

The Security Fence and the Courts

The Israeli Supreme Court has ordered on numerous occasions that the proposed route of the security barrier under construction between Israel and the West Bank be changed to decrease its impact on Palestinian residents.

One such ruling was in September 2007, when the Israeli Supreme Court ordered the government to draw new boundaries near the Palestinian village of Bilin because the current route of the security fence was “highly prejudicial” to the villagers and not justifiable on security grounds. This followed a concerted campaign by the Bilin Popular Committee to alter the route of the fence that was cutting Bilin residents off from much of their agricultural land.