

18 items missing from Egyptian Museum after unrest

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(AP) -- Egypt's antiquities chief says a full inventory of the Egyptian Museum has found that looters escaped with several items during the anti-government unrest, including two gilded wooden statues of Tutankhamun.

The 18-day uprising that forced out President Hosni Mubarak engulfed the areas around the museum, on the edge of Cairo's Tahrir Square. On Jan. 28, looters climbed a fire escape to the [museum](#) roof and lowered themselves on ropes from a glass pane ceiling onto the museum's top floor.

Around 70 objects were damaged, but until Sunday's announcement, it was not known whether anything was missing.

[Antiquities](#) Minister Zahi Hawass said the museum's database department determined 18 objects were gone. [Investigators](#) were questioning those already in custody since the break-in last month.

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