

Syria's Six World Heritage sites placed on List of World Heritage in Danger

Phnom Penh, 20 June—The World Heritage Committee has decided to place the six World Heritage sites of the Syrian Arab Republic on the List of World Heritage in Danger so as to draw attention to the risks they are facing because of the situation in the country.

The danger listing is intended to mobilize all possible support for the safeguarding of these properties which are recognized by the international community as being of outstanding universal value for humanity as a whole.

The sites concerned are: the Ancient City of Damascus; Site of Palmyra; Ancient City of Bosra; Ancient City of Aleppo; Crac des Chevaliers and Qal'at Salah El-Din; Ancient Villages of Northern Syria.

The decision was taken as part of the World Heritage Committee's review of the state of conservation of World Heritage sites already inscribed on the World Heritage List.

The World Heritage Committee is currently holding its 37th session in Phnom Penh. The session will close in Angkor on 27 June.

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