Settlements
Settlement Planning

1. Stringent planning process for settlements and new housing.
2. Six planning steps before approval.
3. Final political approval.
4. Leaves impression that many more units are built than is the case.
Land appropriation

1. four major mechanisms of land seizure
   a. abandoned property
   b. public need
   c. military need
   d. state land.

2. Elon Moreh case (1979) & in its aftermath
   resort to declaration as state land on the basis of Ottoman Land Code.
Illegal seizure and construction

• 1. Sasson Report (2005) on outposts:
  • “The violation of the law became institutionalized. We face not a felon or a group of felons violating the law. The big picture is a bold violation of laws by certain state authorities, public authorities, regional councils in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza and settlers, while falsely presenting an organized legal system. (pp.74-5)

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• 1. Contradictory principles of European imperial sovereignty.
• 2. Is Gaza Occupied?
• 2. the occupation’s geographical mosaic.