

## Open Letter to His Excellency, Prime Minister Essam Sharaf

Your Excellency,

We hope that your tenure in office continues smoothly and would like to ask a favour of you that affects not only us, but all Egyptians and indeed people worldwide. Would you please make it a top priority of your government to return police to archaeological sites so as to put an end to the illegal excavations, the looting of storehouses and tombs, and illegal construction on governmental archaeological land. The desecration of archaeological sites and monuments is not only a huge loss for the people of Egypt on a national, economic, and human level, but is also a loss to all of humanity and to science.

Below are just a few signatures of scholars and individuals who support this request. We very much hope that you will take immediate steps to save Egypt's heritage for posterity.

Sincerely,

Concerned Egyptologists/Archaeologists