

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics released a Statistical Report about Israeli Settlements in the Palestinian Territory 2007

The Number of Settlers in the West Bank in 2007 Reached 483,453

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) released the statistical report about Israeli Settlements in the Palestinian Territory for the year 2007.

The report contains statistical data about population, social, economic, and geographic indicators of the Israeli Settlements. The report complies with PCBS work plan and is the outcome of the efforts of PCBS to produce a series of statistical reports that represent the Israeli aggression against Palestinian people. Such series of statistical reports aiming to producing required data on the situation of the Israeli settlements in the Palestinian Territory and to disclose the basic characteristics and factors in which they have an effect on the Palestinian Society.

According to 2007 data, the number of occupation sites in the West Bank totaled 440, of them 144 were Settlements, 96 were Outposts inside Settlement boundaries, 109 were Outposts outside Settlement boundaries, 43 were Occupation Sites classified as Other Occupation Sites, and 48 were Military Bases.

According to Settlement distribution, the data shows that, the most of them were in Jerusalem Governorate (26 settlements) and 16 of them were annexed by Israel. The percentage area beyond the reach of Palestinians was 38.3% of the West Bank total area. The area of built-up land in different occupation sites reached 235,209 thousand square meters.

The available data indicate that the number of settlers in the West Bank in 2007 reached to 483,453 settlers, most of settlers live in Jerusalem Governorate (256,037 Settlers) 194,695 of them in (J1), then Ramallah & Al-Bireh Governorate (81,851 Settlers), then Bethlehem Governorate (50,507 Settlers), then Salfit Governorate (30,947 Settlers). While the minimum number of settlers found in Tubas Governorate (1,319 Settlers).

The report shows that the number of settlers who live in Israeli Settlements in the Palestinian Territory increased by 39 times during the period 1972-2007. In comparison, the Jews in Historical Palestine area and in other Arab Occupied Territories increased around 2 times during the same period.

The data indicate that the settlements in the West Bank according to the end of the year 2007 data were distributed into four strips; Eastern Strip includes 28 settlements, Mountain Strip includes 31 settlements, Western Hills Strip includes 48 settlements, and the Greater Jerusalem Strip includes 37 settlements.