The Bedouin in the Negev (southern Israel)

The Bedouin are an integral part of Israeli society. Today the Bedouin represent a third of the Negev’s population: about 210,000 Bedouins live in that area, out of a total population of 640,000.

**THE BEGIN PLAN**

- **90%** of the Negev’s Bedouin population is located in the area between the cities of Beer Sheva, Arad, Dimona and the Bedouin city of Rahat.
- **$2,200,000,000** is the sum that has been allocated by Israel for implementation of the Begin Plan.

The GOAL of the Begin Plan is to resolve all outstanding issues with the Bedouin. Israel is willing to COMPROMISE and will invest GREAT RESOURCES to meet this goal. This will benefit all the residents of the Negev.

**DIALOGUE** with the Bedouin is an essential component of the Begin Plan.

Israel’s policy is aimed at IMPROVING the welfare and living conditions of the Negev’s Bedouin, while PRESERVING Bedouin culture and heritage. They will enjoy BETTER ACCESS to basic infrastructures, health centers and education services, as well as to employment opportunities.

**Empowering the Bedouin**

- **120,000** (est.) of the Negev’s Bedouin live in planned and regulated settlements (in seven urban centers and two regional councils with eleven villages).
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**Illegal building**

- **Low social-economic development**
- **Property claims**

**3 main CHALLENGES**

Tel Aviv
Jerusalem
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ShevaBeer
Eilat
Judea & Samaria (West Bank)
Gaza Strip
ISRAEL

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