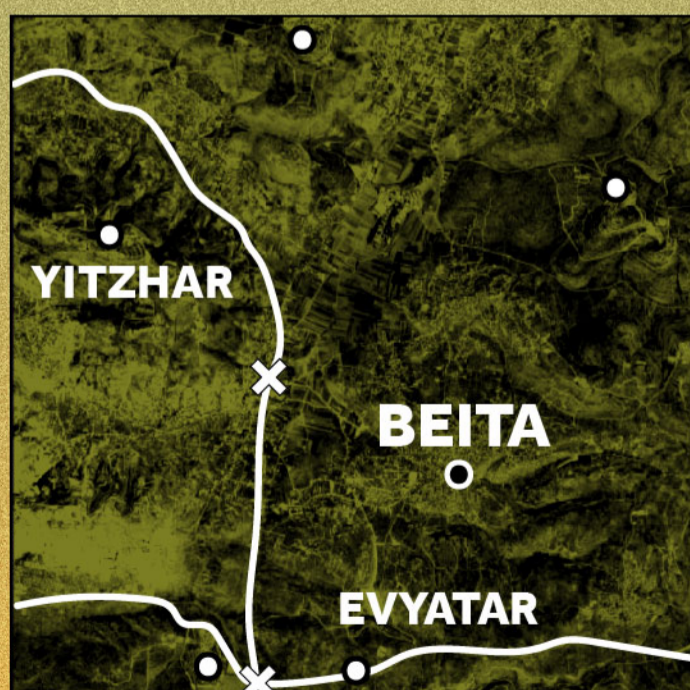


ONGOING PALESTINIAN  
POPULAR RESISTANCE IN BEITA

# GUARDIANS OF THE MOUNTAIN

Beita is a Palestinian town of 12,000 residents living under Israeli military occupation south of Nablus. **THIS IS THEIR STORY OF CONTINUOUS PROTEST.**

On May 3, 2021, Israeli settlers established the illegal settlement outpost of Evyatar, bragging that it "prevents the creation of a connection between Beita, Yatma, and Qabalan," thereby fragmenting the connection between the main Palestinian towns in Nablus.



Even before the establishment of Evyatar, Beita was surrounded by ● illegal Israeli settlements, ✕ military checkpoints, and — roads under full Israeli control



Gangs of Israeli settlers from the illegal settlement of Yitzhar (5km from Beita) regularly attack nearby Palestinian towns. In 2021, Israeli settlers committed 977 attacks against Palestinians and their land and property across the West Bank.

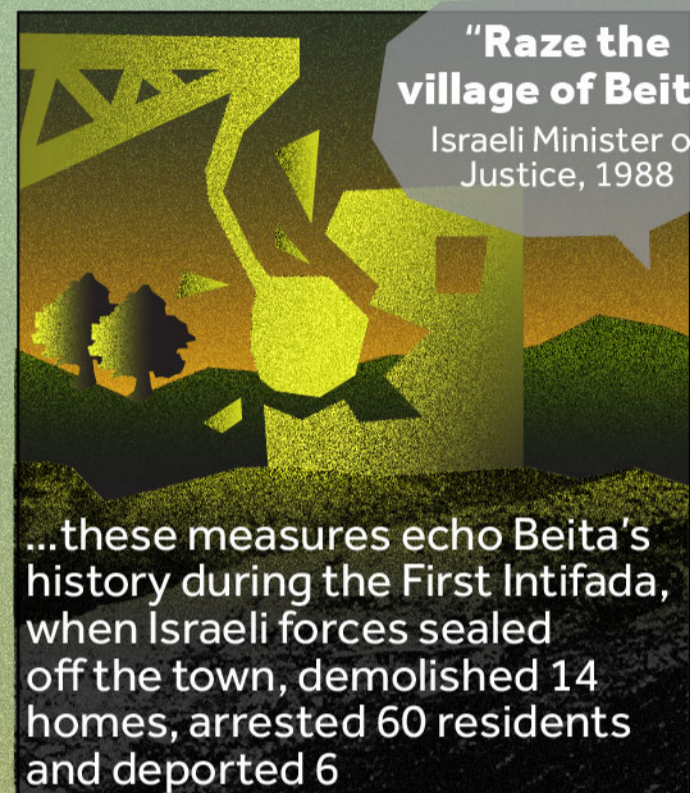
From 2013–2020, Israeli settlers tried four times to confiscate land in Beita. In May 2021, taking advantage of widespread Israeli violence against Palestinians during the Unity Uprising, the settlers quickly constructed Evyatar, assisted by Israeli soldiers.



Palestinians from Beita immediately began to organize regular protests against the confiscation of their lands. Between May 2021 – May 2022, Israeli forces killed 10 Palestinian protesters in Beita and injured 6,454 protesters, including 178 injuries with live bullets and 997 with rubber-coated bullets.



In addition to lethal force, Israel has applied collective punishment affecting all residents of Beita...



...these measures echo Beita's history during the First Intifada, when Israeli forces sealed off the town, demolished 14 homes, arrested 60 residents and deported 6



This daily intensive violence creates layered socioeconomic and psychological impacts and destroys families: lost jobs, permanent disabilities, and psychological trauma

In June 2021, Israeli settlers reached an agreement with the Israeli government to temporarily leave Evyatar. The structures remain intact. Authorities then issued a military seizure order for the area, a sign that they intend to permanently confiscate the mountain. In August 2021, the Israeli Supreme Court refused an appeal from Beita residents against Israel's confiscation of their lands.



The people of Beita have vowed to continue their resistance against Israel's colonization until the "last caravan is removed from Jabal Sbeih"

**“OUR PARENTS FOUGHT AND SACRIFICED SO MUCH TO KEEP OUR LANDS. WE CANNOT FAIL THEM”**  
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