

Areas A, B, and C of the Oslo II Accord

Jew-free zones and continuous Palestinian Arab terrorist attacks against Israelis prove that the Oslo II Accord's designation of Areas A, B, and C favor the Palestinian Authority (PA) while threatening Jewish life and taking advantage of Israeli generosity.

Overview of Areas A, B, and C:

- **Civil and Security Control in Judea and Samaria (the 'West Bank')**
 - In 1995, the Oslo II Accord extended **Palestinian Arab self-rule to parts of Judea and Samaria**.¹
 - Area A (18%²) is under both PA civil and security control.³
 - Area B (22%⁴) is under PA civil control and Israeli security control.⁵
 - Area C (60%⁶) is under both Israeli civil control and security control.⁷
 - Despite Israel's jurisdiction over Area C, **more than 12,000 illegal Palestinian Arab structures** have been built there.⁸
 - Although Israel has the legal right to demolish all of these illegal Palestinian Arab structures, it has chosen to demolish less than 2% them.⁹
 - Building Palestinian Arab structures in Israel's Area C is permitted contingent on approval from the Israeli Civil Administration.¹⁰
 - Attempting to foster bilateral peace, **Israel proposed to give the PA all of Gaza and over 95% of Judea and Samaria**.¹¹ The PA refused this generous offer.¹²
 - **Palestinian Arabs have rejected a total of three peace deals** -- in 1947, 2000, and 2008 -- and refused other opportunities for direct bilateral negotiations.¹³
 - 75% - 80% of Israelis living in the Jewish communities of Judea and Samaria live on or near the pre-1967 Six-Day War borders -- not deep within the land as is often falsely stated.¹⁴
- **Demographics**
 - 98% of Palestinian Arabs in Judea and Samaria live under PA control in Areas A and B, with only 2% living in Area C.¹⁵

¹ International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences | Thomson Gale. Gunes Murat Tezcür. *Palestinian Authority*. 2008.

² Backpack Israel. *Understanding the Regional Situation*. 2016.

³ Why Israel? *Palestinians are building illegally and systematically in C-areas*. "Israel afraid to demolish". June 6, 2013.

⁴ Backpack Israel. *Understanding the Regional Situation*. 2016.

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ Backpack Israel. *Understanding the Regional Situation*. 2016.

⁷ Ibid.

⁸ Ibid.

⁹ Ibid.

¹⁰ The Huffington Post. Rick Steves. *Palestine's Complicated Borders: Complex as ABC*. May 16, 2013.

¹¹ Freedom House. *Palestinian Authority-Administered Territories* *. 2007.

¹² CAMERA. *Palestinians Rejected Statehood Three Times, Claim Frustration -- with Israel*. September 22, 2011.

¹³ CAMERA. *Palestinians Rejected Statehood Three Times, Claim Frustration -- with Israel*. September 22, 2011.

¹⁴ StandWithUs. *West Bank | Settlements, Communities, and Facts On The Ground*.

¹⁵ Ibid.

- **Developed Jewish communities are present in only 1.7% of Judea and Samaria**¹⁶ -- a modest number since the Oslo II Accord entitles Israel to build in 60% of the land.¹⁷

Israel abides by the restrictions set forth in the Oslo II Accord, granting Palestinian Arabs freedoms even while the Palestinian Authority (PA) continues to ignore its obligations.

- Palestinian Arabs are free to move between the Areas and the rest of Israel with a permit.¹⁸
 - Employment, medical, and religion related permits are some of the **101 permits** that allow Palestinian Arab movement into the rest of Israel.¹⁹
- Continuous Palestinian Arab terrorist attacks against Israeli civilians and security personnel triggered the necessary implementation of tentative closures into the rest of Israel.²⁰
 - These Palestinian Arab attacks constitute a violation of the Oslo II Accord's call for "liv[ing] in peaceful coexistence."²¹

Jew-free zones prohibit -- and even threaten -- Israelis from entering Area A.²²

- **Military and Political Control**

- Area A permits entrance to Israeli Arabs and occasionally to tourists and foreign nationals, **but not to Jews.**²⁴
- The Oslo II Accord forces Israel to prohibit its own citizens from entering Area A, granting access to Area A only with Israel Defense Forces (IDF)²⁵ approval for special cases such as journalism.²⁶
 - Warning signs along entrances into Area A from Area B dictate that "entrance for Israeli citizens is forbidden, dangerous to your lives and is against the Israeli law."²⁷
- To ensure Israel's security, the IDF enters Areas A and B only to carry out defensive measures.²⁸
 - For example, the IDF undertook counter-insurgency Operation Defensive Shield in these Areas in order to neutralize extensively developed Palestinian Arab terrorist networks.²⁹

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¹⁶ Ibid.

¹⁷ Ibid.

¹⁸ B'Tselem. *Restriction of Movement | Closure*. January 1, 2017.

¹⁹ Haaretz. Chaim Levinson. *Israel Has 101 Different Types of Permits Governing Palestinian Movement*. December 23, 2011.

²⁰ B'Tselem. *Restriction of Movement | Closure*. January 1, 2017.

²¹ Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs. *The Israeli-Palestinian Interim Agreement*. September 28, 1995.

²² Backpack Israel. *Understanding the Regional Situation*. 2016.

²³ VickyGoesTravelling. Vicky Unwin. *Israel 3: Visiting Bethlehem and the Palestinian Authority*. December 6, 2016.

²⁴ Quora. *Under Israeli law, specifically how are Israelis restricted from visiting the Palestinian Authority area(s)?*. March 11, 2017.

²⁵ Israel Defense Forces. *יצחק איתן. צבא הגנה לישראל*. October 2000.

²⁶ Israel Defense Forces. *איסור כניסה לשטחין. צבא הגנה לישראל*.

²⁷ The Huffington Post. Rick Steves. *Palestine's Complicated Borders: Complex as ABC*. May 16, 2013.

²⁸ Backpack Israel. *Understanding the Regional Situation*. 2016.

²⁹ Jewish Virtual Library. *Israel's Wars & Operations: Operation Defensive Shield | (March 29 - April 21, 2002)*.