

In many cases, Houthis used some of the archaeological sites as army housing. As a result, the Saudi-led group bombed those buildings. The result was heavy damage to the ancient monuments.

On other occasions, extremist groups operating in the country blew up churches, temples and ancient Sufi shrines. Sufism is a branch of Islam. Islam is one of the world's main religions. Its followers are called Muslims.

No Respect For History On All Sides

The Mwatana organization says all parties in the war are not respecting the country's history. The group urged the rest of the world to take responsibility for the protection of the cultural heritage of Yemen. Without fear of punishment, the group says, the damage will continue.

Mwatana wants to see the archaeological sites and monuments placed on an "enhanced protection" list. The idea is to protect these structures from attacks.

Mwatana's report also points to the war's effect on the enormous Marib dam. The dam holds back water from a large body of water, the Wadi Adhanah. It is nearly 3,000 years old and built of stone cut from the region's mountains. The dam is one of the world's oldest dams, and Yemenis take pride in it as a symbol of their ancient civilization.

Damage to various other sites is mentioned in the report. They include fortresses, palaces, museums and mosques.