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FCO Press Release: FCO statement on settlements in East Jerusalem

A Foreign Office spokesman said:

> *"We are concerned by the Jerusalem municipality's decision to issue a permit for a new four storey building in Silwan, East Jerusalem. This is part of a worrying trend in the area, where the settler population is growing while Palestinian residents are being displaced by evictions and demolitions.*
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> *"We are also concerned by the recent Israeli Government approval of an additional £12m of funding for settlements, which sends a worrying message. Israeli settlements in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, are illegal under international law, present an obstacle to peace and take us further away from a two-state solution."*

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