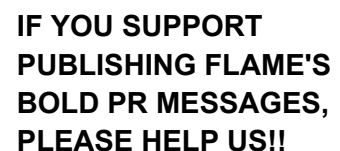


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Remember that Palestinians assert all of Judea and Samaria—and indeed all of Israel—is “occupied Palestinian land.” They also falsely claim that they build illegally in Area C because Israel will not issue them permits. Facts disprove this

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allegation.

First, Palestinians maintain they can build wherever they want in Area C *without permits*. Indeed, Palestinian Authority (PA) Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh has said, “We don’t need permission from the occupying power to build our homes on our lands.”

Despite Shtayyeh’s bluster, the Palestinians have no international legal rights to public land in Judea and Samaria. Nor have Palestinians historically ever had control or sovereignty over any part of Judea and Samaria or Israel. Nor does any treaty grant the Palestinians control over any territory.

Nonetheless, Israel has three times made sweeping offers of 95% of this territory—and a capital in Jerusalem—in return for peace. Sadly, the Palestinians rebuffed all offers.

Israel’s enemies falsely argue that Palestinians build illegally because Israel *unfairly denies them permits*. But in fact, Israel has regularly issued permits since it took over Judea and Samaria in 1967. In 1972, for example, Israel approved 97% of permit applications—2,123 of 2,199. Over time, however, this number has declined significantly—not because Israel refused to grant permits—but because Palestinians stopped applying for them, encouraged by their leaders simply to build without Israeli authorization.

When Palestinians do apply for permits, it is usually only *after* they begin building. Permits are also refused due to lack of master plans or because the land on which the Palestinians want to build is already designated for another purpose.

Nonetheless, Palestinians have illegally built on more than 2,000 acres of Area C, spread across 250 different locations. This does not include 600 km of illegally-built roadways and more than 112,000 meters of retaining walls and terracing.

Investigative author Edwin Black, in a report entitled “EU Funding of Illegal Palestinian Settlement in Area C,” noted that Palestinian settlements “are often strategically scattered to effectively carve up Area C, sometimes surround Jewish villages, and sometimes push onto Israeli nature or military reserves.”

Black also described some of the various structures in these new, illegal settlements: Makeshift structures adorned with the EU logo on them, multi-floor office centers and palatial homes. “A broad gamut of construction styles can be seen,” he wrote.

All of this is being done in accordance with a joint Palestinian-EU plan to take control of land—without negotiations—for the creation of a de-facto Palestinian state based on the 1948 armistice lines that resulted from Israel’s war of independence.

An article in the *Palestine-Israel Journal of Politics, Economics and Culture* described the implementation of this plan: “Since August 2009, [Palestinian Prime Minister Salam] Fayyad, with the help of the Barack Obama

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administration and the European Union, has been quietly building national institutions and physical infrastructure . . . in the West Bank.”

Last year, it was revealed that the EU, too, has a secret plan to fund illegal Palestinian construction, known as the “European Joint Development Programme for Area C.” It has an annual budget of 300 million Euros.

One illegal Palestinian structure financed by the EU was a school located inside an Israeli nature reserve. Last May, Israel demolished it. In a statement, the IDF said the school was built illegally and “was found to be dangerous to the safety of anyone studying or otherwise visiting there,” therefore an Israeli court, “ordered it demolished.”

Instead of praising Israel for ensuring the safety of Palestinian children, the EU condemned the Jewish state. A spokesperson for the bloc said, “(Such) demolitions are illegal under international law and children’s rights to education must be respected.” Apparently, Palestinian children have the right to education, but not to safety.

As Edwin Black wrote in his report, “The European governments and the PA have thus joined forces to complete the final shredding of the already weakened Oslo agreements.”

While the Oslo Accords call for all territorial disputes to be settled by peace negotiations, the EU and PA are obviously scoffing at the agreement, preferring to win land by illegal “squatting.”

Please make the point when speaking with family, friends, colleagues—or in letters to the editor—that Israel has every right to build in Area C and to enforce construction standards per the Oslo Accords.

Emphasize also that Israel is not trying to prevent Palestinians from building lawfully. There *is*, however, a concerted effort on the part of the PA and the EU to create facts on the ground that sidestep final-status negotiations by seizing land to which they have no rights.

I hope you’ll also take a minute, while you have this material front and center, to forward this message to friends, visit FLAME’s lively [Facebook page](#) and review the P.S. immediately below. It describes FLAME’s new *hasbarah* campaign—“Can Biden’s Plan Beat Antisemitism?”—which boldly challenges the Administration to use its new Strategy to Counter Antisemitism courageously, prosecuting and condemning all antisemitism from every corner of American society—including Congressional members, ethnic studies programs, and attacks on Jews by minority groups.

Best regards,
Jason Shvili, Contributing Editor s
Facts and Logic About the Middle East (FLAME))

P.S. You’ve surely seen headlines describing skyrocketing attacks on Jews in recent years and months—and you probably heard about the President’s

new National Strategy to Counter Antisemitism. But all evidence indicates that the Administration is *not* committed to fighting antisemites among its own voters and party officials. I hope you'll agree that we opponents of antisemitism across all sectors of American society need to speak out. FLAME's new *hasbarah*—explanatory message—“[Can Biden's Plan Beat Antisemitism?](#)”—enumerates some of the antisemitic offenders most damaging to American Jews . . . and most likely to be *ignored* by the Administration. I hope you'll review this convincing, fact-based editorial, which FLAME intends to publish in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *New York Post*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Houston Chronicle*, *Star Tribune* and *Los Angeles Times*. This piece will also be sent to all members of Congress, Vice President Harris and President Biden. If you agree that this kind of public relations effort on Israel's behalf is critical, I urge you to [support us](#).

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