

Governorate of Thi Qar

Historical Background

This is one of the Iraqi southern Governorates. Its center is the city of Nasiriyah. Historical evidence indicates that this name exists from old ages. Some historical sites, such as, the ancient city of Ur, 5.000 years B. C. occurs there. It is the land where the Sumerians and Acadians settled.



Location

The Governorate of Thi Qar is located at the heart of the southern part of Iraq. The best part of the area of the Governorate is situated next to the Rivers of Euphrates and Gharraf. The Governorate is one of the most ancient lands settled by human being and established the first human civilization and there still lays the ancient archeological monuments of cities such as Ur and Lagash.

Area

The area of the Governorate of Thi Qar amounts to (13.626) sq km.

Main cities:

- Nasiriyah Constituency (Center)
- Qal'at Siker Constituency
- Rifa'i Constituency
- Shatra Constituency
- Suq Al-Shouyoukh Constituency

Population: The population of the Governorate amounts to (1.979.388) person.

Main activities

- Agriculture
- (Engineering and textile) industries
- Oil and gas production
- Cattle breeding
- Fishing

Infrastructures

Governorate of Thi Qar has a good net of roads and transportation linking it to the neighbouring Governorates as there are many land roads. These are:

- Nasiriyah- Kut way
- Nasiriyah- Diwaniyah way
- Nasiriyah- Samawa way
- Nasiriyah- Imarah way

The Governorate is also penetrated by the railway which links Basra to the capital, Baghdad.

Education:

The Governorate of Thi Qar has two state Universities, Thi Qar University at the City center and Sumer University at Ri'fai constituency and there are almost (1.183) primary schools; (413) secondary schools; (7) institutes for Teacher qualifying, and many professional institutes and schools.