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3rd Millennium BC Stratigraphic and Ceramic Sequences at Bash Tapa (Erbil Plain, Kurdistan Region of Iraq)

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Abstract

The site of Bash Tapa is located in the Erbil plain (Kurdistan Region of Iraq) and is being investigated since 2013 by a French archaeological mission led by C. Nicolle (CNRS, Paris). The main occupations explored date to the Early Bronze Age and to the Late Bronze Age. The Early Bronze Age levels were mainly excavated in Area 1, which corresponds to a step trench dug along the Southern slope of the tell. The stratigraphic sequence of Area 1 covers most of the 3rd millennium BC (ca. 2900-2300 BC). This presentation will focus on different well-stratified contexts dated to the 3rd millennium from Area 1 and on the pottery these contexts yielded. The 3rd millennium levels were dated to the Ninevite 5 and to the Early Dynastic III periods. We have decided to use these period denominations to reflect the material characterizing these occupation levels, even if their use may be debatable. A collaborative framework to discuss and possibly build up a new relevant chronology grid for the region will undoubtedly benefit to the archaeological teams working in the Kurdistan region of Iraq. The dataset from Bash Tapa will certainly constitute a valuable contribution in that regard.

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