LOCATING KAKMUM: SEARCHING FOR THE BRONZE AGE POLITY OF THE NORTHERN ZAGROS

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Searching for Musasir

(reproduced from Botta 1849)
Musasir Found?
Kakmum?
Iddi(n)-Sin: King of Simurru

N. of Darband-i Khan/Shahrizor Plain: (Frayne 2011; Radner 2011; Ahmed 2012)

Sirwan River/Kifri: (Frayne 1997)

Lower Zab/Kirkuk Area: (Billerbeck 1898; Meissner 1911)
Halidany Inscription

Utuwe
Iddi(n)-Sin

Halidany Inscription

Šikšambī

Itu
Old Akkadian
Ur III
Old Babylonian

Naram-Sin
Ibni-Sin
Samaki-Adad
Hammurabi

Iddi(n)-Sin

Jerusalem Inscription

Kulunnum?
Betwate Inscription

Kulunnum?
Old Akkadian

Ur III

Old Babylonian

Kuwari Archive

Tell Shemshara Letters

Itabalhum??? → King Pišendēn
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**Tell Shemshara Letters**

*Muškawe attacks Kigisbši*
Surely you have heard about the enmity of Yašub-Addu, the Ahzean. Previously he followed the ruler of Šimurrum. He left the ruler of Šimurrum, and followed the ruler of the Tirukkeans. He left the ruler of the Tirukkeans, and followed Ya’ilanum. He left Ya’ilanum, and followed me. He left me, and now follows the ruler of Kakmum. And to all these kings he has sworn an oath!”
“17 Kings Against Naram-Sin”

“Gurgurum of Kakmum” raids Qabra

Hammurabi Year 37

Kakmum Mercenaries from Leilan

Seized above Ekallatum

Naram-Sin

Ibbi-Sin

Samsi-Adad

Hammurabi

Old Akkadian

Ur III

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Kakmum Deportees
“Wicked enemies of the land of Kakmi”
KAKMUM’S POSSIBLE LOCATIONS?

• Westenholz: South of Lake Urmia / Northwest Zagros Mountains
• Ahmed: Rowanduz
• Shaffer & Wasserman: Nimum = Rowanduz
Soran & Rowanduz
Kakmum?

Or elsewhere?
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