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תרומה לרגבים-שותפות בשמירה על ארץ  
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## The Battle for the Home Front



We launched a door-to-door campaign, reaching virtually every household in Judea and Samaria, in order to raise residents' awareness of the situation in their own backyard: The Palestinian Authority's takeover of Area C. We began in the Binyamin region, and in the coming weeks we will bring crucial, area-specific information to the Shomron and Gush Etzion. [Click here for a look at the \(Hebrew only\) fact-sheet for Shomron >>](#)

## Active Agenda Items



**SUCCESS!** Thanks to our vigilance out in the field – and immediate contact with the IDF and the Israel Police – we blocked the Palestinian Electric Company's attempt to connect a new illegal neighborhood to the power grid. [Watch the video>>>](#)



Deal clinched for thousands of illegal homes to receive electricity

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After a particularly stormy plenum debate, the Knesset approved the Raam Party's amendment to the Electricity Law which will allow structures that have no building permits to be connected to national electricity, water and telephone systems. [Read](#) Regavim's take on the legislation from this op-ed, or [listen to this interview](#) on Kan-Reka (Israel's English language news)>>>



In a Supreme Court hearing on Regavim's petition to repeal Jordanian Law 40 - Prohibiting Sale of Land in Judea and Samaria to Jews (incredibly, still enforced by Israel!), the judges required the government to explain the continued existence of this racist, anachronistic legislation; Regavim was given the opportunity to respond before a date for the next hearing is set. [Read more >>>](#)



The government halted a JNF tree-planting project due to Bedouin rioting in the Negev, fueling the next wave of terrorism and violence and continued “protection payments” to Mansour Abbas. [Here’s a video](#) we released hours before the rug was pulled out from under the project, and [an interview](#) on Kan-Reka (Israel’s English language news) soon after.



Raw sewage from Bidya, an Arab village in Area B, runs directly into Nahal Kanah – and has caused unimaginable pollution that has devastated the stream and the surround ecosystem. And it’s not just sewage: A cement factory on the outskirts of the village pours industrial waste into the stream. Regavim has filed one complaint after another – but nothing has been done to stop this environmental destruction. [Read more>>>](#)



We filed a comprehensive objection to TAMA 52/1, a statutory regional masterplan that will “whitewash” illegal quarries in Judea and Samaria – and even enlarge them, to some 16,000 dunams (nearly 4000 acres!). The plan falls far short of Israel’s minimum statutory requirements – and if approved, will have a devastating impact on the environment, on historical and archaeological sites, on Israel’s security, and on the health and quality of life of all residents of the area, Jews and Arabs alike. [Learn more>>](#)

## Does Switzerland ignore Israeli law in Judea and Samaria?

In an official letter to right-wing NGO Regavim, the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation says it does not accept Israeli laws concerning construction in West Bank.

**Regavim lodged a formal complaint with the Swiss government's meddling in Israel's affairs funding for the illegal construction of a "Resistance School" in eastern Gush Etzion – an illegal school designed to facilitate Palestinian Authority annexation of Area C. [Click here for media coverage>>>](#)**



Years of unnecessary, avoidable damage to the environment – and all for no good reason. In a hearing of a joint Regavim-Green Now petition, the Supreme Court justices couldn't believe their ears: The Israeli government spent millions, over a decade ago, on a waste treatment facility to serve Ofra and the surrounding Arab villages, but it was never activated – and millions of cubic liters of raw sewage continue to flow past the shuttered gates, straight into the water supply and the surrounding agricultural fields. [Read more >>>](#)

**KHAN AL AHMAR UPATE:** This past week, the Israeli media reported that the government intends to relocate the illegal squatters' camp Khan al Ahmar - a mere 300 meters from its current location, on the other side of Route 1. The government is apparently scrambling to beat the clock, as the deadline to respond to our most recent Supreme Court petition approaches. This pseudo-evacuation won't solve the problem, it will add another equally problematic blow to Israeli security and governance. [This video clip explains why>>>](#)

**Parliamentary Division**



We initiated an important Knesset hearing, following the State Comptroller's recent report on the massive damage to electricity and water infrastructure in the Negev. The objective: Create a specialized police unit to protect national infrastructure. We are preparing for a follow-up hearing to get the project started. [Here's one of our recent videos](#) on the infrastructure challenge>>>



The breakdown of governance and waves of uncertainty and upheaval in the Negev led more and more Israel Police officers to quit the southern region altogether. We initiated and participated in a hearing of the Knesset Committee for Domestic Security to address the massive wave of resignations. [Read more>>>](#)



We kept up the pressure in the Knesset every day of this past month, partnering with MK Amichai Chikli on a plenary query regarding "protection schemes" in the Negev; working with MK Galit Distal Atabarian we raised the issue of "delimiting orders" in the plenum; an important hearing on quarries is in the works, as well as continued discussion of the Palestinian Authority's de facto annexation of Area C.

## Public Activism



We maintained our presence in the field and in the public eye. This month we hosted our friends from the Sovereignty Movement on a comprehensive on-site inspection of the situation in Area C. We participated in a seminar initiated by the Binyamin Regional Council for municipal administrators, and presented seminars and webinars to pre-military cadets and Zionist audiences in Israel and abroad. (Field tour photo: Meir Elipur)

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