
UK AND FRENCH TRADE BANS ON ILLEGAL ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS UP PRESSURE ON EU

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The move by France and the UK to impose national bans on trade in goods and some services from illegal Israeli settlements on Tuesday (8 September), as part of a coordinated move involving seven other EU states, will increase the pressure on a divided EU to follow suit.

UK foreign secretary Ed Miliband announced the trade ban to the House of Commons on Tuesday as part of a broader reset of British government policy on the Middle East crisis.

That included a reassertion of support for a two-state solution, including a viable Palestinian state, with an appeal for the protection of Palestinian rights and respect for international law.

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