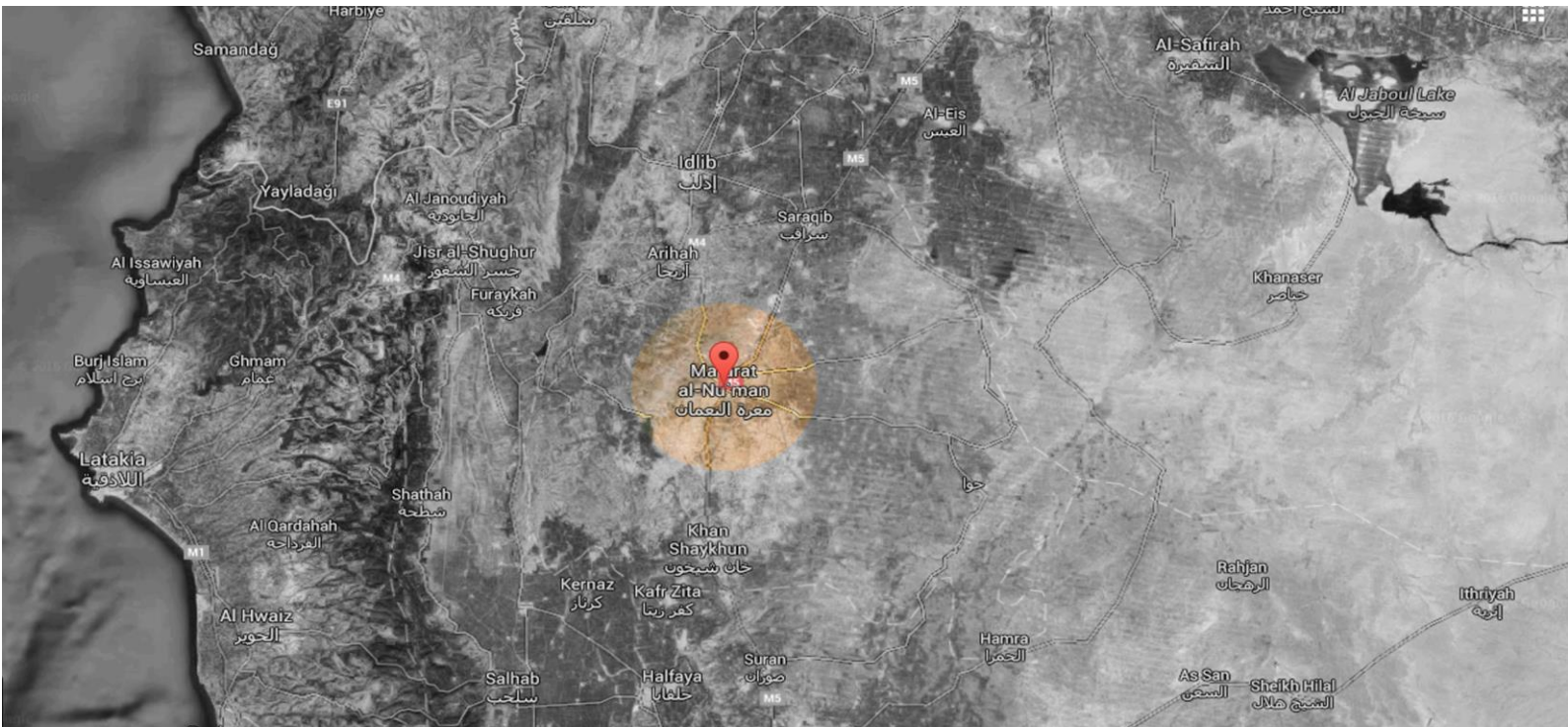


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Damage and Violations Report on Historical Buildings in Southern Al-Dana Village



The Syrian Cultural Heritage Center documented damage and violations to historical structures and monuments/buildings at the archaeological site and village of Al-Dana South. The site is located in northern Syria just north of Ma'arrat Al-Nu'man and has several historic buildings including Byzantine residential villas many of which have suffered damage.

Below is a list of damage/violations against historic buildings and structures:



Photo showing bullet marks on the wall of a residential villa

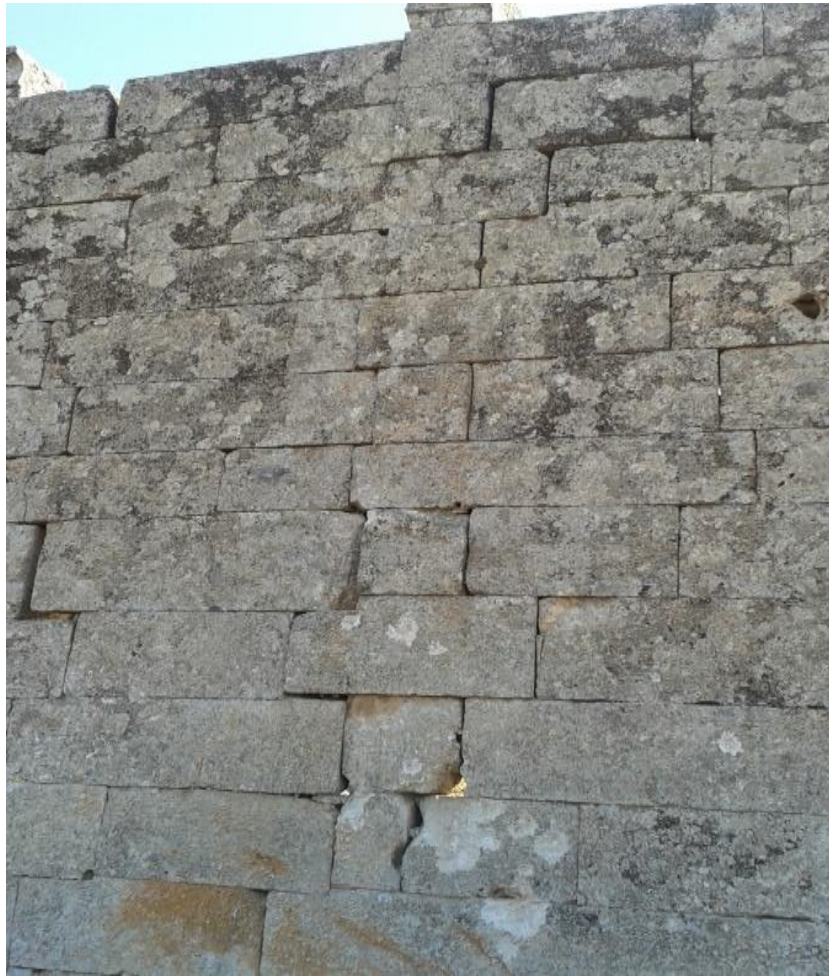


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-The door lintel above the entrance to the villa has been cut with an electric saw.

Damage due to illicit digging around most structures, burial



historic buildings.

Illicit digging in a burial site



sites, villas, and other

Illicit digging near a wall in Al-Banat villa

- Weathering and erosion (by acid rain, wind, and vegetation)

Structures in the area are built from limestone, which is soft and more easily impacted by acid rain, wind, and vegetation. Many buildings show clear signs of weathering and erosion.



Vegetation effects on stone



Weathering effects on stone

- Reuse of stone masonry from villas and historical structures for new construction.



Stones removed from site buildings and monuments



**-Graffiti
engraved on
historical
stones and
villa columns.**

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