Atty. Anton Salman  
Mayor of Bethlehem
Bethlehem City

- 7.3 km²
- 30000 inhabitants
- 8 km south to Jerusalem
- Pilgrimage destination for millions of believers
  Church of Nativity, Birth place of Jesus
- Listed on UNESCO List as World Heritage Site
- Capital of Arab Culture 2020
After the 1967 war Israel snatched 2500 Dunums of Bethlehem city lands to add it to the illegally and unilaterally declared new boundary of the Israeli municipality of Jerusalem.
Refugee Camps

1. Ad Duheisheh Camp
   .33 km²
   11,000 refugees

2. Ayda Camp
   .071 km²
   4000 refugees

3. Azeh Camp
   .050 km²
   1800 refugees

UNRWA
Settlements:

22 in Bethlehem Governorate
135,000 settlers

196 in Palestine, 233 outposts
834,000 settlers
Efrat Settlement

established 1979
4 km²
11,000 Israeli settlers
located 12 kilometers south of Jerusalem
Oslo Accords, signed by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and Israel in 1993 and 1995

Bethlehem Governorate 608 km²
  . Zone A 7.8%
  . Zone B 5.5%
  . Zone C 69.7%
  . Natural reserve 17%

ARIJ GIS Database - 2011
Jabal Abu Ghneim Har homa Settlement

established 1997
1.9 km²
39,500 Israeli settlers
located to the south east Jerusalem
JabaL Abu Ghneim Har Homa

Before 2000

After 2000
Israel started building the Segregation Wall, an additional 300 Dunums were isolated from Bethlehem city lands.
The Segregation Wall at the Northern Entrance of Bethlehem City around Rachel’s Tomb Site
The separation wall:
- 8 Meters high
- 56 km within Bethlehem Governorate
- Checkpoints: 35

(source: ARIJ GIS Database – 2011)

When abnormal living is considered normal... and accepted
THANK YOU!