



Hamas War Tactics: Attacks from Civilian Centers

Evidence of Hamas' Violations of International
Law through Use of Civilian Facilities and
Densely Populated Areas for Terror



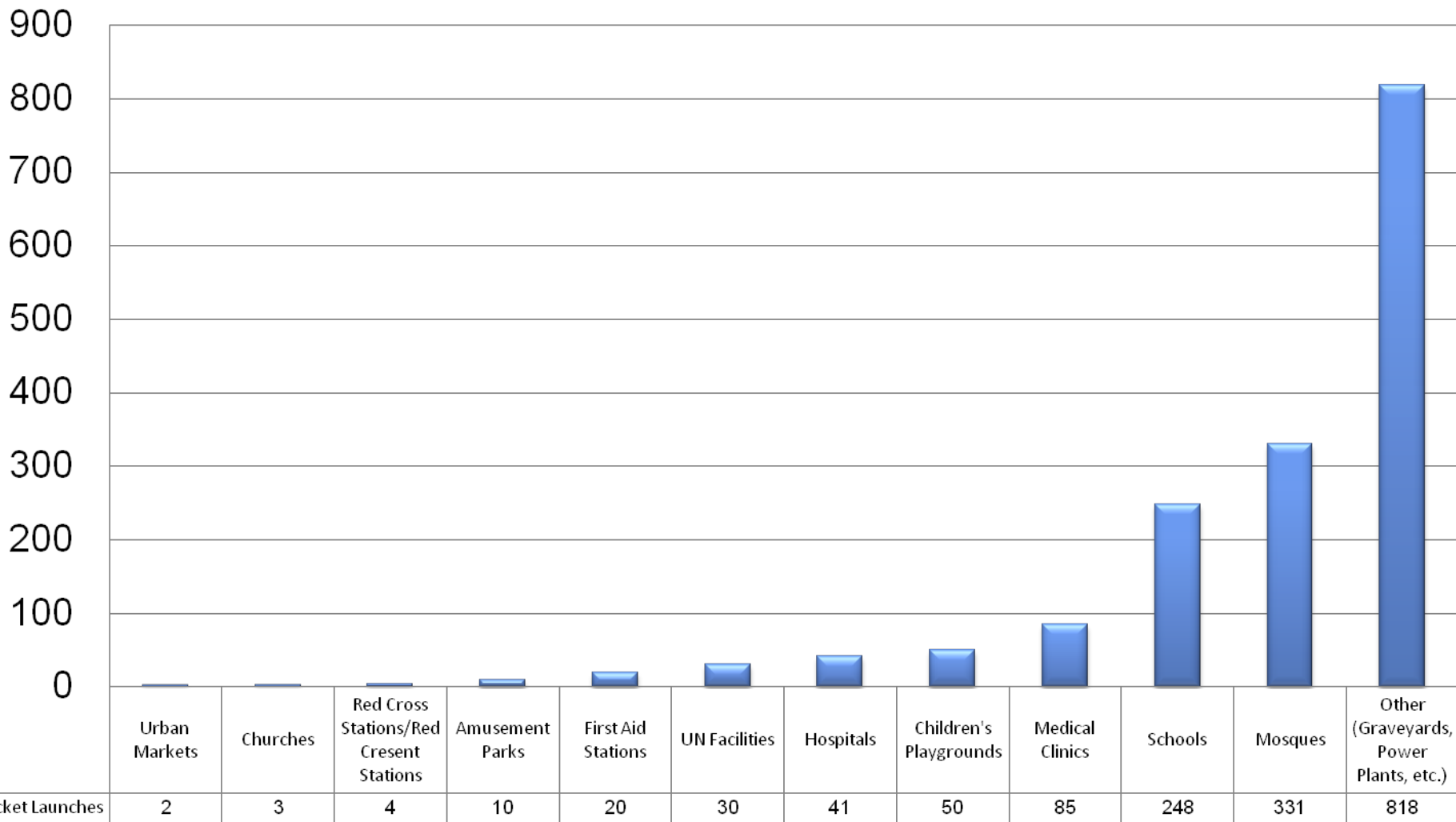
Hamas: Defining the Battlefield in Gaza

- Hamas uses UN facilities, schools, childrens' playgrounds, water towers, mosques and countless other active civilian facilities as launching sites for rockets and attacks. **In this operation alone, Hamas has launched above 1,600 rockets from civilian sites.**
- Additionally, Hamas purposefully engages IDF troops in conflict in urban areas. For example, in Shuja'iya and in Jebaliya, IDF troops have come under intense attack by terrorists from highly populated areas, and have been forced to defend themselves.
- Hamas also uses civilian infrastructures for other military purposes, and places weapon caches and C2 centers in civilian places.
- Hamas' tactic serves two purposes. Firstly, because the IDF responds to attacks with acute concern for innocent lives, attacking from these sites gives Hamas a major strategic advantage. Secondly, any civilian casualties that are incurred from these attacks are used to create international pressure against Israel, even though it is ultimately Hamas that is to blame for these deaths.
- Such tactics flagrantly violate international law and the most basic of moral precepts.



Summary of Gaza Rocket Launches from Civilian Areas

Rocket Launches





Introductory Media



Hamas Fires Rockets from Civilian Areas in Gaza:

Published on 27 Jul 2014

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ETm2o0RUB5g&list=UUawNWlihdgaycQpO3zi-jYg>



12 Examples of Hamas putting Civilians in Line of Fire:

Published on 31 Jul 2014

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUrDAEgisXM>



Hamas: We Place Civilians in the Line of Fire

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uzFgIhFKII8&list=UUawNWlihdgaycQpO3zi-jYg&index=74>



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Locations of Rocket Launches in Each Gaza Region

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Launching Sites: Gaza – North





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Launching Sites: Gaza - Center



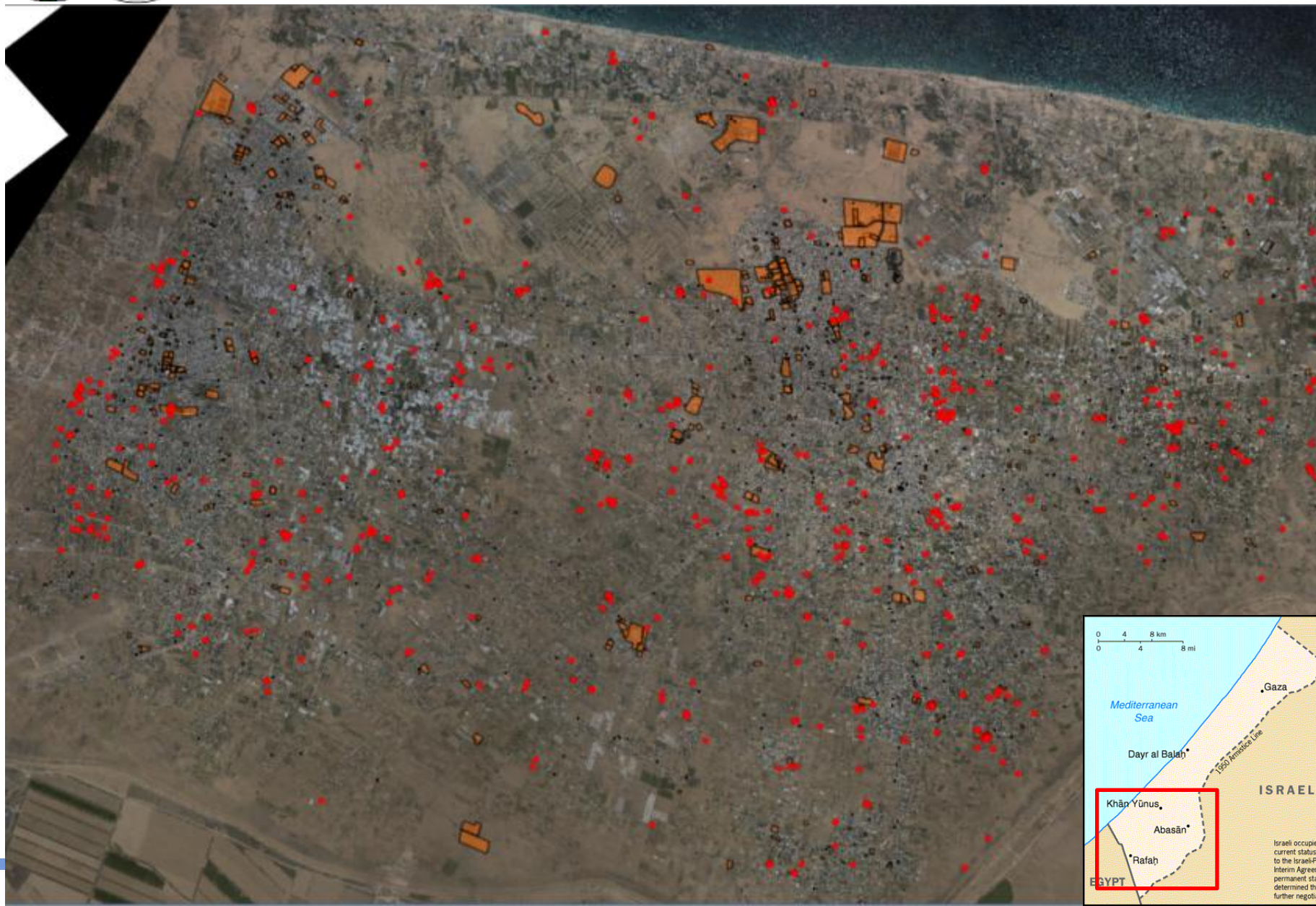


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Launching Sites: Gaza - South





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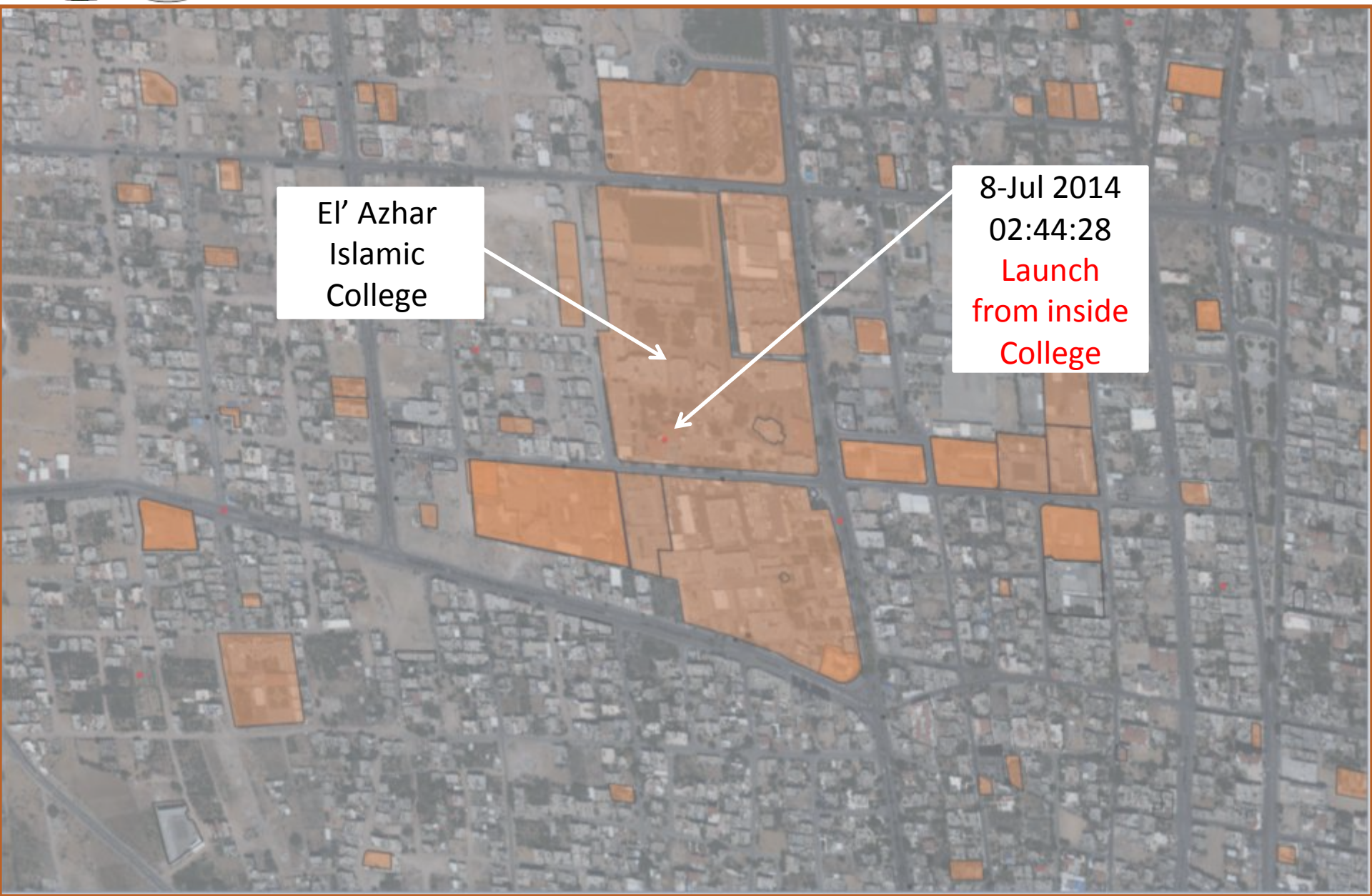
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Launches From Educational Facilities

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Case 1: Launch from within El' Azhar Islamic College

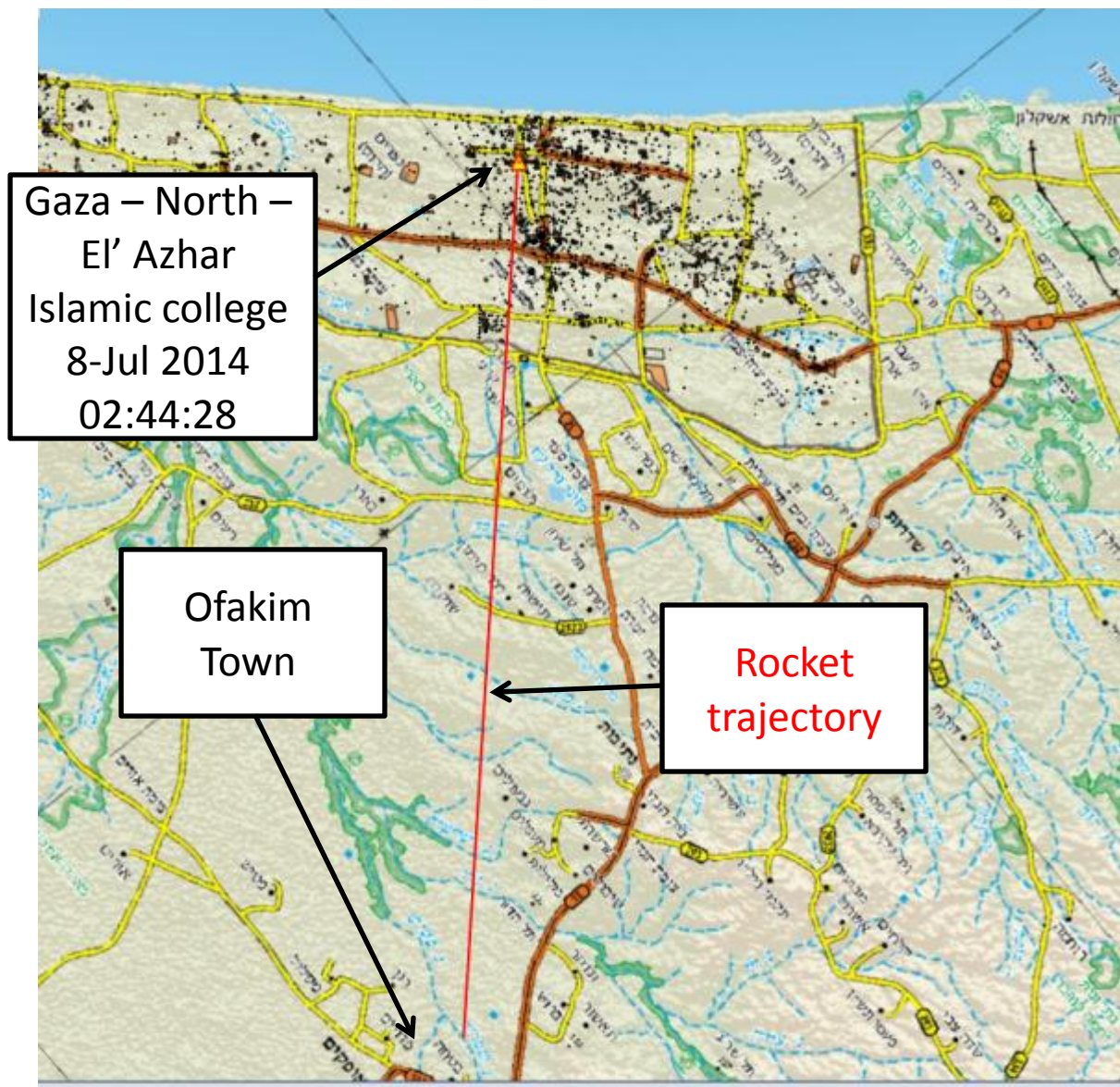


El' Azhar
Islamic
College

8-Jul 2014
02:44:28
Launch
from inside
College



Case 1: Launch from El' Azhar Islamic College Targets Ofakim Town





Case 2: Launching from Abu Nur School



July 27th, 2014- Hamas terrorists are seen shooting three rockets at Israel from within a school in Gaza.

Video Link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J-fh-fRs7To>



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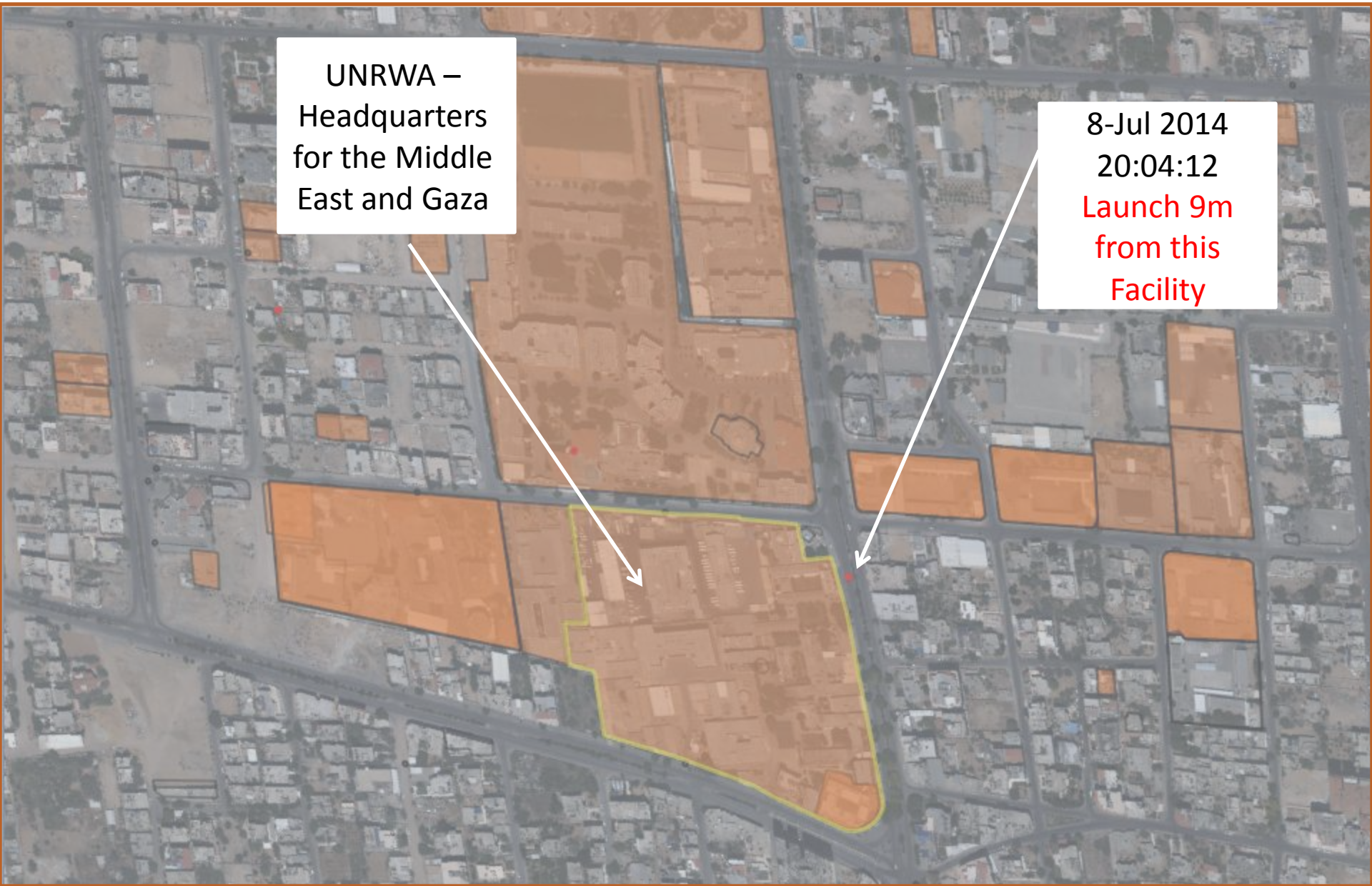
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Launches From UN and Red Cross Facilities

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Case 3: Launch from beside UNRWA Headquarters

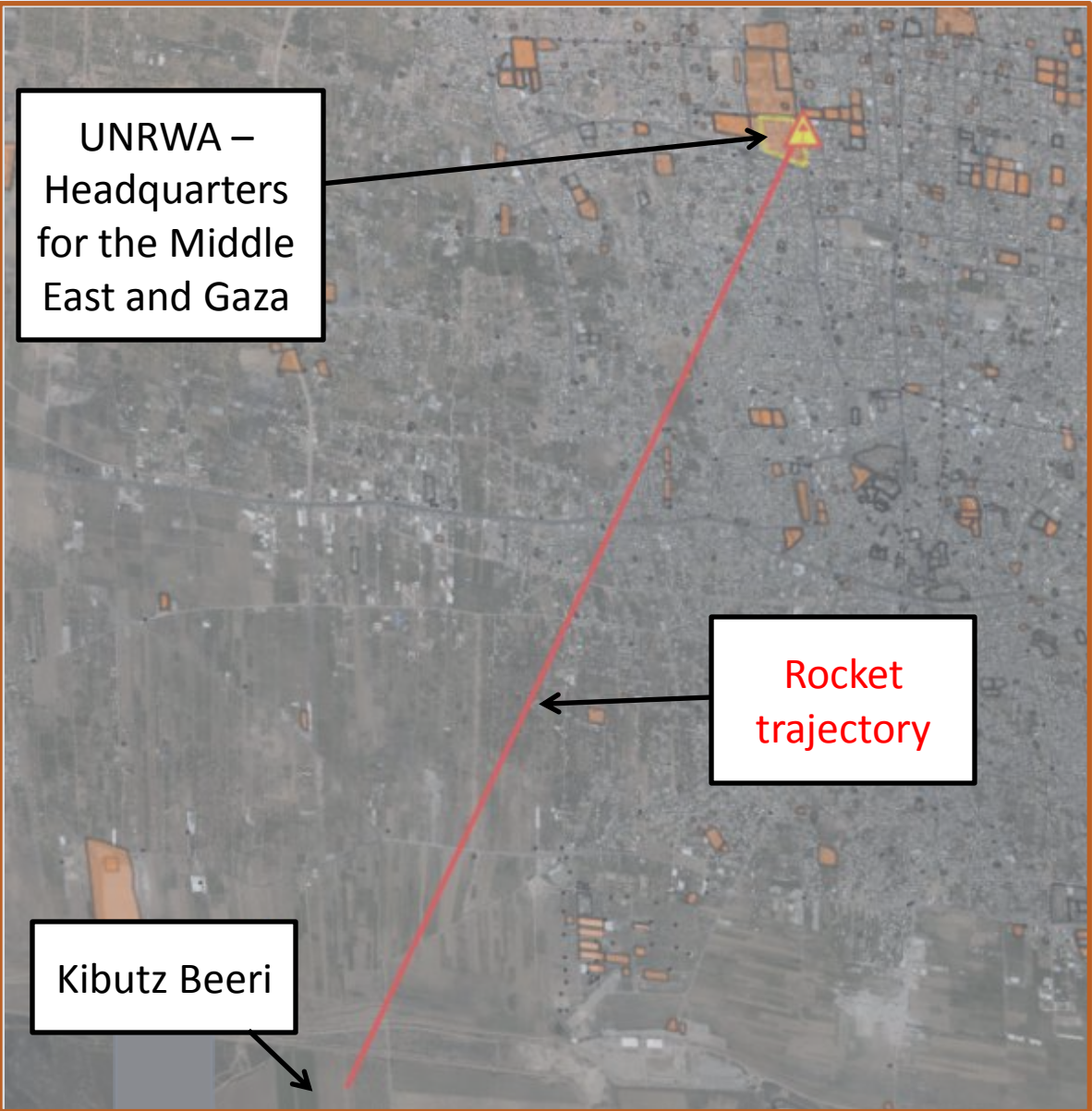


UNRWA –
Headquarters
for the Middle
East and Gaza

8-Jul 2014
20:04:12
Launch 9m
from this
Facility

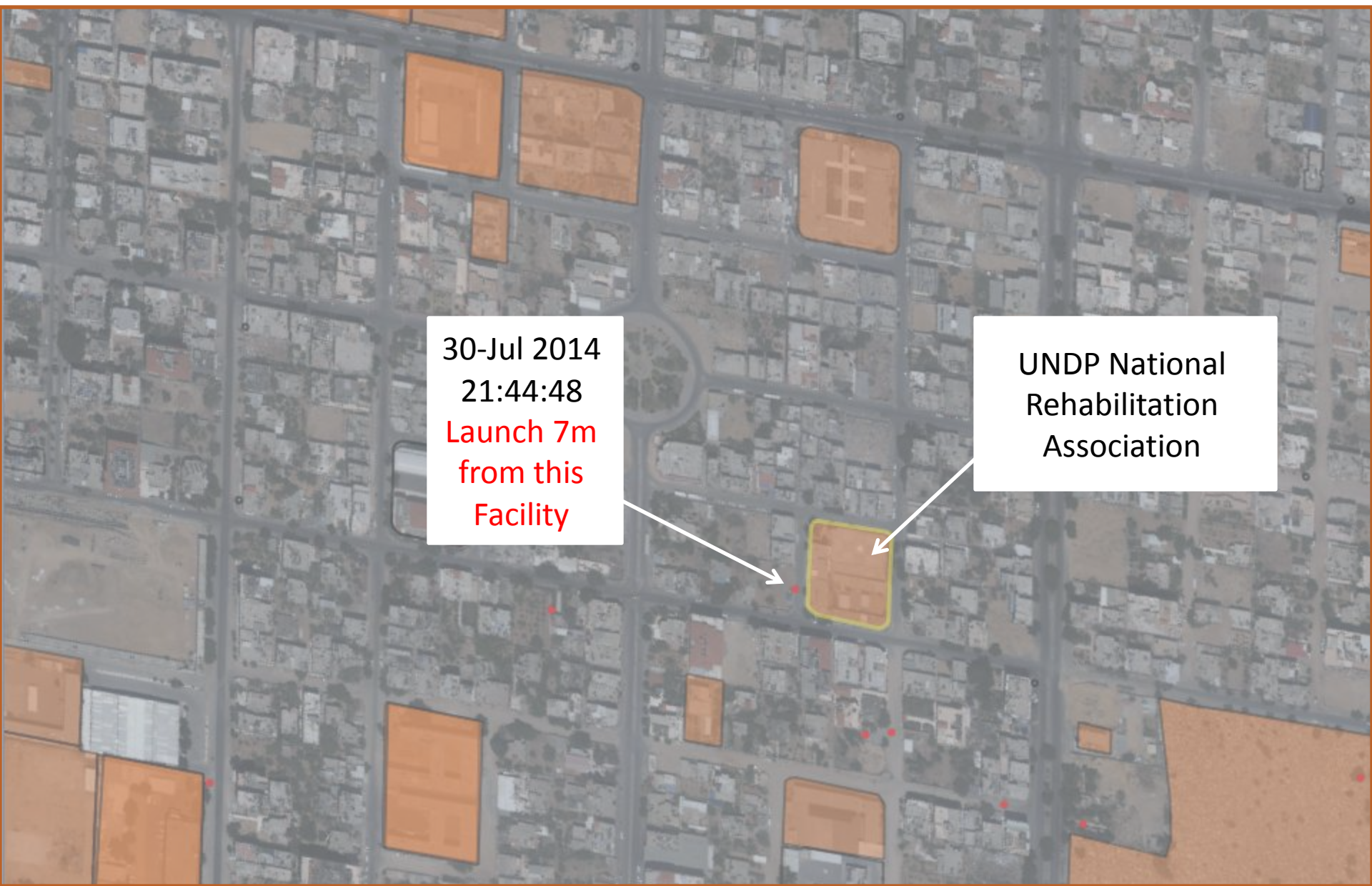


Case 3: Launch from UNRWA Headquarters Targets Kibbutz Beerli





Case 4: First Launch from beside UNDP Facility



30-Jul 2014
21:44:48
Launch 7m
from this
Facility

UNDP National
Rehabilitation
Association



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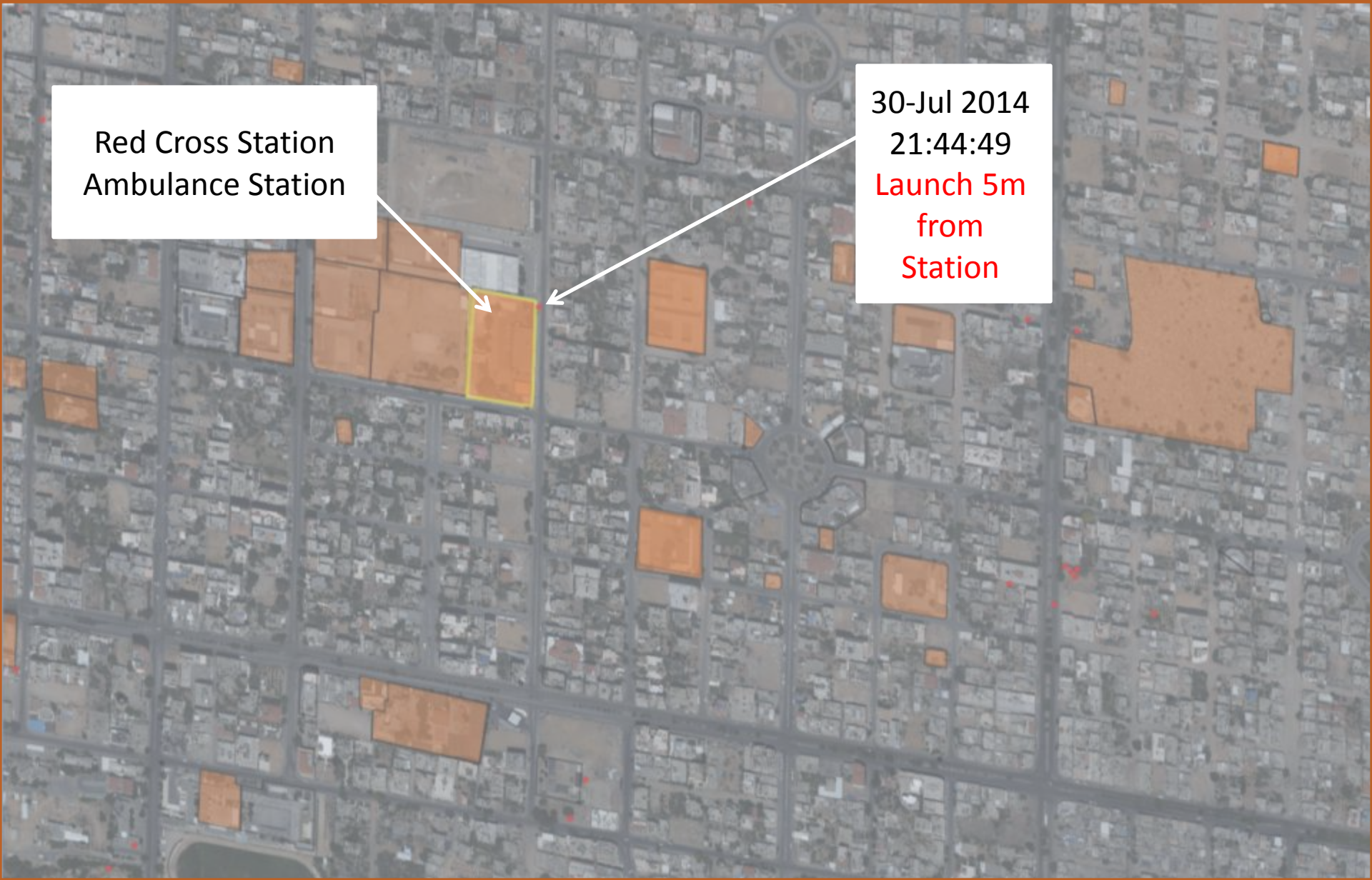
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Case 4: Second Launch from beside Red Cross Station

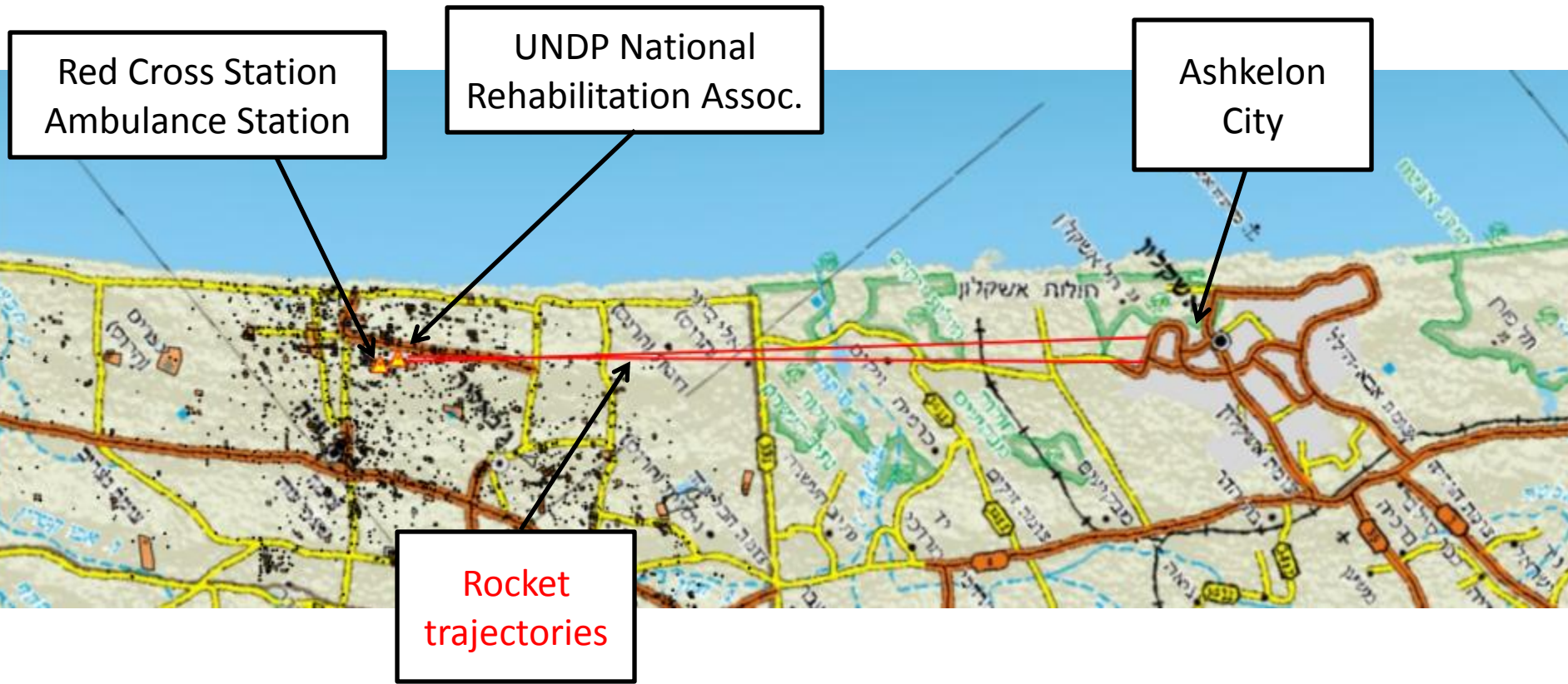
Red Cross Station
Ambulance Station

30-Jul 2014
21:44:49
Launch 5m
from
Station



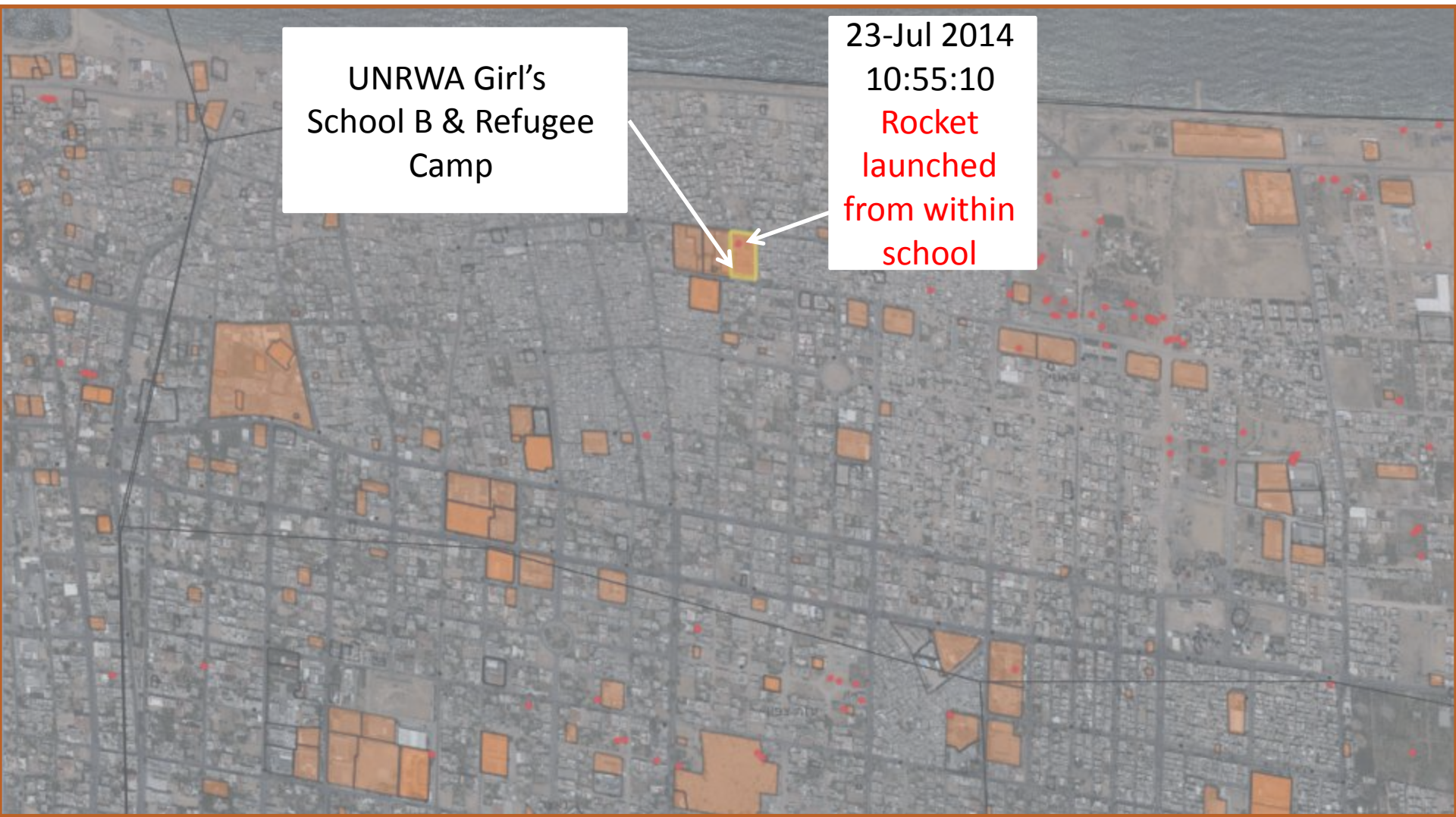


Case 4: Launches From Red Cross Station and UNDP Building Target Ashkelon





Case 5: Rocket Launch from within UNRWA Girls' School & Refugee Camp



UNRWA Girl's
School B & Refugee
Camp

23-Jul 2014
10:55:10
Rocket
launched
from within
school

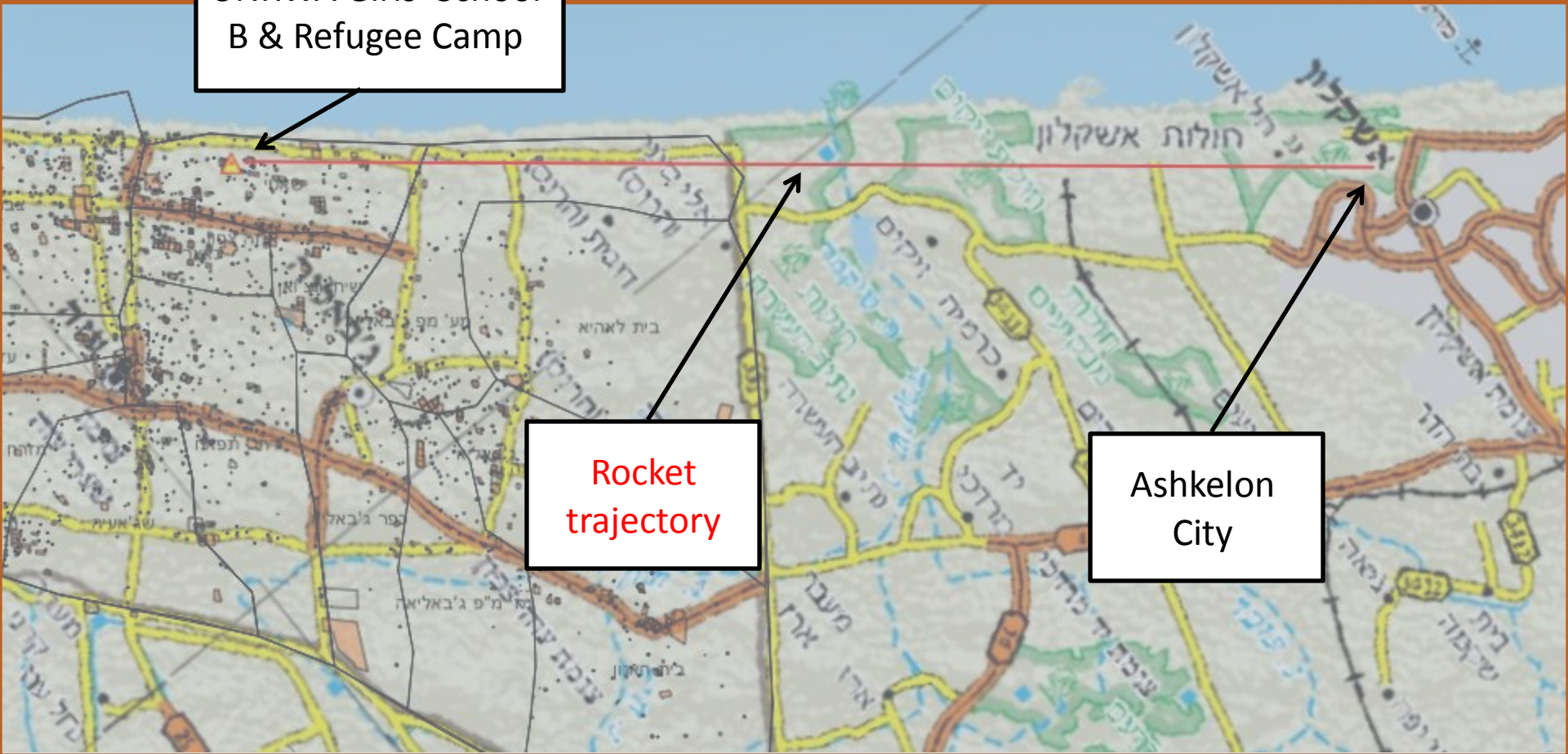


Case 5: Launch from UNRWA Girls' School Targets Ashkelon City

UNRWA Girls' School
B & Refugee Camp

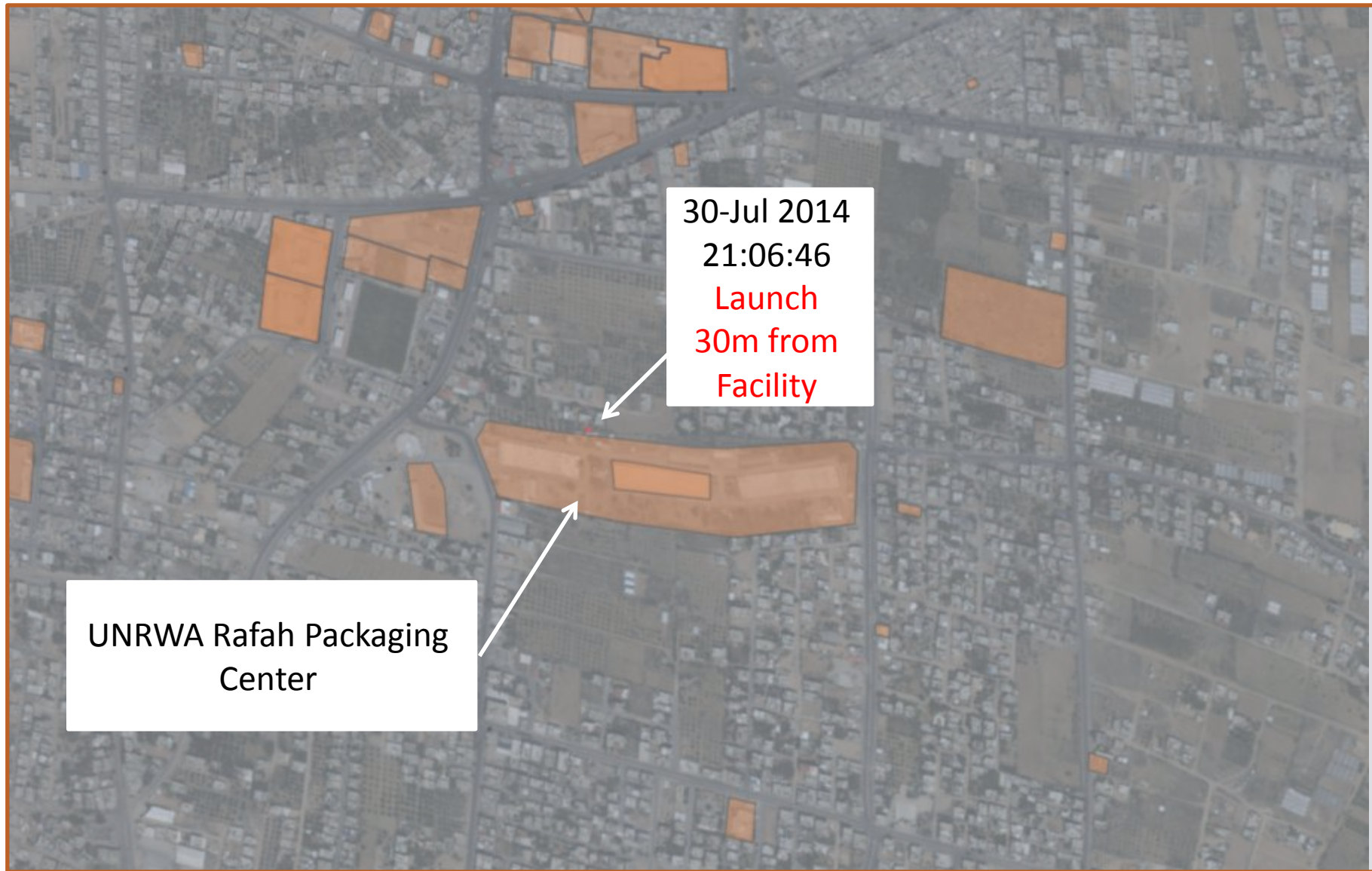
Rocket
trajectory

Ashkelon
City



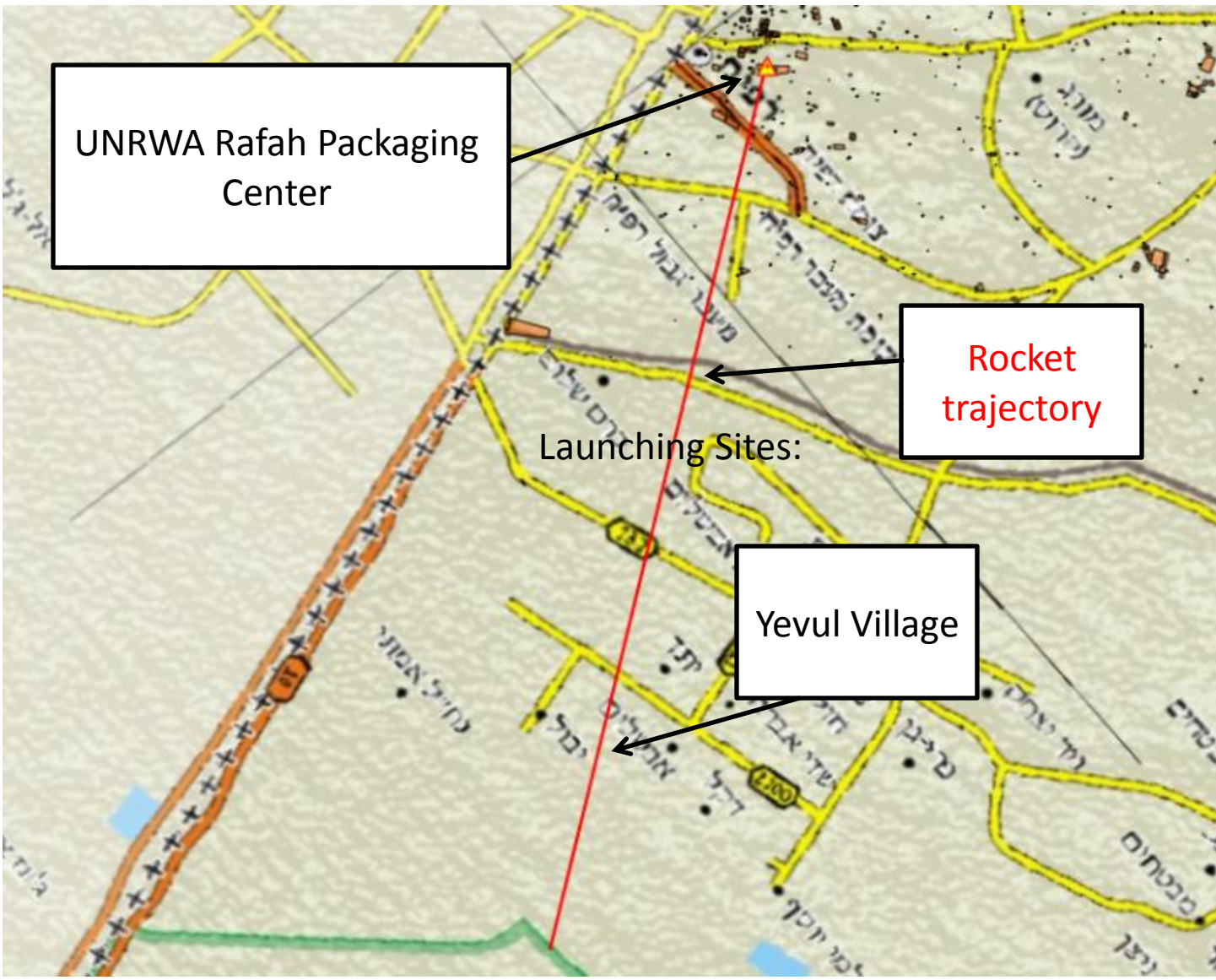


Case 6: Rocket Launched from beside UNRWA Packaging Center





Case 6: Launch from UNRWA Oacjagubg Center Targets Yevul Village





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Case 7: Launch From Beside UN Facility Caught on Live Report



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Report Showing Rocket Fire Caught on
Camera Launched from Residential
Neighborhood beside UN Facility

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uE3fe_o_b8Cg

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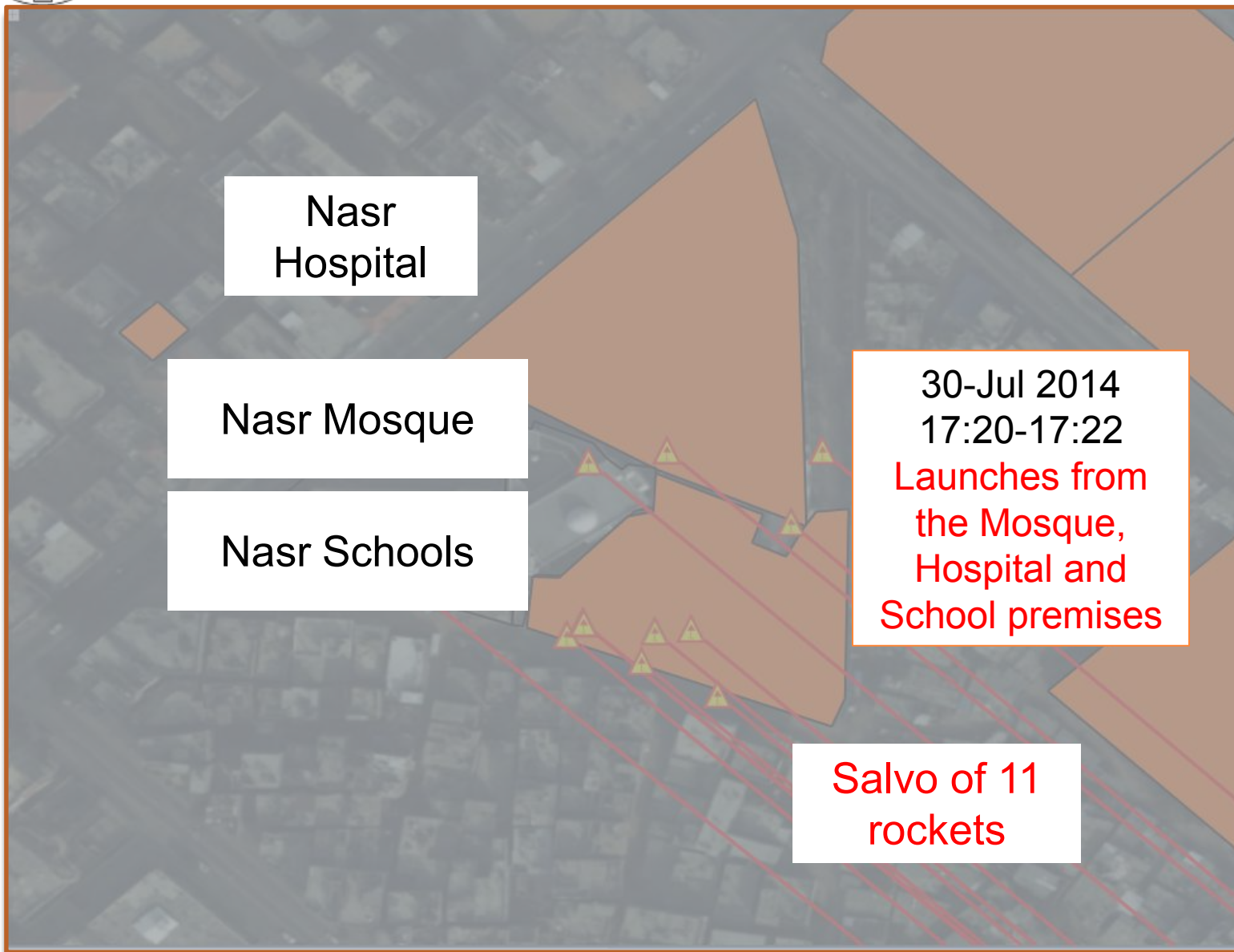
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Rocket Launches from Mosques

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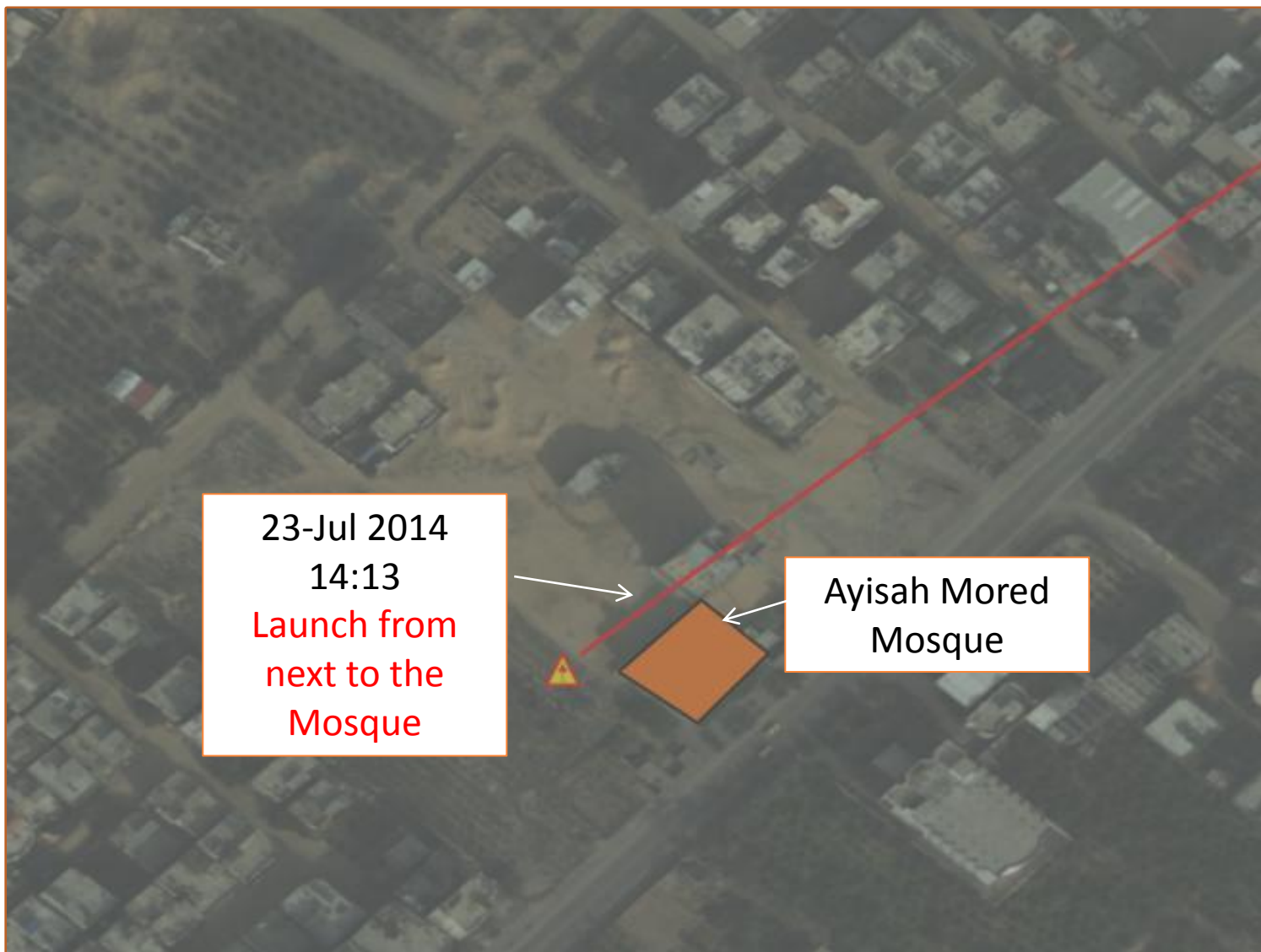


Case 8: Nasr Mosque, Hospital and School



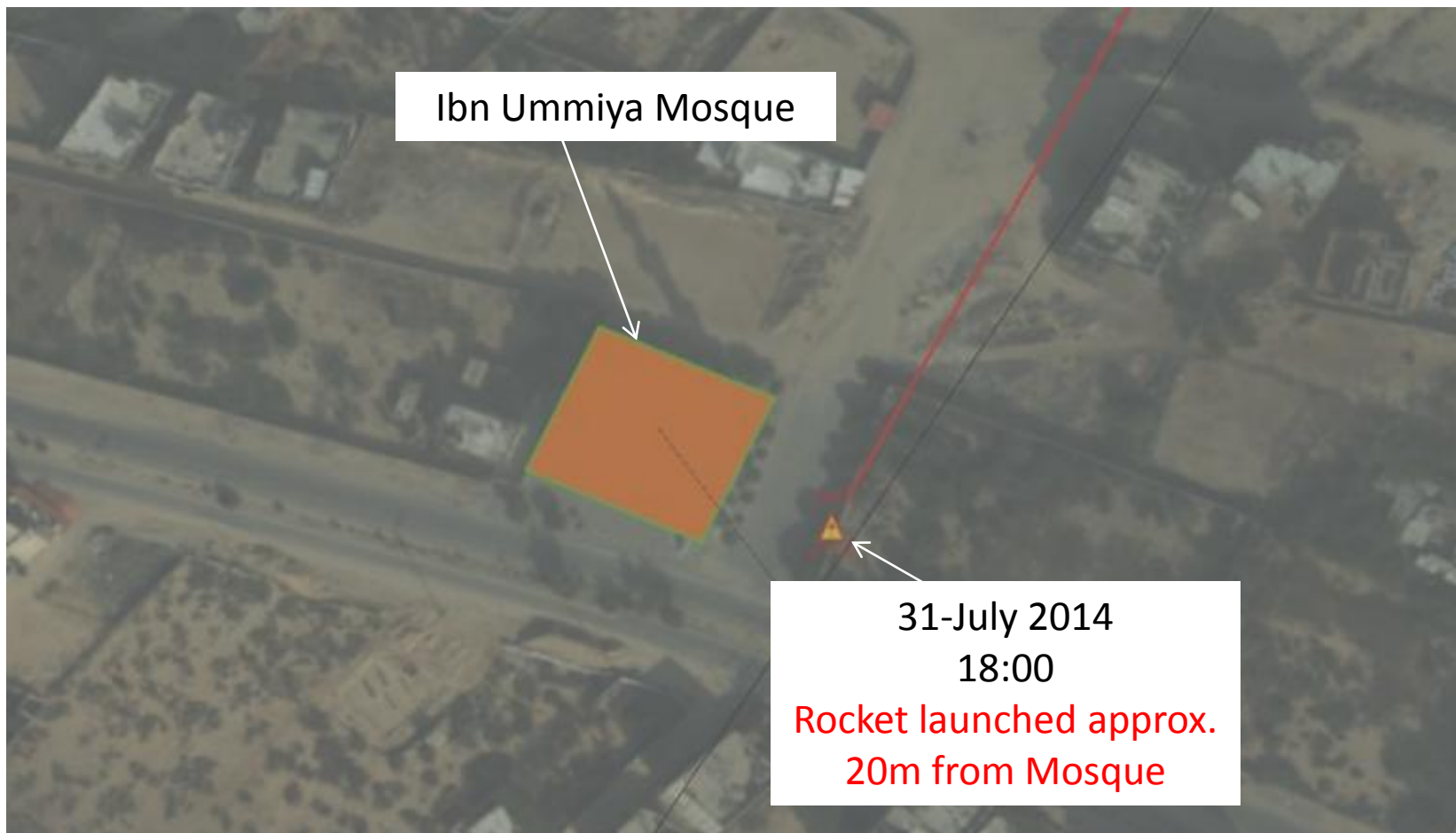


Case 9: Mosque of Aiyah Morad- North Gaza





Case 10: Ibn Ummyia Mosque





Case 11: Mosque Stores Weapons and Entrances to Tunnels



This is the main entrance
to the mosque.

July 31st

While operating in Gaza against Hamas, IDF soldiers found a mosque that contained many weapons. Furthermore, two tunnel openings were found in the bottom floor, which was also the prayer area.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aWkjwfkx-qM>



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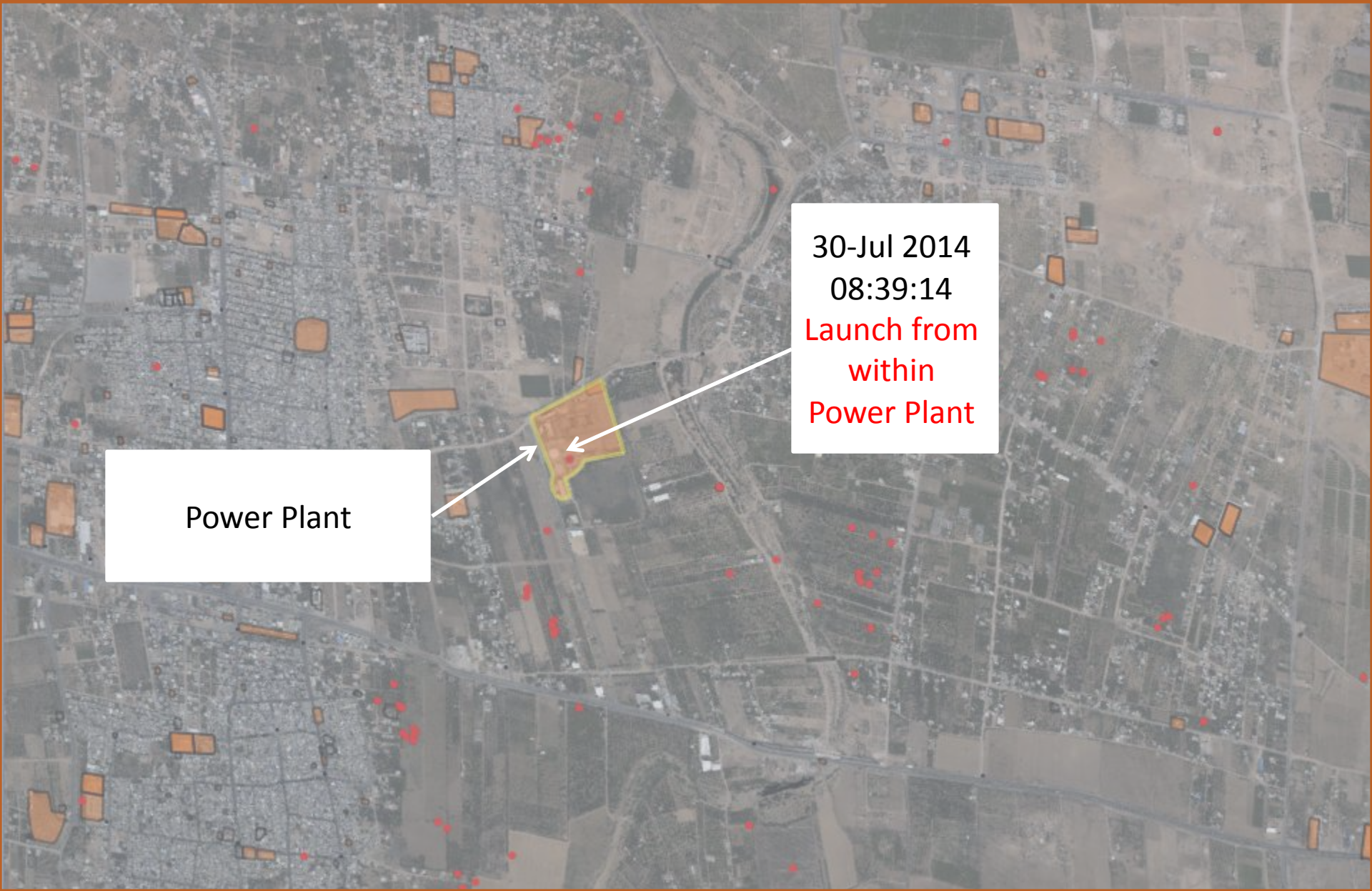
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Launches from Power Plants

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Case 12: Rocket Launched from within Power Plant

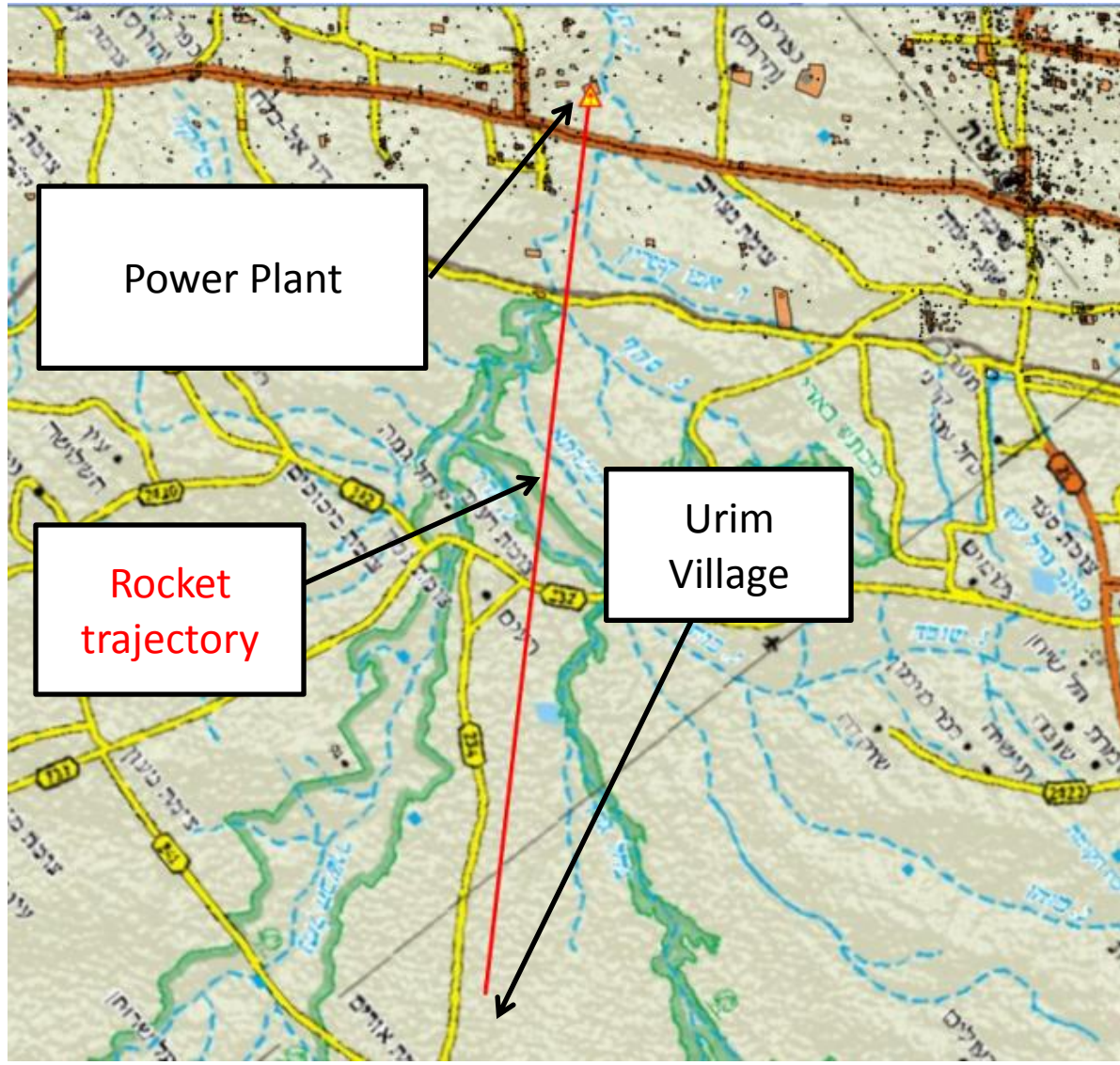


30-Jul 2014
08:39:14
Launch from
within
Power Plant

Power Plant



Case 12: Launch Targets Urim Village





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Launches from Hospitals

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Case 13: Shifa Hospital



Live Report After Hamas launches
rockets from Shifa hospital:
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nu-
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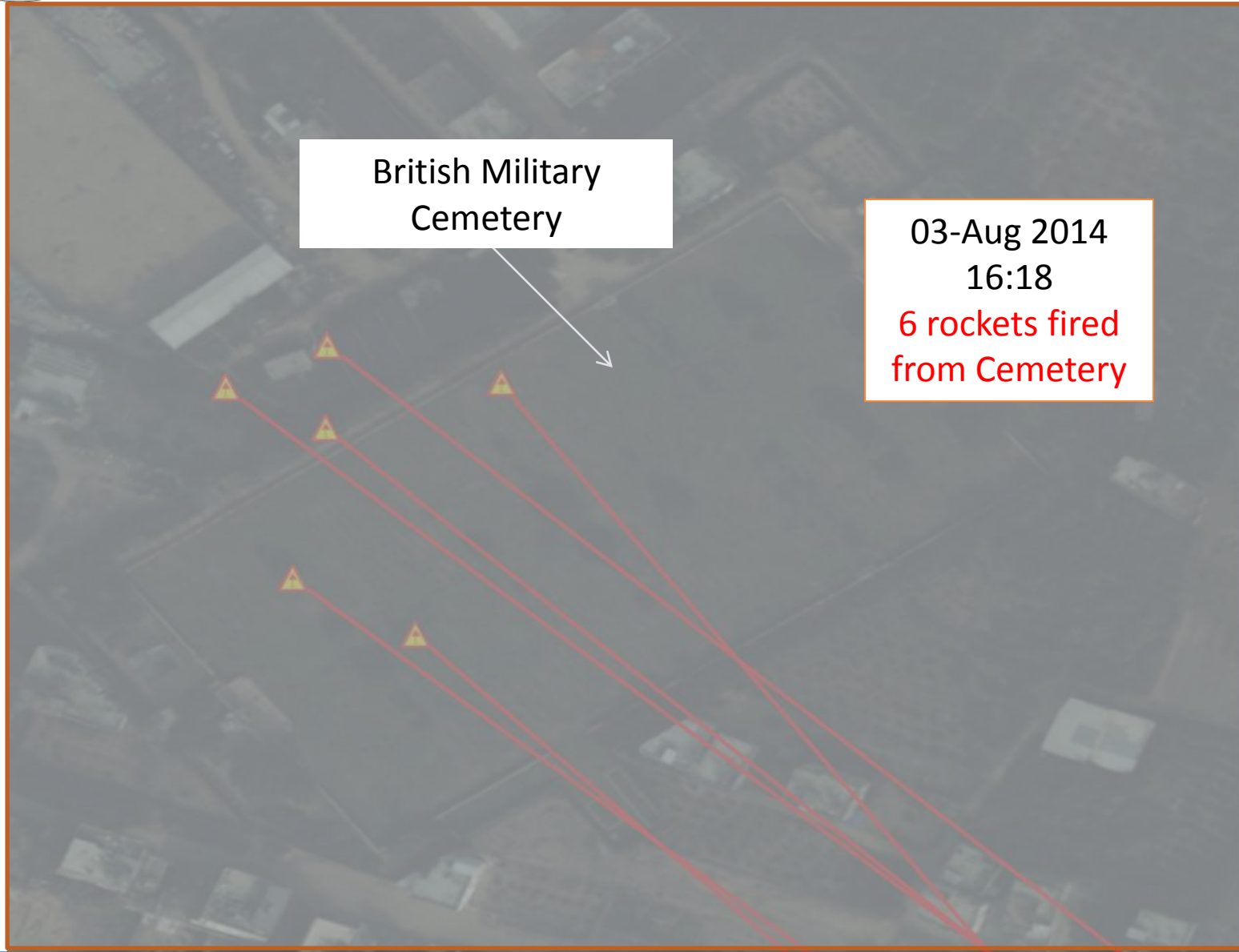
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Launches from Graveyards

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Case 14: British Cemetery





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Video Link: Rocket Launch from Graveyard



July 27th:

Hamas Terrorists Fire a
Rocket from a Graveyard

[http://videoidf.co.il/0468-
EN.mp4](http://videoidf.co.il/0468-EN.mp4)

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Launches from Media Hotels

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Case 15: Rocket Launch from beside Hotel Housing International Media



August 4th:

Hamas Terrorists Prepare and Launch
Rockets beside Hotel Housing
International Media

<http://www.ndtv.com/video/player/news/watch-ndtv-exclusive-how-hamas-assembles-and-fires-rockets/332910>



Summary

Hamas uses Schools, Universities, UN Facilities, Red Cross Facilities, Mosques, Power Plants and other civilian facilities as launch sites for rocket attacks on Israel's Civilian population.

Hamas purposefully engages IDF troops in conflict from dense urban areas such as the market in Shuja'iyah or from Humanitarian facilities such as the UNRWA School in Jabal'iyah.

Hamas' tactics flagrantly violate international law and the most basic of moral precepts. Given these tactics, the ultimate responsibility for the damage done to civilians as well as the civilian infrastructure of Gaza lies with Hamas.