



# Documentation from Israel and Gaza

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# Research and documentation in armed conflicts

- How do we work in the field?
- What evidence are we looking for to determine breaches of IHL?

# 1. THE ATTACK ON ISRAELIS THE 7. OCTOBER



“Massacring civilians is a war crime and there can be no justification for these reprehensible attacks. We verified chilling videos which show armed men shooting at civilians and dragging people away as hostages.”

*Agnés Callamard, Amnesty International’s Secretary General*





## 2. DOCUMENTATION IN GAZA

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A fragment of the JDAM that struck the Abu Mu'eileq family home.



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Damage caused to the Abu Mu'eileq family home.



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A fragment of the JDAM that struck the al-Najjar family home.



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Damage caused to the al-Najjar family home.

Fragments of US-made JDAM-bombs found in rubble of homes destroyed by Israeli air strikes in Gaza

➤ 43 civilians killed

# AL-NAJJAR FAMILY

On 10 October at approximately 8.30pm, an Israeli air strike killed 21 members of the al-Najjar family when the family home in Deir al-Balah was bombed. Three neighbours were also killed.



Members of the Al Najjar family who were killed in the strike. Copyright: Private / Amnesty International.

# ABU MU'EILEQ FAMILY

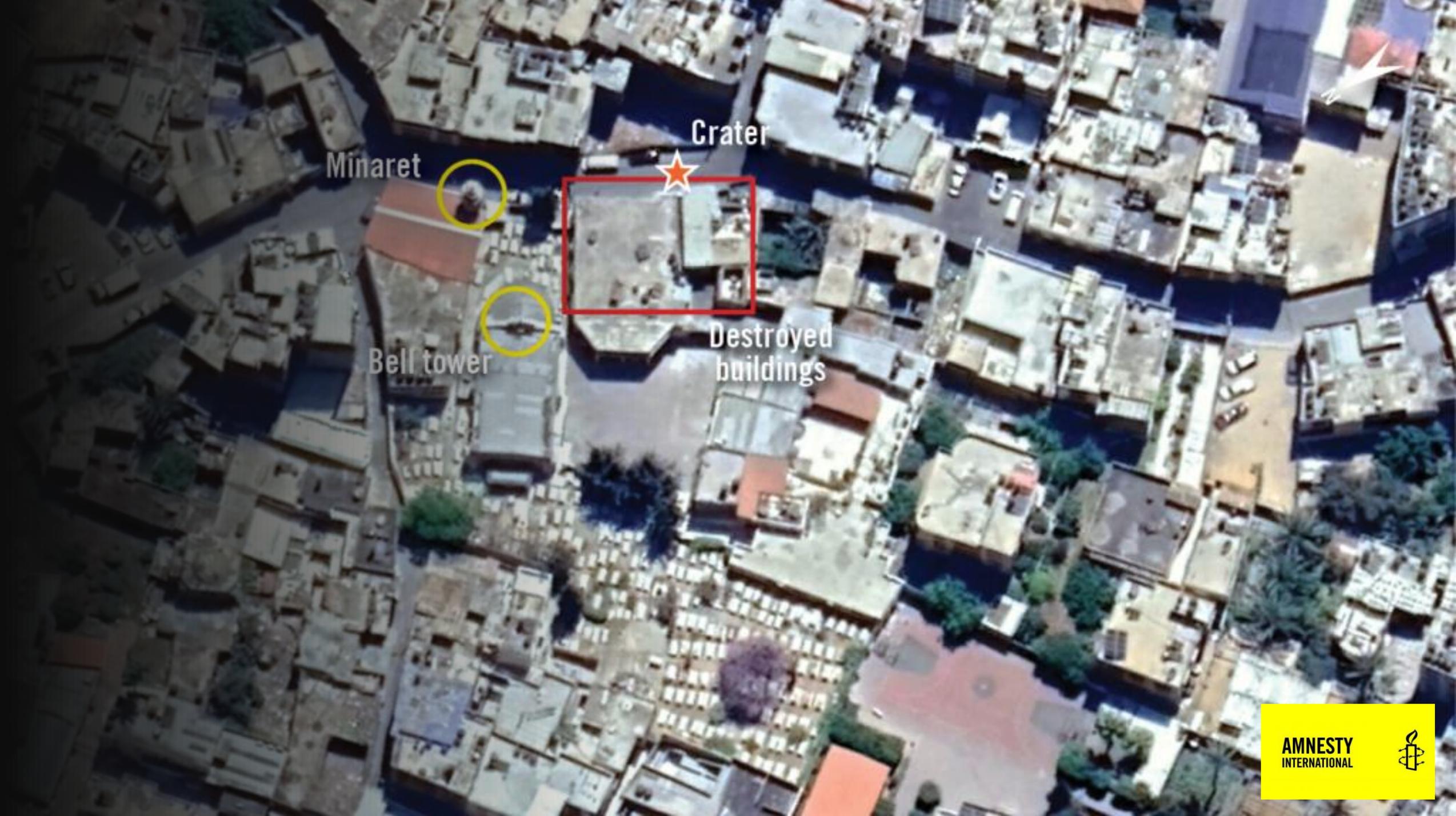


Members of the Abu Mu'eileq family who were killed in the strike. Copyright: Private / Amnesty International.



**On 19 October, an Israeli air strike destroyed a building in the compound of the Saint Porphyrius Greek Orthodox Church in the Gaza City, killing 18 civilians and injuring 12+ others.**





Minaret

Crater

Bell tower

Destroyed buildings

On 20 October, **the Israeli military posted a video of drone footage** on social media, reviewed and archived by Amnesty International, showing the moment of the air strike on a building within the church compound. Several media outlets then quoted an Israeli military [statement](#) indicating that “IDF fighter jets struck the command and control center belonging to a Hamas terrorist involved in the launching of rockets and mortars toward Israel”, acknowledging that “a wall of a church in the area was damaged” as a result of the strike, and assuring that “the incident is under review”.

However, **the Israeli military video showing the strike has since been deleted**, and no information has been provided by the Israeli military or authorities to substantiate the claim that the destroyed church building was a Hamas “command and control center”, nor any further information about the purported review of the strike.

# 3. ONGOING RESEARCH







# Spike in human rights violations on the Westbank



How is our  
research used?

Challenging the  
"truth"

