

The Bedouin in the Negev (southern Israel)

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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.

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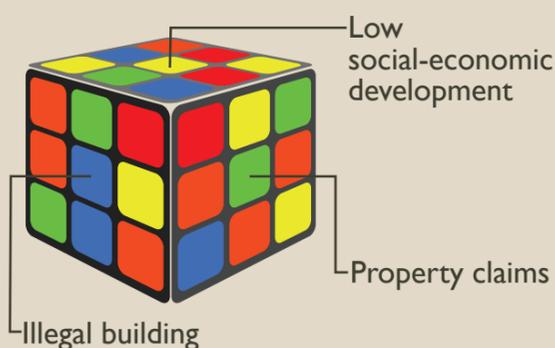
120,000 (est.) of the Negev's Bedouin live in planned and regulated settlements (in seven urban centers and two regional councils with eleven villages).
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60,000 (est.) live in non-regulated communities and encampments that will be legalized and developed. All the residents will be given property rights.
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30,000 (est.) live in non-regulated communities and encampments and will relocate only a short distance. They will be offered agricultural, communal, suburban and urban living options, all with property rights.
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There are currently **2,900** pending property claims filed by **12,000** Bedouin. Israel will settle the claims, granting **100%** of the claim in land and monies.

3 main CHALLENGES



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

ISRAEL

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.



NEGEV

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.

\$2,200,000,000

is the sum that has been allocated by Israel for implementation of the Begin Plan.

