



Landscaping Israel's Political and Security Situation:

Settlements in the West Bank

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Overview of the Israeli Settlements in the West Bank:

After the 1967 Arab Israeli War, Israel conquered all of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Israel maintains a number of settlements in the West Bank. Currently about 435,000¹ Israelis live in West Bank. The Oslo Accords divided the West Bank into three areas: Area A is under full Palestinian civilian and security control, Area B is under Palestinian civil control but remains secured by the Israeli Military, Area C is under Israeli Civil Law and Military Control. It is the location of all settlements and the entirety of Israel's authorized population in the West Bank.

While Israeli law provides subsidies and support to settlements, the international community does not recognize the legitimacy of settlements in "Occupied Territories." Some of the largest settlements, that many call the "consensus settlements" are Ma'ale Adumim with a population of 49,000, Modiin Illit with 79,000, Ariel with 60,000, Gush Etzion with 32,000, and Givat Ze'ev, with 32,000 Israelis.² The settlements are linked by a vast road network that makes traveling the West Bank easy for settlers, but much more difficult for Palestinians.

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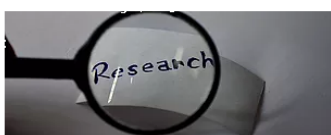
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