

Palestine Liberation Organization Slams Israel's Plan to Seize Private Palestinian Land



Ramallah, August 8 (RHC)-- The Palestine Liberation Organization, the PLO, says Israel is after stealing the entire Palestinian territories through confiscating more private land in the occupied West Bank.

In a statement released over the weekend, the PLO's National Bureau to Defend Land warned of the "dangerous" consequences of a plan by the Tel Aviv regime to resettle evacuees from the illegal Amona settlement outpost in the central West Bank to a nearby privately-owned piece of Palestinian land. The PLO said the "unprecedented" measure is aimed at "swallowing" more territory.

Recently, Israeli media reported that a committee tasked with relocating Amona settlers has proposed leasing the privately-held Palestinian properties near the outpost to the Israelis for three years, with possible extension.

Some 140 new illegal housing units are expected to be built on the Palestinian land, with 40 of them reserved for families evacuated from Amona. The Palestinian owners reportedly live abroad.

The PLO said that Israel "will crush the basic rights of Palestinians under its rule in the occupied territories, while violating international law -- all out of the will to comply to the demands of a group of settlers that established an illegal outpost on stolen Palestinian land with the backing of the government."

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