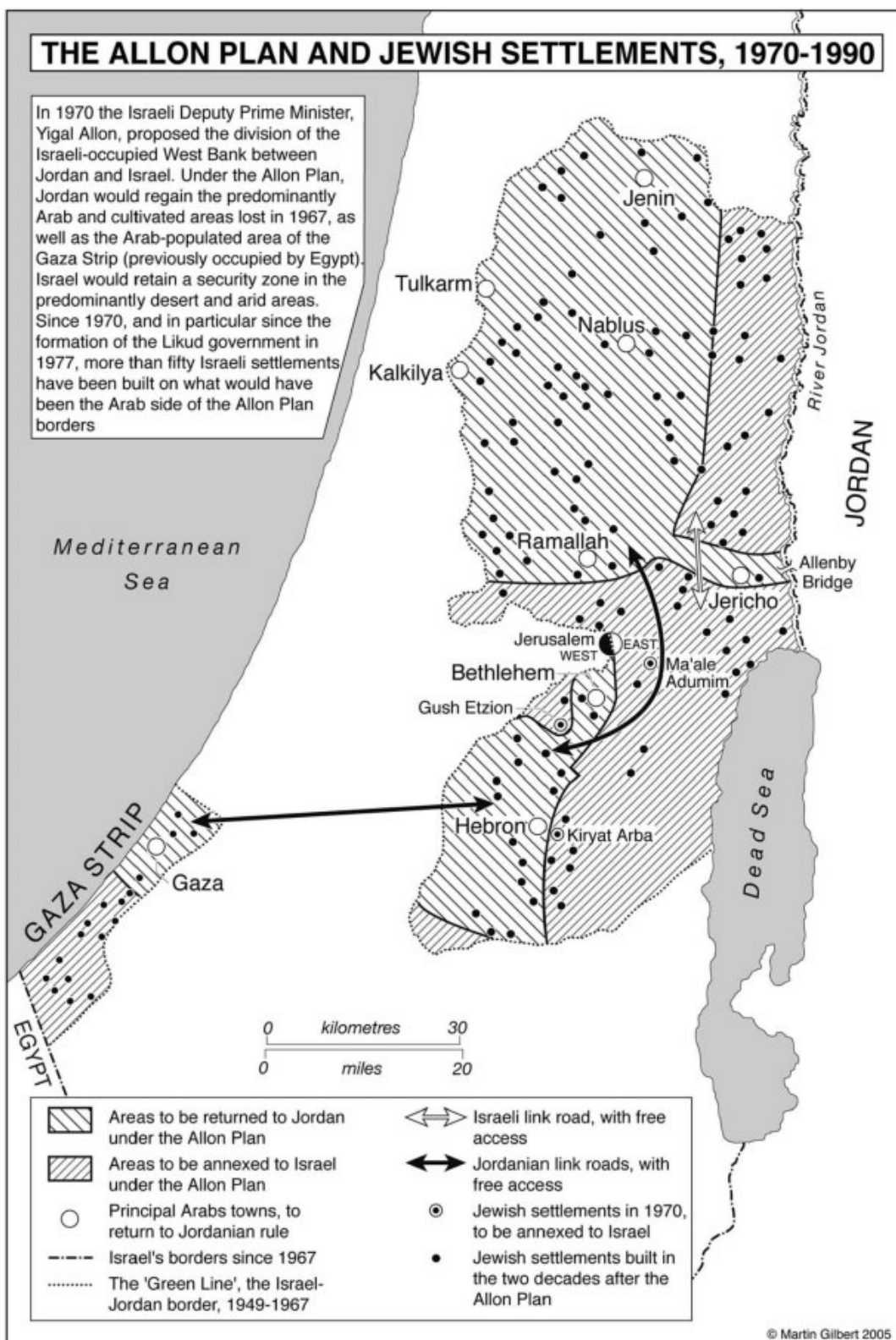


THE ALLON PLAN AND JEWISH SETTLEMENTS, 1970-1990

In 1970 the Israeli Deputy Prime Minister, Yigal Allon, proposed the division of the Israeli-occupied West Bank between Jordan and Israel. Under the Allon Plan, Jordan would regain the predominantly Arab and cultivated areas lost in 1967, as well as the Arab-populated area of the Gaza Strip (previously occupied by Egypt). Israel would retain a security zone in the predominantly desert and arid areas. Since 1970, and in particular since the formation of the Likud government in 1977, more than fifty Israeli settlements have been built on what would have been the Arab side of the Allon Plan borders.



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