



“SPIEGEL DATABASE” OF WEST BANK SETTLEMENTS AND OUTPOSTS

Developed by the Israeli Ministry of Defense

Following are translations of excerpts from a **classified Israeli government database never before released to the public**. This database has been in assembly since 2004, when then-Minister of Defense Shaul Mofaz tasked Brigadier General (Res.) Baruch Spiegel with building a database to include up-to-date reference for all statutory aspects of settlements and outposts in the West Bank.

The report data demonstrates:

- Over 30 settlements – including longstanding settlements such as Ariel, Kochav Yaakov, Beit El, Elon Moreh and Ofra – that were to some extent **built on private Palestinian land**.
- Construction activity within settlements being conducted **without necessary building permits or in direct violation of the building plans**.
- The extent and locations of **unauthorized building in outposts** across the West Bank.

This document reviews in detail a list of legal status issues for each settlement and outpost in the West Bank. For each, the database contains:

1. Location and name
2. Review of ownership status of lands on which the settlement/outpost has been built (indicating State land, survey land, private Palestinians or Israeli land)
3. Status of the building permits under which the settlement/outpost was built
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The database bring to light the lack of basis for distinction between settlements and outposts settlements considered legal under Israeli law are actually built on private Palestinian land and

outside of Israeli planning and building authorization. The database also reveals that the Government of Israel (GOI) is aware of the extent and scope of illegal building activity in both approved settlements and unauthorized outposts. **Israel has essentially legalized the theft of Palestinian land in the West Bank.**

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5. Name of settlement: Elon More

Number of residents: 1354

Construction without approved plans:

Most of the construction in the settlements was undertaken without detailed and approved plans. Some of the construction involved trespassing onto private lands. Regarding state land in the settlement detailed plan number 107/1 was prepared and

published for deposit on July 16, 1999 but it has not been validated yet.

1. A neighborhood including 18 permanent buildings on the northern edge of the settlement on private land.
2. A neighborhood of permanent buildings (about 50 buildings): most of it is on state land, part of it is on private land. Part of the neighborhood is in the boundaries of detailed plan number 107/1 that was published for deposit.
3. A compound including construction traces east and adjacent to the boundaries of detailed plan number 107/4.
4. A neighborhood built at the center of the settlement, part of which is on state land and part of which trespasses onto private land (the neighborhood includes about 60 permanent buildings and a number of caravans).
5. A public building in the middle of the settlement, in the boundaries of detailed plan number 107/1 that was published for deposit.
6. A neighborhood of caravans (about 20 caravans and one permanent building) adjacent to the old settlement on private land.
7. The old settlement (the southern neighborhood) -- in the boundaries of detailed plan number 107/1 that was published for deposit. It should be noted that some of the actual construction does not correspond with the land zoning according to the plan.
8. Two permanent buildings and ground works on the eastern side of the settlement adjacent to the boundary of detailed plan number 107/3.
9. An industrial area south of the settlement in the boundary of state lands but without statutory planning (according to orthophoto 2002 there are already four large industrial buildings).

12. Name of settlement: Efrata

Number of residents: 8005

Construction without approved plans:

1. West of detailed plan number 410/1/1 (near Harimon neighborhood) -- two buildings outside of the borders of the plan.

2. In the boundaries of detailed plan number 410/4/1 -- development works in private enclaves.
3. North of the Hate'ena neighborhood north of detailed plan number 410/3/1 -- a neighborhood of caravans (30 caravans) and a public park outside of the boundaries of the outline plan trespassing on survey land and private land.
4. East of the Hadekel neighborhood (detailed plan number 410/4/2) a private park and a synagogue were built trespassing on private land.
5. West of Hadekel neighborhood a cluster of 12 caravans.
6. Excess from the boundaries of detailed plan number 410/6, apparently an industrial building, apparently also trespassing on private land.
7. In the boundaries of a private enclave in detailed plan number 410/4/12 -- ground and development works.
8. Outside of the boundaries of detailed plan number 410/4/12 -- dumping earth on private land.
9. Givat Hadagan -- building within the boundaries of detailed plan number 410/5 not in accordance with the provisions of the plan.
10. Givat Hatamar -- building within the boundaries of detailed plan number 410/5 and 410/5/1 not in accordance with the provisions of the plan.

14. Name of settlement: Ariel

Number of residents: 17,780

Construction without approved plans:

1. The Ariel College -- the land on which the Ariel College was built does not have planning authorization. The college is partly located within the boundaries of detailed plan number 130/2/3 and partly within the boundaries of detailed plan number 130/t/3/a (not in accordance with its designation). An overall plan was prepared for the college compound, detailed plan number 130/4 which has not yet been discussed by the planning institutions.
2. In detailed plan number 130/2/2 a parking lot was built against the designation. Amended plan number 130/2/2/d legalizes the de facto situation.
3. Detailed plan number 130/11/1 -- access road to the trans-Samaria Highway on the northern boundary of the plan.
4. Detailed plan number 130/11/1 -- east of the border of the plan adjacent to the parking lot, a road as well as ground works on a lot.
5. Highway number 100 south of the city of Ariel does not have full planning authorization. Parts of the route of the road are authorized in detailed plans but the remainder is not authorized (detailed plan number 130/9 has been prepared but not yet submitted).

16. Name of settlement: Beit El

Number of residents: 5308

Construction without approved plans:

The settlement was built on private land seized for military purposes (actually, the settlement was expanded on private land by trespassing (in the northern part of the settlement)) and on state land confiscated during the Jordanian period (the Maoz Tzur neighborhood on the southern side of the settlement). Part of the neighborhood of

Beit

El B. in the northern part of the settlement was built on land purchased by the Himnuta company.

1. The northern neighborhood (Beit El B.) was built mostly on private land -- the neighborhood includes saturated building, public buildings and road beginnings (about 80 permanent buildings and caravans).
2. The northeastern neighborhood (between Jabel Artis and the old settlement) includes 20 permanent buildings for residence, public buildings (including a school building) 40 caravans and an industrial area (10 industrial buildings). The whole compound is on private land without any plan.
3. The council office compound east of the old settlement.
4. A caravan neighborhood east of the settlement -- about 45 caravans adjacent to the Beit El Camps shooting ranges.
5. Ground leveling east of the settlement ahead of the construction of a new residential neighborhood adjacent to the main access road to the settlement.
6. Eight permanent buildings on the southwestern side of the settlement -- also outside of the boundaries of the seizure order.
7. Six permanent buildings in the middle of the settlement outside of the approved plan.

19. Name of settlement: Beit Haggai

Number of residents: 460

Construction without approved plans:

1. A cluster of 20 caravans at the center of the settlement.
2. On the west side of the settlement there are 14 buildings exceeding state land.

20. Name of settlement: Beit Horon

Number of residents: 931

Construction without approved plans:

1. North of the center of the settlement -- two permanent buildings built according to the outline plan but in excess of state lands. Detailed plan number 213/2 was submitted in regard to this area but has not yet been discussed at all by the planning institutions and it appears to exceed the boundaries of state land.
2. East of the center of the settlement -- about 35 caravans as well as a basketball court and a system of roads outside of the boundaries of the approved plan, on land most of which was bought by an Israeli and part of which trespasses onto private land (10 caravans and the basketball court).
3. On the northern edge of the eastern part of the settlement, construction of four permanent buildings and ground leveling outside of the boundaries of the plan and possibly also trespassing onto private land.
4. South of the southern part adjacent to the entry square of the settlement on the west side, ground leveling (apparently in preparation for a gas station) while trespassing onto private land.
5. A cellular antenna east of the settlement.

23. Name of settlement: Bracha

Number of residents: 1218

Construction without approved plans:

All of the construction in the settlement is illegal because there is no valid detailed plan. Outside of detailed plan number 114/1 there is the following construction:

1. In the northwest there is a cluster of 20 caravans.
2. Southeast of the plan in deposit there is an agricultural building area.
3. Construction inside private enclave at the center of the settlement.

23. Name of settlement: Giv'at Ze'ev

Number of residents: 11,139

Construction without approved plans:

1. East of the boundaries of plan 220/4/6 (the Moreshet Binyamin neighborhood) -- construction of three residential buildings in the boundaries of private purchases but outside of the boundaries of the plan. In addition a synagogue building and other auxiliary buildings (3) outside of the boundaries of the plan on private land.
2. Southeast of detailed plan number 220/4/7 there are six mobile buildings outside of the boundaries of the plan on private land.
3. In an area trapped between the eastern boundary of plan 220/4/7 and the entrance road to the neighborhood of Moreshet Binyamin there are 15 residential buildings on private land outside of the boundaries of the plan.
4. A soccer field, a fire station compound and a police station north of the neighborhood of Giv'at Ze'ev Center -- the compound includes a soccer field, 15 caravans and about three sheds on private land.
5. Givon Camp -- about 80 buildings, some mobile and some permanent, in the boundaries of detailed plan number 220/4 that allows the construction of 234 housing units. The plan was published for deposit in 1997 and has not been advanced since then. The existing construction does not correspond with the boundaries of the lots based on the deposited plan.
6. Commercial building partly outside of plan 220/1/1 on private land.

37. Name of settlement: Halamish

Number of residents: 1104

Construction without approved plans:

The entire northern part of the settlement was built without approved plans (plan number 203/2 was submitted but later canceled). Following is a list of the excesses:

1. The temporary settlement (the northernmost neighborhood of the settlement) was built on land that was seized for military purposes. This land does not have any plan. The neighborhood includes dozens of buildings, public buildings, buildings that appear to be industrial buildings and caravans.
2. A neighborhood of permanent buildings (located between the temporary settlement and the permanent settlement in the south) -- the neighborhood was built in excess of state land. Plan number 203/2 was prepared for the neighborhood but is no longer relevant because in part it does not reflect the actual construction. In any case the plan no longer exists.
3. A caravan neighborhood east of the settlement, for which plan number 203/2/1

was prepared, which was not approved by the subcommittee for settlement. In fact, though, there are about 20 caravans.

4. In the southwestern part of the settlement in excess into the boundaries of the forest outside of the approved plan on the southern part of the settlement (about 15 buildings).

5. In the northwestern part of the settlement there are two caravans outside of plan number 203/2.

46. Name of settlement: Yakir

Number of residents: 1144

Construction without approved plans:

Construction of about 80 housing units according to plan number 118/2 for which planning procedures have not begun.

47. Name of settlement: Kochav Hashachar

Number of residents: 1568

Construction without approved plans:

1. Caravan neighborhood east of the settlement (Kramim neighborhood) -- in the boundaries of valid plan number 223/1 on an area designated for agriculture. The neighborhood was approved by the minister of defense for settlement without any legal authority.

2. "Ahavat Chaim" -- about 30 caravans, ground leveling and development work, a road system and a number of permanent buildings (apparently designated as public buildings) west of the settlement -- partly in the boundaries of a valid detailed plan, on land designated for agriculture and a large part of which is outside of the boundaries of the plan on private land. For some of the construction on the site plan number 223/1/4 was submitted but not approved by the defense minister.

48. Name of settlement: Kochav Yaacov

Number of residents: 5475

Construction without approved plans:

1. Northwest of the settlement a compound of 45 caravans and roads, exceeding the boundaries of the plan and on private land.

2. North of the center of the settlement a cluster of 55 caravans, a road, a metal workshop, a water tower and a water pool, exceeding the boundaries of the plan and on private land (comment: the two caravans and the pool are in the boundaries of outline plan number 242 upon which construction permits cannot be issued).

3. Dozens of permanent homes, some of which are low buildings, some of which are for single families and some duplexes, and a road system exceeding the boundaries of the plan and on private land, in addition to an athletic field and ground leveling.

4. Southeast of the boundaries of detailed plan number 242/1 an engineering facility and a cluster of caravans that serve as the residence of Romanian laborers, about 20 caravans, exceeding the boundaries of the plan and on private land.

5. South of detailed plan number 242/1 about 10 permanent buildings for residence and extensive ground leveling exceeding the boundaries of the plan and on state land.

6. South of detailed plan number 242/3 ground leveling for construction as well as a number of buildings exceeding the boundaries of the plan and some of which are on private land.

49. Name of settlement: Kfar Adumim

Number of residents: 2514

Construction without approved plans:

1. About 15 mobile homes and a road system on the eastern edge of plan number 227, partly on land designated for future planning and partly outside of the boundaries of the plan.

2. Extensive ground leveling outside of plan number 227 near the industrial area.

3. Ground leveling and building excesses in the gas station compound on the entry road to the settlement.

4. Building excesses in the area for which detailed plan number 227/9, which is not valid, was prepared (see above).

5. The construction in the boundaries of detailed plan number 227/7 and outside of it (see above).

6. The cemetery located between the center of the settlement and Nofei Prat.

7. The Nofei Prat neighborhood built without a valid plan (detailed plan number 227/10/1) and in excess of the deposited plan.

8. About 15 caravans south of the neighborhood of Nofei Prat, within the boundaries of detailed plan number 227/10/2 (see above).

9. Construction of 8 permanent buildings and leveling of about 15 lots trespassing onto private land.

10. Two caravans in the boundaries of detailed plan number 227/10/2 which has not yet been discussed (see above).

52. Name of settlement: Karmeit Tzur

Number of residents: 714

Construction without approved plans:

1. 11 caravans on the southeastern side of the settlement within the boundaries of valid detailed plan number 416/2 but not in accordance with the designation set forth therein (the designation according to the plan is future planning).

2. Six caravans north of the center of the settlement, in excess of the boundaries of the valid plan and trespassing onto private land.

3. Waste purification facility on the northeastern side of the settlement, partly built on private Palestinian land.

55. Name of settlement: Mevo Horon

Number of residents: 1103

Construction without approved plans:

West of the settlement the building of the yeshiva dormitory is on land designated for aquaculture.

West of the settlement a concentration of about 20 caravans that serve for residence on land designated for future planning. Southwest of the settlement there are about 19 caravans outside of the boundary of the system of directives -- heap of caravans only (unpopulated).

East of the settlement adjacent to the built-up area a cement factory outside of the boundary of the system of directives.

Northeast of the cement factory a compound of a factory for the repair of mobile buildings (for which there is an illegal construction file).

58. Name of settlement: Modi'in Illit

Number of residents: 36,282

Construction without approved plans:

1. Construction of 6 multi-story buildings (132 housing units) in the boundaries of detailed plan number 210/4/2 but not in accordance to the designation set forth in the plan (five buildings in the boundaries of the area designated for public institutions and one building in the boundaries of the area designated for open public area).
2. Construction of 12 buildings and eight parts of buildings outside of the western boundary of detailed plan number 208/1 on land given to the management of the Commissioner of Government Property on the basis of a purchase claim.
3. Emergency service center outside of the western boundary of detailed plan number 210/6/1 on private land.
4. Erection of nine mobile homes that serve as a school within the boundaries of detailed plan number 210/6/4, not in accordance with the designation set forth in the plan.
5. Erection of mobile homes and containers that serve the building contractor outside of the eastern boundary of detailed plan number 210/6/2 on state land.
6. Industrial area on the northeastern side of the neighborhood of Kiryat Sefer within the boundaries of detailed plan number 210/9/2 which was published for deposit on July 4, 2003 and designated the area upon which the industrial area was built for residence.
7. Construction of three permanent buildings that serve as public institutions, 14 mobile homes that serve as a school compound, a compound of about 20 mobile homes that serve as a labor camp and nine multi-story buildings that serve for residence in the boundaries of detailed plan number 210/9/2, which was published for deposit on July 4, 2003.
8. Construction of 14 multistory residential buildings and beginning of construction of another 13 residential buildings within the boundaries of valid detailed plan number 210/8, in excess of the building ratio as permitted in plan number 210/8.
9. Construction of mobile homes and additional sheds within the valid detailed plan 210/8 in excess of the designation set forth in that plan.
10. Construction of permanent homes for residence and a public building and

parts of permanent buildings as well as seven mobile buildings outside of the northern boundary of detailed plan number 210/9/1, possibly in partial excess of state land.

11. Erection of nine mobile buildings and ground leveling for permanent construction that serve as a school compound outside of the northwestern boundary of permanent plan number 210/9/1.

66. Name of settlement: Ma'ale Michmash

A number of residents: 1279

Construction without approved plans:

1. A new neighborhood on the northern edge of the settlement -- 17 permanent buildings and extensive development work to level additional lots -- on private land.

2. In the northern neighborhood of the settlement, extensive excesses from state land onto private land -- 28 permanent buildings -- located on private land.

3. In the center of the settlement (near the main entrance to the settlement) a caravan neighborhood that serves as a religious elementary school and additional buildings (30 caravans) -- on private land.

4. Southwest of the northern neighborhood cleaving to the circumference road -- isolated buildings, five caravans (apparently for public use) -- on private land.

5. Two isolated caravans and ground leveling on the northern edge of the settlement, near the southeastern neighborhood on private land.

6. Significant excesses in settlement's internal road system.

69. Name of settlement: Metzadot Yehuda

Number of residents: 435

Construction without approved plans:

1. North of the settlement within the valid outline plan, a cluster of four caravans not corresponding with building plan.

2. Various road starts trespassing onto private land (in different areas).

3. Infrastructure facilities outside of the boundaries of the plan, trespassing onto private land.

4. On the south side of the settlement a number of farm buildings, trespassing onto private enclaves.

5. The west side of the settlement was built within the plan but not according to the construction plan that was given. Also there is one house that exceeds the boundaries of the plan.

6. Communications antenna that in the past received a permit from the defense ministry's staff officer (civil administration communications) and today serves the IDF as a data-gathering antenna.

87. Name of settlement: Eli

Number of residents: 2539

Construction without approved plans:

Plan number 237 -- allowing the construction of 240 housing units -- was discussed for validation in October 1991 but was not moved forward because of the absence of

the signature of the archaeology staff officer.

Plan 237/1 -- replacing plan 237 -- allowing the construction of 2500 housing units -

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was approved by the defense minister in December 1998 after a discussion for deposit. It could not be advanced because of excesses onto private land.

In practice there is also extensive construction outside of the boundaries of the plans:

1. Permanent construction and ground leveling for construction west of the settlement -- 20 permanent buildings and preparations for construction.
2. A cluster of three caravans west of the settlement -- elevation point 715.
3. A neighborhood of permanent buildings in the northwestern part of the settlement -- about 50 buildings.
4. On the north side of the settlement a neighborhood of permanent buildings -- about 15 permanent buildings including one public building.
5. Groundwork for construction north of the settlement.
6. On the northeastern side of the settlement 50 permanent buildings.
7. The northeastern neighborhood of Eli -- about 600 m as the crow flies from the existing settlement -- a neighborhood of about 50 permanent buildings.
8. Southeast of the settlement near highway number 60 -- a cemetery.
9. In the center of the settlement inside of a private enclave, construction of seven permanent buildings.
10. East of the entrance intersection to the settlement a gas station with a number of buildings.
11. Extensive road starts between the construction clusters and trespassing onto private land.

91. Name of settlement: Ofra

Number of residents: 2708

Construction without approved plans:

The entire settlement is not authorized by a valid outline plan. Most of the construction in the settlement is on registered private land without any legal basis and

without the possibility of legalization.

1. The old settlement -- more than 200 permanent buildings for residence, agricultural buildings, public buildings, ground works, roads, groves within the boundaries of the old settlement (for which plan number 221 was submitted but which was not moved forward because of an ownership problem). In addition, within the boundaries of the old settlement, two main clusters of caravans can be identified: one is in the west part of the settlement where there are 35 caravans and sheds. The other is in the southwestern part of the settlement, a cluster of about 22 caravans that serve as a neighborhood of new immigrants.
2. The Ramat Zvi neighborhood -- south of the old settlement -- 200 permanent buildings as well as ground works and development for additional permanent construction, all trespassing on private land.

93. Name of settlement: Otniel

Number of residents: 691

Construction without approved plans:

1. East of the settlement -- a new neighborhood within the boundaries of state land and road beginnings exceeding state land (within the boundaries of plan number 512/2 that was not published for deposit because of a problem of ownership in the security elements), including nine permanent buildings and 20 caravans.
2. A caravan neighborhood (about 20) exceeding state land west of the settlement and adjacent to it.
3. Development and road openings inside the settlement on private enclaves.

96. Name of settlement: Psagot

Number of residents: 1572

Construction without approved plans:

1. Caravan neighborhood north of the settlement (about 15 caravans and 4 mobile homes) -- trespassing on private land.
2. Inside of the settlement preparation of sports buildings in an enclave.
3. Adjacent to the settlement's circumference road in the east -- a public building on private land.
4. Adjacent to the settlement in the east -- groundwork for construction.
5. In the east, adjacent to the boundary of the plan, two permanent buildings, trespassing on private land.
6. A caravan neighborhood (about 32 caravans) southeast of the settlement on private land.
7. Agricultural buildings (a winery and warehouses) east of the settlement near the vines cultivated by the settlement by way of trespassing.
8. Adjacent to the settlement in the west, past the public building compound, three buildings and ground leveling and roads.

99. Name of settlement: Kedumim

Number of residents: 3547

Construction without approved plans:

1. Outside of plan 113/11 to the east -- 12 caravans on state land trespassing on private land; two permanent buildings also located at the site.
2. Outside of plan 113/11 at its center and to the east -- 10 permanent buildings and one caravan, built in excess of state land.
3. Outside of plan 113/11 at its center and to the west -- development and construction of a building.
4. Outside of plan 113/11 -- in the center in one of the enclaves -- construction of a single building.
5. West of plan 113/8 -- a caravan neighborhood that includes 30 caravans in excess of state land.

104. Name of settlement: Karnei Shomron

Number of residents: 6733

Construction without approved plans:

1. Detailed plan number 117/3 (an industrial area in the north part of the settlement) -- the plan allows for the construction of 11 lots for industry. The plan was approved for validation on November 6, 1996 and has not yet been published for validation -- de facto the plan has been completely realized.
2. A residential building and parts of buildings as well as opening a new road beyond the boundary of detailed plan number 117/8 (western hill -- Ginot Shomron) on state land adjacent to the boundary of the plan (the construction existed before the plan was approved yet nonetheless was not included in the plan blueprint).
3. Development of a green area outside of the boundary of detailed plan number 117/8 (western hill -- Ginot Shomron) -- there could be a partial excess beyond state land.
4. Buildings located outside of the boundary of detailed plan number 117/8 (western hill -- Ginot Shomron) -- in the boundaries of state land.
5. A mobile building beyond the boundary of detailed plan number 117/11 (western hill -- Ginot Shomron).
6. A group of buildings north of the central hill outside of the valid plan, partly in the boundaries of state land and partly outside of state land. Detailed plan number 117/13 was submitted and published for deposit on September 15, 2004.
7. A building north of the central hill on a purchase outside of the valid plan.
8. About 20 mobile buildings north of the central hill on private land serving the yeshiva.

106. Name of settlement: Revava

Number of residents: 934

Construction without approved plans:

1. Leveling lot and building eight buildings outside of valid plan number 170/4 (on the east side of the settlement and cleaving to its boundary on purchased land).
2. Opening roads outside of state land.

110. Name of settlement: Shavei Shomron

Number of residents: 719

Construction without approved plans:

1. The northern neighborhood of the settlement (about 46 permanent buildings) is on private land outside of the boundaries of the valid detailed plan.
2. In the south part of the settlement there is one workshop outside of the valid outline plan.

112. Name of settlement: Shilo

Number of residents: 2011

Construction without approved plan:

1. The neighborhood of Shvut Rachel -- northeast of the approved plan. Detailed plan number 205/2 that was approved for deposit but not yet published allows

the construction of 548 housing units (both in the neighborhood of Shvut Rachel and in the settlement itself). In fact most of the plan has already been realized in the neighborhood of Shvut Rachel (93 permanent buildings, 30 caravans and five public buildings) except for saturated building south of the neighborhood. The plan is in the boundary of state land and survey land except for an excess onto private land by nine caravans and two permanent buildings.

2. Northeast of the settlement, adjacent to plan number 205, leveling of 30 lots for construction and a permanent building, exceeding state land.
3. Ground leveling for an industrial area south of the settlement while trespassing onto private land.
4. An industrial building south of the settlement, next to the settlement access road.

114. Name of settlement: Shaarey Tikva

Number of residents: 3975

Construction without approved plans:

1. A building east of the boundary of detailed plan number 124 and outside of the boundaries of purchase (on private land).
2. Excesses from the boundaries of detailed plan number 123 -- expansion of the lots on which construction was undertaken in accordance with the approved plan onto private land.
3. Six buildings outside of the southeastern boundary of detailed plan number 122, some of them within the area of seizure order 12/01/t for security elements.
4. Three mobile buildings in the boundaries of detailed plan number 122/1 that was published for deposit on June 25, 2004 (plot 9).
5. Erection of platforms for a 50 * 36 m² parking area on private land (the occupiers were given a stop work order and summons to appear before the inspection subcommittee).

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From: Mondoweiss - <http://www.philipweiss.org/mondoweiss/2009/02/spiegel-database-of-westbank-settlements-and-outposts----view-larger-map.html>

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Mondo Exclusive: Google map of Israeli settlements from leaked database

The "Spiegel settlement database" is already creating waves in Israel. Israeli NGO Yesh Din has announced they will use the database to help Palestinians sue Israel for reparations and the removal of settlements from privately owned land.

To help get the word out, Mondo reader Jamie Dyer has used the information in the translated excerpts of the database to create this google map. "Making the map helped me to see the strategic placement of these settlements. The hilltops are being systematically taken in a sort of inversion of the topography of justice," Dyer writes. Click on the blue donkeytails to get a report on each landgrab:

[ViewLargerMap](#)

The map will continue to get updated as more parts of database are made public. While the Spiegel database is important, as Yesh Din's work attests to, it is also important to remember that in the end the database is telling us what we already know. Israel separates out the settlements into "legal" and "illegal" categories, and creates their own "legal" processes for zoning and building settlements in the West Bank, but under international law all Israeli settlement in the occupied territories is illegal. Period. The Spiegel report is interesting in that it demonstrates Israeli government support for activity "illegal" under Israeli law, but this has been known, if not officially acknowledged, for a long time. For a good discussion of this, head over to [jews sans frontieres](#). Money quote:

Hence, what the new leaked database reveals is that, in addition to taking control of all the public land that belongs to the Palestinian people and using it for Jews only, in addition to the million of dunums confiscated "legally" from private Palestinian owners, Israeli authorities also took some land from a few dozen owners without attention to legal niceties.

This is like discovering that a bank teller was pickpocketed during a bank robbery.
(Adam Horowitz)

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Press and diplomats briefed on Spiegel Database

Yesh Din held a briefing for members of the press and diplomatic community, in which it discussed a classified Israeli government database never before released to the public. This database, leaked to Haaretz newspaper and published in full in late January 2009, is an official up-to-date reference for all statutory aspects of settlements and outposts in the West Bank. The database reviews in detail a list of legal status issues for each settlement and outpost in

the West Bank.

In the briefing, Yesh Din's legal counsel Michael Sfard and Land project director Dror Etkes stressed that the database brings to light the lack of basis for distinction between settlements and outposts -settlements considered legal under Israeli law are actually built on private Palestinian land and outside of Israeli planning and building authorization. The database also reveals that the Government of Israel is aware of the extent and scope of illegal building activity in both approved settlements and unauthorized outposts." Israel has essentially legalized the theft of Palestinian land in the West Bank", said attorney Sfard.