

Jewish Outpost in Israel Running Out of Time



(Reuters/Baz Ratner)

A Jewish settler rides his horse in the unauthorized Jewish outpost of Migron near the West Bank city of Ramallah Feb. 8. Migron perches high on a blustery hill in the occupied West Bank. Its inhabitants pay taxes, are hooked up to the electricity grid and get round-the-clock protection from Israeli soldiers. Over the past decade the government has spent at least 4 million shekels (\$1.1 million) on establishing and maintaining the cluster of squat, prefab bungalows, even building a neat tarmac road up the steep incline to the treeless ridge. Yet despite all that state help, Migron is an illegal outpost, even under Israeli law, and its time is running out.