

### **Modi'in Location;**

The Modi'in Block is a group of Israeli-Jewish settlements located approximately 8 Km northwest of Jerusalem along the 1949 Armistice Line. The block contains 8 settlements listed in the following table one.

**Table one: the Modi'in Illit Bloc of settlements**

<b>Settlement Name</b>	<b>Date of Establishment</b>	<b>Area 10 (in Dunums)</b>	<b>Population in 2004</b>
Modi'in Illit (Qiryat Sefer)	1991	3973	27386
Hashmonaim	1985	1050	2235
Mattityahu	1980	683	1347
Lapid	1996	459	2200
Shilta	1977	978	370
Menora	1998	759	1302
Kfar Rut	1977	835	210
Makkabim	1982	1941	11235
<b>Total</b>		<b>10,678</b>	<b>46,285</b>

**Source; (ARIJ) GIS Databases, 2005**

The eight illegal Israeli settlements occupy an area of 10,678 dunums (10.678 km<sup>2</sup>) and established on lands originally owned by Palestinians from Al Midya, Ni'lin, Al Burj, Shilta, Saffa, Beit Sira, Bir Mai'n, Deir Qiddies, Bil'in and Khirbet Al Misbah within the governorate of Ramallah. Table two below details the lands' areas that were confiscated from those villages for establishment of the Israeli settlements.

**Table 2: New lands confiscated from Palestinian villages to expand the Israeli settlements of Modi'in Illit.**

Settlement name	Original village name	Area confiscated from the village in dunums	Percent of total village boundary
Hashmonaim	Al Midya	116	5%
Hashmonaim, Mattityahu, Menora, Modin Illit (Qiryat Sefer) and Shilta.	Ni'lin	1963	13%
Kfar Rut & Makkabim	Al Burj	3	0%
Shilta, Menora, Lapid and Kfar Rut	Shilta	2455	80%
Menora, Lapid, Kfar Rut and Makkabim	Saffa	1149	12%
Makkabim	Beit Sira	847	18%
Makkabim	Bir Ma'in	367	36%
Modin Illit (Qiryat Sefer) and Mattityahu	Deir Qiddis	2174	26%
<a href="#">Modin Illit (Qiryat Sefer)</a> & Menora	Bal'in	811	20%
<a href="#">Modin Illit (Qiryat Sefer)</a>	Kharbatha Al Misbah	793	18%
<b>Total</b>		<b>10,678 Dunums</b>	

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Table two shows the total land area that was expropriated from Palestinian villages for building Israeli settlements totaled 10678 dunums (10.678 km<sup>2</sup>), 26 % of the villages' total area. ([see the map](#))