

Historical Tombstone Discovered at Building Site

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A large tombstone and several other historical artifacts have been unearthed at the site of a recently built housing complex in Moscow, a local architectural watchdog said Tuesday.

Preservation group Arkhnadzor said an activist had discovered the tombstone by chance among construction waste at 40-44 Mytnaya Ulitsa, which is now home to the upscale Sky House residential complex. The headstone was taken away and sent to archeologists at the city's culture department who dated it to the late 16th century, online news website Gazeta.ru reported.

Also found at the site near Shabolovskaya metro station on the city's Orange Line were a number of coins, some porcelain, candlesticks, horseshoes and bottlenecks decorated with eagles, the report said. A sculpture found nearby, depicting a mother and child, would also be sent for examination by archeologists, it added.

Arkhnadzor was quoted as saying that it would continue its work at the site in order to attract

attention to the history of Moscow's industrial development.

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