



Israel Will Steal 16% of Gaza's Land By Establishing 'Buffer Zone'

Description

WORLD : Israel's plan to create a "buffer zone" inside Gaza along its border with Israel will take 16% of the Strip's territory, The Wall Street Journal reported, citing an analysis of the operation by Adi Ben Nun, a Hebrew University geography professor.

Israel has begun the process of constructing the zone, which involves demolishing Palestinian homes and agricultural land that are in the way. The buffer will be about 1 kilometer (.6 miles) in width.

Israeli media reported in January that Israel had destroyed 1,100 of the 2,800 buildings in the border areas. In that same month, 21 Israeli soldiers were killed while working to demolish a building after a Hamas rocket detonated explosives IDF soldiers had planted.

The Israeli military insists it needs to create the buffer zone to prevent future October 7-style attacks. But the plan also [advances](#) Israel's seizure of Gaza's territory, and many ministers in the Israeli government favor re-establishing Jewish settlements in the Strip.

On top of the buffer zone on the border, Israel is also constructing a road that will cut the Gaza Strip in two. Israel claims that it doesn't seek to occupy Gaza but wants to maintain open-ended security control of the Strip, which is not possible without some form of occupation.

[The Biden](#) administration claims it's opposed to any Israeli plans that will shrink Gaza's territory. But the US continues to provide Israel with unconditional military aid as it's enacting a plan to steal 16% of Gaza.

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