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27) Addenda et corrigenda to “Studies in Eblaite Prosopography:” the dumu-nita en — The documents of the Great Archive L.2769 contain repeated references to the sons of the Eblaite kings (dumu-nita en) listed in groups: in most cases they are mentioned as the recipients of various goods delivered on particular occasions, such as the wedding between Tabūr-damu and Yitgar-damu ([75.1730 = M 7 34] and [75.2417], see Biga and Capomacchia 2012). Several lists of royal sons have been identified and collected by Alfonso Archi, Maria Giovanna Biga, and Lucio Milano (1988) as part of their detailed study on the members of the kings’ and viziers’ families at Ebla. Only recently newly published documents with hitherto unknown data have taken our understanding of kin relationships at the court of Palace G to a new level. In this note I intend to revise and update the data published in Archi, Biga, and Milano (1988, 222-232) concerning the dumu-nita en.

Royal sons: Individual mentions

Daggers (†) indicate corrections with respect to the 1988 publication. New evidence suggests that individuals marked with an asterisk (*) might not belong to the group of royal sons. A superscript plus sign (+) marks new PNs not included in Archi, Biga, and Milano (1988). The abbreviation *EST* (*Ebla Scattered Texts*) refers to the digital edition of the tablets published on the *EbDA* database (Milano and Maiocchi 2011–).

A-a-du-lum: [75.1860 = M 10 20] rev.V:3; XII:27[†].

**A-bur-da-si-in*: he appears in [75.1535 = A XV 26] obv.VIII:19 (see below).

**A-ḫu-ma-i₃-lum*: he appears in [75.1535 = A XV 26] obv.VIII:18 (see below).

Ar-wa: [75.1731+75.2498 = A XX 7 = M 7 35] obv.V:5; [75.2240 = A XX 21] obv.VI:14. He also appears in [75.4161 = A XII 49] obv[†]II:2.

**A-zi*: see sub *Uš-ra-sa₂-mu*.

**Bu₃-da-ma-lik*: see sub *Uš-ra-sa₂-mu*.

**Ru₁₂(EN)-zi-da-mu*: [75.10219 = A XV 58] obv.XI:10. Based on the context I suggest that *Ru₁₂-zi-da-mu* was a son of the king of *Mu-nu-ti-um^{ki}*: see also [75.1361 = A XV 11] rev.II:8-11. Note, however, that one *Ru₁₂-zi-da-mu* was also son of the king of *Ma-nu-wa-ad^{ki}* (see [75.3535 = A III 470] obv.II:9-11).

GABA-da-mu: [75.2331 = A XX 19] obv.XI:19. He also appears in [75.1535 = A XV 26] obv.VIII:11.

Tug₂-du₈(GABA)-da-mu: [75.1395 = A XV 15] obv.XI:10. He also appears in [75.1535 = A XV 26] obv.VIII:12.

Ga-du-um: [75.1680 = M 7 23] obv.IX:14; [75.1775 = M 7 48] obv.IV:10; [75.2328 = A XX 17] obv.VIII:3; [75.2331 = A XX 19] rev.IV:11; [75.2334 = A XX 25] obv.X:11; [75.2508 = M 12 37] obv.XII:18; [75.2452 = A VII 11] does not contain this PN.

Ĥa-ba: [75.1743 = A XX 9] obv.XII:13[†]; [75.2327+75.4203 = A XX 24] obv.VI:20[†]; [75.2331 = A XX 19] obv.XI:14.

He also appears in [75.4171 = A XII 59] obv.³III':2'.

**Ib-du-lu*: see sub *Uš-ra-sa₂-mu*.

Ib-te-da-mu: [75.2273 = A XX 16] rev.I:2; [75.2328 = A XX 17] obv.IX:2[†]; [75.10052 = A XX 22] obv.VIII:5. He also appears in [75.4171 = A XII 59] obv.³II':3'.

Ib-za-da-mu: [75.1781 = M 7 50] obv.IV:2[†].

I-da-ni(ne)-ki-mu: [75.1298 = A XIX 3] obv.VII:1; [75.1322+75.4578+75.4584 = A XIX 8] rev.II:4; [75.1568 = A XV 30] rev.I:4[†]; [75.1730 = M 7 34] rev.XIII:7; [75.1743 = A XX 9] obv.I:3; [75.1781 = M 7 50] obv.II':3. He also appears in [75.1535 = A XV 26] obv.VIII:16 (spelled *I-ti-ni-ki-mu*); [75.3184 = A III 158] obv.²I':3'; [75.3819 = A III 739] obv.³II':4'. [75.1349 = M 2 33] is now published also as [A XV 9]. A man named *I-da-ne-ki-mu* frequently appears in the documents discovered between 1982 and 1984 in the southern wing of Palace G (Archi 1993).

I-da-ni-za-mu (= *I-da-ni(ne)-ki-mu*?): [75.1337 = A XIX 13] rev.VI:3.

Ib(Īk)-su-ub-da-mu: [75.447 = A IX 66] obv.VI:12; [75.1604 = M 7 7] obv.II:4; [75.1643 = M 7 14] obv.III:1; [75.1781 = M 7 50] obv.IV:1[†]; [75.1903 = A XX 12] obv.IV:8; [75.2328 = A XX 17] obv.VII:8; [75.2429 = M 12 36] rev.XIII:21, rev.XIX:3, but also rev.III:23; [75.2443 = A XX 15] obv.II':17. [75.2278 = EST 33 = Archi and Biga (2003), 40] does not contain this PN. He appears also in [75.1775 = M 7 48] obv.IV:5; [75.2508 = M 12 37] obv.XII:19.

I-in^{dingir}A₃-da: [75.1322+75.4578+75.4584 = A XIX 8] rev.II:7; [75.1337 = A XIX 13] rev.VI:6; [75.1361 = A XV 11] obv.VII:18; [75.1730 = M 7 34] rev.XIII:8. He also appears also [75.1535 = A XV 26] obv.IX:1; [75.4161 = A XII 49] obv.³II':5.

Ig-ri₂-iš-da-mu: [75.1393 = A XV 14] obv.VI:5. He appears also in [75.1535 = A XV 26] obv.VIII:14.

Ig-ri₂-su: [75.4612 = A XII 385] obv.³II':3'.

I₃-lum-a-bi(Īu/Īa): [75.1298 = A XIX 3] obv.VII:2; [75.1322+75.4578+75.4584 = A XIX 8] rev.II:6; [75.1337 = A XIX 13] rev.VI:5; [75.1730 = M 7 34] rev.XIII:6; [75.1731+75.2498 = A XX 7 = M 7 35] obv.V:3. He also appears in [75.3184 = A III 158] obv.²I':4'; [75.3819 = A III 739] obv.³II':3'.

**Il₂-zi*: see sub *Uš-ra-sa₂-mu*.

Il₂-zi-da-mu: [75.2328 = A XX 17] obv.IX:5. He also appears in [75.4171 = A XII 59] obv.³II':4'.

I-mu-da-mu: [75.1373 = M II 47] is a document concerning silver incomes (mu-ku_x) dated to royal daughter *Dar-kab-du-lum*'s departure for Kakmium (see also [75.1371+75.1372 = M 2 45] rev.I:5-II:3). Pettinato (1980) could not read the three signs following *I-mu-da-mu*'s name (rev.I:3): see however Archi (2000, 26) where the same passage is quoted as *I-mu-da-mu dumu-nita en*.

**Ir₃-am₆-da-mu*: [75.2331 = A XX 19] obv.XI:17. However, note that [75.2331 = A XX 19], rev.XI:13-XII:3, is not a list of royal sons. Although *Ĥa-ba* and *Šu-ra-da-mu* appear at obv.XI:14-15, the other individuals mentioned are: *I-ri₂-ik-da-mu* (Yibrium's son), *Ir₃-am₆-da-mu* (lugal and judge), *In-ma-lik* (Yibrium's son), *GABA-da-mu* (lugal), *[Ir₃]-i₃-ba* (lugal), *Iš₁₁-ga-<ba->ir₃* (lugal), *U₃-ti* (lugal and Yibrium's son), *Na-zu-mu* (?). The only other mention of *Ir₃-am₆-da-mu* as a royal son is still unpublished ([75.1946]). Another man named *Ir₃-am₆-da-mu*, a judge (di-ku₅), appears frequently in the administrative record.

**Iš₍₁₁₎-maĥ-da-mu*: [75.1780 = A XX 18] obv.IX:2. The other two mentions of *Iš₍₁₁₎-maĥ-da-mu* as a royal son are still unpublished ([75.1060] and [75.10273]).

I-ti^{dingir}A₃-da: he also appears in He also appears in [75.1535 = A XV 26] obv.VIII:13.

KU(Šu)-ra-da-mu (also *Gu₄-<ra->da-mu*?): [75.1322+75.4578+75.4584 = A XIX 8] rev.II:8; [75.1730 = M 7 34] rev.XIII:9; [75.1731+75.2498 = A XX 7 = M 7 35] obv.V:4; [75.2327+75.4203 = A XX 24] obv.VI:19[†]. The name does not appear in [75.2429 = M 12 36]. He also appears in [75.1535 = A XV 26] obv.IX:2 (spelled *Gu₄-<ra->da-mu*); [75.4161 = A XII 49] obv.³II':1; [75.4171 = A XII 59] obv.³III':3'.

*^{dingir}*KU-ra-ma-i-da*: see sub *Uš-ra-sa₂-mu*.

Maĥ-ra-da-mu: [75.1298 = A XIX 3] obv.VI:15; [75.1322+75.4578+75.4584 = A XIX 8] rev.II:2; [75.1337 = A XIX 13] rev.VI:1; [75.1730 = M 7 34] rev.XIII:5; [75.1731+75.2498 = A XX 7 = M 7 35] obv.V:2; [75.1743 = A XX 9] obv.XII:11; [75.2273 = A XX 16] rev.IV:27; [75.2327+75.4203 = A XX 24] obv.VI:18[†]; [75.2460 = A XX 10] obv.IX:2. He also appears in [75.1535 = A XV 26] obv.VIII:17 (spelled *Ma-ĥa-ra-da-mu*); [75.3184 = A III 158] obv.³I':2'; [75.3819 = A III 739] obv.³II':1'.

**Mi-ga-i₃*: [75.1451 = EST 39 = Archi (1981), 6-8] obv.VI:2. According to this document he was a royal son, but [75.10170] is still unpublished.

SAG-da-mu: [75.1567 = A XV 29] obv.II:13[†] and X:14 (mistakenly quoted as [75.1576]); [75.2165 = A XV 47] rev.VI:3; [75.2273 = A XX 16] rev.I:1; [75.2328 = A XX 17] obv.VIII:11. He also appears in [75.1535 = A XV 26] obv.VIII:10; [75.4171 = A XII 59] obv.³II':2'.

**Uš-ra*₍₂₎-*sa*₂-*mu*: of the nineteen men appearing in [75.10170], six are never pointed out elsewhere as royal sons (*A-zi*, *Bu*₃-*da-ma-lik*, *Ib-du-lu*, *Il*₂-*zi*, ^{dingir}*KU-ra-ma-i-da*, and *Uš-ra-sa*₂-*mu*). More than one individual named *Uš-ra-sa*₂-*mu* existed during the age of the Archives: one is attested as a collector (*ur*₄; see Cianfanelli 2020), one as a ‘priest’ (*lu*₂ *dingir-dingir-dingir*; see Catagnoli and Fronzaroli 2010, 98), one as a military commander (*aga-us*₂; see Bonechi 2016i). The identities of the other five remain unknown.

Za-a-da-mu: [75.1337 = A XIX 13] rev.VI:7. *Za-a-da-mu* is probably a different spelling for *Šu-ra-da-mu* (Samir 2019, 204).

*Ze*₂/*Zi*-*da-mu*: [75.447 = A IX 66] obv.VI:14; [75.1643 = M 7 14] obv.III:2; [75.1903 = A XX 12] obv.IV:9; [75.1950 = A XX 20] obv.IX:9; [75.2327+75.4203 = A XX 24] rev.VII:3⁺; [75.2328 = A XX 17] obv.VII:10; [75.2429 = M 12 36] rev.XIX:5.

Zi-ib₍₂₎-*da-mu*: [75.1775 = M 7 48] obv.IV:11 (spelled *Si-ib*₂-*da-mu*); [75.2240 = A XX 21] obv.IV:1; [75.2328 = A XX 17] obv.VIII:7; [75.2331 = A XX 19] rev.IV:12; [75.2508 = M 12 37] obv.XII:19[†]. He also appears in [75.4171 = A XII 59] obv.²II:1[†].

Zu₍₂₎-*du*: [75.1731+75.2498 = A XX 7 = M 7 35] obv.V:6. [75.2538] has been mistakenly quoted as [75.2358]. He also appears in [75.4161 = A XII 49] obv.²II:3.

Royal sons: Complete lists

Pomponio published one new list of *dumu-nita en* ([75.1535 = A XV 26] obv.VIII:9-14; Pomponio 2008, xx). However, note that the proper names appearing in lists [75.1862 = A XV 36] rev.IX:1'-9', [75.1843 = A XV 38] rev.IV:5-15, [75.2246 = A XV 49] obv.XIII:8-17, and [75.10276 = A XV 59] obv.IX:1-11 are, at least in part, female (see for example Archi, Catagnoli and Fronzaroli 2008–, G, s.v. *Ga-du-wa-du*).

[75.2327+75.4203 = A XX 24] obv.VI:8-22 is a list of individuals who probably participated in *Keš*₂-*du-ut*'s wedding, but not all the names on this list belong to royal sons. Similarly, [75.2331 = A XX 19] obv.XI:13-XII:3, lists several high representatives (*abba*₂) of whom at least two were royal sons (see above sub ²*Ir*₃-*am*₆-*da-mu*). A superscript plus sign (+) marks new lists not included in Archi, Biga, and Milano (1988).

75.1322+75.4578+75.4584 = [75.1322+75.4578+75.4584 = A XIX 8] rev.I:18-II:10: 5 'a₃-*da-um*^{ti}_{g-II} / 2 'aktum^{ti}_{g1} 5 *ib*₂+III *sa*₆ *gun*₃^{ti}_g / *Maḥ-ra-da-mu* / *wa* / *I-da-ni-ki-mu* / *wa* / *I*₃-*lum-a-hu* / *I-in*-^{dingir}*A*₃-*da* / *Šu-ra-da-mu* / *dumu-nita* / *en*

75.1337 = [75.1337 = A XIX 13] rev.V:16-VI:8: [5 'a₃-*da-um*^{ti}_{g-II}]² / *Maḥ-ra-da-mu* / *wa* / *I-da-ni-ki-mu* / *wa* / *I*₃-*lum-a-hu* / *I-in*-^{dingir}*A*₃-*da* / *Za-a-da-mu* / *dumu-nita* [e]n

+ [75.1535 = A XV 26] obv.VIII:9-14: 5 aktum^{ti}_g / *SAG-da-mu* / *GABA-da-mu* / *Tug*₂-*du*₈-*da-mu* / *I-ti*-^{dingir}*A*₃-*da* / *Ig-ri*₂-*iš-da-mu* / 6 TAR *zara*₆^{ti}_g / *I-ti-ni-ki-mu* / *Ma-ha-ra-da-mu* / *A-hu-ma-i*₃-*lum* / *A-bur-da-si-in* / *I-in*-^{dingir}*A*₃-*da* / *Gu*₄-<*ra*>-*da-mu* <*dumu-nita-en*>

75.1730 = [75.1730 = M 7 34] rev.XII:11'-XIII:11: 15 *ma-na ku*₃;bar₆ / ¹*Šu-bal-ak*¹ / [3] *ma-na ku*₃-*gi* / *kin*₅-*ak* / 6 *ib*₂-*la*₂ 6 *ši-di-tum* 6 *gir-kun* / *nig*₂-*ba* / *Maḥ-ra-da-mu* / *I*₃-*lum-*'*a*¹-*hi* / *I-da-ni-ki-mu* / *I-in*-^{dingir}*A*₃-*da* / *KU-ra-da-mu* / *dumu-nita* / *en*

75.1731 = [75.1731+75.2498 = A XX 7 = M 7 35] obv.IV:21-V:8: 5 'a₃-*da-um*^{ti}_{g-II} / 5 aktum^{ti}_g '5' *ib*₂-III^{ti}_g *sa*₆ *gun*₃ / *Maḥ-ra-da-mu* / *I*₃-*lum-a-hi* / *Šu-ra-da-mu* / *Ar-wa* / *Zu-du* / *dumu-nita* / *en*

75.2328 = [75.2328 = A XX 17] obv.VII:7-IV:8: 1 'a₃-*da-um*^{ti}_{g-II} 2 aktum^{ti}_g *mu*₄^{mu} 5 aktum^{ti}_g *ti*^{ti}_g 1 *gada*^{ti}_g *mu*₄^{mu} 1 *ib*₂-III^{ti}_g *sag* SAL 1 *ib*₂-III^{ti}_g *sa*₆ *gun*₃ / *Ih-su-ub-da-mu* / 1 'a₃-*da-um*^{ti}_{g-II} 2 aktum^{ti}_g *mu*₄^{mu} 5 aktum^{ti}_g *ti*^{ti}_g 1 *gada*^{ti}_g *mu*₄^{mu} 1 *ib*₂-IV^{ti}_g SAL 1 *ib*₂-III^{ti}_g *sa*₆ *gun*₃ / *Ze*₂-*da-mu* / 1 'a₃-*da-um*^{ti}_{g-II} 2 aktum^{ti}_g *mu*₄^{mu} 3 aktum^{ti}_g *ti*^{ti}_g 1 *gada*^{ti}_g *mu*₄^{mu} / 2 *ib*₂-III^{ti}_g *sa*₆ *gun*₃ / *Ga-du-um* / 1 'a₃-*da-um*^{ti}_{g-II} 2 aktum^{ti}_g *mu*₄^{mu} 3 aktum^{ti}_g *ti*^{ti}_g / 1 *gada*^{ti}_g *mu*₄^{mu} / 2 [+]² *i*[b₂-III^{ti}_g *sa*₆ *gun*₃] / *Zi-ib*₂-*d[a-mu]* / 2 'a₃-*d[a-um]*^{ti}_{g-II} 2 aktum^{ti}_g *mu*₄^{mu} 2 aktum^{ti}_g *ti*^{ti}_g / 1 *gada*^{ti}_g *mu*₄^{mu} / 2 *ib*₂-III^{ti}_g *sa*₆ [gun₃] / *S*[AG-]*d[a-mu]* / 1 [¹a₃-*d[a-u]*]^{ti}_{g-II} / 2 aktum^{ti}_g *mu*₄^{mu} 2 aktum^{ti}_g *ti*^{ti}_g 1 *gada*^{ti}_g *mu*₄^{mu} 2 *ib*₂-III^{ti}_g *sa*₆ *gun*₃ / *Ib-te-da-mu* / 1 aktum^{ti}_g *mu*₄^{mu} 1 *gada*^{ti}_g *mu*₄^{mu} / 2 aktum^{ti}_g *ti*^{ti}_g / *Il*₂-*zi-d[a-mu]* / [N i]b₂-IV^{ti}_g [s]a₆ *gun*₃ / *x*²-*ša-x*² / [...]

Royal sons: Fragmentary lists

[75.1435 = A IV 13] obv.XII:14-18 (four names preserved)

+ [75.3184 = A III 158] obv.²I:1'-4' (four names preserved)

+ [75.3819 = A III 739] obv.²II:1'-5' (five names preserved)

+ [75.4161 = A XII 49] obv.²II:1-3 (three names preserved)

+ [75.4171 = A XII 59] obv.²II:1-III:3' (seven/eight names preserved)

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28) An unrecognized occurrence of mē, “battle”, in an Ebla Palace G administrative text — The attestations of the Sumerogram mē, “battle”, in the cuneiform texts found in the Palace G of Ebla (late 24th century BC) are remarkably few. To those already known, that in TM.75.G.1714 = *MEE* 7 31, rev. I:2-II:2, must be added: TAR lá-2 <GÍN.DILMUN> kù-sig₁₇ / 1 ma-na TAR <GÍN.DILMUN> nagga / mu-DU / NI-sa-ba₄ / in ud // mē¹⁾ / Gú-ra-ra-bal^{ki}. According to this record, 28 shekels of gold and 90 shekels of tin were the income of NI-sa-ba₄ (a man from Gáb-lu₅-ul^{ki}) “on the occasion of the battle of Gú-ra-ra-bal^{ki}”. Interestingly, in rev. II:5-V:3 TM.75.G.1714 = *MEE* 7 31 also informs us that this event happened in the same year as the death of an Ebla king (surely Yirkab-damu) and his wife, the Ebla queen. I will fully discuss these crucial records (together with those in TM.75.G.2165 = *ARET* XV 47 and related texts) in a forthcoming article.

Note

1. In F. D’Agostino, *Testi amministrativi di Ebla. Archivio L.2769, Materiali Epigrafici di Ebla* 7, Roma, 1996, p. 152, this sign, clearly visible in the photograph of *MEE* 7, Tav. XIV, was read nam-tar³ (“decisione del destino³”). Rightly, doubts on such reading were already put forward in A. Catagnoti, *Sul lessico dei giuramenti a Ebla: nam-kus*, in P. Fronzaroli ed., *Miscellanea Eblaitica* 4, *Quaderni di Semitistica* 19, Firenze, 1997, p. 126 n. 55.

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