

Stabilization of Tapedar Dera, Kot Diji, District Khairpur

Work is in progress on the stabilization of the Tapedar's Dera located at the base of Kot Diji fortification wall. The building consists of adobe/mud masonry and was on the verge of collapse. Khairpur Heritage Centre has been provided support by Heritage Foundation Karachi office to undertake the work of documentation. In addition artisans and personnel trained for the HF's humanitarian aid work in building with adobe/mud were sent to Kot Diji from Tando Allahyar, to organize stabilization and reconstruction activity. Although most of the work consists of stabilization; however, some missing parts are being reconstructed. The rehabilitation Tapedar's Dera is expected to be used as a café/refreshments point for visitors to the historic Kot Diji Fort. The work has been undertaken due to the interest of DC Khairpur, Mr. Abbas Baloch, who is keen to preserve the heritage of the district.



External view of Tapedar Dera



Damaged lintel in the veranda



Stabilization of an exterior wall, using Mud bricks



Ongoing stabilization of the veranda columns