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## **Damage Assessment: Beit Hanoun Area**



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## **Damage assessment report: Beit Hanoun area - 28 December 2005**

IMG has carried out a rapid assessment of the damages in Beit Hanoun area the 28 December 2005. The El Seka Bridge and Saleh El Din Road have been damaged again (See IMG damage assessment report Beit Hanoun 18 December 2005) due to Israeli military activities during the 27-28 December 2005.

### **1. Salah El Din Road (see pictures):**

- The air strike created a hole in the road located to the northwest of El Seka Bridge with an area of 20m x 20 m and 5m depth.

### **2. El Seka Bridge (see pictures):**

- The northern part of the Bridge, the third section of it, is totally damaged
- The bridge cannot be rehabilitated and a new structure will have to be built.
- The construction of the bridge had a cost of 230,000 US\$ according to information from the Beit Hanoun Municipality (The bridge was funded by USAID).
- The road to the north of the bridge is severely damaged; approximately 200m<sup>2</sup>
- Three houses located to the west of the bridge have been evacuated.
- Many olives trees nearby have been burned due to the impact of the air strike.

### **3. The Main Entrance Bridge - funded by EC under the EMSP (see pictures)**

- The bridge itself suffered no damages during the incursion of 27/28 December
- However, during a previous attack (See report 18 December 05) Israeli missiles struck the road paid by EC, just south of the bridge, making a hole This hole has been filled up with Kurkar –as a temporary solution- to make the road accessible for vehicles to pass in and out of Beit Hanoun from the south.

### **IMG is preparing the following:**

- Assessment of the damages and the cost of repair.

### **Attachment to this report:**

- Pictures from El Seka Bridge, page 2 and 3
- Pictures from Salah El Din Road, page 4
- Pictures from the Main Entrance Bridge, page 5
- Map of Beit Hanoun area, page 6



**El Seka Bridge**  
**Date of damage 27-28/12/2005**



The northern section of the bridge has been totally damaged by 16 missiles. IMG suggests a detailed technical examination of the remaining bridge to decide whether it can be rehabilitated. El Seka Bridge was funded by USAID



**El Seka Bridge**  
**Date of damage 27-28/12/2005**



Evacuated houses to the west of the El Seka Bridge



**Saleh El Din Road**  
**Date of damage 27-28/12/2005**



View of Saleh El Din Road in the direction of Erez – northwest of El Seka Bridge (located to the right but out of the picture). The damaged area is of approximately 20m x 20m with a 5m deep hole.

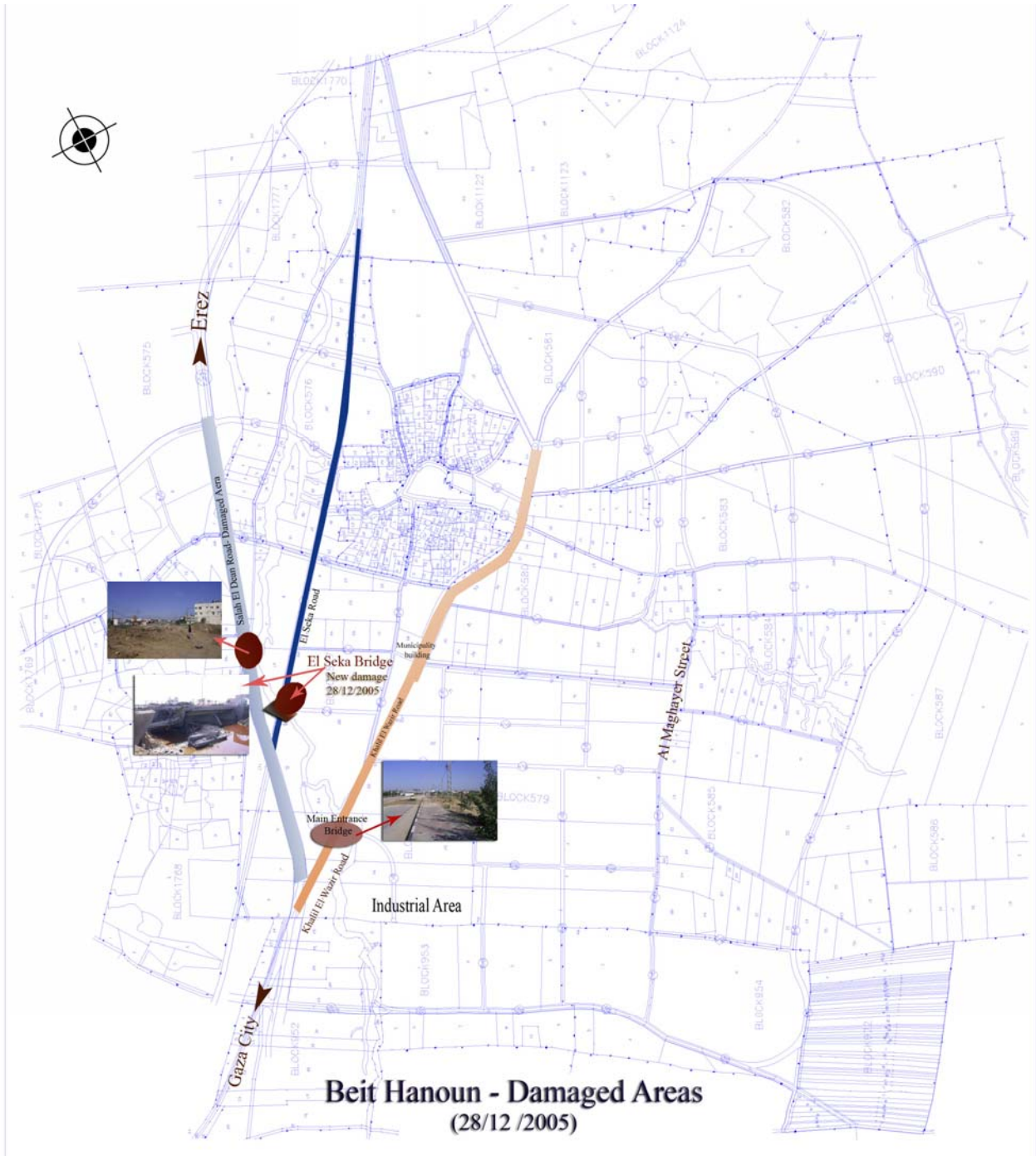


**The Main Entrance Bridge to Beit Hanoun (funded by EC)**  
**Date 28/12/2005**



View towards Beit Hanoun.

The IAF attack the 14-15 December produced as a result two big holes in the road just south of the bridge. The holes have been filled up with kurkar material in order to make the road accessible for vehicles to pass in and out of Beit Hanoun.



Location of damaged areas at El Seka Bridge and Saleh El Din Road