

## **The Khirbet Um al-Ghozlan Rescue Excavation Project**

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In February-March 2017, a small team from the British Museum and the Department of Antiquities of Jordan conducted a rescue excavation at the Early Bronze Age IV (c. 2500-2000 BCE) site of Khirbet Um al-Ghozlan. Although only a small, rural site, less than 1 ha in size, it is enclosed by a monumental circular wall. Excavations in four tranches uncovered the remains of at least two EB IV architectural complexes within the enclosure wall. The nature of these complexes, and their associated finds, suggest that Khirbet Um al-Ghozlan served as a specialised storage site possibly associated with the production of olive oil in the late 3rd millennium BCE.