The Camp David Accords and the increasing of Israeli Settlements

Road Map in April 2003 and Oslo Accords Process in 1990s are based on The Camp David Accords in 1978. Therefore the analysis of The Camp David Accords will help understanding the contemporary conflict of Israel–Palestine. Muhammad Anwar al-Sadat, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, and Menachem Begin, Prime Minister in Likud Government of Israel and Jimmy Carter, President of the United States of America have agreed on The Camp David Accords, the first framework for peace in the Middle East at Camp David September 17, 1978.

This article examines the following question: What is the relations between The Camp David Accords and the increasing of the Israeli Settlements in East Jerusalem, West Bank and Gaza after 1978. The Accords separated these Occupied territories from Egypt and Jordan. Exactly, through The Camp David Accords Egypt agreed that Israel would acquire the Occupied territories instead of giving back Sinai
Peninsula to Egypt. Until 1987 since this Accords Likud governments had intensified the construction of the Israeli Settlements rapidly and freely in these territories without the opposition of Egypt and Jordan. Likud governments believed that the domestic political struggle, not external military or political struggle, would determine the future of the Occupied territories. So they had established the diverse Settlement Plans for the Occupied territories and practiced the Plans. The aim of Likud governments was to create internal-demographic facts in the Occupied territories.

From 1978 to 1986 in East Jerusalem, Israeli Settlers had increased more than three times and become 103,900 in number. From 1978 to 1987 in West Bank and Gaza, Israeli Settlers had enlarged about fourteen times, up to 70,000 in number. In Conclusion, Israel would try to legitimize to control over Occupied territories through the increasing of the Settlements. In 1987 the Palestinians in Occupied territories started Intifada against this Israeli policy and have intensified their identity as Palestinians not Egyptians or Jordanians immensely since the Intifada.

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