

Palestinians vs Army land grab

Settlers rampage across the West Bank and eye up Gaza. Israeli soldiers allow and even join in the attacks. IDF killings cause most Palestinian violent deaths. Israeli politicians demand punishment of entire villages. Israel's long term aim is to grab more Palestinian land.

Rampage in Tal

On 24 July **armed settlers** raided Tal, a village near Nablus in the northern West Bank, **and opened fire**. A week earlier, settlers raided Tal and **set fire** to a Palestinian home. This time they faced residents attempting to protect their homes and land.

After the settlers started a fight, Farouq Ramadan, a father of five, seized a settler's machine gun and fired at the settlers. He and his three unarmed cousins were shot dead by settlers and soldiers, whilst a soldier and settler-reservist were killed.



Block marking the 'yellow zone' under Israeli military control, in Tufah neighbourhood, Gaza City, July 27, 2026. REUTERS/Ebrahim Hajaj



Palestinians hold Friday prayers during a protest against Israeli settlement expansion and land confiscation near Bethlehem in the West Bank, July 3, 2026. (photo: WISAM HASHLAMOUN/FLASH90)

Did Israel's government apologise for yet another raid on Palestinian homes with fatal consequences? Quite the opposite: Netanyahu and Defence Minister Katz told the Army to take reprisals. Over 100 Palestinians were detained and interrogated in Tal and the repression spread across the West Bank.

National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir said Israel had to *"bring back targeted assassinations, change the guidelines and let IDF soldiers open fire in incidents like this."*

Armed settlers capitalised on the mass crackdown they incited, created a new illegal outpost in Tal and five more elsewhere, and expanded existing outposts. Earlier, finance minister Bezalel Smotrich had announced funds for dozens of new settlements.

Land Grab in Gaza

When the so-called 'ceasefire' (1100+ Palestinians killed so far) began last October, the IDF held 53% of Gaza with future negotiations for a full withdrawal as part of a final settlement. It never happened. Netanyahu authorised expanding to cover 70% and the IDF now holds over 67%. Yellow concrete blocks plonked down by the Army set the limits, which keep changing. Palestinians are routinely shot near the "yellow line". Earthwork barriers along 85% of the yellow line now stretch for over 26 miles, suggesting plans for a long occupation of Gaza.

Palestinians who survive hemmed in against the sea will be offered the chance to move to a new model village near Rafah, where the International Stabilisation Force will operate under Israeli control. Meanwhile messianic settlers, Smotrich, Katz and half the Government have their own plans for Gaza.