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The pillaging of antiquities by Islamic State militants is thriving in [Syria](#) and [Iraq](#) despite efforts to counter it, Middle East officials and archaeological experts said Thursday at a conference on the illicit trafficking of artifacts. Irina Bokova, the director general of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, said all six [Unesco World Heritage sites](#) in Syria had been damaged in that country's war, including the most recent destruction in the ancient city of Palmyra. "Culture has always been a victim of war, but what we're seeing today is new," Ms. Bokova said at the Asia Society in New York.



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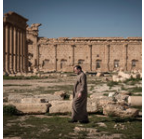
Video The ruins of the ancient Syrian city of Palmyra are shown in a video from March 2014, before the

Islamic State took control.

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