

## Repatriated Antiquities

The Ministry of Antiquities, in collaboration with the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, succeeded in repatriating eight pieces from the German State of Bavaria, a collection of pottery vessels.



## Cultural Events and Community Outreach

• As part of the Ministry's celebrations for Orphan Day, the Textile Museum, the Museum of Islamic Art, the Museum of Mellawi, the Manial Museum, and al-Moez Street collaborated in organizing a range of educational activities, technical workshops and orientation tours for children in different orphanages (April 4-5, 7). (→→)



(←←)• In celebration of World Heritage Day, museums and archaeological sites that are open to visitors admitted visiting Egyptians, Arabs, Africans and resident foreigners free of charge. Museums and archaeological sites also held some events on this occasion in al-Moez Street and Beit al-Shaer (April 17-18), Museum of Art (April 18) and organized several heritage and educational programs in various Egyptian communities such as Kafr El Sheikh, Rasheed and Mansoura, Malaya, Sohag and Luxor (April 14, 17, 18).

• April 18 - The Textile Museum organized the third episode of the «Egyptian Heritage Festival». The festival was created to raise awareness about Egyptian and African heritage (April 18).

## Decrees

- Dr Hany El Tayeb, Director of Saqqara inspectorate was appointed Supervisor of the scientific office of the Minister.
- Mr Ahmed Khamis was appointed the Minister's assistant for Development of Human Resources.
- Dr Mohamed Shaban was appointed the Minister's assistant for Digital Services.
- Dr Eltayb Hassan was appointed Director of the Archaeological Affairs at the Grand Egyptian Museum.



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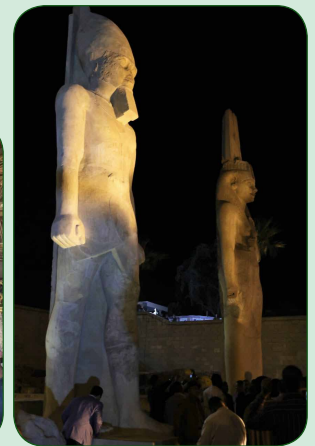
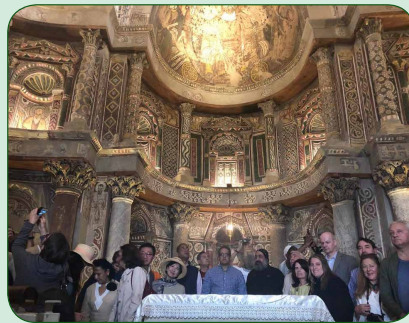
## Meetings and Visits

• In coordination with the Presidency, the Ministry of Antiquities invited the ambassadors of 30 countries, and their families, on a tour at Abdeen Palace. Egyptian Minister of Communication and Information Technology, and the Minister of Public Enterprise were present.



(←)• The Minister of Antiquities met with students at the Faculty of Arts Archaeology Department, Ain Shams University, to discuss and highlight the projects and discoveries led by the Ministry (April 1).

• The Ministry of Antiquities organized a tour for 37 ambassadors and cultural attachés, to the museums and archaeological sites in Sohag Governorate. The tour included: Red and White monasteries, Abydos, Sohag National Museum, and Akhmim archaeological site, where a colossus of Ramses II was showed after its restoration (April 6). (→)



• The Prime Minister met with the Minister of Antiquities and the Minister of Housing, as well as the governors of Cairo and Giza, to discuss the upgrading of the vicinities of the Grand Egyptian Museum and the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization (April 11).



(←)• The Minister of Antiquities met with a number of international officials to discuss cooperation in the field of archaeology: Ambassador of Italy (April 2); Minister of Culture and Czech Ambassador (April 8); Minister of Housing, governors of Cairo and Giza, and the Armenian ambassador (April 9); Colombian ambassador (April 11); Minister of foreign affairs of Poland and Belgian Ambassador (April 15); French Ambassador (April 16); Egyptian Minister of Public Enterprise (April 23).

• Minister of Antiquities attended the closing event of the French archeological mission meeting at the French Institute for Oriental Archeology (April 24). (→)



- The Egypt Exploration Society held the sixth edition of its Annual Conference for Archaeological Missions in the Delta. The convention was organized in association with the Ministry of Antiquities and the Faculty of Arts, Mansoura University (April 11-12).

- As part of the training programs held by the Ministry of Antiquities, the Central Administration for Restoration organized a workshop titled «Scientific Methods of Repairing and Restoring Mummies and Wooden Coffins» at the Manial Palace Museum. The Ministry organized another workshop at the Tuna Al-Gabal Archaeological site in Minya Governorate titled «Principles of Excavation Work» (April 11).

- A joint French-Egyptian project was launched to preserve Tanis Archeological site in Al-Sharqeya Governorate (April 17).

- The Ministry of Antiquities organized the fourth Annual Meeting of Archaeological Missions in Egypt 2018-2019. The meeting showed the work and findings of Egyptian and foreign archaeological missions in Egypt (April 22). (→→)

- Egypt was chosen to participate as a guest of honor at the 54th Academia Film Olomouc (AFA) festival (April 25).



## Exhibitions

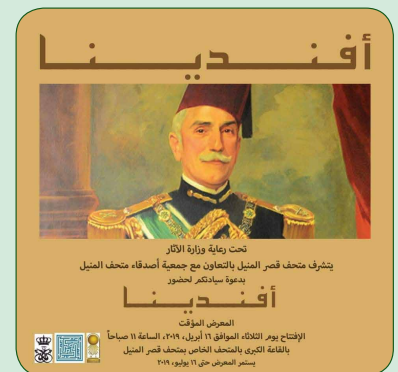
- The Egyptian Museum exhibited a bottle and four gold coins that date back to the Roman era (April 2). (→→)  
The wooden coffin belonging to King Ramses II was put on display (April 16).



- (←→)•The Egyptian Museum held a temporary exhibition titled «Tuna Al-Gabal: Between Creation Myths and Animal Worship... One Hundred Years of Discoveries from the German-Egyptian Mission». The exhibition sheds light on the discoveries made by the cooperative mission between University of Munich and Cairo University at the Tuna Al-Gabal site (April 16).

- The Prince Muhammad Ali Palace Museum hosted a temporary exhibition titled «Afandina». The exhibition was a collection of photographs of Prince Muhammad Ali that offered a glimpse into his personal life, with photos depicting his hobbies, travels, and social life (April 16). (→→)

- Gayer Anderson Museum organized a temporary exhibition titled «Asia in the Expanses of Al-Kritliya», which brought a collection of artifacts from the Asian continent to the museum. The museum also organized an art exhibition by artist Ahmed Zamzam, titled «Mosaic» (April 22).



•The discovery of a stone tomb dating back to the New Kingdom was announced, as part of an Egyptian Mission at the Dra' Abu El-Naga in Luxor. The tomb belonged to «Shed-Sw-DJehuty», a royal seal bearer for the king of Upper and Lower Egypt. The excavation found a number of Ushabty statues made from wood and limestone; a colored mask; and more than 50 royal seals. The mission also found two additional tombs in the Al-Assasif area. Two wooden coffins were also found, belonging to a man named «Pa-di-Iser», and a woman called «Nes-Mwt-Ankhy» (April 18). (→)



(←)•A stone tomb dating to the Greco-Roman period was uncovered by the Egyptian-Italian joint excavation team at the Agha Khan area in South Aswan. The tomb belonged to a man called Teget, and included a wooden coffin, in addition to two masks, two small statues, and a number of amphorae (April 23).

## News

• In celebration of World Autism Day, the main facade of the Luxor temple and the Spinxes avenue were lit in blue for an hour (April 2). (→)



(←) •The Secretary General of the United Nations visited the Grand Egyptian Museum (April 2).

•In coordination with the Spanish Embassy, the Center of Documentation of Egyptian Antiquities organized a lecture «A Tomb in Wadi .. Seven Archaeological Seasons in TT 209», by Dr. Miguel Angel, Professor of Egyptology at the University of Laguna – Spain (3 April).

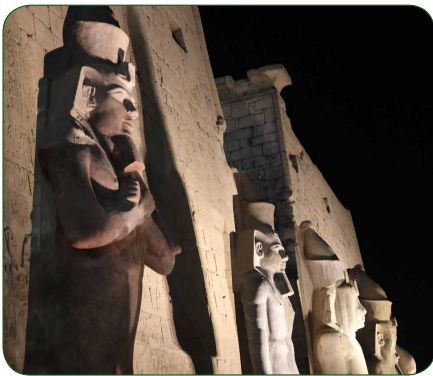
•The International Labor Organization held one of the first events in celebration of its centennial at the Grand Egyptian Museum, planting 100 trees at the entrance to the museum (April 7). (→)



(←)•In the presence of the Prime Minister, as well as a number of ministers and public personalities, the Giza Pyramids hosted the African Nations Cup Draw (12 April).

# Inaugurations

•The Minister of Antiquities launched a project at the Osirion at Seti I Temple, Sohag governorate, to decrease the levels of underground water. The inauguration was attended by the governor of Sohag, the Secretary General of the Supreme Council of Antiquities, and about 37 esteemed ambassadors and cultural attachés. This project is the third of its kind, and comes after similar efforts in March 2019 have been made in tombs at Kom El-Shoqafa in Alexandria, as well as at the Kom Ombo temple in Aswan. The projects of Alexandria and Aswan are executed in cooperation with USAID and the National Authority for Potable Water and Sewage, with a budget of around \$14 million. The ministry also launched a site management project in Abydos Site that involves erecting fences around the area, building a new parking lot, renewing the temple's entrance, and creating a visitor center (April 5). (→→)



(←←)•As part of the celebrations for International Heritage Day, the Ministry unveiled the newly renovated statue of king Ramses II, after it had been returned to its original place at Luxor Temple. The event was attended by the Prime Minister, as well as a number of ministers and public figure. The statue is made of granite, stands at 12 meters high and weighs a whopping 60 tons (April 18).

•After its restoration by members of the Supreme Council of Antiquities, the Opet Temple at Karnak, Luxor, was opened to the public for the first time since its discovery. Restoration works included reapplying some missing fragments in the walls and building a new wooden walkway for ease of accessibility (April 19).

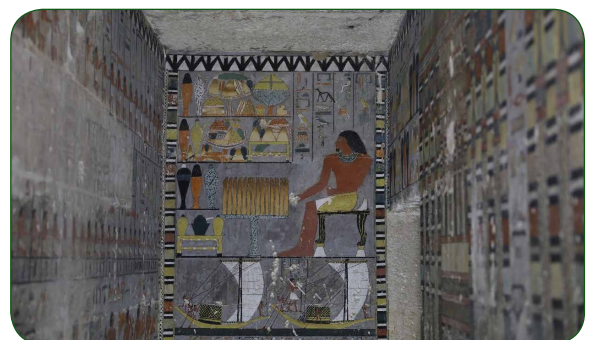
# Archaeological Discoveries

•A limestone coffin was discovered at the Quesna historical site, Menoufia Governorate. The coffin was excavated by the Egyptian Archaeological Mission. A gold scarab as well as other scarabs were also found near the coffin (April 1). (→→)



(←←)•A tomb was discovered at the El-Deyabat region in Akhmim, Sohag Governorate. The tomb was found after police arrested persons who were trying to illegally excavate the area. Further excavation by professionals unveiled the contents of the tomb: human remains, as well as mummified animals. The tomb belonged to a man named «Tutu» and his wife, «Tasheret-Isis» (April 5).

•Another tomb was found at Saqqara as part of an expedition by the Egyptian archaeological mission. The tomb, which belonged to «Khuwy», a senior official during the fifth dynasty of the Old Kingdom, contains exceptionally well preserved and colored reliefs. Remnants of a limestone coffin were recovered, as well as human remains which belonged to Khuwy. The finding was publicized to wide media coverage in the presence of the Minister of Antiquities, and the Secretary General of the Supreme Council of Antiquities, as well as 52 ambassadors and cultural attachés from various countries (April 13). (→→)





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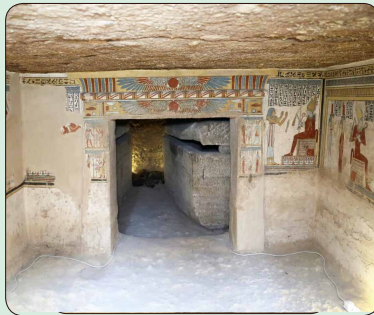
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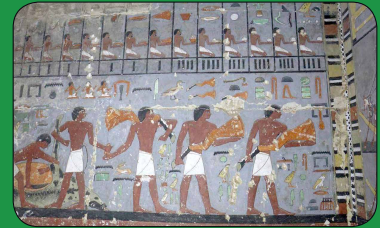
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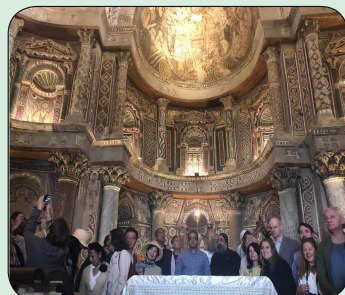
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