

# BAI ER A OLILAI

**Site Name:** Bai er a Olilai

**Site No.:** B: NI-2:2 F 11

**Site Type:** Bai Platform

**Site Location:** Ngellau Traditional Village

**State:** Ngiwal

Feature 11 is a large stone platform for Bai er a Olilai. The platform is elevated more than a meter height except for its western section and part of the north side that are almost level with the ground surface. On top of the platform is a bai slot with two



*Imeungs el Bad*

hearths and eight stone posts at each side of the bai slot. Two stepping stones were noted along the east side of the bai slot.

Interesting features including Imeungs el Bad el Olkael er a Udoud which are on top of the platform and to the east of the bai slot. Imeungs el Bad is a mortar basalt rock

with a deep depression in the middle. It has split in half, but is still in place. Beneath the mortar are small rocks that support it. A small round rock also sits on top of the mortar. There is a metal sign next to it with the oral history.

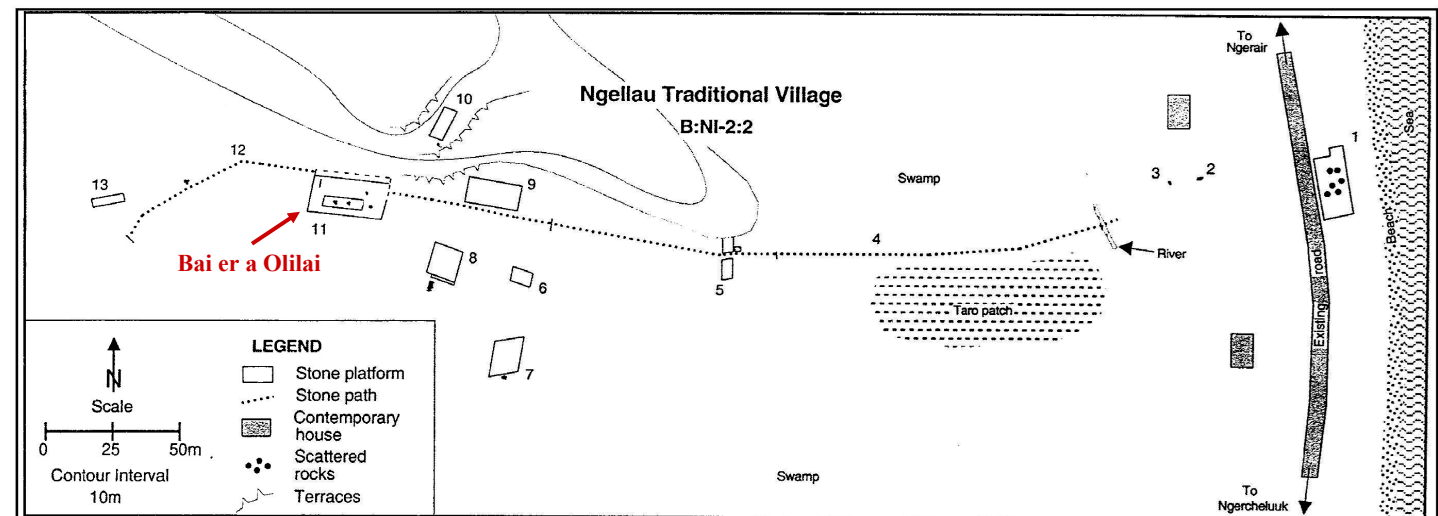
Next to Imeungs el Bad to the northwest is an upright monolith called Olekael er a Udoud. It has an approximate height of a meter. The rock has split in half down its height, but is still in place. One fourth of the way down from the top is a thin groove that, according to oral history, was a measurement of a piece of bead money called Terruaol.



*Olekael er a Udoud*

A Ngellau a ta er a ike el kloa el rengedel a beluu er a Ngiwal. A merredelel tia el beluu a Iromel. A ngklel a bai er a Ngellau a Bai er a Olilai e a ngklel a klobak er ngii a Ngara Olilai. A ngklel a tochel tia el beluu a Iliuang. A ngar er a cheldekkel a Bai er a Olilai er a Ngellau a teblo el meklou el bad. Me ng ngar er ngii a bad el ledu el kmo, Imeungs el Bad me a Imeungs el dui ma btangch el ngar er ngii a delobech era melengel el lolekoi er ngii el kmo, Olkael era ududel a Mengerkur.

A ngar er a cheldekkel a Bai er a Olilai a Imeungs el bad me a Imeungs el dui. A Imeungs el bad a bad el olechotel a kmo a Imeungs a ta er a reengekel a Milad, e a Imeungseldui a bad el olechotel a dui er a Imeungs. Aika el teblo el bad a le ngilai a Ngiraklang el msang a Rimirch er a Ngeiungel el ua el omeksullel e le ng ngilseuir a Ngirairung er a Ulimang e le Rimirch a ulengit a ngeheu er a Ngirairung. A Ngirairung a ngilai ngii el bad el mesterir a rechad er a Ngellau e le Ngirairung a ulengit a ngeheu er tir er tia ikid el ngeiul a Uluang. Sei e a uchul me a ika el teblo el bad a ngar er a cheldekkel a Bai er a Olilai er a Ngellau.



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