

# Israeli archeologists find rare stone age figures

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(AP)—Israel's Antiquities Authority says archeologists have unearthed two 9,500-year-old figurines near Jerusalem that help shed light on religion and society during the stone age.



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It says [archaeologists](#) unearthed the two rare figurines last week in Tel Motza between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv during a dig ahead of the expansion of a major highway in the area.

One of the objects is shaped like a ram and made of limestone. The other depicts an ox and is made of dolomite. Both are 15 centimeters (5.9 inches) long.

Wednesday's statement says the figurines could have been either good luck hunting icons or a representation of the animal's [domestication](#).

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