

URGENT ACTION FOR PALESTINE



Dear Friends,

An urgent action has come to our attention from Sir Vincent Fean, Vice-Chair of the Balfour Project.

Sir Vincent writes: -

Illegal Israeli settlements are by far the biggest threat to Palestinian rights - their rights to their land, to their livelihoods, to self-determination - including the right to sovereign statehood. The Israeli authorities are advancing plans to build a new illegal settlement in an area known as E1. If built, it will complete the encirclement of East Jerusalem, dividing it from the rest of the West Bank. It will split the northern West Bank cities - Nablus, Jenin etc - from Hebron, Bethlehem and Jericho. It will kill any prospect of a joined-up Palestinian state. That's why the Balfour Project charity asks you to take action.

Our Government has long regarded E1 as a "red line" which Israel must not cross - but has never said what it will do if Israel persists.

The deadline for action is 12 September, when Israel's West Bank Planning Committee is due to finalise its work and endorse the planned construction of E1. Israel's Prime Minister can prevent this. Our Government must prevail on him to stop it. Please consider writing now to your MP.

***With kind regards,
Vincent Fean
Vice-Chair, Balfour Project***

Action of the Week

Write to your MP asking them to oppose the E1 plans, *well before* the Planning Committee meeting taking place on the 12th September.

You can find all of the details through the [Balfour Project website](#).

(all you need to do is put in your postcode, which will bring up your MP, and then input your details - it takes less than a minute to do).

Thank you to everyone who supports this very important initiative.

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