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The new Israeli far-right government began advancing a raft of discriminatory and racist legislation and policies after being sworn in three months ago, including those aimed at consolidating Jewish supremacy and racial segregation through Judaization on both sides of the Green line, and annexation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

Adalah has launched legal actions to challenge racist laws and policies in the field of land and planning, which include:

➤ A governmental decision that empowers the Ministry of the Negev, Galilee and National Resilience to promote outpost "Legalization".

> A governmental decision to legalize ten settlement outposts in the West Bank.

➤ A bill to amend the Disengagement Law, which aims to legalize settlements in the northern West Bank (the amendment was passed into a law by the Knesset on 21 March 2023). The Disengagement Law, enacted in 2005 following the evacuation of Israeli settlements from Gaza and parts of the northern West Bank, prohibited Israelis from entering the evacuated areas. The new amendment lifts the ban on Israelis returning to the site of four former outposts in the West bank.

 \blacktriangleright <u>A bill allowing for the appointment of an additional minister in the Ministry of Defense</u>, in order to advance apartheid and de facto annexation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. (the bill was passed into a law by the Knesset on 27 December 2022)

 \blacktriangleright A <u>bill expanding the scope of admissions committees through the Cooperative Societies</u> <u>Ordinance</u>. The bill seeks to expand the legal framework for segregation in Israel and its applicability to the West Bank, and to illegally annex more Palestinian territories in the West Bank.

 \blacktriangleright A bill to amend Israel's Planning and Building Law, which would significantly alter the structure of the North and South District Planning Committees and the National Planning Council in order to facilitate further Judaization. The proposed changes to the law would guarantee a voting majority for government representatives in these bodies for the approval of plans and the determination of district planning policies. The bill will enable the realization of racist government objectives in order to deepen the Judaization of the Negev and Galilee.

➤ National Security Minister Ben Gvir's directive to <u>increase the scale of home demolitions in</u> <u>East Jerusalem</u>, which constitutes unlawful collective punishment.