
COMPLEX OF GOKTURK RULER ILTERİŞ QAGHAN UNVEILED IN MONGOLIA

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Archaeologists have discovered a memorial complex and inscription that is believed to belong to Ilteriş Qaghan, the founder of the second Göktürk Khaganate, at the scientific excavations carried out in the Ötüken region of Mongolia in cooperation with the International Turkic Academy (TWESCO) and the Mongolian Academy of Sciences Archeology Institute.

Speaking at a press conference on the subject in Mongolia's capital, Ulaanbaatar, International Turkic Academy President Darhan Kızıralı said that the excavations they started jointly with the experts of the Mongolian Academy of Sciences Archeology Institute in the Nomgon plain in the Ötüken region in 2019 concluded successfully.

Noting that as a result of the excavations, they discovered the complex and inscription of Ilteriş Qaghan, Kızıralı said, "Based on the information obtained from the inscription, the complex was dedicated to Ilteriş Qaghan. In addition, it is considered to be the oldest written monument of the Göktürk period, where the name 'Turk' is mentioned for the first time."

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