

Israel Gives Green Light to 800 New Settler Units in East Jerusalem



Tel Aviv, July 6 (RHC)-- Israel says that it plans to give the green light to 800 new settler units in East Jerusalem by the end of next month.

Municipal authorities said the new units will be approved for the Jewish regions of the city in an upcoming planning committee meeting, along with another 114 units in Muslim neighborhoods.

The city's mayor, Nir Barkat, also released a statement stressing that the construction in East Jerusalem is "essential, important and will continue full force."

After approval, the new units will become the first to be constructed since U.S. President Donald Trump called on Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to limit settlement activities, and will also hinder the so-called peace talks.

On Monday, Israeli media announced that the Tel Aviv regime was expected to approve a series of plans to build thousands of new settler units in the occupied East Jerusalem.

Such construction constitutes a blatant violation of international law. The Geneva Conventions ban construction on occupied land. About 600,000 Israelis live in over 230 illegal settlements built since the 1967 Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territories of the West Bank and East Jerusalem.

The last round of the Israeli-Palestinian talks collapsed in 2014. Among the major sticking points in those negotiations was Israel's continued settlement expansion on Palestinian territories.

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