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BREAKING: The Palestinian village of Umm al-Khair in the South Hebron Hills is currently under heavy attack by settlers and the army.

Below are a few recent examples of how settlers and the State are working hand in hand to displace the residents of the village.

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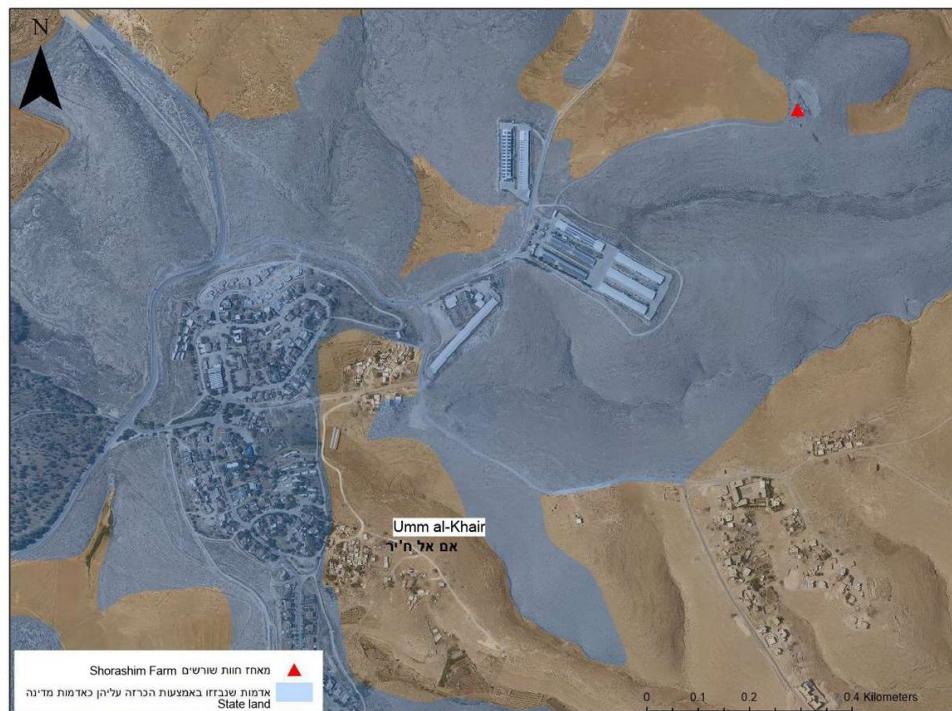
The village is comprised of Bedouin refugees who were expelled from the Negev after 1948 & purchased the land from residents of Yatta.

In 1980, parts of their land were seized for 'security' purposes, which soon turned out to be the establishment of the Carmel settlement.

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Later on, the land confiscated for 'security' purposes and additional parts of the village's land were together declared as 'state land'.

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Today, Umm al-Khair stands as an unrecognized village in Area C with no building permits & much of its land declared as state land.

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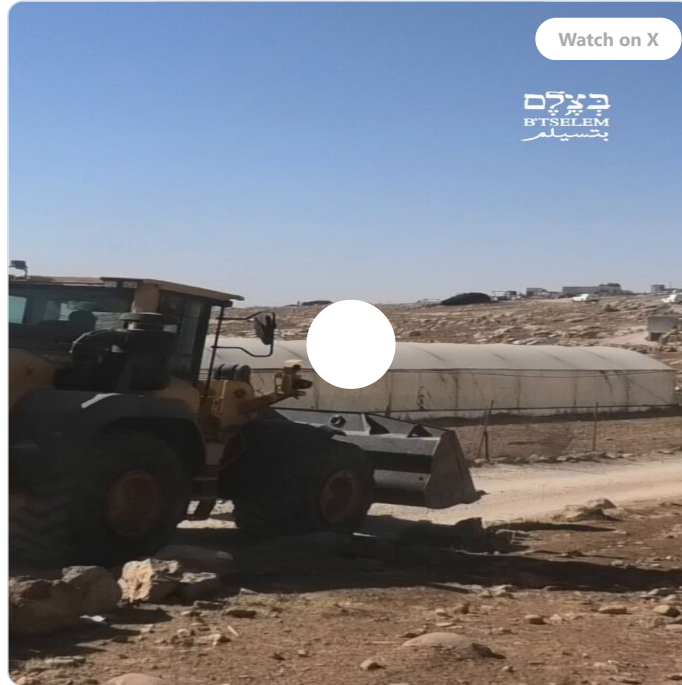
Over the years, the village has faced numerous rounds of demolitions & settler violence, both of which have accelerated since Oct 7 & especially in recent days.

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26/06: the Israeli Civil Administration demolished homes of two families in the village, leaving 24 homeless, including 15 minors. Since then, the village has faced almost non-stop settler violence.

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This morning Civil Administration personnel came with military and Border Police escort and three diggers to the community of Khirbet Umm al-Kheir in the South Hebron Hills. They demolished the homes of two families, leaving 24 Palestinians, 15 of them minors, homeless.



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29/06: 3 settler youths from the nearby violent outpost of Shorashim Farm (founded by Shimon Attia) entered a house, pushed the residents, and pepper sprayed a youth. They called Shimon who arrived with the army and settler security.

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01/07: 2 settlers from Shorashim Farm took their sheep into the village & mixed them up with the village flocks.

Shimon arrived with another settler youth & attacked a resident with a rod while the youth pepper sprayed a group of women. A 5 yr-old girl was also injured.

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In all the commotion, Shimon fired shots into the air. An ambulance came for the wounded residents but Shimon attempted to block it, claiming that the wounded had attacked him.

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02/07: Shimon arrived to the area of the village, accompanied by a military jeep & security vehicle, and set up a tent. The police told the residents that Shimon was allowed to be there because it was 'state land' & that he was permitted to build the tent.

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Later on, more & more settlers arrived. Guarded by soldiers, they held a prayer service by the village.

As the settlers packed up, they threatened to return and rebuild the tent deeper inside the village.

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As they left, the settlers cut multiple holes through the village's water pipes.
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Credits: videos and photos taken by the villagers of Umm al-Khair, and some by Guy Butavia from @taayush.

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