

Tomb dating back to 1100 B.C. found in Egypt (Images)

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Ola el-Egeizy of Cairo University said the tomb contains "very nice inscriptions" of the funerary procession and the afterlife of the deceased.

The tomb was found near another one dating back to the same period belonging to the head of the army that was discovered in the previous excavation season. That tomb was larger but much of what remains is mud bricks as "most of its stone blocks were stolen and many of them are in museums all over the world," said el-Egeizy. Because of the blocks, archaeologists had long known that the tomb existed though it was not uncovered until recently.

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A stray dog scavenges for food at the historical site of the Giza great Pyramid, right, and the Bent Pyramid of Dahshur, left, at the Saqqara archaeological site, 30 kilometers (19 miles) south of Cairo, Egypt, Thursday, May 8, 2014. Egypt's vital tourism industry has suffered in the wake of the 2011 uprising that toppled autocratic leader Hosni Mubarak. (AP Photo/Amr Nabil)



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