

Jordan News Conference (heritage under threat) .. Today

Second Annual Regional Conference «# Turat_tan_altaheadad» will be held on Thursday in Amman under the patronage of Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and Expatriates Affairs Nasser Judeh ,, aim of enhancing inter-Arab countries in the fight against illegal smuggling and sale of cultural artifacts looted from the area of cooperation.

According to a Foreign Ministry statement said the conference is held hosted by the Jordanian government and the »Alliance for effects» and the Institute of the Middle East, and brings together ministers from the 17-nation Arab League, where he will be Minister of Tourism and Antiquities, headed by Lena jujube sessions.

Participants sought at the conference to coordinate efforts in the face of the threat to the cultural heritage of the area as a result of exposure effects of looting, smuggling and destruction at the hands of looters of antiquities and criminals and terrorist groups, also hold «on combating the looting of cultural heritage working group», author of government representatives from each of the participating countries , its inaugural meeting during the conference to finalize the action plan for next year on the specific actions that will be taken in these joint efforts.

This historic event is based on the Cairo statement, which was issued in 2015, when the ministers of ten Arab countries met to take effective steps to combat crimes against cultural heritage, it also comes to complement a high-level special meeting of the forum, which was held in September of the same year during the seventieth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

It is noteworthy that the looting of cultural heritage has become a tool to finance criminal and terrorist groups are increasingly, and remains of archaeological, historical and religious sites under threat as a result of armed conflicts and the target of destruction and looting regulator.

Criminal and terrorist groups have reaped such as terrorist gang Daesh several million dollars from behind the looting of cultural heritage, where these groups are utilizing it to finance its operations. Arab countries and recognizes the need to cut off funding for criminal and terrorist activities, sources, including those originating from the sale of looted effects of war and conflict zones.

And it will record the proceedings of opening and closing sessions, will also be attending open to the media. To register to attend , please communicate to [\[email protected\]](#) and can get more information about the conference by visiting the website

www.theantiquitiescoalition.org/jordan2016.