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Egypt Investigates Russian-Language Porn Film Shot at Pyramids

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Egyptian authorities have launched an investigation after a porn film emerged starring a Russian-speaking couple engaging in sexual activity near the Sphinx and pyramids of Giza.

The female star, identified on several industry websites as a 25-year-old Ukrainian who performs under the name Aurita, is shown exploring the ancient site on a sunny day with a Russian-speaking cameraman.

The couple is told by a passerby that they can't film in a certain area, but they ignore him and find a secluded spot between two high walls where they engage in a sex act, according to a seven-minute trailer released online.

The couple then walks over to a crowded part of the pyramid complex where they are hounded

by souvenir sellers. The film's star, scantily clad in a yellow top and short shorts, flashes a breast at the camera several times.

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An Egyptian antiquities authority, Youssef Khalifa, reportedly suggested that the pornographic footage might have been filmed in a different location.

But a day later Antiquities Minister Mamdouh al-Damaty confirmed that porn scenes were filmed within the vicinity of the pyramids.

"There is unlawful footage of pornographic scenes in the area of the pyramids made by a foreign female tourist," al-Damaty said in comments carried by Reuters. He added that the case has been transferred to local prosecutors.

In a related note, Russian software security group Kaspersky Lab said in comments carried by Russian News Service last week that about 65 percent of underage Russian Internet users have accessed a pornographic website at least once.

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