Public Perception in Border Communities

Lebanon case.

What are the most common associations we make with 'border'?

state border

border security

border authority

border crossing point

border cooperation

Border and customs control

border risks

Multi Agency IBM Governance

border management

border checks

border area

border threats

border legislation

integrated border management

border operation

Contents

- Public perception of safety and security.

- Feelings toward security actors operating in the border area

- How the population along the border perceives the Presence of Security Agencies

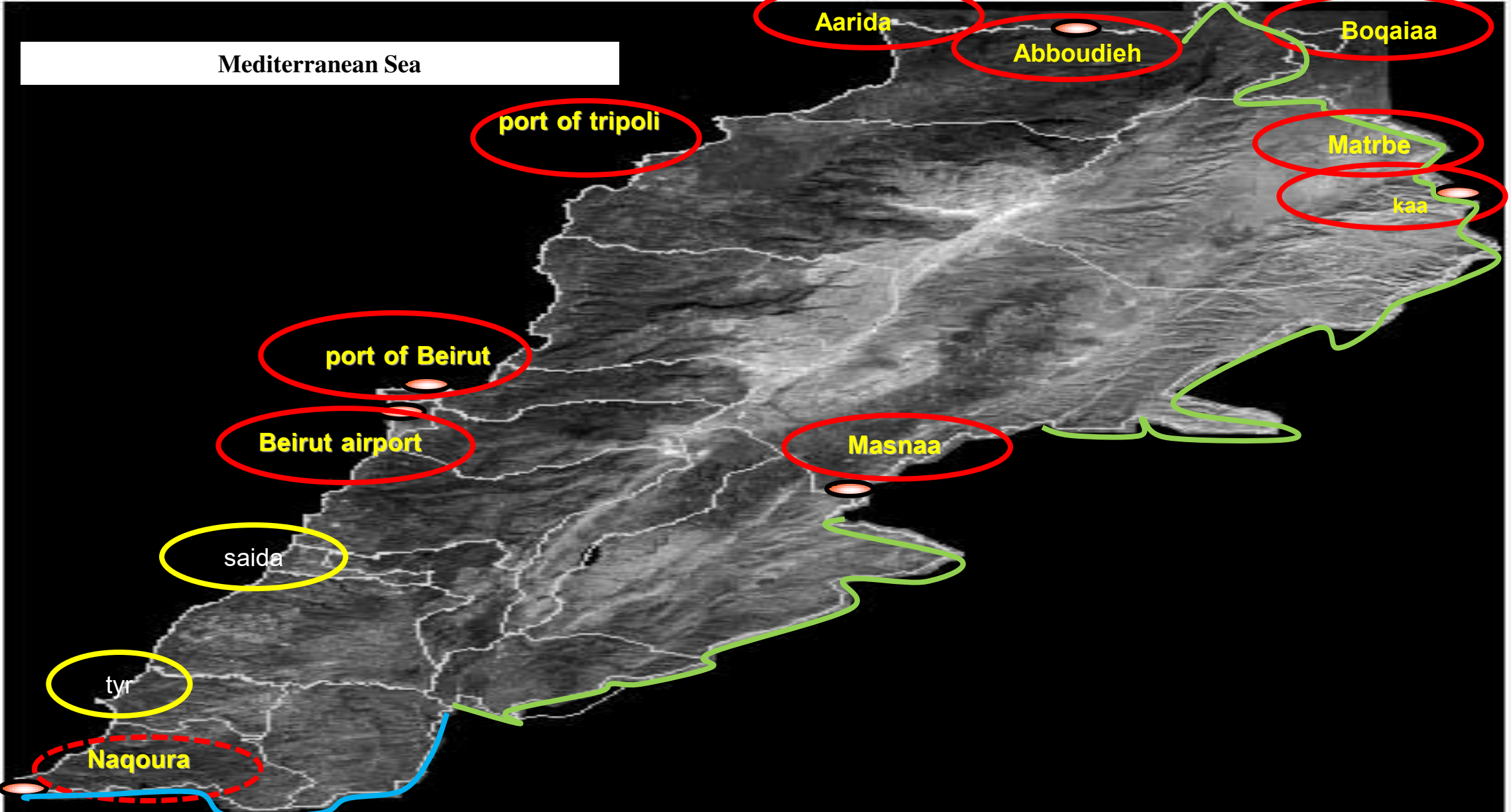*To build legitimacy and trust within the local population.*

Background

the Middle East, including Lebanon, has faced several significant border challenges over the years. These challenges can encompass a range of issues, including political, security, economic, and humanitarian concerns. Here's an overview of some of the key border challenges in Lebanon and the broader Middle East region

Border Challenges

- Political Tensions.
- Conflict and Security.
- Refugee Crisis.
- Smuggling and Illicit Activities.
- Humanitarian Concerns.
- Territorial Disputes.
- Economic Impact.
- Refugee Returns.

Border Dynamics

Mediterranean Sea

Aarida

Abboudieh

Boqaiaa

port of tripoli

Matrbe

kaa

port of Beirut

Beirut airport

Masnaa

saida

tyr

Naqoura

Border Dynamics

EASTERN BORDER

Border Dynamics

Border Dynamics

OPERATIONAL CONTROL

Border Dynamics

Importance of Border Communities

- Addressing the border challenges in Lebanon and the broader Middle East region requires:

- international cooperation.
- conflict resolution efforts.
- humanitarian assistance.
- sustainable development initiatives.

Importance of Border Communities

- International cooperation.

- Multi-actor interventions to strengthen Lebanese security agencies' border management capacity

- interventions – predominantly led by major Security Assistance providers such as the US, UK, and EU – are in many ways ad hoc and informed by geopolitics

- double coordination-complex.

- highly instructive in developing coordination practices at the ad hoc level.

Importance of Border Communities

- humanitarian assistance.

- drifting from counterterrorism to the more composite threat conception of 'smuggling'.

- Improving socioeconomic conditions of local communities.

- Addressing the increasing influx of irregular migrants.

Importance of Border Communities

- sustainable development initiatives.

- Infrastructure.
- Education.
- Awareness Raising campaigns.
- Strategic Communication.
- Monitoring and Evaluation.

In Conclusion

(what Works Well)

- Build Social Safety Nets in areas dependent on smuggling.
- Increase Public Presence and Engagement in Border Communities.
  - Open Days.
  - Patrols to engage with residents, shop keepers, children, and pedestrians.
- Increase Female Presence in Communities.
  - Incorporate more female in all the Agencies community engagement efforts and other activities.
- Increase Communication that can Penetrate Family / Friends Networks
  - Post videos and content on Social Media groups (i.e. news, popular, community, and municipality groups) that people can forward to their friends and family.
  - Develop short videos that can be quickly and easily forwarded or shared across all social media platforms.
  - Create an Application that can be used anonymously.

Thank you