

ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE IN DIR'IYA

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Abstract

Dir'ia province is located northwest of Riyadh, capital of Saudi Arabia, just twenty kilometers from the city center, but they recently contacted by the extension of urbanization, although it still enjoys the independence of management within the Riyadh Province. The old Dir'ia is located on the shores of Wadi Hanifa. The Dir'ia is one oasis of Wadi Hanifa oases, where it grew on Wadi Hanifa many oases characterized urban stability since ancient times. Dir'ia named after (Dir'a) the son of the governor of Al-Yamamah, or the proportion to which Dir'ia Al Saud the kings of Saudi Arabia came to in the east of the Arabian Peninsula, dwell the region and the arrival of their grandfather Mani'a AlMureydi began Dir'ia founding date of 1446.

It consists Dir'ia of several key neighborhoods: the neighborhood is Alturaif, and is surrounded by a neighborhood fence ancient archaeological, and oversees by prominent high on the rest of the city, and the palaces of Al Saud, and the impacts still exist, and is visited by many visitors to take pictures of those impacts, and the neighborhood includes mosque of Imam Muhammad bin Saud. Ghaseeba is the main neighborhood of the Old Dir'ia and Dir'ia base until 1100 AH.

Albeeri neighborhood is located on the eastern side of Wadi Hanifa and has Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdul Wahhab house and his school and his mosque.

The World Heritage Committee has included Dir'ia Saudi Arabia province, specifically the historical Alturaif district, in the World Heritage list, to become the second Saudi site is registered in the World Heritage List after the adoption of the stone recording (Madain Salih) in the same list in 2008 as the first Saudi site in the global list .

The inclusion of Dir'ia in the World Heritage List during the annual International Conference of the World Heritage Committee of UNESCO, which was held in Brazil in August of 2010

The research seeks to shed light on the history and architectural heritage of Dir'ia where and which prompted the World Heritage Committee for inclusion in the World Heritage list.