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## **450,000 DISPLACED HAVE RETURNED TO IRAQ'S NINEVEH: GOVT**

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Some 5.7 million people were forced to flee homes after Daesh overran one third of Iraq in mid-2014

At least 450,000 displaced persons have returned to their homes in the northern Nineveh province following the expulsion of the Daesh terrorist group from the region, the Iraqi government said Tuesday.

"The Ministry of Immigration and Displaced Persons Affairs has managed to repatriate roughly 450,000 people from Nineveh province -- out of 1,350,000 -- following the liberation of their areas [from Daesh]," Immigration Minister Jassim al-Jaf said in a statement.

"The repatriation of displaced people to their homes requires time and close coordination with all concerned agencies. It also requires the restoration of security in these areas," he added.

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