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Walking Deads: A pretty special mobility in neolithic NW-Iran and adjacent region

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Abstract

The transition from the hunter-gatherer world to early food-producing societies in Western Asia is accompanied by dramatic episodes in mortuary practices. Along with the occurrence of solid dwellings and built architecture, our archaeological map confirms a predictable connection between settlements and burials: human remains are deposited below the house floors and between the living spaces. One may expect burial practices were adopted to the new lifestyle and underwent contemporarily specific changes. It seems clear that increasing sedentism and herder-agricultural habits had affected the treatment of the deceased of the community. Though, presumed close connectivity of settlements and burials in the course of the neolithisation is more fragmented when looking closer.

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