



The Rt Hon Priti Patel MP
Secretary of State for the Home Department
Home Office

10 February 2022

Dear Home Secretary,

I have been made aware of the presence of Bezael Smotrich, Member of the Israeli Knesset (MK) and leader of the Religious Zionist Party, in the UK.

In the event that he intends to enter, or has entered the UK, we ask you to directly prevent his entry, or revoke his entry clearance on the basis that his presence is non-conducive to the public good.

You will be aware that on 1 December 2020, the Immigration Rules were amended to introduce a more robust and consistent framework against which immigration applications are assessed or permission cancelled on suitability grounds.

Paragraph 9.3.1. of Part 9 of the Immigration Rules provides a mandatory ground for refusal of entry clearance, permission to enter and permission to stay where the applicant's presence in the UK is not conducive to the public good. Paragraph 9.3.2. of the Immigration Rules provide a mandatory ground to cancel entry clearance or permission where the person's presence in the UK is not conducive to the public good. Non-conducive to the public good means that it is undesirable to admit the person to the UK, based on their character, conduct, or associations because they pose a threat to UK society. This applies to conduct both in the UK and overseas.

For your information, we detail his statements which bring him within the non-conducive framework in Annex I.

I look forward to hearing from you urgently.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Crispin Blunt'.

Crispin Blunt MP

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Annex I

I. Introduction

1. Bezalel Smotrich is a Member of the Israeli Knesset (MK) and leader of the far-right Religious Zionist Party. He holds extremist views, including anti-LGBT/homophobic views, anti-Arab/anti-Palestinian views, and has supported a forced transfer policy of Israel's Palestinian-Arab population in the past, as well as segregation of Israel's Jewish and Palestinian-Arab demographics. Smotrich's presence in the United Kingdom (UK) poses a threat to UK society, and he must be refused admission or have his entry clearance revoked on the grounds that his presence is non-conducive to the public good.

II. Relevant Legislation

2. The Home Office of the UK has published guidance¹ on the suitability of an individual to be refused entry or cancellation of their entry clearance or permission to enter the UK on the grounds that they are non-conducive to the public good. According to the guidance, non-conducive to the public good means:

'That it is undesirable to admit the person to the UK, based on their character, conduct, or associations because they pose a threat to UK society. This applies to conduct both in the UK and overseas.'

3. According to this guidance, a person's presence in the UK may be non-conducive to the public good for a myriad of reasons. This includes:

'Reprehensible behaviour falling short of a conviction, or because their identity, travel history or other circumstances means that their presence in the UK poses a threat to UK society. A person does not need to have a criminal conviction to be refused admission on non-conducive grounds.'

4. This prescription is intentionally broad, according to the Home Office, so that it can be applied proportionately on a case-by-case basis.
5. The factors of an individual's behaviour that weigh into non-conduciveness to the public good are as follows:²

(1) The nature and seriousness of the behaviour;

(2) The level of difficulty we could experience in the UK as a result of admitting the person with that behaviour;

(3) The frequency of the behaviour.

¹https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/103280/2/Non-conducive_grounds_for_refusal_or_cancellation_of_entry_clearance_or_permission.pdf

²https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/103280/2/Non-conducive_grounds_for_refusal_or_cancellation_of_entry_clearance_or_permission.pdf

6. Other examples of situations where a person's presence may be non-conducive to the public good include the following:³
- a. *The person is a threat to national security, including involvement in terrorism and membership of proscribed organisations*
 - b. *the person has engaged in extremism or other unacceptable behaviour*
 - c. *the person has committed serious criminality*
 - d. *the person is associated with individuals involved in terrorism, extremism, war crimes or criminality*
 - e. *admitting the person to the UK could unfavourably affect the conduct of foreign policy between the UK and elsewhere*
 - f. *there is reliable information that the person has been involved in war crimes or crimes against humanity – it is not necessary for them to have been charged or convicted*
 - g. *the person is the subject of an international travel ban imposed by the United Nations (UN) Security Council or the European Union (EU), or an immigration designation (travel ban) made under the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018*
 - h. *the person has committed immigration offences*
 - i. *if admitted to the UK the person is likely to incite public disorder.*
7. We note that Bezael Smotrich's presence in the UK falls foul of example(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 9.

III. Smotrich's Extremist Views

On the LGBTQ+ Community

8. In 2006, Smotrich organised an anti-gay protest during Jerusalem's gay pride parade. He called the protests a "Beast Parade"⁴, in an apparent attempt to liken compare homosexuality or homosexuals to animals.
9. In 2015, Smotrich referred to LGBT people as "abnormal".⁵ In the same discussion, he said to the audience that he is a "proud homophobe".⁶

³https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/103280/2/Non-conducive_grounds_for_refusal_or_cancellation_of_entry_clearance_or_permission.pdf

⁴<https://www.timesofisrael.com/smotrich-says-he-opposes-lgbt-culture-appears-to-liken-gay-marriage-to-incest/>

⁵<https://www.timesofisrael.com/jewish-home-hopeful-boasts-of-being-proud-homophobe/>

⁶<https://www.timesofisrael.com/jewish-home-hopeful-boasts-of-being-proud-homophobe/>

10. In July of 2015, after the stabbing of 6 people at the Jerusalem gay pride parade, Smotrich referred to the parade as an “abomination march”⁷ and “beast parade”⁸, and refused to retract his homophobic remarks.⁹
11. In August 2015, Smotrich accused LGBT organisations of controlling the media, and referred to anti-violence [against the LGBT community] protests that followed the stabbings at the Jerusalem pride parade a “witch hunt”.¹⁰

On Jewish-Palestinian Segregation

12. In July 2015, Smotrich declared in a Knesset Interior meeting that real estate developers in Israel should not have to sell homes to Arabs: “I prefer that Jews make a living and wouldn’t sell houses to Arabs.”¹¹ The meeting took place following accusations that Galil Homes refused to sell home to Arabs in Ma’alot, a town in Northern Israel.
13. In April 2016, Bezalel Smotrich tweeted that he supports segregation of Arab and Jewish women in hospital’s maternity wards: “It’s only natural that my wife would not want to lie next to someone who just gave birth to a baby that might murder her baby in another 20 years”.¹²

On Stone-Throwing, Terrorism, and Palestinian Protestors

14. In 2015, appearing on the Knesset Channel, Smotrich called for introducing legislation in Israel which would institute the death penalty for alleged terrorists.¹³
15. Smotrich then went on to say that he would be ready to volunteer to act as executioner: “I am ready to do it. I’m here and I’m telling you that I’m ready to do it. I’m prepared to make this real.”¹⁴
16. In June 2016, following a terrorist attack in Tel Aviv committed by two Palestinian men, Smotrich posted a video on his Facebook page, in which he called on the Israeli defence minister to carry out extrajudicial executions of Hamas leaders.¹⁵

⁷ <https://www.haaretz.com/right-wing-mk-pride-parade-an-abomination-1.5382251>

⁸ <https://www.ipost.com/Israel-News/Politics-And-Diplomacy/Religious-Zionist-lawmaker-refuses-to-back-down-says-homosexuality-an-abomination-410934>

⁹ <https://www.ipost.com/Israel-News/Politics-And-Diplomacy/Religious-Zionist-lawmaker-refuses-to-back-down-says-homosexuality-an-abomination-410934>

¹⁰ <https://www.haaretz.com/right-wing-mk-pride-parade-an-abomination-1.5382251>

¹¹ <https://www.ipost.com/Israel-News/Politics-And-Diplomacy/Bayit-Yehudi-MK-causes-uproar-by-saying-God-commanded-Jews-not-to-sell-homes-to-Arabs-409241>

¹² <https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/.premium-israeli-lawmaker-my-wife-wouldn-t-want-to-give-birth-next-to-an-arab-woman-1.5427437>

¹³ <https://www.facebook.com/270715713696/videos/vb.270715713696/10153035737828697/?type=2&theater>

¹⁴ <https://www.haaretz.com/.premium-ready-to-serve-as-israel-s-new-executioner-1.5304374>

¹⁵ <https://electronicintifada.net/blogs/maureen-clare-murphy/israeli-leaders-vow-revenge-after-tel-aviv-attack>; <https://www.facebook.com/Bezazelsmotrich/videos/621069198047461/>

17. In December 2016, Smotrich advocated a 'shoot-to-kill policy for Palestinian children who throw stones at Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) soldiers'.¹⁶
18. Smotrich has argued that price tag assaults on Palestinian people and property do not constitute terrorist acts, which he defined as "only violence carried out by an enemy within the framework of war against us".¹⁷
19. In April 2018, Smotrich tweeted that Ahed Tamimi, a 17-year-old Palestinian protestor who served an eight-month jail sentence for slapping an IDF soldier, "should have gotten a bullet, at least in the kneecap"¹⁸

On Forced Transfer of Palestinian Population

20. In 2017, Smotrich served as an MK (member of the Knesset) for the *Habayit Hayehudi* (Jewish Home) Party.
21. In the conference of the National Union Faction, of which the Jewish Home party was a member, Smotrich and other MKs approved a plan ("The Decisive Plan")¹⁹ for annexing the Occupied Palestinian Territories and presenting a 'surrender-or-transfer' ultimatum to all Palestinians living in the area between the Mediterranean and Jordan (historic/mandatory Palestine).²⁰
22. According to Smotrich, the Decisive Plan presents:

"Two alternatives [...] to the Arabs of the Land of Israel: 1. Anyone who is willing and able to relinquish the fulfilment of his national aspirations will be able to stay here and live as an individual in the Jewish state. 2. Anyone who is unwilling or unable to relinquish his national aspirations will receive assistance from us to emigrate to one of the Arab countries [...]"²¹

23. There is also a third option:

"Anyone who insists on choosing the third 'option' to continue to resort to violence against the Israel Defence Forces, the State of Israel and the Jewish population will be determinedly handled by the security forces with greater forces with greater force than at present and under more comfortable conditions for us"²²

¹⁶ <https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/.premium.MAGAZINE-the-face-of-israel-s-far-right-wants-to-abort-palestinian-hope-1.5468417>

¹⁷ <https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/mk-bezalel-smotrich-duma-murder-is-not-terrorism-1.5435975>

¹⁸ <https://www.timesofisrael.com/twitter-suspends-mk-who-said-palestinian-teen-deserved-a-bullet-in-the-kneecap/>; <https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/israeli-lawmaker-ahed-tamimi-should-have-gotten-a-bullet-1.6015411>

¹⁹ <https://hashiloach.org.il/israels-decisive-plan/>

²⁰ <https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/.premium-israeli-party-approves-annexation-plan-to-coerce-palestinian-departure-1.5450326>

²¹ <https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/.premium-israeli-party-approves-annexation-plan-to-coerce-palestinian-departure-1.5450326>

²² <https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/.premium-israeli-party-approves-annexation-plan-to-coerce-palestinian-departure-1.5450326>

24. According to the plan, Palestinians/non-Jews will not have the right to vote.
25. One of the objectives of the plan is to “*dismantle the Palestinian national collective*”²³
26. Leading Israeli-Jewish Holocaust scholar Daniel Blatman argued that Smotrich takes inspiration for his plan from the biblical Book of Joshua, which describes the wholesale slaughter of a people by the “children of Israel”²⁴. Blatman called Smotrich “the most senior government figure to date to say unabashedly that the option of genocide is on the table if the Palestinians don’t agree to our terms”²⁵

On Palestinian-Arab (Arab-Israeli) University Students

27. In a 2016 debate in the Knesset Smotrich claimed that Arab-Israelis are only accepted into Israeli universities because of affirmative action policies²⁶. “Arab students are getting into the Technion [one of Israel’s most prestigious technical colleges] because they’re lowering the minimum requirements due to affirmative action.”²⁷ Smotrich was unable to substantiate this claim.
28. Addressing an Israeli-Arab member of the Knesset, Smotrich went on to say that:

*“You don’t pass the psychometric exam [Israel’s equivalent to the American SATs] to get into university. Your illiterates are grabbing the slots at the university. Show me one Arab who passed a psychometric test when entering academia.”*²⁸

On Illegal Israeli Settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT)

29. Smotrich is one of Israel’s foremost political proponents of settlement-building in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, particularly in the West Bank.
30. Smotrich lives in Kedumim, an illegal settlement built in the Occupied West Bank. Moreover, the house in which Smotrich lives was built illegally, and in breach of the settlement’s master plan.²⁹
31. Smotrich is the co-founder of the NGO Regavim,³⁰ a pro-settler Israeli NGO that monitors and pursues legal action in the Israeli court system against construction lacking Israeli permits undertaken by Palestinians or Bedouins in Israel and in the West Bank.

²³ <https://hashiloach.org.il/israels-decisive-plan/>

²⁴ <https://www.haaretz.com/opinion/.premium-the-israeli-mk-heralding-genocide-against-palestinians-1.5475561>

²⁵ <https://www.haaretz.com/opinion/.premium-the-israeli-mk-heralding-genocide-against-palestinians-1.5475561>

²⁶ <https://www.timesofisrael.com/illiterate-arabs-grabbing-israeli-university-slots-mk-claims/>

²⁷ <https://www.timesofisrael.com/illiterate-arabs-grabbing-israeli-university-slots-mk-claims/>

²⁸ <https://www.timesofisrael.com/illiterate-arabs-grabbing-israeli-university-slots-mk-claims/>

²⁹ <https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/.premium-west-bank-home-of-israeli-lawmaker-who-championed-land-grab-law-built-illegally-1.5443802>

³⁰ <https://www.timesofisrael.com/tracking-illegal-arab-construction-one-eu-funded-house-at-a-time/>

32. Regavim does not pursue legal action against illegal settlements built by Jewish settlers in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. In fact, Regavim’s objectives converge with those of Israeli settlers, with whom the group maintains close ties.³¹
33. Scholars have described Regavim as a ‘settler-colonial NGO’.³² Regavim argue that Palestinian villages in the Negev in Southern Israeli, the Galilee in Northern Israel, and in the Occupied Palestinian Territories
34. Smotrich lives in Kedumim, an illegal settlement built in the Occupied West Bank.
35. In addition to being violations of international humanitarian law, “key acts required for the establishment of settlements amount to war crimes under the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC).³³

IV. Association with Individuals Involved in Terrorism, Extremism, War Crimes or Criminality

Case I: Israeli Legislative Elections of 2021

36. During the 2021 Israeli Legislative Election Smotrich’s Religious Zionist Party ran on a joint list with Noam and Otzma Yehudit.

Otzma Yehudit

- Otzma Yehudit is a far-right, ultranationalist and Kahanist party.
- Kahanism is an extremist Jewish ideology based on the views of by Rabbi Meir Kahane. Kahane founded the Jewish Defence League, and the Kach party.
- The Kach Party were banned by the Israeli government³⁴ and designated as a terrorist organisation by the U.S State Department³⁵, Canada³⁶, the EU³⁷, and Japan³⁸.
- Notable Kahanist terrorists include Baruch Goldstein. Goldstein was a supporter of Kach. In 1994, Goldstein carried out the Cave of the Patriarchs Massacre in Hebron, shooting and killing 29 Muslim worshippers, and wounding another 150.

³¹Nicola Perugini and Neve Gordon, *The Human Right to Dominate* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2015). p.48

³² Nicola Perugini and Neve Gordon, *The Human Right to Dominate* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2015).

³³ <https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/campaigns/2019/01/chapter-3-israeli-settlements-and-international-law/>

³⁴ <https://mfa.gov.il/MFA/AboutIsrael/State/Law/Pages/Cabinet%20Communique%20-%20March%2013-%201994.aspx>

³⁵ <https://2009-2017.state.gov/documents/organization/45313.pdf>

³⁶ <https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/ntnl-scrnt/cntr-trrrsm/lstd-ntts/crrnt-lstd-ntts-en.aspx>

³⁷ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2009:023:0037:0042:EN:PDF>

³⁸ <https://www.mofa.go.jp/announce/announce/2002/7/0705.html>

- The leader of Otzma Yehudit, Itamar Ben-Gvir, was the youth coordinator of Kach and continued to be associated with the organisation until it was outlawed.³⁹
- Ben-Gvir, who is Smotrich's coalition partner subscribes to Kahanist ideology.⁴⁰
- The Otzma Yehudit party is considered as the ideological successor of the outlawed Kach Party.⁴¹

Noam

- Noam is the third party which comprised the Religious Zionist electoral joint list in the 2021 Israeli Legislative Election. Noam is an openly homophobic party, whose main goal is to advance policies against LGBT rights.⁴²

V. Smotrich's admittance to the UK could unfavourably affect the conduct of foreign policy between the UK and elsewhere

37. Smotrich advocates policies and has acted in ways which are in direct opposition to UK foreign policy for Israel and Palestine. Below we have listed some examples:

Case I: Gaza Disengagement 2005

Background:

- 38. The 2005 Israeli disengagement from Gaza was the unilateral dismantling of 21 illegal settlements⁴³ in the Gaza Strip.
- 39. The disengagement policy was part of the Road Map for Peace policy proposed by the Quartet on the Middle East: The United States, the European Union, Russia, and the United Nations (UN).⁴⁴
- 40. The disengagement was proposed by then-Prime Minister Ariel Sharon in 2003. The proposal was passed in the *Knesset* (Israeli Parliament) in February 2005 by a vote of 59-40. The disengagement was implemented in August 2005 and completed by September 2005.⁴⁵

³⁹ <https://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4610561,00.html>

⁴⁰ <https://www.haaretz.com/.premium-israel-police-arrests-four-lehava-activists-1.5350026>

⁴¹ <https://www.timesofisrael.com/jewish-home-party-far-right-otzma-yehudit-reunite-ahead-of-third-elections/>; <https://www.jpost.com/Israel-Elections/What-does-Otzma-Yehudit-and-its-leaders-stand-for-581765>; <https://www.timesofisrael.com/the-extremist-who-could-bring-kahanism-back-to-the-knesset/>; <https://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4636665,00.html>; <https://www.timesofisrael.com/under-deal-extremest-party-aiming-for-spot-on-key-panel-that-appoints-judges/>

⁴² <https://www.jpost.com/Israel-Elections/New-right-wing-religious-party-formed-to-fight-LGBT-rights-595756>

⁴³ Israeli settlements in built in the territories occupied after the Six-Day War of 1967 are considered illegal in international law. They are considered violations of the Charter of the United Nations, the Fourth Geneva Conventions, and the 1998 Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. This legal verdict has been upheld by the United Nations Security Council in resolutions [242](#), [446](#), [452](#), [465](#), and [2334](#). The illegality of the settlements has also been upheld by the International Court of Justice (resolution ES-10/14

⁴⁴ <https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200304/cmselect/cmfaff/441/44117.htm#n465>

⁴⁵ <https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/knesset-approves-disengagement-implementation-law-february-2005>

41. Although many settlers chose to leave peacefully, some had to be forcibly evicted

Smotrich's Involvement:

42. Smotrich was detained in the summer of 2005 for allegedly planning to block public roads and protesting the disengagement plan.⁴⁶

43. In July 2005, it was reported that Shin Bet (Israel's internal security service) seized 700 litres of fuel and oil in the possession of five protestors, including Smotrich, who allegedly sought to attack Israeli infrastructure to prevent the evacuation from Gaza's illegal settlements.⁴⁷

44. The five protestors, including smotrich, were arrested on suspicion of conspiring to commit a crime, disruption of public transport. Routes, endangering human life, malicious damage, membership in a banned organisation, and sedition.⁴⁸ Smotrich was held in Shin Bet facilities for three weeks but was ultimately not charged.⁴⁹

UK Policy on the Disengagement Plan:

45. In reference to Israel's disengagement, then-Prime Minister Tony Blair welcomed the prospect of disengagement:

"We reaffirm that this is part of a process to get us back into the road map, which we continue to believe offers the only realistic route to the two states, Israel and Palestinian, living side-by-side in peace."⁵⁰

46. Disengagement was seen as an integral part of the UK Government's foreign policy on Israel & Palestine. Therefore, Bezalel Smotrich's actions were in direct opposition to UK foreign policy.

Case II: The Two-State Solution for Israel & Palestine.

Background:

47. The so-called Two-State Solution proposes a framework for resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict by establishing two states for two peoples: Israel for the Jewish people and a Palestinian state (Palestine) for the Palestinian people.

48. The Two-State Solution is supported by the overwhelming majority of states and international actors, including the United States, the UK, and the UN.

The UK's Position on the Two-Solution

⁴⁶ <https://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4614147,00.html>

⁴⁷ <https://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4614147,00.html>

⁴⁸ <https://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4614147,00.html>

⁴⁹ <https://www.timesofisrael.com/jewish-home-faction-tekumah-selects-knesset-candidates/>

⁵⁰ <https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200304/cmselect/cmfaff/441/44117.htm#note457>

49. The UK officially supports the Two-State Solution as part of its foreign policy for Israel & Palestine.⁵¹

50. The UK's official mission relating to Israel & Palestine, is to:

*“Work to improve the United Kingdom’s security and prosperity through a just peace between a stable, democratic Palestinian State and Israel, based on the 1967 borders, ending the occupation by agreement...”*⁵²

Bezael Smotrich’s Position on the Two-State Solution:

51. Smotrich unambiguously opposes a Two-State Solution and has repeatedly called for annexation of the West Bank, and the creation of a single Jewish State in all of the Land between Jordan and the Mediterranean.⁵³

52. In 2017, Smotrich proposed a plan titled ‘Israel’s decisive plan for a Jewish state and an end to the conflict’.⁵⁴ The proposed plan ruled out a Palestinian state and called for Israel to take immediate steps to prevent a Two-State Solution, including annexing all of what Judea and Samaria (the West Bank).⁵⁵

53. Smotrich’s opposition to the Two-State solution therefore runs contrary to the British Government’s efforts to bring about a just and equitable solution to the Israel-Palestine conflict based on two independent states.

Case III: Illegal Israeli Settlements

Background:

54. Israeli Settlements in the OPT are illegal according to international law.⁵⁶

55. According to the BBC,⁵⁷ every government in the world, apart from the government of the State of Israel, believe that Israeli settlements in the OPT are illegal.

The UK’s Position on Illegal Israeli Settlements in the OPT

56. In a recent statement⁵⁸ from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, the UK Government set out its position on the Government of Israel’s decision to approve new settlements in the West Bank.

⁵¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/working-towards-a-two-state-solution>

⁵² <https://www.gov.uk/world/the-occupied-palestinian-territories/news>

⁵³ <https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/mks-controversial-plan-nixes-two-state-solution-calls-for-annexation-504749>

⁵⁴ <https://hashiloach.org.il/israels-decisive-plan/>

⁵⁵ <https://hashiloach.org.il/israels-decisive-plan/>; <https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/.premium.MAGAZINE-the-left-made-israel-more-moral-but-their-mistakes-made-them-irrelevant-1.9061398>

⁵⁶ <https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/campaigns/2019/01/chapter-3-israeli-settlements-and-international-law/>

⁵⁷ <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/7708244.stm>

⁵⁸ <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-statement-on-israeli-settlements-january-2021>

Smotrich's Position on Illegal Israeli Settlements in the OPT

57. Smotrich is heavily involved in the far-right, pro-settlement movement, believes that Israeli settlements in the OPT are not illegal according to international law.
58. Smotrich has also spearheaded legislation to legalise homes built illegally on private Palestinian land in the past.⁵⁹ In his own words:

*'I will do all I can to protect settlement and continue to develop it as a direct continuation of the Zionist vision.'*⁶⁰

⁵⁹ <https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/.premium-west-bank-home-of-israeli-lawmaker-who-championed-land-grab-law-built-illegally-1.5443802>

⁶⁰ <https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/.premium-west-bank-home-of-israeli-lawmaker-who-championed-land-grab-law-built-illegally-1.5443802>