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New results from the Turco-Italian excavations at Karkemish

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Abstract

In the 2023 and 2024 seasons of excavations by the Universities of Bologna, Istanbul and Gaziantep at Karkemish, much new data was collected about the topography of the Iron age city. Our hypothesis that to the South of the King's Gate there existed a palatial compound like at Tayinat (behind Gateway XII) and Zincirli (behind Gate Q) was tested and seemingly confirmed: a monumental building from Iron III was identified in area GG, while in areas BB and DD we exposed a cobbled open space on which several fragments of a limestone inscribed and figurative stele of, likely, Sargon II have been found. New data on the Iron I, LB II and EBA was obtained both in the Lower Palace and in the north-western acropolis (areas C, AA, FF, HH). In September 2024, a design shelter above the Lower Palace and an entrance building to the archaeological park (open all the year round except Mondays) were inaugurated. The Karkemish excavations are supported by the University of Bologna, the Italian Ministries for Foreign Affairs and that for Universities and Research and the Sanko Holding, in cooperation with the Turkish Ministry of Culture and Tourism, General Directorate of Cultural Heritage and Museums

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