

## Anthropological Investigation of the Bone Remains from the Archaeological Site “Samuil – Tsar of Bulgaria” Monument

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This study presents the results from the anthropological investigation of the bone remains, revealed at the rescue archaeological excavations led on the place of the Samuil – Tsar of Bulgaria Monument. There were revealed 10 medieval graves, dated to the 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> c. AD. The skeletons of 11 individuals were investigated. They were determined to belong to 6 adults (1 male, 4 female and 1 of undetermined sex), 1 juvenile and 4 children. The observation of the bone remains showed that one of the individuals was affected by spondylodiscitis and another one survived a trauma on the left leg. In addition, the skeleton of the male individual bore many traces of violence, including three depressed fractures on the skull, a tip of an arrow stuck in the left sacral ala as well as cut injuries affecting the inferior surface of the fourth lumbar vertebral body and the right humerus. None of these bone damages showed traces of healing, which suggests that the individual died a violent death.

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