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### **Generous discovery in Aswan!**

Egypt's Antiquities Minister, Dr. Mamdouh Eldamaty declared the discovery of SIX Late Period tombs (26<sup>th</sup> Dynasty) at the Aga Khan Mausoleum perimeter, west of Aswan. This magnificent discovery came within the framework of the excavation works performed by the Egyptian Mission in Aswan and Nubia.

Eldamaty clarified that a group of stone and wooden sarcophagi containing the mummies of their owners as well as fiance statues representing the four sons of Horus, a group of amulets and small wooden statues of Horus the Falcon were also discovered.

Eldamaty further added that this discovery is extremely important because it is the first Late Period discovery at the Ancient Cemetery in Aswan. The previously discovered tombs at this area date back to the Old, Middle and New Kingdoms.

On the other hand, General Director of Aswan and Nubia Archaeological Area, Nasr Salama said that most of the discovered tombs begin with a 30 steps stair leading to the tomb's main entrance. Each tomb is divided inside into three or four rooms with no inscriptions. Salama also pointed out that the technique used in digging the newly discovered tombs is completely different from the tombs of the same area.

Head of the Egyptian Mission working at the area, Mostafa Khalil finally added that this discovery will help in recognizing the architectural style of that period pointing out that the area was subjected to illegal digging lately and some burials were unearthed by thieves at the area.

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