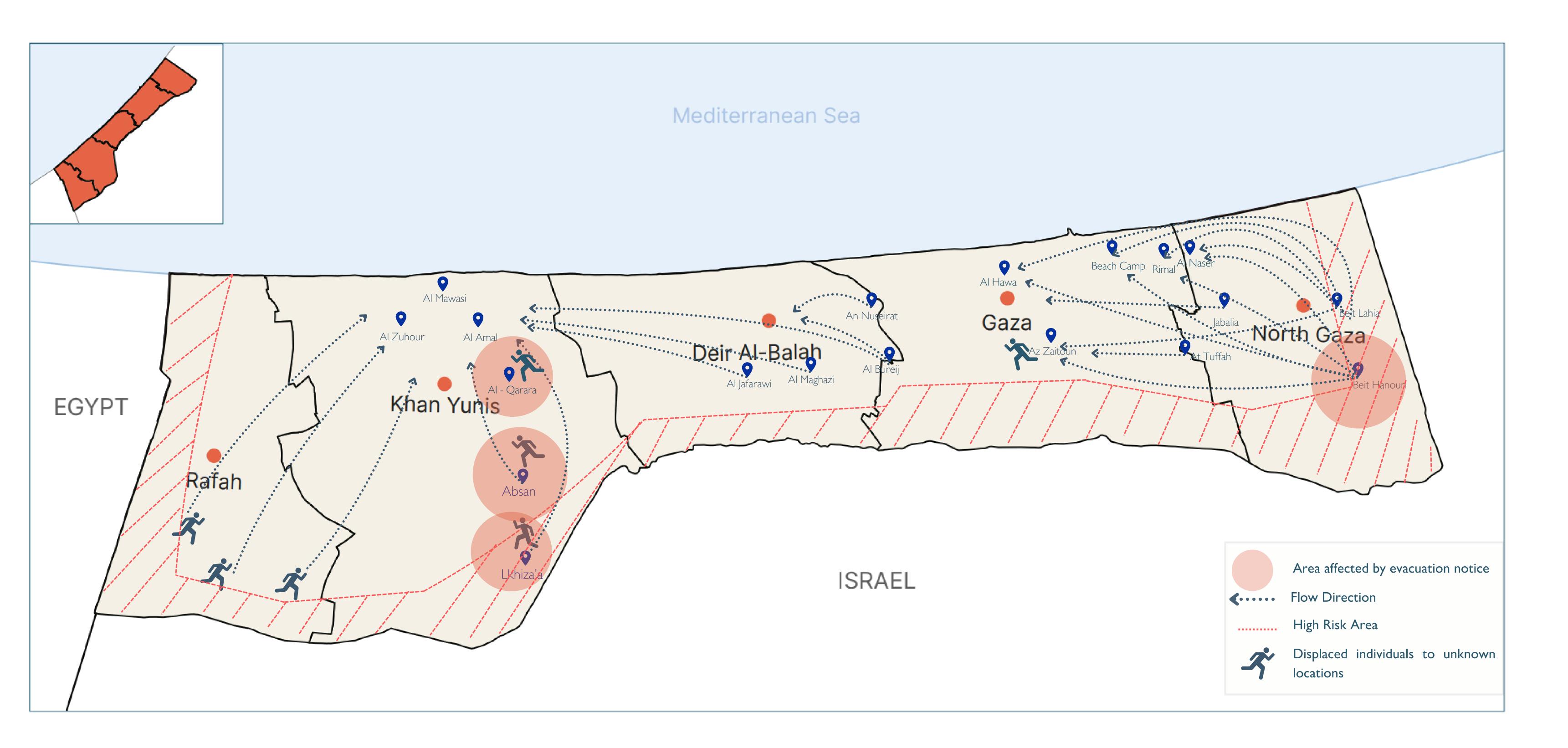
# Population Movement Monitoring Flash-Update



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The humanitarian crisis in Gaza has further deteriorated following intensive airstrikes across the region since the early hours of March 18, 2025. The escalation, coupled with military evacuation orders, has led to widespread displacement, with hundreds of people forced to flee their homes in search of safety.

This update outlines the scale, patterns, and impact of displacement in Gaza, offering insights into the ongoing humanitarian situation. Data was collected from eyewitness accounts, social media posts, and available datasets from OCHA and Site Management Cluster (SMC) partners on the ground. The information was cross-referenced and analyzed to establish displacement patterns and the impact on local infrastructure.

According to SMC Partner's analysis, the evacuation order issued on March 20th affects makeshift sites in the areas of Al Qarara and Bani Suheila in Khan Younis, which are hosting approximately 6,616 individuals.

<sup>1</sup> Estimated number of displaced individuals since March 18, following widespread airstrikes and military evacuation orders

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**Overview of Affected Areas and Displacement Patterns** 

North Gaza:

·Affected Neighborhoods/Geographical Areas: Beit Hanoun, Beit Lahia and Jabalia

•Displacement Patterns: Large-scale displacement movements from Beit Lahia and Beit Hanoun towards central Gaza, with many

families seeking refuge in safer areas. Residents from Jabalia have also moved toward Gaza City, adding to the growing number of displaced individuals. While some people have briefly returned to their homes to collect belongings, they have not resettled due to ongoing instability. In Ezbet Beit Hanoun, movement remains minimal, with displaced residents scattered among the ruins of destroyed homes, struggling to find shelter amidst the devastation.

# Beit Hanoun to Gaza City

- 30 households (165 individuals) were displaced to Al-Rimal, Al-Nasser, the Beach Camp, Al-Zaitoun, and Tal Al-Hawa.
- Approximately 350 families remain, mainly in Zeitoun and Basayna.
- 70 individuals entered Beit Hanoun to collect belongings using horse-drawn carts and trucks.
- Displacement continues despite a brief quiet period overnight due to renewed evacuation orders.
- Ezbet Beit Hanoun: No significant new displacement was observed today.
- Source: Key informant accounts, Media Monitoring, SMC Partners.

# Beit Lahia to Gaza City

- 80 households (440 individuals) were displaced to Al-Rimal, Al-Nasser, the Beach Camp, Al-Zaitoun, and Tal Al-Hawa.
- More than 1,500 families were displaced from northern Beit Lahia.
- Source: Key informant accounts, Media Monitoring, SMC Partners.

# Jabalia Refugee Camp to Gaza City

- New arrivals were reported in Al-Rimal, Al-Nasser, the Beach Camp, Al-Zaitoun, and Tal Al-Hawa.
- Source: Media Monitoring.

# Shaymaa School to Beit Lahia.

- 50 households (275 individuals) displaced.
- Source: SMC Partners.

# Gaza City:

•Affected Neighborhoods/Geographical Areas: Al-Rimal, Al-Nasser, the Beach Camp, Al-Zaitoun, Tal Al-Hawa, and Gaza City.

•Displacement Patterns: Displacement from North Gaza remains concentrated in Gaza City neighborhoods, as families seek safety amid ongoing instability. New arrivals continue to be reported across various displacement sites throughout the governorate, reflecting the ongoing movement of those affected by the crisis.

• Source: Media Monitoring and SMC Partners.

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#### Deir Al Balah:

•Affected Neighborhoods/Geographical Areas: Deir Al Balah: Al-Bureij, Al-Maghazi, Jaffarawi, Zawaida, Al-Mustafa site and Chalet.

•Displacement Patterns: Displacement in Deir Al Balah is ongoing and some individuals are relocating between temporary shelters, searching for safer areas. New arrivals being reported in several areas, particularly Al- Mustafa site and Chalet. Families displaced from

surrounding areas are seeking shelter within the governorate, and movement is concentrated in temporary shelters, including camps and public buildings. The displacement has been primarily internal, with displaced individuals choosing to stay within the governorate instead of moving to other regions. This suggests that Deir Al Balah remains a key refuge for those affected by the conflict, with many families hoping for stability or a ceasefire before deciding to move further. •Sources: SMC Partners.

# Jaffarawi to unknown locations.

• 70 households (385 individuals) displaced.

### <u>Al Bureij to Mustafa (Deir Al Balah)</u>

• 20 households (110 individuals) displaced.

### <u>Al Bureij & Al Maghazi to Musadar.</u>

• 4 households (22 individuals) displaced.

#### Khan Younis:

•Affected Neighborhoods/Geographical Areas: South Wadi Gaza, Mawassi Rafah/South Mawassi Khan Younis. •Displacement Patterns: According to SMC partners, approximately 34,500 individuals have been displaced due to ongoing evacuation orders. Most residents from the affected neighborhoods have already evacuated, seeking safety in surrounding areas. In South Wadi Gaza, movement toward the Mawassi areas continues, as displaced individuals search for shelter. Meanwhile, some families are relocating within Khan Younis or moving to other displacement sites to find more stable living conditions amid the ongoing crisis. •Sources: SMC Partners, Media Monitoring

#### Rafah:

•Affected Neighborhoods/Geographical Areas: Ash Shabbourah, Lafet Bader, East of Jenina, Arab School. •Displacement Patterns: There is ongoing movement from Rafah neighborhoods towards Khan Younis as displaced individuals seek refuge in safer areas. While some displaced people remain within Rafah, others have moved toward temporary shelters for better

#### protection.

·Sources: SMC Partners.

# Ash Shabbourah to Various Locations in Khan Younis:

- 40 households  $\rightarrow$  Al Zuhor (At Tahrir) (220 individuals)
- 20 households  $\rightarrow$  Al Amal (110 individuals)
- 20 households  $\rightarrow$  Abu Emran (110 individuals)
- I 5 households → Al Fajer (Al Mawasi) (83 individuals)

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