TAKHT-E SOLEYMAN
West Azerbaijan Province, Iran

Takht-e Soleyman was registered on 20 December 1937 under no. 308 as a historical site. On this plan, its oval fortified core zone is marked with a continuous line (no. 1), its specific buffer zone with a dashed and dotted line (A) and its landscape buffer zone (B) with a dashed line. It includes six other units each provided with its own specific buffer zone (2 to 7) as well as the core and buffer zones coincide. An enclave C is allocated to Nosratabad village and its restricted expansion.

I. The main core zone as well as the core zones numbered 2 to 7 are subjected to the following rules:
1. Simplification is permitted. Construction, digging with or without permission, new plantations, excavations, earth filling or soil engineering operations are strictly prohibited. 2. The human Cultural Heritage Department (ICHO) must supervise all acts, archaeological excavations and investigations. It may proceed to the establishment of the necessary restorations for these purposes within the core zone.

II. The specific buffer zones are subject to the following rules:
1. It is permitted to carry out traditional farming in farming areas and near agricultural lands adjacent to the buffer zone.
2. It is not permitted to carry out any form of commercial activity, and no factories may be built along the road which crosses the core parts of the specific buffer zones A 1 and C 2 on route Takht-e Soleyman-Gawaran. ICOH provisions must be respected. The existing road, which is 25 meters wide, cannot be widened under any circumstances.

III. The Landscape buffer zone is subject to the following rules:
1. It is permitted to carry out traditional farming and gardening activities.
2. Industrial installations causing environmental pollution, noise, or any activities affecting the structure of the mountains or damaging the general landscape are forbidden.

IV. The expansion zone (the enclave C) is subject to the following restrictions:
1. The area is destined to the future expansion of Nosratabad (Takht-e Soleyman) village only.
2. It is highly recommended that all constructions in this area be carried out in respect to local traditional architecture.

The limits of the sites and the protected areas of Takht-e Soleyman were fixed by Mr. Mohammad Mehraghi and Mr. Mahmod Moussavi's surveys and reports as well as those submitted to the ICOH by its Office in the West Azerbaijan Province. Mr. Moussavi's report was registered on 18 April 1993 under no. 80.

- Limit of the landscape buffer zone
- Limit of the core zone of the main architectural and cultural remains
- Limit of site specific buffer zone
- Limit of Nosratabad extension zone (enclave C)
- Main road
- Stone - Paved road

A. Main Takht-e Soleyman core zone
1. Oval fortified main core zone (Fire Temple Palace, take etc.)
B. Landscape buffer zone and its units:
2. Zendan-e Soleyman
3. Tepe Majid (Majid Mound)
4. Belqees Citadel
5. Brick baking kiln
6. Sassanian extracting quarry mine
7. Ahmadasabad tumulus.
8. Enclave allocated to Nosratabad village and its future restricted expansion

Scale: 1/50000
Distance: 8 km