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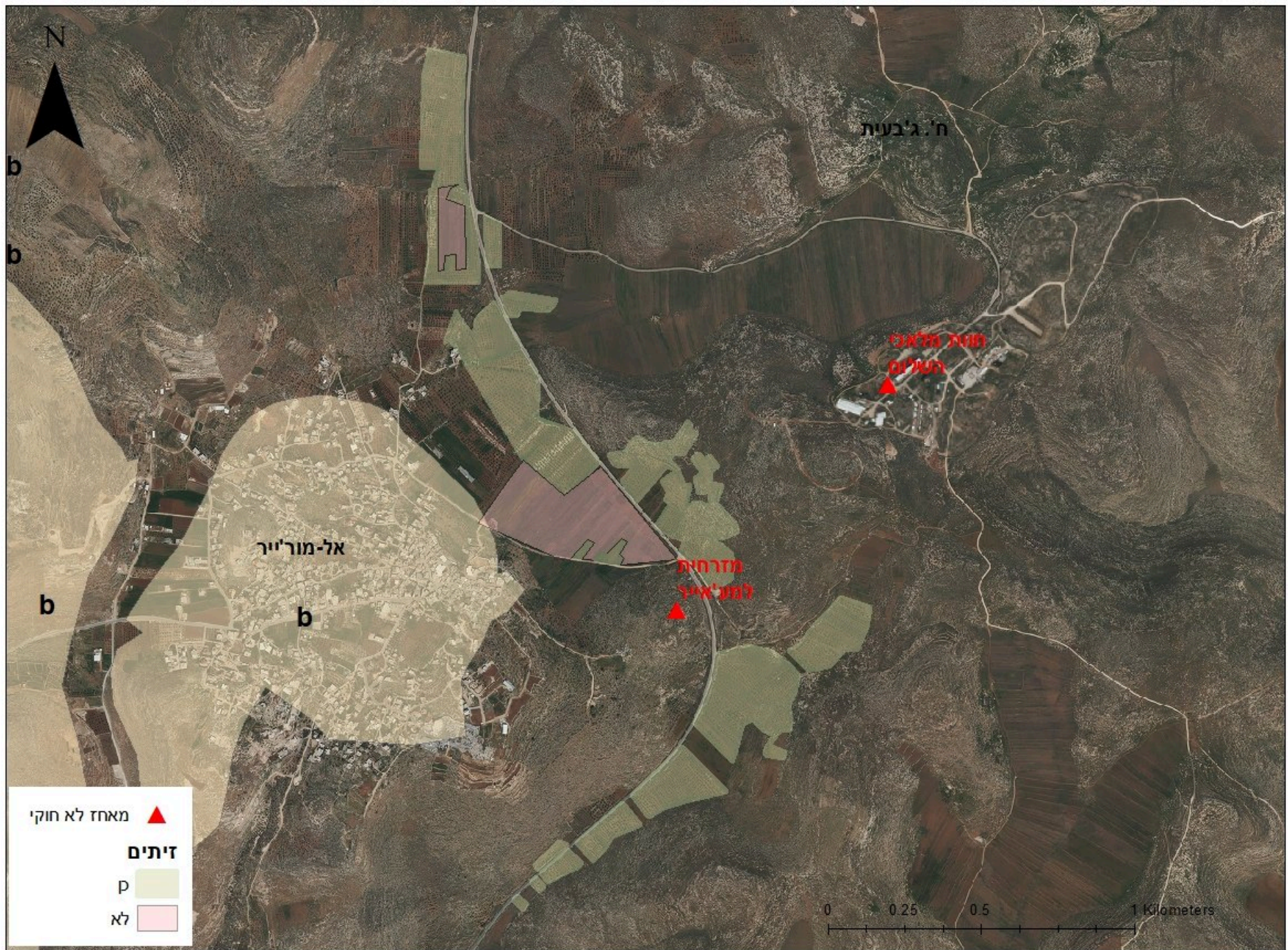
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1. I was asked yesterday by a colleague how many olive trees I estimate were uprooted on the orders+assistance of the apartheid command major in Lut and under the command of Brigadier General "Benjamin" Anan Fares, east of Al-Mughayir?

The answer is that the number is probably somewhere around 10,000 trees. Here's an explanation of how I arrived at this calculation?

This is the map of the areas where @idfonline and the settlers went wild.



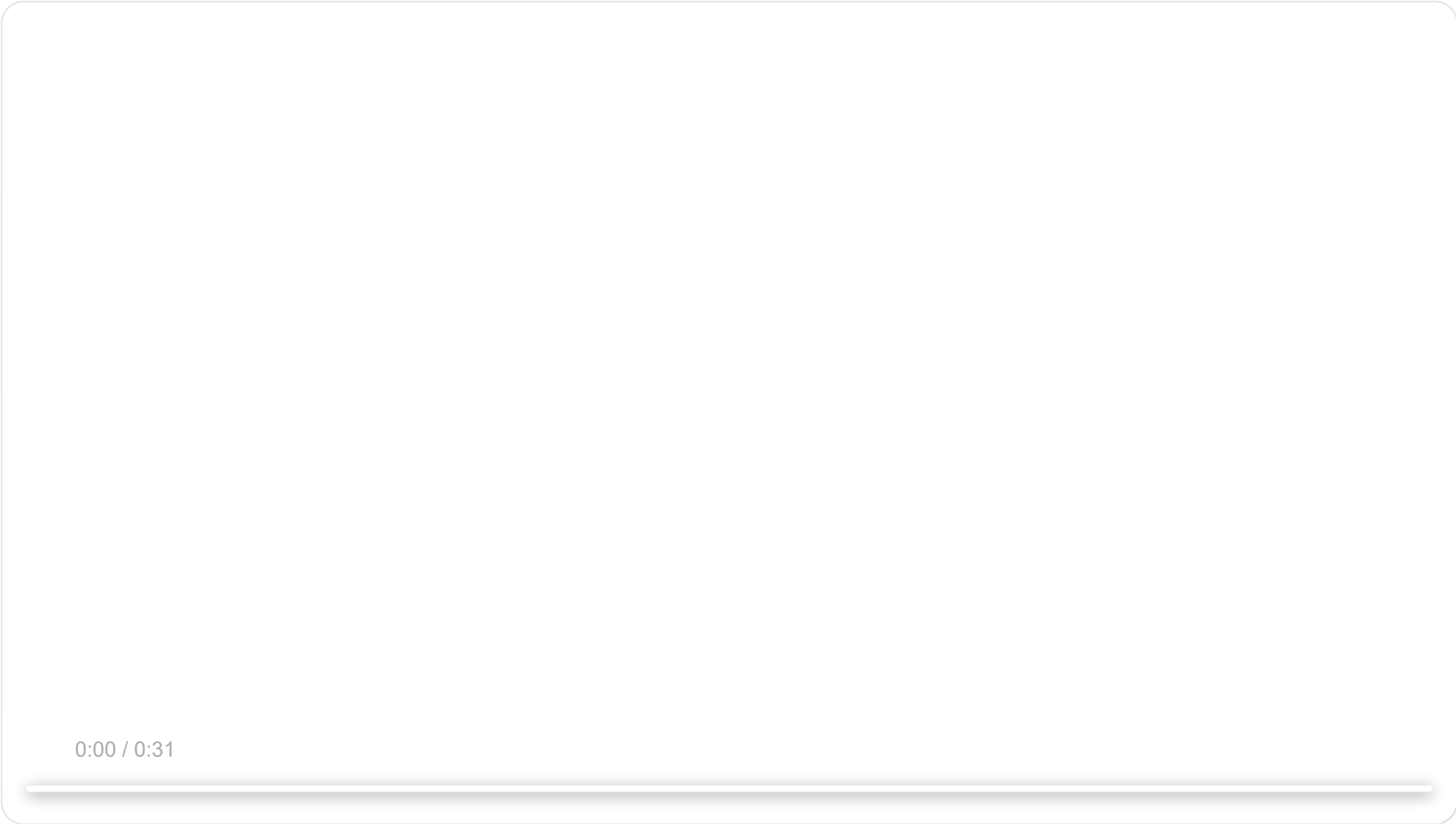
2. Of the total area they tore up, 464 dunams were olive trees and up to about 140 were fields. There are between 15-30 trees per dunam and sometimes even more. It depends on the type of soil. If we assume that there are only 15 trees per dunam on average, that means we are talking about 6,960. trees. If we assume that there are 20 trees per dunam on

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average, then the number increases to 9,280 trees.



3. Take this plot for example. It no longer exists - Lut + Fars and their settler friends tore it apart. It was a little less than a dunum in size. I counted 34 trees there, but you are welcome to count, maybe I missed a tree or two at the top or bottom. I get the impression that this is a plot that is planted relatively densely, but there are quite a few more like it.



4. If we assume that there were an average of 25 trees per dunam, then we already reach 11,600 trees. Bottom line, the number of 3,100 trees that the army threw away and that journalists have continued to quote since then, is very far from the real number of trees that were cut down there. It is much more likely that we are somewhere around 10,000 trees.


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