

# Governorate of Nineveh



## Historical Background

City of Nineveh has an ancient history which goes back to the fifth millennium B. C. This city is regarded as one of the most historically important cities in Iraq as it had been the capital of the Assyrian Empire during its widest expansion. In it the first library was established. This Governorate, with Mosul being its center is the second big city in Iraq, after the capital, Baghdad, regarding its area.

## Location

Naynawa Governorate is situated in the northern western part of Iraq, (402 km) from Baghdad.

## Area

The area of the Governorate of Naynawa amounts to (36.515 sq km).

## Main cities

- Mosul Constituency
- Hamdaniyah Constituency
- Sinjar Constituency
- Tilkef Constituency
- Ba'aj Constituency
- Tella'fer Constituency
- Sheikhan Constituency
- Hatra Constituency
- Makhmour Constituency

## Population

Inhabitants of the Governorate are almost (3.513.215).

## Main activities

Agriculture, oil, asphalt, textile, sugar, dairy products, and cement.

## **Infrastructures**

Mosul represents the crossways center in the north of Iraq. Both the main road from Baghdad to Turkey and the railway line pass through it. It also has an international airport, a number of bridges on the River Tigris which links east to west banks.

## **Education:**

The Governorate has only one University, (University of Mosul), more than (1.560) primary schools, more than (483) secondary schools, 10 Teachers Qualifying Institutes, (43) libraries and many professional institutes and schools.

## **Tourist sites**

There are a lot of tourist sites in Nineveh among which are the Mosque of Prophet Younus, Mosque of Khidhr, Hadba Minaret, Noumroud, and Bashtabiyah Castle. The city is famous for its tourist woods, Mosul Dam, in addition to many worship places and religious shrines which relate to many Prophets and priests.

**Dam of Mosul:** It is located on the River Tigris, approximately 60 km to the north of Mosul. It had been accomplished in 1986. Its length is approximately 75 km from the Dam site to the Iraqi- Turkish borderline. The area of its lake is almost 220 sq km. A tourist city has been established by it. It contains several tourist facilities and apartments.

