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# Preliminary results of three seasons of excavations (2021-2023) at the Chalcolithic and Early Bronze Age site of Tullul Anabta (Palestinian Territories, Tulkarem Governorate)

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## Abstract

In the 1970s, the archaeological site of Tullul Anabta (Palestinian Territories, Tulkarem Governorate) was surveyed and provisionally attributed to the Chalcolithic and Early Bronze Age. In 2021, 2022 and 2023, the 4 ha tell was excavated for the first time by a French-Palestinian team led by Wael Abu Azizeh. Thanks to the Institut Français du Proche-Orient (IFPO) in partnership with the Palestinian Department of Antiquities and an-Najah University (Nablus), four areas of the tell have been excavated. The results confirm those of the survey, with the discovery of a small city, with its fortification wall, houses, hydraulic installations and a communal building dating back to the Early Bronze Age. A sounding indicates that a more modest settlement existed previously, possibly from the early stages of the Early Bronze age or even from the Chalcolithic period. The excavations evidenced that Tullul Anabta was fully involved in the first urbanization process of the Southern Levant at the end of the EBA IB, that continued into the EBA II-III.

This talk will present the result of three fieldwork seasons undertaken on the site between 2021 and 2023, and will introduce the new TAFPAM (Tullul Anabta French-Palestinian Archaeological Mission) project currently being elaborated.

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