

Iraqi Entertainment and Culture: An Anthropological Study in Salah al-din Governorate

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Abstract

This study aims to know the reality of entertainment services in the city of Balad for the year (2023), the changes in services and the scale of their service to the population, in addition to future predictions for the distribution of entertainment services.

The results of the study found a shortage of recreational services in terms of number and area, which caused a defect in the system of efficiency and adequacy of services compared to the requirements of population needs, distributed unevenly with the city's neighborhoods, as for promotion in agricultural land, it is currently the most prevalent in the city.

And to see the overlap between recreational activities and religious shrines, where it is noted that proper planning for each type of land use is a real mirror in determining the use and function of the place.

From this perspective, we aspire to distribute services equitably to achieve development and efficiency for the individual and society.

Keywords: *Entertainment services, Governorate, religious shrines.*

INTRODUCTION

For services and recreational aspects in each country, there are incentives that push for development and growth in this field, whether they are related to the standard of living of the individual or linked to community preparation or psychological, health and social link of people to their community (1)

From an economic point of view, we note that the recreational and tourism aspects help to develop the local economy and increase the common through the availability of job opportunities, which positively affects the development and creation of a commercial, industrial and recreational atmosphere in the city (2)

Over the years, entertainment has shifted from luxuries to necessities. With the rapid technological development that the world has witnessed now and in response to the need to fill people's leisure time voluntarily and major companies have emerged that produce and distribute entertainment industries, the entertainment of the self by meeting people and frequenting recreational areas contributes to maximizing the positive side, especially when a person meets positive people and friends who broadcast the meanings of beauty and tolerance to return after a new human being full of energy and spirit Moral, the development of man and the multiplicity of livelihoods, but entertainment has always remained inherent to him until entertainment has become an industry and art, which is a stand-alone investment has alerted many countries and peoples to its importance and role in the development of sophistication and aesthetic taste of the individual (3)

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It seems that the data of the modern era have created a state of integration between the sources of culture and entertainment, although culture is the origin, entertainment is the means, meaning that individual culture and social behavior are the first determinants of integration and the culture of entertainment is not limited to a nation, group or region, everyone in this frightening era with its scientific and technological mechanisms are looking for a culture of entertainment (4)

The first topic

Study problem

The problem is the first point of the beginning of the research to put the questions that wander in the mind of the researcher and answer them through the result that serves the research and the researcher, which revolves around (recreational services located in the region of a country that meets the desired purpose)

1. What kind and nature of recreational services are available in the city and are they commensurate with the number of residents?
2. Are there enough spaces available to create additional recreational areas in the future?
3. What is the percentage of the degree of satisfaction of the residents with the level of services in the city of Balad
4. Does the efficiency of these recreational services in the city of Balad meet the purpose required by the citizen?

Study hypothesis

The hypothesis is the initial answers to the problems observed through the research joints, which will be answered in a way that suits the research problem

1. There are several recreational services available in the city that serve different levels in terms of age
2. These recreational services are not distributed in all neighborhoods of the city, but there is a disparity in the levels of distribution in the city, which led to the non-acceptance of the citizen
3. Disparity in residents' satisfaction with the level of these recreational services
4. There are government and private spaces to establish recreational services

Research Objectives

It is not possible to accomplish research without a tagged goal that the researcher seeks

1. Knowing the reality of the nature of recreational services within the study area and their spatial distribution
2. Evaluate the degree of efficiency of these services
3. Attention to the importance of these services, including the reality of recreational service for the city community
4. Expanding the field of recreational services for the research area to meet the needs of hikers in a manner commensurate with what is required

Boundaries of the study area:

The study area is located in the southern section of Salah al-Din Governorate, and it is one of the districts of Salah al-Din, located south of Samarra and north of the capital, Baghdad, bordered to the east by Diyala Governorate, to the north by the districts of Al-Dur and Samarra, and to the south by the Dujail district, and its population reached

(63,128) thousand people, according to estimates in 2023, where they were distributed over (17) neighborhoods

As for the time limits for the study, it is represented in the study of the reality of the city for the year 2023

Study concepts

1. Definition of language format

The owner of the scales knows the pattern, saying: The nun, the sin and the qaf are a correct origin that indicates a sequence in the thing and the words of the pattern: It came on one system that has sympathized with each other Its origin is their saying: Tghr format if the teeth are equal consistency, and beads format: Organizer Abu Zabid said Bajid Reem Karim Zaneh A pattern that is almost inflamed by rubies (5)

As for the owner of the tongue, he defines the pattern as follows:

The pattern of everything: what was in the way of one system, general in things, and I coordinated it in its coordination, and Ibn Sayyida adds the coordination of the thing coordinated by a format and coordinated by its systems alike, and the consistency is the consistency of coordination: organization, and coordination: what came from the speech on one system (6)

Defining the theme idiomatically

Dr. Ali Al-Salami defines the pattern, saying, "The pattern is a concept that pervades the whole universe, but the entire universe is nothing but a large system that contains within it partial patterns that overlap with each other."

Kamal Abu Deeb defines the pattern by saying, "The system, as a unified whole, is the starting point from which it is possible and from which ... Identify its constituent elements (7)

2. Entertainment language and idiomatically

That entertainment in the language is returned to the triple root: Rafah, and with reference to the standards of language of Ibn Faris, this origin indicates the grace and breadth of the requirement, including well-being in living and well-being, and it is said: Rafah from him, if the breath of anguish (8)

The term entertainment was used when the ancient jurists to denote facilitation and expansion without juxtaposition of this meaning (9) As for contemporaries, they used it to express the enjoyment of the soul and expand it, to get rid of various pressures, under the restriction of permissibility and not to commit the forbidden (10)

3. Effect: the rest of the thing, the plural of traces and traces, its effect i.e., after it

And its impact: I tracked its impact and it is said the impact of such and such, that is, follow it and the impact, by moving: what is left of the thing and the effect: keeping the effect in the thing and the impact of the thing left a trace in it (11)

4. Definition of culture linguistically and idiomatically

Culture defines a language in many ways, and it means action.

The sword, and culture is the wood by which the spears are settled, when saying the sentence (education of spears) means leveling the spear with the machine of culture, and on the other hand culture is defined as acumen, when saying (educate the man is culture) and the word culture means, everything that illuminates the mind and refines taste, and develops the talent of criticism and the person with wide knowledge is known as an educated person (12)

In terminology, culture is defined as a system consisting of a set of beliefs, actions, knowledge, and behaviors that are formed and shared within a particular group and the culture formed by any person that has a strong and important influence on his behavior (13)

Previous studies

Previous studies are defined as the literature and books that dealt with the subject of the study that we are in the process of writing and benefiting from the experiences that preceded and working to develop them by taking a look at local, regional and global research related to the subject of the study, which is recreational services within the city of Balad, where the variation in the distribution of these services and the absence of planning for them

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Research Title (Assessing the Reality of Recreational Services in Hilla City) Master's Thesis, College of Education for Human Sciences, University of Babylon, 2020

Purpose of the study This thesis aims to know the types of recreational services that are available in the city of Hilla and the area in which these services are estimated and the distribution of this service as well as to evaluate the efficiency of the recreational function and find the relationship between the reality of recreational services with the number of residents in the city of Hilla.

2) Researcher Name: Ali Ajeel Wahb Al-Khikani

Research Title (Evaluation of the efficiency of the recreational function in the city of Nasiriyah, Master Thesis, Maysan University, College of Education, 2020)

The purpose of the study _ The thesis aims to identify the area of recreational services in the city of Nasiriyah and to know the adequacy and evaluation of these services and determine the shortage in them.

The second topic

Cultural and social determinants of entertainment

The culture of entertainment is a culture that is integrated with each other that cares more about the group than the individual. But it starts from the taste of the individual and his awareness and harmony with the spirit of the group in a place and a time and a situation

That is, his individual culture and social behavior are the first determinants of integration into such a common culture. The culture of entertainment is not limited to a particular nation, region or people;

Everyone in this frightening age with its scientific and technological mechanisms is looking for a culture of entertainment, to escape the pressure of life and the requirements of the family, as man needs at many times to contemplate himself and see

The ocean around him with another eye is the eye of entertainment

Therefore, this type of culture has become a media, psychological and official monitoring site as well, as its outlets have multiplied and commercial and economic projects have continued to consolidate this type of public life. Historically, peoples have practiced many rituals of entertainment and entertainment and spread their societal cultures for various purposes, not the least of which is to get out of the familiar daily stress and continuous work

Entertainment is an industry and from this industry cultures of different origins have been born. That is, entertainment as a product that has been able through the development of economic and industrial life to be a culture (14)

It is important to keep in mind that entertainment where? And how? And when? These things are determined by man in line with his personal situation and social conditions, each person has his own way and desires for entertainment (15)

The third topic

Recreational services in the city of Balad

1. Gardens and parks

Green areas are recreational places that contribute to reducing pressure and reviving souls, which encouraged those interested in urban planning of the city to reconsider the structure of distribution and design of parks and public gardens in a manner consistent with the distance and proximity to human gatherings, taking into account the area of areas suitable for the establishment of these facilities (16)

According to this perspective, the city of Balad lacks public parks in a manner commensurate with the needs of the population due to the dominance and dominance of the residential and commercial function prevailing in the city.

11 gardens and recreational parks have been allocated in Balad on nine separate neighborhoods The municipality of Balad has worked to take care of these gardens and plant them from trees and flowers The large paradise park of Balad with an area of (20,000 m²) is a wide outlet for the residents of the city of Balad located in the Al-Wahda neighborhood near the Ishaqi irrigation project and can accommodate many families in holidays, holidays and events (17)

2. Cafes

The café or café is one of the recreational activities that have been active in urban cities, a public place where men and young people from different ages gather, where some hobbies are practiced to pass free time for entertainment, entertainment and tolerance between friends (18)

There are cafes in the city of a popular character characterized by providing services to the elderly where they enjoy old stories, proverbs and wisdom and cafes and casinos are important recreational areas in the city of Balad distributed cafes and cafes between neighborhoods and included (18) café (19)

3. Sports Centers

Playgrounds and clubs

Multi-activity sports centers develop a wide space of entertainment through the development and maintenance of an appropriate level of physical fitness through active participation in those recreational events that stimulate cultural and health awareness (20)

There are many sports centers distributed in the city of Balad spread in nine neighborhoods and contain many playgrounds, including a football field, a five-a-side stadium and summer courses in the summer holidays (21)

a) Billiard gyms and gyms

It is one of the sports activities practiced by individuals in different communities, whether in clubs, halls, homes and of different ages, if it occupies the leisure time of young people is a kind of creative recreational practices (22)

Billiards, fitness halls and gyms are distributed in five neighborhoods, including one hall for women, which brought about change and development in the city and opened new horizons for the female side of entertainment and entertainment (23)

4. Report. Restaurants & Wedding Halls

They are places for food and drink that are considered rest houses, both for residents inside and outside the city, this service works on recreation and entertainment for families and young people. Restaurants vary in their degrees, extent and suitability for the area in which they are located (24)

As for wedding halls and events, which are considered a recreational social service because they serve the population by holding events, parties and weddings in them, and this is a new openness for the city and the expansion of its service horizons and the search for development that serves the city, as well as the high economic level and its impact on purchasing power

Restaurants and wedding halls are distributed in the different neighborhoods of Balad and were concentrated in five neighborhoods

5. Anniversary of the Battle of the T Religious shrines

It is a tourist entertainment service that works to attract visitors to the city from outside and inside it, which is to go to visit the holy places and at the same time works on a recreational activity in leisure time for recreation on different occasions, holidays and holidays (25)

The city of Balad was characterized by its religious character with the presence of the shrines of Sayyid Muhammad Ibn Imam Ali Al-Hadi (peace be upon them) and the shrine of Amna bint Imam Hassan (peace be upon them) comes

6. Edition Resorts and recreational farms

After tourism was previously confined to visiting the shrine of Sayyid Muhammad bin Imam Ali Al-Hadi (peace be upon him), and after 2015, a group of orchard owners and some contractors established tourist resorts, all of which are under the consideration of the National Security Division and the list of the maqam of a country, where it is opened under legal conditions that do not prejudice the customs and traditions of society, and the resort consists of a green space in the middle of which is a swimming pool, a small swimming pool, children's playgrounds as well, and a house that contains equipped rooms and a kitchen, all equipped with all recreational services.

After it was the target of ISIS attacks, the city of Balad, which is located on the main road between Baghdad, Samarra, Tikrit and Mosul, turned into a tourist destination, especially the capital, to spend their evenings and evenings, and because of its proximity to the capital (at a distance of 85 km), Baghdadis go to sleep in its farms, but not as before, for free or at the invitation of friends, but after making a call and booking for the farm at prices that vary according to its area and entertainment.

Prices for renting a single farm range from 150,000 dinars (\$100) to 300,000 dinars (\$250) per night.

Social networking sites have a great role in forming a good impression towards coming to enjoy the nature of the city, especially after many owners of lands and orchards turned these places into resorts and recreational orchards because they found in them an economic profit that exceeds their profit in the past when they were only orchards for agricultural crops

Findings and recommendations

A. Results

- 1- The study area has natural factors and capabilities that helped to establish and provide recreational services and provide water resources represented by the Tigris River to establish many recreational activities such as swimming pools
- 2- The recreational elements in the city vary, including religious and natural
- 3- The lack of equivalence between places of residence and recreational places
- 4- The population is increasing in the city, this increase in turn was reflected in the recreational services in the city
- 5- Many of the people of the region rejected the idea of tourist resorts because of the customs, traditions and customs recognized in the city
- 6- Customs, customs and traditions are in control of the city and the rejection of many people for resorts and tourist orchards and the refusal of any stranger to enter them and their rejection of any transformation and cultural development of the city, which increased the intensity of differences between them and the owners of these recreational resorts

B. Recommendations

- 1- Removing the abuses of recreational areas in the city, especially public parks, and they must be reinvested and rehabilitated to meet the population need
- 2- New plans must be developed and the imbalance in entertainment services must be accommodated
- 3- It is necessary for officials within the municipality sector of Balad to prioritize the recreational aspect because most families need recreational services for recreation and venting.
- 4- Preserving the property of recreational services, whether private or public, through maintenance and maintenance to reach a level that rises to serve the city, all of this leads to the aesthetic and purity of its appearance
- 5- Distributing recreational services to suit the size of the population in the city and compensating neighborhoods that suffered from a lack of recreational services
- 6- Placing awareness inference marks because it is a center of attraction for families and youth, and this encourages the development of society and its culture

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