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ISRAELI TROOPS SAY NEW PALESTINIAN CITY UNDER MILITARY CONTROL

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OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, NOV.5 (BNA) -- A PLANNED COMMUNITY SIX KILOMETERS NORTH OF RAMALLAH, WERE ORDERED BY ISRAELI FORCES TO STOP PLANTING MORE THAN 2,000 TREES ORDERED FOR PART OF THE PROJECT'S GROW FOR A GREENER PALESTINE PROGRAM ON WEDNESDAY.

THE SOLDIERS TOLD WORKERS TREE PLANTING WAS ILLEGAL BECAUSE THE AREA IN QUESTION WAS AREA C AND UNDER ISRAELI CIVIL AND MILITARY CONTROL.

AS SUCH, THEY SAID, THERE WAS NO WORK PERMITTED IN THE AREA.

RAWABI IS A 200 MILLION US DOLLAR QATARI-BACKED INITIATIVE OF PALESTINIAN BUSINESSMAN BASHAR MASRI, WHO TOLD THE MIDDLE EAST NORTH AFRICA FINANCIAL NETWORK (MENAFN) IN 2007 THAT THE LAND ON WHICH RAWABI WILL BE BUILT IS A 20 TO 25 MINUTE DRIVE FROM THE CITY OF RAMALLAH AND IS LOCATED IN AN AREA UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY.

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