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Research Assessment & Safeguarding of the Heritage of Iraq in Danger

## Who we are

RASHID International e.V. is a worldwide network of archaeologists, cultural heritage experts and professionals dedicated to safeguarding and promoting the cultural heritage of Iraq. We are committed to developing the history and archaeology of ancient Mesopotamian cultures, for we believe that knowledge of the past is key to understanding the present and to building a prosperous future.

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## The cultural heritage of Iraq is in great danger

Much of Iraq's heritage is in danger of being lost forever and much has already been destroyed. Militant groups have razed mosques and churches, smashed artifacts, bulldozed archaeological sites, and are engaged in illegally trafficking antiquities. Iraqi cultural heritage has suffered grievous and in many cases irreversible harm.

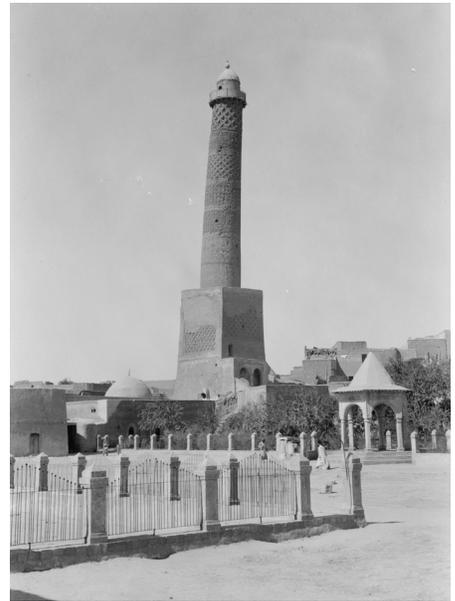
In order to address these impacts, we collect and share information, research and expert knowledge, and we work to raise public awareness and develop and execute strategies to protect heritage sites and other cultural property through international cooperation, advocacy and technical assistance.

## What we do

- We collect, report on, and share relevant information and expert knowledge regarding damage inflicted on Iraq's cultural heritage;
- We co-operate with relevant national and international police authorities in order to detect and prevent illegal trafficking in items of Iraq's cultural heritage;
- We engage and collaborate with Iraqi state officials in addressing issues of concern regarding Iraq's cultural heritage;
- We advocate and lobby for respect for national and international laws on the protection of cultural heritage;
- We engage in and support public education and awareness activities, within and beyond Iraq, in order to advance public knowledge and understanding of the significance and diversity of Iraq's cultural heritage.

## What can you do?

- Subscribe to our mailing list to receive the latest updates on RASHID International's activities
- Like our Facebook page for a regular flow of information on cultural heritage
- Visit our website and donate to help us protect the cultural heritage of Iraq
- Become a member today and join us in safeguarding the past for the future!



*Al-Hadba Minaret (Mosul), destroyed in June 2017*

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