

SYRIA UPDATE II: SYRIA BURIES FOUNDATION OF SUSPECT REACTOR SITE
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A further examination of the DigitalGlobe imagery featuring the suspected Syrian reactor construction site on October 24, 2007 reveals that in addition to dismantling and removing the building, Syria appears to have buried the foundation (Figures 1 and 2). Syria bulldozed a section of a hill adjacent to the suspected reactor building and used the excavated dirt to cover over the site. Furthermore, if Syria intended to conceal an underground portion to this building that had been subsequently exposed by bombing, burying it would have been easier than removing it. The excavated hill was brought to ISIS's attention by two close readers of the imagery who noticed it.

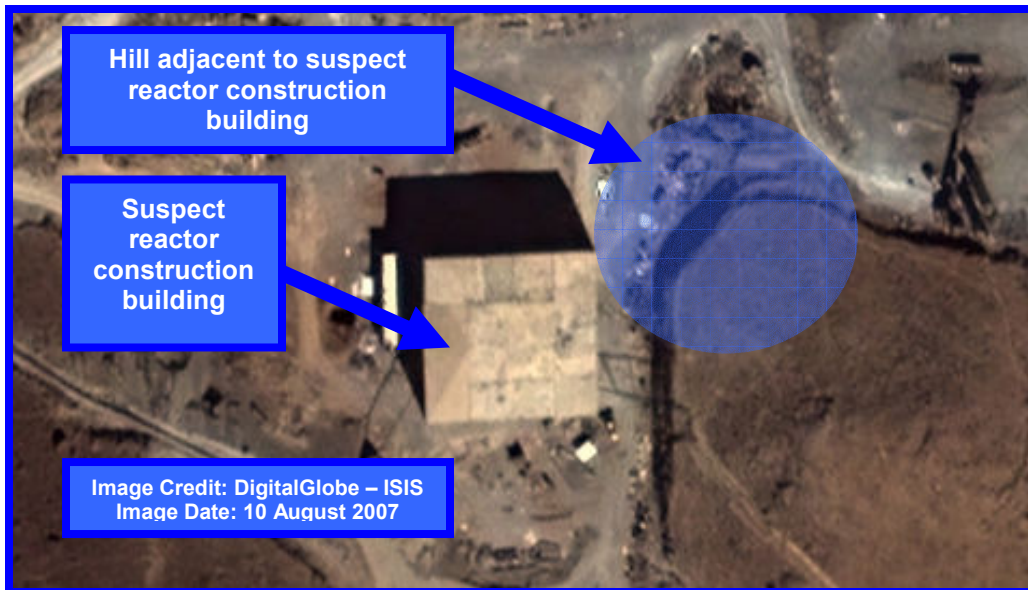


Figure 1. Suspect reactor site before September 6, 2007 Israeli raid.

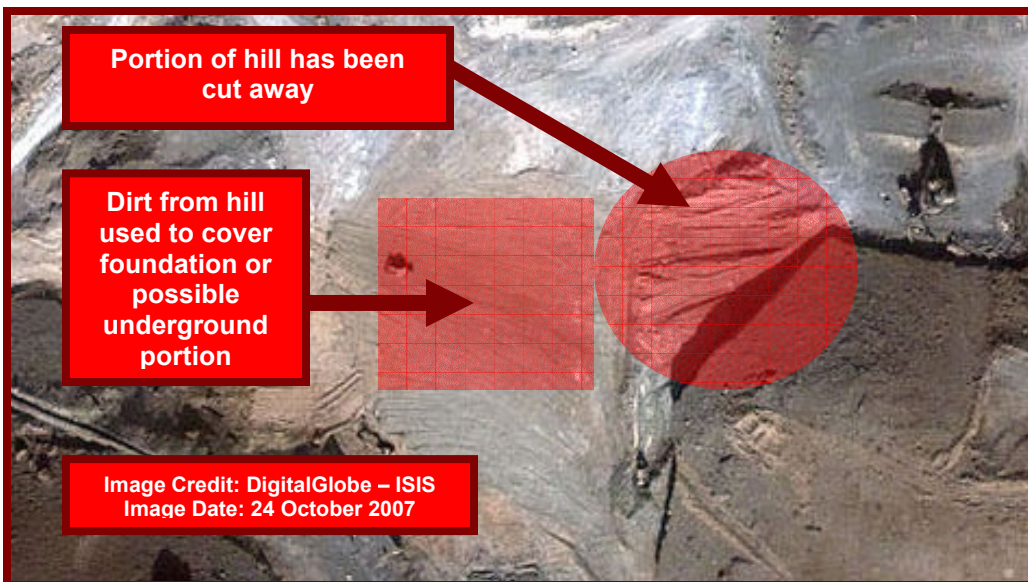


Figure 2. Suspect reactor site after September 6, 2007 Israeli raid.