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The ancient Er-Rizk church was built in the early 1400s, in the ancient town of Hasankeyf in Batman province, southeast Turkey. As expected, when the nearby Ilisu dam is completed and put into operation, this place will be flooded. The church will be moved by a 256-wheel truck to Hasankeyf cultural park also in Batman province, nearly 5km from the old location.





Earlier, the cathedral's minaret was isolated and moved by engineers. Engineers took about 7 hours to complete this challenging work.

Here is a close-up video of the process of moving the old 609-year-old church on a distance of nearly 5km on a 256-wheel truck.

Hasankeyf ancient town on the banks of the Tigris River has many important cultural and historical sites that have been protected since 1981. Previously, engineers also moved other important cultural and historical works of Hasankeyf towns such as Sultan Süleyman Koç mosque, Eyyubi mosque, Zeynel Abidin mausoleum, Artuklu Hamam (old bathhouse) . to new locations to prepare for the construction of the new dam.

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