

## Greek Orthodox patriarch blocks East Jerusalem land confiscation

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**Jerusalem - Ma'an** - Greek Orthodox Patriarch Theophilos III blocked a recent attempt by Israel's Jerusalem municipality to confiscate 43 dunums of church property near Beit Safafa village, officials said Saturday.

A Palestinian lawyer representing the patriarch said he presented an appeal against a decision taken by an Israeli regional planning committee within the municipality to confiscate Greek Orthodox property in order to expand streets and build public facilities. ([περισσότερα...](#))