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Israeli settlers coordinate attacks to expel Palestinians



Palestinians assess a damaged site after Israeli settlers attacked their village of Deir Dibwan in the Israeli-occupied West Bank on Dec. 15, 2025. SINAN ABU MAYZER/REUTERS

‘They didn’t leave us anything at all’

Pesha Magid

REUTERS

DEIR DIBWAN, West Bank – The Jewish settler outpost of Or Meir is small. A handful of prefabricated white shelters, it sits at the end of a short dirt track on a hill leading up from Road 60, a major route that dissects the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

Over time, similar modest dwellings have turned into sprawling Israeli housing developments, part of a plan that

“The evidence shows that this is a systematic pattern of violence.”

Milena Ansari

Jerusalem-based Human Rights Watch researcher

members of Israel’s Cabinet acknowledge they have implemented to prevent the birth of a Palestinian state.

The process can be violent. A Bedouin family told Reuters attackers who descended from Or Meir hurling Molotov cocktails drove them off Palestinian-owned land nearby in 2024. They fear they won’t ever be able to return.

Messages posted on Or Meir’s channel on the Telegram social media platform celebrate chasing out Bedouin herders and show the new settlers’ determination to secure lasting control

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Evers counters absentee voting argument

Molly Beck

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

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MADISON – Gov. Tony Evers is pushing back against arguments Madison city officials made in a recent lawsuit contending they can’t be sued for failing to count nearly 200 mail-in ballots in 2024 because absentee voting is not a right but a privilege.

A group of Madison voters represented by the liberal law firm Law Forward sued city and county election officials in March over the city’s failure to count 193 absentee ballots cast during the 2024 presidential election.

Evers The voters are accusing the former Madison clerk of disenfranchising their right to vote in a class-action lawsuit.

The clerk, Maribeth Witzel-Behl, and city election officials named in the lawsuit argue the voters’ constitutional rights were not violated when city officials failed to count their ballots because of a state law that says: “The legislature finds that voting is a constitutional right, the vigorous exercise of which should be strongly encouraged. In contrast, voting by absentee ballot is a privilege exercised wholly outside the traditional safeguards of the polling place.”

A Dane County circuit judge overseeing the lawsuit granted a motion from Evers earlier this month to file a brief that the governor’s attorney said would argue the Madison officials’ position “ignores longstanding state constitutional protections” and a state Supreme Court interpretation of the state

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Beek Meet 2026 brings Midwest beekeepers together

Nida Tazeen

AI-assisted reporter

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WISCONSIN RAPIDS – Beekeepers across Wisconsin and the Midwest are gearing up for another season in the apiary, and Beek Meet 2026 is expected to

be one of the region’s most timely educational events.

Hosted by the Central Wisconsin Beekeepers Association (CWBA) in partnership with Mid-State Technical College, Beek Meet 2026 is scheduled for Feb. 21 at Mid-State Technical College in Wisconsin Rapids, according to a

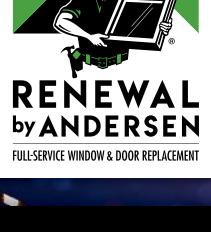
community announcement.

The one-day conference is designed to help beekeepers prepare for the upcoming season with practical guidance, expert advice and real-world solutions.

Unlike single-track events, Beek Meet 2026 offers sessions tailored for new beekeepers, intermediate hobby-

ists and experienced operators, allowing attendees to focus on the challenges most relevant to their skill level. Topics are expected to range from getting started and avoiding common beginner mistakes to managing colony health,

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