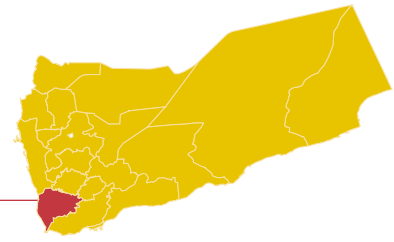


# Taiz Governorate



Taiz

## A. Summary

In Taiz Governorate, there are 80 communities with a total population of 46,808 impacted by landmine contamination. No fewer than 48 of those are located in Shar'ab Al-Rawna district. A total of 115 mined areas with a reported surface of 2.9 million square meters have been identified. Of this, 2.5 million square meters is reported to be hillside, ridge, or gully overgrown, at least in part, with short and tall grass, bushes, or trees. The survey also recorded five recent<sup>1</sup> and 485 less-recent<sup>2</sup> mine victims in the affected communities.

## B. Location

Taiz Governorate is located in the far southwestern part of the country bordering the Red Sea in the west, with an area of 10,037 square kilometers and a population of approximately 1,870,000<sup>3</sup>.

## C. Scope and history of the landmine contamination

Of the 18 districts in Taiz, six are contaminated by landmines/UXO. Levels of contamination vary from district to district. The landmine-affected districts include Al-Makha, Al-Waze'yah, Maqbanah, Mawiah, Shar'ab Al-Rawna and Shar'ab Al-Salam. No landmine/UXO contamination has been reported from the remaining 12 districts.

Of the 616 communities in the six affected districts, 80 reported mine/UXO impacts. In these 80 communities, 115 mined areas are reportedly blocking access to an estimated 2.9 million square meters of land. The landmine problem in Taiz is primarily concentrated in Shar'ab Al-Rawna district, affecting 48 communities. The survey information concurs that the landmines/UXO in Taiz were originated during the 1969–1985 conflict.

## D. Impact upon communities

Landmine/UXO contamination affects 80 communities with a total population 46,808. The communities affected consist of 57 dispersed and 23 compact villages. As per the survey's scoring mechanism, four communities suffer a medium level of impact, and 76 a low level.

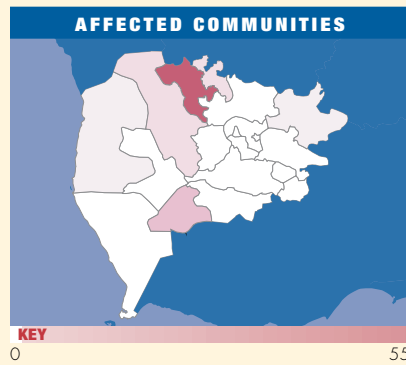
In the majority of affected communities, landmine/UXO contamination is blocking access to pasture and firewood sources. As many as 77 communities reported blocked access to some pastureland, while 10 do not have access to

<sup>1</sup> During the past two years.

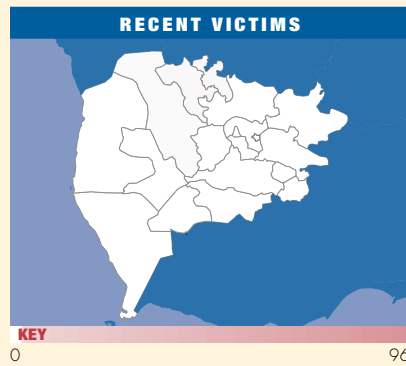
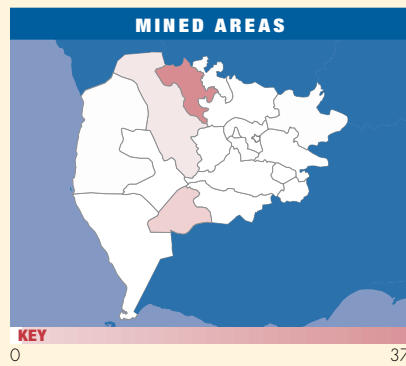
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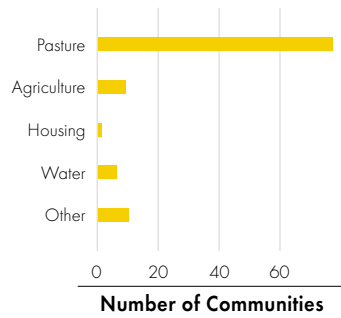
## AT A GLANCE: LANDMINE CONTAMINATION IN TAIZ GOVERNORATE



District	Affected communities	Mined areas	All victims
Al-Makha	1	1	4
Al-Waze'yah	17	25	113
Maqbanah	7	15	22
Mawiah	1	1	2
Shar'ab Al-Rawna	48	63	321
Shar'ab Al-Salam	6	10	28



### ACCESS BLOCKED BY LAND TYPE



some of their firewood sources. Among other types of blockages, nine communities reported farmland, six housing, and one water.

The survey found that 490 people in Taiz were injured or killed by mines: five in the past two years, and 485 previously. Of the five recent mine victims, two had come to harm in Shar'ab Al-Rawna, two in Shar'ab Al-Salam, and one in Maqbanah. Two of the recent victims were farming, while the other was herding at the time of accident.

## E. Implications for mine action

Landmines in Taiz were laid primarily around points of strategic importance and former military positions during the 1979–1985 conflict. An estimated total surface of 2.9 million square meters is contaminated by mines or UXO. Of this, 2.5 million square meters is hillside, ridge, or gully overgrown, at least in part, with short and tall grass, bushes, and/or trees.

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

Vegetation	Ground Profile		Total
	Flat land only	Hillside, ridge, and gully	
None	25	0	25
Short grass only	7,500	161,350	168,850
Tall grass, at least some	0	431,100	431,100
Bushes or trees, at least some	321,285	1,982,850	2,304,135
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>328,810</b>	<b>2,575,300</b>	<b>2,904,110</b>

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

Type of device	Mined areas	Surface land (Sqm)
Mix (AT, AP, and UXO)	3	75,000
Anti-personnel mines	111	2,827,860
UXO	1	1250
<b>Total</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>2,904,110</b>

Of the 115 contaminated areas, 111 areas are reported to contain anti-personnel mines; three areas a combination of AP, AT, and/or UXO; and one only UXO.

Among the communities surveyed, none of them are reported to have received any mine awareness training during the past two years. In addition, no victim assistance or mine survey/clearance program was evident during the same period. However, local people in eight communities of four districts reported to have attempted some mine/UXO clearance during the past two years. This includes eight communities in Al-Waz'yah, one in Al-Makha, one in Shar'ab Al-Rawna and one in Shar'ab Al-Salam.

**COMMUNITY-WIDE DETAILS OF LANDMINE/UXO CONTAMINATION IN TAIZ**

	Communities affected	Population affected	Mined areas	Estimated surface area (Sqm)	Victims				
					Recently killed	Recently injured	Killed earlier	Injured earlier	All victims
Al-Makha	Al-Fatrah	500	1	1,250	0	0	1	3	4
	<b>Total 1</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
Al-Waz'yah	Al-Shobab	105	2	180,000	0	0	3	0	3
	Qanahwo	385	3	18,600	0	0	4	2	6
	Al-Harthah	560	1	100,000	0	0	3	4	7
	Al-Hojairah	161	2	130,000	0	0	6	6	12
	Al-Zowaim	560	1	1,500	0	0	4	1	5
	Al-Ghail	560	2	15,000	0	0	10	5	15
	Al-Hoqaibah	700	1	10,000	0	0	8	5	13
	Al-Jaddon	105	2	6,200	0	0	0	0	0
	Al-O'qaidah Al-O'lia	210	1	10,000	0	0	2	1	3
	Al-O'qaidah Al-Soffa	210	1	45,000	0	0	3	5	8
	Al-Qara'a	175	1	20,000	0	0	1	0	1
	Al-Rada Al-Hanhan	42	1	18,000	0	0	4	0	4
	Al-Rahaita Al-O'lya	189	1	50,000	0	0	2	2	4
	Al-Rahaita Al-Soffah	336	1	100,000	0	0	6	8	14
	Bakhitah	210	2	6,000	0	0	4	2	6
	Wadi Al-Maqam	1,050	1	360,000	0	0	10	1	11
	Ront Al-Msarh	100	2	36,000	0	0	1	0	1
<b>Total 17</b>	<b>5,658</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1,106,300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>113</b>	

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	Communities affected	Population affected	Mined areas	Estimated surface area (Sqm)	Victims				
					Recently killed	Recently injured	Killed earlier	Injured earlier	All victims
Maqbanah	Al-Barraishah	105	4	72,300	0	0	2	0	2
	Al-Dhanabah	560	1	30,000	0	0	3	0	3
	Al-Torabi	42	1	250,000	0	0	6	3	9
	Jassar	140	1	1,000	0	0	0	0	0
	Al-Aqaidah	294	3	197,500	0	1	3	1	5
	Al-Hajjar	315	1	80,000	0	0	2	0	2
	So'anob	420	4	33,500	0	0	1	0	1
<b>Total 7</b>	<b>1,876</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>664,300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>22</b>	
Mawiah	Al-Nabwa	350	1	1,000	0	0	2	0	2
	<b>Total 1</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
Shar'ab Al-Rawna	Al-Hadhan	150	1	100,000	0	0	2	4	6
	Al-Baidha	300	1	3,600	0	0	0	1	1
	Al-Ghail	210	1	240,000	0	0	1	7	8
	Al-Mahmoor	200	1	28	0	0	0	0	0
	Al-Majarin	42	1	7	0	0	0	1	1
	Al-Maqlad	80	1	65,000	0	0	7	5	12
	Al-Modwarah	280	2	62,000	0	0	8	7	15
	Al-Sofah	220	2	140,000	1	1	8	3	13
	Harf Al-Bostan	70	1	9,000	0	0	5	6	11
	Qallat Al-Swaidah	175	1	12,000	0	0	3	12	15
	Al-Dakhool	154	1	6,000	0	0	0	1	1
	Ya'fes	56	1	6,000	0	0	0	3	3
	Al-Heyaj	600	1	15,000	0	0	2	3	5
	Al-Hidiah	49	1	550	0	0	3	2	5
	Al-Misiabah	63	1	800	0	0	0	0	0
	Al-Moghaileq	600	1	800	0	0	0	0	0
	Al-Rebat	150	1	10,000	0	0	3	2	5
	Al-Rommanh	140	1	7,500	0	0	0	0	0
	Al-Sedrah	1,120	3	34,600	0	0	0	0	0
	Mori'ah	3,500	1	1,500	0	0	1	0	1
	Al-Maraheed	2,100	3	17,000	0	0	2	6	8
	Al-Mohalhel	560	4	75,000	0	0	27	23	50
	Kimah	420	2	5,025	0	0	9	8	17
	Al-Ahwab	175	1	2,000	0	0	15	5	20
	Al-Noba	385	2	3,500	0	0	18	8	26
	Al-Qasha'a	840	2	22,500	0	0	31	3	34
	Raheed	322	2	24,000	0	0	7	3	10
	Sobaha Al-Ollya	112	1	10,000	0	0	3	7	10
Al-Alawi	140	2	23,000	0	0	0	0	0	
Al-Ghowail	119	1	10,000	0	0	1	5	6	
Al-Tho'aib	220	1	30,000	0	0	4	5	9	
Harf Al-Sha'b	210	1	5,000	0	0	2	4	6	
Al-Baghadadi	210	1	4,000	0	0	3	1	4	

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	Communities affected	Population affected	Mined areas	Estimated surface area (Sqm)	Victims				
					Recently killed	Recently injured	Killed earlier	Injured earlier	All victims
Shar'ab Al-Rawna cont'd	Al-Ikdah	490	1	7,500	0	0	0	0	0
	Al-Madhah	200	1	7,500	0	0	0	0	0
	Al-Son'	250	1	4,500	0	0	0	1	1
	Johbor	120	1	10,000	0	0	0	1	1
	Adan Barakah	900	1	10,000	0	0	0	1	1
	Al-Jizayyir	175	1	30,000	0	0	0	0	0
	Al-Mahal	250	1	10,000	0	0	0	0	0
	Al-Mored	700	1	4,000	0	0	2	0	2
	Al-Qela'	1,050	1	40,400	0	0	2	0	2
	Al-Qorof	84	1	2,800	0	0	1	1	2
	Khawalah	200	1	250	0	0	0	0	0
	Morekhah	1,225	2	4,400	0	0	3	2	5
	Al-Dajaisah Bani Salman	112	1	5,000	0	0	0	0	0
	Moneeh	56	1	2,000	0	0	1	3	4
Wadi Al-Qohaim	350	1	400	0	0	0	1	1	
<b>Total 48</b>	<b>20,134</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>1,084,160</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>321</b>	
Shar'ab Al-Salam	Wadheha Al-Soffa	3,500	2	9,800	0	0	0	3	3
	Hobel	5,000	2	10,800	0	0	1	8	9
	Al-Osahi	140	3	10,300	0	0	2	0	2
	Bani Obaid	5,250	1	100	0	0	2	2	4
	Shoqahah	900	1	100	0	0	2	3	5
	Al-Dhehrah	3,500	1	16,000	2	0	3	0	5
	<b>Total 6</b>	<b>18,290</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>47,100</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Taiz Total 80</b>	<b>46,808</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>2,904,110</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>490</b>	

**MINE-AFFECTED COMMUNITIES IN TAIZ GOVERNORATE, RANKED BY IMPACT**

