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Cities are hubs for ideas, trade, culture, science, production, social development, and other human activities. They play a crucial role in enabling people to achieve social and economic advancement. It is essential to mobilize support to ensure that policymakers are convinced of the need to include access to information in national and regional development plans.



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Today, the city of Mosul witnessed an exceptional national and historic event with the inauguration of the Great Al-Nuri Mosque and Al-Hadba Minaret after their reconstruction, under the patronage and presence of the Prime Minister, Eng. Mohammed Shia' Al-Sudani, along with several ministers, officials, the Governor of Nineveh, a high-level delegation from the United Arab Emirates, representatives from UNESCO, and prominent local and international figures. Alnoor University was present at this historic occasion, represented by the Chairman of its Board of Trustees, Dr. Bashar Mahmoud Ali, who joined official leaders and national figures in inaugurating this cultural landmark that restores to Mosul its beating heart and most iconic symbol. The reopening of the Al-Nuri Mosque and its Al-Hadba Minaret comes as part of the Prime Minister's comprehensive program in Nineveh Province, which also included the reopening of the Clock Church and Al-Tahira Church after their restoration—bringing together the city's religious and historical landmarks in a scene that reflects the depth of coexistence and diversity within its social fabric. The inauguration ceremony concluded with the performance of the first prayer inside Al-Nuri Mosque after its reconstruction, in a moving scene that symbolized the return of life to Mosul and its ancient minarets, and reinforced the values of coexistence and peace among its people. Alnoor University affirms that its presence in this historic moment reflects its commitment to being an active partner in every national and community milestone, continuing its mission of building people and restoring hope in parallel with rebuilding stone, and contributing to the affirmation of Mosul's status as a city of civilization, diversity, and resilience.

