

EU Lawmaker Supports Education Projects for Assyrians in Iraq

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Brussels (AINA) -- On December 17 EU MP Esther de Lange submitted questions to the EU Iraq Commission about the status of education projects in the Nineveh Plain, in north Iraq. Commissioner Ferreo-Waldner told members of the commission that the EU has supported the Nineveh Plain region, inhabited predominantly by Assyrians (also known as Chaldeans and Syriacs), by renovating 5 schools.

Persecution of Assyrians in Mosul and its surroundings has forced most Assyrian students to stop attending school.

Esther de Lange asked for a report on the funding of schools and details of other projects being funded by the EU, as well as assessment on establishing a University in the Nineveh Plain.

The [Assyria Council of Europe](#) (ACE), an advocacy group for Iraq's Assyrians, praised the efforts of Esther de Lange, stating that during meetings with her ACE has stressed the need for a University in the Assyrian region. The Assyrians in the Nineveh Plain highly value education; for this reason ACE was pleased with de Lange's efforts and hoped the EU Commission will support this project.



Esther de Lange

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