



## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

# The Ottoman forts at the Sagrma Mountain range in Iraqi Kurdistan

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## Abstract

The Ottoman forts at the Sagrma Mountain in Iraqi Kurdistan are recorded for the first time by our Sangaw Archaeological Project. The Ottomans controlled the area between the Lower Zab and Sirwan rivers since 1514 AD. This region is located at the cross roads of the caravans from Kirmashan to Erbil east-west ward, and also the roads from the Mesopotamian plain to the midst of the Zagros ranges south-northward and vice versa. In the second half of the 19th century AD, the Ottomans re-controlled the area after the fall of the Babanian Kurdish principedom. The Ottomans built three forts on the Sagirma ranges, each one watching over and controlling one of the mountain passes of this range. This paper presents the preliminary results of a survey of these Ottoman forts that were first surveyed by our team.

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