In the image: the Waqf's official logo

The "Islamic Shiite Waqf Committee in Burj al Barajneh" foundation and its connection to Hezbollah's medium-range missile array ("Fatah 110") launch sites in Beirut

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In July 2020, we exposed 28 sites related to the deployment of Hezbollah's medium-range missile array ("Fatah 110") in Beirut.
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Following our publication, we continued extracting data from the information collected while discovering and uncovering new information. Within this framework, we acted to uncover the identities of the landowners and building owners in which the Hezbollah sites are located.

The Hussein Maktabi high school and the Burj al Barajneh-Almeria football stadium are located within the compound where launch site "B" is located. The "Islamic Shiite Waqf Committee in Burj al Barajneh" foundation owns the compound. The foundation constructed the school and the stadium.

Situated nearby is launch site "A" that contains a parking lot adjacent to a stadium next to another school - the "Burj al Barajneh" school:

The "Islamic Shiite Waqf Committee in Burj al Barajneh" foundation, (or in Arabic- لجنة اوقاف الطائفة الإسلامية الشيعية في برج البراجنة**)** is a social charity foundation existing for 25 years. The foundation is involved in many social projects such as grave renovation, donations to the needy and more. The Waqf Committee foundation center consists of a conference hall and a Hasnia (place of religious gathering) and is located near the municipality of Burj al Barajneh.

Muhammad Faiz Harb, an engineer by profession, serves as head of the Waqf foundation. He seems to have connections to Hezbollah's al-Manar television station and to Radio Nur, which also belongs to Hezbollah. He is very close to the mayor of Burj al Barajneh, who consults with him extensively on various issues and he is also associated with Hezbollah Parliament member, Ali Ammar. (For more details about Muhammad Harb, see appendix no. 1).

Above: Muhammad Faiz Harb

Hassan Badiya Ammar is Muhammad's deputy. Ammar is a council member in Burj al Barajneh and serves as a social activist who has educated many generations in various social settings. Ammar managed various schools and he is the founder of the Green Land School.

Another prominent figure in the association's activities is Atef Mansour, a lawyer by profession. Atef Mansour is the brother of former Foreign Minister Adnan Mansour. Hezbollah and Amal supported his candidacy for mayor, and in fact, Hezbollah launched his political campaign from the start. Atef Mansour frequently attends events led by senior Hezbollah figures.

Above: Atef Mansour.

From the description on the social networks, it seems that the Waqf Committee foundation has strong ties to Hezbollah and to senior Amal officials. In addition, it is associated with the merchants of Burj al Barajneh and acts on their behalf.

The football stadium inaugurated in 2018 is used to train the adult Burj al Barajneh teams (FC BOURJE and Shabab el Burj, both from the Lebanese Premier League) and their youth departments. The initial planning of the stadium started back in 2013. The inauguration ceremony in the summer of 2018 was attended by two interesting figures. The first, Parliament Member Ali Ammar on behalf of the Hezbollah Loyalist Faction - who spoke in praise of Nasrallah and in condemnation of Israel. The second figure, Mufti Ahmad Kabalan, the representative of Sheikh 'Abd al-Amir Kabalan, chairman of the Supreme Shiite Council in Lebanon, who is not identified with Hezbollah but still maintains close ties with them. (He tried to persuade the German government not to designate Hezbollah as a terrorist organization).

Above: the Burj al Barajneh- Almeria football stadium.

Founded in 2007, **Hussein al-Maktabi High School** was established as a Shiite all-boys' high school, subsequently enrolling girl schoolchildren as well. It seems that a wide variety of subjects are taught there in the Arabic, French and English languages, including humanities subjects such as social sciences, physics, and other subjects such as mathematics and science. From time to time, these high school students appear to participate in well-documented protests in support of the Palestinian people and the preservation of the Al-Aqsa Mosque.

Muhammad Ali al Anan, born 22 February 1953, a chemistry teacher by profession, is the founding principal of the high school. He also serves as a social activist and one of the founders of 'Jamaia al Anan' - a kind of association for the promotion of various social issues. He Lives in the el-Sayyad neighborhood in Burj el-Barajneh.

Above: the school building

Above: the school logo

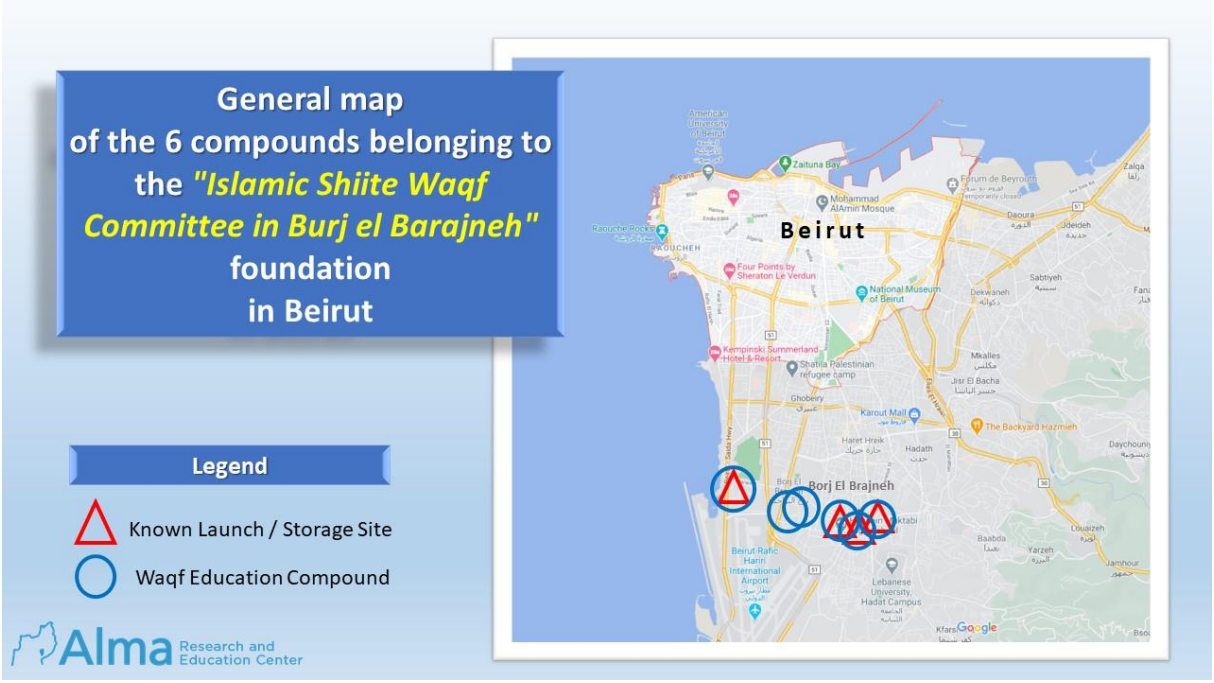
Inside the school compound there is a new structure called "al-Mabna al-Jama'i al-Jadid". Translated from the Arabic language: the "the new university building", a building recently completed. The nature of the structure is unclear and an attempt to locate information on it has not yet yielded any results. It is possible that it is a new wing and an extension to the Hussein al-Maktabi High School building.

<u>Above</u>: An overall photo of the education compound owned by the Islamic Shiite Waqf Committee foundation in Burj el-Barajneh, which we pinpointed as a launch site for Fatah 110 missiles:

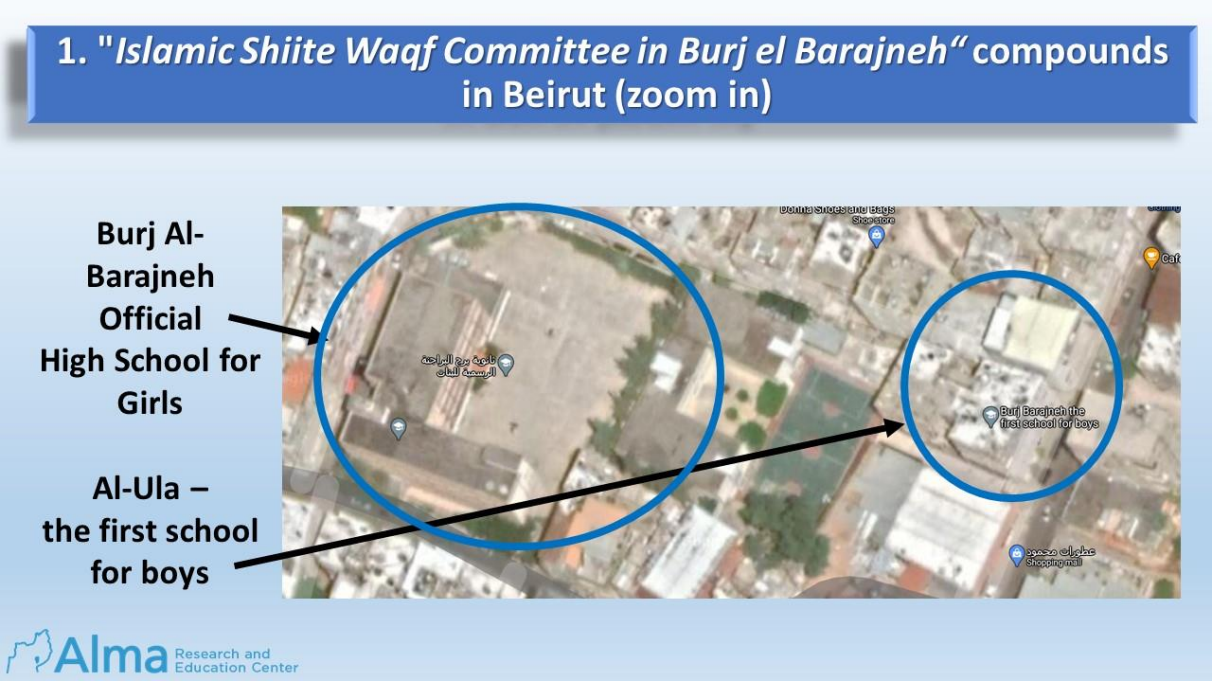
<u>In the background</u> - the football field on the left (launch site- "B") the parking lot & the Burj el-Barajneh school building on the right (launch site- "A").

<u>In the front of the photo</u> - on the right (the buildings with the white roof): Hussein al-Maktabi High School, and on the left, the "new university building".

We have located a number of other schools operating under the Waqf Committee foundation, as detailed below: Is it possible that Hezbollah also uses these school compounds, similar to the use of the Hussein al-Maktabi school complex?

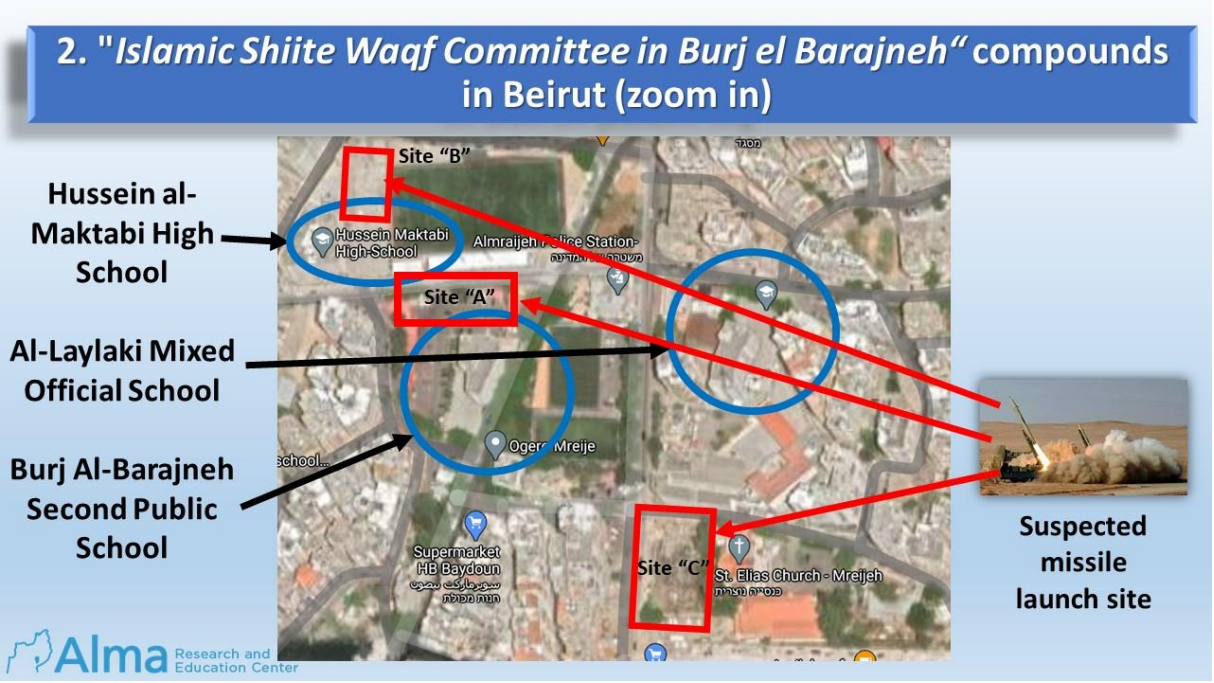


1. Al-Ula - the first school for boys (probably an elementary school) on the airport road near al Rassoul Hospital. https://goo.gl/maps/k5LNy5WByVWDHNi17



2. Burj el-Barajneh second co-ed school – located on the street behind the Almraijeh Police Station. https://goo.gl/maps/HieFxPL2MytwqbdY8

   It is possible that the reference is to the "el-Laylaki" school: https://goo.gl/maps/mtm6UZWo7yEjKfmK8

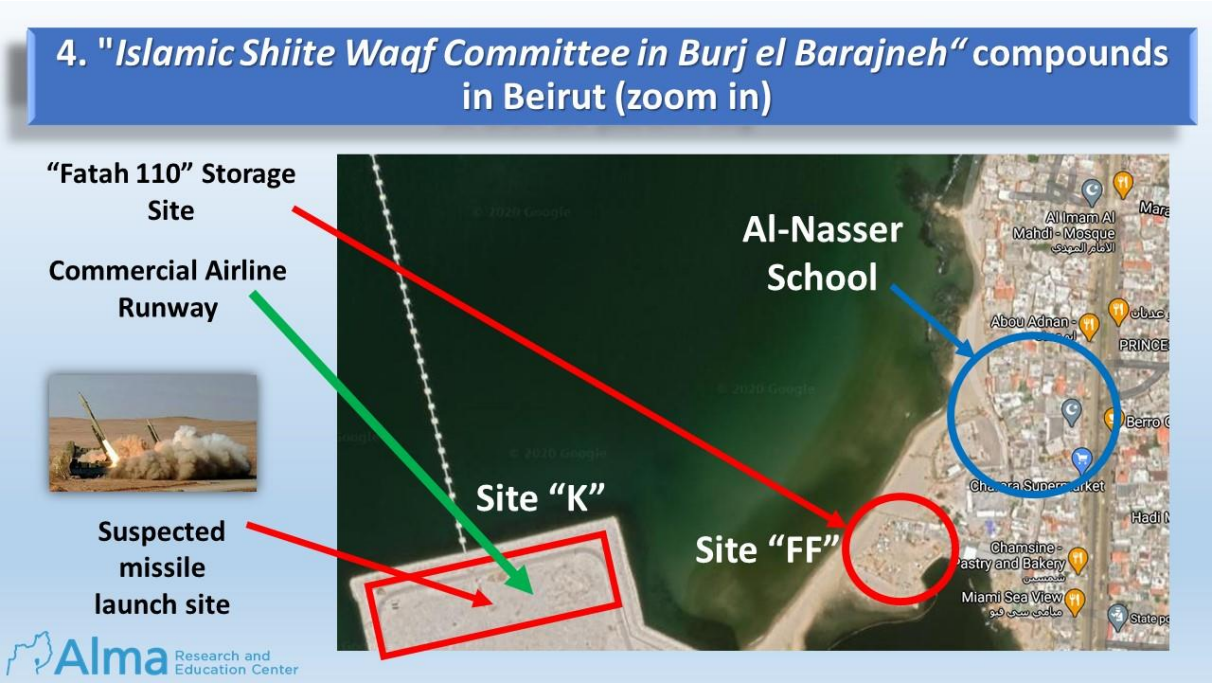


3. Burj el-Barajneh second (elementary) co-ed school– el-Baldiya Street, Near the Ogero shop. https://goo.gl/maps/MZUk83bfLC2eJKtHA (the Ogero shop)

   The school's Facebook page:

   https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/School/%D9%85%D8%AF%D8%B1%D8%B3%D8%A9-%D8%A8%D8%B1%D8%AC-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A8%D8%B1%D8%A7%D8%AC%D9%86%D8%A9-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%AB%D8%A7%D9%86%D9%8A%D8%A9-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B1%D8%B3%D9%85%D9%8A%D8%A9-102176984739527/

4. Al-Nasser School – al-Alam Street near the "Masbaah Miami" beach- el-Uzay neighborhood (may belong to the General Waqf of Beirut), near the police station.
   https://goo.gl/maps/mYgzMVzHzhhJX5C16



5. Burj Al-Barajneh Official High School for Girls, al-Ramal street near "al-Najda al-Shaabiya" center. https://goo.gl/maps/AAA6NauQQgULpgJk8

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In conclusion, the findings of this research indicate, that the "Shiite Waqf Committee in Burj el-Barajneh" is an independent foundation, recognized and affiliated as a supporter of Hezbollah. We can point at seven compounds related to the foundation: Its main compound (which includes offices, a conference hall, and a religious gathering place) and six school compounds.

The Hussein al-Maktabi High School compound and the Burj al Barajneh- Almeria football stadium, is a compound we identified in July 2020 as part of the deployment of Hezbollah's medium-range missile array ("Fatah 110") as a launch site "B". Adjacent to it is a parking lot that serves as launch site "A".

A clear conclusion can be drawn from our research regarding the deployment of Hezbollah's missile array and the recent exposes published on the subject: **That the missile launch sites are very close to the missile storage sites**. In light of this, there is a possibility that one or more of the buildings in the compound (the Hussein al-Maktabi high school, the Burj al Barajneh School, the football stadium and the "new university building") are directly connected to Hezbollah's missile array and are used to store missiles, as part of the “human shield tactic”.

During our in-depth study conducted on the "Shiite Waqf Committee in Burj el-Barajneh", we located additional schools operating under its auspices. At this stage, we have no indications that Hezbollah also uses the additional school compounds as it uses the "Hussein Maktabi" school complex. However, in light of the findings in this document and in light of the clear connections the Waqf Committee and its leaders have to Hezbollah, this cannot be ruled out. Moreover, these education complexes allow Hezbollah to indoctrinate the values of the Islamic Revolution, the “Shuahada” and the hatred of Israel. All these allow the implementation of the “human shield” tactic.

Appendix No. 1- Muhammad Harb, head of the Waqf committee: additional details:

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