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Dekon Archaeological Project

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Abstract

Gird-i Dekon is located on the west bank of the Serchinar River in the western part of Sulaimani City in Iraqi Kurdistan. The Department of Archaeology at the University of Sulaimani leads the Dekon Archaeological Project. Every academic year, we conduct archaeological excavations, train students from our department, and survey the banks of the Serchinar River and the foothills of the Sherkuzh mountain range northeast of it to understand nearby contemporary settlements, raw materials, and the ecology of the valley and the foothill. We discovered a Middle-Late Bronze Age single palace, a multi-room public building with thick stone foundations, and a central room with backed bricks pavement. The materials found show multicultural interaction during the second millennium, including lots of Shamlu Ware, which we believe is a typical Bronze Age Ware of the Lullubies. We also found Babylonian/Kassite style jars and potsherds, Kassite goblets and beakers, a few Nuzi/Late Khabur Ware potsherds, cylinder seals, and seal impressions. Additionally, we discovered numerous complete and fragmentary cuneiform tablets, including a complete incantation tablet.

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