



DAM (ARCHEOLOGICAL CITE)

DAM, archeological site in Afghanistan, 30°55' N, 62°01' E, located approximately 20 km east of the Helmand delta, 10 km south of the Hāmūn-e Aškīn 'Ām (the southeastern part of the Hāmūn-e Sīstān, on Afghan territory), and 10 km north of the extensive ruins of Kordū, in the desert on the edge of the moving sand dunes between Kordū and Patāndek.

The site is a field covered in potsherds representing a continuation of the Sasanian tradition in Islamic style. Among the most conspicuous mud-brick ruins are a rectangular hall with single large openings in the shorter front and rear walls and two in each of the long sides, as well as recognizable remains of an elliptical barrel vault that must once have covered an *ayvān* of Parthian or Sasanian date, and a very dilapidated medieval fortress probably located there in order to provide protection for traditional overland routes.

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