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**ISRAEL HAS BOMBED AND BULLDOZED [REDACTED] OF EU-FUNDED BUILDINGS IN GAZA AND WEST BANK - BUT NEVER PAID BACK A CENT**

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Israel has damaged at least [REDACTED] of European taxpayer-funded structures in Gaza and the West Bank, but not paid back one euro, amid concern its impunity will cause further destruction.

The European Gaza Hospital in Khan Younis ( [REDACTED] ) and the Southern Gaza Seawater Desalination Plant in Deir al-Balah, plus its 18km pipeline ( [REDACTED] ) were the two most expensive EU-funded structures hit by Israeli airstrikes since 7 October 2023, when the current war began.

The EU had also invested [REDACTED] in building the Gaza Central Desalination Plant in Khan Younis and a Gas for Gaza pipeline in 2021 and 2023, but these were left unfinished due to the war and it was not known if the construction sites had also been bombed.

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