Full details behind today's Haaretz article:
Data Confirms that Minister Yaalon Is Acting as the Minister of Settlements
December 3, 2013

Six months ago, Peace Now sent a letter to the Ministry of Defence requesting data regarding all settlement-related plans promoted by Minister of Defence Moshe Yaalon. Peace now requested this information under Israel's Freedom of Information law.

Last month, Peace Now received a response, as reported in today's Haaretz.
The data Peace Now received from the Ministry of Defence, which has now been analyzed, is limited to the period from November 2012 through July 2013. Analysis of this data, combined with data collected by Peace Now regarding the period covering July 2013 through the present, offers a comprehensive understanding of what was and is being promoted in the settlements by the Minister of Defence.

Specifically:

- The official data received from the Ministry of Defence reveals that from March 18 - mid-July, 2013, Minister Yaalon promoted settlement plans for the construction of 3,604 housing units, under various plans.

- This number includes Minister Yaalon's initial approval when a plan was initiated (in the table below, recorded in the column entitled, *"Defence Minister's Approval"*), as well as approvals at subsequent stages of the planning process, each one of which also falls under Minister Yaalon's authority (in the table below, recorded in the columns entitled, *"Discussion for Depositing," "Published for Deposit," "Discussion for Validation," and "Published for Validation"*).

- This official data, combined with data collected by Peace Now pertaining to the period of mid-July 2013 through the present, reveals that since being sworn in as Minister of Defence, Minister Yaalon has promoted settlement plans for the construction of a total of 8,394 housing units.

- In addition, since taking office, Minister Yaalon has also issued tenders for 1,457 settlement housing units in the West Bank (the Peace Now information request did not extend to information about tenders; this information comes from Peace Now data collection from public sources).

- Note: No East Jerusalem settlement activity is included in the Ministry of Defence data, since promotion of plans and issuing tenders in East Jerusalem falls under the responsibility of the Jerusalem Municipality, not the Minister of Defence. East Jerusalem settlement activity for the period of March 18, 2013 through the present comprised the issuance of tenders for 2,015 housing units and the promotion of 2,422 housing units in various plans.

Commenting on the data, Lior Amihai, Acting Head of Peace Now's Settlement Watch stated:

"The Defence Minister has become a rubber stamp of the Yesha Council of the Settlements and settlers. Despite attempts to conceal most of the information, we were able to uncover a wave of construction authorizations by means of the Freedom of Information Law, as well as plans for almost 9,000 housing units in nine months. "Behind the scenes, the Minister of Defence and the Minister of Housing and Construction are continuing to promote construction plans which, if they are fully realized, will change the map of the West Bank significantly. The Prime Minister must instruct his ministers to stop advancing the plans."

Details of housing units within plans that were promoted by the Minister of Defence:

	Settlement	Plan Number	Housing Units	Minister of Defence Approval	Discussion for Depositing	Published for Deposit	Discussion for Validation	Published for Validation
1	Yakir	118/2	160		17-04-13	30-10-13		
2	Sansana	522	325		17-04-13	24-06-13		
3	Beit El*	218/18	296	21-04-13	08-05-13	30-10-13		
4	Kdumim*	113/17	290	08-05-13				
5	Alei Zahav*	132/4	450	09-05-13	03-07-13			
6	Bracha	114/2	90		03-07-13	04-11-13		
7	Gilgal	317/2	234		08-07-13			
8	Kfar Adumim	227/10/3	19	07-05-13	17-07-13			
9	Shilo	205/14	17	15-04-13	07-08-13			
10	Talmon*	235/2/4	314	09-05-13	07-08-13			
11	Talmon*	235/10	255	09-05-13	07-08-13	05-11-13		
12	Alon Shvut*	405/6/6/1	60	09-05-13	07-08-13			
13	Almog	604/4	31	05-06-13	07-08-13	04-11-13		
14	Kfar Adumim	227/21	30	08-07-13	07-08-13			
15	Kochav Yaakov	242/1/3	38		07-08-13			
16	Petzael*	???	115	11-07-13				
17	Etz Efraim*	???	74	11-07-13				
18	Givat Ze'ev, Banna Hill*	220/9/1	765	02-07-13				
19	Givat Ze'ev*	???	219	11-07-13				
20	Givat Ze'ev	220/10/7	28	07-07-13	03-11-13			
21	Givat Ze'ev	220/23	381	21-08-13	03-11-13	17-11-13		
22	Givat Salit, Mehola	301/2	125		03-11-13			
23	Leshem, Alei Zahav*	132/6	694	11-04-13		12-05-13	10-09-13	
24	Modi'in Illit*	210/8/2	212			19-05-13		
25	Modi'in Illit	208/1/23	48			22-05-13		
26	Kfar Adumim	227/15	25			23-05-13	09-10-13	
27	Beitar Illit	426/1/1/3/8	48			31-05-13	07-08-13	
28	Itamar	163/3/4	675			05-06-13		
29	Shilo	205/12	30			08-06-13		
30	Bruchin	150	550			09-06-13		
31	Kiryat Netafim	129/3	19			09-06-13		
32	Karmel	507/1/1	97			24-06-13		
33	Kfar Adumim	227/10/2	255			14-07-13		
34	Maon	508/1	230			01-08-13		
35	Tene	515/5	48			01-08-13		
36	Nokdim	411/5	40			01-08-13		

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37	El Matan, Ma'ale Shomron	116/5	43			09-09-13		
38	Ma'ale Adumim	420/1/16/4/1	112				17-04-13	**19-05-13**
39	Efrat	410/5/28	6				17-04-13	
40	Rotem	322	170				29-04-13	
41	Sha'arei Tikva*	123/6	8					**23-05-13**
42	Tkoa	412/4/1/5	24				08-05-13	**23-05-13**
43	Karnei Shomron	117/13	22				23-05-13	
44	Alfei Menashe	115/8/8	14				05-06-13	**02-07-13**
45	Modi'in Illit	210/6/3	732				17-06-13	**12-08-13**
46	Givat Ze'ev	220/13/1	29				17-06-13	**19.11.13**
47	Shilo	205/13	95				07-08-13	**30-10-13**
	Total housing units promoted:		**8,394**	*indicates data received from the Israeli MOD pursuant to Peace Now's Freedom of Information request, covering March-July 2013, totalling 3,604 units in the context of 13 plans.*				