

# PanMed 2003

A Circuit of the Arid Mediterranean by  
Motorcycle

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# Aims and Objectives

We aim to **investigate and record** the cultural and environmental variability arising from human settlement in the Mediterranean Basin.

This provides a unique **fundraising opportunity** – we will raise money, support, and public awareness for Riders for Health.

High-quality **information products** will result from the expedition, for the use and **benefit of others**. Updates (text and pictures) will be available en-route. Articles, and a permanent website will follow.

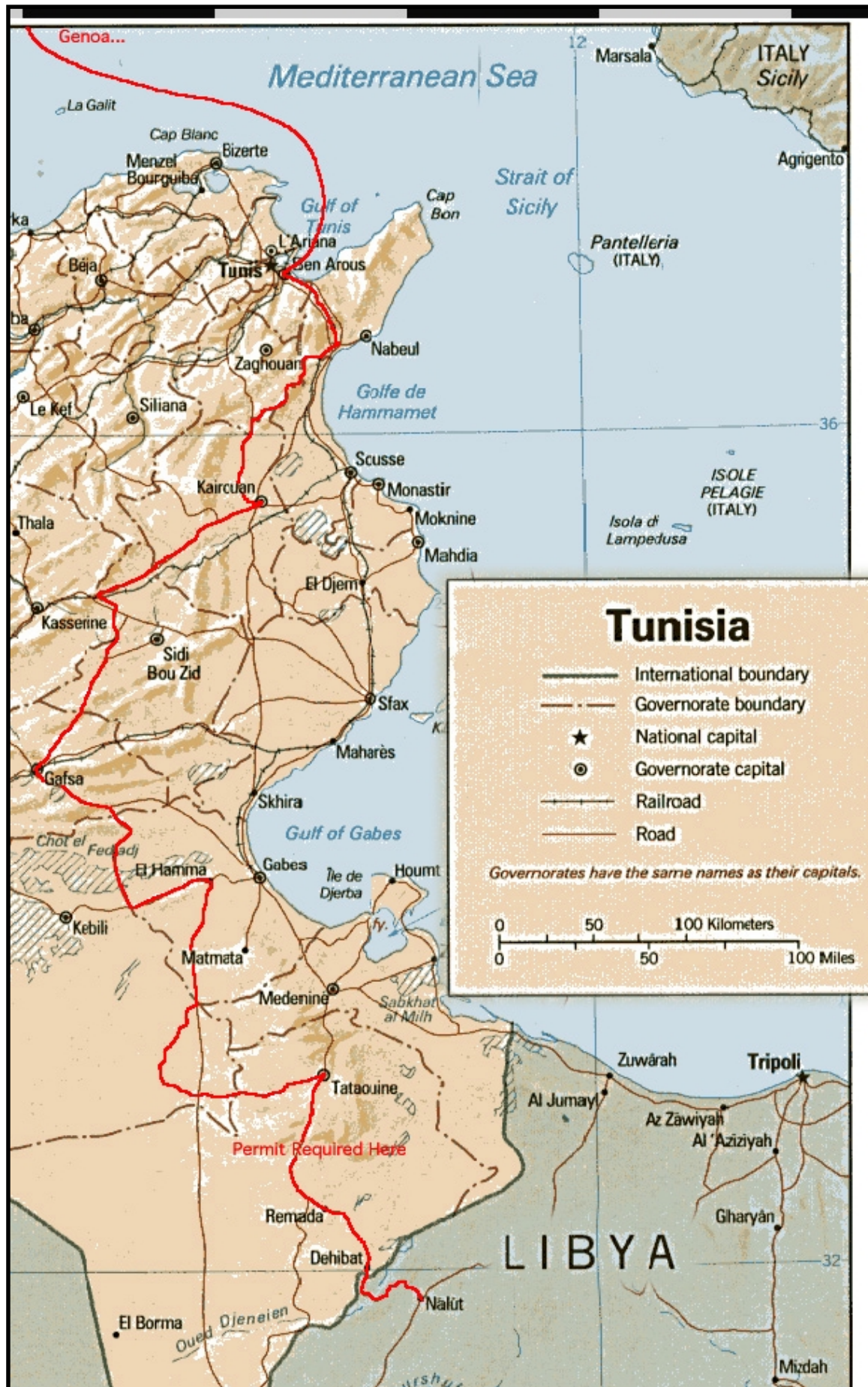


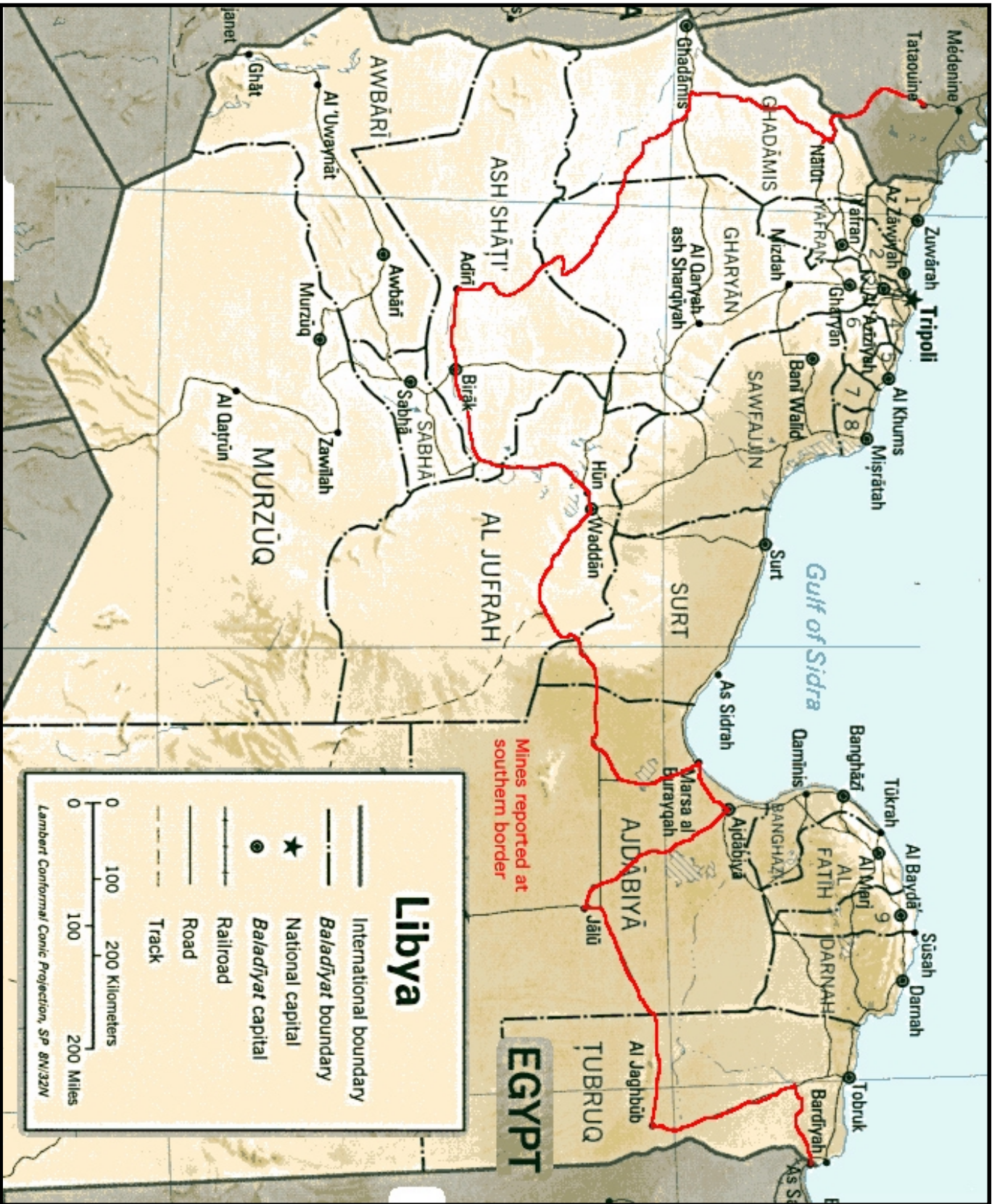
We will travel from London-London via N.Africa and the Middle East. Most of the journey is **off-road and overland**. This imposes significant challenges to riders and bikes.

*Riders for Health district nurse making weekly rounds, Zimbabwe*

# Introduction

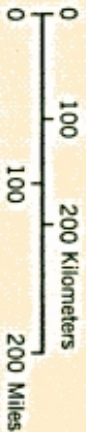
- This expedition will **circumnavigate the Mediterranean Basin**, investigating themes of **cultural and environmental** continuity and change.
- Perceptions of cultural difference are reinforced every day through the world's media – but cultural similarity rarely makes the headlines. **We are all connected** by the ecosystems and landforms with which we live: it is possible to link Waddān and Greenwich, and they are **not as far apart as they may seem**.
- Travelling by motorcycle provides a **uniquely immersive** experience, and allows interaction with people and environment.
- The **low cost and extreme practicality** of motorcycles also permits their use as carriers of vital equipment or information in some of the most hostile areas of the world. Riders for Health aim to provide **appropriate technology**, allowing rural Africans to help themselves.





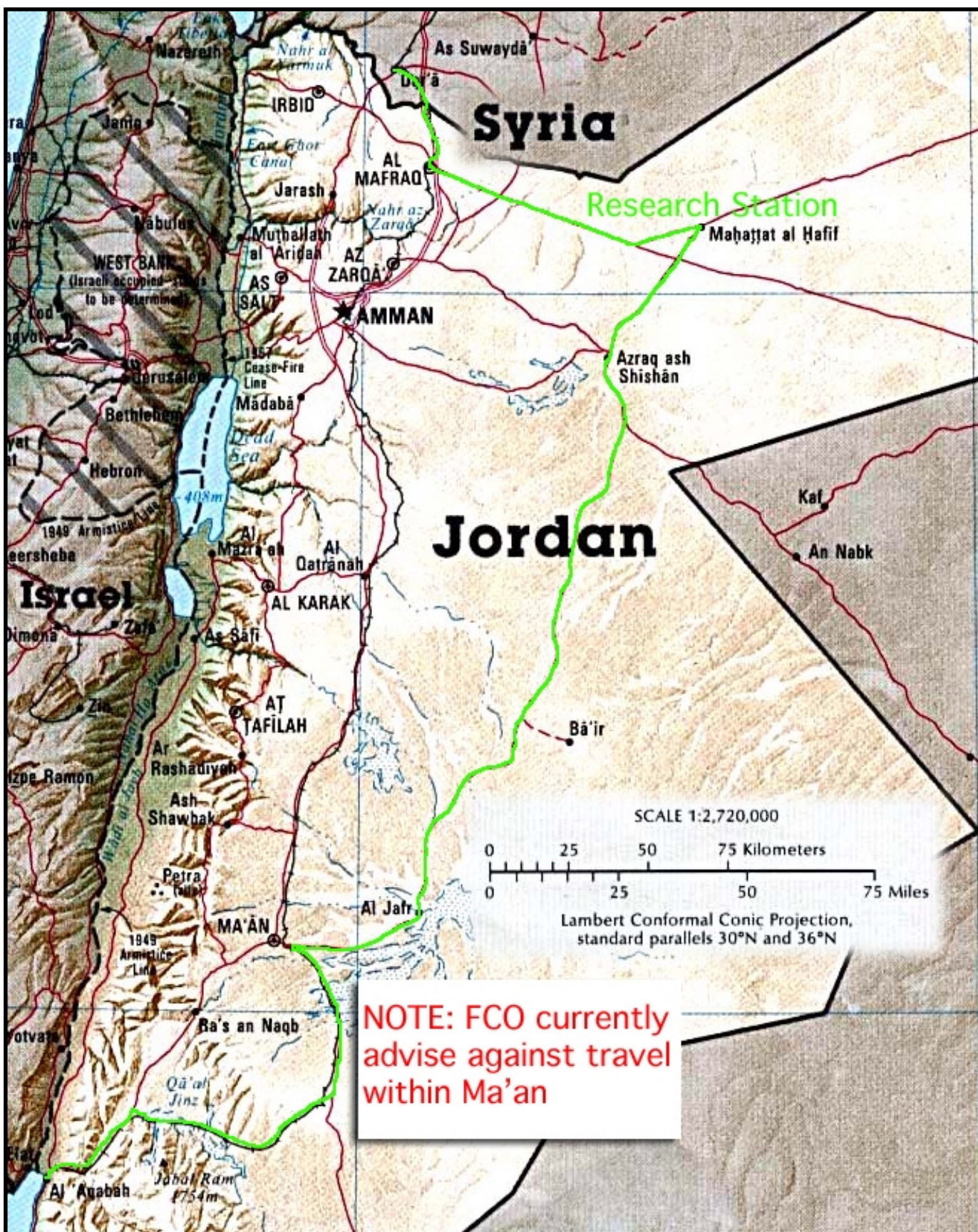
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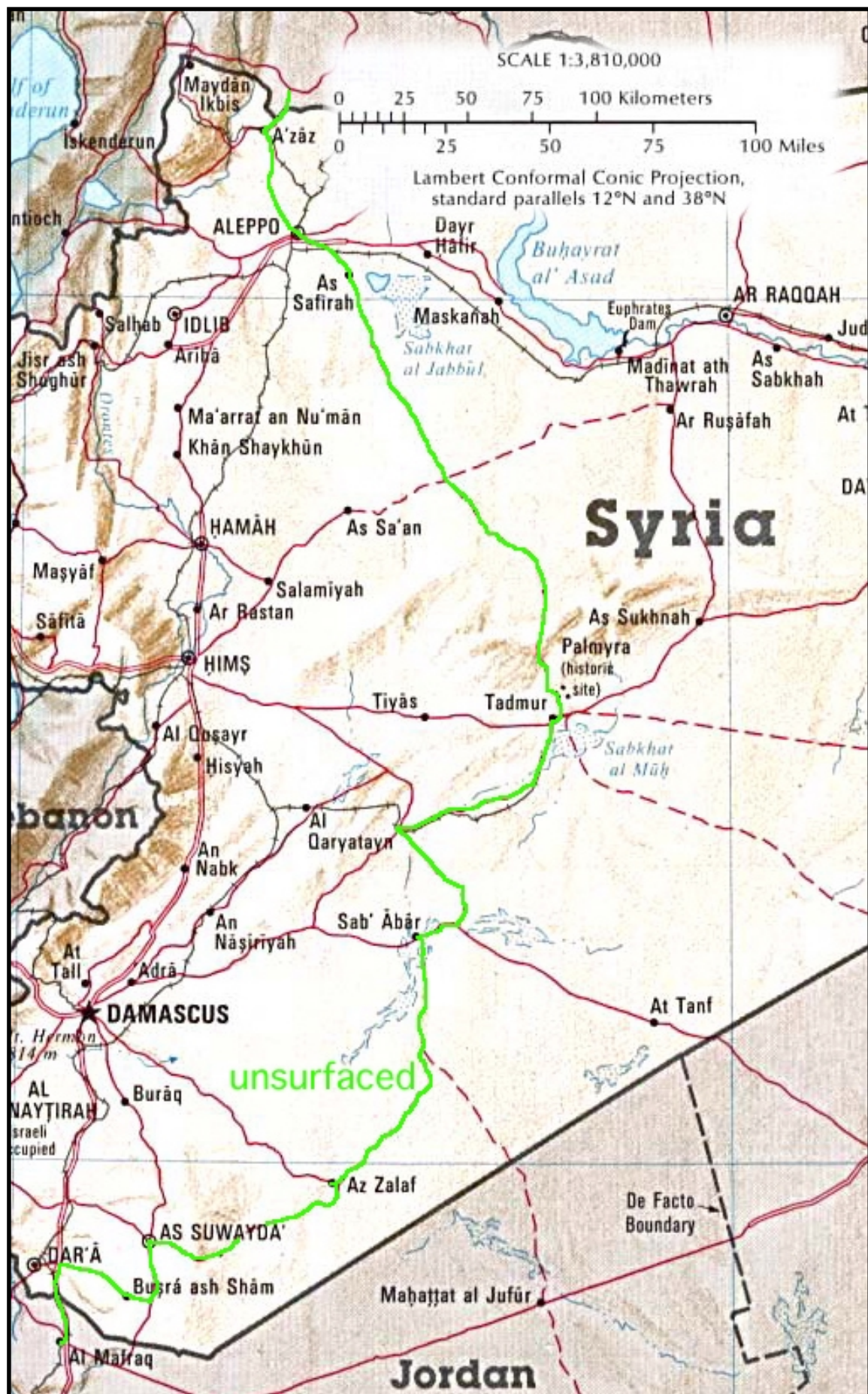
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# Politics and Safety

- Tunisia –** Explosion in Djerba (April), not hazardous. Popular destination.
- Libya –** No specific threat to British nationals. Visitors should be careful, however, to avoid situations where there might be tension.
- Egypt –** Low risk; there have been no terrorist attacks in Egypt since 1997.
- Jordan –** The city of Ma'an has had some security problems in recent weeks and there remains a risk of conflict.
- Syria –** British nationals travelling to Syria should keep in touch with developments in the Middle East.
- Turkey –** The security situation in Eastern Turkey has improved considerably.

**The situation in Iraq is constantly monitored – we would not hesitate to postpone the expedition in the event of military action.**

# Terror thrives in Algeria's climate of bloody conflict

**Civil war** Country is third-largest provider of al-Qaida manpower

**Giles Tremlett**

It has rumbled on in Algeria

Afghanistan – making the country the third biggest contributor of manpower to the

had nothing to do with Islamists in their own country.

“One day they help the

Osama bin Laden before September 11.

Evidence from the US proves

Since the proposal date the Moroccan border has been closed, due to escalating **unrest in Algeria**. This has prevented travel in the area. Our contingency plan, involving the **car ferry from Genoa** to La Goulette (Tunis) has now been initiated.

1. Permits are necessary for travel in **Tunisia south of Tataouine**.
2. Permits are also mandatory for the **Siwa-Baharya** track in Egypt.
3. There is a risk of **landmines** near the Libya/Chad border – this will be avoided, and a large buffer-zone incorporated (800km).
4. A **Carnet**-de-Passage is required for Egypt, Jordan and Syria.
5. The date of departure has been reset; we will now leave in late August 2003 – this is to capitalise on the **Saharan autumn**.

# THANK YOU!

I'd be delighted to answer questions, give further detail or respond to comments.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch for more information:

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