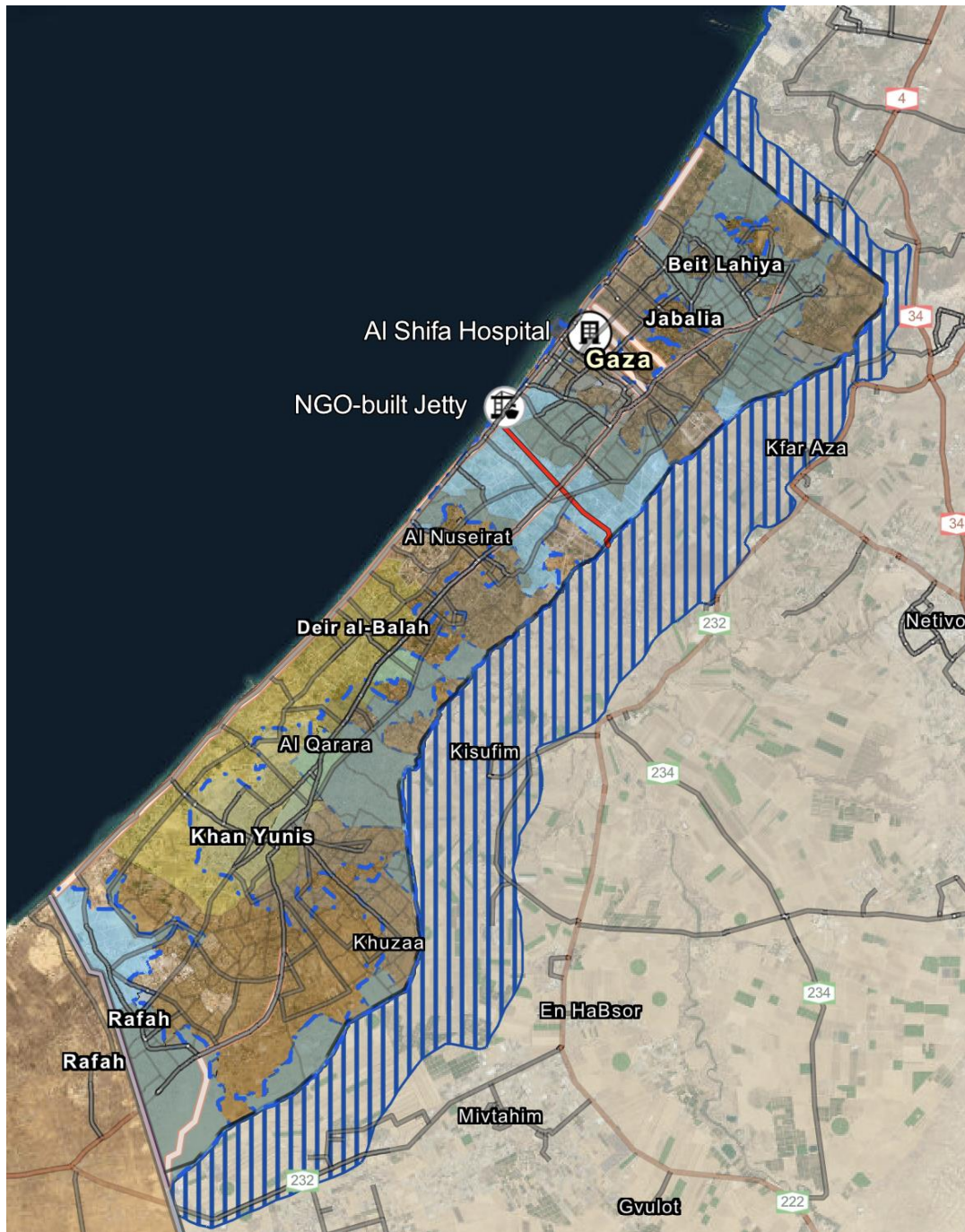


## Gaza Battle Map – Status January 2025

After the invasion of southern Israel and massacres by Hamas and Gazans, Israel launched Operation Swords of Iron. The operation swept from north to south, with a priority of destroying Hamas command and control centers, rocket production and launching facilities, destroying the underground tunnel infrastructure, and destroying buildings used to attack Israeli forces and civilians.



Key battles were fought around Al-Shifa Hospital, Jabalia, Beit Hanun and Beit Lahiya in the North, around Gaza City and then around Khan Yunis and Rafah (Rafiah). The latter operation, controversial at the time, established and widened IDF control over the Philadelphi Corridor running parallel to the Egyptian border.

An evacuation zone was set up in the Muasi region along the southern Gaza host, an area that previously hosted many of the Israeli communities evacuated in the Disengagement.

The fighting in the Gaza operation has cost the lives of 400 IDF soldiers. During the fighting, living Israeli hostages were rescued and hostage bodies were recovered. There were also tragic incidents which led to the deaths of Israeli.

The map depicts the status of the battlefield as of January 2025, with the blue-striped Israeli security zones around the full periphery of land and the other blue and bluish areas indicating IDF clearing operations. The red center line is the Netzarim crossing and the southern border Philadelphi Corridor. The situation remains fluid in January 2025. [Credit, key and interactive GIS map here.](#)