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**Re: An important question**

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Mon, Apr 26, 2021 at 1:52 AM

Hi Yousef,

Yes, this is my picture. I believe it was taken on Feb 11, 2010, near Lizereg village, near El Oued.

My caption info says:

Abandoned village near Lizereg, NE of El Oued, which shows the now disused practice of building homes with a series of domes and walls made with sand roses, or salt encrusted sand crystals that are mortared together. This style of building has disappeared over the past 25 years as the region adopted concrete and rebar as building materials, but nearby El Oued is still known by the name it was given over a hundred years ago by traveler Isabelle Eberhardt who called it the city of a thousand domes.

I have no info on the original use of the building, but in the past most villages were made with this dome structure, so I have no reason to believe it was something more than a home.

Kindest regards,

George

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On Apr 25, 2021, at 11:19 AM, Yousef Elqedra &lt;yousef.elqedra@gmail.com&gt; wrote:

Dear George,  
Greetings,I want to ask about the attached picture, are you the one who took it?  
when and where? Was it a house or a mosque?

Please provide an answer, help me write a report, and information is scarce

Yours sincerely  
Yousef el qedra

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