

SUMMARY
of the procedures for development of a comprehensive report on archaeological excavation works carried out at Shamkir District, Zayamchay river bank

Introduction

Shall cover importance and stages of activities undertaken by BTC in order to study archaeological monuments, as well as the essence of these research activities. In the “Introduction” Section, the fact of determination of primitive society’s medium by natural conditions shall be taken as a key factor in order to provide brief information on natural and geographical conditions of the Zayamchay basin, where these monuments are located. Along with the above said, the “Introduction” section shall mainly reflect the peculiar characteristics of the excavated monuments, the distinctive features of the burial mounds found in the necropolis, the unity of the necropolis with the residential area, and the scientific significance of these excavation works.

Necropolis

The main part of the report shall contain the information on the excavation works at the Zayamchay necropolis and the associated residential area, as well as the interpretation of the archaeological materials obtained as a result of the aforementioned excavation works. In the report the priority shall be given to the interpretation of the description of burial types discovered at the necropolis.

Residential Area

As it is known, the archaeological excavation works of the ancient residential area were also carried out along the BTC pipeline route in 2003, at the southeast of Zayamchay necropolis. The results of the above-mentioned excavation works shall be stated in the “Residential Area” Section of the report. Lots of archaeological materials, consisting of stone and pottery products, have been found during the excavation works along the small section of BTC pipeline route. The report shall include comprehensive interpretation of these archaeological materials.

Conclusion

All the interpreted information shall be summarised in the “Conclusion” Section of the report. Brief information shall be given to describe the significance of the excavated monuments, the rich culture-related samples, the ancient history of Azerbaijan, the development phases of various craftsmanship, as well as the mode of life, farming, funeral customs and moral culture of ancient people, who lived thereabout. At the same time, the report shall include some comments on chronology of the archaeological findings and associated monuments.