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16 Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions

16.3 Working with Government

16.3.4 Neutral platform to discuss issues year 2025

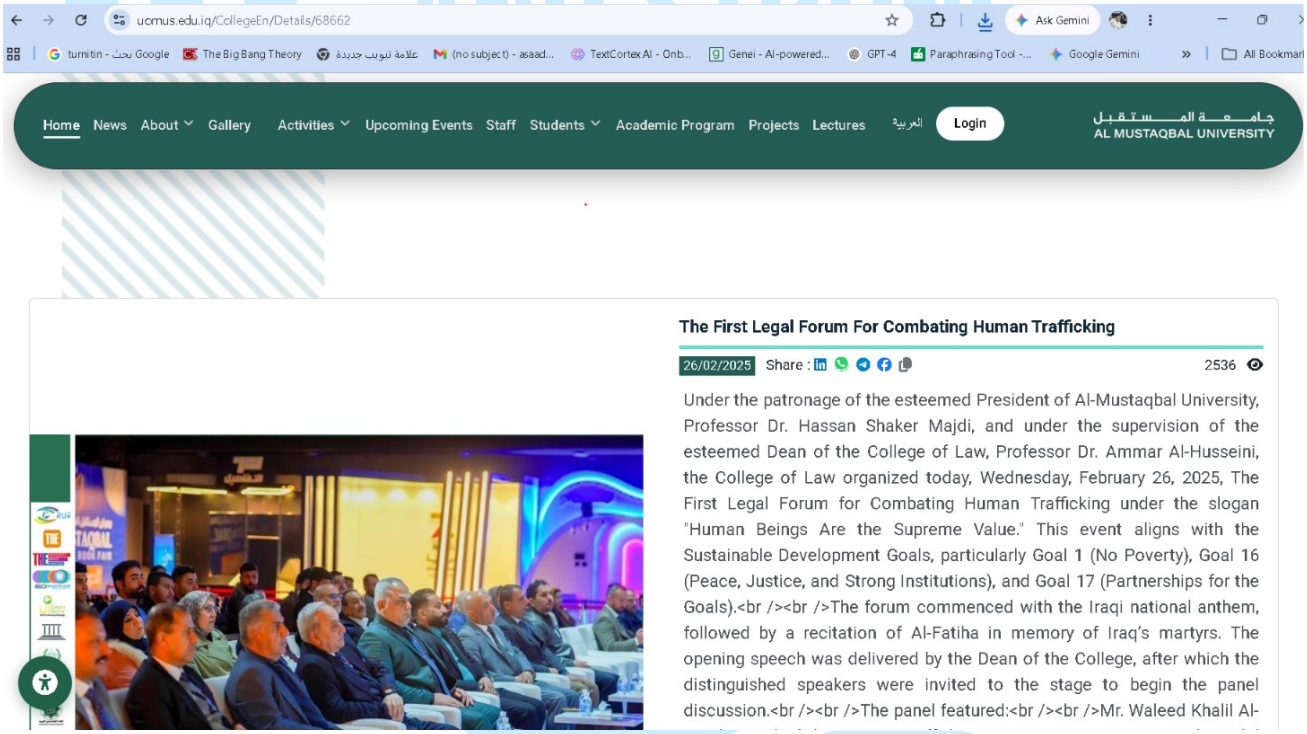
Provide a neutral platform and 'safe' space for different political stakeholders to come together to frankly discuss challenges.

Within its contribution to Sustainable Development Goal 16, particularly the promotion of peace, justice and effective institutions, Al-Mustaqbal University carried out a range of activities during 2025, including forums, seminars and conferences that provided opportunities for dialogue and the exchange of views on legal, human-rights and societal issues. These activities involved representatives of governmental and official institutions, human-rights bodies, academics and specialists, as well as university staff, students and community representatives.

These activities are significant because they help bring academic institutions, public authorities and community stakeholders closer together, create opportunities to discuss shared challenges, exchange expertise and proposals, and strengthen institutional trust and cooperation. However, the inclusion of an activity under Criterion 16.3.4 should be supported by evidence demonstrating the nature of the dialogue, the diversity of participating stakeholders and balanced opportunities for discussion. Holding an event or conducting an official visit, on its own, does not necessarily establish that a neutral and safe discussion platform was provided.

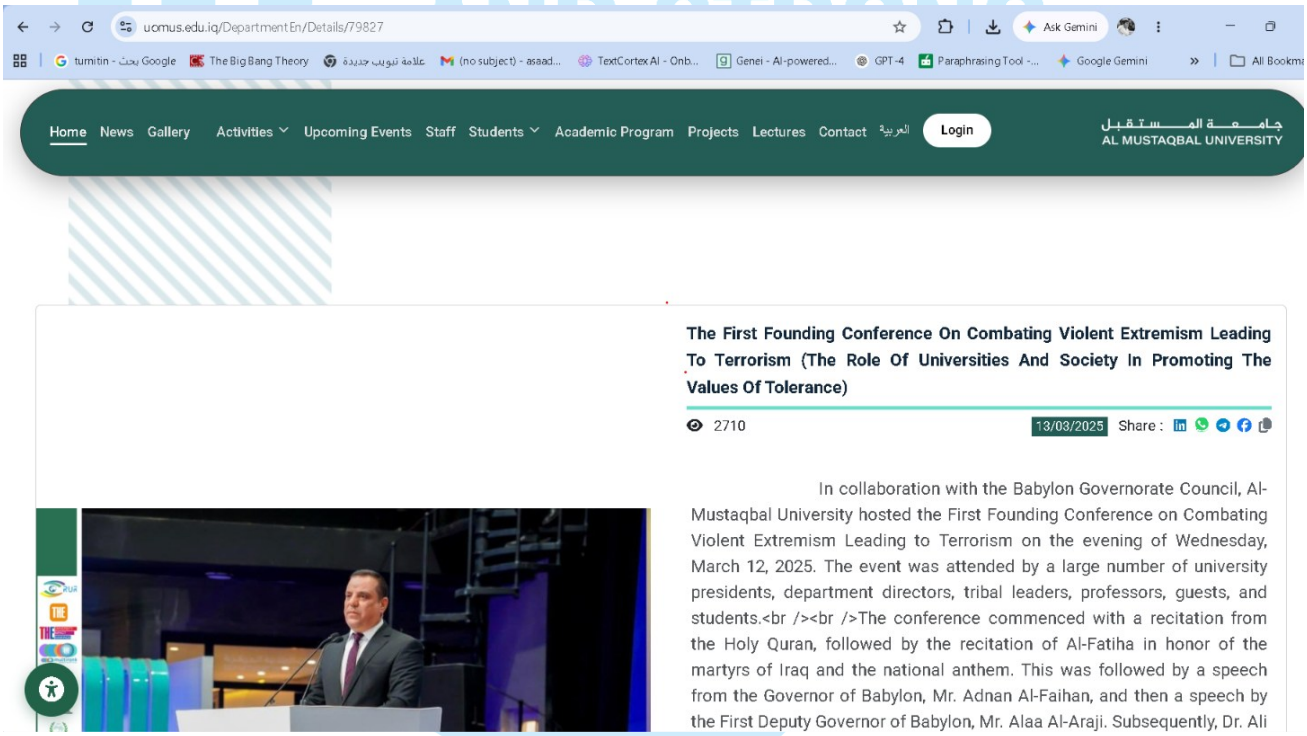
1. First Legal Forum on Combating Human Trafficking – 26 February 2025

Al-Mustaqbal University's College of Law organized the forum with the participation of officials from the Human Trafficking Committee at the Babil Governorate Office, Babil Intelligence Directorate, the Babil Office of the High Commission for Human Rights, the Human Trafficking Unit and Women's Affairs, in addition to academics, state-institution representatives and university students. The forum included a discussion session on efforts to combat human trafficking and the related challenges.



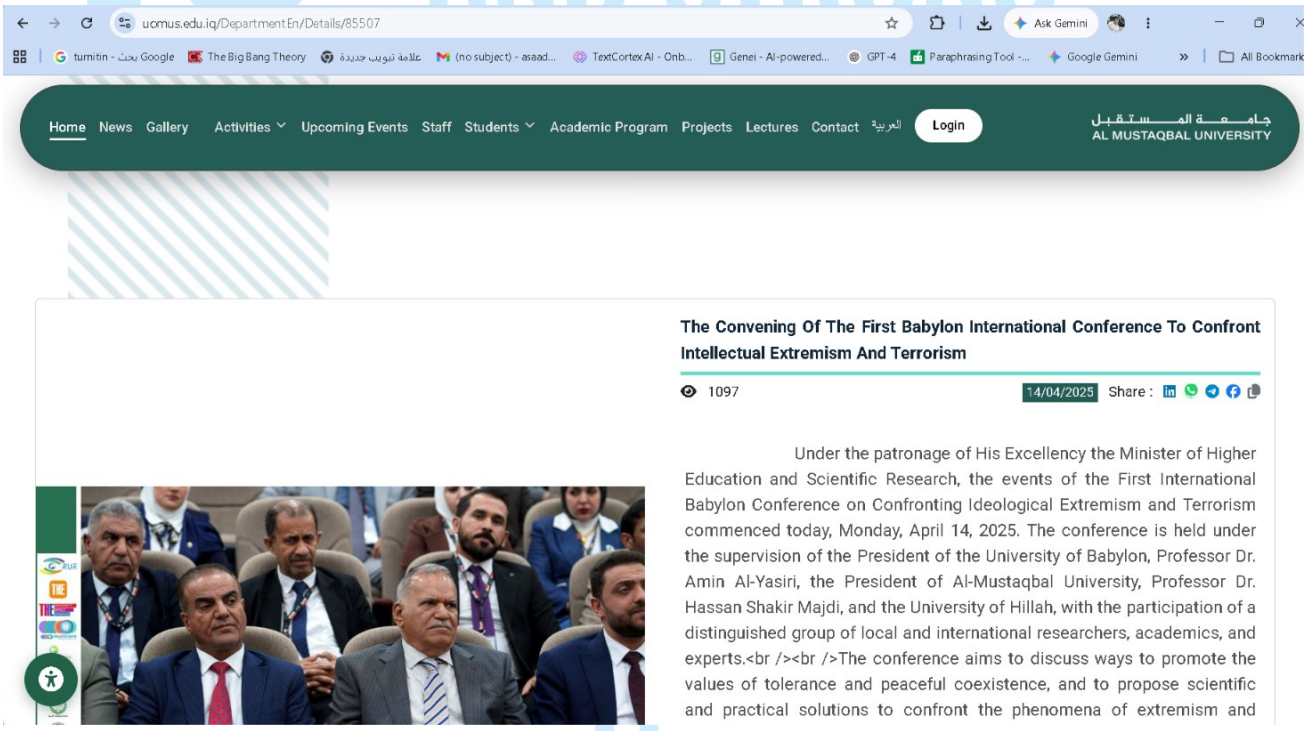
2. Inaugural Conference on Combating Violent Extremism Leading to Terrorism – 12 March 2025

In cooperation with the Babil Provincial Council, the University held the inaugural conference on combating violent extremism leading to terrorism. Participants included the Governor of Babil, the Deputy Governor, the Head of the National Committee for Combating Violent Extremism at the National Security Advisory, university presidents, directors of government departments, tribal leaders, academics and students.



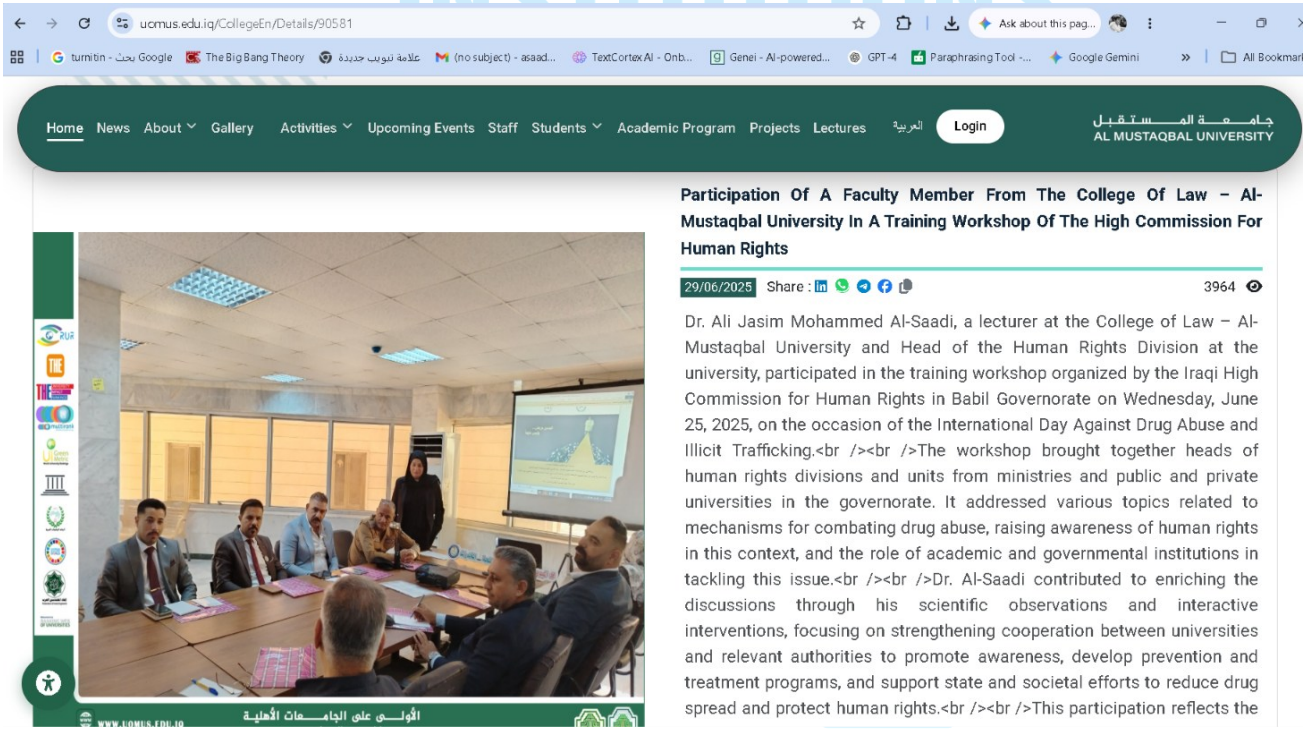
3. First International Babil Conference on Countering Intellectual Extremism and Terrorism – 14 April 2025

Al-Mustaqbal University participated in organizing the conference in cooperation with the University of Babil and Al-Hilla University, under the patronage of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research. Researchers, academics and local and international experts took part. The conference addressed the promotion of tolerance and peaceful coexistence and explored scientific and practical approaches to countering extremism and terrorism.



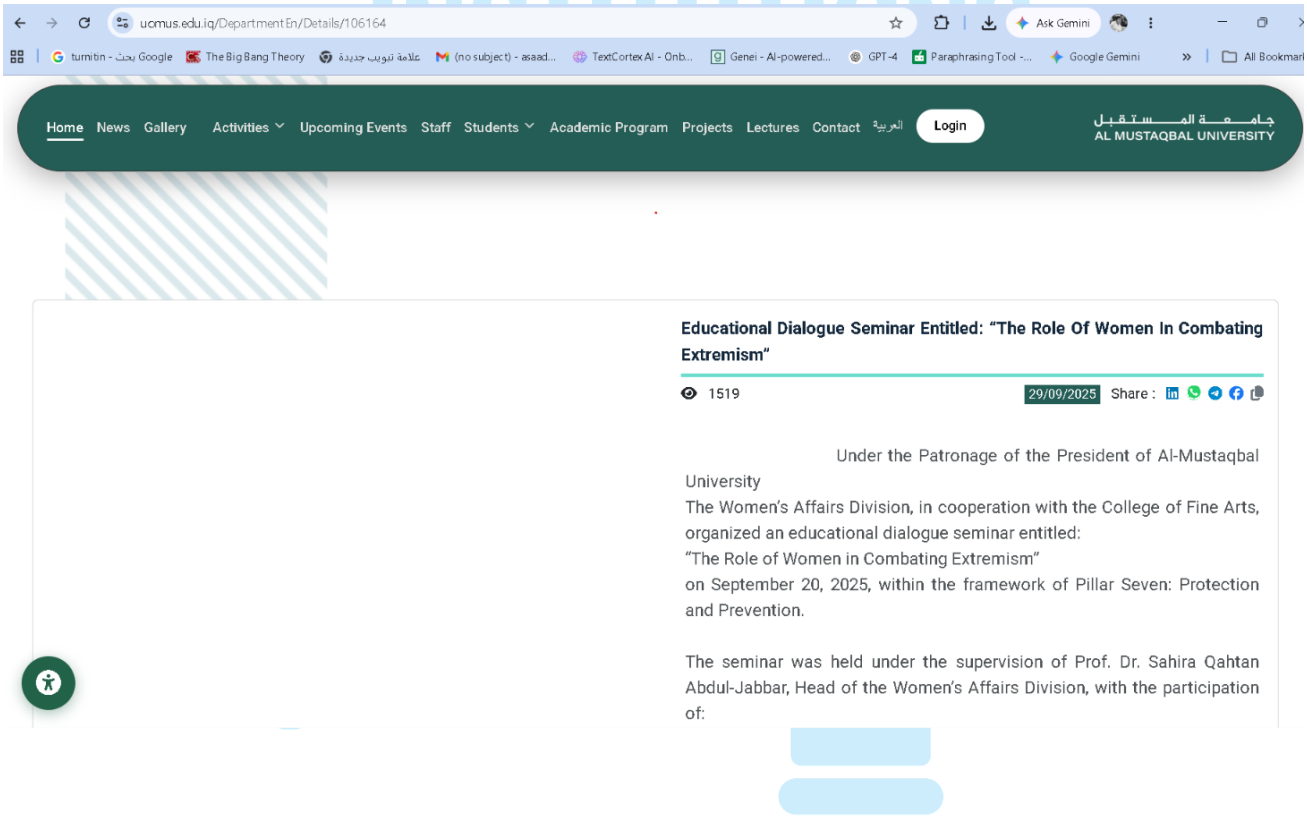
4. Participation in the High Commission for Human Rights Workshop on Drug Prevention – 25 June 2025

Dr Ali Jasim Mohammed Al-Saadi, a faculty member and Head of the Human Rights Division at the University, participated in a workshop organized by the High Commission for Human Rights in Babil Governorate on the occasion of the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. Participants included officials from human-rights units and divisions in ministries and public and private universities. The workshop discussed the role of academic and government institutions in awareness, prevention and human-rights protection.



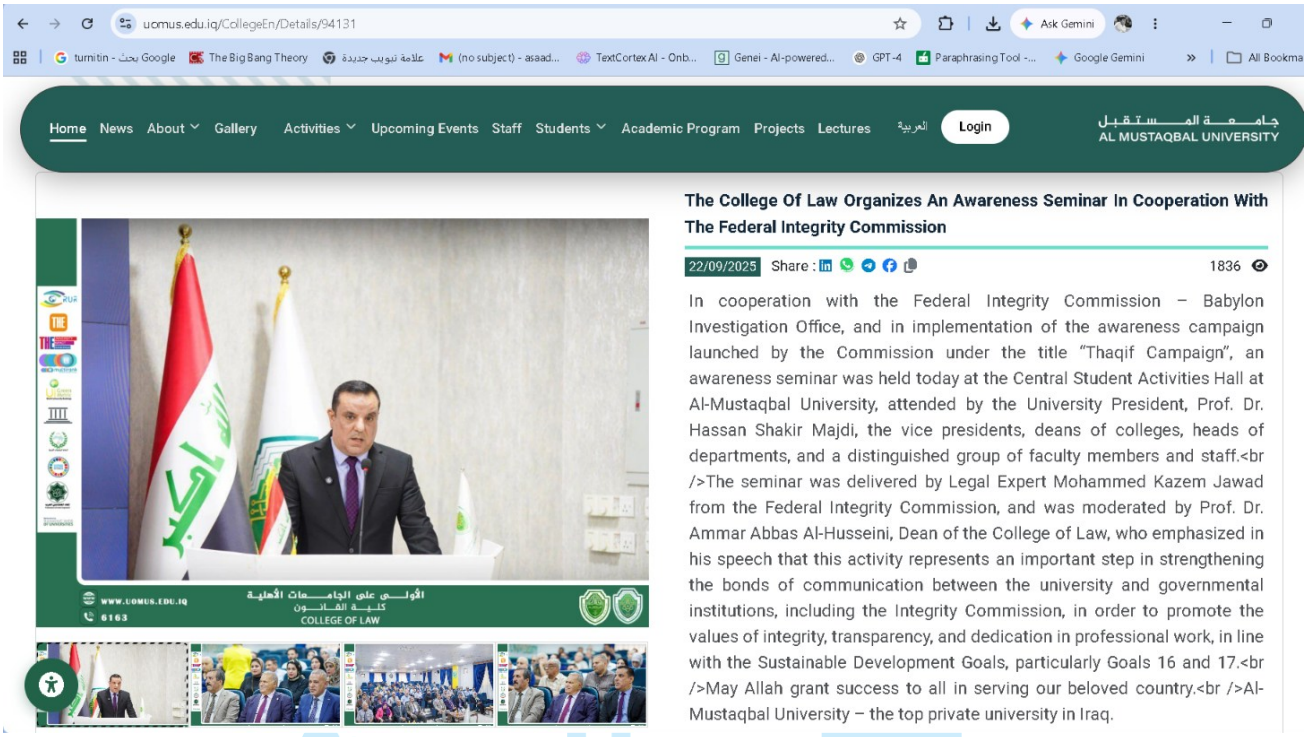
5. Dialogue Seminar: "The Role of Women in Combating Extremism" – 20 September 2025

The Women's Affairs Division, in cooperation with the College of Fine Arts, organized an awareness-raising dialogue seminar with the participation of a representative of the Iraqi Bar Association and an internationally certified trainer in countering extremism from the Babil Governorate Office, as well as University personnel. The seminar focused on countering hate speech, promoting tolerance and strengthening the role of women in peacebuilding and preventing extremism and community violence.



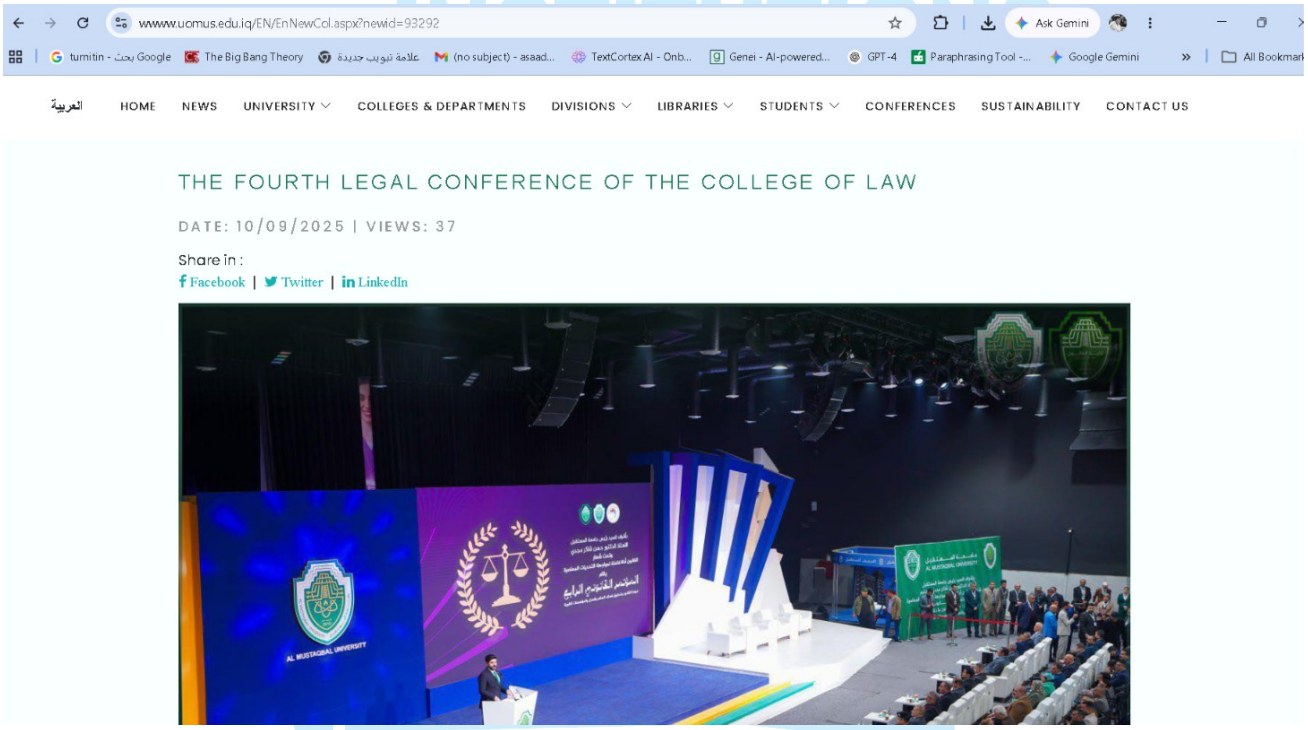
6. Awareness Seminar with the Federal Commission of Integrity under the "Thaqaf" Campaign – 22 September 2025

The College of Law, in cooperation with the Babil Investigation Office of the Federal Commission of Integrity, organized an awareness seminar delivered by a legal expert from the Commission. It was attended by the University President, assistants, college deans, department heads, faculty members and staff. The seminar addressed integrity, transparency and commitment in public service.



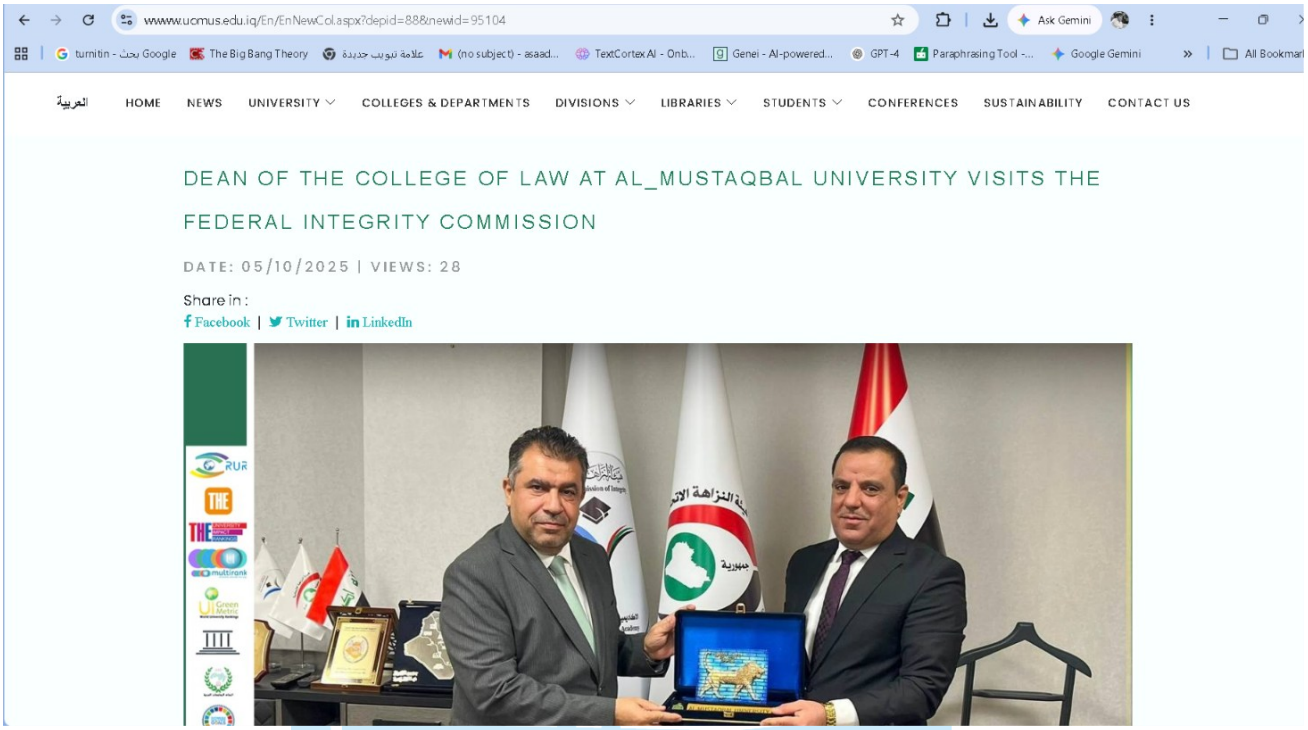
7. Fourth Legal Conference of the College of Law – 10 September 2025

The College of Law held its Fourth Legal Conference under the theme "Law as an Effective Tool to Address Contemporary Challenges," with more than seventy research papers from Iraqi universities and the attendance of judicial, parliamentary and academic figures, including the President of the Babil Court of Appeal, a member of the Council of Representatives, the President of the University of Babil and the Head of the Public Prosecution Authority in Babil. The conference concluded with recommendations addressed to the Iraqi legislator on updating the legislative framework.



8. Official Visit by the Dean of the College of Law to the Federal Commission of Integrity / Iraqi Academy for Anti-Corruption – 5 October 2025

The Dean of the College of Law visited the Federal Commission of Integrity / Iraqi Academy for Anti-Corruption and met with the Academy's Director General and representatives of the Commission's Legal Department. The meeting discussed areas of cooperation and the exchange of legal and academic expertise in support of national anti-corruption efforts and the promotion of integrity.



9. Fifth Legal Human Rights Forum – 13 December 2025

The College of Law organized its Fifth Legal Human Rights Forum under the theme "Human Rights as a Foundation for Building a Safe Society and Strong Institutions." Participants included the Director of Media at the Babil Police Command, the Head of the Babil Electoral Commission, the Director of the Human Rights Office in Babil, as well as academics and specialists. The forum discussed the role of security agencies, legislation, universities and professional associations in protecting human rights.

