Ethnic Cleansing, Forcible Transfer of Palestinians

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Palestinians have no control over planning and zoning of land. In East Jerusalem, Palestinians have partial control over land in the enclaves administered by the Ministry of Housing and Construction. Most of this land is confiscated or seized Palestinian property, including the land of the 1948-ethnically cleansed Palestinian villages in western Jerusalem, 87% of the land in occupied East Jerusalem, 78% of annexation roads, 64% of Israeli settlements, and 50% of Israeli military checkpoints/gates.

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