

# Archaeologists discover 'massive' ancient building in Egypt

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The Antiquities Ministry says Tuesday archaeologists also uncovered an attached building that includes a large Roman bath and a chamber likely for [religious rituals](#).

Mostafa Waziri, secretary general of the Supreme Council of Antiquities, says the [building](#) is likely part of the residential block of the area, which was the ancient Egyptian capital of Memphis.

Memphis, founded around 3,100 B.C., was home to Menes, the king who united Upper and Lower Egypt.

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