputy prime minister Avigdor Lieberman, himself a settler, has repeatedly incited against President Mahmoud Abbas and the Palestinian leadership. He has accused president Abbas of using what he said was "political terrorism" against Israel, as a way to delegitimize the Palestinian president in front of the international community."<sup>34</sup> In a recent interview, Lieberman went further:

**"[W]e must take some escalatory procedures that may end [Abbas's] life and puts him under siege by all means and trends".<sup>35</sup>**

Lieberman also likened the Palestinian foreign minister to Joseph Goebbels during a diplomatic conference in Tel Aviv.<sup>36</sup>



# GOVERNMENT FUNDING OF INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS WHO PROMOTE DISCRIMINATION

The Israeli government allocates funds on annual basis to religious schools, particularly in illegal settlements across the West Bank, and organizations that advocate hate and espouse racist ideology. Israeli human rights organizations have thoroughly documented this official support. Below are examples of some organizations enjoying government funding:

## THE HEMLA ASSOCIATION AND LEHAVA ORGANIZATION

Since 2005, Hemla has received nearly half of its annual budget, approximately USD 200,000 in funding from the Israeli Ministry of Welfare and Social Services every year.<sup>37</sup>

Both organizations share the same organizational structure.

Hemla’s public relations officer, Bentzi Gopstein, is the director of Lehava and is a disciple of the racist Rabbi Meir Kahane. Gopstein was also suspected in a suspected hatecrime and for involvement in the outlawed Kahane organization.<sup>38</sup>

Both organizations publicly state that their goal is to “save Jewish girls that have been tempted to establish relations” with non-Jews. They have launched campaigns to prevent Jewish women from having any contact with Palestinian men, provide incentives to shops to not hire Palestinians, and consider the renting or selling of apartments to Palestinians a “disaster”.<sup>39</sup>

**“DO YOU WANT YOUR  
GRANDSON TO BE CALLED  
AHMED BEN SARAH?”**

Poster Placed on Public Bulletin  
Boards By Lehava



<sup>37</sup><http://www.haaretz.com/weekend/magazine/a-strange-kind-of-mercy-1.364417>  
<sup>38</sup><http://www.haaretz.com/weekend/magazine/a-strange-kind-of-mercy-1.364417>  
<sup>39</sup>[http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cerd/docs/ngos/CARI\\_Israel.CERD80.pdf](http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cerd/docs/ngos/CARI_Israel.CERD80.pdf)



## ODYOSEFHAI RABBINICAL COLLEGE, YITZHAR SETTLEMENT

- Receives hundreds of thousands of dollars from the Israeli Ministries of Welfare and Social Services and Ministry of Education.
- Headed by Rabbis Yitzhak Ginzburg and Yitzhak Shapira. Both Rabbis have published books and pamphlets advocating the killing of non-Jews, denying Arabs the right to exist, and praising mass murderer Barauch Goldstein, who opened fire on a group of Muslim worshipers in Hebron in 1994, killing 29 and wounding 125.
- The College operates two Yeshivas, a seminary and a publishing house.
- On its website, the College praises the so-called ‘hilltop youth’<sup>40</sup>, who have carried out hundreds of terrorist attacks against Palestinian villages, including arson attacks against mosques.

<sup>40</sup>[http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cerd/docs/ngos/CARL\\_Israel.CERD80.pdf](http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cerd/docs/ngos/CARL_Israel.CERD80.pdf)  
<sup>41</sup><http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/world/chief-uk-rabbi-jonathan-sacks-warns-of-racism-risk-in-israel/story-e6frg6so-1226085877567>  
<sup>42</sup><http://www.haaretz.com/news/national/lands-conference-awards-safed-rabbi-who-said-jews-shouldn-t-rent-tonon-jews-1.358670>  
<sup>43</sup><http://www.jpost.com/NationalNews/Article.aspx?id=246626>  
<sup>44</sup><http://www.haaretz.com/news/safed-chief-rabbi-calls-on-state-to-exact-revenge-against-arabs-1.242746>  
<sup>45</sup><http://www.jpost.com/Israel/Article.aspx?id=63137a>

**“TODAY, WHEN THE SECURITY FORCES (THEIR COMMANDERS AND THOSE WHO SEND THEM) DO NOT FIGHT THE ARAB ENEMY LIKE THEY SHOULD, THEY FEAR LOSING SUPPOSED “COOPERATION” AND HESITATE TO STRIKE AT THOSE WHO ARISE TO KILL US – THE REAR NEEDS TO KNOW THAT IT DEPENDS ON THEM! IF EVERY JEW AND JEWESS WILL UNDERSTAND AND DECLARE THAT THERE IS A NEED TO FIGHT, THAT THERE IS STRENGTH AND POWER TO FIGHT, WE CAN BRING ABOUT REAL WARFARE AND A REAL VICTORY.”**

WEBSITE OF ODYOSEFHAI ‘YESHIVA’

**“IF [PALESTINIANS] DON’T STOP [FIRING ROCKETS] AFTER WE KILL 100, THEN WE MUST KILL A THOUSAND. AND IF THEY DO NOT STOP AFTER 1,000 THEN WE MUST KILL 10,000. IF THEY STILL DON’T STOP WE MUST KILL 100,000, EVEN A MILLION.”**

## RABBI SHMUELELIYAHU, CHIEF RABBI OF SAFED

- As Chief Rabbi of Safed, he receives his monthly salary from the government of Israel, despite repeated calls by human rights and civil rights groups to him suspended from public service.
- In 2010, he was one of 50 Rabbis, 39 of whom were on the Israeli government’s payroll,<sup>41</sup> who signed and supported a letter endorsing a decree prohibiting Israeli Jews from renting or selling lands and homes to Palestinian Israelis.

- In April 2010, at an annual lands conference, Israeli Minister of Science and Technology Daniel Hershkowitz praised Rabbi Eliyahufor “his actions, effort and devotion to the Jewish nature of the Land of Israel”.<sup>42</sup>
- Among his famous quotes are “Arab culture is very cruel”, and “expulsion of [Palestinians] from Jewish neighborhoods is part of [our] strategy.”<sup>43</sup>
- On 26 March 2008, Rabbi Eliyahu called on the government to carry out “state-sanctioned revenge” against Palestinians as a deterrence measure, advocating that the children of a gunman who had attacked a right-wing religious school in West Jerusalem, be hung from a tree.<sup>44</sup>
- In 2007, Eliyahu advocated for the carpet bombing of Gaza,<sup>45</sup> regardless of the price on Palestinian civilian life.
- Eliyahu was investigated for racism and incitement but no charges were ever brought against him. The investigation did not, however, include the “rabbis’ letter” that banned renting or selling property to non-Jews.





**RABBI DOV LIOR, RABBI OF  
THE ILLEGAL SETTLEMENT  
KERYAT ARAB**

**“IT IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED  
TO HIRE [PALESTINIANS]....  
THEIR EMPLOYMENT IS OUT  
OF THE QUESTION, NOT ONLY  
IN [RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS] BUT  
ALSO IN HOTELS OR FACTORIES,  
BASICALLY ANYWHERE”**

- Rabbi Lior holds several official titles in Israel, including head of Rabbis in the occupied West Bank, and head of the Nirhesder yeshiva (which combines religious teaching with military service) thus receiving generous funding from the state.<sup>46</sup>
- In September 2011, the Rabbi referred to Palestinians as “wolves”. “What we have with those villains and savages is not peace, and it won’t be peace. It is against their nature. They hate peace”. He also described Palestinians as ‘evil camel riders’ and decried what he described “the opium of peace”.<sup>47</sup>

- Lior referred to the late Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin a “rodef” and “moser” (a traitor who endangers Jewish lives).<sup>48</sup> According to testimony, Rabin’s assassin used to attend Lior’s sermons.
- Lior also used to minister to Baruch Goldstein, the Israeli settler who massacred 29 Palestinian worshipers in Hebron’s Al-Ibrahimi mosque in 1994. After committing the massacre, Lior described Goldstein as “holier than all the martyrs of the holocaust”.<sup>49</sup>
- Lior’s racist attitudes are shockingly extreme. In December 2011, he said Jewish women should not get pregnant using donated sperm from non-Jews because their babies would have “negative genetic traits that characterize non-Jews”, warning that the offspring would have “traits of cruelty and barbarism”.<sup>50</sup>
- The Rabbi forbids the employment of Palestinians.<sup>51</sup>
- According to testimony by other Rabbis, Lior was provided spiritual guidance for the “Gush Emunim Underground”, a group of Israeli terrorists that carried out car bomb attacks against Palestinians, and was accused by Israeli intelligence

of plotting to destroy the Dome of the Rock in the Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound and placing bombs under Palestinian-owned buses in occupied Jerusalem.

- He endorsed the racist book, Torat Hamelekh (King’s Torah), written by Rabbi Yetshak Shapira, which advocates the killing of “innocent non-Jews” in times of war.
- In June 2011, Rabbi Lior was briefly detained for questioning over this endorsement. Right-wing activists in Israel, including his students and supporters, rioted and blocked roads, while Knesset members and officials, including 25 members of the ruling coalition, decried the arrest. The brief detention even prompted threats of revenge from Israeli settlers and supporter of Lior. Since that arrest, Lior has not been questioned again. He continues to serve in his official capacities and receive government funding.

<sup>46</sup><http://www.haaretz.com/print-edition/opinion/a-racist-messianic-rabbi-is-the-ruler-of-israel-1.370554>

<sup>47</sup><http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4124816,00.html>

<sup>48</sup><http://www.haaretz.com/print-edition/opinion/a-racist-messianic-rabbi-is-the-ruler-of-israel-1.370554>

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<sup>50</sup><http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4006385,00.html>

<sup>51</sup><http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3521246,00.html>



**RABBI YITZHAK SHAPIRA,  
HEAD OF THE OD YOSEF HAI  
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL IN THE  
ISRAELI SETTLEMENT YIZHAR**

**“THERE IS JUSTIFICATION IN  
HARMING [NON-JEWISH]  
INFANTS IF IT IS CLEAR  
THAT THEY WILL GROW UP  
TO HARM US. UNDER SUCH  
CIRCUMSTANCES THE BLOW  
CAN BE DIRECTED AT THEM  
AND NOT ONLY BY TARGETING  
ADULTS.”**

- Co-author of “Torat Hemlekh” (The King’s Torah), a book advocating the killing of non-Jewish children, published in 2009. In his book, Shapira said the killing of the children of a leader in order to pressure him is permissible.<sup>52</sup>
- In February 2011, the Rabbi was investigated for incitement to racism and violence because of statements made in the ‘King’s Torah’ book. He refused to be questioned. In

May 2012, the Israeli attorney general announced he would drop the investigation due to lack of evidence.<sup>53</sup>

- In 2010, Shapira issued an edict to Israeli soldiers encouraging them to use Palestinians as human shields, an illegal and inhuman practice by Israeli soldiers, which has been well documented by human rights organizations.<sup>54</sup>
- In January 2010, Shapira was suspected in participating in an arson attack against a mosque in the town of Yasuf.<sup>55</sup> After setting the mosque on fire, the attackers spray-painted anti-Arab slogans on the floor. He was released without charge.
- In 2006, Shapira was questioned over an article in which he called for the killing or expulsion of all male Palestinians above the age of 13.<sup>56</sup> Shapira, along with Yossi Peli, another teacher, at the Yitzhar settlement. No charges were filed against him.

<sup>52</sup><http://www.haaretz.com/print-edition/news/police-release-rabbi-arrested-for-inciting-to-kill-non-jews-1.304261>  
<sup>53</sup> <http://www.haaretz.com/news/national/israel-s-ag-closes-probe-into-authors-of-allegedly-racist-book-1.433041>  
<sup>54</sup> <http://www.haaretz.com/news/diplomacy-defense/leading-rabbi-encourages-idf-soldiers-to-use-palestinian-human-shields-1.320311>  
<sup>55</sup>[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle\\_east/8482700.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle_east/8482700.stm)  
<sup>56</sup><http://www.jpost.com/Israel/Article.aspx?id=34568>  
<sup>57</sup><http://www.haaretz.com/print-edition/news/settlers-remember-gunman-goldstein-hebron-riots-continue-1.263834>  
<sup>58</sup> <http://www.haaretz.com/print-edition/news/settlers-receive-22-more-budget-grants-than-other-israelis-probeshows-1.313657>

Another form of government endorsement of racism and hate is the Israeli government’s permission of annual memorials for Meir Kahane, whose party was outlawed in Israel due to its racist policies.

Successive Israeli governments have also allowed settlers in the Kiryat Arba settlement to turn the gravesite of Baruch Goldstein, who murdered 29 Palestinian worshipers in 1994, into a shrine. Every year, Israeli settlers and right-wing supporters celebrate the terrorist.<sup>57</sup> Yet, a 2010 probe in Israel revealed that this settlement, whose religious school and leaders are known for their racist preaching and incitement to violence, ranks third among West Bank settlements receiving government grants (150 NIS per capita).<sup>58</sup>





# INCITEMENT IN EDUCATION,





**“Article 7. States Parties undertake to adopt immediate and effective measures, particularly in the fields of teaching, education, culture and information, with a view to combating prejudices which lead to racial discrimination and to promoting understanding, tolerance and friendship among nations and racial or ethnical groups...”.**

International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

Racist attitudes towards the Palestinians have also been institutionalized in the Israeli education system.

Nurit Peled-Elhanan is a professor at Jerusalem’s Hebrew University whose research of Israeli schoolbooks dates back to the 1990’s. The professor has published a book entitled “Palestine in Israeli School Books: Ideology and Propaganda in Education” detailing evidence that Israeli schools have racist textbooks.

Her research cites one textbook which states that the Palestinian exodus in 1948, following fears of a repeat of the Deir Yassin massacre by Israeli militias, “solved a terrifying demographic problem” for Israel. The book then goes on to quote former Israeli President Chaim Weizman who described the forced exodus of Palestinians as a “miracle”.<sup>59</sup>

Adir Cohen, another Israeli researcher and writer, also published his findings on racist stereotyping in Israeli textbooks in a book entitled “An Ugly Face in the Mirror”. Cohen researched 1,700 Israeli children’s books and found that 250 of them contained negative descriptions of Palestinians.



Among Cohen’s findings is the admission of Israeli authors and writers to “deliberately portraying the Arab\* character in this way, particularly to their younger audience, in order to influence their outlook early on so as to prepare them to deal with Arabs”.<sup>60</sup>

“In a sampling of 86 books, Cohen counted the following descriptions used to dehumanize Arabs: Murderer was used 21 times; snake, 6 times; dirty, 9 times; vicious animal, 17 times; bloodthirsty, 21 times; warmonger, 17 times; killer, 13 times; believer in myths, 9 times; and a camel’s hump, 2 times.”<sup>61</sup>

Another study, conducted by professor Daniel Bar-Tal of Tel Aviv University examined 124 elementary, middle and high school textbooks taught in Israel in the subjects of Hebrew literature, history, geography and citizenship. He concluded that “Israeli textbooks present the view that Jews are involved in a justified, even humanitarian, war against an Arab enemy that refuses to accept and acknowledge the existence and rights of Jews in Israel”.<sup>62</sup>

<sup>59</sup><http://www.thenational.ae/news/world/middle-east/israeli-textbooks-foster-hate-says-author#page1>

<sup>60</sup> Palestinians are referred to as Arabs in Israeli texts.  
<http://66.49.206.24/canadastreetnews.com/vol%209%203%20jul%2020%20to%20aug%203/Page6Aug.pdf>

<sup>61</sup> <http://66.49.206.24/canadastreetnews.com/vol%209%203%20jul%2020%20to%20aug%203/Page6Aug.pdf>

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# EXAMPLE QUESTION AND **MODEL ANSWER** FOR AN ISRAELI HIGH SCHOOL CIVICS EXAM, 11 JUNE 2012

(ENGLISHTRANSLATION)

## QUESTION:

The wives of rabbis published a letter calling on the daughters of Israel not to hang around Arabs. There are those who support this letter and those who think it is not appropriate. Express your opinion about the letter. In your answer, present two reasons and explain using concepts you learned in Civics.

## Model Answer:

I support the letter of the rabbis' wives.

1. If the daughters of Israel hang around Arabs, they are liable to have relationships and marry them. This would harm the Jewish majority of the state.
2. If the daughters of Israel hang around Arabs, they are liable to fall victims of violence for nationalistic reasons. This would harm their right to life and security.

Incitement in school textbooks is an especially perturbing case, as it is a very subtle form of indoctrination, placed within materials which are shaping the minds of the next generation. It is today's children who will grow up with these deeply imbedded and skewed perceptions.

The instances of official endorsement documented above are by no means extensive, but provide examples of the varying ways in which the Israeli government's actions allow and often encourage a 'culture of hate', optimal conditions for breeding and exacerbating anti-Palestinian hate crimes and racist attitudes in Israel.

**"Say, isn't it fun to shoot an Arab?  
Here's a slogan: a good Arab is a dead  
Arab. A top notch Arab is a buried  
Arab."**

**"Let the Palestinians, may God blacken  
their name, burn in Hell. Punch holes in  
them with your M-16 and bomb them"**

From letters written by Israeli school students in 2002 to soldiers serving in the occupied West Bank. Arabs in this context refers to Palestinians.<sup>63</sup>

<sup>63</sup> <http://www.captiveminds.org/misc/letter.htm>



**A CULTURE  
OF HATE,**



# A FIRST-HAND ACCOUNT OF THE BEATING OF JERUSALEM TEENAGER,

JAMAL JULANI AUGUST 17TH 2012

"There were four of us... We were walking and suddenly maybe 50 Jews<sup>64</sup> came toward us shouting, 'Arabs Arabs.' I don't understand what they said. They weren't calling us. They were just generally shouting."

Mohammed Mujahad

<sup>64</sup> Jews in this instance was used to refer to Israelis.

<sup>65</sup> This and above quotations all taken from: <http://www.haaretz.com/news/national/19-year-old-suspect-arrested-in-connection-with-jerusalem-lynch-premium-1.459099>

"We walked slowly, so there wouldn't be trouble... Suddenly one of them said to Jamal, 'What are you doing, you son of a bitch?' Jamal tried to flee, but [the attacker] whacked him in the chest and [Jamal] fell with his head on the floor... They told me he died. His whole face was blue."

Nuaman Julani



"When one of the Palestinians fell to the floor, they continued to kick him in the head, he lost consciousness, his eyes rolled, his angled head twitched, and then [the perpetrators] fled and the rest gathered in a circle, with some still shouting with hate in their eyes. When we returned to the area ... two teens stood there who did not understand why we wanted to give a bottle of water to the cousin of the victim. 'He is an Arab, and they don't need to walk around in the center of the city, and they deserve it, because this way they will finally be afraid.'"

Eyewitness account.<sup>65</sup>

The result of government endorsements and actions, such as those detailed in the previous section, is a public discourse of racism and discrimination which becomes normalized and legitimized through official bodies and key public figures. This, in turn, has led to the increasing realization of a culture of hatred towards Palestinians within some areas of Israeli society.

The Coalition Against Racism in Israel publishes an annual report on incidents of racism, including attacks and incitement. In 2011, the Coalition recorded 552 incidents of racism and discrimination; almost double the incidents recorded in 2010<sup>66</sup> and five times the numbers of 2008.<sup>67</sup>

In 2010, 36% of Israeli Jews were in favor of revoking the voting rights of non-Jews, while 50% of those who identified themselves as religious, 68% of the 'haredim' (ultra-orthodox), and 25% of self-defined seculars rejected Palestinian-Israelis' right to vote.

Such shocking opinion trends are the natural result of the culture of hate promoted and sometimes funded by the Israeli government. The trend toward outright hatred has been studied, documented, and warned of by respectable human rights organizations.



<sup>66</sup><http://www.fightracism.org/en/Article.asp?aid=91>

<sup>67</sup><http://www.fightracism.org/en/Article.asp?aid=134>



In 2007, a poll found that 31.3% of Jewish Israeli felt revulsion when they heard Arabic spoken in the street. The poll also found that the feelings of hate, expressed by Jewish Israelis towards Palestinians jumped from 17.5% in 2005 to 30.7% in 2007. It also reported that 75.3% of Jewish Israelis rejected living in the same building as Palestinians while 61.4% were unwilling to receive Palestinian guests in their homes.<sup>68</sup>

In July 2012, Israeli media reported that two Jewish teenage girls were caught on CCTV cameras, tearing up and throwing copies of the Qur'an inside the Ibrahimi mosque in Hebron.<sup>69</sup> The girls, who were on a tour of Hebron organised by the Israeli Ministry of Education, have not been arrested or charged, despite the CCTV footage. Once again, the Israeli government's inaction is highlighted.

During the Israeli celebration of "Jerusalem Day" in June 2012, 50,000 Jewish-Israelis marched in occupied East Jerusalem with large groups of religious boys chanting, "Death to Arabs!" and, "Revenge on Palestine!" while catcalling and applauding each time the Israeli police removed an Arab demonstrator. Others celebrated by standing in front of a mosque shouting "Death to Arabs;" "Muhammad is dead;" and "Butcher the Arabs." The Israeli police, who were present, made no attempt to stop these racist chants.<sup>70</sup>

<sup>68</sup>[http://www.berghof-handbook.net/documents/publications/dialogue9\\_darweish\\_comm.pdf](http://www.berghof-handbook.net/documents/publications/dialogue9_darweish_comm.pdf)

<sup>69</sup><http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4259615,00.html>

<sup>70</sup>"Incitement by Israel", vol. 3, Government Media Center, Palestinian National Authority, June 2012

<sup>71</sup><http://www.eliungar.com/israel-palestine/>

<sup>72</sup><http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4243882,00.html>



In 2011, a documentary made by an independent American filmmaker surveyed 250 Jewish Israelis in Haifa, Tel Aviv, Herzliya, Jerusalem and Beersheba to find out about their attitudes towards the Palestinians.<sup>71</sup> Among his conclusions he reported that:

**"One of the most disturbing trends that we noticed was the strong correlation between age and anti-Arab sentiment. The majority of Israeli teenagers that we spoke to expressed unabashed and open racism towards Arabs. Statements like "I hate them," or "they should all be killed" were common in this age group."**

**"The data we gathered substantiates the idea that anti-Arab sentiment is a mainstream phenomenon in Israel. Almost half of all the Jewish Israelis we spoke to exhibited some level of anti-Arab sentiment."**

In June 2012, it was reported that the Gush Etzion settlements are offering tourists the chance to visit their settlements, built illegally within the OPT, in order to hear stories about killing "terrorists" and to try their hand at shooting aforementioned "terrorists" on a purpose-built firing range.<sup>72</sup> This shocking propaganda and encouragement of violence, fed to adults and children alike, provides one of the clearest examples of the violent nature of settler attitudes and the wider culture of racism and hate being advocated against the Palestinians.







Under the Fourth Geneva Convention Relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, as the Occupying Power, Israel has an obligation to ensure the welfare of the civilian population in the territories it occupies. Therefore, the Israeli military occupation forces are required to protect the Palestinian communities within the OPT. However, in a high number of cases, it would appear that the Israeli occupation forces observe settler attacks without intervening,<sup>73</sup> and then fail to document or report the crimes perpetrated.

According to the Israeli human rights organisation, Yesh Din, as of February 2011, 642 cases of violence Palestinians had been reported since 2005, an incredible 90 percent of which were closed because of a failure by Israeli authorities to investigate properly.<sup>74</sup> Furthermore, in their 2012 update, the organisation reported that 'over 91 percent of all the investigations concluded were closed without an indictment being served against suspects'.<sup>75</sup>

<sup>73</sup>'Turning a blind eye', B'Tselem Annual Report 2011 [http://www.btselem.org/annual\\_report\\_2011/130902](http://www.btselem.org/annual_report_2011/130902)

<sup>74</sup> [http://www.yeshdin.org/userfiles/file/datasheets/YESH%20DIN\\_Law%20Enforcement%20Monitoring%20Eng\\_2011.pdf](http://www.yeshdin.org/userfiles/file/datasheets/YESH%20DIN_Law%20Enforcement%20Monitoring%20Eng_2011.pdf)

<sup>75</sup> [http://www.yesh-din.org/userfiles/file/datasheets/LawEnforcement\\_datsheet\\_Eng\\_March\\_2012\\_Final.pdf](http://www.yesh-din.org/userfiles/file/datasheets/LawEnforcement_datsheet_Eng_March_2012_Final.pdf)



**"Israel continues to grant impunity for settler violence, in blatant violation of its duty of due diligence to repress criminal acts carried out by private actors. By failing to apprehend settlers responsible for alleged crimes, to conduct proper investigations of the incidents and to take adequate measures to punish perpetrators, the Israeli authorities are condoning and encouraging widespread settler violence against Palestinians."**<sup>76</sup>

Open letter to the High Contracting Parties of the Fourth Geneva Convention from a group of Palestinian human rights organizations.

<sup>76</sup>Sept 2011 <http://www.alhaq.org/advocacy/topics/settlements-and-settler-violence/455-open-letter-concerningthe-increase-in-settler-violence-against-palestinians-in-the-opt>

Israeli human rights organizations have equally condemned the complicity of the Israeli occupying forces. In July 2012, the director of B'Tselem, Jessica Montell stated: "Israeli soldiers do not see it as their job or mandate to protect Palestinians. They have the capacity to do so, but lack the willingness... If there was a will on the part of authorities, they could order a presence in those areas and stop the clashes from taking place."

Pauline Nunu, of the Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel concurred, explaining that Israeli soldiers often become complicit in the acts of settler violence.

Government inaction has also played a significant role in allowing settler terrorism to go unpunished, mainly through the tacit complicity of the Israeli occupying forces with violent acts by settlers. Perhaps the most telling statement in relation to this complicity is one which came from Dan Halutz, a former chief of staff of the Israeli military forces, in regard to punishing perpetrators of violence

against Palestinians. **He said, "If we wanted, we could catch them and when we want to, we will."**







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1967 Boundary ("Green Line")

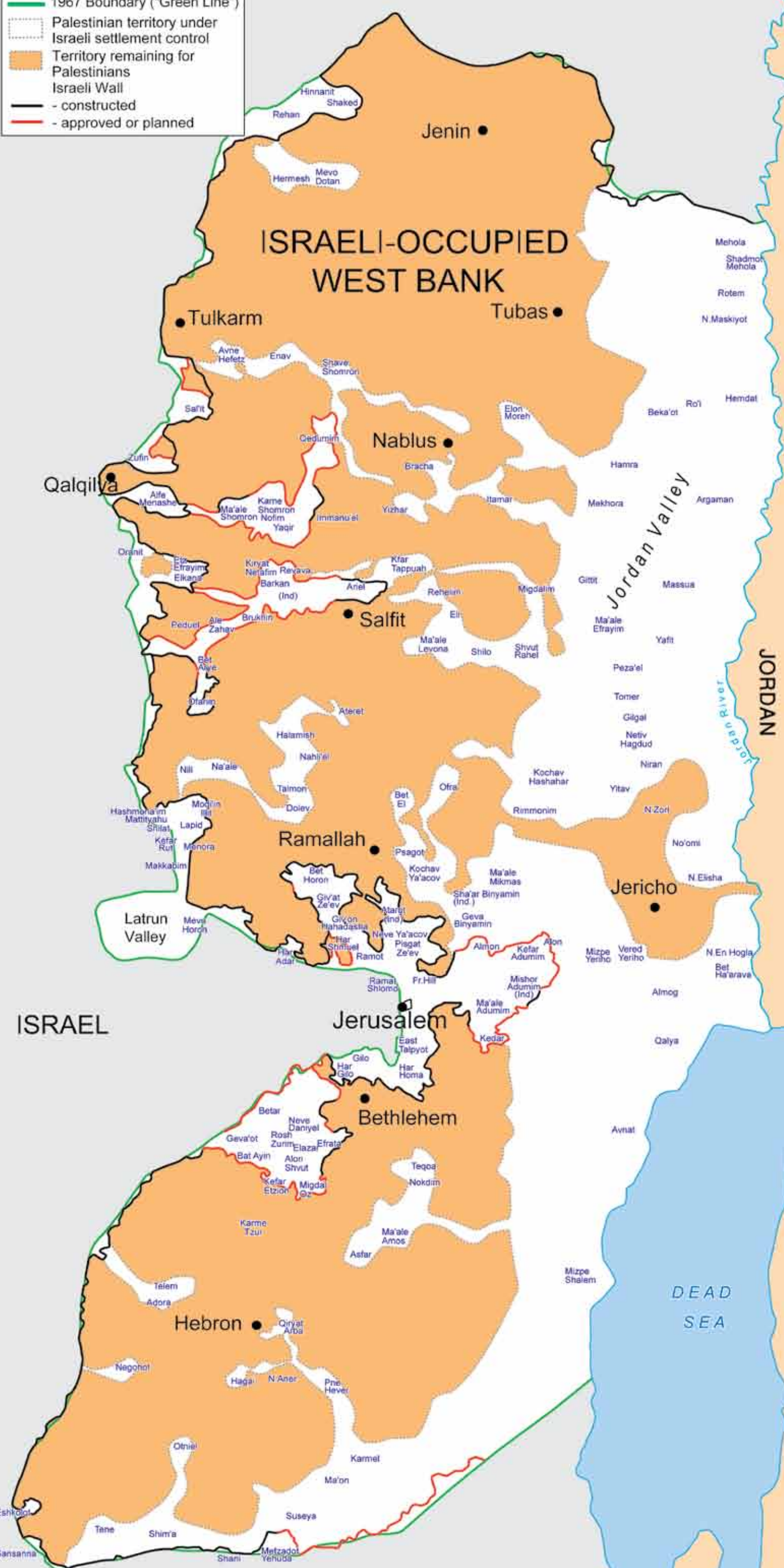
Palestinian territory under Israeli settlement control

Territory remaining for Palestinians

Israeli Wall

- constructed

- approved or planned





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