

Likud Files Knesset Bill to Annex Occupied Palestinian Territories

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Member of the Knesset May Golan (Likud) on Sunday submitted a bill calling for imposing Israel's sovereignty on the occupied territories of the Jordan Valley, the northern Dead Sea area and the West Bank.

According to Israel's Channel 7, economy minister and MK Eli Cohen (Likud) also joined the initiative and expressed his support for it.

"This is an area that is a political, security, and economic asset, and there are thousands of Zionist Israelis and true pioneers who are an integral part of the State of Israel [there]," Golan claimed.

"The bill is intended to rectify the existing situation and end all historical injustice. I have no doubt that there is a broad consensus in all parts of the Knesset that supports the proposal and it is time to implement it," she added.

Yesha settlement council chairman David Elhayani also expressed his support for the Knesset bill.

"I applaud MK May Golan, who today received an exemption from the initial reading of the bill to apply Israeli sovereignty in the Jordan Valley, Northern Dead Sea area, and Jewish communities in Judea and Samaria (West Bank). The bill can already be introduced for preliminary reading at the Knesset plenum."

"The proposed law would apply Israeli sovereignty in Judea and Samaria (West Bank) and the Jordan Valley without recognition of a "Palestinian state" that endangers the future of the State of Israel, nor does it refer to president Trump's 'deal of the century.' We urge all Knesset members of the national camp to stand behind the bill in order to promote sovereignty and prevent the establishment of a Palestinian state, God forbid," Elhayani was quoted as saying .

In this regard, Channel 7 affirmed that US president Trump's deal of the century, in principle gave Israel the green light to impose sovereignty on the Jordan Valley and the West Bank.

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