

# *Israel Building Separation Wall to Keep Refugees Put*

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Tel Aviv, September 7 (RHC)-- Amid what is being referred to as the worst refugee crisis since World War II, the Israeli regime has announced construction of a separation wall to keep them out.

During a weekly cabinet meeting on Sunday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced that a 30-kilometer fence is being constructed along Israel's border with Jordan to stop "migrants," he associated with terrorists, to enter Israel.

Israel finished the construction of a 230-kilometer wall along the Egyptian border in 2013; it also has set up fences along the border with Lebanon and along the line between Syria and Israeli-occupied Golan Heights. Most of the West Bank has also been split by a barrier.

According to Netanyahu, the wall would connect with the Egyptian barrier and that construction has started along Israel's eastern border between the city of Eilat and near the site of a new airport in Timna Valley. "We will continue the fence up to the Golan Heights," said the Israeli premier. "We will not allow Israel to be submerged by a wave of illegal migrants and terrorist activists."

The Golan Heights has been under the Israeli occupation since the 1960s. The Tel Aviv regime captured 1,200 square kilometers of the Golan Heights during the Six-Day War of 1967 and annexed the region in 1981.

Netanyahu cited Israeli's "very small" size and lack of "geographic depth or demographic depth" as the reasons behind the measures. His comments came amid a refugee crisis in Europe due to influx of asylum seekers from conflict-ridden countries in Africa and the Middle East.

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