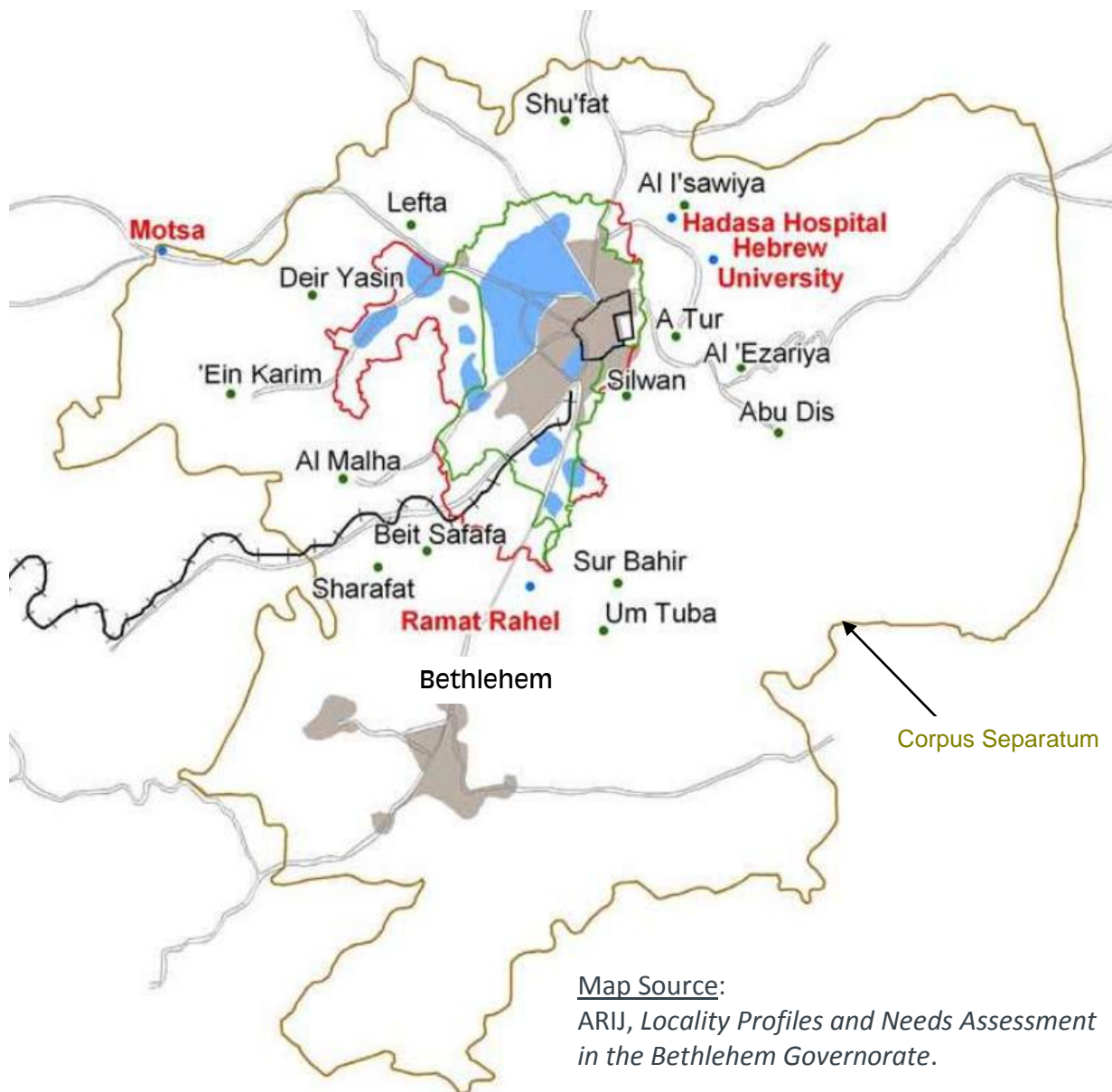


CORPUS SEPARATUM

The *Corpus Separatum* (English: *separate body*) refers to a status proposed for Jerusalem and its surrounding areas, including Bethlehem, by the UN General Assembly within the Partition Plan of November 1947. The city was to be internationalized under a UN trusteeship, which would have guaranteed freedom of access to holy places, provided an international police force, and remained responsible for foreign affairs. After a ten-year period, a plebiscite was to be held, after which further recommendations would be discussed by the Trusteeship Council. UN General Assembly Resolution 303 of 9 December 1949 reiterated the UN commitment to internationalization of Jerusalem, and designated it a "*corpus separatum*." The *Corpus Separatum* encompassed an area of 186 km², 12,5 km² of which were Jewish-owned.ⁱⁱ



ⁱ Ahmad El-Atrash, "Flexible Frontiers: What Future for Bethlehem Apart from Jerusalem?" *Jerusalem Quarterly* 55 (Winter 2013).

ⁱⁱ *Jewish Settlement in Palestine*, Jewish National Fund, Jerusalem, March 1948, p. ii