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The area consists of a square stone coffin, surrounded by 14 large stone pillars covered with Turkish Runic words. These stone pillars are one of the largest structures found in Mongolia.



Based on data from the system (runes) (Rune is a alphabetical system used by Northern Europeans from the 1st century until the middle of the Middle Ages. In addition to functions as letters to write, runes still used as a system of symbols for magic and divination) and vestiges of ancient ruins, experts believe that this work belongs to a king, possibly Bilge Qaghan, Qaghanate's ruler Turkey, a nomadic federation between 716 and 734 SCN.

This king also became the highest commander during the reign of Bilge, Tengri Qaghan (734-741).

Researchers say the inscription on the stone columns sheds light on how the power structure in eastern Mongolia 1,400 years ago was established.

Main author Takashi Osawa said: "This memorial will show the power relationship of the rulers in the eastern region of Qaghanat Turkey and their territories as well as political relations, Military with Mongolian tribes, such as the Khitan, Tatabi and Tatar.

"In addition, the arrangement of stone columns on the plateau will also provide important information to discuss the religious ideas and perspectives of the ancient nomads," he added.

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