

Netanyahu pledges to annex Occupied West Bank settlements



Tel Aviv, September 2 (RHC)-- Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has reiterated his pledge to annex all the Jewish settlements in Palestine's occupied West Bank.

"With the help of God we will apply Jewish sovereignty to all communities, as part of the land of Israel, and as part of the state of Israel," he said in front of an audience at the West Bank settlement of Elkana. "This is our land, we will build another Elkana and another Elkana and another Elkana. We will not uproot anyone here," he added.

The Israeli leader had made the same type of promises before the country's last elections in April. Following that, he was not able to form a viable governing coalition, and the Israeli President, Reuven Rivlin, called for new elections, to be held on September 17.

Netanyahu's reaffirmation that his country will annex all the settlements, comes as part of his campaign trail following other recent events in the region that saw Israel pushing for rising tensions with Hezbollah and Iran, as well as Gaza's fuel cuts.



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