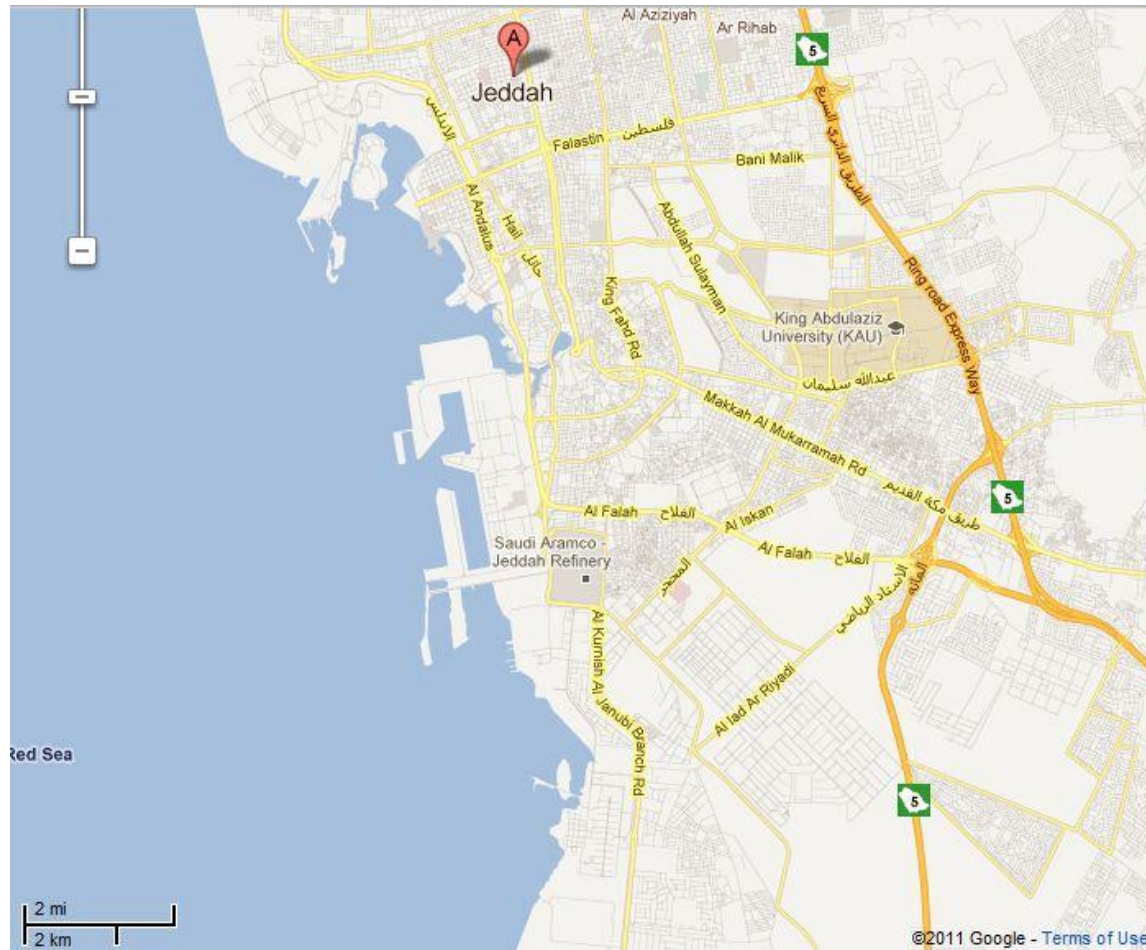


Jeddah in English Literature and in Historic Preservation Literature - a photo tour

Al Balad from the Airplane


Jeddah, Al-Balad to Sari Street with scale



Shari'a Medina – Al-Balad in background




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Burckhardt citing Kotobeddin's History of Mecca

- I shall add here some remarks on Djidda and its inhabitants. The town is
- built upon a slightly rising ground, the lowest side of which is washed
- by the sea. Along the shore it extends in its greatest length for about
- fifteen hundred paces, while the breadth is no where more than half that
- space. It is surrounded on the land-side by a wall, in a tolerable state
- of repair, but of no strength. It had been constructed only a few years
- since by the joint labours of the inhabitants themselves, who were
- sensible that they possessed no protection against the Wahabis in the
- ancient half-ruined wall, built, A.H. 917, by Kansoue el Ghoury, Sultan
- of Egypt. [See Kotobeddin, History of Mekka.]

Jeddah Houses Mural at Jeddah Teachers College



Bab Medina in 1917 –Mamluke Gate 917 Hegira



Bab Medina Today- Google Earth



Looking down Zuqaq Qabil, beit Ba'ishan on left



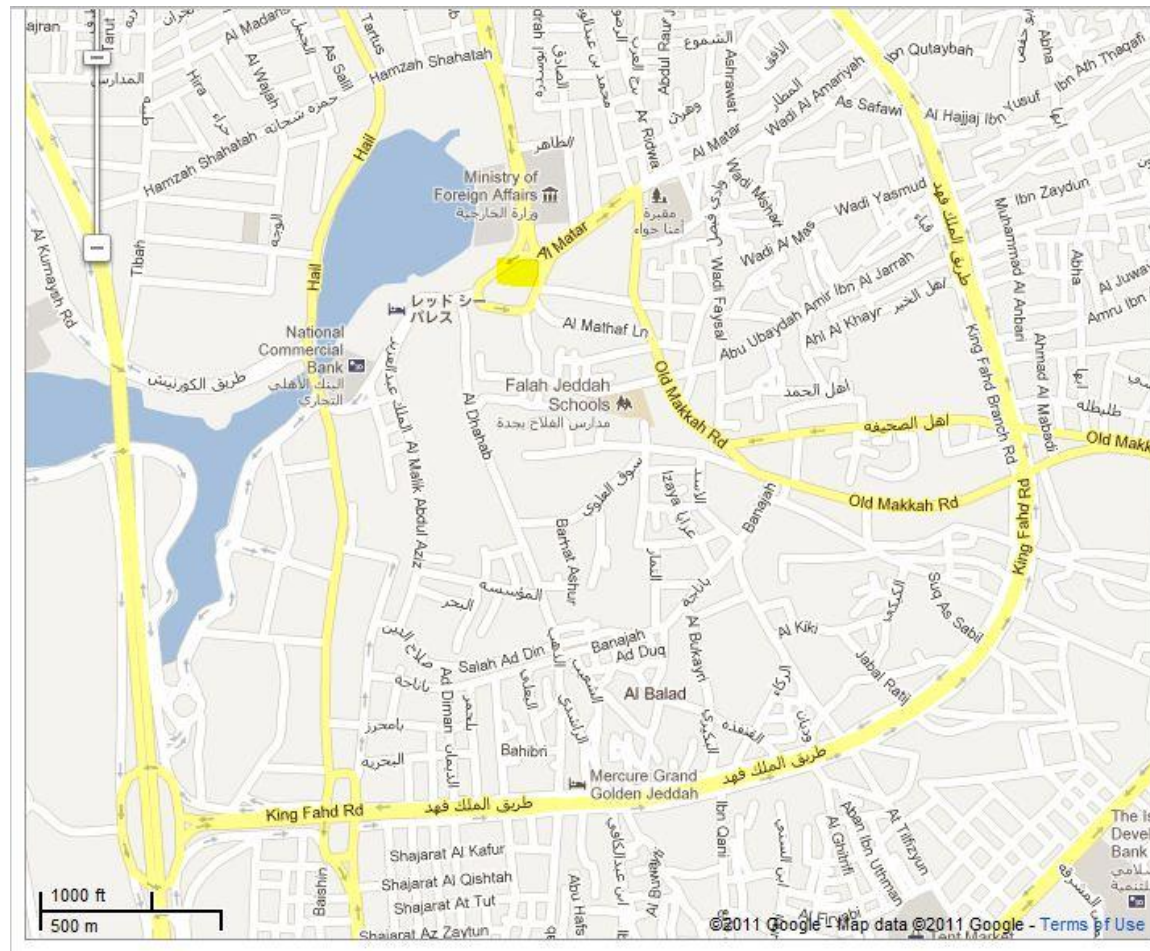
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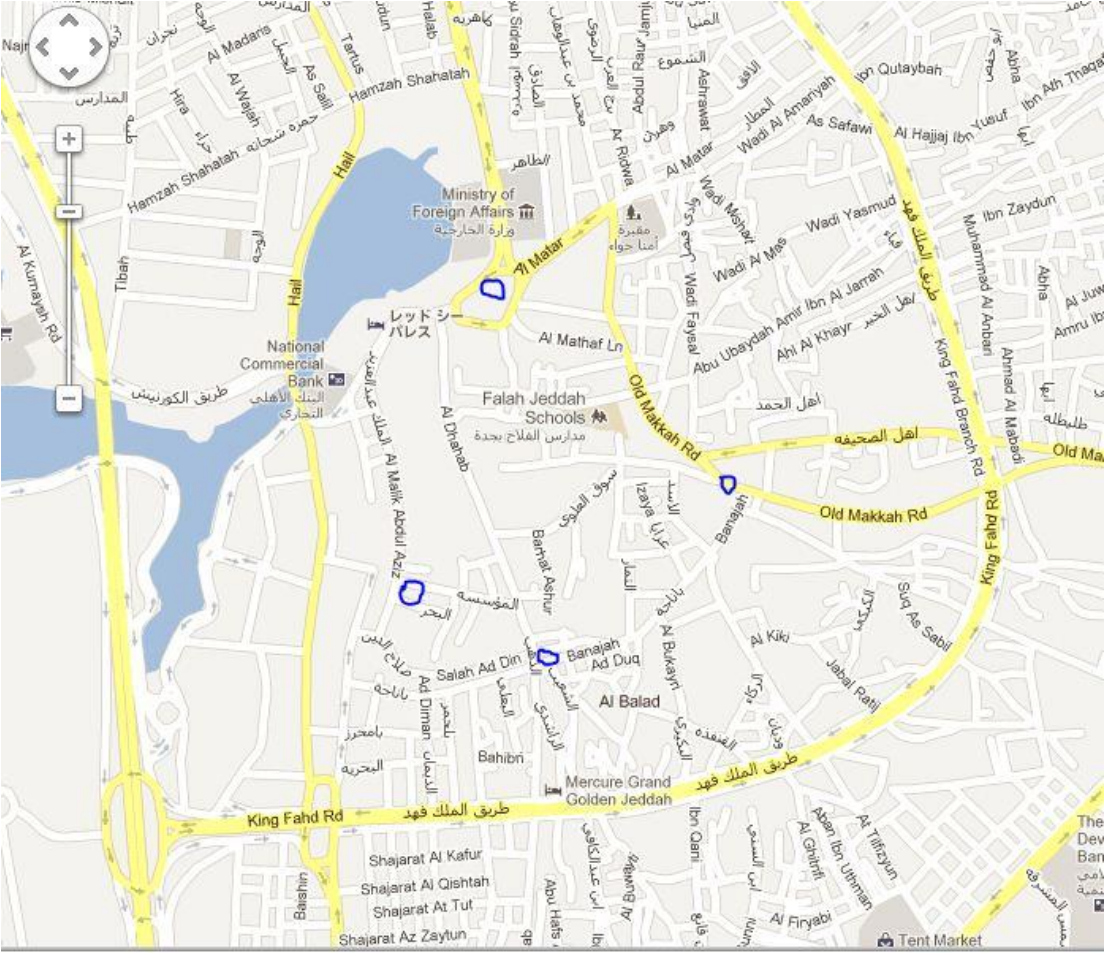
Bab Al-Jadid(area near « Bab Medina ») in 1925



Google Maps Jeddah, with Bab Medina outlined in yellow



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Bab Mecca 1/8/2004 12:45 AM



It was only a matter of time before Jeddah was designated by Caliph Osman Ibn Affan in 26H (647AD) as the gatekeeper for the (then) thousands of pilgrims travelling to the holy cities of Makkah and Madinah.

Soon it became known as *Balad al Kanasil* - the City of Consulates.

The city was walled for nearly 1,000 years, possibly more, and it was first documented by a traveller, Nasir-I-Khusro, in the middle of 400H (1004-1007AD).

He recorded that a wall with two gates surrounded Jeddah: one facing Makkah and the other facing the sea.

In 1080 H the city's leaders fell out with the rulers of Makkah and, as a consequence of these turbulent events, the city was destroyed.

By 600H (1200 AD), during the control of Egypt's Mamelukes, Jeddah regained its prosperity.

Ibn Mujawar dates the first map of the walled city back to these times.

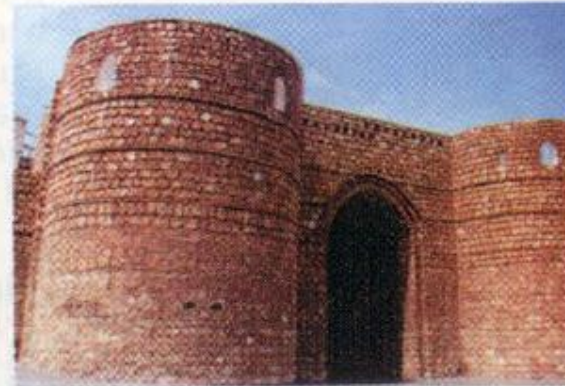
In early 800H (1500AD) the limestone and coral wall was fortified by six towers with six gates to hold off the colonising Portuguese attacks:

Bab Makkah facing east;

Bab Sharif facing south;

Bab Saraf, *Bab al Bunt* and *Bab al Madinah* facing north, and

Bab al-Magharibah facing west.



The Portuguese, although unsuccessful in their campaign, still kept a presence in the region for some years. Amongst their legacies was the oldest known picture of the city made by one of their artists in 1517.

Harat Al-Bahr



Bait Zaini, Harat al-Bahr



Bait Zaini on immediate right



Overview of the old city from Souk Bab Mekka to Cornish Commercial Center

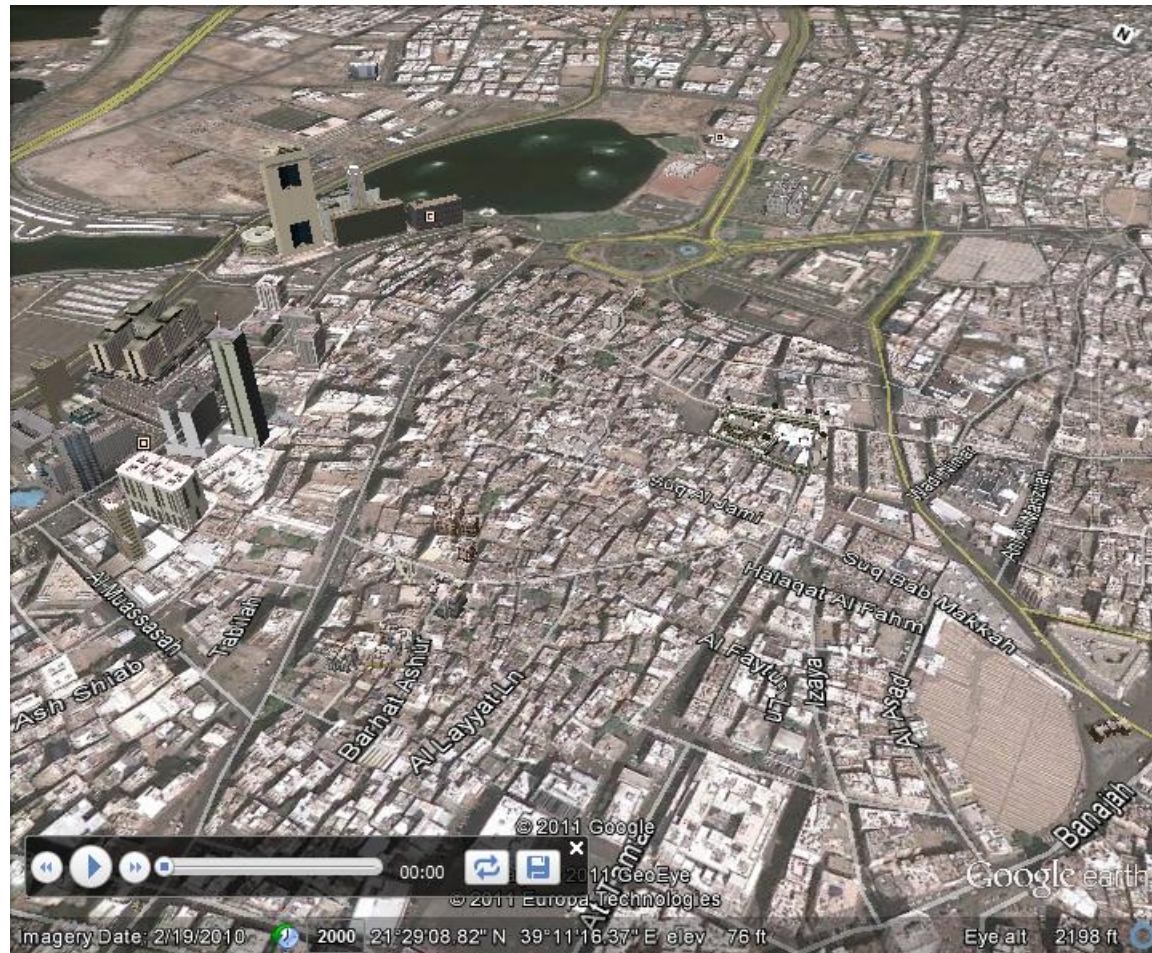


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reservoir of fish and



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Nasif Hous from the side street where the preservation office is.



Jeddah Historic Preservation Office, on side street near Beit Nasif





Souk al-Jami' with Jami' al-Atiq in background 1/16/2004 11:51 AM



Minaret dated to Ayyoubid pd on Jami'a al-'Atiq 1/16/2004 10:45
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