



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.

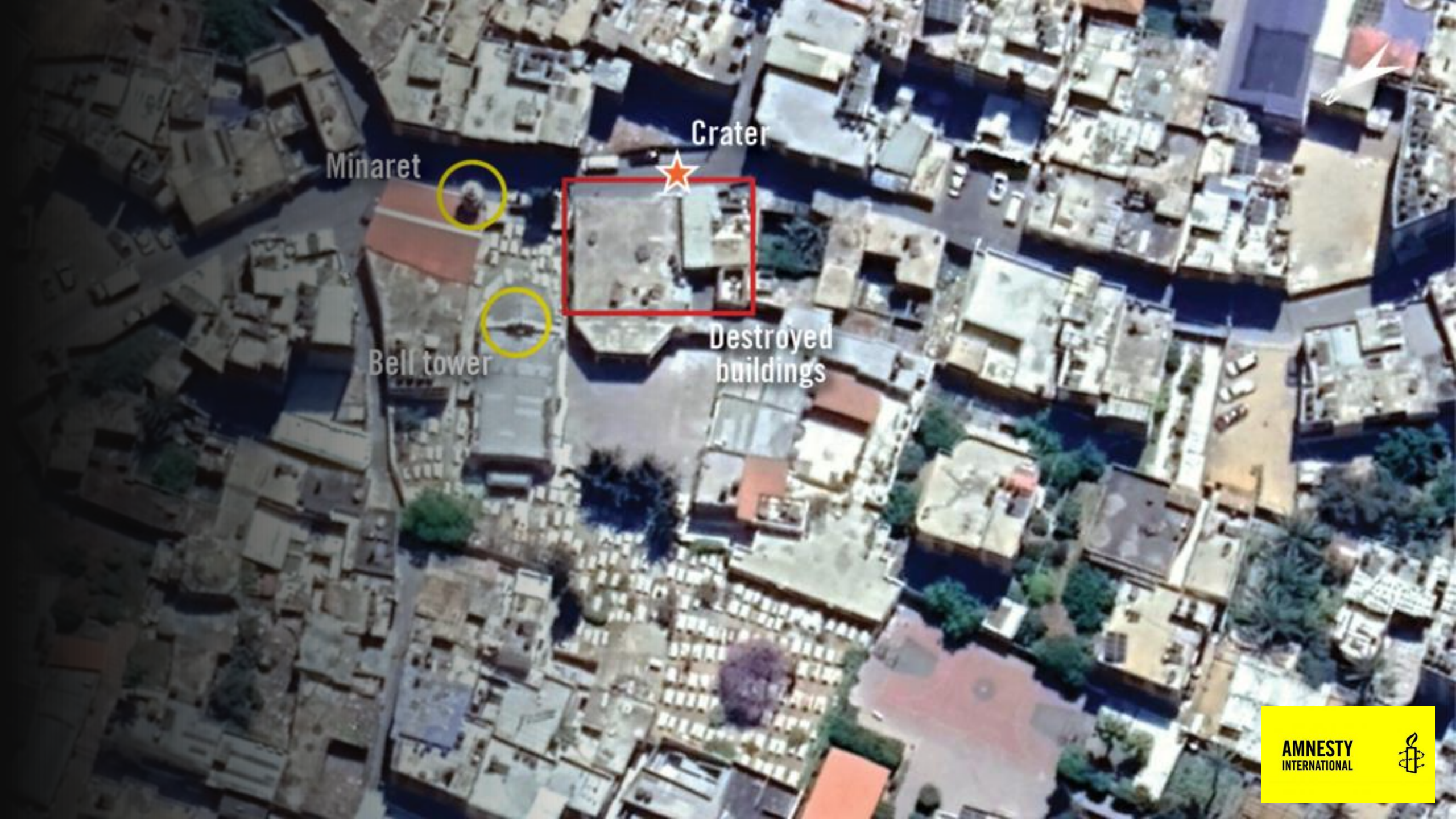
ABU MU'EILEQ FAMILY



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"

