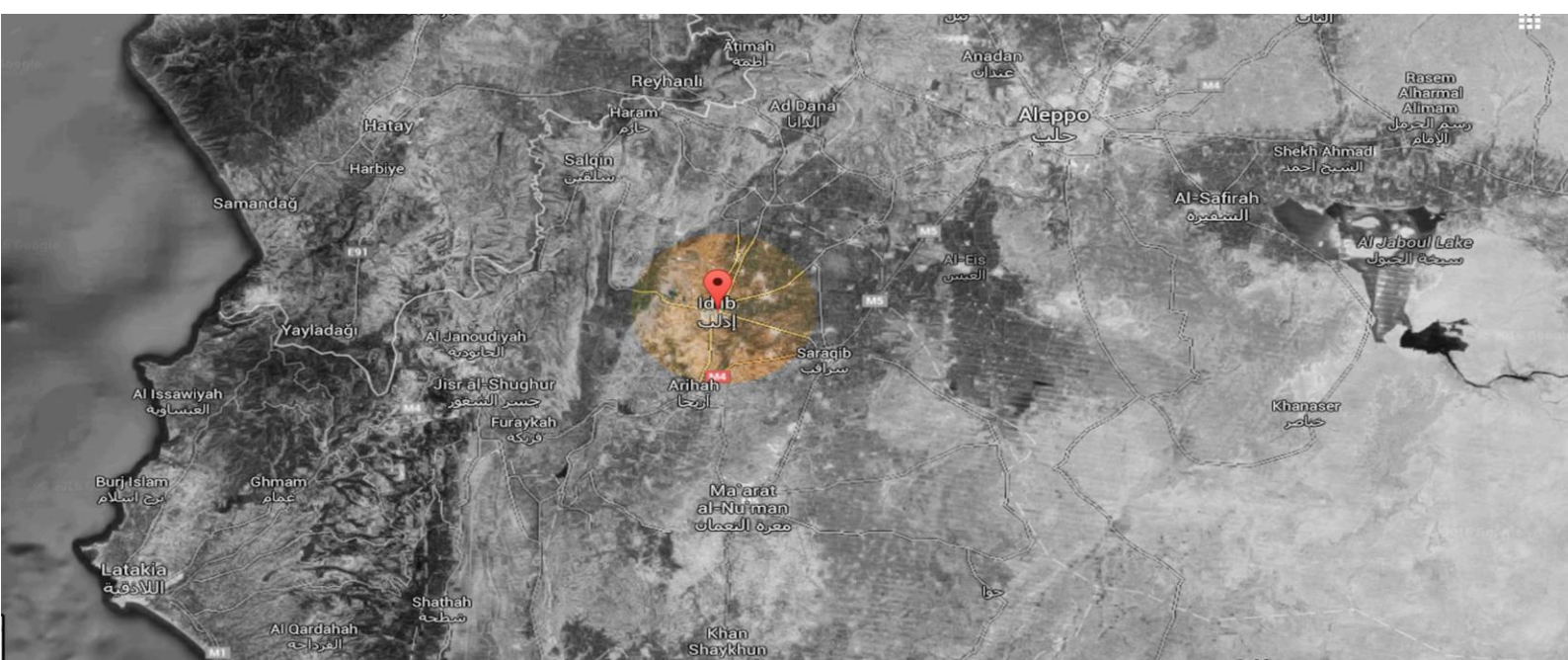


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Site Monitor Report The Pyramid Tomb of (Mezweqa)

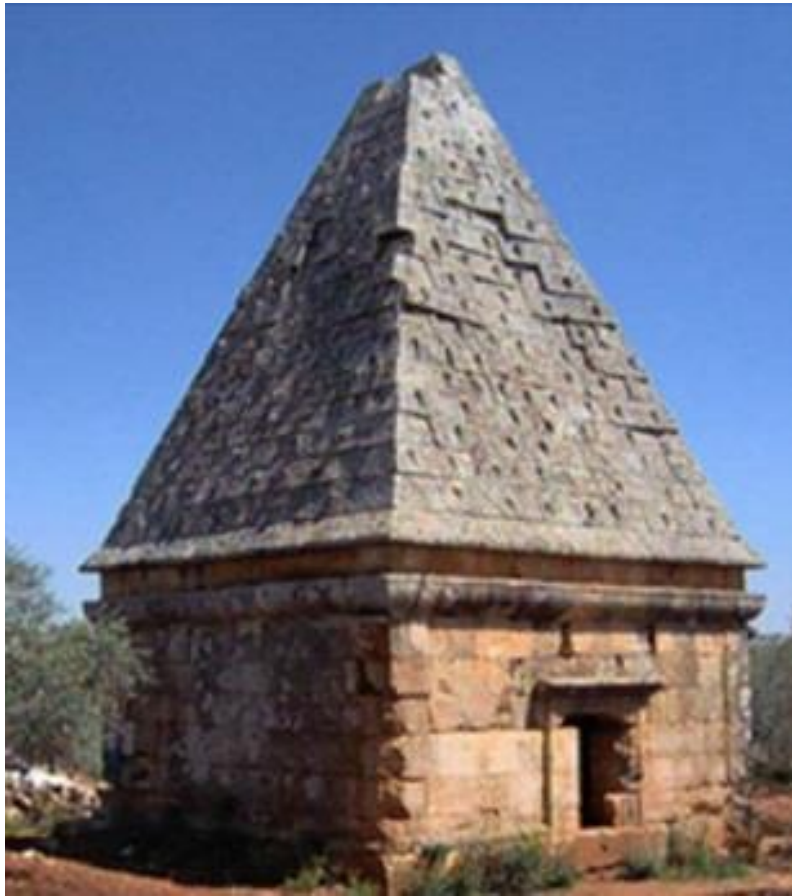
at the Site of Al-Bara March 2015



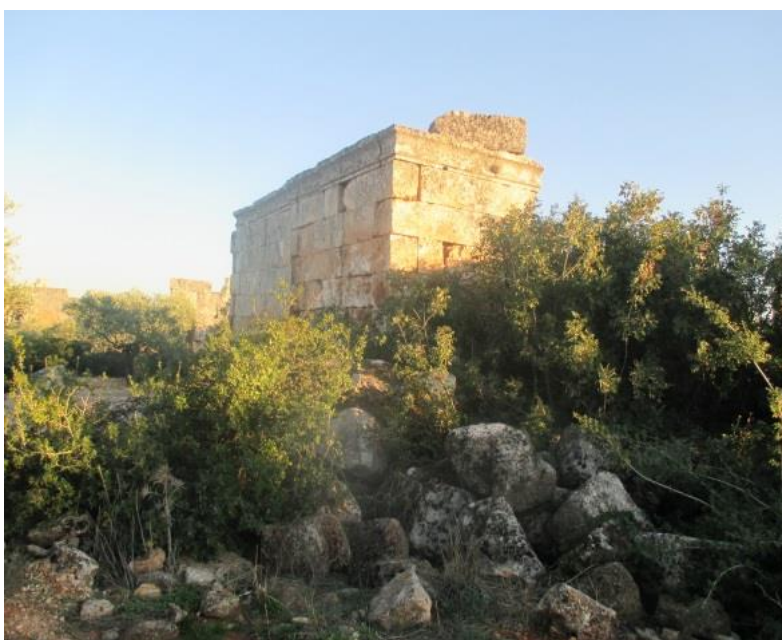
With its square 9-meter long base, Mezweqa is considered to be the biggest tomb in the area and the most beautifully adorned. The structure earned it its name Mezweqa (meaning elegant) due to the intricate exterior molding to the cross bearing leaves carved on the arch over its entrance and the vine leaves embellishing the top of its entrance chandelier. It stands 15 meters high and holds five large stone coffins adorned with carvings. The most outstanding carving is that of a disc with a cross and the alpha and omega symbols on it .

The Tomb of Mezweqa was visited and photographed by the site monitors in 2013, 2014 and 2015. The photos show the gradual degradation and destruction of the site.

Photos taken in 2011 prior to recent damage



Photos taken in June 2013





Photos taken in June 2014







Damage inside the tomb caused by vandalism and neglect





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Photos taken in October 2014





Marked increase in deterioration inside the tomb



Photos taken in March 2015



Site Monitors at work



Damage inside the tomb caused by vandalism



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