

## **Governorate of Saladin**

### **Historical Background**

Saladin is one of the Iraqi historical Governorates. Its center is Tikrit. It is essentially linked to the wake of civilization, almost 4.000 years ago. Its history has continued to be present during all the historical ages of ancient Iraq until the pre- Islamic era. The Governorate has been named as such after Saladin Al-Ayoubi.

The Governorate is famous for the shrines of the Imamain Al-'Askariyain (PBUH) (Imam Ali Al- Hadi and Imam Al- Hasan Al-'Askari 'PBUH') in Samara, Al-Malwiyah minaret, (Abbasid mosque), Ashiq Palace, Abbasid Caliph Palace, mosque of Abi Dulaf, the historical city of Ashour at Shirqat on the River Tigris, and overlooks, northwards, on a wide plain at the end of which is the present city of Shirqat, Tikrit fence, Nun monastery, and a number of the churches on both banks of Tigris at the city of Tikrit, and the Seeniyah Dome, northward the present city of Samara, near Ashiq Palace and the shrine of Imam Ali Al-Hadi at the city of Balad, one of the important sites of the Governorate.

### **Location**

Governorate of Saladin is situated northwards Baghdad, the capital, and almost 165 km away from it. It is bordered by the Governorates of Nineveh and Irbil from the north, Kirkuk and Sulaimaniyah to the east, Diyala and Baghdad to the south and Anbar to the west. Saladin has a vital geographical location being the knot of transportation between the northern and southern Governorates.

### **Area**

The area of the Governorate of Saladin amounts to 25.807 sq km

### **Main cities:**

- Tikrit Constituency
- Dour Constituency
- Samara Constituency
- Balad Constituency
- Peigi Constituency
- Tuz Constituency
- Dijail Constituency

## **Population indicators**

Inhabitants of the Governorate are (1.380.216).

## **Main activities**

Cattle breeding, agriculture, oil refinery, animal feed, drug industry.

## **Infrastructures**

One of the main roads that leads to the north passes through the Governorate of Saladin. In addition, there are roads which link it to Kirkuk to the east, and Haditha and Qaim to the west. Baghdad- Mosul railway passes through the city of Tikrit, too.

## **Education:**

The Governorate has only one University, (University of Saladin), more than 1.046 primary schools, more than 390 secondary schools, 11 Teacher Qualifying Institutes and many professional institutes and schools.

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Investment map 2013

## **Health foundations**

Governorate of Saladin has 9 hospitals and almost 13 medical centers.

## **Tourism**

**City of Samara:** The ruins of the city of Samara run on the eastern bank of the River Tigris for 35 km, from Samara to the south: The Grand Mosque, Malwiyah, and Ashiq Palace.

To the north of Malwiyah, there are the house of the Caliph, Equestrian arena, Abu Dulaf Mosque, Mutawakkiliyah, and Rasasi River.

