
MOSUL DESTROYS ICONIC BUILDING USED BY ISIS FOR GRUESOME KILLINGS

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Only three floors remain of Mosuls National Insurance Company building, where ISIS killed young men it accused of homosexuality and breaking Islamic law.

While Unesco and Iraqi religious leaders last month laid the cornerstone to rebuild the northern Iraqi citys famous Al Nuri Mosque and adjacent leaning minaret, other buildings were being torn down.

Demolition work on the National Insurance building began about a month ago, tearing down the remains of one of Mosuls most important buildings.

Built in 1966 and designed by Iraqi architect Rifat Chadirji, the structure was an example of modern Iraqi design.

It had rows of slim archways and projected windows reminiscent of Iraqs famous shanasheel, a style common in homes close to water.

Mr Chadirji has been called the father of Iraqi architecture and is also credited with notable buildings in Baghdad as well as more than 100 homes and monuments across the country.

His projects include the Tobacco Monopoly Headquarters and the Central Post Office in Baghdad.

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