

# In Moving Mummies, Egypt Celebrates Its Pre-Islamic Heritage

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**Egypt has just turned a mummy move into a state event.** Twenty-two mummies – 18 pharaohs and four queens – each in its own motorized capsule, and moving from their old museum to a new one that had just opened, were driven through the streets of Cairo, and the international media captured the event for broadcasts around the world. They were being taken to a new museum, the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization in Fustat, where they will now be displayed. A report on the move is here: “Ancient Egyptian mummies paraded through Cairo on way to new museum,” [Jihad Watch](#).