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Introduction

On 7 July 2014, Israel launched Operation “Protective Edge” in the Gaza Strip. The operation had the stated aim of stopping the rocket fire from Gaza into Israel, and destroying the military infrastructure of Hamas and other armed groups. It was the third Israeli operation in Gaza in six years, and the most deadly. The Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) claims they attacked 5,263 targets across the Strip, through aerial bombardment and a ground invasion. Meanwhile the UN estimates that during the conflict 2,205 Palestinians were killed, including 1,483 civilians of whom 521 were children and 283 were women. 71 Israelis were killed, of whom 66 were soldiers and five were Israeli civilians.¹

The extent of the damage is more than double that caused during the last Israeli ground invasion in 2008, according to UN estimates. Beyond the immediate human cost, the operation also caused immense destruction. Houses, businesses and public infrastructure were all hit. This infrastructural damage severely hinders Palestinians’ future livelihood, development and ability to govern themselves.

The criminal justice system also suffered during the war. It incurred damage to law-enforcement agencies, prosecution bodies, courts and prisons, as well as governmental bodies and ministries that set the policies to combat crime. This has significantly hampered the ability of official security providers to uphold the rule of law, and thus increased insecurity in the Strip.

Without the ability to control crime, there is little chance of development in Gaza. If government security providers are unable to perform their duties, people will increasingly turn to informal providers, or armed groups, for protection. A breakdown in the internal security of Gaza would have serious consequences for its neighbours in Israel and Egypt, and the international community at large.

What does this report provide?

This report attempts to document the damage the war caused to the criminal justice infrastructure in the Gaza Strip. It includes ministerial infrastructure required for policy development and implementation, as well as policing and judicial infrastructure necessary for the direct provision of services. The report provides photographic evidence of the destruction², an assessment of what exactly was hit, and the extent of the damage caused.

The report is based on site visits that were conducted by DCAF in the immediate aftermath of the operation, and on existing public and internal documentation that it was granted free access to by the concerned authorities and other local partners.

¹ Source: Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), (*as of 28 August 2014, 08:00 hrs*), <http://www.ochaopt.org/content.aspx?id=1010361>

² The pictures were taken between 09 and 21 September 2014.

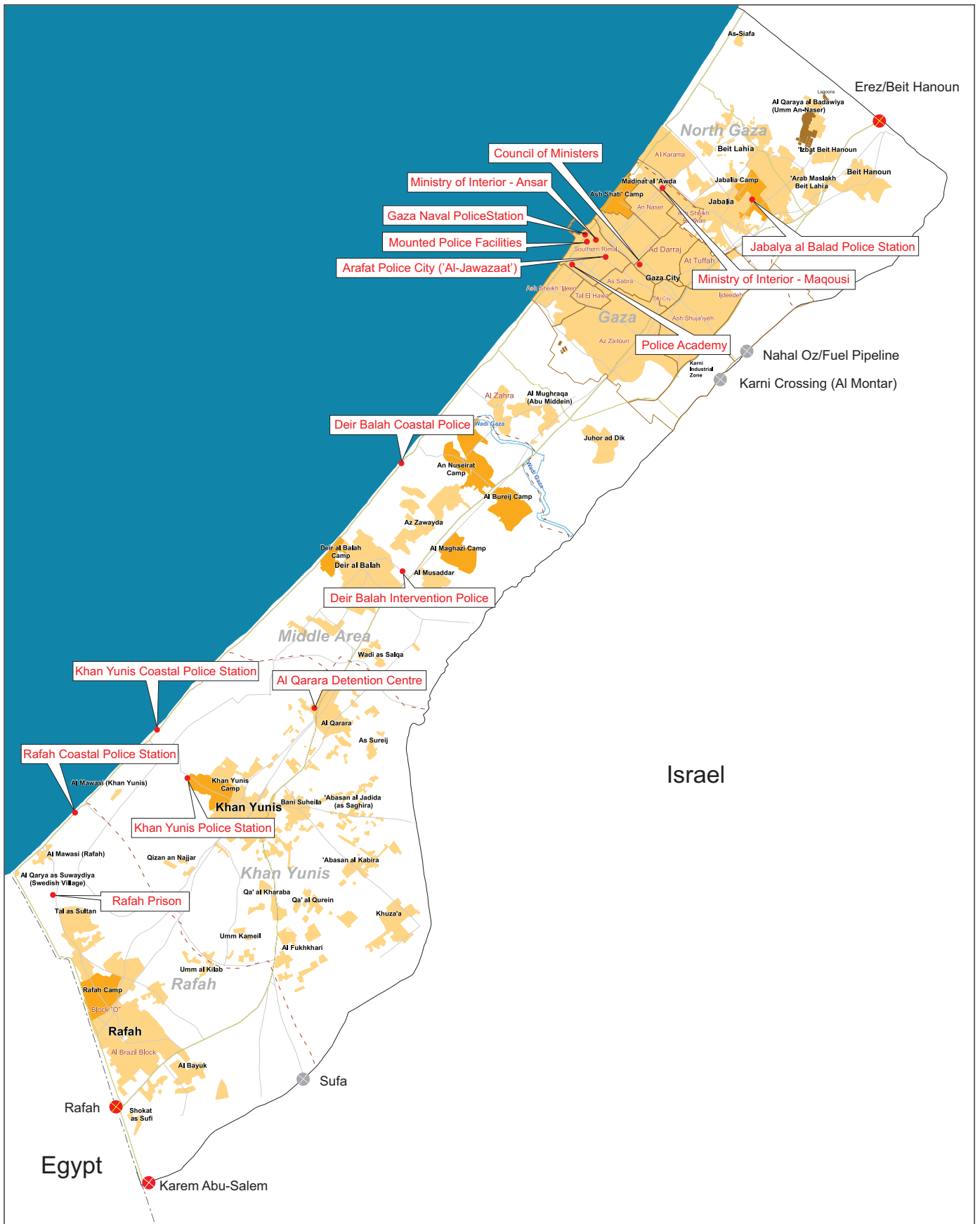
What is the purpose of this report?

Palestinian citizens in the Gaza Strip deserve a modern and professional security and justice service, and a reliable and transparent criminal justice system. These basic tenets of good governance are pre-requisites for development. Creating such a system requires a clear legal and institutional framework, professionally trained providers, transparent processes, and thorough accountability mechanisms, and infrastructure: police need a police station; judges need a court; prisons need walls.

By accounting for, and visually documenting, the damage done to the criminal justice infrastructure, DCAF hopes to contribute to a better international understanding of the challenges facing Gaza. Supporting, and rebuilding, a criminal justice system in Palestine that meets international standards is a crucial and necessary step for Gaza's broader development in the years to come. Furthermore, the level of security Gaza is able to develop will influence security in the region. For this reason, Gaza's security infrastructure deserves closer examination.

Geneva, Ramallah and Gaza City, 30 March 2015

Map of security and justice infrastructure in the Gaza Strip covered in this report



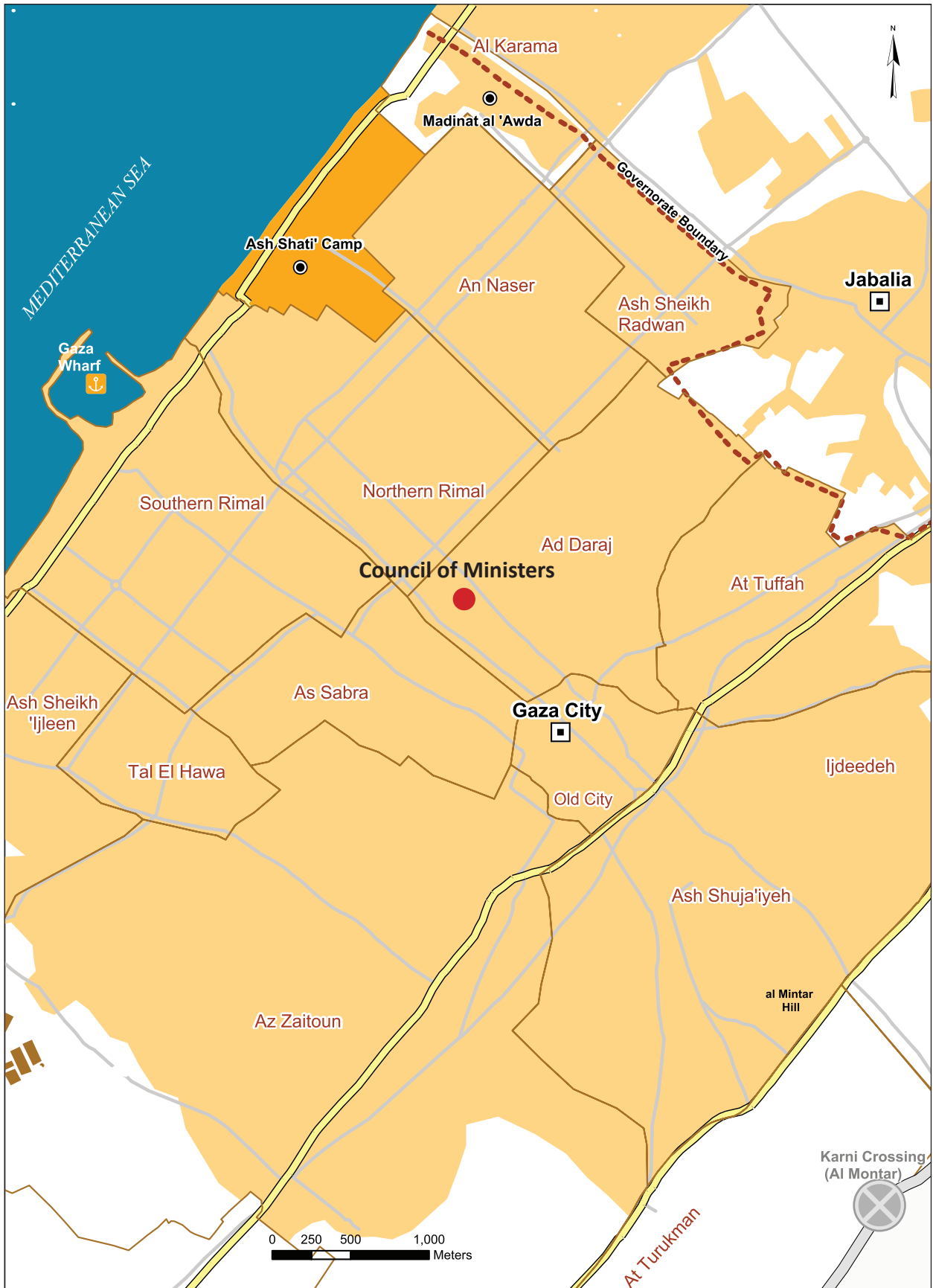
Source: Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)



Council Of Ministers Al-Yarmouk, Gaza City



Map of Gaza Governorate



Source: Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

1. Council Of Ministers, Al-Yarmouk, Gaza City

Name of facility	Council Of Ministers
Time and nature of shelling	Wednesday, 13 August 2014 Airstrike (Direct targeting)
Targeted in previous operations	Yes
Tasks delivered	Office building of the Council of Ministers
Type of damage	Complete destruction
Infrastructure destroyed	Office of the Prime Minister: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisory Department • Protocol Department General – Secretariat of the Council of ministers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative affairs department • Public relations department • International affairs department • Cabinet meetings room
Number of civil servants working in the building	50
Estimated damage	500,000 USD (Infrastructure) 150,000 USD (Office equipment and furniture)
Average number of transactions/services delivered to civilians per day	Does not serve civilians





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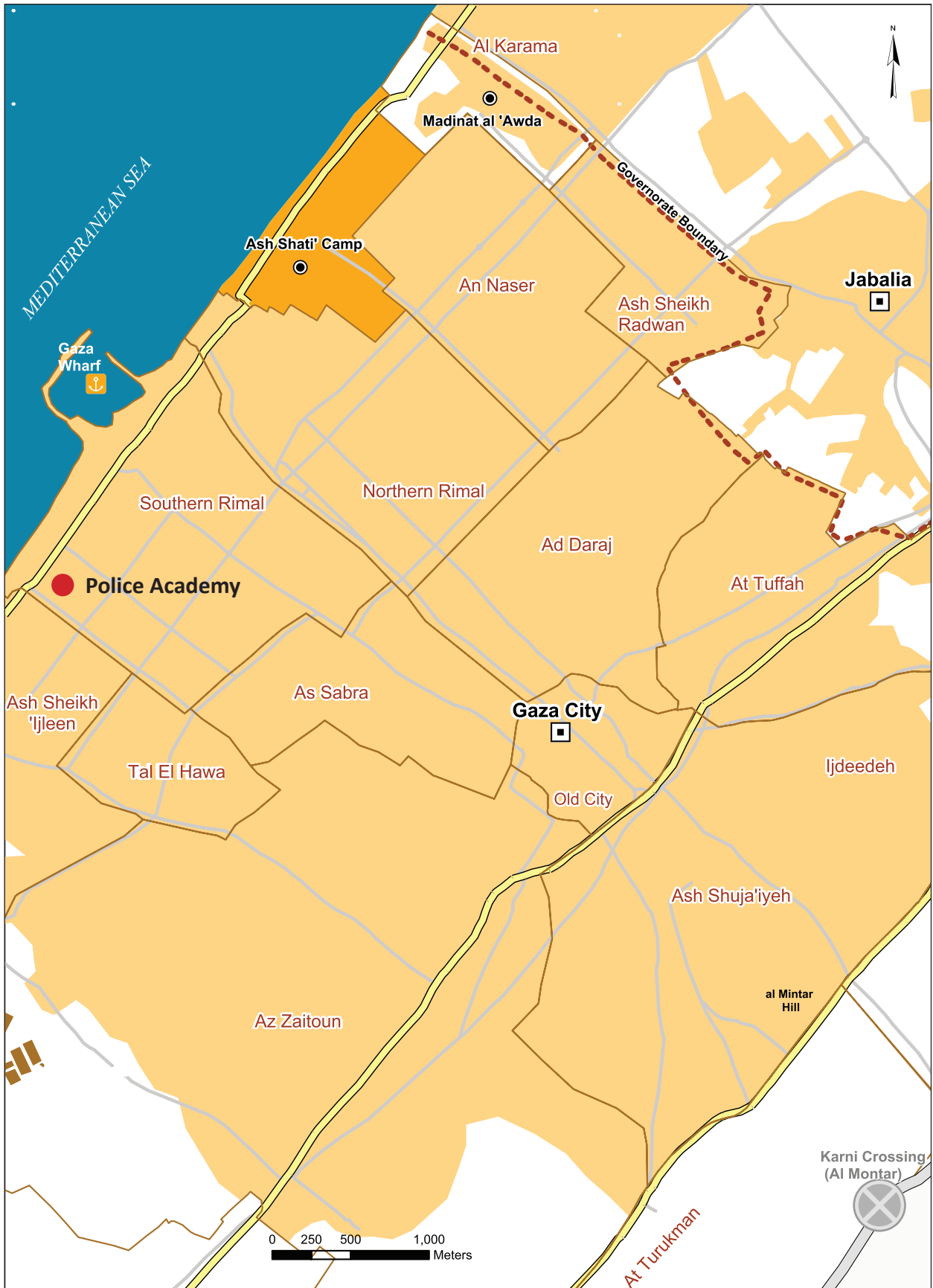
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Police Academy Southern Rimal, Gaza City



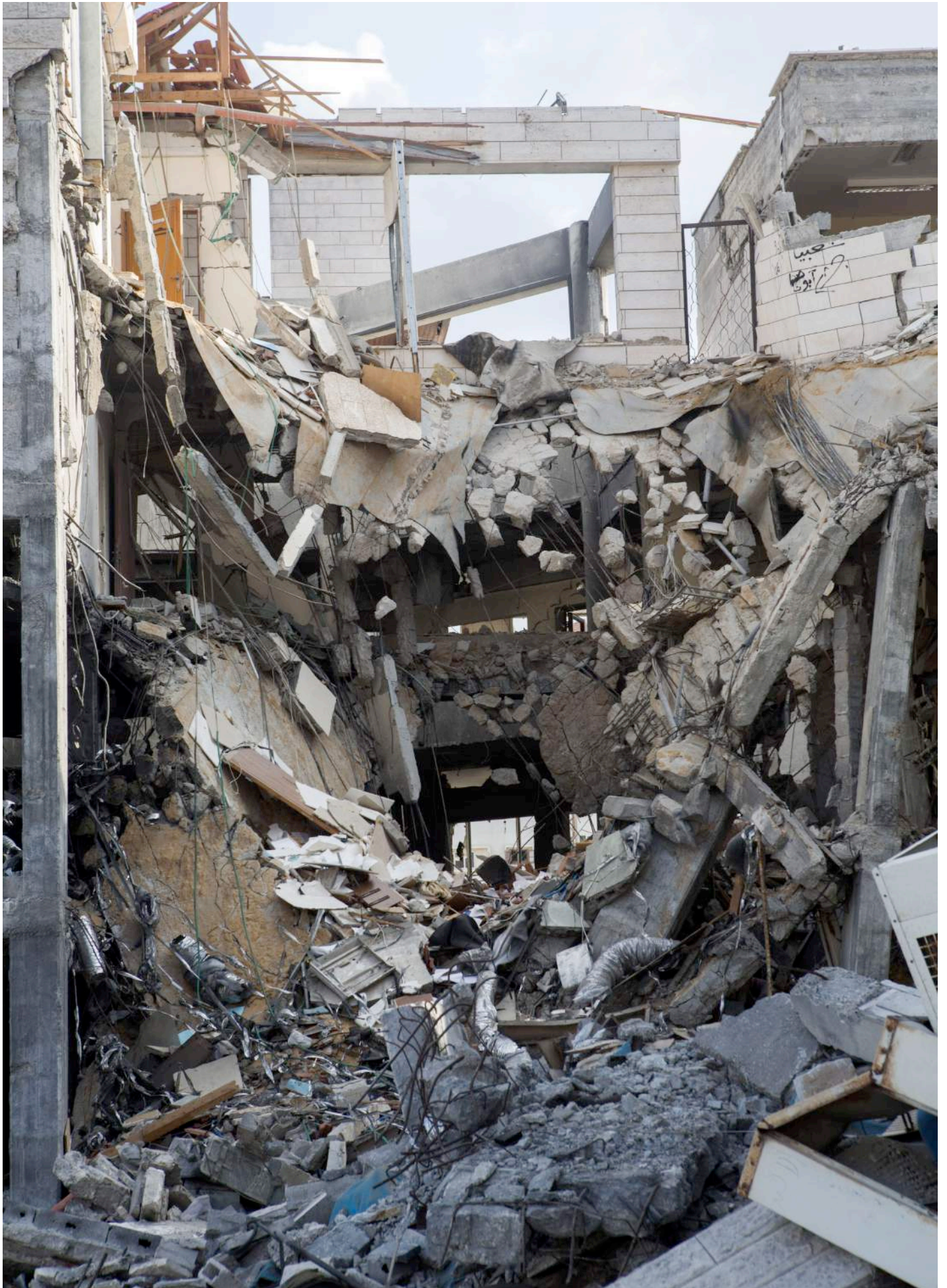
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Source: Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

2. Police Academy, Southern Rimal, Gaza City

Name of facility	Police Academy
Time and nature of shelling	Wednesday, 09 July 2014 and Monday, 14 July 2014 Airstrike (Direct targeting)
Targeted in previous operations	No
Tasks delivered	Theoretical and practical education of policemen
Type of damage	Complete destruction
Infrastructure destroyed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One big lectures hall • Medium lectures hall • Computer lab • Simulation hall • Central library • Clinic • Academic staff offices • Administration staff offices • Office of the Dean • Admission and Registration Offices • Toilets
Number of civil servants working in the building	150
Estimated damage	2,500,000 USD
Average number of transactions/services delivered to civilians per day	600 students



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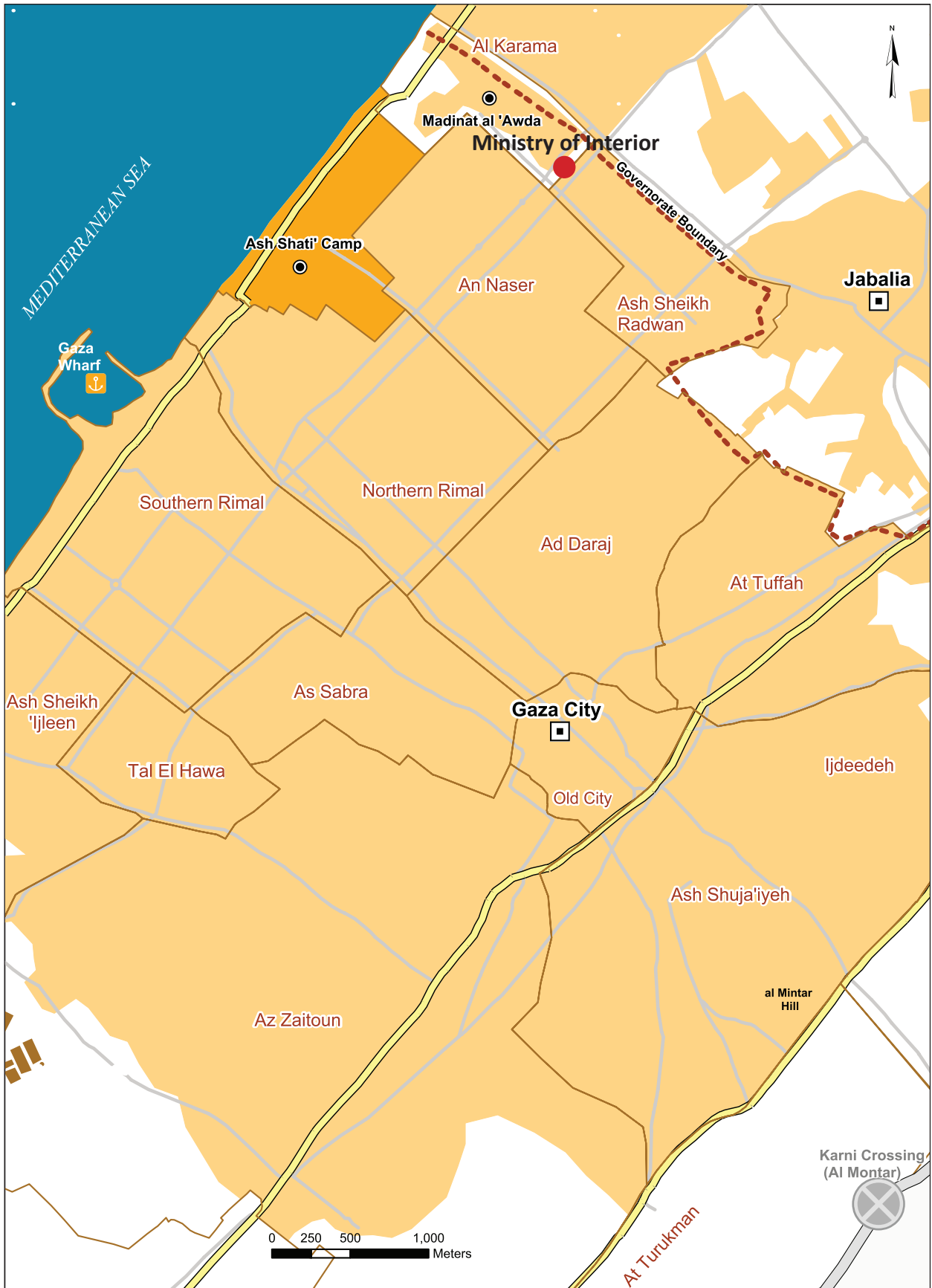
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**Ministry of Interior
Al-Maqousi, Gaza City**



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Source: Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

3. Ministry of Interior, Al-Maqousi, Gaza City

Name of facility	Ministry of Interior
Time and nature of shelling	Tuesday, 12 August 2014 Airstrikes (Direct targeting)
Targeted in previous operations	No
Tasks delivered	Office building: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radio broadcasting • Follow-up personnel affairs • Assist the families of martyred security apparatuses members • Running the financial affairs of the Ministry of Interior Dealing with community affairs
Type of damage	Complete destruction
Infrastructure destroyed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management and Administration Commission • Central financial Department • Public relations Department • Governmental Radio Station (Al Ray)
Number of civil servants working in the building	450
Estimated damage	600,000 USD (infrastructure) 100,000 USD (office equipment and furniture)
Average number of transactions/services delivered to civilians per day	100



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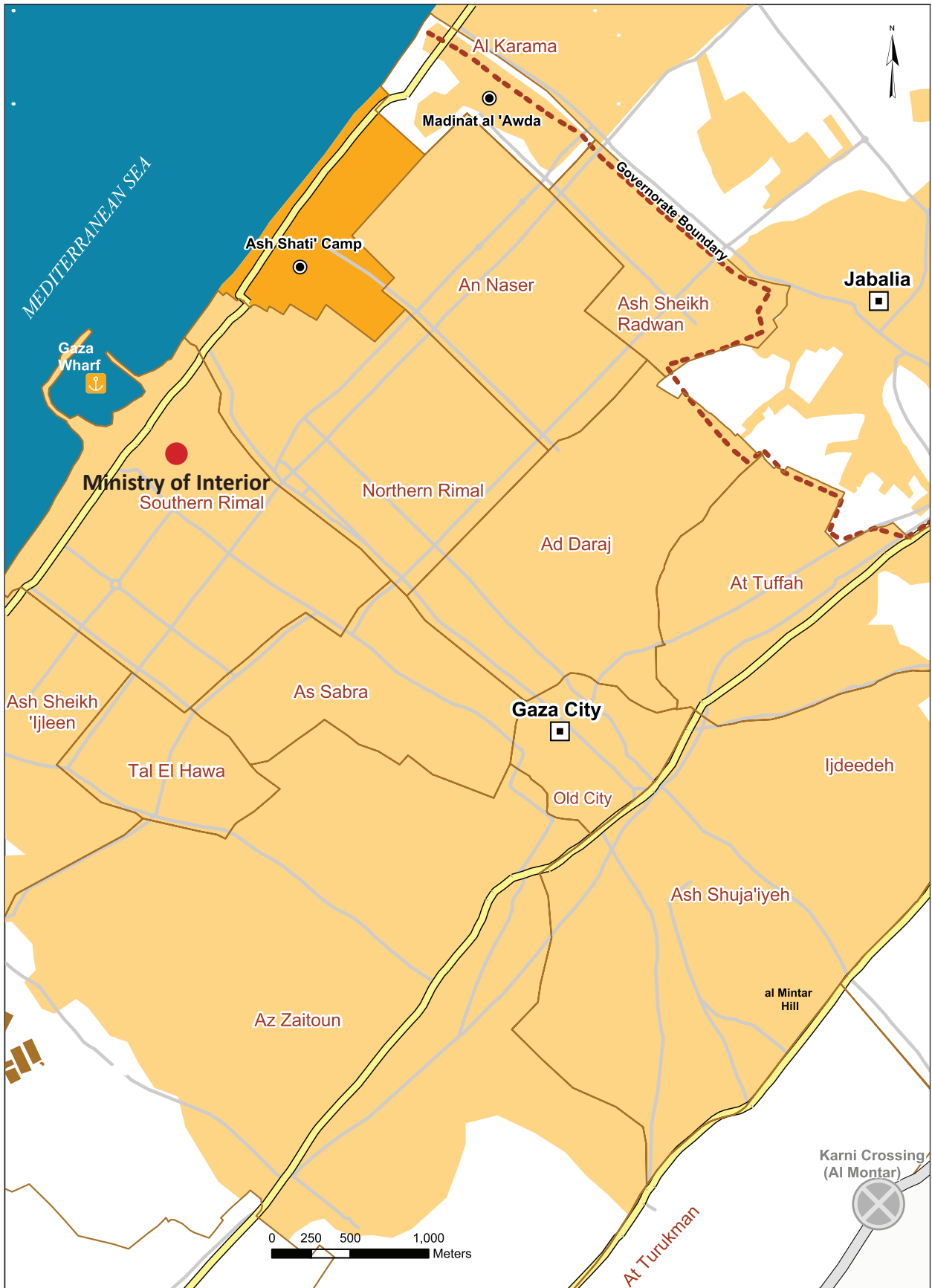
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Ministry of Interior Ansar, Gaza City



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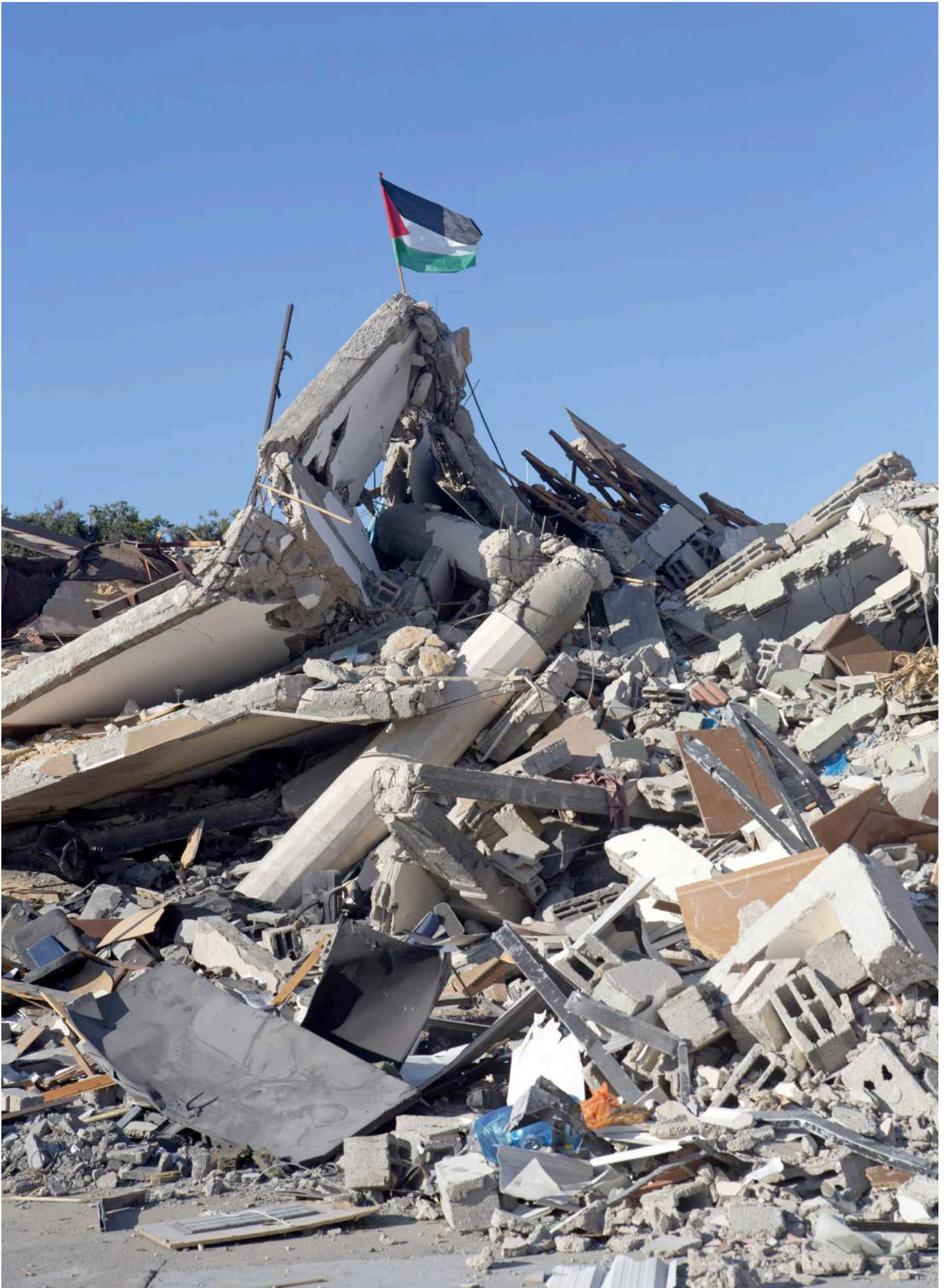
Name of facility	Ministry of Interior
Time and nature of shelling	Thursday, 10 July 2014 Airstrikes (Direct targeting)
Targeted in previous operations	Yes, in 2008
Tasks delivered	Office building of the of the Ministry of Interior: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up security apparatus: regulatory and sovereign body • Receive civilian complaints and follow-up with the concerned authorities
Type of damage	Complete destruction
Infrastructure destroyed	Office of Minister of Interior: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisory Department • International Affairs • Legal Affairs • Human Rights • Tribal and Reconciliation Affairs • Public Relations and Media • Coordination and follow-up • Administrative Department • Archives • Security Department
Number of civil servants working in the building	105
Estimated damage	700,000 USD (infrastructure) 250,000 USD (office equipment and furniture)
Average number of transactions/services delivered to civilians per day	100



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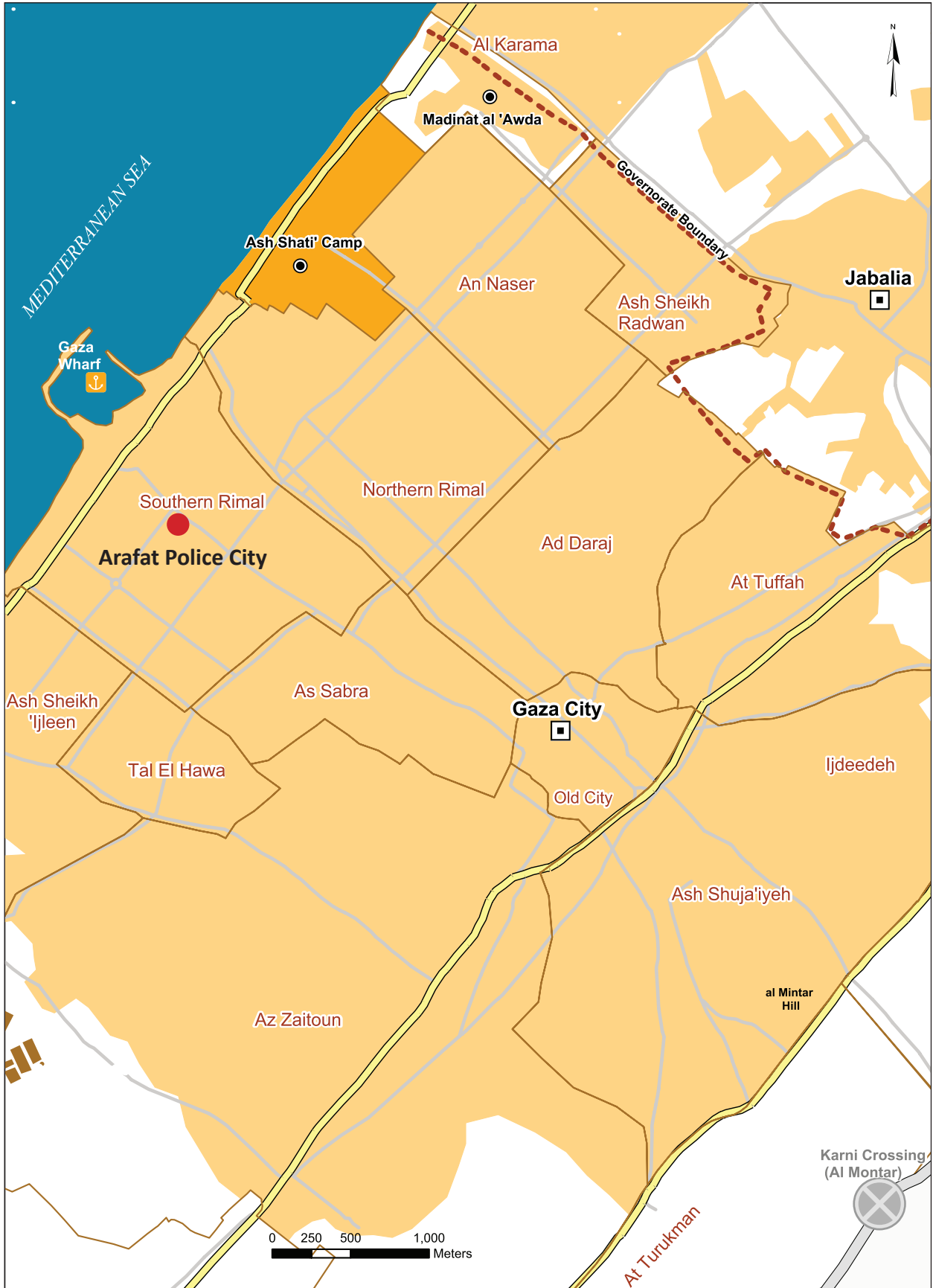
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Arafat Police City (Al-Jawazat), Gaza City



Map of Gaza Governorate



Source: Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

5. Arafat Police City (Al-Jawazat), Gaza City

Name of facility	Arafat Police City, Training facilities
Time and nature of shelling	Sunday, 13 July 2014 Airstrikes (Direct targeting)
Targeted in previous operations	Yes, in 2012
Tasks delivered	Palestinian Police training and rehabilitation
Type of damage	Complete destruction
Infrastructure destroyed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gymnasium • Classrooms • Teaching and administrative staff offices
Number of civil servants working in the building	91
Estimated damage	US\$ 792,000
Average number of transactions/services delivered to civilians per day	Does not serve civilians

Name of facility	Arafat Police City, Dog training facilities
Time and nature of shelling	Sunday, 13 July 2014 Airstrikes (Direct targeting)
Targeted in previous operations	Yes, in 2012
Tasks delivered	Raising and training police dogs for narcotics and drug detection
Type of damage	Complete destruction, 4 police dogs killed
Infrastructure destroyed	One floor with a surface area of 180 m ²
Number of civil servants working in the building	5
Estimated damage	Dog training facility: US\$ 36,000 Police dogs: US\$ 20,000
Average number of transactions/services delivered to civilians per day	Does not serve civilians

Name of facility	Arafat Police City, small arms storage facilities
Time and nature of shelling	Sunday, 13 July 2014 Airstrikes (Direct targeting)
Targeted in previous operations	Yes, in 2012
Tasks delivered	Facility for storage and maintenance of police light weapons
Type of damage	Complete destruction
Infrastructure destroyed	One floor with a surface area of 650 m2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative offices • Reinforced rooms for weapons storage • Police small arms maintenance workshops
Number of civil servants working in the building	15
Estimated damage	US\$ 130,000
Average number of transactions/services delivered to civilians per day	Does not serve civilians

Name of facility	Arafat Police City, telecommunications
Time and nature of shelling	Sunday, 13 July 2014 Airstrikes (Direct targeting)
Targeted in previous operations	Yes, in 2012
Tasks delivered	Police telecommunications network coverage in the Gaza Strip
Type of damage	Complete destruction
Infrastructure destroyed	Transmitter: 60 metres high Transmitter base
Number of civil servants working in the building	10
Estimated damage	US\$ 110,000
Average number of transactions/services delivered to civilians per day	Does not serve civilians

Name of facility	Arafat Police City, Central Command HQ (Intervention and Public Order)
Time and nature of shelling	Sunday, 13 July 2014 Airstrikes (Direct targeting)
Targeted in previous operations	Yes, in 2012
Tasks delivered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Special Police Forces • Support municipalities • Secure stadiums and playgrounds • Maintain security at road junctions • Secure motorcades • Secure detained persons • Disperse violence conflicts • Disperse unauthorised gatherings • Provide protection to high school (Tawjihi) examinations and examination grading committees
Type of damage	Complete destruction
Infrastructure destroyed	<p>One floor with a surface area of 620 m2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director's Office • Deputy Director's Office • Director of Operations' Office • Director of Signals' Office • Director of Force Security's Office • Supplies and Logistics Department • Administrative Affairs Department
Number of civil servants working in the building	105
Estimated damage	US\$ 124,000
Average number of transactions/services delivered to civilians per day	General population of Gaza (<i>exact number to be filled in by Mahmoud</i>)



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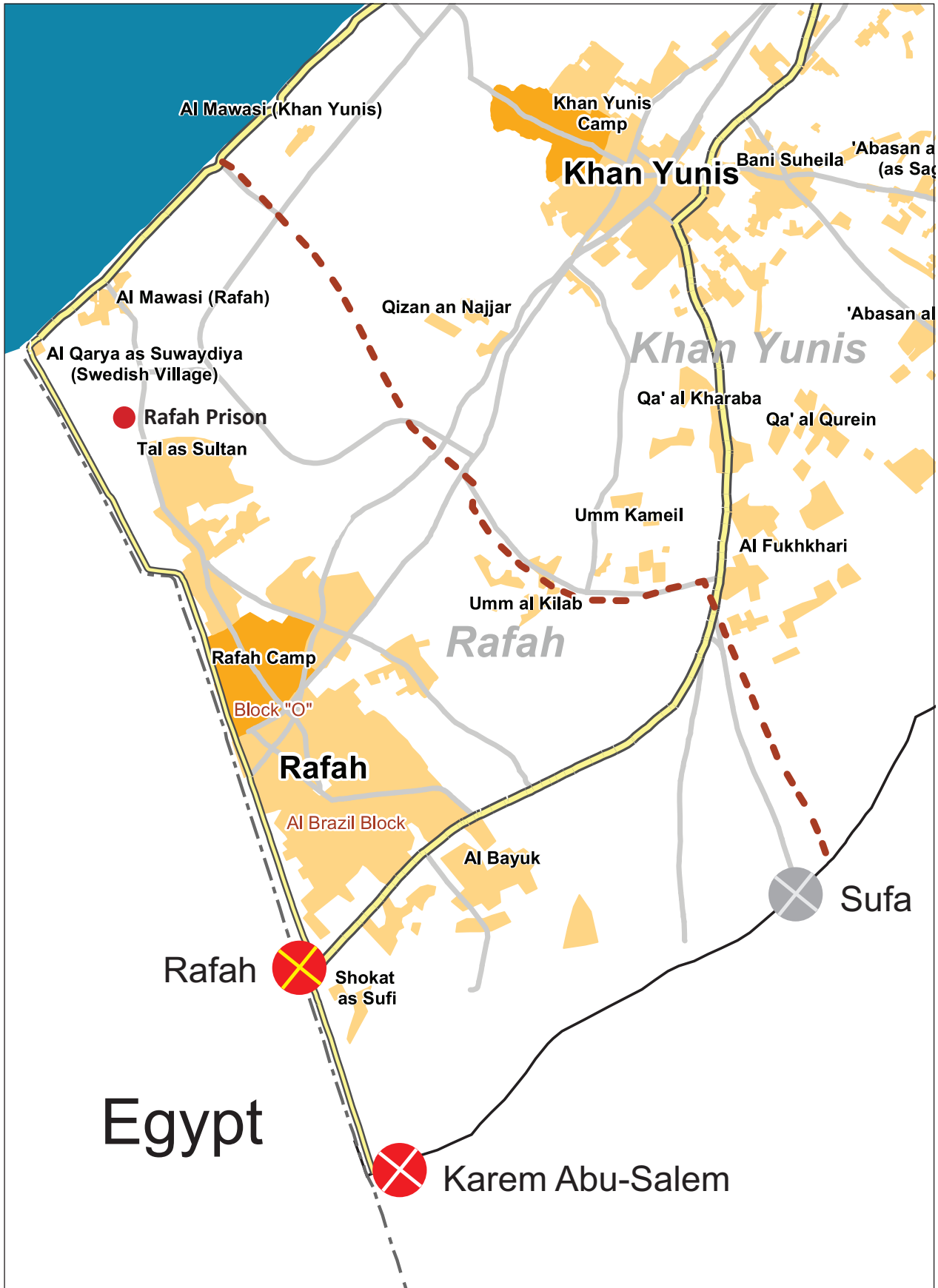


Rafah Prison

Rafah



Map of Rafah Governorate



Source: Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

6. Rafah Prison, Rafah

Name of facility	Rafah Prison
Time and nature of shelling	Thursday-Saturday, 1719- July 2014 Airstrikes (Direct targeting)
Targeted in previous operations	No
Tasks delivered	Not yet open to the public
Type of damage	Complete destruction
Infrastructure destroyed	The entire building (the building was almost finished and ready to be used) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Rehabilitation Center (3 floors building, 5000 m2) • The main building 1500 m2 + squares
Number of civil servants working in the building	150
Estimated damage	1,500,000 USD
Detention capacity	700 Prisoners



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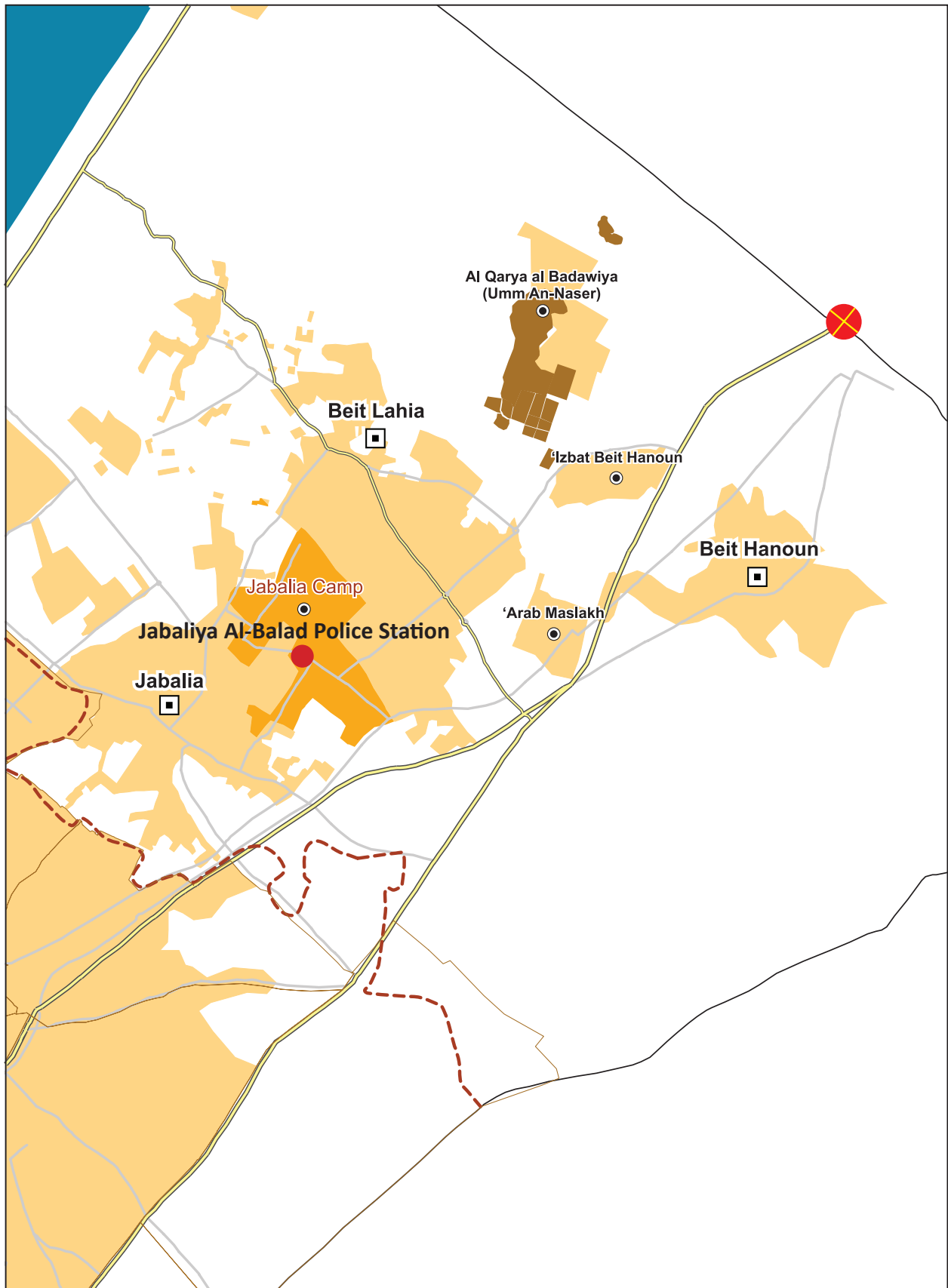


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Jabaliya Al-Balad, Jabaliya



Map of Jabalia Governorate



Source: Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

7. Police Station, Jabaliya Al-Balad, Jabaliya

Name of facility	Jabaliya Al-Balad Police Station
Time and nature of shelling	Friday, 1 August 2014 Airstrikes (Direct targeting)
Targeted in previous operations	No
Tasks delivered	Police and detention centre for Jabaliya Al-Balad area
Type of damage	Complete destruction
Infrastructure destroyed	Offices of the Jabalya al Balad Police Station: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three floors with a surface area of 360 m2 • Management Department • Anti-drug Department • Women's Police Unit • Investigations Departments • Lockup facility • Archives • Patrols
Number of civil servants working in the building	113
Estimated damage	US\$ 234,000
Average number of transactions/services delivered to civilians per day	60,000 residents, 25 transactions per days
Detention capacity	2 cells, accommodating 2240- detainees



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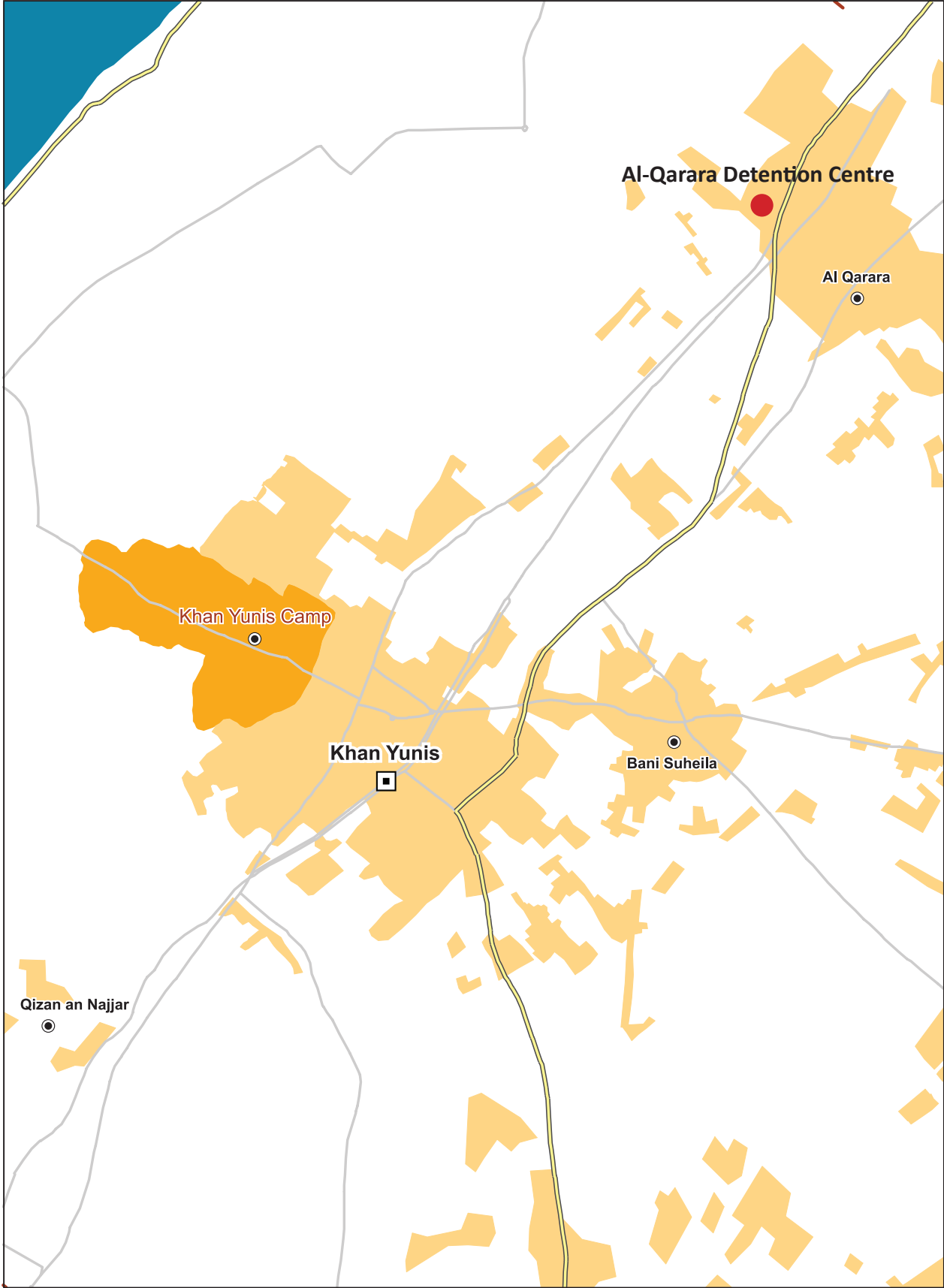
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Detention Centre Al-Qarara, Khan Yunis



Map of Khan Yunis Governorate



Source: Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

8. Detention Centre, Al-Qarara, Khan Yunis

Name of facility	Al-Qarara Detention Centre
Time and nature of shelling	Tuesday, 8 July 2014 Airstrikes (Direct targeting)
Targeted in previous operations	No
Tasks delivered	Security provision
Type of damage	Complete destruction
Infrastructure destroyed	Two floors with a surface area of 460 m ² <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management Department • Anti-drug Department • Women's Police Unit • Investigations Departments • Lockup facility • Archives • Patrols
Number of civil servants working in the building	100
Estimated damage	US\$ 184,000
Average number of transactions/services delivered to civilians per day	70
Detention capacity	3 cells with a capacity up to 70 arrested



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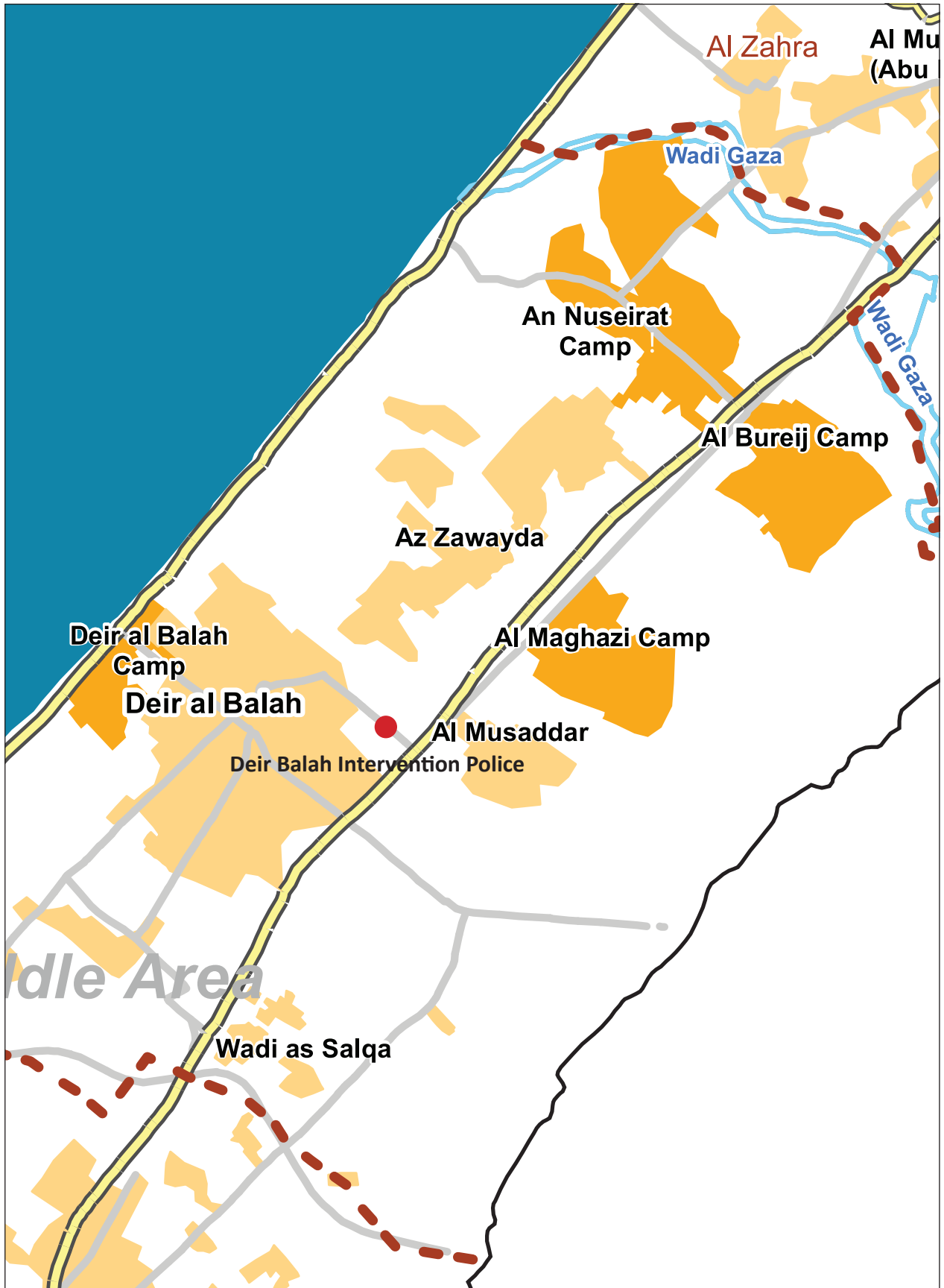
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Intervention Police Station Deir Balah



Map of Deir Balah Governorate



Source: Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

9. Intervention Police Station, Deir Balah

Name of facility	Deir Balah Intervention Police Station
Time and nature of shelling	Monday, 14 July 2014 Airstrikes (Direct targeting)
Targeted in previous operations	Yes, 2012
Tasks delivered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Special Police Forces • Support municipalities • Secure stadiums and playgrounds • Maintain security at road junctions • Secure motorcades • Secure detained persons • Disperse violence conflicts • Disperse unauthorised gatherings • Provide protection to high school (Tawjihi) examinations and examination grading committees
Type of damage	Complete destruction
Infrastructure destroyed	Intervention and Public Order HQ: surface area of 420 m ² <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director's Office • Deputy Director's Office • Director of Operations Office • Director Signals Office • Director of Force Security Office • Supplies and Logistics Department • Administrative Affairs Department • Personnel dormitories and recreational facilities • Officers' offices
Number of civil servants working in the building	179
Estimated damage	US\$ 84,000
Average number of transactions/services delivered to civilians per day	Does not serve civilians



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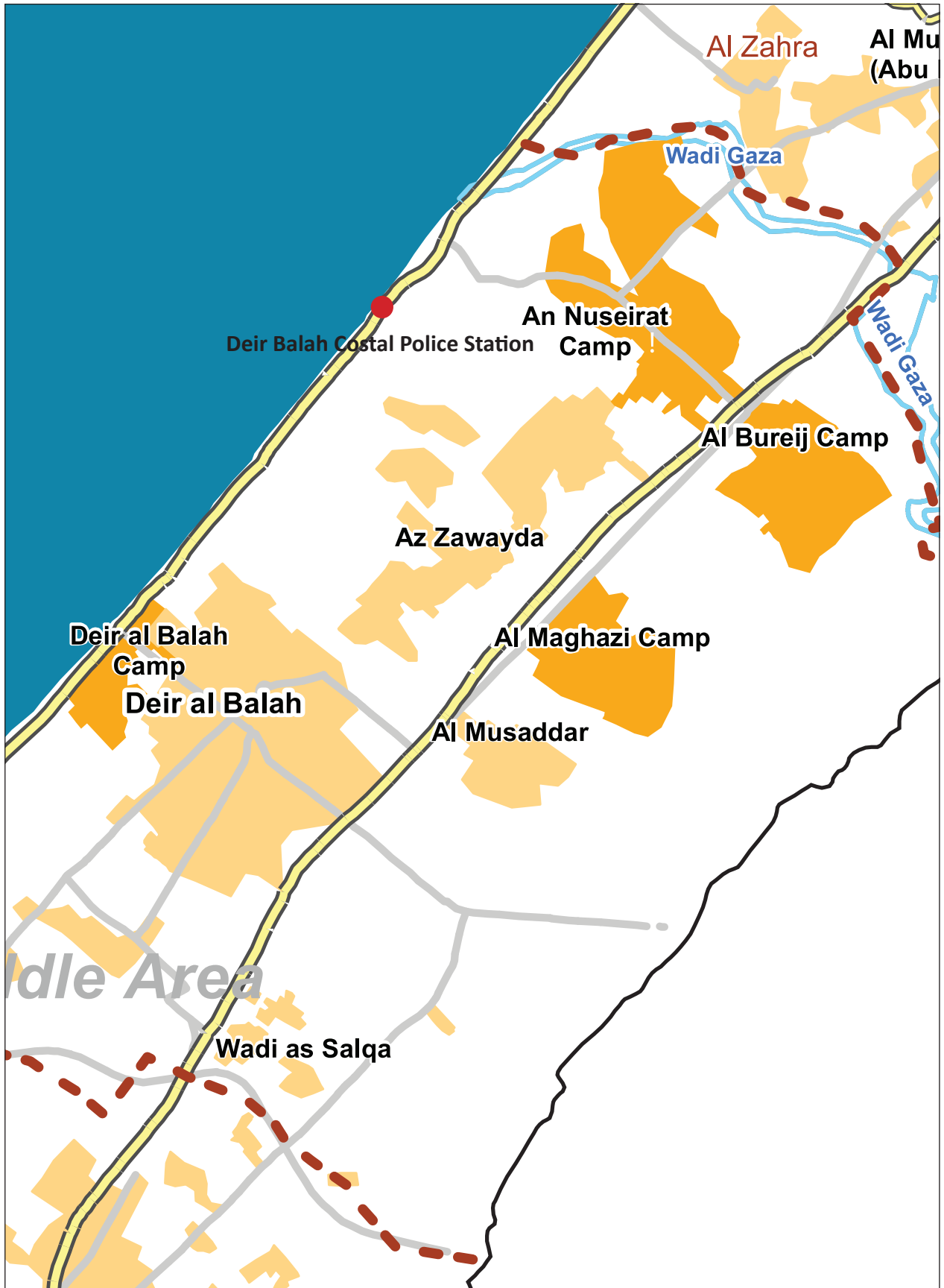
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Coastal Police Station Deir Balah



Map of Deir Balah Governorate



Source: Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

10. Coastal Police Station, Deir Balah

Name of facility	Deir Balah Coastal Police Station
Time and nature of shelling	Sunday, 13 July 2014 Airstrikes and Coastal shelling (Direct targeting)
Targeted in previous operations	Yes
Tasks delivered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Controlling borders • Anti-smuggling • Providing help and aid for fishermen • Securing the shores and coastal areas • Follow-up with fishing regulations • Disengagement of conflicts close to shores
Type of damage	Complete destruction
Infrastructure destroyed	One floor, 180 m ²
Number of civil servants working in the building	70
Estimated damage	USD 72,000
Average number of transactions/services delivered to civilians per day	Does not serve civilians



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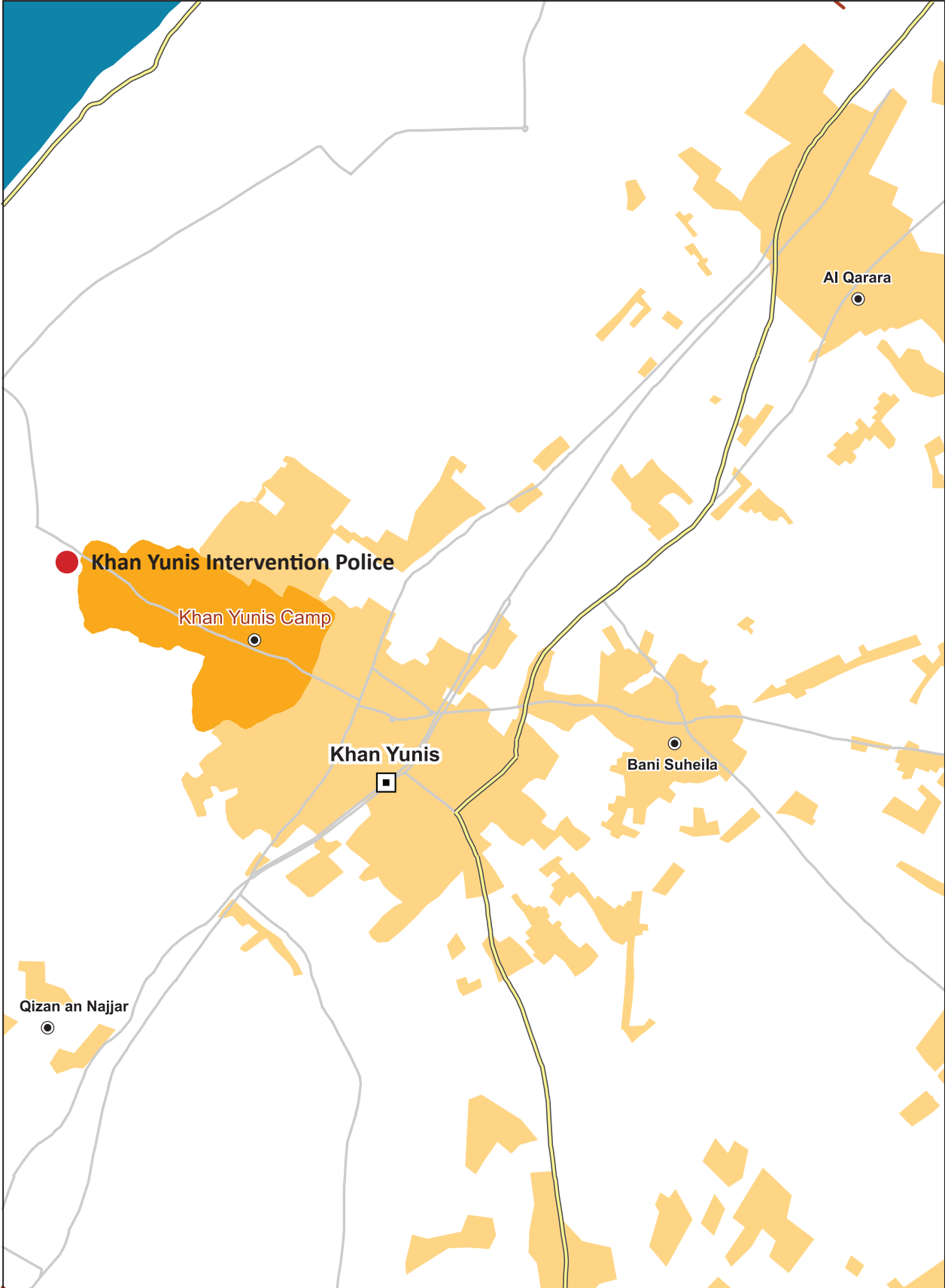
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Intervention Police Station Khan Yunis



Map of Khan Yunis Governorate



Source: Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

11. Intervention Police Station, Khan Yunis

Name of facility	Khan Yunis Intervention Police
Time and nature of shelling	Monday, 14 July 2014 Airstrikes (direct targeting)
Targeted in previous operations	No
Tasks delivered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Special Police Forces • Support municipalities • Secure stadiums and playgrounds • Maintain security at road junctions • Secure motorcades • Secure detained persons • Disperse violence conflicts • Disperse unauthorised gatherings • Provide protection to high school (Tawjihi) examinations and examination grading committees
Type of damage	Complete destruction
Infrastructure destroyed	Intervention and Public Order HQ: surface area of 600 m ² <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director's Office • Deputy Director's Office • Director of Operations Office • Director Signals Office • Director of Force Security Office • Supplies and Logistics Department • Administrative Affairs Department • Personnel dormitories and recreational facilities • Officers' offices
Number of civil servants working in the building	194
Estimated damage	US\$ 120,000
Average number of transactions/services delivered to civilians per day	Does not serve civilians



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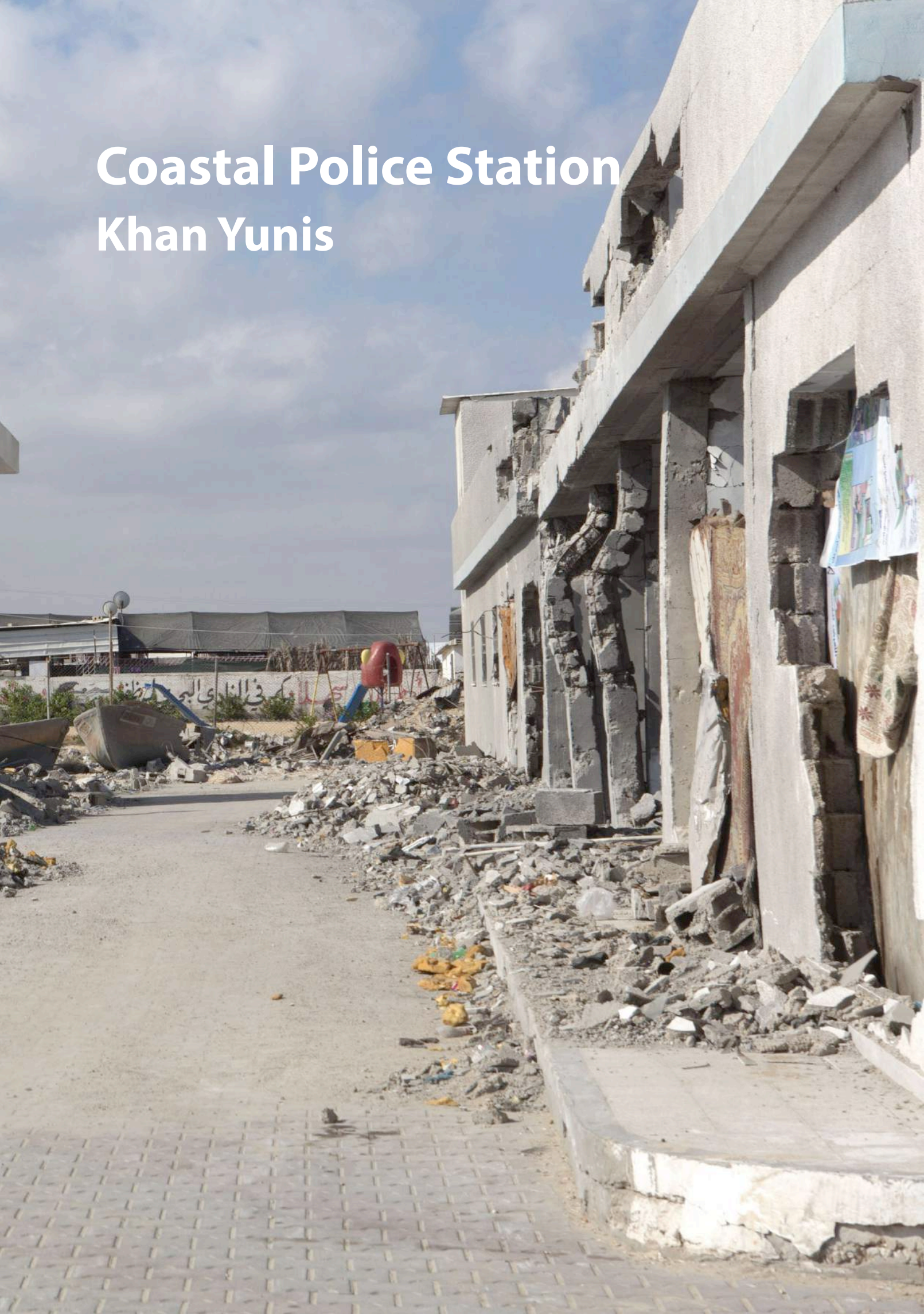
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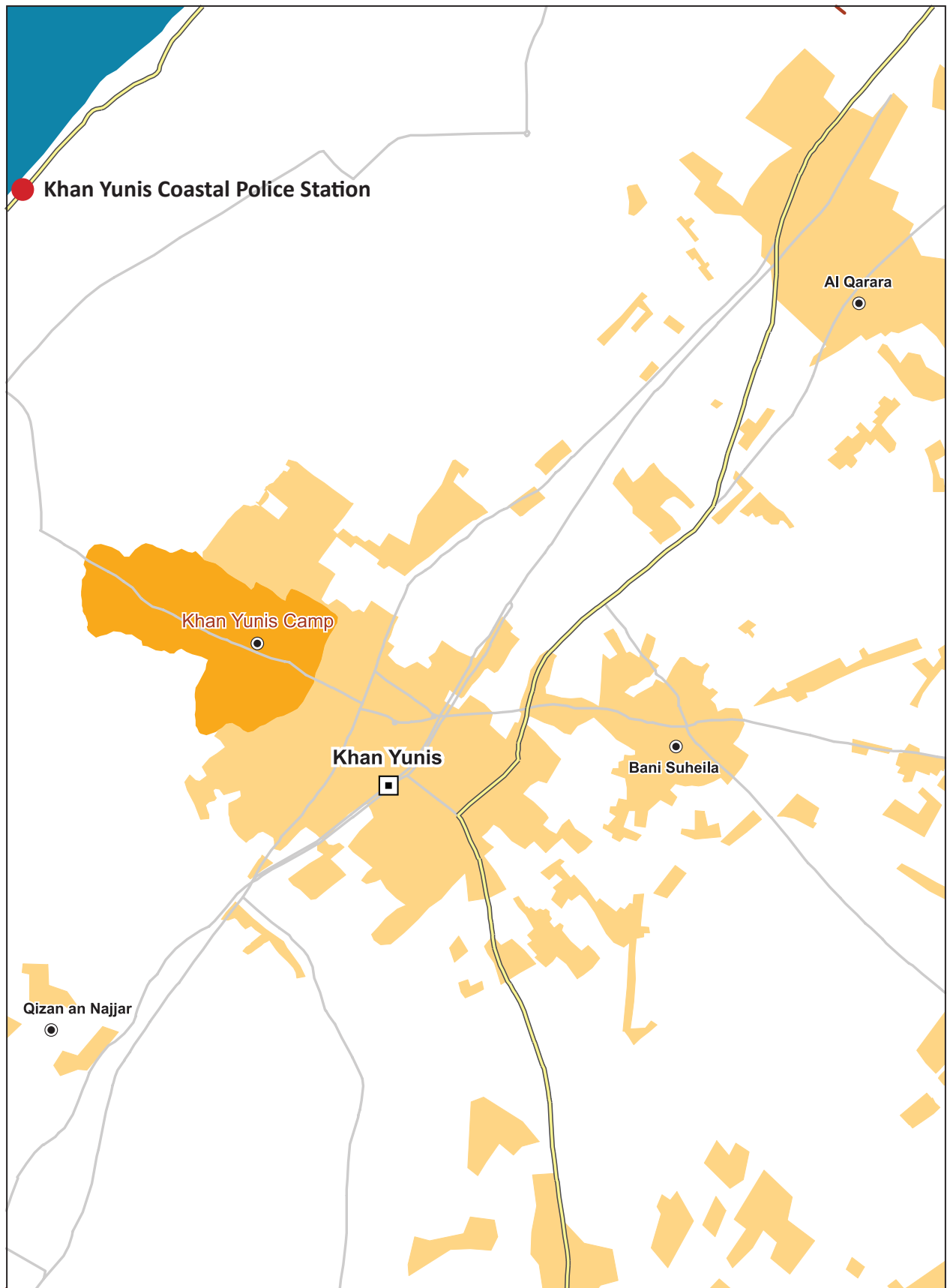
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Coastal Police Station Khan Yunis



Map of Khan Yunis Governorate



Source: Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

12. Coastal Police Station, Khan Yunis

Name of facility	Khan Yunis Coastal Police Station
Time and nature of shelling	Saturday, 19 July 2014 Airstrikes (Direct targeting)
Targeted in previous operations	Yes
Tasks delivered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Controlling borders • Anti-smuggling • Providing help and aid for fishermen • Securing the shores and coastal areas • Follow-up with fishing regulations • Disengagement of conflicts close to shores
Type of damage	Complete destruction
Infrastructure destroyed	420 m ² including offices and rooms for their equipment
Number of civil servants working in the building	54
Estimated damage	168,000 USD
Average number of transactions/services delivered to civilians per day	Does not serve citizens





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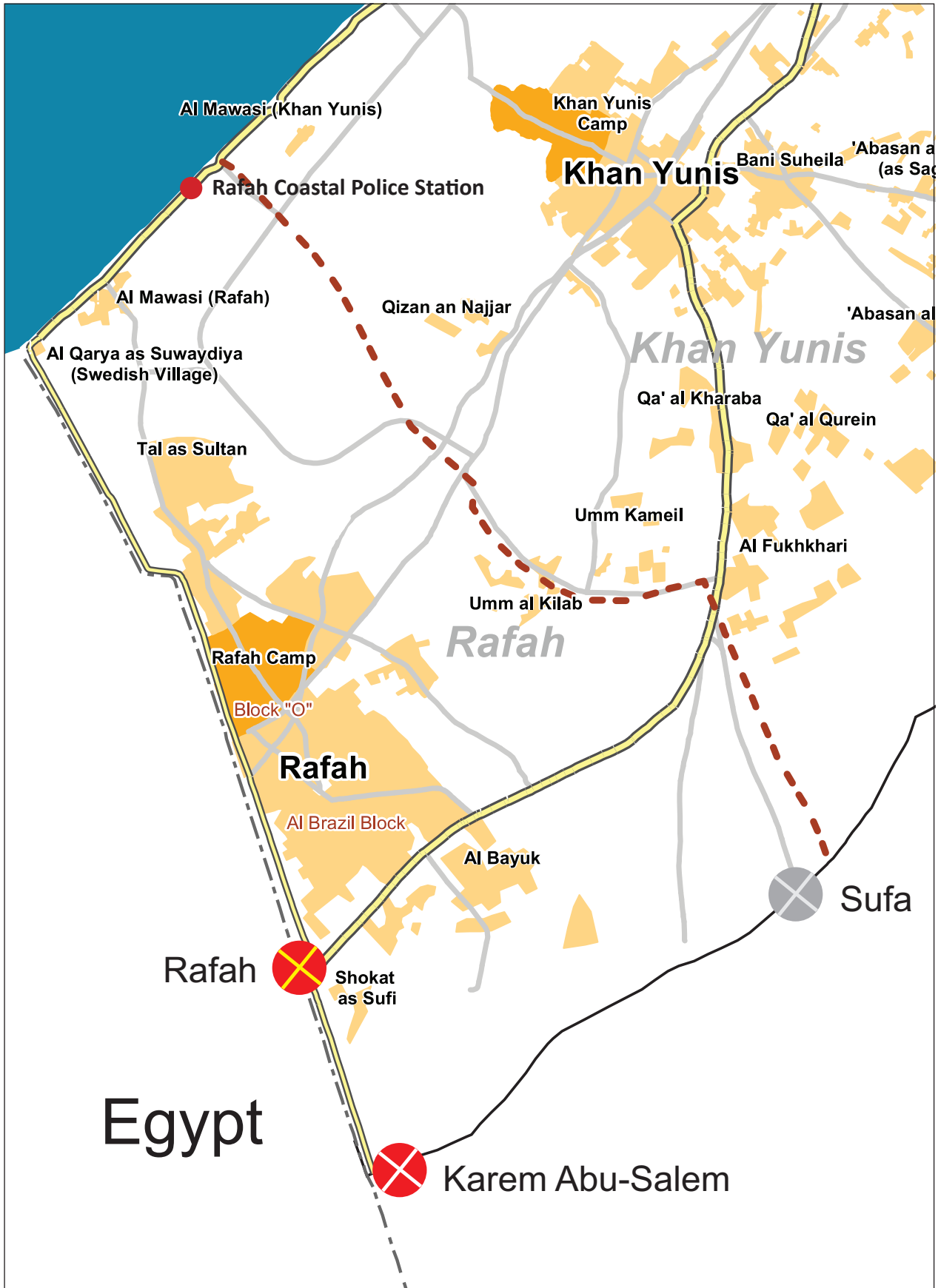
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Coastal Police Station Rafah



Map of Rafah Governorate



Source: Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

13. Coastal Police Station, Rafah

Name of facility	Rafah Coastal Police Station
Time and nature of shelling	Thursday and Sunday, 10 and 13 July 2014 Airstrikes and Coastal shelling (Direct targeting)
Targeted in previous operations	Yes, in 2012 and 2008/2009 (Operation Cast Lead). The building was rebuilt after each attack
Tasks delivered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Controlling borders • Anti-smuggling • Providing help and aid for fishermen • Securing the shores and coastal areas • Follow-up with fishing regulations • Disengagement of conflicts close to shores
Type of damage	Complete destruction
Infrastructure destroyed	240 m ² including offices and rooms for their equipment
Number of civil servants working in the building	36
Estimated damage	96,000 USD
Average number of transactions/services delivered to civilians per day	Does not deal directly with citizens



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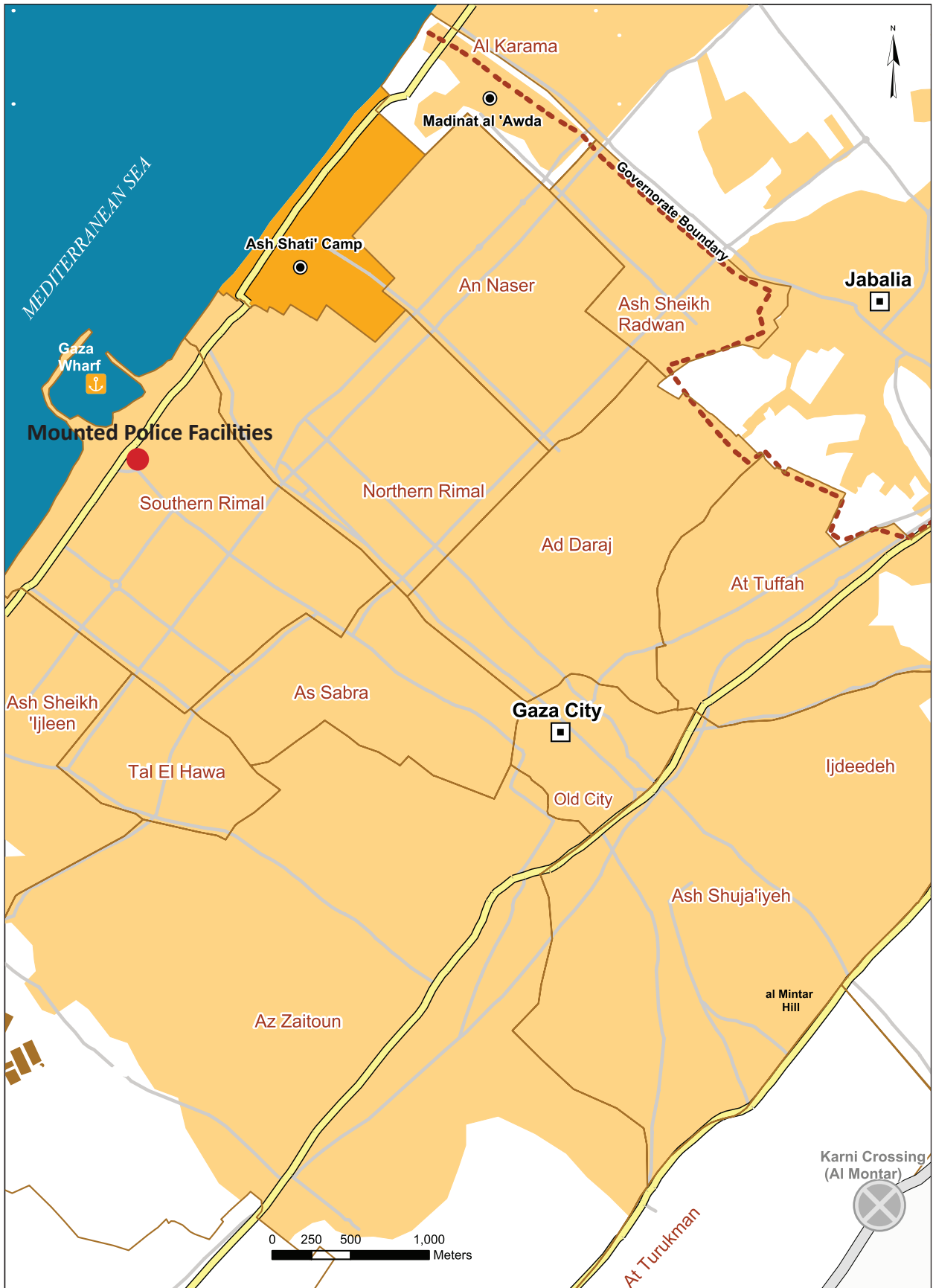
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Mounted Police Facilities Ansar, Gaza City



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14. Mounted Police Facilities, Ansar, Gaza City

Name of facility	Mounted Police Facilities
Time and nature of shelling	Wednesday, 9 July 2014 Airstrikes (direct targeting)
Targeted in previous operations	Yes, in 2008/2009 (Operation Cast Lead). The building was then rebuilt in its new location
Tasks delivered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Securing populated areas • Preserving order in festivals and ceremonies • Controlling order in roads • Disengagement of conflicts • Shore patrols during summer time
Type of damage	Complete destruction
Infrastructure destroyed	800 m ² including offices, rooms for their equipment and stable
Number of civil servants working in the building	23
Estimated damage	USD 50,000
Average number of transactions/services delivered to civilians per day	Does not deal directly with citizens





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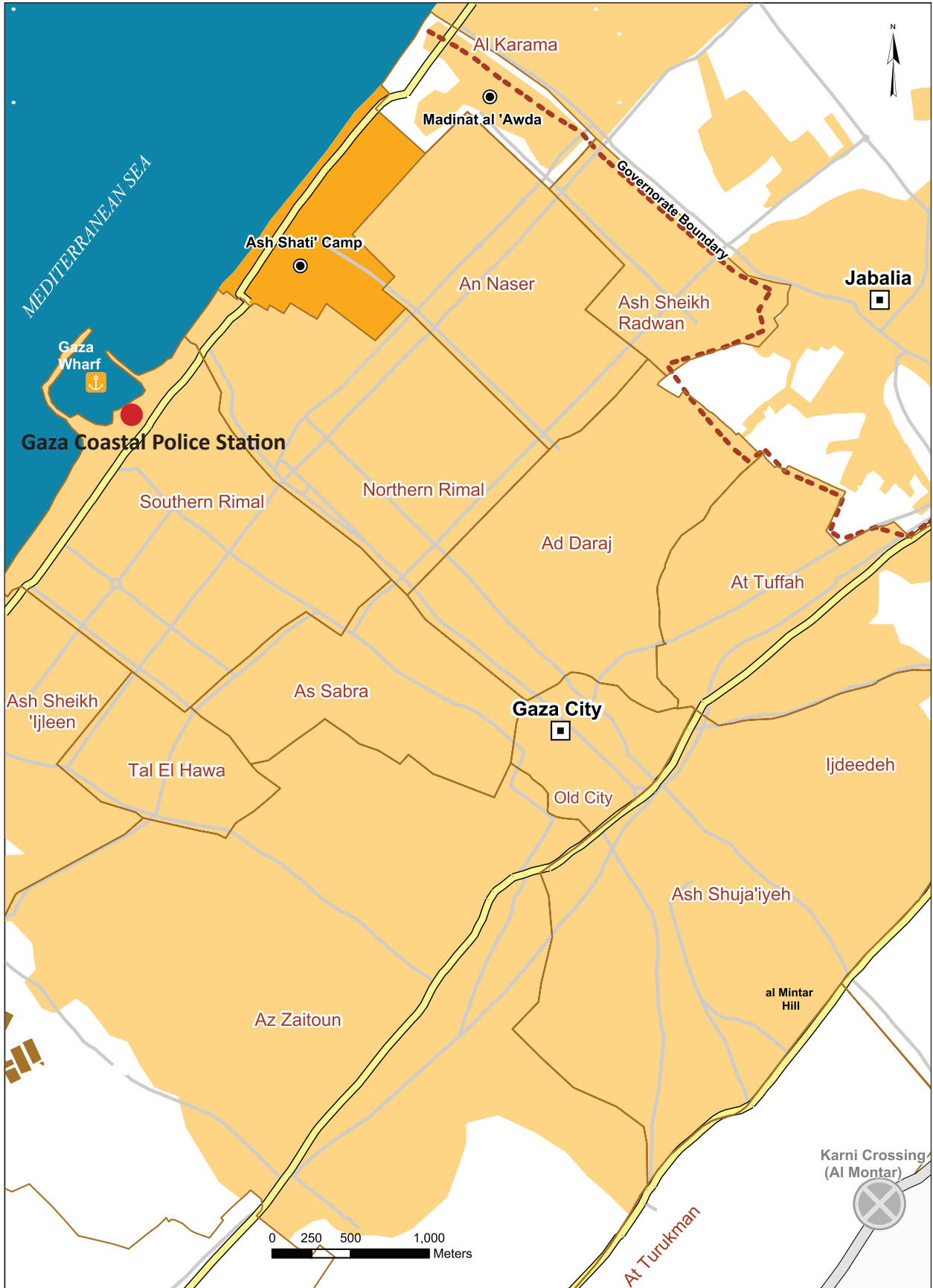
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Coastal Police Station I. Gaza City



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15. Coastal Police Station I., Gaza City

Name of facility	Gaza Coastal Police Station
Time and nature of shelling	Wednesday and Friday, 9 and 11 July 2014 Airstrikes and Coastal shelling (direct targeting)
Targeted in previous operations	Yes, in 2012 and 2008/2009. The building was rebuilt each time in a new location
Tasks delivered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Controlling borders • Anti-smuggling • Providing help and aid for fishermen • Securing the shores and coastal areas • Follow-up with fishing regulations • Disengagement of conflicts close to shores
Type of damage	Complete destruction
Infrastructure destroyed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gaza Harbour facilities • Shamaly Refugee Camp facilities • Al Rasheed Street facilities • 750 m2 including offices and rooms
Number of civil servants working in the building	600
Estimated damage	USD 600,000
Average number of transactions/services delivered to civilians per day	Does not deal directly with citizens



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