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A Late Fourth Millennium BCE Settlement and Necropolis in Al-Bad' Oasis (North-West Arabia)

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Abstract

The recent discovery of al-Rudaydah site in the al-Bad' oasis, near the Gulf of Aqaba, represents a major milestone in the study of the Bronze Age in North-West Arabia. This exceptional Early Bronze Age IB settlement dated to the late fourth millennium BCE, covers around 5 ha. It has no ramparts, but we identified two large collective structures/platforms dominating the settlement area and a later Early Bronze Age II necropolis. Its material culture indicates close links with the Southern Levant. Al-Rudaydah site represents a transitional phase towards urbanism in north-west Arabia, well known in the Southern Levant at the same period.

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