



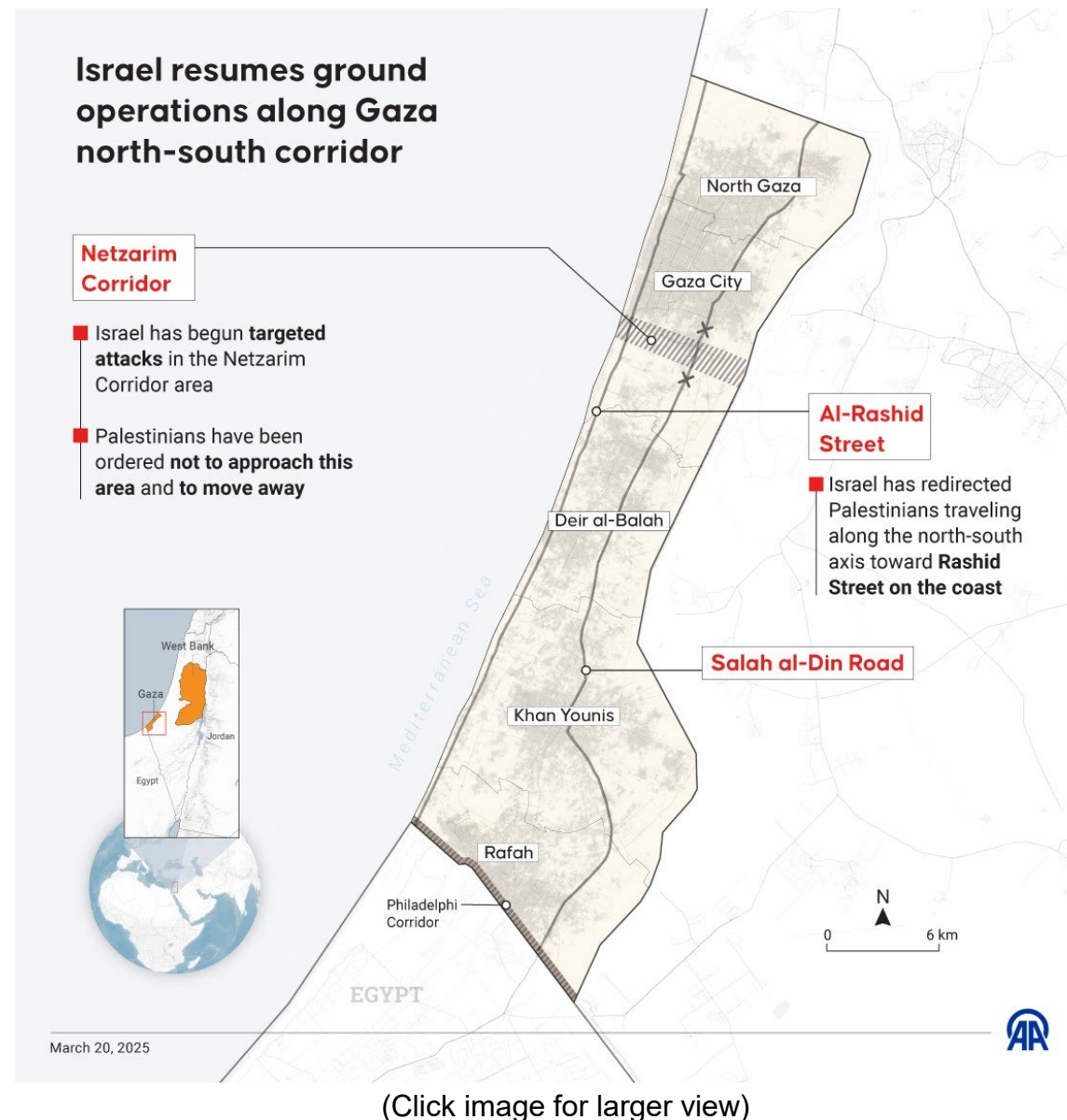
Israel Resumes Gaza Operations

(U) This infographic provides an update on the resumption of hostilities in Gaza. The ceasefire ultimately collapsed because of deep-rooted disagreements between Israel and Hamas, which compelled Israel to resume large-scale strikes.

Hostage Release & Ceasefire Terms: Israel states the strikes were a response to Hamas refusing to release hostages and rejecting ceasefire extension proposals. Hamas, in turn, accuses Israel of violating the original agreement.

Conflicting Goals: Hamas wants a permanent ceasefire and full Israeli withdrawal before releasing all hostages, as those are their primary sources of leverage. Israel is determined to prevent Hamas from retaining control of Gaza and is unwilling to agree to those terms.

Failed Phase Two Negotiations: Talks for the second phase of the ceasefire – full troop withdrawal and all hostage returns – stalled because of these irreconcilable differences.



Perceived Threat: Israel maintains Hamas remains a security threat and views the strikes as "preemptive" against potential future attacks.

US Support: The Trump administration blames Hamas for the resumption of hostilities and supports Israel's actions.



Both sides had deeply entrenched positions that made a lasting peace impossible, leading to the breakdown of the ceasefire and a return to war. Experts suggest the chances of salvaging the ceasefire are extremely low.