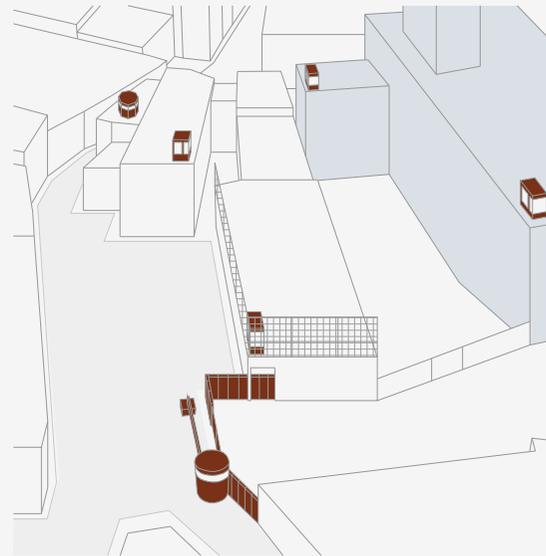


## MUNICIPALITY SQUARE

باب البلدية

Bab Al-Baladieh used to be one of the busiest places in the city. A former Municipality building points to the place where the Old City officially starts. A square used to connect Shuhada Street with the Casbah, allowing cars to enter the area from Shuhada Street. After the massacre in 1994, complete vehicle restrictions were implemented and are currently ensured by the closed metal gate, separating Shuhada Street and nearby Beit Romano settlement from the rest of the market. Large numbers of watch

points established by the Israeli army on the roofs of the neighbourhood prevent Palestinians from its rehabilitation. This action can result in the abandonment of buildings, which without conservation can become unsuitable for living. Forced emigration of residents can lead to the creation of a buffer zone between nearby settlements and the city, which is what seems to be the aim of the occupational policy in the area.



# BAB AL-BALADIEH

The gate of the municipality

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