

Briefs: Rare ancient coffin found in Cyprus

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A sarcophagus of unique archaeological value was reportedly discovered during the weekend at a Cyprus dig.

The sarcophagus is reportedly identical to two found in other areas of Cyprus during the early 19th century, the Cyprus Mail reported Monday.

A sarcophagus is a coffin usually made of stone that in ancient times was decorated with carvings of the deceased or religious icons.

Archaeological excavations began Sunday at Kouklia, where the sarcophagus was found.

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