

Egypt says ancient cemetery found at Giza famed pyramids

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Ashraf Mohi, the head of the Giza Plateau [archaeological site](#), says scientists know that the cemetery had been reused extensively in the Late Period (664-332 B.C.), as archeologists found painted and decorated wooden anthropoid coffins, and wooden and clay funerary masks from that period.

Egypt has touted a series of archaeological finds recently, hoping such discoveries will spur tourism, which suffered a major setback during the unrest that followed the 2011 uprising.



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