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Local EU Statement on the planned route of the separation barrier in the village of Al-Walaja

The EU Missions in Jerusalem and Ramallah are deeply concerned by the humanitarian impact and political implications of the planned route of the separation barrier in the village of Al-Walaja, a Palestinian village situated between Jerusalem and Bethlehem. The barrier, when completed, will completely encircle Al-Walaja, leaving a single access road connecting the village with the rest of the West Bank. The planned route of the barrier deviates from the Green Line to incorporate the settlements of Gilo and Har Gilo. Moreover, the barrier will cut off much of the village's land, preventing many residents from accessing their land, including agricultural land. The EU Missions in Jerusalem and Ramallah reiterate that the barrier is illegal under international law wherever built on occupied land."

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