Palestinian Bedouins oppose current Israeli authorities plans to relocate and concentrate them into urbanized townships.

The Vast majority of those targeted for transfer are Palestine refugees.

The Bedouin call for their return to their traditional lands in the Negev. Pending this, they call for community driven planning in the locations where they currently reside as well as restoration of full access to natural resources.

If the transfer plans are implemented it may constitute ‘forcible transfer’ in contravention of the Fourth Geneva Convention.

The Bedouin were not consulted before a decision was made by the Israeli Authorities to develop township plans for their transfer, nor during the planning and design process.

Some of the areas from which Israel plans to transfer the Bedouin are earmarked for settlement expansion.

This means that full, prior and informed consent to relocate cannot be possible.

Settler violence/harrassment

Forced urbanisation severs mobile pastoralists from their social, economic and cultural roots.

Proposed transfer sites: Fassiyil, An Nuweima, Al Jabal.

Restricted access to markets & services

Demolition of homes & other structures

Displacement

Restricted access to rangeland & water resources

Poverty

Homelessness

Unemployment threat

Settlement expansion

For the Bedouin refugees under threat of forcible transfer.

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