

Bronze swords, other items found in plundered Greek cemetery

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Greece's culture ministry says archaeologists have found an undisturbed grave with pottery, weapons and jewelry at a heavily plundered cemetery that is more than 3,500-years old.

The ministry said in a statement on Thursday the discovery was made at the Mycenaean-era cemetery near the village of Aidonia and the ancient Nemea site in the southern Peloponnese.

The <u>cemetery</u> was looted extensively in the late 20th century. Greece recovered many finds from the United States and tombs that had remained untouched were excavated.

Digs this summer revealed a rock-cut chamber tomb with burials on two levels, the oldest dating from 1650-1400 B.C.

The ministry says items buried with the dead included storage jars with painted decorations, bronze swords and daggers, copper, obsidian and flint arrowheads, jewelry and seal stones.

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