

ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS ON GOLAN HEIGHTS

[Numbers correspond to those on attached map.]

1. Neve Ativ: moshav, Independent Liberal affiliation; founded as Ramat Shalom in 1968, abandoned in mid-1970 following repeated fedayeen attacks, re-established in Jan 1971--est. pop. 13 families--ski resort, horseback riding and hiking in summer, some orchards--13 single story housing units, 24 such units under construction; 2 large buildings, one possibly hotel; 5 unidentified bldgs. under construction.

2. Snir: kibbutz, Mapam affiliation; founded as nahal, 1967--dedicated as kibbutz, 1968--est. pop. 24 families--tourist attraction at Baniyas waterfall nearby, apple plantations, est. 300 acres cultivated, mostly wheat--12 duplex housing units, 10 four unit apartment buildings; 2 four unit apts. under construction; 2 large poultry houses, 12 other bldgs. (admin., dining hall, etc.)--located in former (1948-67) UN demilitarized zone.

3. El Rom: kibbutz, Achdut Ha'avoda affiliation; established July 1971--est. pop. 52 families--cattle raising, est. 500 acres cultivated--has 8 two story buildings, with four apts. each, 5 similar bldgs. under construction; 5 single story four unit apts., 2 large poultry houses, 1 maintenance facility, 15 other bldgs.--all bldgs. within security fence.

4. Merom Golan: kibbutz, Achdut Ha'avoda affiliation; first civilian settlement established on Golan, July 1967--moved from housing near Quneitra to site 1970-71--est. pop. 144 families--dry farming, apple orchards, turkey breeding, 1400 head of cattle, tulip bulbs for export--16 two story 8 unit apt. buildings, 2 single story 4 unit bldgs., 4 single story 2 apt. unit bldgs., 6 two story (6 probable apt. units) bldgs., 2 large poultry houses, 18 other bldgs.--two water reservoirs of approx. 1 million cubic meters total capacity--helicopter pad--Israeli press (May 1973) reported 30 million Israeli pounds (\$7 million) had been invested.

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5. Probable settlement: name unknown: possibly paramilitary; possibly new settlement on former site of Merom Golan--pop. unknown-- function unknown--13 two story 8 unit apartment buildings, approx. 25 other bldgs. of varying sizes; 4 bldgs. suffered extensive damage--small airfield Al Quneitra is about 1/2 mile to the north.

6. Ein Zivan: kibbutz, Achdut Ha'avoda affiliation; founded in 1968--est. pop. 64 families--large fields with orchards, vineyards, and vegetables, sheep and cattle, manufacture of plastic footwear-- 12 two story, four unit apt. bldgs.; 3 two story bldgs. under construction; 8 single story, two unit bldgs., 2 large poultry houses, 20 other bldgs., (incl. dining halls, maintenance and repair bldgs. etc.) large underground bomb shelters.

7. Probable settlement: name unknown: possibly paramilitary; In 1972 Israeli press reported plans for Israeli settlement at site of destroyed Syrian village of Al Khashniyah--pop. unknown--function unknown--11 single story housing units, single family, 3 single story duplex units, 2 other bldgs.

8. Nahal Geshur: Paramilitary (NAHAL), Mapam affiliation; established 1968 at Rafid at foot of Tell el Parass, apparently moved to permanent housing further westward on TAPline--est. pop. 80 people-- security role, small fields of onions, some sheep herding--12 single story bldgs., 5 large bldgs., 2 other bldgs., one basketball court--water tank about 3/4 mi. to the east.

9. Ramot: moshav, Labor Party affiliation; founded May 1969--est. pop. 35 families--planned tourist attraction, has sub-tropical fruit orchards--members are living in 30 A-frame units which will become tourist housing as soon as permanent housing completed--large new installation under construction southeast of present site, 48 duplex housing units, 10 large animal sheds, 10 smaller sheds completed; 2 animal sheds, administration complex, and 12 other buildings still under construction--roads in new site paved--water piped to new site from Lake Tiberias.

10. Ramat Magshimim: moshav, National Religious Party affiliation; pop. includes 19 families, military reservists, and yeshiva students--has religious school, Yeshivot MaGolan, garage service for southern Golan, apple orchards, turkeys, wheat and sorghum fields--50 single unit dwellings, 3 large poultry houses, 1 large garage, 28 other bldgs.,

basketball court--Israeli press reports that bomb and gas-proof shelter doubles as synagogue--water is piped from reservoir southwest of settlement--helicopter landing pad.

11. Tel Zayit: moshav, probably National Religious Party affiliation; new settlement started in 1973, does not appear occupied--function unknown--6 multiple unit dwellings are under construction; footings for other buildings, large area staked out.

12. Nov: moshav, National Religious Party affiliation; founded July 1968, but construction of housing only recently begun--settlers had been living at Ramat Magshimim and possibly at Nov--planned to raise cattle--appears to have suffered extensive war damage--23 housing units appear undamaged; 20-30 other bldgs. have been damaged or destroyed--In Dec. 1973 the Housing Ministry was reported to have invested 6.4 million Israeli pounds (\$1.5 million) in the settlement but no mention was made of damage noted above.

13. El Al: paramilitary (MAHAL), Labor Party affiliation; established as moshav Jan. 1968, disbanded 1969, in 1970 nahal was established--est. pop. 30 - 50 people--security role, small orchard adjacent to settlement--22 single unit dwellings, 5 other bldgs., including dining hall--small paved airstrip is about halfway between El Al and Afiq (#19).

14. Kefar Ganat: *moshav, National Religious Party affiliation; established in 1971--est. pop. 27 families--first industrial cooperative on the Golan, 750 acres cultivated--one of three suburban type housing areas (adjacent to Givat Yoav #15 and Bne Yehuda Center #16) near Israel Aircraft Industries' plant--27 single unit dwellings--21 large sheds--5-10 other large buildings .

*[Sources conflict; this intelligence is based upon Israeli press, overhead reconnaissance, and 1973 Carta's Holyland Touring Map]

15. Givat Yoav: moshav, Labor Party affiliation; established in 1968, moved to present site in 1971--est. pop. 23 families--has 750 acres of field crops and pasturage, vegetable plots, raises turkeys and cattle--adjoins Kefar Ganat on south side--23 single unit dwellings, 10 animal sheds, 9 larger sheds, 4 school-type buildings, one basketball court, 5 other bldgs.

16. Bne Yehuda Center: regional center, Labor Party affiliation; established in August 1972--est. pop. 60 families--many residents work in IAI plant, others work in center--69 single unit swellings, 4 large buildings (probably includes reported medical center, and civic center)--one large water tank.

17. Nahal Golan: paramilitary (NAHAL), Mapai affiliation; founded Dec. 1967--est. pop. 30-50 people--security role, some farming--revetted, one story housing units, 10 other bldgs., including dining hall.

18. Neot Golan: moshav, Independent Liberal affiliation; established Sept. 1968, moved to site in 1971--est. pop. 50 families--poultry, several hundred head of cattle, extensive fruit orchards--50 single unit dwellings, 1 large community center, 2 large poultry houses, 2 others probably under construction; 3 small bldgs., 1 basketball court--water supply from man-made reservoir west of settlement, water source probably Lake Tiberias.

19. Afiq: kibbutz, Mapai affiliation; founded Dec. 1967, moved to site in May 1972--another moshav (Eliad) is apparently temporarily located in the area--several groups have been temporarily located in this vicinity--reported pop. 85--farming--8 three unit dwellings, 2 large poultry houses, 1 large animal shed, 1 basketball court, 6-8 other bldgs., Syrian buildings in Fiq may also be in use.

20. Kefar Haruv: kibbutz, Mapai affiliation; founded in Jan. 1968, but construction of housing not begun until 1973--est. pop. 50 families--reportedly a fifty acre almond grove will be planted, a plant for making hydraulic pumps reported under construction, fields surrounding the site have been cultivated for several years--settlement now in late stage of constructions, 17 three unit dwellings, 4 other large bldgs.--large reservoir being dug northeast of settlement.

21. Mevo Hamma: kibbutz, Mapai affiliation; established Jan. 1968, southernmost Israeli settlement on the Heights--reported population 170 adults--raise vegetables, bananas, avocados, beef, chickens--13 three unit dwellings, 9 single unit dwellings, 4 large poultry houses, 1 basketball court, 10-15 other buildings, bomb shelters--water obtained from man-made reservoir to the north of the settlement, pipeline connects with Lake Tiberias via storage tank midway between Mevo Hamma (#21) and Kefar Haruv (#20).

The number and type of buildings and related facilities was obtained from Nov 1973 overhead reconnaissance; other descriptive material was derived from numerous unclassified and classified sources. The intelligence is limited by some gaps in reporting; the many name changes and settlement relocations may have caused some errors in the reports on which this memo is based; current official field reporting on the Golan Heights is not available; news reports from the area are censored.

Population figures for the settlements is given as an estimated number of families, except for the nahals which are populated by single men and women in military service. The Orthodox settlements tend to have larger families than the non-Orthodox. A Tel Aviv newspaper Yediot Hadashot gives the post-October War number of Jewish settlers (including children) on the Golan Heights as 1,727.