



## Partners' Update from Regavim

### Talk - and Action

Over the past month we've been working intensively to insure that pre-elections commitments and campaign promises are translated into operational plans and on-the-ground working agendas by each of the relevant ministries.

For many years, Regavim's legal activism, research and reporting have been at the forefront of the battle for judicial reform - and our efforts have taken center stage in the current national debate: Minister of Justice Yariv Levin's proposed judicial reforms will restore the balance between the legislative, executive and judiciary branches of Israeli government, and Regavim proudly supports these long-overdue adjustments to our judicial system. We look forward to seeing these and other long-promised action points take effect, as part of a reinvigorated Zionist public policy.

May we be blessed with plentiful rain - both physical and metaphoric - for a season that brings great things for the Land and the People of Israel.

Warmly,  
**Regavim**

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### The mansion in the middle of the road

We petitioned the District Court against an enormous new illegal structure built on the route of the "Funduq Bypass" road which was designed to reduce road accidents and traffic congestion, for the benefit of all residents of Samaria. The choice of the building site was clearly not a coincidence. Read more [here](#) and [here](#).



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### Third time's the charm?

We're taking our battle against the biggest illegal quarry in the land of Israel to the next level: Two previous petitions against the massive operation that is [devastating the landscape](#) and [vaporizing archaeological treasures](#) in Gush Etzion were rebuffed on the grounds of "enforcement priorities," so we've submitted a third lawsuit.

[Here's a video about illegal quarries](#) (English subtitles).



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### Paying debts -no; Luxury holiday - yes

We recently discovered that the most dysfunctional municipality in the country - the very same one that refuses to collect taxes and continues to disregard court rulings, mounting contempt of court fines and Regavim's Freedom of Information petitions - took all of its employees to Dubai for a luxury vacation. Regavim petitioned the court to put the mayor in prison, and we've demanded that the High Court of Justice require the Minister of Interior to suspend the municipal administration and appoint a caretaker committee to restore sanity to this corner of Bedouistan.



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### Better (three years) late than never: Three illegal structures in Samaria demolished

In 2020 we petitioned against the Civil Administration's failure to enforce the law and demolish three illegal structures that were built by Arabs in a nature reserve in Samaria; the case was closed by the court, which deferred to the Civil Administration's "enforcement priorities." This past month, three large, impressive structures at the site were demolished.



קרדיט תמונות: ועדת קרקעות גוש מערבא

### Who gives a hoot about a dangerous illegal road in the Negev?

An illegal road, created to enable residents of an illegal squatters camp to access Route 80, a major highway in the Negev, was recently surfaced with asphalt. This is one more example of a widespread, dangerous phenomenon that has taken a tragic toll. Our Southern Region Field Coordinator reported on location (Hebrew - with [powerful visuals](#)).



### On the horizon? High Court clears the way for evacuation of squatters from IDF firing zone

A recent High Court of Justice decision has green-lighted the evacuation of hundreds of Arab squatters from IDF Firing Zone 918 in the South Hebron area. The decision tore through the web of fabricated narrative and specious claims presented by leftist organizations on behalf of the squatters. The resounding judicial rebuke has forced the extreme leftist chorus to resort to their favorite tactic: defaming Israel in the international arena. Regavim is taking an active role in presenting facts to foreign journalists and diplomats, in an attempt to dispel the smokescreen of lies and to support the “liberation” of state land. Read more about “Masafer Yatta” [here](#).



## Khan al Ahmar and Benny Gantz's "fix"

The deadline for the state's response to our most recent High Court of Justice petition (number 6, to be precise!) is only a few days away; the government must inform the justices how and when they intend to resolve the saga of the illegal squatters camp on Route 1 in the Adumim Region. We recently discovered that outgoing Minister of Defense Benny Gantz proposed "resolving" the stand-off by moving the encampment a mere 300 meters away from its present location - in other words, moving it without moving it. To understand the dangers of this strange proposal, [watch our newest video](#).



## Bedouistan: Making headlines- in Israel and abroad

Regavim's field work, research, public diplomacy and political and legal activism, over the course of more than a decade and a half, have raised the problem of the loss of governance in the Negev to a national priority status. Our reports on all aspects of the Negev Challenge continue to serve as the basis for additional research and publications by journalists and policy-influencers in Israel and worldwide. For a recent in-depth lecture on the Negev delivered in Toronto by Naomi Kahn of Regavim's International Division, [click here](#).

If you haven't ordered your copy of Bedouistan yet - now is the perfect time. [Click here](#).



צילום: חדשות 2

## הפשיעה בנגב משתוללת - וגידולי הקנאביס הם רק קצה הקרחון

בספר שפרסם בחודש מרץ האחרון, מתאר מנכ"ל עמותת רגבים מאיר דויטש את אובדן השליטה של משטרת ישראל בפשיעה בנגב, ומתייחס באופן ספציפי לגידולי הקנאביס. רבות מן החממות שכתב עליהן כבר לא נמצאות בשטח, אבל כפי שהוא בעצמו אומר, "על כל שדה או חממה שאנחנו משמידים העבריינים מקימים עשרה"

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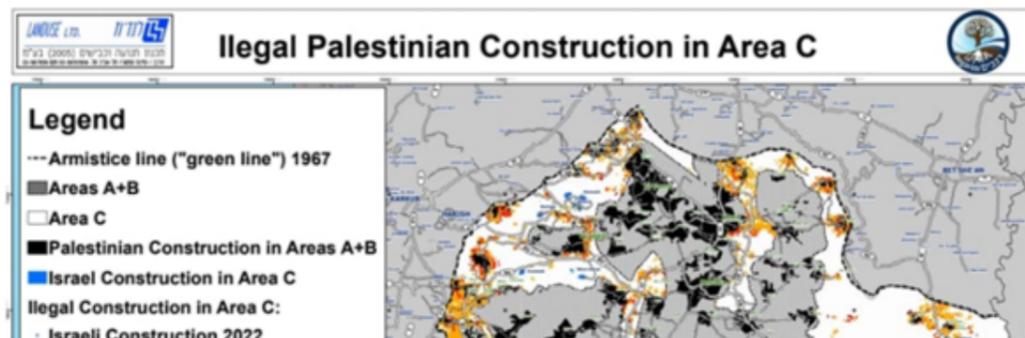


### School of Lawfare

Four years ago we petitioned the court to demolish the illegal - and dangerous - school built by the Palestinian Authority in the Herodion Nature Reserve - but the case was closed due to the Civil Administration's "enforcement priorities" excuses. This past month, the Civil Administration finally rejected the Palestinian Authority's permit request for legalization of the structure, on the grounds that it is a safety hazard! The story was covered in the Israeli press [here](#), and it's part of the much bigger story we tell in our comprehensive report on weaponized schools, "[Easy as A,B,C](#)".

### War of Attrition 2022 - The Map: This is what a quiet battleground looks like

Our most recent findings, detailed in our [2022 report on the Palestinian takeover of Area C](#), are presented in this precise map marking each of the 81,317 illegal Arab-built structures that are being used by the Palestinian Authority to annex the Israeli-controlled areas of Judea and Samaria. [For a closer look, click here.](#)



### Joining forces: Field tour with the Sovereignty Movement

We recently hosted Hebrew-speaking members of the Sovereignty Movement on a fact-finding field tour of a variety of tactics employed by the Palestinian Authority to take control of the open spaces in Area C. The tour included an overview of the E1 - Adumim Region, illegal weaponized schools, environmental terrorism, and an ATV ride to Khan al Ahmar and the network of Palestinian Authority outposts. The next tour, for English speakers, is scheduled for 20 February; for details, call 054-710-3240.



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### Regavim steps out - for a day of experiential learning

We paused to recharge our batteries and reconnect - with one another, and with our ancient and modern capital, Jerusalem. Our day began with an overlook from the Armon HaNatziv Promenade, and continued with a breathtaking tour of the archaeological excavations - the Pilgrim's Route, The Shiloach Pool, the City of David and the Jewish community that is being reborn there. We were inspired, uplifted and energized, and we invite our friends and partners to enjoy the sights and spirituality of the eternal, undivided heart of our Homeland.



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