

## The Big Lie: 'Settler Violence' in Judea and Samaria

### THE LIE

Jewish residents of Judea and Samaria are conducting widespread attacks against Muslim communities.

### THE TRUTH

Jewish violence against Muslims is marginal and prosecuted vigorously. Muslim violence against Jews is widespread, frequent, and met with international silence.

### BACKGROUND

- On March 21, 2026, 13 European countries and Canada issued a joint statement condemning "increasing settler violence" against "Palestinian communities." ([TOI](#))
- The statement was based almost entirely on Arab Muslim sources reporting Jewish retaliatory attacks on Muslim villages.
- Those reports came after a Muslim murdered an 18-year-old Jewish man named Yehuda Sherman, which came two weeks after another Muslim stabbed a rabbi, which came weeks after an Arab killed two Jews in a ramming and stabbing attack. ([TOI](#)), ([Jerusalem Post](#)), ([France 24](#))
- The condemnation is part of a decades-old "settler violence" narrative promoted by Left-wing media and compulsive Israel critics like Tucker Carlson.

### TRUTH EXPLAINED

- Most of the data on "settler violence" is false. The primary database used to document "settler violence" — maintained by the UN— counts tourist visits, legal government infrastructure work, traffic accidents, and Jews ascending the Temple Mount as violent incidents. Nearly 20% of incidents in the database are simple "trespassing" complaints. ([Regavim](#))
- It also counts Muslim terrorists killed or wounded during attacks they initiated as victims of "settler violence." Terrorists neutralized mid-attack are logged as casualties of attacks by "Jewish settlers." ([Tablet Magazine](#)), ([Regavim](#))
- Even B'Tselem — a radical Left-wing NGO funded by European governments — recorded that every Muslim killed by Israeli civilians in Judea and Samaria in 2022 died in an attack they or another Palestinian initiated. ([Regavim](#))
- According to official Israel Police data, 73% of complaints filed against Jewish settlers are false. Yet Jewish suspects are actually indicted at 3x the rate of Arab suspects for equivalent nationalist offenses. The justice system isn't coddling Jewish offenders — if anything, it's under-prosecuting Arab ones. ([Regavim](#))
- Between 2014–2024, Israeli police opened 4,748 cases of Arab nationalist violence vs. 1,356 cases of Jewish nationalist violence — more than 3.5x as many. And Arab violence is systematically undercounted, since many cases are handled by the IDF and never enter civilian crime statistics. ([Regavim](#))
- From 2019–2022 alone, IDF figures recorded nearly 25,000 stone-throwing and Molotov cocktail attacks by Arabs against Jews, not counting shootings or explosives. First responders documented another 17,396 attacks between 2022 and mid-2024, with reports showing that Muslim violence increased since October 7th. ([Rescuers Without Borders](#)), ([Regavim](#))
- False reports of "settler violence" are commonplace. In 2024, for example, a Palestinian youth claimed Jewish students hung him from a tree, burned his legs, and tear-gassed him. The story went global. But hospital records showed no burns, video showed his eyes wide open, and under interrogation he admitted he came to throw stones at Jews. ([Honenu](#))
- Around 20 organizations operating in Judea and Samaria — funded by the EU, European governments, the UN, and international foundations — help fuel the false "settler violence" narrative. ([Regavim](#))

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### QUOTES

- "For many years, the 'settler violence' campaign—deliberately framed in absolute terms—has taken a prominent place in both Israeli and international public discourse. Its primary and ongoing goal has been to delegitimize the State of Israel in general and Jewish settlement in Judea and Samaria in particular. This is part of a broader anti-Israel initiative aimed at generating international pressure on Israel, harming the settlement enterprise, and promoting the establishment of a Palestinian state." — Regavim Report

### TAKEAWAY

The "settler violence" narrative rests on falsified complaints, manipulated data, and a well-funded network of organizations whose purpose is to generate it. The international community has built policy and outrage on false allegations of Jews attacking Muslims. Meanwhile, nearly 25,000 Muslim attacks on Jews in four years — not including 1,200 civilians on October 7th — have triggered no statements, no outrage, no UN condemnations, no ICC referrals. The "settler violence" campaign is an unquestioned libel.