

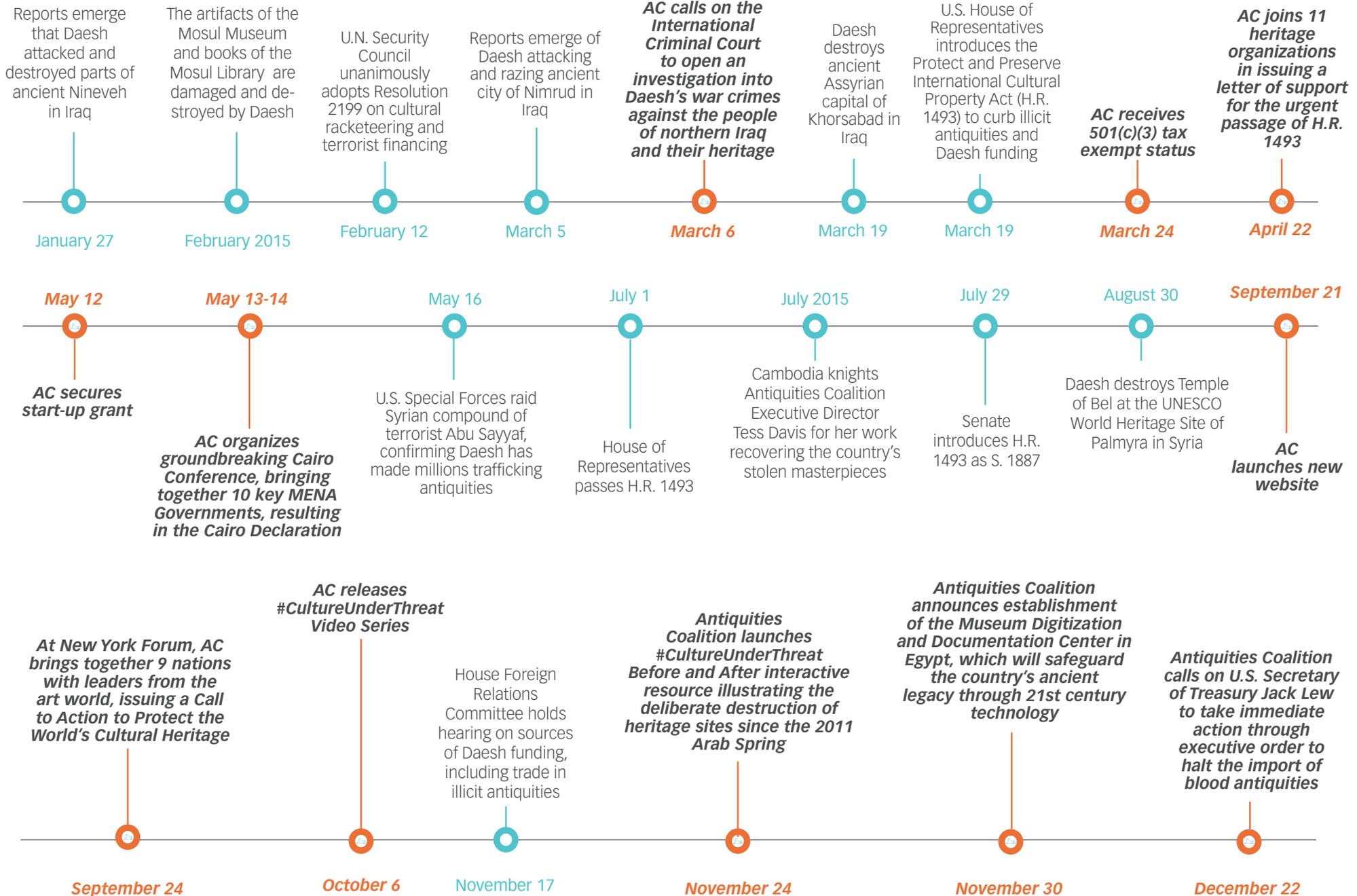


ANNUAL REPORT

The Antiquities Coalition unites a diverse group of experts in the global fight against cultural racketeering: the illicit trade in antiquities by organized criminals and terrorist organizations. This plunder for profit funds crime, armed conflict, and violent extremist organizations around the world—erasing our past and threatening our future. Through innovative and practical solutions, we tackle this challenge head on, empowering communities and countries in crisis.

2015 TIMELINE OF EVENTS

(*Bold italics are AC events*)



WHO WE ARE

The Antiquities Coalition unites a wide range of experts in the fight against cultural racketeering. We are business leaders, former government officials, archaeologists, lawyers, and other professionals. We bring with us the experience and skills of these widely diverse backgrounds as we work together to safeguard our shared cultural heritage.

Our Team



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Partners

Collaboration is a crucial tool in safeguarding our shared cultural heritage. The Antiquities Coalition has thus joined forces with a wide range of partners across borders and disciplines. These partnerships leverage the power and ingenuity of the not-for-profit, private, and public sectors, as we work together to fight cultural racketeering.



ADVOCACY AND OUTREACH

We championed better law and policy to key decision makers in government and the market, successfully advocating for practical and proven solutions.



ADVOCATED for heritage protection including the pending US-Egyptian bilateral agreement, which once signed, will restrict the import of Egyptian antiquities into America.



RAISED AWARENESS of cultural racketeering and its impact on global economics and security, while improving our visibility and broadening the understanding of what we do.

- ✓ Spoke and published widely to academic and general audiences
- ✓ Launched a new and improved website
- ✓ Developed a growing social media presence with 2100+ Twitter followers and 1500+ Followers on Facebook



Introduced our **#CULTUREUNDERTHREAT** video series on YouTube, giving the public access to policy makers and experts from around the world.

Served as a **TRUSTED SOURCE FOR INTERNATIONAL MEDIA**, appearing in top outlets, including:



INFLUENCED THOUGHT LEADERS AND PUBLIC OPINION through op-eds in outlets including:



Expanded our **PRINT AND ONLINE PUBLICATIONS** with resources such as a dedicated blog, an interactive and print “Before and After” series illustrating the destruction of monuments and sites since the 2011 Arab Spring, and worked with counter-terrorism experts to explore terror financing through antiquities trafficking.



CONVENING

We fostered diplomatic cooperation and international dialogue through educational seminars, emergency meetings, regional summits, and global conferences, helping individuals, organizations, and nations collaborate, strategize, and reach consensus in a crisis.

10 Governments at the Cairo Conference



In May, with Egypt, the Middle East Institute, and UNESCO, we organized a groundbreaking ministerial conference bringing together ten key Middle Eastern and North African governments, resulting in the *Cairo Declaration*. This bold action plan commits the participating countries to cooperative and ongoing steps, including the creation of a regional task



“The Cairo Conference serves as “a strong symbol of our joint commitment to respond, and UNESCO is determined to live up to its responsibilities, because we believe the protection of heritage is far more than a cultural issue — it has become a security imperative.”
- UNESCO Director General Irina Bokova

9 Countries Represented at the New York Summit



In September, alongside the Asia Society, Middle East Institute, and UNESCO, we organized a subsequent forum bringing together 9 nations with leaders from the art world, issuing a *A Call to Action to Protect the World’s Cultural Heritage*.



“We have to deal with this crisis by uniting. We have to go beyond alarm, shock, and condemnation. The time has come for us to unite towards a more proactive approach and translate words into deeds before it is too late.”
- Jordan’s Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Nasser Judeh

CAPACITY BUILDING

Collaboration is a key tool in the fight against cultural racketeering. Using internationally recognized best practices and cutting edge technology, we equipped communities and countries with the knowledge and tools needed to safeguard their cultural heritage



As a result of our 2014 public-private partnership with the Arab Republic of Egypt, we announced the establishment of the Museum Digitization and Documentation Center in Egypt, which will safeguard the country's ancient legacy through 21st century technology, while building capacity among a new generation of heritage professionals.

GOVERNANCE



Incorporated as a nonprofit corporation in the District of Columbia.



Received 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.



Formed a Board of Directors and Council of Advisors of internationally recognized leaders.



Secured start up grant of to fully and professionally launch the organization and its programs.

There are many other ways you can join the global fight to combat looting. Help the Antiquities Coalition raise awareness about cultural racketeering and other crimes against culture. With your help — together — we will make a difference.