

ISRAELI SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY BEFORE AND AFTER THE EXPIRY OF THE 'MORATORIUM' 29 SEPTEMBER 2010

During the 'Moratorium'

During the first half of 2010, Israel continued to violate its obligations under international law and Phase 1 of the Road Map:

- **Housing starts:** While there were only **5** settlement **housing starts** during the first half of 2010 in the rest of the West Bank according to official Israeli data, construction began on **108 units** in East Jerusalem¹ settlements.²
 - Furthermore, in early August, Peace Now reported that construction had begun on **603 new housing units** in West Bank settlements (not counting those in East Jerusalem) in the first half of 2010. Included in this figure are 295 permanent housing units and 167 mobile homes, which violate the 'moratorium', as well as 141 units belonging to the group of 492 settlement units exempted from the 'moratorium'. In fact, Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak recently confirmed that there were at least **900 violations** of the 'moratorium'.
- **Housing completions:** Meanwhile, settlement housing completions continued apace throughout the West Bank (incl. East Jerusalem), with **1,135 units** in the first half of the year:³

	Public	Private	Total
East Jerusalem	334	5	339
Rest of West Bank	340	456	796
	674	461	1,135

- **Active construction:** As of the end of the first half of the year, some **3,009 housing units** were under active construction in settlements throughout the West Bank (incl. East Jerusalem) (see Annex 2):⁴

	Public	Private	Total
East Jerusalem	771	258	1,029
Rest of West Bank			1,980
			3,009

¹ Palestinians define "East Jerusalem" as the 6 km² municipal area as it existed on 4 June 1967. Israel defines "East Jerusalem" as the 70 km² of West Bank territory it illegally annexed in 1967 as part of its unilaterally declared municipality of Jerusalem. In this report, "East Jerusalem" refers to the Israeli definition only because Israeli sources that are cited in the report compile the data using the Israeli definition.

² Israeli Central Bureau of Statistics (ICBS) and Ministry of Construction and Housing (MoCH).

³ ICBS and MoCH.

⁴ ICBS and Peace Now.

In addition to being illegal under international law, such Israeli violations continue to undermine the very possibility of the two-state solution and international efforts led by the United States to create an environment conducive to the resumption of a credible and meaningful peace process.

After the ‘Moratorium’

Despite the on-going construction during the ‘moratorium’, there has been a flurry of planned and actual settlement activity since Sunday, September 26 by Israeli officials and settlers alike:

- According to Peace Now, there are at least 2,000 settlement housing units that have received all necessary Israeli are ready for construction.
- According to *Ynet*,⁵ Israel will resume building in at least 30 settlements as indicated in the **attached list and map (Annex 1)**.
- According to other media reports, building will resume in the following additional settlements: Kedumim, Shavei Shomron, Adam and Yakir.⁶

Other reports of settlement activity this week include:

Old City of Hebron	Hebron settlers marked the end of the ‘moratorium’ by holding a dedication ceremony for a new kindergarten on Monday, September 27. It was attended by hundreds of right-wing activists, including Deputy Education Minister Meir Porush , though not officially sanctioned by the Israeli authorities. ⁷
Ariel	Bulldozers began leveling the ground on the southern side of the settlement in preparation for a new ‘neighborhood’ consisting of at least 50 housing units ⁸ (according to Peace Now, the permit was issued for 126 housing units).
Geva Benyamin	Construction work began on Monday, September 27. ⁹
Qiryat Netafim	Work started on a nursery school in the settlement. ¹⁰
Oranit	Six (6) families were preparing to start construction on Monday.
Qiryat Arba’	Construction will start on 34 housing units at the entrance to the settlement. ¹¹
Haggai	Settlers initiated the first foundation of a new ‘neighborhood’ in the settlement. ¹²
Kedumim	After the holidays, building will start in 90 housing units in two different projects. ¹³

⁵ Published on 28 September 2010 at: <http://www.ynet.co.il/articles/0,7340,L-3961128,00.html>

⁶ Published on 27 September 2010 at: <http://www.haaretz.com/print-edition/news/with-freeze-over-west-bank-settlements-ready-to-dive-into-construction-1.315835>.

⁷ Published by *Ynet* on 27 September 2010 at <http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3960877,00.html>.

⁸ Published by *Ynet* on 27 September 2010 at <http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3960536,00.html>.

⁹ Published by BBC on 27 September 2010 at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-11417335>.

¹⁰ Published by NRG at 26 September 2010 at <http://www.nrg.co.il/online/1/ART2/160/590.html?hp=1&cat=404> (Hebrew).

¹¹ Published by *Ha'aretz* at 27 September 2010 at <http://www.haaretz.co.il/hasite/spages/1190984.html> (Hebrew).

¹² *Ibid.*

¹³ *Ibid.*

ANNEX
List of Israeli Settlements with On-Going/Resumed Construction

	<u>Settlement</u>	
1	Alfei Menashe	Qalqilia District
2	Oranit	
3	Sha'are Tiqva	
4	Qiryat Netafim	
5	Revava	
6	Ariel	
7	Eli	
8	Shilo	
9	Bet Aryeh	Ramallah District
10	Na'aleh	
11	Nili	
12	Mattityahu	
13	Modi'in `Illit	
14	Talmon	
15	Dolev	
16	Pesagot	
17	Kochav HaShahar	
18	Kochav Ya'akov	
19	Geva Benyamin	
20	Ma'ale Mikhmas	Jerusalem and Jericho District
21	Almon (Anatot)	
22	Allon	
23	Mitzpe Yericho	
24	Ma'ale Adumim	
25	Qedar	Bethlehem District
26	Har Gilo	
27	Betar `Illit	
28	Rosh Tzurim	
29	Neve Daniel	
30	Tegoa	
31	El'azar	Hebron District
32	Karmeit Tzur	
33	Qiryat Arba`	
34	Hebron (Old City)	
35	Karmel	
36	Suseya	
37	Tene (Omarim / Ma'ale Omarim)	

ANNEX 2
Construction in Har Gilo and Har Homa Settlements on 29 September 2010





ISRAELI SETTLEMENT ACTIVITIES AFTER THE ISRAELI MORATORIUM

