

PASH 2014
T99
ShKrel (near prison)

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Zhaneta Gjyshja

Anisa Mera

Josh Burbank

Workers from Dragoc

(additional Gajtan
notes on p. 24)

Niko Sheldija
- Vriith (Kusha në)
Vriith

f.c.b.
Niko Sheldija

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80	- artifact boxes
10	- tire
1000	- dump truck
50	- bulldozer
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Sylvia, Mike, Enjellusha, Zhané, Anisa, 05 June 2014
Josh, Cimi, Dini, Mira, Nexha

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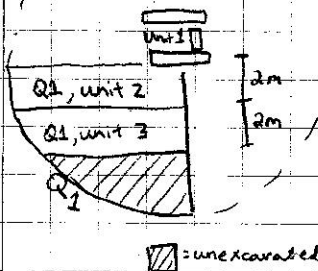
Today, we began systematic excavation of T99. We begin w/ Q1.

Q1

- unit 2 is two meters wide.
- unit 3 is two meters wide.

In both units, we are sifting all buckets of soil.

- unit 1 is the central grave, which is currently being excavated by Josh.



Ngilvia, m. Kk, Engjellusha, Than, Anisa, Jost, Cimi, Dini,
Anisa, Nexha, Besmir Bercay 06 June 2014

-Today Besmir & I (Sylvia) spent the morning screening each bucket of soil. Every bucket is being screened. Josh is wrapping up level 001 in unit 1. Mike is excavating unit 3 and Zhan in unit 2.

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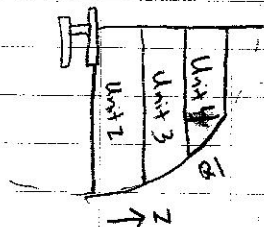
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Sylvia, Josh, Anisa, Zhan, Kailey (K-Dogg), Mira,
Perparim, Dini, Nexha, Arta, Cimi

Morning: we begin with completing level 1
in units 2 and 3 and we are now bringing
down unit 4. Very few/no artifacts recovered.
Central grave is
Unit 001.

We are currently
not excavating
unit 1.

We are
bringing
units 2, 3, 4
down to level
where there is a
change in soil.



Tuesday, June 10, 2014

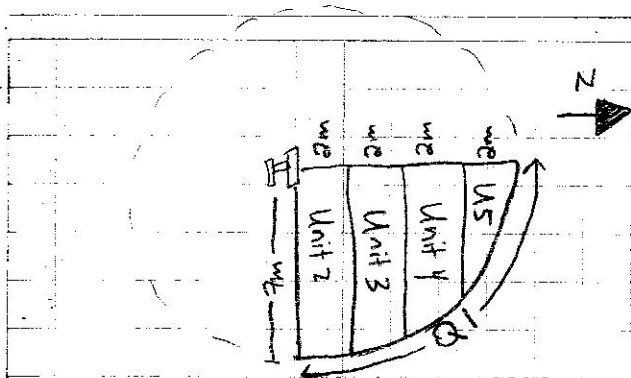
- Sylvia, Josh, Anisa, Zhan, Samuel, Naim, 6 workers

Today we are bringing Unit 4 (Q1) down to level.
Very few artifacts. We are also excavating
Unit 5. We have not screened today b/c
artifact density is extremely low. It is
very hot today.

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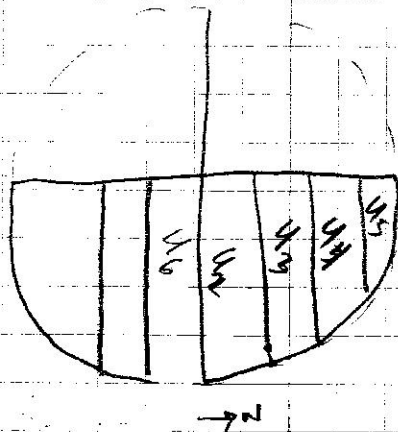
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June 11, 2014 - Same workers as yesterday.

- We are taking photos of units 2, 3, 4, 5 (Q1)
and have begun taking down Unit 6 (Q2).



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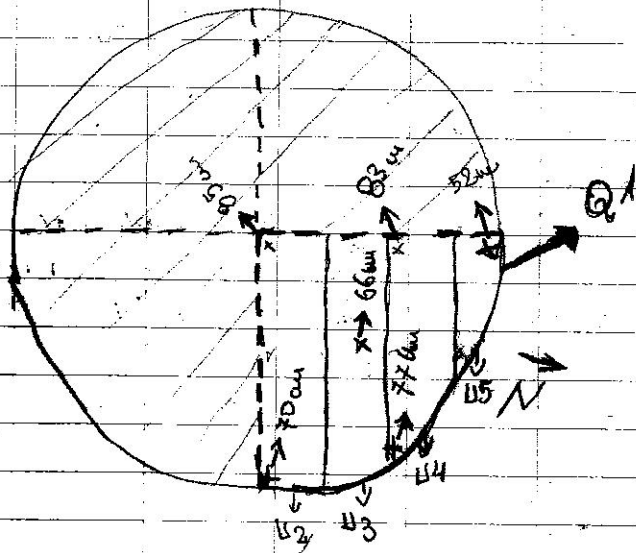
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Hunsell

Q₁ - Unit 002 / Level 001 / 7.5 YR 5/4 - brownQ₁ - Unit 003 / Level 001 / 7.5 YR 5/4 - brownQ₁ - Unit 004 / Level 001 / 7.5 YR 4/4 - brownQ₁ - Unit 005 / Level 001 / 7.5 YR 3/3 - dark brown

We took measurements and at the center, in the beginning of Unit 002 / End of Level 002 - start of level 002 it is 85 cm below the surface.

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Wed, June 11, 2014 - general thoughts

While excavating T99-Q1-002-002, we quickly reached a tough, hardened, compact layer (devoid of large rocks) and discovered a layer of small cobbles just below it. This layer of small cobbles resembles the fill that was excavated from T99-001-001, T99-001-002, ? T99-001-003.

— Josh has excavated the first 3 levels of the central grave and will resume again once we expose profiles from quadrants 1 and 2.

— We receive many curious visitors each day. Most are nice and genuinely want to know more about the site; some are treasure hunters and share their treasure-hunting stories w/us. ^^

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Thurs., June 12, 2014

- Sylvia, Josh, Anisa, Zhani, + 6 workers.

Zhani and I excavated T99-Q1-002-002 down to gravel layer. We excavated through a dense, hardened, compact layer.

Josh + Nexhmija have been excavating T99-Q1-003-002 and they found an almost complete prehistoric pot, which may be a grave good b/c it seems to fine to be of functional use.

Anisa has been overseeing the excavation of T99-Q2-006-001 and T99-Q2-007-001. It's been another hot day today.

Sat. June 14

- Zamir, Josh, Anisa, Zhani + 6 workers
Zamir and Zhani excavated T99-Q1-002-002 continuing taking off the gravel layer. In this layer we went in stone.

Josh continued excavating T99-Q1-003-002.

Anisa continued excavating T99-Q2-006-001 and T99-Q2-007-001.

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Wed., June 18, 2014

Sylvia, Josh, Zhani, Anisa and 6 workers

Josh and Zhani started excavating at T99-Q1-008-001 with the goal to see how the other part of the tumuli goes, to see if there is a tumuli ring. The soil was loose, mixed with big rocks in the upper part of the layer, in the middle part there was just loose soil and in the lower part they hit the gravel.

Anisa worked in T99-Q2-006-001 continuing taking off the rest of the rocks layer. She found very few pieces of pottery and hit the brown soil. She worked with Asla.

The soil was wet because of the rain of the days before.

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T-99 Q1 / Unit 008-Level 001 feature 1

18/06/2014 T99-008-001 / 1 View from North

2 View from North

3 View from South

4,5 Northern profile of Feature

6-9 General overview, T99

Munsell color

Unit 008 / Level 001 - feature 1-75 YR 2.5/2

very dark brown

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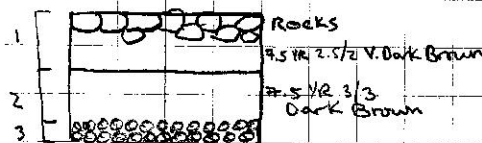
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Sylvia, Josh, Zhani, Anisa, & 6 workers

Q1-008-001

- Zhani & Josh excavated this strip in order to determine the "true" perimeter of the mound. They've discovered an alignment of rock, which will be further investigated in Q1-009-001. Five photos of this feature were taken this morning.

Northern profile of Feature 1



① Feature 1 throughout: atop V. Dark Brown layer

② Dark brown layer (A horizon?)

③ Gravel; sterile

Q1-009-001

- Zhani has begun to excavate this trench unit in order to further investigate Feature 1, which is a possible tunnel/bound den; initially, uncovered in Q1-008-001. Matrix is similar to that of the rest of the quadrant = loose soil w/ rocks of all sizes.

Q2-006-001

- Anisa is working to finish this unit (i.e. down to gravel)

Q2-007-001

- No longer being excavated

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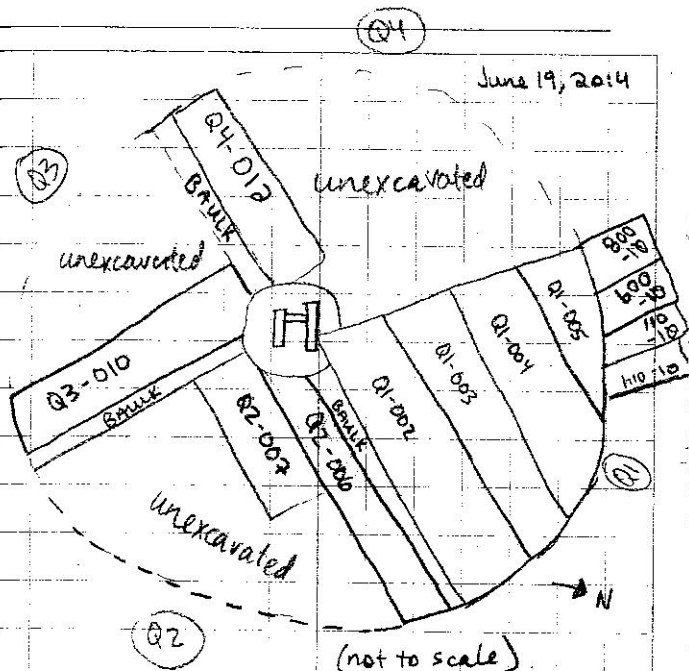
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Q3-Q10-001

- Josh has begun excavating this trench unit in Q3. Unless we find something of interest, this will be the only unit to be excavated in Q3.

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23 June 2014 - Monday

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Sylvia, Josh, Anisa, Zhani, Vigan, 6 workers

This morning, upon arrival, we discovered that Feature 1 (in units 8+9) have been destroyed. It rained heavily in the last few days but it seems that these rocks were intentionally removed. The South wall of Q1 and N wall of Q2 have also incurred damage. Three photos documenting this damage have been taken.

T99-Q2-006.007 - msh → Mansel
7.5YR 3/4 dark brown

T99-Q4-009-001/7.5YR 2.5/2 very dark brown

T99-Q1-011-001/7.5YR 2.5/2 very dark brown

Zhoni excavated Q1-011 and it still appears that we have a peribolos. We have temporarily halted excavating this feature until we have confirmation from a grown-up (i.e. Mike or Loree) that this is in fact a peribolos. Meanwhile, Zhani continued in Q3-010 and Anisa ~~begin~~ finished Q2-006 and 007 and began Q4-012.

24 June 2014 - Tuesday

Location _____ Date _____

Project: Same workers as yesterday

- Josh and I drew the profiles in Q1. Today we will draw profiles in Q2, then the plan is to take a portion of the bank down (below Q1 and 2). Everyone else will resume yesterday's work.
- Josh and I (Sylvia) took down a portion of the bank (T99-013-001).
- In T99-Q3-010-001, Zhani found a spindle whorl near the ~~edge~~ outer edge of the unit, approx. 36-40cm below the surface.

25 June 2014 - Wednesday

(Zhani, Anisa, Josh, Sylvia + 6 workers)

Today, Zhani and Perparim are ~~not~~ continuing to work in T99-Q3-010-001; they are still in the fill prehistoric architecture level. Anisa is continuing in Q4-012-001. Josh + Sylvia are working in T99-013-001.

26 June 2014 - Thursday

(Same workers as yesterday)

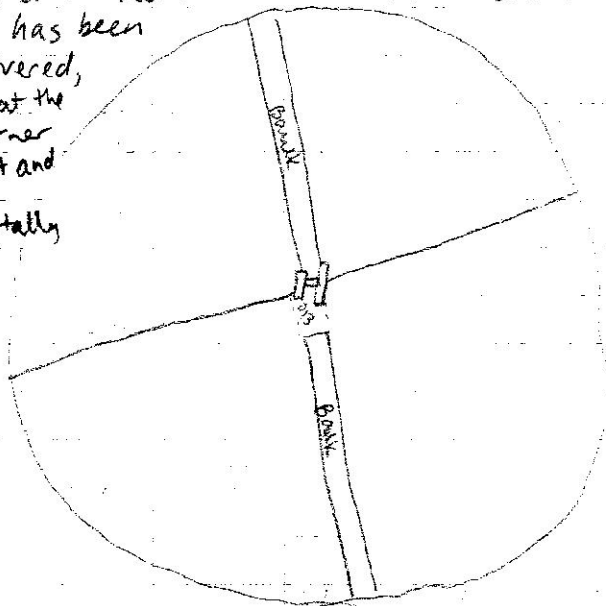
Zhani + Anisa continue in their respective units. Josh and Sylvia finished 013-001 and reached gravel. Profiles were drawn and photos were taken. Unfortunately, at the start of the workday, we discovered that the eastern-most slab was removed (via people? It rained heavily yesterday, though...)

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T99-001-004 = in the other quadrants, the "fill/architecture" layer consists of rock + soil, whereas the matrix here is rock, pebbles, + soil; ~~the~~ the matrix is still very much different from that of the rest of the mound. another ~~cut~~ slab has been

uncovered, lying at the SE corner of unit and it is horizontally placed.



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June 26 (cont'd).

Josh is cleaning the surface of T99-001-004. This surface consists of small pebbles, mixed with soil and large rocks. During clean-up, faunal and human remains were recovered. Human: one mandibular incisor and a first phalanx. Large root in unit. Small pebbles + soil beneath larger rocks too.

Q1-014-001 is also being excavated in order to determine the extent of the so-called peribolos.

Thani was stung by a scorpion yesterday morning - took her to Koplak hospital. Luckily she was OK! We were also rained out yesterday ~ 10 am).

Q1-008, Q1-009, Q1-011 = A possible peribolos has been uncovered. There is a change in soil color at the point in which these rocks occur (the soil is much darker, almost black). This transition does appear to be an edge.

June 27, 2014 - Friday

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Sylvia, Anisa, Zhani, Josh & 6 workers

T99-Q3-010-001

- Zhani has come down to gravel (sterile), as was expected based on the other units already excavated.

T99-Q4-012-001

- Anisa has also come down on gravel. Both she and Zhani will aim to finish their respective units by the end of the workday tomorrow.

T99-Q2-006-001

- We have extended this unit in order to determine the edge. We are looking for either architecture features (i.e. peribolos) or a change in soil (from brown to black).

T99-001

- Josh has begun excavating level 005. A photo was taken of the eastern-most slab that was removed. Fewer - no small pebbles in this level's matrix.

June 28, 2014 - Saturday

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Same as yesterday (+ Lorene)

- Thoughts of the day:

- 1) Describe the topography on which tumulus sits - Ceti needs to build local elevation model. He needs to create new datum & re-shoot EVERYTHING (topo points). Take points all around T99, road, & beyond road - lines of points.
- 2) Gravel & compact = natural
- no artifacts in the brown (double-check with unit 002, level 002 finds)
However, the leveling of the brown is artificial.
- 3) Central Grave = ~~mound was built around it. It is suspended in the fill, not firmly situated on compact layer~~ mound built, then cut into it - based on presence of small pebbles in & around central slabs.
- 4) Feature #1 ≠ peribolos. Use black soil as boundary.
- 5) Central grave = sits on prehistoric ground surface (just above it, as made evident by fact that bottom of central cist lies just atop compact layer). Pebbles in levels 000, 001, 002, 003, and 004. None in 005.

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June 28 (cont'd)

- Anisa will finish unit 012 and will begin unit 014.
- Zhami will finish unit 010 and will begin taking a portion of the bank (btw Q's 1 & 2) in order to access unit 013 on Monday, which, along w/ unit 014, will serve as additional test units.

T99-Q4-005

Level 005 was completed, photos taken. Artificially from this level included three prehistoric pottery sherds. Matrix consisted compact soil and rocks. Pottery seen in lot 3 but are no longer present. Excavation of 101000 will continue down to gravel layer observed in D1. If gravel is reached it may represent sterile, but Lorenz believes there is the possibility of earlier graves.

T99-Q4-012-001 finished, took pictures.
Started T99-Q4-014-001.

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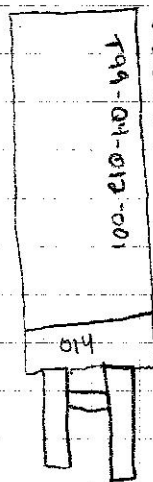
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Mylin, Zhami, Josh, & H Dragon workers

Josh is now reaching the top of the gravel layer in the central grave. He will continue within the central grave for at least one or more level.

Zhami is working on 014. She has reached gravel and is continuing for an additional meter.

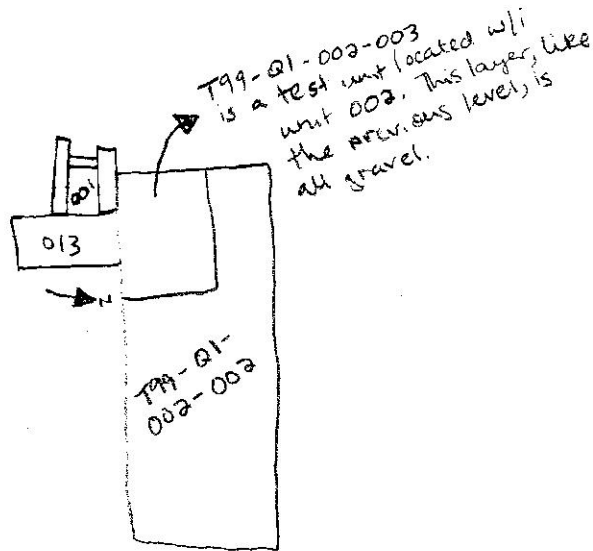
* once 012 was finished (i.e. to gravel), 014 was started in order to assess the westernmost profile of the central grave slabs. This unit will be excavated for ~ 1 m below gravel surface.



June 30 - cont'd...

* last day of field work!

- In Q1, an additional test excavation has been started: T99-Q1-002-003. This level is all gravel.



July 1st, 2014 =

Ceti & Sylvia returned to T99 to take total station points.

Sylvia & Josh drew unit profiles.

July 2nd, 2014 =

Tumulus was backfilled;
central grave slabs left exposed.

July 3, 2014

- close Gajtan

Sylvia, Zhanj, Anisa, Zahir

Began with level 13

- took 10 photos of today's first completed level. Ended @ depth of 1.45m.
- also took 3 carbon samples
- ceramic sherds recovered, possible lithics
- burned bone
- some clay in matrix; everything screened

Next Level 14

- ceramic sherds collected
- burned bones
- some clay in matrix
- lithics
- no photos taken
- everything screened
- ending depth: 1.55m
- carbon samples taken

Next Level = 15

- Zahir says this is the true, in-situ Bronze Age level
- no photos taken; everything screened
- bones, sherds, lithics
- carbon samples taken
- ending depth: 1.70m

Next Level = 16

- ceramic sherds collected
- bone
- lithics
- no carbon samples taken
- ~~Lorenc says to backfill this unit today, despite the fact that the sterile level hasn't been reached. It is also getting too deep...~~
- 4 photos taken
- Bedrock reached @ 1.80m!