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This month's top agenda items:



Wanted: Political Backbone! This year, rather than a festive day of celebration, Jerusalem Day became a day of national mourning and national disgrace: Rocket fire on Israel's capital, and on towns and cities from the south through the center of the country, pogroms in Lod and chaos in the Negev. For years, Regavim has been warning that the vacuum of law enforcement has created black holes on Israel's landscape - ex territorial wastelands where anything goes and might makes right. We warned that these "badlands" would eventually boil over - and the events of this past week have been the sad, painful and inevitable result of the breakdown of Israeli governance. See a recent op-ed by Regavim's Director General (in Hebrew) or a translated version here>>>



Cutting off "humanitarian aid" for terrorism — Earlier this month, we met with the Assistant to UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, for an in-depth discussion of international humanitarian aid money that is funding illegal activities and terrorism. We focused on the generous contributions to Palestinian terror-affiliated organizations posing as humanitarian non-profits, particularly organizations established by the PFLP, an internationally-blacklisted Marxist terror group. Days after our very constructive meeting, Israel's General Security Service (Shabak) announced that it had arrested key figures responsible for the massive transfer of humanitarian aid funds to the PFLP. Read more>>>



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The state within the state. Recent events have pushed Israel's "wild south" back into the spotlight, but an expose' by Israeli investigative journalist Kalman Libeskind reveals that the chaos and collapse of Israeli governance that has become the norm in the Negev has been years in the making. "Over the past several years, the State Comptroller has received a steady stream of shocking data; taken as a whole, they paint a portrait of a Bedouin "autonomous zone" in the Negev, where massive defrauding of the government, protection rackets that extort home and business owners, tax evasion, non-payment of municipal taxes, road violence and large-scale looting of IDF bases are the rule, not the exception."



High Court Petition: Enforce the recently-approved "New Structures" Order: In 2018, new legislation was passed: the "Order for the Removal of New Buildings," formulated by the defense establishment and the State Attorney's Office as part of the "Battle for Area C." This effective enforcement tool cut through judicial red tape and made it harder for construction criminals to establish facts on the ground by abusing the judicial process - but the Civil Administration has refrained from applying the legislation, despite High Court approval. In our fight against an Arab takeover of state land near the archeological site adjacent to the Ariel Industrial Zone, we filed a new High Court petition demanding that the order be enforced.



When the state itself is ignorant of the law - This month, in a hearing on a petition we filed in 2020 against illegal construction near Kfar ad-Dyk in Samaria, we presented documentation to the court proving that illegal construction at the site is continuing (despite work-stop orders). In the course of the hearing, it became clear that not only is the Civil Administration unaware of what is going on its own backyard, but it is also guilty of misinterpreting the law in this case. The judge reprimanded the Civil Administration and ordered the state to file an up-to-date response within three weeks.



Regavim's diplomatic activity. This month we hosted the political and human rights officers of a foreign embassy on a fact-finding tour of Judea and Samaria, for a first-hand look at illegal Palestinian construction in IDF firing zones, nature reserves, archaeology and world heritage sites, and on land within the municipal lines of Jewish communities. Earlier, we were invited to face off against the European Union's lead spokesperson, Peter Stano, in an interview broadcast on Australia's J-Air program. We presented hard data on EU funding for terror-affiliated organizations, illegal activities in Area C that are funded and supported by the EU and its member states, and European support for the unilateral creation of a de facto Palestinian state – all blatant violations of the Oslo Accords and the EU's self-proclaimed status of "impartial broker." See the full broadcast here>>>



International Earth Day: A State of Trash. In preparation for International Earth Day, we hosted Ilana Kuriel, Yediot Ahronot's environmental correspondent, on a tour of illegal garbage dumps in the Negev, Judea and Samaria. The comprehensive investigation she published after the tour tore the mask off the pirate waste-removal industry, the enormous environmental damage it causes, the millions of shekels that are passed "under the table," and the criminal organizations that are raking in millions at the expense of our health, our environment, and the natural beauty of our country. Read more



Face to face. For the first time since the outbreak of the Covid pandemic, we resumed live events, with (outdoor, 'green pass') meetings to introduce Regavim to new audiences. This past month, we held a 'parlor' meeting in Raanana, gave lectures in pre-military academies, and met with members of the Military History Association.



Hundreds participate in joint "Taking Responsibility" Event: Regavim, the Binyamin Regional Council, and a consortium of nationalist organizations hosted an internet conference on the Battle for Area C. Hundreds of people participated, as we surveyed the changing situation on the ground and described the extent and implications of Arab land-grabs. Members of the community learned about the importance of remaining vigilant and alert to suspicious activity in their immediate surroundings, and learned how every one of us can contribute to the greater effort to protect Israel's resources.

Watch a recording of the live event (Hebrew) here>>>



Boots on the ground. We hosted a tour examining the Negev's unique land-use challenges for the staff of the WZO's Settlement Division, which works to preserve state lands, to promote continued settlement throughout Israel, and to establish and strengthen existing settlements in Israel's periphery. This tour was part of Regavim's ongoing efforts to connect with activists working for the future of the Negev and the advancement of Israeli settlement throughout the country.

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