



## Planning for the "Training-Base-City" Next to Ramat Hovav in the Light of Environmental Law Principles

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This article discusses the influence on planning processes of the Supreme Court decision on the appeal submitted by Adam Teva VeDin, which ruled that planning for the "Training-Base-City" next to Ramat Hovav must include an environmental impact statement subject to public examination and objections. The article discusses the IDF's first plan that was prepared in a regular planning process, and offers an example of how to mitigate an existing environmental hazard. The court decision's influence on subjecting the defense sector to the planning and building laws raises the need to amend the planning and building laws accordingly. The conclusion addresses the linkage between the aims and results of the legal and planning processes in building the "Training-Base-City" and the development and effectuation of the environmental-legal principle of sustainable development.

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## The Market, the Army and Territorial Implications

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The army is under attack by market advocates who want to subject its performance and resources to the neo-liberal ethos and make defense policy dependent on economic considerations. The army is adjusting itself to this ethos, including cultural adaptation. The present argument addresses the connection between the army's new concerns in the territorial arena: those challenging the army are extending their critique to the environmental and economic logic of the army's management of its territorial resources. The army's adaptation is manifested in the new deployment of military bases in the south: a market rhetoric of reductions, increasing efficiency and real-estate benefits gained in the transfer, blends with a rhetoric of Negev development to justify the investments needed for the renewed deployment.

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