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UK sanctions eight Israeli construction firms over West Bank settlements

CHENNAI – 18 Nov, 2026 The government of the United Kingdom has imposed sanctions on eight Israeli construction companies involved in building Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank and a settler group blocking aid to Gaza.

The companies affected in Tuesday's asset freezes include Har Hevron Development Company Ltd, Hemdat Shomron Ltd and SAG (Velvel) Construction and Development Ltd, which construct and develop homes in West Bank settlements, which are illegal under international law.

The measures were announced shortly before the final deadlines for the tenders for E1, a settlement project that would bisect the West Bank and cut it off from occupied East Jerusalem, fragmenting the land Palestinians hope will form the heart of an independent state.

"Protecting the two-state solution is the North Star of this Government's approach," British Foreign Secretary Ed Miliband said in a statement. "That is why my message on E1 is clear: do not bid, do not build, and do not profit from the destruction of the two-state solution."

The government also imposed sanctions on Tzav 9, a group it said had regularly blocked humanitarian aid trucks from delivering food, water and fuel to the Gaza Strip.

