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The Late Chalcolithic Settlement in the Zab Basin, Northwest Iran Based on 2 Season Excavation

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Abstract

Gird-iAshoan is a prehistoric mound in the Zab River basin in Piranshahr, West Azerbaijan. The site was excavated with the aim of delving into the cultural circumstances of the Zab basin during this period. In this paper, an attempt is made to explain the cultural relations of the Zab basin with other regions by presenting a detailed stratigraphy, and an analysis of the recovered architectural remains and small finds. A distinctive characteristic of the Late Chalcolithic of northwestern Iran is Chaff-Faced Ware, a pottery tradition which appears over a vast geographical area due to exchanges between the eastern highlands and the western lowlands, especially during the Late Chalcolithic. The relative chronology and results of the excavation point towards cultural links between the Zab basin and Caucasia, Anatolia and Mesopotamia. Among the main objectives of the present study are: gaining an insight into the settlement sequence; examining the Hasanlu VIII cultural tradition of the Zab basin in light of recent archaeological finds and investigating the cultural interactions of the local populations with the neighbouring regions. Attempts have been made to obtain a better understanding of the Late Chalcolithic cultural horizon.

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