

Governorate of Diyala

Historical Background

Ba'quba is the center of the Governorate of Diyala. All over the Governorate there are ancient buildings and historical sites which are considered as tourist sites. Most prominent of these sites are (the Shrine of Prophet Danyal, Tel Asmer, Tel Abu Uthaina, Tel Shihab, Zindan, the Abbasid Dam on the river Al-Uthaim, ancient Saray of Ba'quba, and the River of Wend). The Governorate is characterized for its historical hills which are traced back to the 5th century B. C.

Location

Governorate of Diyala is situated in the northern eastern part of Iraq, between the longitudes (34- 36) and the altitudes (44- 46). The center of the Governorate is the city of Ba'quba, 56 km north east of Baghdad. It is boarded by the Governorates of Baghdad, Saladin, westwards, Sulaimaniyah to the north, Wasit and the Islamic Republic of Iran to the east. The main paved roads which link Baghdad to Tehran, Baghdad- Kirkuk, Sulaymaniyah and Irbil pass through the Governorate.

Economic outlines

The economic activities at the Governorate are concentrated in agriculture because of being situated on two main sources of water, Diyala River (a main affluent of Tigris River) and Uthaim River. A large number of the manpower is employed in agriculture. Orange is widely grown in its orchards. Date- palm trees are concentrated around Mouqdadiyah and run north towards Kifri. Olive, wheat, barley, and dates planting are common. The Governorate is also famous for cattle breeding, poultry, honey heaves, and fisheries.

The best part of its land is characterized by being fertile and plain, beautified by the mountains of Himreen and Zacros, the two lakes of Himreen and Uthaim, the orchards of date- palms, fruits, farms of vegetables, grains, and dozens of factories.

Area

The area of the Governorate of Diyala amounts to (17.685) sq km which represents 4% of the total area of Iraq.

Main cities:

- Ba'quba Constituency
- Baladrouz Constituency
- Khalis Constituency
- Mouqdadiyah Constituency
- Khanaqeen Constituency
- Kifri Constituency

Population indicators

Inhabitants of the Governorate are (1.490.452).

Education:

The Governorate has only one University, University of Diyala; almost 840 primary schools; more than 409 secondary schools; 10 institutes for Teachers Qualifying, and many technical institutes.