

Statue of Egypt pharoanic princess found in Luxor

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In this undated photo provided by Egypt's Antiquities Ministry, a statue of what the ministry says King Amenhotep III's daughter is shown at an undisclosed place. Egypt has announced Friday, March 7, 2014, that a team of European



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Minister of Antiquities Mohammed Ibrahim said in in a statement Friday that the statue was once part of a larger statue that was nearly 14 meters (456 feet) tall and guarded the entrance to a temple.

Ibrahim says the statue is of Iset, the daughter of Amenhotep III, and is the first found that depicts her without her siblings. Archaeologists uncovered the statue next to the funerary temple of Amenhotep III, who was worshipped as a deity after his death.

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