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Scientists discover remains as old as 1,300 B.C. in Mexico City's main park

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MEXICO CITY – Scientists on Tuesday announced the discovery of the remains of 10 people, one dating back to 1,300 B.C., providing evidence of prehispanic cultures in Mexico City's sprawling Chapultepec Park.

The scientists said at a news conference that they uncovered eight bodies last year near the park's Chapultepec Castle. Two other bodies were discovered in separate places, one in 2000 and the other a few weeks ago, in the park's forest. It was unclear how they died.



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The site where the 11 set of remains found in the conjoined housing units dating back to 300 to 700 B.C. is seen in Mexico City. The discovery, made on the edge of Mexico City's famous Chapultepec Park, appears to confirm the existence there of human settlements before the Teotihuacan classic era (mid 2nd century-early 10th century).

Archaeologist Guadalupe Espinosa said the discoveries were part of a project sponsored by the National Museum of History/Chapultepec Castle that has been investigating prehispanic cultures in the park.

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