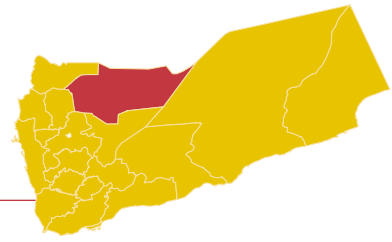


Al-Jawf Governorate



Al-Jawf

A. Summary

In Al-Jawf Governorate, there are 20 communities with a total population of 15,960 impacted by landmine/UXO contamination. A total of 63 mined areas with a reported surface of 17.6 million square meters have been identified. Out of this, 15.4 million square meters is reported to be flat land overgrown, at least in part, with short grass, bushes, and/or trees. The survey also recorded two recent¹ and 164 less-recent² mine victims in the affected communities.

B. Location

Al-Jawf Governorate is located in the north of the country, bordering Saudi Arabia on the north, with an area of 50,869 square kilometers and a population of approximately 347,639³.

C. Scope and history of the landmine contamination

Of the 12 districts in Al-Jawf, six are affected by landmines/UXO. Levels of contamination vary from district to district. The landmine-affected districts include Al-Hazm, Al-Humaidat, Kharab Al-Marashi, Al-Matma, Al-Zaher, and Khab Al-Sha'f. No landmine/UXO contamination has been reported in the remaining six districts.

Of the 130 communities in the six affected districts, 20 reported mine/UXO impacts. In these 20 communities, 63 mined areas are reportedly blocking access to an estimated 17.6 million square meters of land. The survey information concurs that the landmines/UXO in Al-Jawf originated during the 1963–1968 conflict.

D. Impact upon communities

Landmine/UXO contamination affects 20 communities with a total population of 15,960. The communities affected consist of 13 compact and five dispersed villages and of two suburban settlements. As per the survey's scoring mechanism, one community suffers a medium level of impact, and 19 a low level.

In the majority of affected communities, landmine/UXO contamination blocks access to pastureland and roads. Eighteen communities reported that landmines blocked access to some pastureland, while 12 communities reported blocked roads. Among the other types of blockages, two communities reported blockages to farmland, one to housing, and one to water.

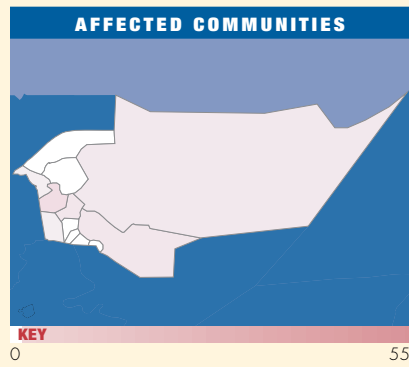
The survey found that 166 people in Al-Jawf were injured or killed by mines: two in the past two years, and 164 previously. Of the two recent mine victims, one

¹ During the past two years.

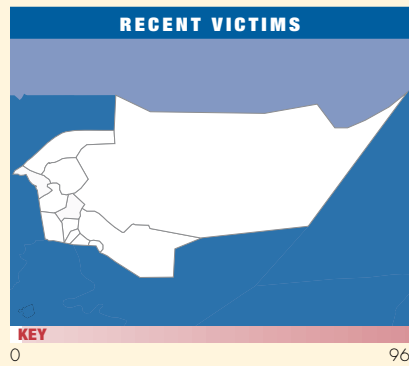
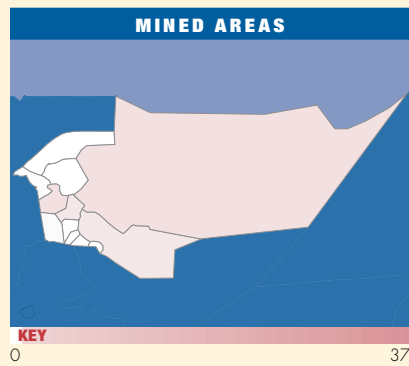
² Before the past two years.

³ Population figures from the Central Statistics Organization (CSO).

AT A GLANCE: LANDMINE CONTAMINATION IN AL-JAWF GOVERNORATE



District	Affected communities	Mined areas	All victims
Al-Hazm	4	14	47
Al-Humaidat	7	16	21
Al-Matm	1	2	0
Al-Zaher	4	13	35
Khab Al-Sha'f	3	16	62
Kharab Al-Marashi	1	2	1

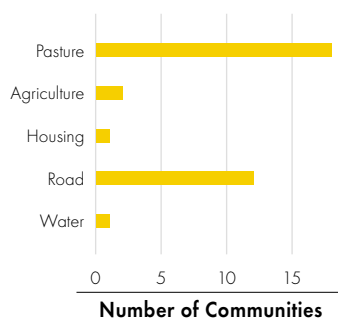


had come to harm in Al-Zaher and one in Kharab Al-Marashi district. One of the mine victims was injured when tampering with a mine and the other while collecting food/water.

E. Implications for mine action

Landmines in Al-Jawf were laid primarily along access routes to points of strategic importance and around former military positions during the 1963–1968 conflict. An estimated total surface of 17.6 million square meters is contaminated by mines or UXO. Of this, 15.4 million square meters are flat land overgrown, at least in part, with short grass, bushes, and/or trees.

ACCESS BLOCKED BY LAND TYPE



ESTIMATED CONTAMINATED SURFACE LAND IN SQUARE METERS BY VEGETATION AND GROUND PROFILE

Vegetation	Ground Profile		Total
	Flat land only	Hillside, ridge, and gully	
None	5,000	500,000	505,000
Short grass only	20,000	190,000	210,000
Tall grass, at least some	0	0	0
Bushes or trees, at least some	15,464,000	1,397,900	16,861,900
Grand total	15,489,000	2,087,900	17,576,900

A majority of the mined areas are reported to contain a combination of AP, AT, and/or UXO, though some contain only one of these types.

Among the communities surveyed, none reported having received any mine awareness training. In addition, no victim assistance or mine survey/clearance program was evident during the same period. However, local people in two communities, one each in Al-Hazm and Khab Sha’f districts, are reported to have attempted some mine/UXO clearance.

ESTIMATED AFFECTED SURFACE LAND BY TYPE OF DEVICES AND NUMBER OF MINED AREAS

Type of device	Mined areas	Surface land (Sqm)
Anti-personnel mines	20	1,801,700
Anti-tank mines	17	13,207,400
Mines and UXO	26	2,567,800
Total	63	17,576,900

COMMUNITY-WIDE DETAILS OF LANDMINE/UXO CONTAMINATION IN AL-JAWF

	Communities affected	Population affected	Mined areas	Estimated surface area (Sqm)	Victims				
					Recently killed	Recently injured	Killed earlier	Injured earlier	All victims
Al-Hazm	Al-Saleel Shehatt	600	5	1,116,000	0	0	7	7	14
	Baten Al-Saeed	300	2	340,000	0	0	9	4	13
	Batten Al-Hamam	150	3	456,000	0	0	8	1	9
	Yanabba'a	200	4	1,340,000	0	0	8	3	11
	Total 4	1,250	14	3,252,000	0	0	32	15	47
Al-Humaidat	Al-Humaidat	4,000	8	141,500	0	0	5	5	10
	Aqubah	800	2	39,000	0	0	1	3	4
	Ramdha	250	1	3,500	0	0	1	0	1
	Al-Fajrah	400	1	4,500	0	0	5	0	5
	Janat Melass	500	1	5,000	0	0	0	0	0
	Safh Al-No'man	1,000	2	39,200	0	0	0	0	0
	Al-Wagherah	300	1	2,800	0	0	1	0	1
Total 7	7,250	16	235,500	0	0	13	8	21	
Al-Matma	Al-Hamah Al-Seqrah	200	2	55,000	0	0	0	0	0
	Total 1	200	2	55,000	0	0	0	0	0
Al-Zaher	Al-Aqdah Al-Shanan	700	4	270,000	0	1	19	14	34
	Al-Haraj Al-Easa	300	4	240,000	0	0	0	0	0
	Al-Dhaheeka	300	1	70,000	0	0	0	0	0
	Qarn Al-Melahah	300	4	150,000	0	0	0	1	1
	Total 4	1,600	13	730,000	0	1	19	15	35
Khab Al-Sha'f	Al-Ashra' Aal Hadpan	210	6	787,400	0	0	8	12	20
	Beer Al-Marazeeq	5,000	7	12,130,000	0	0	17	18	35
	Al-Rzezah	350	3	312,000	0	0	3	4	7
Total 3	5,560	16	13,229,400	0	0	28	34	62	
Kharab Al-Marashi	Qaryat Sam'ar	100	2	75,000	1	0	0	0	1
	Total 1	100	2	75,000	1	0	0	0	1
Al-Jawf Total		20	63	17,576,900	1	1	92	72	166

MINE-AFFECTED COMMUNITIES IN AL-JAWF GOVERNORATE, RANKED BY IMPACT

