



Sustainable Development Goals



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Encouraging the establishment of peaceful communities where no one is marginalized is essential for achieving sustainable development. This involves ensuring that everyone has access to justice, building effective and accountable institutions that are inclusive at all levels, and significantly reducing illicit flows of money and weapons. Additionally, it includes enhancing the recovery and return of stolen assets and combating all forms of organized crime..

Under the patronage of Alnoor University and the Alnoor Center for the Preservation of Cultural Heritage, and organized by the Lamasu Organization for Culture with the hospitality of Baytna Foundation for Culture, Arts, and Heritage (the cultural front of Alnoor University), a delegation of Christians from Mosul—who were forced to leave their city after the events of 2014 and have since resided elsewhere—was hosted in a humanitarian and cultural initiative aimed at strengthening the spirit of national identity and restoring their connection to place. The initiative included a tour of their former neighborhoods, shops, and the city's alleyways, in addition to churches and schools that shaped their childhood and youth memories, where they experienced moving moments of longing and loyalty to their homeland. The visit coincided with the eve of the Feast of the Cross, celebrated by Christians in Iraq and around the world, providing an opportunity to revive feelings of belonging and share joy with fellow citizens. The tour covered churches such as Mar Touma, Maskanta, Al-Sa'a, and Hosh al-Bi'a, along with the old alleys and markets of Mosul, where participants recalled their memories with deep emotion. The visit and celebration were attended by Professor Dr. Muzahim Qasim Al-Khayyat, Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Higher Education, who affirmed his support for such initiatives that uphold the values of coexistence and national unity.

