

Energizing Geopolitics: An Update on Syria and Palestine

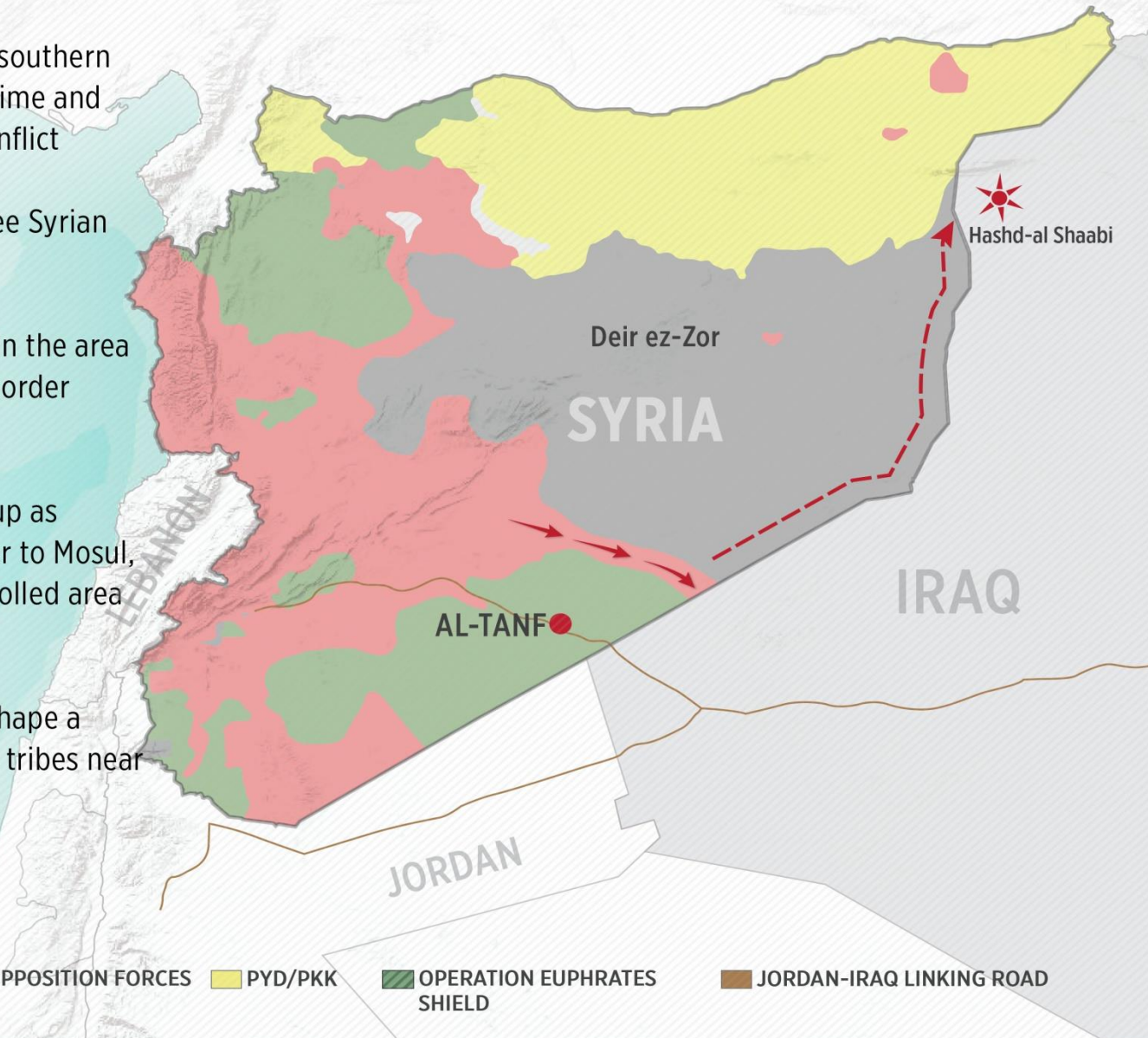
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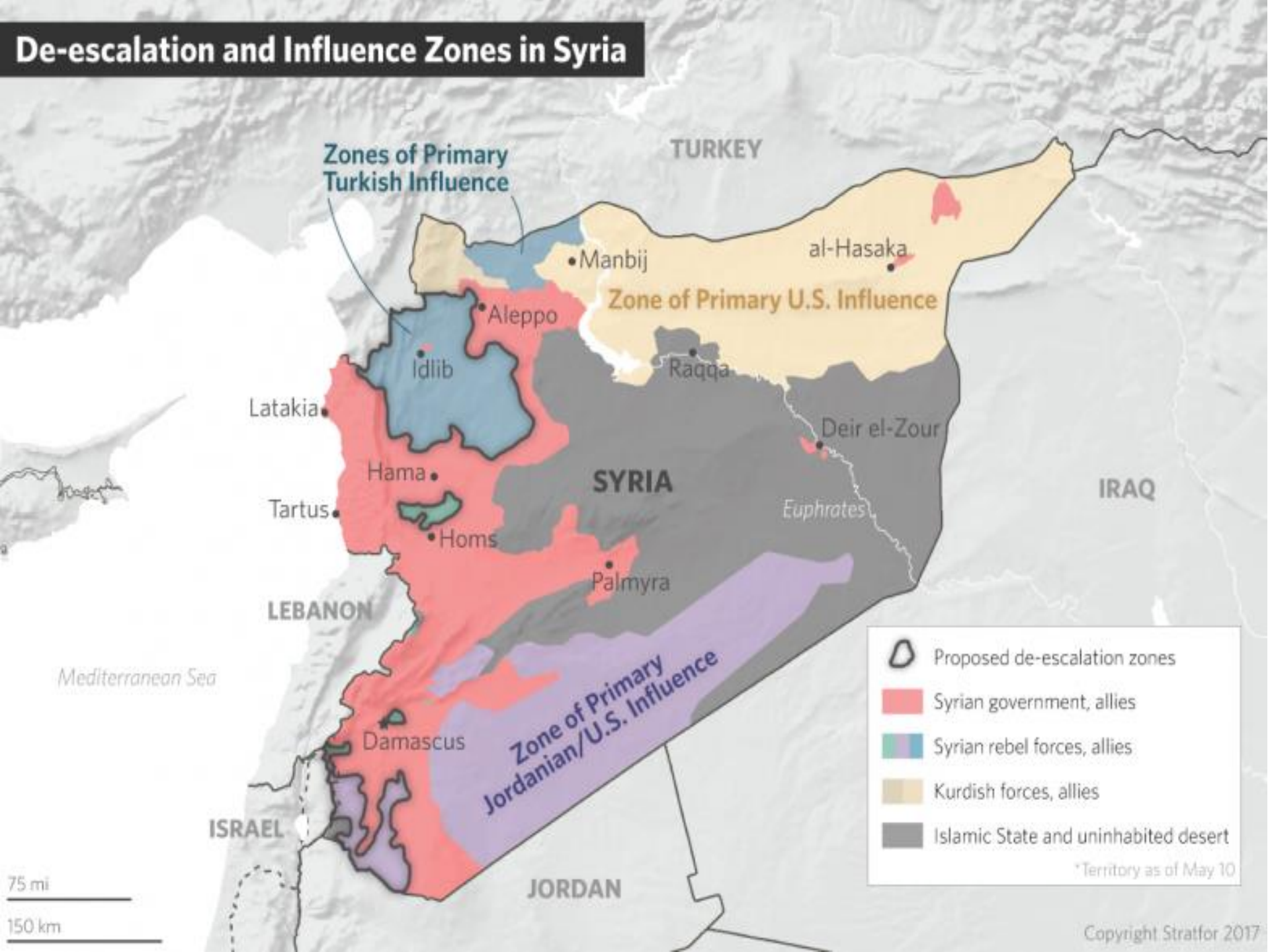
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DAESH LEAVES SE SYRIA TO ASSAD WITHOUT CONFLICT

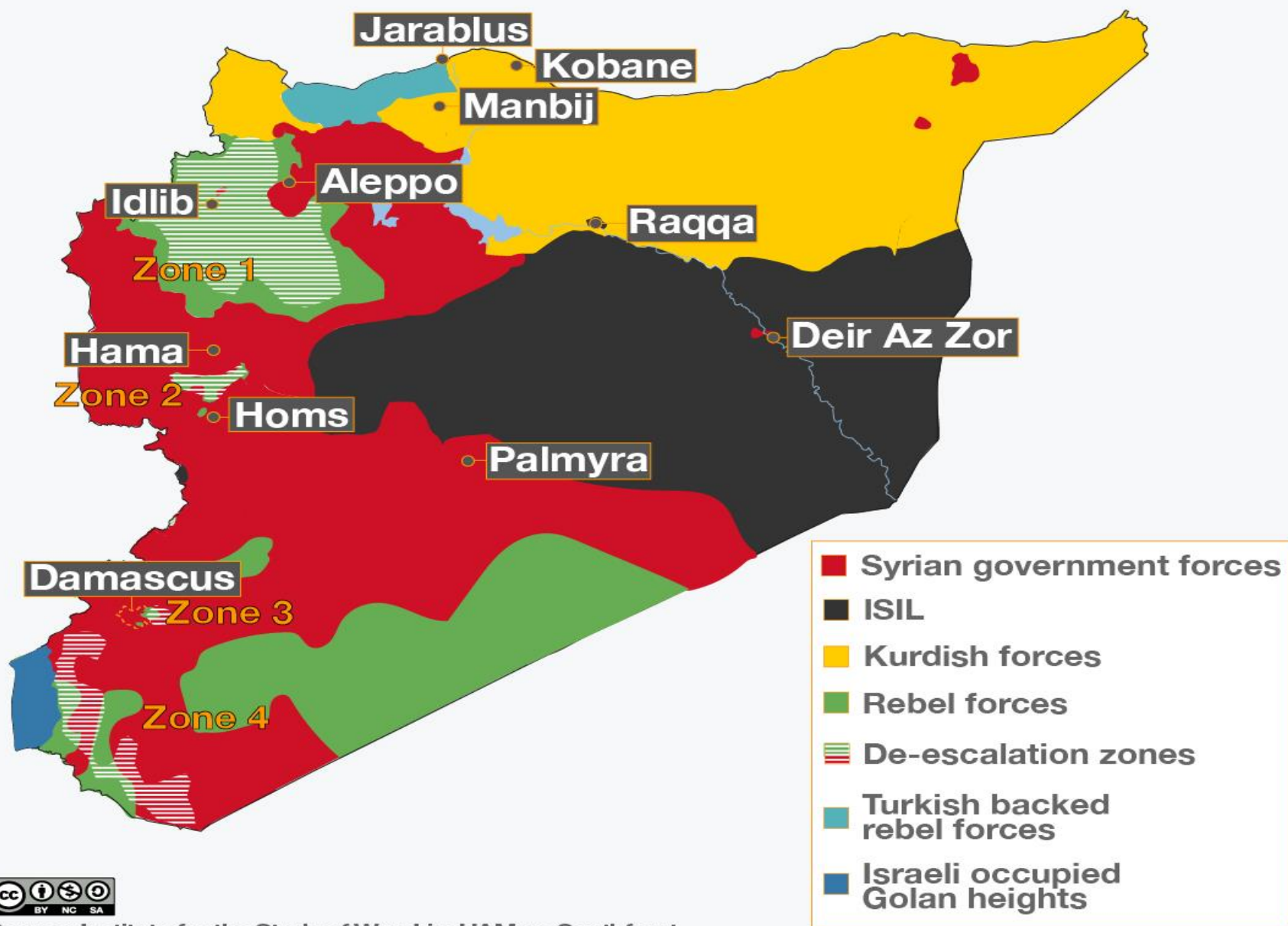
- Daesh gave a huge territory in southern Syria at once over to Assad regime and Iran-backed groups without conflict
- Thus the US and UK-backed Free Syrian Army (FSA) operation halted
- Assad and Iranian forces filled in the area and advance along Syria-Iraq border
- “Iran corridor project” geared up as stretching from Iran-Iraq border to Mosul, and from Mosul to Assad-controlled area with Hashd-al Shaabi militia
- Iranian forces have started to shape a militia force comprised of Arab tribes near Syrian border



De-escalation and Influence Zones in Syria



Syria: Who controls what?



Source: Institute for the Study of War, LiveUAMap, Southfront
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PALESTINE





A future Palestinian Exclusive Economic Zone?



Approximate point that marks 17% of Israeli-Cypriot line
33°0'32.68"N, 33°7'4.62"E

Leviathan

Israel

West Bank

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Gaza Marine

Gaza

17% is equivalent to Gaza's portion out of total Gaza-Israeli coastline

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MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Offshore Gaza
Marine licence

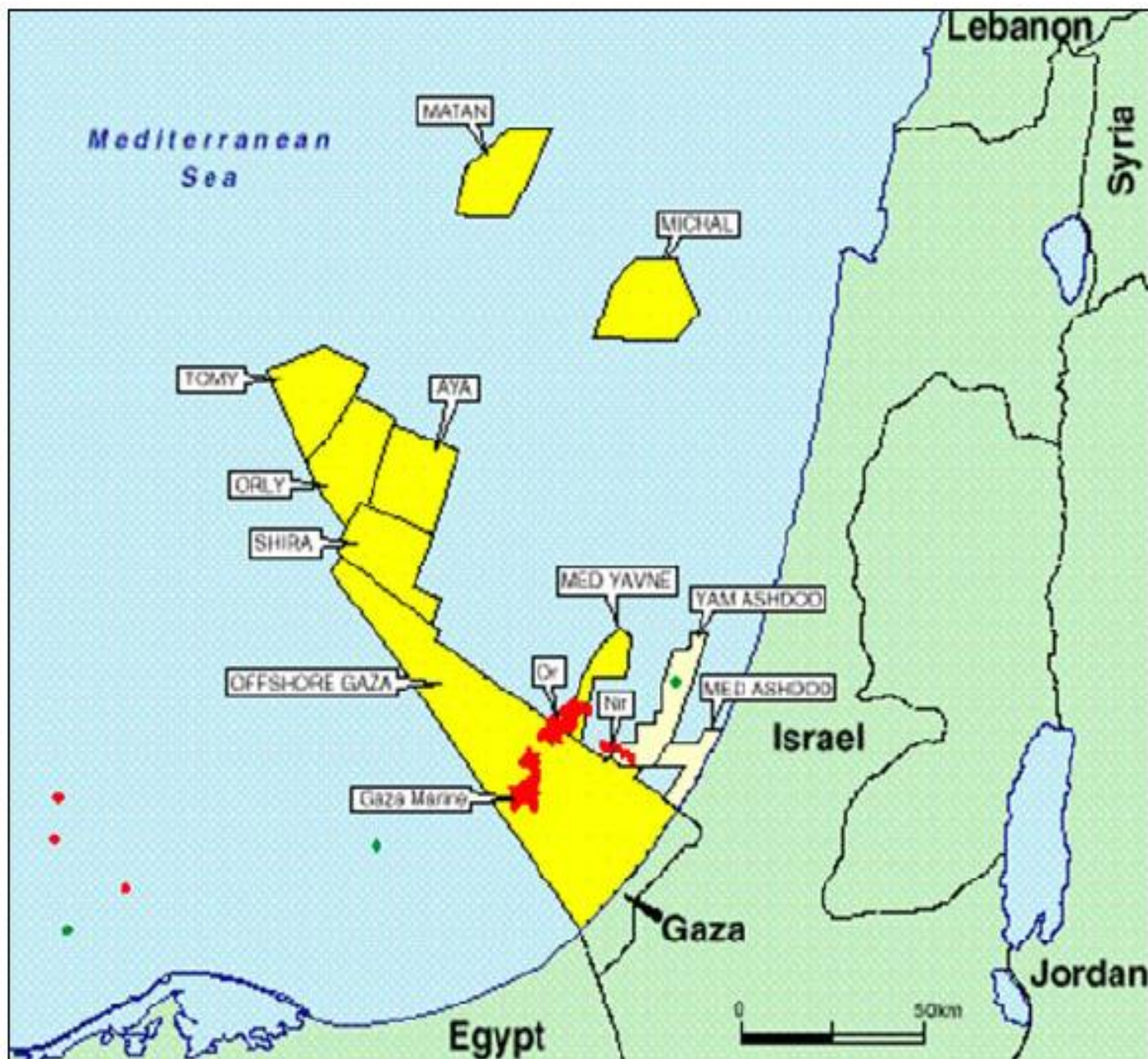
Gaza Marine

ISRAEL

GAZA

EGYPT





Source: Gaza Marine Lease, Hebrew Energy Dictionary⁹⁹. Illustrating joint geological structure at the Border and Noa Fields.

