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Abstract:
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1. Introduction:
The Egyptian Mission has been working at north Draa Abou El.Naga since 1st March 2017, at the rock-cut tombs (-157-, -150-, -390-, -161-) [fig. 1] these tombs which numbered by Kampp, F.\(^1\) located at the north part of Draa Abou El.Naga necropolis surrounding the tomb TT255.

![Fig.(1) the site of Egyptian Mission](image)

During the work on the court and the transverse hall of the tombs -150- and -390- the mission discover a group of funerary cones for some officials at Theban necropolis, a total of 123 cones were unearthed, most of them in fragmentary state, but the owner could be identified.

Funerary cones were made from burned clay in cone-shaped and inserted as a frieze with circular face above the doors of Theban tombs \(^2\).

About its functions the scholars have made numerous attempts to determine it, they thinking that it was used as a stamp, symbolic bread, symbolic meat, symbolic sun, visitors cards, architectural ornaments \(^3\).

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\(^1\) Kampp(1996).


\(^3\) Zenihiro,(2009), p.22

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In my opinion it was a means to identification of the owner of the tomb because it was inscribed with his name and his titles.

2. Description of the cones:
2-1. The cones of "Maaty" (tomb undiscovered): [fig. 2]

115 funerary cones for the scribe "Maaty" were unearthed on different places most of them are in fragmentary state, all of them has the same form of no. 503 in Davies & Macadam catalogue⁴, its description and location as following:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Exc. No.</th>
<th>Quantity</th>
<th>Site</th>
<th>Condition</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>189</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>Court tomb -150-</td>
<td>Complete cones</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>190</td>
<td>63</td>
<td>Court tomb -150-</td>
<td>fragments</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>196</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>Transverse hall Tomb -150-</td>
<td>Almost complete</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>232</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>Court new tomb without official number</td>
<td>fragments</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

![](funerary_cone.png)

Fig.(2) funerary cone of "Maaty"

2-1-1. The text:

\( im\bar{3}h\dot{y} \, hr, \, wsir \, s\dot{s} \, m\dot{s}ty, \, nbt \, pr \, h\acute{w}y \)

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⁴ Davies, and Macadam, (1957), No.503
"Revered one before Osiris, scribe "Maaty", mistress of the house "Huy".5

2-2. The cones of "Neb-Amun" owner of tomb TT146: [figs. 3,4,5]

3 fragments of cones for "Neb-Amun" were unearthed, all of them has the same form of no. 66 in Davies & Macadam catalogue, its description and location as following:

<table>
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<th>Site</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>204-1</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Court tomb -150-</td>
<td>Diam. 7cm H 19cm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>204-2</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Court tomb -150-</td>
<td>Diam. 8cm H 15cm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>204-3</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>The Hall Tomb -390-</td>
<td>Diam. 7cm H 10cm</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

5 Zenihiro, (2009), p.198

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2-2-1. The text: the complete form of text

(1) (2) (3) (4)

im₃hy hr, wsir sš ḥsb it imy-r šnwty, n imn nb-imn, ḥr wsir nṯr ći
"Revered one before Osiris, counter of grain, overseer of double
granary of "Amun" "Neb-Amun", justified before Osiris the great
God" ⁶.

2-3. The cones of "Bengy"(tomb undiscovered): [figs. 6-7]

2 fragments of cones for "Bengy" were unearthed, both of
them has the same form of no. 260 in Davies & Macadam
catalogue, its description and location as following:

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<th>Exc. No.</th>
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<th>Site</th>
<th>Orientation</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>201-1</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>The Hall Tomb -390-</td>
<td>Diam. 8cm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>H 8.50cm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>202-2</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>The Hall Tomb -390-</td>
<td>H 17.50cm</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

⁶ Zenihiro,(2009), p.68

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2-3-1. The text: the complete form of text

imy-r pr n ḫnwt-m-ḥt, bngy m3c-ḥrw
"steward of "Henut-em-ḥt"7, "Bengy" justified"8.

2-4. The cone of "Ruru"(tomb undiscovered): [fig. 8]

One fragment of cone for "Ruru" was unearthed, its no. 158 in Davies & Macadam catalogue, this fragment found at the court of tomb -150-, its orientation is (Diam. 8cm, H 17cm). and its Exc. No.202.

2-4-1. The text:

im3hū ḫr wšr w n mḏbyw9 rwr w m3c-ḥrw

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7 Ranke,(1935), p.243(7)
8 Zenihiro,(2009), p.125-126
9 Taylor,(2001), p.102 (931)

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"Revered one before, Osiris chief of Mejday, Ruru justified"\textsuperscript{10}.

2-5. **The cone of "Ptah-mes" (tomb undiscovered):**

[fig. 9]

One fragment of cone for "Ptah-mes" was unearthed, its no. 146 in Davies & Macadam catalogue, this fragment found at the court of tomb -150-, its orientation is (Diam. 7.50cm, H 10.50cm). and its Exc. No.203.

2-5-1. **The text: the complete form of text**

\begin{figure}[h]
\centering
\includegraphics[width=0.8\textwidth]{fig9.png}
\caption{Fig.(9) cone No.203}
\end{figure}

\begin{center}
\begin{tabular}{ccc}
(1) & (2) & (3) \\
\end{tabular}
\end{center}

\textit{im3h\text{\text{"y}}} hr wsir, imy-r niwt t\text{\text{"y}} hm ntr tpy n, imn pth-ms m\text{\text{"y}}-hrw

"Revered one before Osiris, overseer of the town, vizier, first prophet (high preast)\textsuperscript{11} of Amun, Ptah-mes, justified"\textsuperscript{12}.

2-6. **The cone of "Neb-An-sw" (probably owner of tomb K-143-)\textsuperscript{13}:**

[fig. 10]

One fragment of cone for "Neb-An-sw" was unearthed, its no. 214 in Davies & Macadam catalogue, this fragment found at

\begin{thebibliography}{99}
\bibitem{10} Zenihiro, (2009), p.96
\bibitem{11} Taylor, (2001), p.151 (1478)
\bibitem{12} Zenihiro, (2009), p.93
\bibitem{13} Zenihiro, (2009), p.112
\end{thebibliography}
the court of tomb -150-, its orientation is (Diam. 7cm, H 15.50cm). and its Exc. No.205.

Fig.(10) cone No.205

2-6-1. The text: the complete form of text

(1) (2) (3)

Wsir nfw, n hm ntr tpy n imn nb-”n-sw
" Osiris, sailor of the first prophet of Amun, Neb-an-sw"15

3. Abbreviations:

Ranke, Die Agyptischen Personenennamen, 1935.

15 Zenihiro, (2009), p.112

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