

US diggers unearth pharaonic tomb in Egypt's Luxor

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The Egyptian antiquities authorities released this picture showing a fresco inside a tomb belonging to Sa-Mut on March 10, 2015 in Luxor

American archaeologists have unearthed a pharaonic tomb from the 18th dynasty in Egypt's famed temple city of Luxor, officials said on Tuesday.

The tomb, found at Al-Qurna archaeological site in Luxor, dates to the

period of the New Kingdom (1550-1070 BC) and its walls show scenes of celebrations and daily life at that time, the antiquities ministry said.

The scenes "are records of [daily life](#) practices that prevailed in that era," Antiquities Minister Mamdouh al-Damaty said in a statement.

Damaty said there were signs that the tomb had been looted as some scenes and inscriptions on its walls were erased.

Last week a similar tomb was discovered at Al-Qurna.

Luxor, a city of some 500,000 people on the banks of the Nile in southern Egypt, is an open-air museum of intricate temples and pharaonic [tombs](#).

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