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Site Monitors Project

Site Monitoring Report: Roman Water Spring

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The Roman Water Spring is located on the west side of Ain Larose village in Jabal Al-Zawiyah overlooking Al-Ghab plain. The village was named after this spring.





There is illicit digging around the spring and its ruins



Overlooking Al-Ghab plain facing west

The spring dates back to the Roman period and is comprised of a network of underground channels that all connect/meet into one channel at the point of delivery.



Grass and waste obstructing the main channel

A structure was built over the spring using large stones/masonry supported by arches of medium sized stones



Damage due to weathering and neglect

This vaulted roof was subject to damage and fallen debris, which has collected in large portions of the spring. No restoration work has been done for an extended period of time.



The spring runs year-round becoming most swollen in springtime.



Most of the structure's unique features have been damaged or defaced. A cross that was carved into one of the stones is now buried by fallen rubble. This indicates that restoration or maintenance has not been carried out since the Byzantine era.

The spring is currently in urgent need of restoration as exposure to the elements threatens to destroy an important historical structure. Additionally, it has long been the only source of water to the village.

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