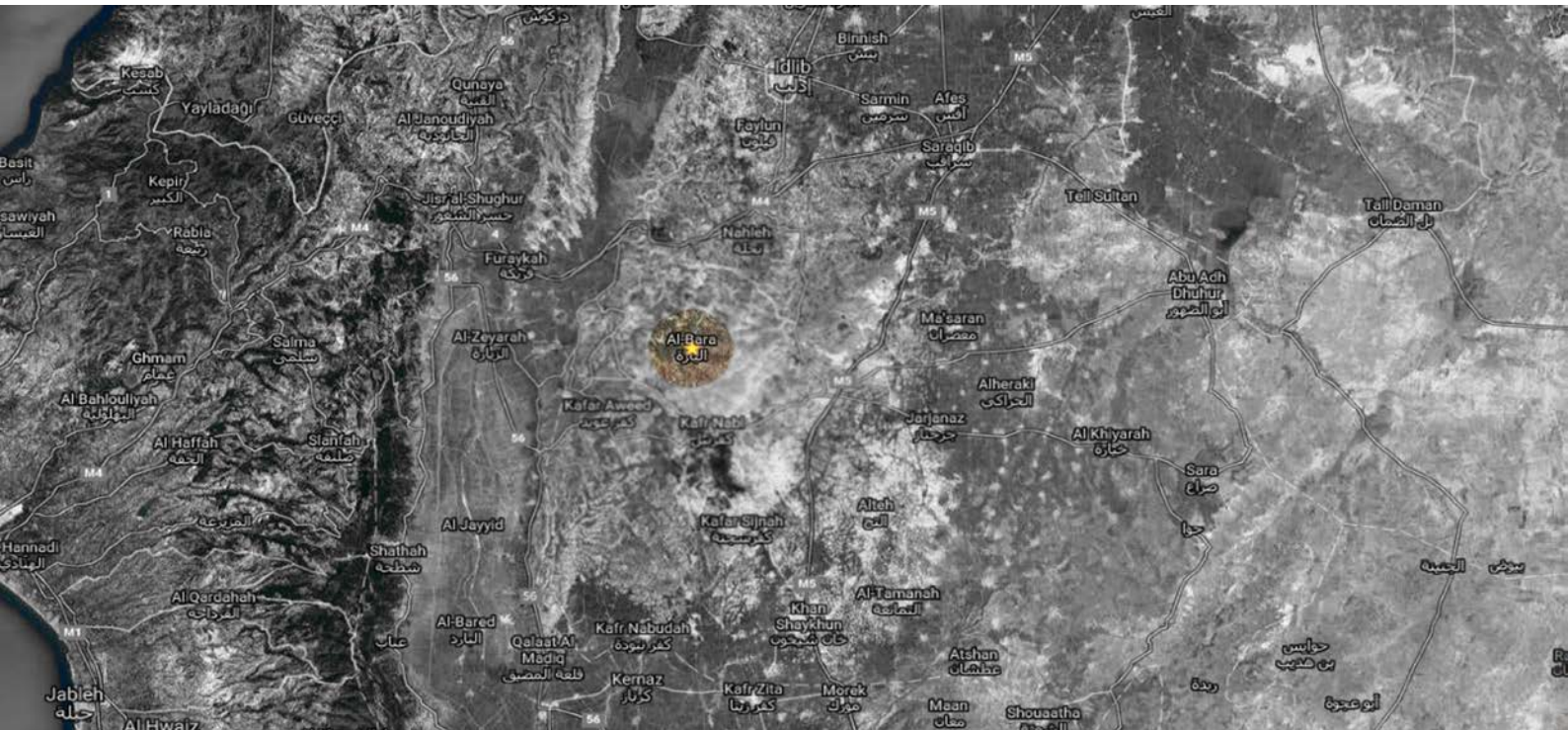


The Day After Heritage Protection Initiative

Site Monitors Project

Damage Report

Deir Sunbul 5/10/2017



Introduction:

Deir Sunbul is a village in the Idlib governorate that dates back to the Byzantine era. It is an important archaeological site (part of the Dead Cities) due to the unique diversity in its architecture .

Located about 32 Km south of Idlib City, Deir Sunbul in Jabal Zawayah is home to many relatively intact tombs, palaces, residential buildings, a basilica church, olive presses, the tower, water wells and basins, and a collection of carvings on facades and door and window.

Recently the site sustained damage due to vandalism, in particular the building known as the palace. The event was recorded and widely reported on social media.

<https://www.facebook.com/abofadi486/videos/542948079370658/>

On 10/5/2017, site monitors of the Syrian Heritage Center visited the site and carefully documented the damage.

Site before sustaining damage

As documented by Syrian Heritage Center's site monitors on 4/16/2015



Destroyed structure



Structure before the destruction (Southeast side)

Images of the site after the destruction as a result of vandalism



Destroyed structure



Destroyed structure



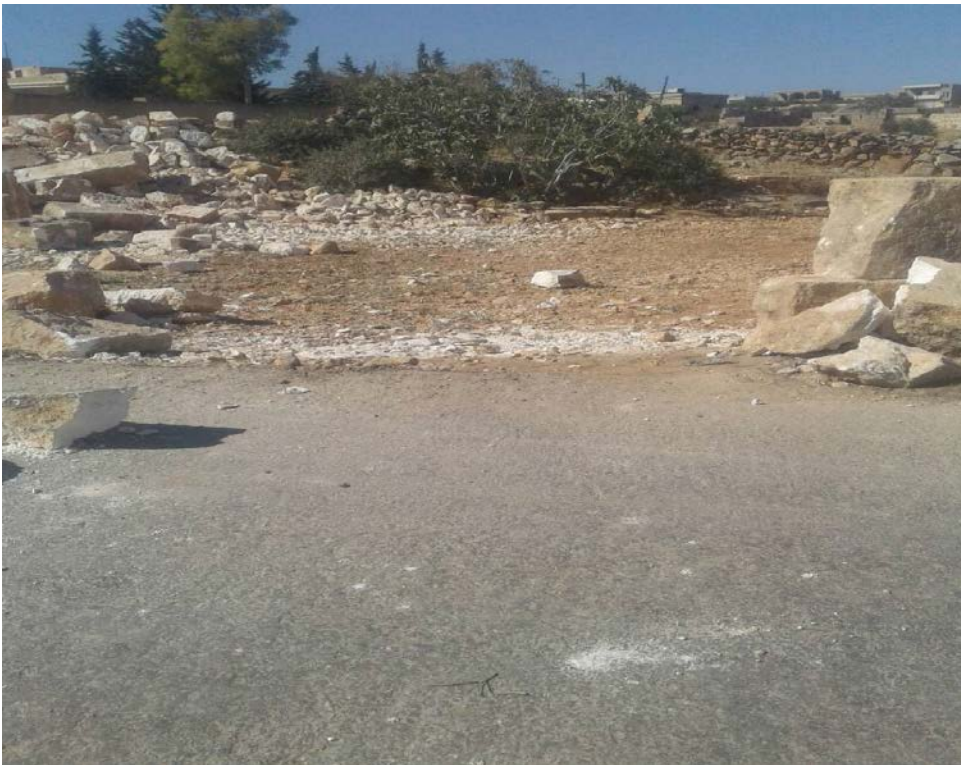
Damaged rocks



Destroyed structure



Structure completely destroyed









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