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and
Exploitation of Natural Resources*

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(Situation 1995)

Morocco all out for colonial exploitation!

- **Increased and more efficient phosphate extraction**
- **Intensified oil exploration, preparing production (?)**
- **Mineral strategy: iron, copper etc, gold/silver, "mobile metals" - detailed exploration**
- **EU supported 10 year development plan for fishery**
- **Giant greenhouses for vegetables**
- **Energy supply for El Aaiùn - Dakhla (diesel ==>solar)**
- **Three export oriented economic free zones coming**
- **...**

Large scale fishing takes over!



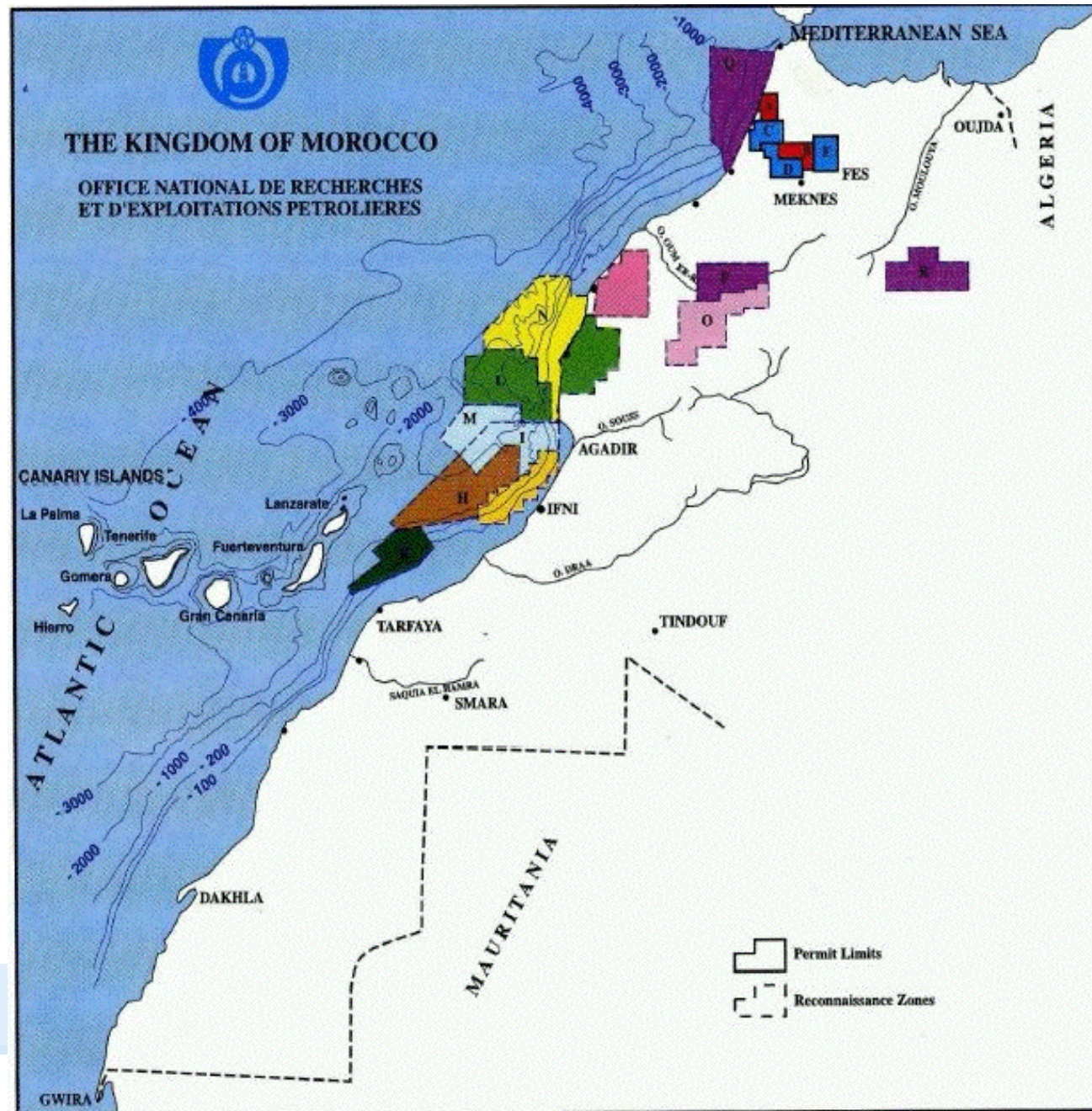
The daily food on our tables



Ongoing exploitation ...



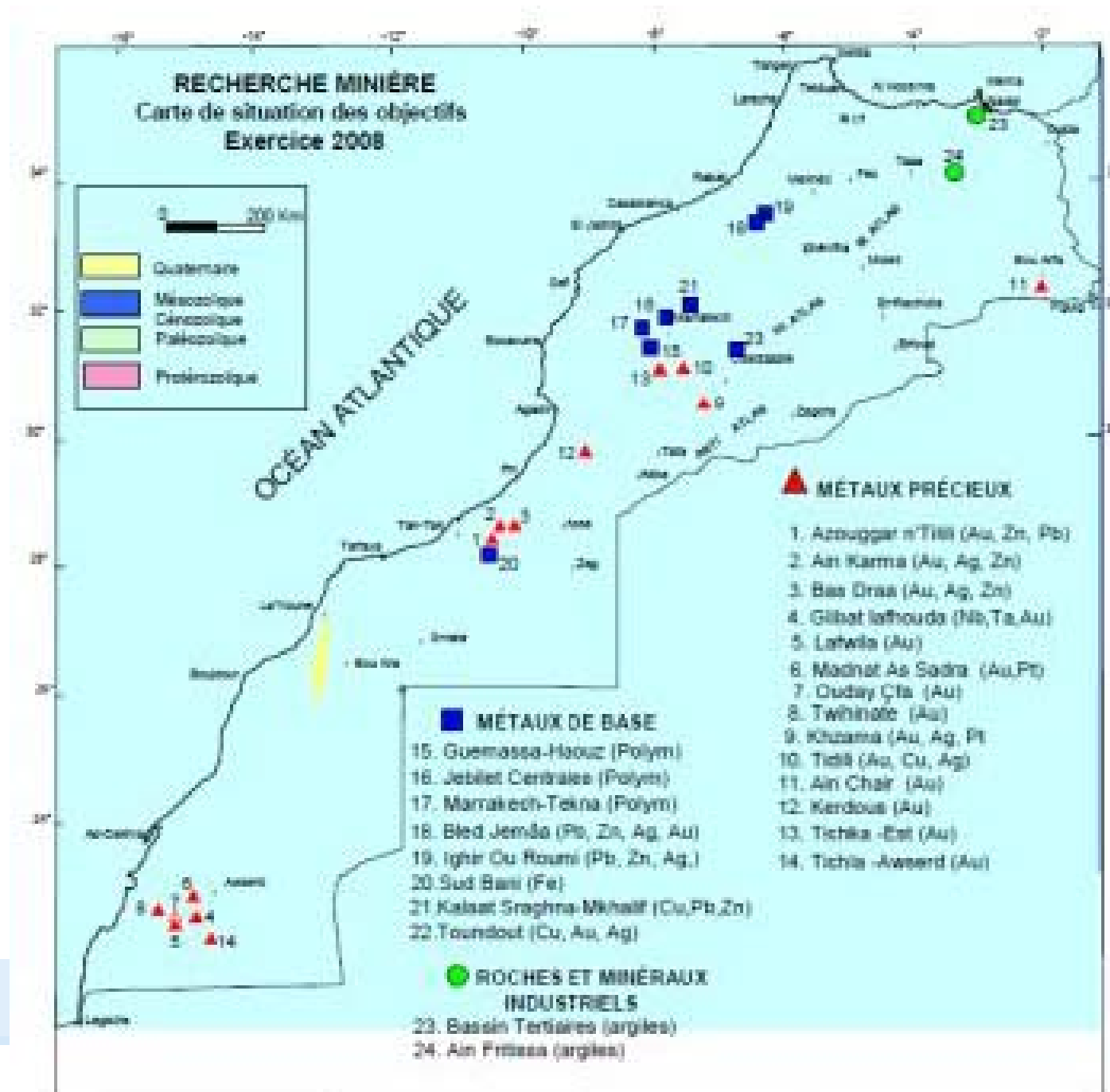
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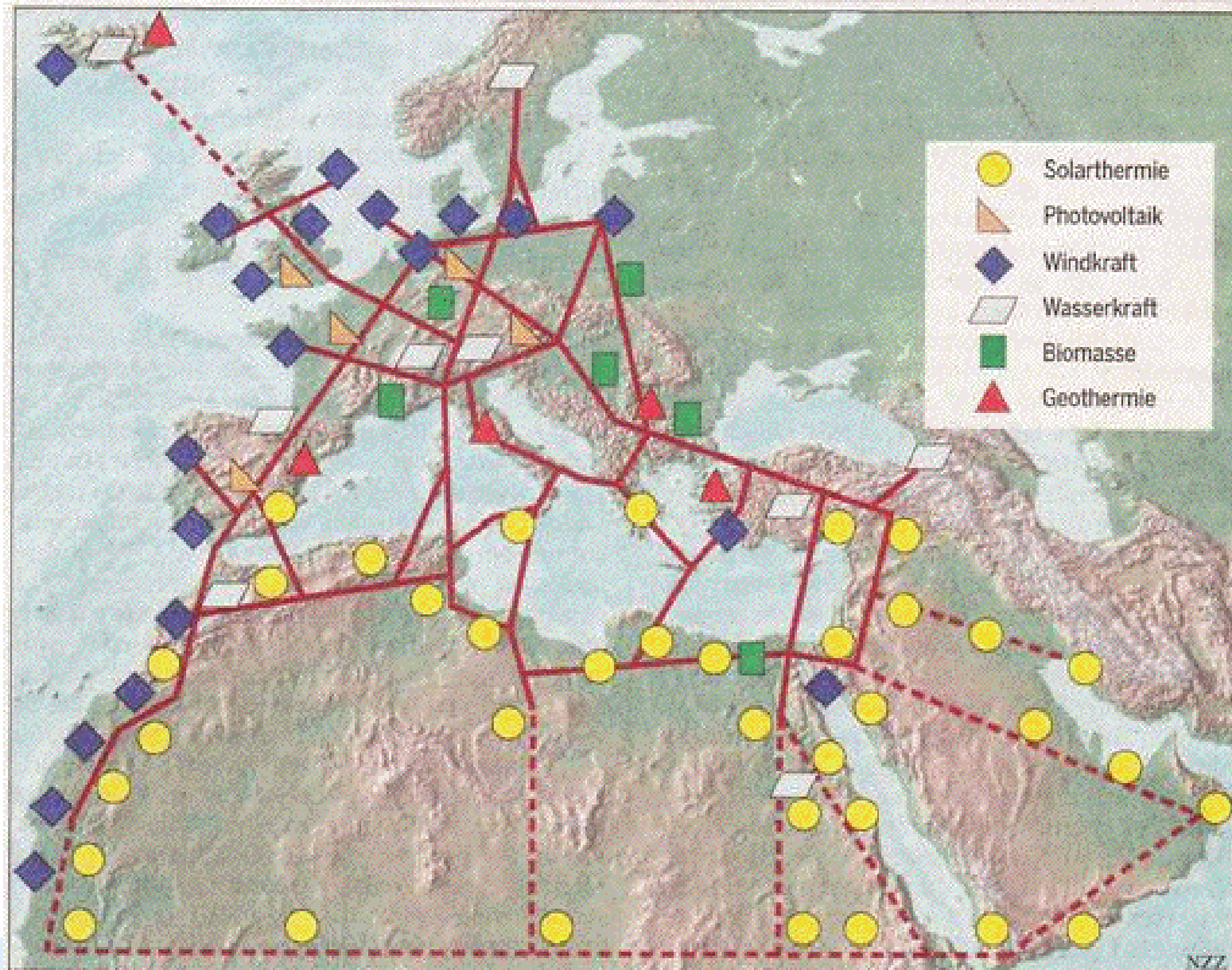
Oil exploration blocks 2008



Mineral strategy - map from 2008



Exploitation of energy for Europe ...



Manche Experten sehen in solarthermischen Wüstenkraftwerken den Schlüssel für eine nachhaltige Stromversorgung. Im Bild die Skizze für ein transkontinentales Stromnetz, das von Nordafrika und dem Nahen Osten bis nach Nordeuropa reicht und verschiedene regenerative Energien einbindet.

from phosphate deposits

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low - it will be more expensive

and will increase.

solution is long-term extraction
of phosphorus from phosphates.

China holds 75 % of phosphate
reserves.

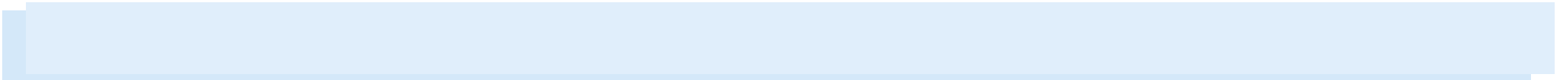


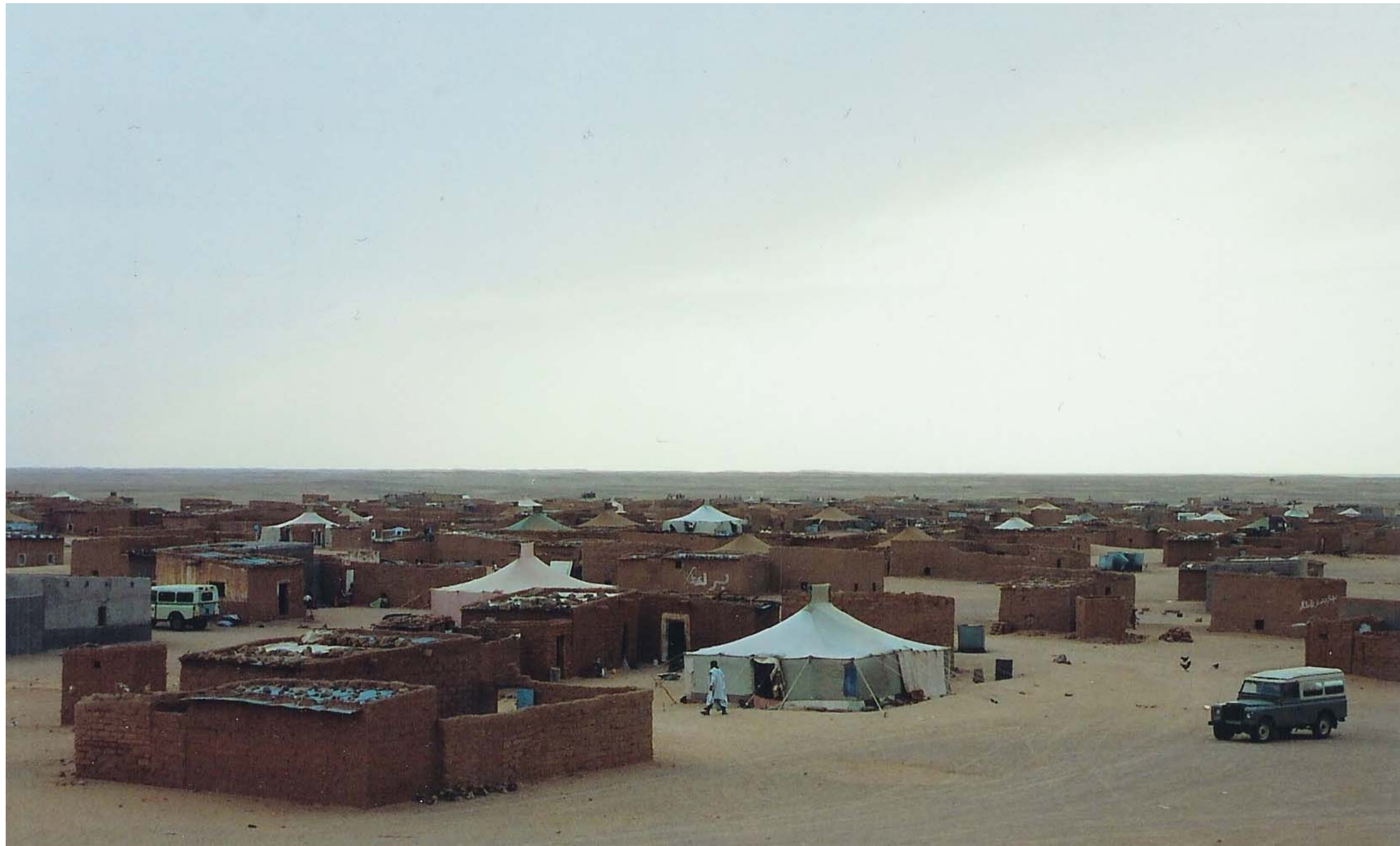
Picture from presentation by Office Nationale de L'Electricite

Even the Sahara sand ...!



All this going on, while ...





The dividing line



The price of resistance



Students with "minor" injuries after beatings and torture

Some global rules of the road ...

- **Produce vital, scarce commodities in a secure political environment**
 - **Exploit and trade these resources while respecting international law**
 - **Do not buy stolen goods**
 - **Put the real owners of resources in the driver's seat**
 - **In short: end occupation, realise the referendum!**
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