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# The 2023 excavation campaign of the Peshdar Plain Project in the lower town of the Iron Age Dinka Settlement Complex

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## Abstract

Since 2021, the Peshdar Plain Project has been investigating a building complex in the north of the lower town of the Iron Age Dinka Settlement Complex. The multi-period site is located in the Autonomous Region of Kurdistan in Iraq in the Sulaymaniyah Province at the foothills of the Zagros Mountains on the north bank of the Lower Zab River near the city of Qaladze. Even before the Assyrian annexation of the region, beginning with the Iron Age I (1250-1050 BC), the site developed into a large settlement (60 ha) of a local community in the Iron Age II (1050-800 BC). The complex of several large Buildings K (335sqm), L (approx. 700sqm) and M is located on the northern edge of the lower town, separated from small-scale buildings. The most recent excavations in 2023 focused on the north-western part of the complex around Building M (approx. 530sqm). Uncovered installations and finds testify a metal workshop as an important part of their socio-economic life of this period between the Zagros Mountains and the Mesopotamian lowlands.

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