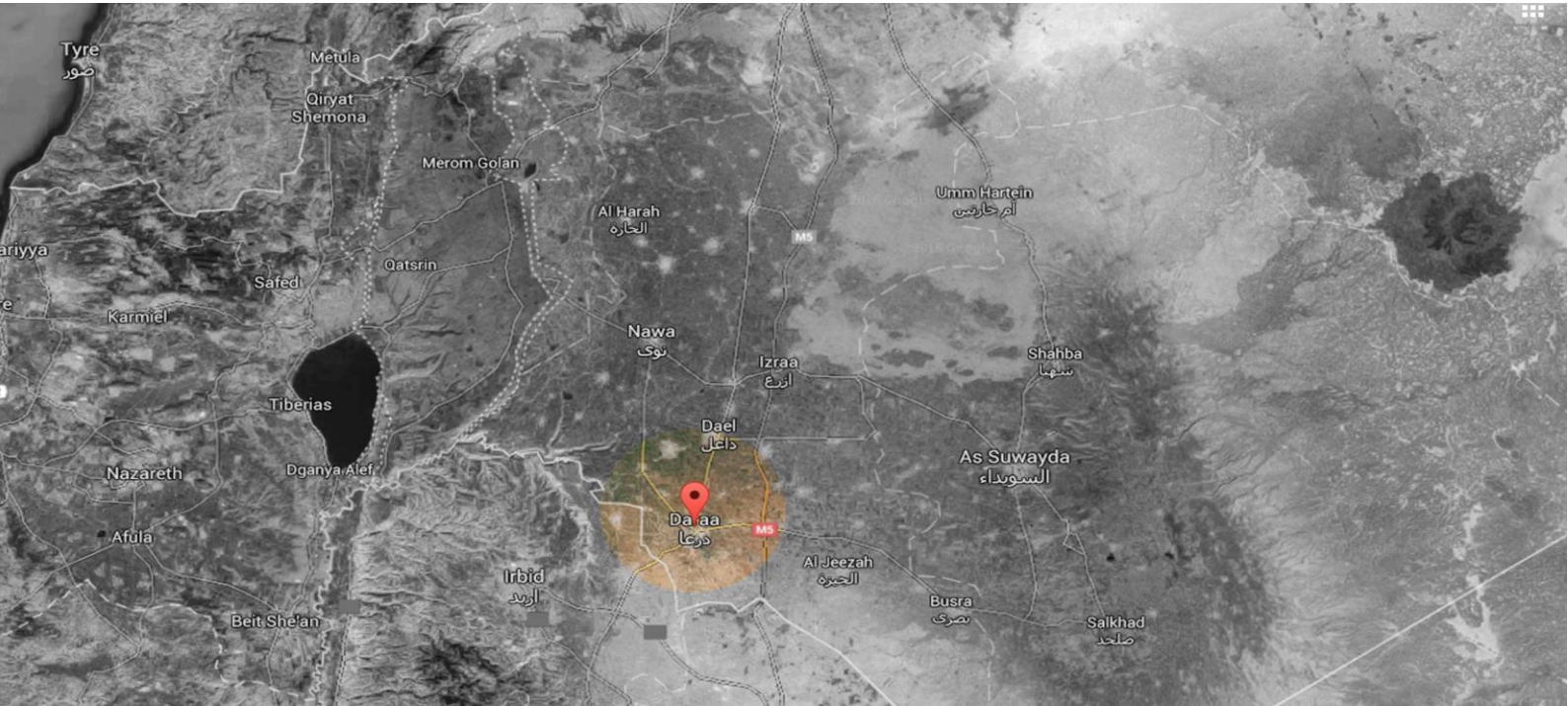


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Damage Report: Documenting Damage to the Kalybe Bosra Al-Sham May 10, 2018



Syrian Arab Republic / Department of Antiquities Bosra Al-sham

Monument name: Kalybe

Popular name: Bed of the King's Daughter (Sarir Bint Al-Malik)

Location: Bosra A-Sham

Address: Bosra, old city, north of the citadel.

Era: Roman

Roman temple built to hold the vows and medals of the officers.

Building Description:

This Pagan temple was erected in 3rd century A.D. with the purpose of swearing in officers and granting them their medals. The Kalybe incorporates architectural elements from an older building which the locals refer to as Bed of the King's Daughter. According to local legend, a king of Bosra had an only daughter whom his fortune tellers predicted would soon die. To protect his daughter from any harm, the king built a tall structure and housed his daughter at the very top of it thinking he could defy fate. The servants lifted food and drink to the daughter on top of the structure, but death eventually found its way to her through the sting of a scorpion that hid in a bunch of grapes. The building stretches to the north and forms a wide arch to the east with buildings on both sides all the way to the Corinthian column standing to the north. The exterior walls had decorative niches on the north portion overlooking the main road, some of these are still visible today.

Report on documented damages to the Kalybe (Bed of the King's Daughter)

On Monday October 23rd 2012, regime forces targeted the Kalybe (locally known as the bed) with a tank shell that immediately destroyed it and shattered the large basaltic rocks, bringing it down to the ground.



Map showing the location of the Bed in relation to the old city

Photos of the Kalybe before its destruction



The Old City of Beara



The Old City of Beorn



Photos of the Kalybe before its destruction



A pile of rubble and stone masonry blocking the road to the Nabatean Door



Photos illustrating the destruction to the Kalybe by tank shells



Photos illustrating the main pieces of the Kalybe after its destruction























North View











West View











Southern View









East View











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