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](#).
  - Area A (18%) is under both PA civil and security control.
  - Area B (22%) is under PA civil control and Israeli security control.
  - Area C (60%) is under both Israeli civil control and security control.
  - Despite Israel’s jurisdiction over Area C, more than 12,000 illegal [Palestinian Arab structures](#) have been built there.
    - Although Israel has the legal right to demolish all of these illegal Palestinian Arab structures, it has chosen to demolish less than 2% them.
    - Building Palestinian Arab structures in Israel’s Area C is permitted contingent on approval from the Israeli Civil Administration.
  - Attempting to foster bilateral peace, Israel proposed to give the PA all of Gaza and over 95% of Judea and Samaria. The PA refused this generous offer.
    - Palestinian Arabs have rejected a total of three peace deals -- in 1947, 2000, and 2008 -- and refused other opportunities for direct bilateral negotiations.
    - 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.

- **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.

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5. Ibid.
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Developed Jewish communities are present in only 1.7% of Judea and Samaria\(^\text{16}\) -- a modest number since the Oslo II Accord entitles Israel to build in 60% of the land.\(^\text{17}\)

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.\(^\text{18}\)
  - Employment, medical, and religion related permits are some of the 101 permits that allow Palestinian Arab movement into the rest of Israel.\(^\text{19}\)
- Continuous Palestinian Arab terrorist attacks against Israeli civilians and security personnel triggered the necessary implementation of tentative closures into the rest of Israel.\(^\text{20}\)
  - These Palestinian Arab attacks constitute a violation of the Oslo II Accord’s call for “liv[ing] in peaceful coexistence.”\(^\text{21}\)

Jew-free zones prohibit -- and even threaten -- Israelis from entering Area A.\(^\text{22}\)

- **Military and Political Control**
  - Area A permits entrance to Israeli Arabs and occasionally to tourists and foreign nationals, **but not to Jews.**\(^\text{24}\)
  - The Oslo II Accord forces Israel to prohibit its own citizens from entering Area A, granting access to Area A only with Israeli Defense Forces (IDF)\(^\text{26}\) approval for special cases such as journalism.\(^\text{26}\)
    - 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.”\(^\text{27}\)
  - To ensure Israel’s security, the IDF enters Areas A and B only to carry out defensive measures.\(^\text{28}\)
    - For example, the IDF undertook counter-insurgency Operation Defensive Shield in these Areas in order to neutralize extensively developed Palestinian Arab terrorist networks.\(^\text{29}\)

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