Tell Mozan Monitoring Checklist

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All checklist items must be documented with date-stamped photographs.

Archaeological Areas

Temple Area

	Task	Purpose	Photo Required
☒	Overview, General inspection	General Check	Yes
☒	Check temple area for erosion, debris, vegetation	Site Maintenance and Visitors — Visitor safety & preservation	Yes
☒	Inspect plaster on temple structure	Site Preservation — Identify surface deterioration	Yes
☒	Check for weed removal	Site Maintenance and Risks Prevention — growth damage, fire prevention	Yes
☒	Inspect paths: cleanliness and visibility	Site Maintenance and Visitors — Visitor safety & appearance	Yes
☒	Inspect Temple panorama (paint, assess structural condition, clean glass, paper condition, laminate and replace worn or missing pages, repaint the exterior to blend with the environment, the casing)	Site Maintenance and Visitors — Public communication quality and Interpretive quality, visitor, visibility, durability, aesthetic presentation, visual integration	Yes

☒	Inspect panorama and panels (paint, structure, clean dirt and glue residue, laminate and replace worn or missing pages, scrape and repaint metal structures if needed)	Site Maintenance and Visitors — Visitor guidance and interpretive quality, durability, aesthetic presentation	Yes
☒	Verify no unauthorized burning activity	Risks Prevention — Site safety	Yes
	Additional Points and Notes: - **Preparations for the rainy season in the temple area will later begin, specifically regarding the construction or rehabilitation of small dams, which are routinely built every year. This is aimed at controlling the flow of rainwater and preventing it from entering the excavations.** - **No weeds or burning activity.**		

Monumental Staircase

	Task	Purpose	Photo Required
☒	Overview, General inspection	General Check	Yes
☒	Verify no unauthorized burning activity	Risks Prevention — Site safety	Yes
☒	Inspect stones, plaster joints	Site Preservation and Maintenance — Structural preservation	Yes
☒	Inspect clear vegetation and debris	Site Preservation, Maintenance, and Visit — Safety and conservation	Yes
☒	Check for weed removal	Site Maintenance and Risks Prevention — Fire prevention	Yes
☒	Inspect clean paths	Site Maintenance and Visitors — Visitor safety & appearance	Yes
☒	Inspect panels (paint, structure, clean dirt and glue residue, laminate and replace worn or missing pages, scrape and repaint metal structures if needed)	Site Maintenance and Visitors — Visitor guidance and interpretive quality, durability, aesthetic presentation	Yes

Additional Points and Notes: - **There are no weeds. We will soon be adding mortar between the stones on the temple staircase and in other areas that require it.**

Excavation Areas (J1, J5)

	Task	Purpose	Photo Required
☒	Overview, General inspection	General Check	Yes
☒	Check for wall cracks/collapses (J1)	Site Preservation — Structural risk	Yes
☒	Check for weed removal	Site Maintenance and Risks Prevention — Fire prevention	Yes
☒	Inspect clean paths	Site Maintenance and Visitors — Visitor safety & appearance	Yes
☒	Inspect protective burlap J1	Site Maintenance — Ensure structural protection	Yes
☒	Assess protective system (tarps, sandbags)	Site Preservation — Weather protection	Yes
☒	Replace deteriorated sandbags (esp. under J1 section)	Site Preservation — Prevent collapse	Yes
☒	Check and Clean staircase at J5	Site Preservation, Maintenance, and Visit — Visitor access & safety	Yes
☒	Inspect panels (paint, structure, clean dirt and glue residue, laminate and replace worn or missing pages, scrape and repaint metal structures if needed)	Site Maintenance and Visitors — Visitor guidance and interpretive quality, durability, aesthetic presentation	Yes
☒	Verify no unauthorized burning activity	Risks Prevention — Site safety	Yes
	Additional Points and Notes: - **The area is generally clean, with no dirt or weeds.**		

Abi Complex

	Task	Purpose	Photo Required
☒	Overview, General inspection	General Check	Yes
☒	Check dome and shaft structure	Site Maintenance — Structural integrity	Yes
☒	Check for weed removal	Site Maintenance and Risks Prevention — Fire prevention	Yes
☒	Inspect clean path	Site Maintenance and Visitors — Visitor safety & appearance	Yes
☒	Assess cleanliness of *abi* interior	Site Visit — Visitor safety	Yes
☒	Inspect the entrance metal sheets (rust, dents)	Site Maintenance — Protective function	Yes
☒	Check the paint touch-up for the entrance	Site Maintenance — Prevent corrosion	Yes
☒	Inspect panels (paint, structure, clean dirt and glue residue, laminate and replace worn or missing pages, scrape and repaint metal structures if needed)	Site Maintenance and Visitors — Visitor guidance and interpretive quality, durability, aesthetic presentation	Yes
☒	Verify no unauthorized burning activity	Risks Prevention — Site safety	Yes
	Additional Points and Notes: - **The area is generally clean, with no weeds or dirt**		

	Palace Area		
	Task	**Purpose**	**Photo Required**
☒	Overview, General inspection	General Check	Yes
☒	Check for weed removal	Site Maintenance and Risks Prevention — Fire prevention	Yes
☒	Inspect clean paths	Site Maintenance and Visitors — Visitor safety & appearance	Yes
☒	Inspect protective burlap (esp. Wall C2-3 and H3–H1)	Site Maintenance — Ensure structural protection	Yes
☒	Check for cracks or collapse (esp. Wall C2-3)	Site Maintenance — Prevent structural failure	Yes
☒	Inspect plastic and nylon sheeting	Site Maintenance — Assess water infiltration protection	Yes
☒	Check sewage cover in Room C5	Site Maintenance — Safety hazard prevention	Yes
☒	Inspect Tannur cover in Royal Wing	Site Maintenance — Structural preservation	Yes
☒	Inspect the royal courtyard (area A16).	Site Maintenance — Prevent structural failure	Yes
☒	Inspect Palace panorama (paint, assess structural condition, clean glass, paper condition, laminate and replace worn or missing pages, repaint the exterior to blend with the environment, the casing)	Site Maintenance and Visitors — Public communication quality and Interpretive quality, visitor, visibility, durability, aesthetic presentation, visual integration	Yes
☒	Evaluate visual harmony of panorama casing	Site Visit — Aesthetic integration	Yes
☒	Inspect panels (paint, structure, clean dirt and glue residue, laminate and replace worn or missing pages, scrape and repaint metal structures if needed)	Site Maintenance and Visitors — Visitor guidance and interpretive quality, durability, aesthetic presentation	Yes
☒	Verify no unauthorized burning activity	Risks Prevention — Site safety	Yes

Additional Points and Notes:

- **Plastering works have been completed, and I will send a detailed report on these works later. The plastering process represents the first phase of the planned tasks, while there are two additional phases: assessing the condition of the walls and inspecting the plastic sheeting, which appears brittle and stiff.**
- **Also, the corner located in the south-west of Unit 16, between rooms H3 and H1, requires attention, as it has turned into a pit where dirt and water accumulate. This may cause it to expand and negatively affect the courtyard floor, and its appearance is not suitable for presentation to visitors. I will send suggestions regarding this matter in a separate report.**
- **It should also be noted that plastic sheeting has been placed on walls H3-H1 and C1-1. As for wall C2-3, its condition will be evaluated in detail along with the assessment of the other palace walls.**
- **One of the stones in wall C7-3 had fallen, and we have restored it to its place. Its condition will also be evaluated in the wall condition report.**
- **Some of burlap require replacement or sewing of gabs, which will be carried out later.**

Reporting Procedure

Each point must be accompanied by:

A minimum of one clear, time-stamped photo

Notes on condition, action taken, or further action needed

Submit the checklist and photo archive to the site director and conservation lead by email

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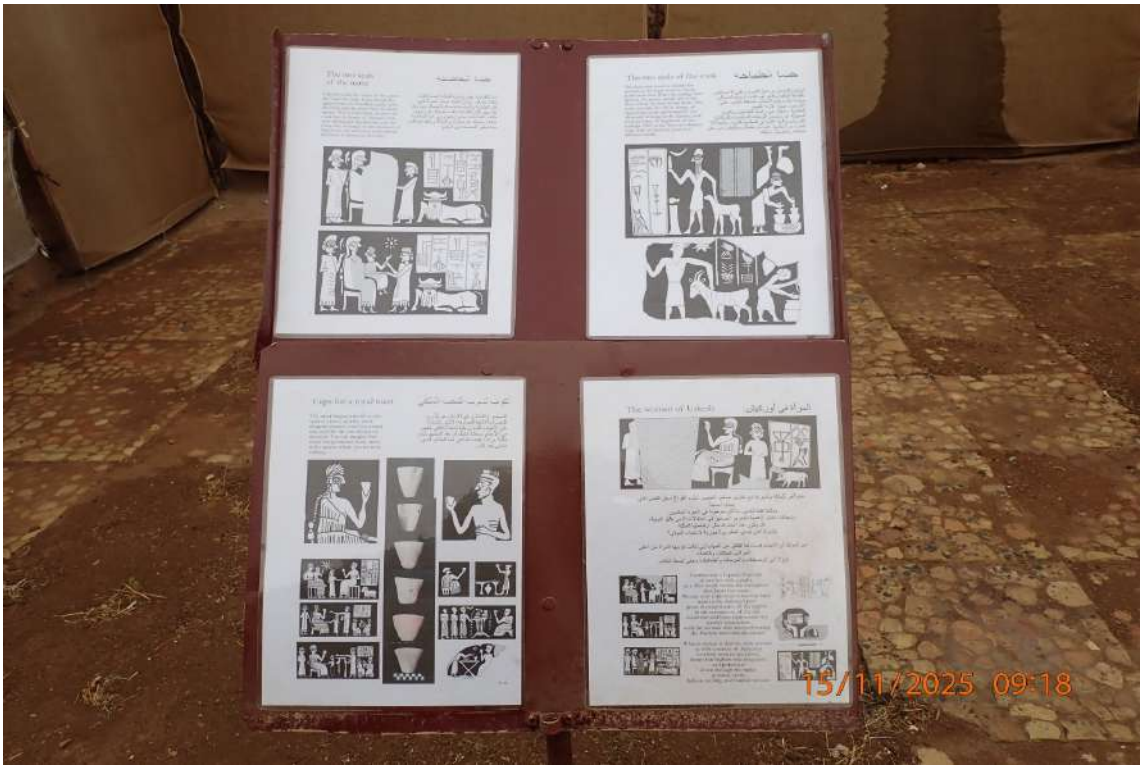
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