


# 24 illegal West Bank settlements to go

The Israeli government will dismantle 24 settlement outposts built since 2001 to comply with the U.S.-backed "road-map" for Middle East peace, but has set no timetable for doing so. An official report has revealed government complicity in establishing 105 such outposts, illegal under Israeli law

*Outposts built without permission, usually groups of temporary structures near isolated "legal" settlements*

 Palestinian areas  
 Israeli settlements

**WEST BANK POPULATION**  
**Palestinians** 2.8 million  
(inc. East Jerusalem)

**Settlers** 416,800  
**West Bank** 231,800  
**East Jerusalem** 185,000

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