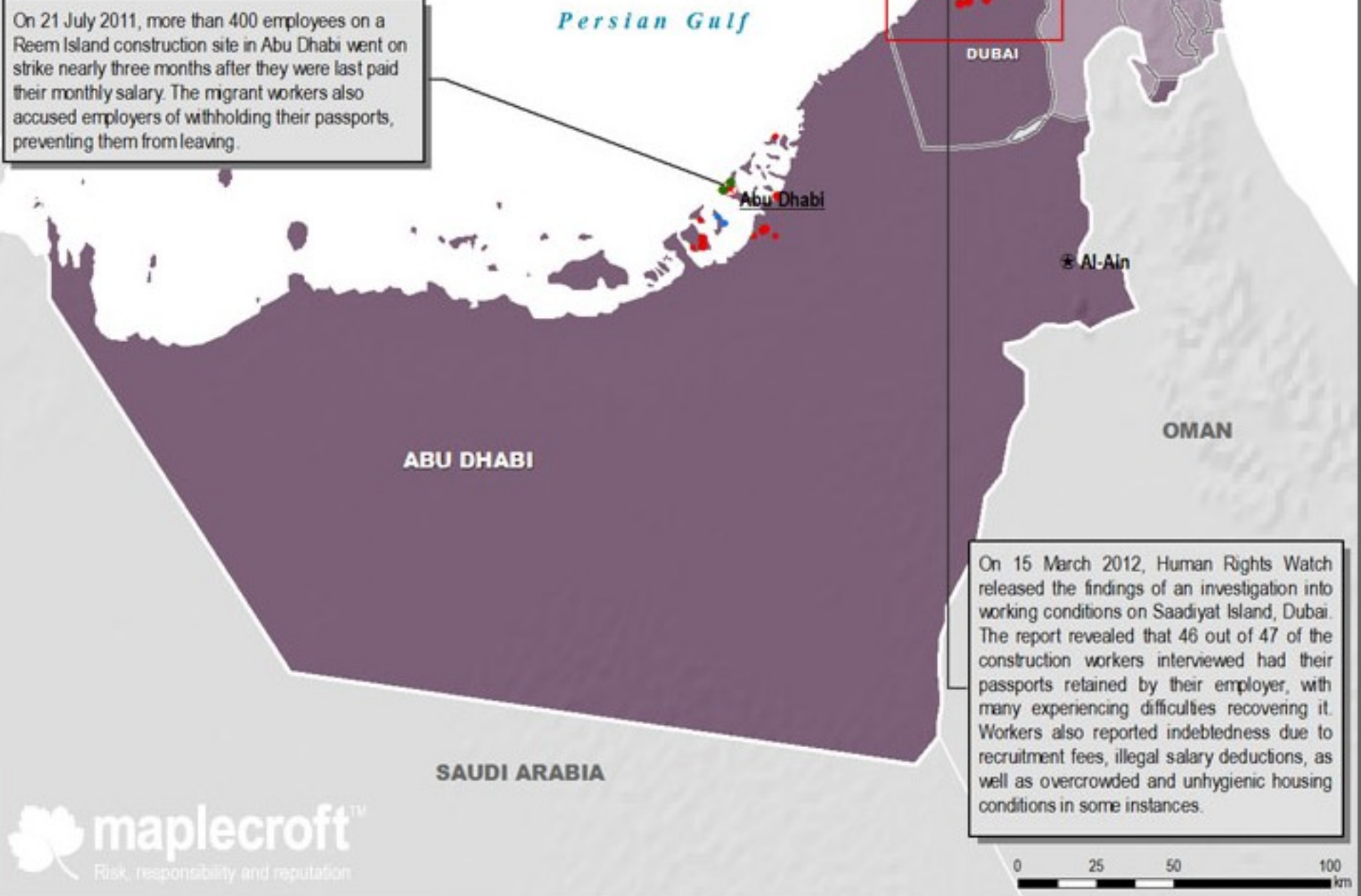


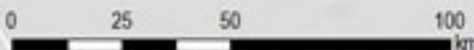


On 13 March 2012, 25 migrant construction workers were dismissed and deported from Dubai following a strike over their low wages, which ranged between AED350 and AED550 (US\$95 and US\$149) a month. The workers were also protesting against their poor quality accommodation in the Dubai Investment Park and wages in arrears of three months.

On 21 July 2011, more than 400 employees on a Reem Island construction site in Abu Dhabi went on strike nearly three months after they were last paid their monthly salary. The migrant workers also accused employers of withholding their passports, preventing them from leaving.



On 15 March 2012, Human Rights Watch released the findings of an investigation into working conditions on Saadiyat Island, Dubai. The report revealed that 46 out of 47 of the construction workers interviewed had their passports retained by their employer, with many experiencing difficulties recovering it. Workers also reported indebtedness due to recruitment fees, illegal salary deductions, as well as overcrowded and unhygienic housing conditions in some instances.



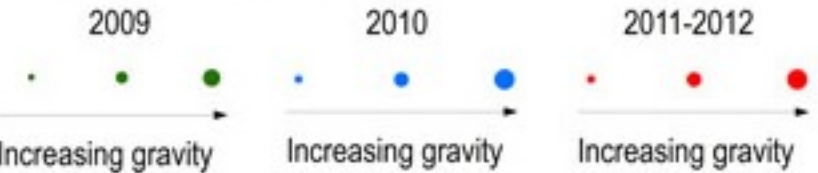
Labour rights and protection

Localised risk due to reported human rights violations



Increasing gravity

Reported human rights violations (2009 - 2012)



★ National capital * Other major city / Administrative boundary

Data source: Maplecroft, 2012