



## **PGMC condemns the Israeli move to control over a Palestinian's Land in East Jerusalem**

**Ramallah-Government Media Center, 29<sup>th</sup> July 2011:** The Palestinian Government Media center strongly condemned the approval of the Knesset preliminary reading of an amendment to the Nature Reserves and National Parks Law. This gives control of a Palestinian area to a right-wing Israeli organization, Elad, which is dedicated to taking over Arab neighborhoods.

This is contrary to international law, which considers that East Jerusalem, including Silwan, is part of the Palestinian territories.

The Palestinian Government Media Center stressed that this step does not show Israel's desire to return to negotiations, but indicates a continuation of the Israeli policy of settlement and the judge to continue Judaizing Jerusalem.

Consequently, the PGMC calls upon the international community to intervene to prevent the Knesset from final approval of this law, which requires the demolition of 88 Palestinian houses in Al-Bustan neighborhood in Silwan, which is mean the displacement of tens of Palestinians.

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