Amid Israel-Gaza tensions, The UK slaps sanctions against Israeli Settlement builders

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Escalation of tensions arise between Israel and Gaza owing to Britain's involvement in imposing sanctions against the West Bank settlements and its illegal expansion. There will be no bids or profits gathered through settlement expansions via Israeli construction projects, which can lead to the destruction of the two-state solution which The UK stands for, Britain's Foreign Secretary, Ed Miliband says.

In light of recent events were, that about 8 Israeli construction companies and property development firms planned to execute their E1 settlement project that could hinder the territorial contiguity between Palestinian population centers and Ramallah, Bethlehem, and East Jerusalem. Britain had released a statement regarding the potential freezing of assets and disqualifications of the 8 company directors if the plan proceeds to take any

further action. This is the first time in regard to Israel that the sanctions were not held against violent settlers but over Israeli corporations.

Moreover, further actions are to be expected from the UK which involves banning any form of trade imports arising from Israeli settlement projects. These moves could indicate the possible investment costs involved for banks and other major firms involved in expansion projects nudging them to second guess their participation.

On the sidelines, Miliband had also announced sanctions for blocking Gazan aid via targeting Tzav 9, an Israeli activist movement. As per the UN, around 150,000 tents and 300,000 tarpaulins sent to Gaza as aid were prevented to enter and held back by Israeli authorities. To counteract, the UK had convoked more than 50 nations to hold Israel responsible and allow aid to pass through. On the other hand, CAFOD argued that Britain must go further in their sanctions to hold the state authorities that were responsible for ongoing aid delays to Gaza.

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