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## 13th Dynasty tomb discovered in Upper Egypt

Dr. Mohamed Ibrahim announced today the discovery of King Sobekhotep (1786-1763) who is probably the first King of the 13th Dynasty.

The tomb discovered by Pennsylvania University mission working south of Abydos, Sohag.



The Minister said that the first lead to this discovery was when the huge quartzite sarcophagi of 60 tons was found in 2013 then last week, parts of tablet was found depicting the name of the King and shows him sitting on his throne.

Also parts of canonic jars and funerary objects were found.

The Minister also emphasised on the tight security around the tomb till excavations are finished and the tomb restored to be open to public as a part of the ministry efforts to open new sites to encourage tourists to come to Egypt.



**Dr. Ali Al Asfar, head of the ancient Egyptian department referred that that discovered tomb designed to a pyramid shape and it is similar to the pyramid of Amenemhat I (one of the Kings in the beginning of the 13th Dynasty) in Dahshur near Memphis.**

**He also added that the tomb structure inside used large stone blocks brought from Tora quarries. As for the burial chamber, it is built of red quartzite which was brought from Gebel Ahmar near Cairo.**



**Ayman El Damarany, the inspector working with the mission said "This discovery is an important one as only few monuments or mention of the tomb owners was found before including referring to his name in Abydos and also**

he was mentioned in the Turin Papyri as ruler for 4 and half years. This period is considered the longest in that era which makes this discovery even more important to get to know more details about his life and reign.



Dr. Wagner, the mission director said that excavations still ongoing as more studies needed in the search for more daily life details of this era in the ancient Egyptian history which lack many of archaeological information.