

Profiles of new ministers

Prime Minister and Minister of Defence

Razzaz holds a PhD from Harvard University in planning with a minor in economics, and a post-doctorate from Harvard Law School. He is chairman of the Jordan Strategy Forum and has served as chairman of the board of trustees of the King Abdullah II Fund for Development. He has also headed the International Commission for Evaluating Privatisation in Jordan (2013-2014) and led the national team responsible for preparing the National Employment Strategy in 2011-2012. Razzaz also served as director general of the Social Security Corporation (2006-2010). From 2002 to 2006, he



Omar Razzaz

served as country manager of the World Bank's Lebanon country office.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State

Born in Amman in 1944, Muasher holds a PhD Degree in Business Administration from Illinois University. He served as minister of national economy in 1974-75, minister of industry and trade in 1975-76 and minister of supply, industry and trade in 1985-88. He also served as a senator.



Rajai Muasher

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates

Safadi, who holds an MA in International Journalism from Baylor University in Texas and a BA in English Literature from Yarmouk University, has edited and written for a number of newspapers, including The Jordan Times and Al Ghad. Since September 2016, he has served as a member of the Senate until his appointment as a minister in Hani Mulki's Cabinet. Between 2008 and 2011, Safadi served as adviser to His Majesty King Abdullah and as deputy prime minister, minister of state and spokesperson for the government. In 2004, he served as a spokesperson for the UN Assistance Mission to Iraq. He has also served as director of communications at the Royal Court and as press secretary to HRH Prince Hassan. Safadi has founded and served as CEO of Path Arabia, a political consultancy firm that operated out of Abu Dhabi. He has also served as the CEO of Abu Dhabi Media Company, and as director general of the Jordan Radio and Television Corporation.



Ayman Safadi

Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research

Born in 1953 in Mafraq, Tweis holds a PhD in Linguistics from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, an MA Degree in Linguistics from the University of Michigan, East Lansing, and a BA in English Language and Literature from the University of Jordan (UJ). He served as president of UJ, Al al Bayt University and founding president of Al Hussein Bin Talal University. Tweis served as minister of culture between 2005 and 2007. He also received the Independence Order of the First Class.



Adel Tweis

Minister of Social Development

Born in 1965 in Amman, Lattouf holds an MSc in Financial Management. She previously served as minister of social development for three terms, from 2009 to 2011, and worked in Her Majesty Queen Rania's Office.



Hala Lattouf

Minister of Labour

Born in Amman in 1957, Murad earned a degree in management of electric engineering from the UK in 1982. He was also the minister of labour in the previous government. He is the owner and director of Said Murad & Sons Company, a family business specialised in general trade, spare parts and maintenance services. Murad is also a board member in Capital Bank, MedGulf Insurance Co., INJAZ and other societies and institutions.



Samir Murad

Minister of Health

Born in 1956, Sheyyab has a BSc in Medicine and a Master's Degree in Paediatrics from the University of Jordan. He served as director general of the King Abdullah I University Hospital. A former vice president of the Jordan University of Science and Technology, Sheyyab served as minister of health in Samir Rifai's Cabinet in 2010.



Mahmoud Sheyyab

Minister of Public Works and Housing

Born in Wadi Seer in 1949, Kisbi has a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from Ankara University and a Master's Degree in Construction Management from George Washington University. He joined the Ministry of Public Works and Housing as an engineer, and later headed a division in the ministry. He also served as director of World Bank financing projects at the Ministry of Education. He became assistant secretary general at the Ministry of Public Works and Housing and served as director general of the government tender department. He had previously served as minister of public works and housing in one of Abdullah Ensour's governments.



Yahya Kisbi

Minister of Environment

Fayez holds a Master's Degree in International Relations, and a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. He served as minister of tourism and antiquities and minister of environment in 2012-2013. He is former director general of the Jordan Tourism Board. He was an adviser to the Cabinet and former director of the office of HRH Prince Feisal.



Nayef Fayez

Minister of Political and Parliamentary Affairs and Minister of State

Born in Irbid in 1954, Maaytah earned a Master's Degree in telecom engineering from the University of Bucharest in 1981 and was president of the National Federation of Jordanian Students in Romania from 1976-1980. Maaytah is one of the founders of the Jordanian Democratic Socialist Party and was elected as a member of the party's political office during its first conference. He helped in the establishment of the United Democratic Party, which was later renamed the Jordanian Left Democratic Party, and was elected as its secretary general in 1996. From 1999, he served as the CEO and partner of a trade and marketing company as well as director of Al Badeel Centre for Studies and Training. He served as minister of political development in Samir Rifai's government.



Musa Maaytah

Minister of Public Sector Development

Shweikeh holds a BSc in Finance from Yarmouk University and is a certified management accountant. She also has degrees in global senior management, educational leadership and administration from the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business and the IESE Business School at the University of Navarra. The minister, who served as president of the International Women's Forum's Jordan chapter between 2011 and 2013, has worked as a senior telecom executive in several companies. She has served as CEO of VTEL Holdings, vice chairperson of Africell Tempo (2010-2012), vice chair of Itsaluna and CEO of Orange Jordan. She served as ICT minister in Abdullah Ensour's government.



Majd Shweikeh

Minister of Tourism and Antiquities

A graduate of Georgetown University, Annab has experience in the private sector. Before her appointment as minister, she had been working as general manager of Zara Investment Company since 2008. She has also served on the board of a number of private companies.



Lina Annab

Minister of Agriculture

Hneifat served as Tafileh mayor from 2007 to 2011. He served as project director at the Labour Ministry, working in initiatives to mitigate poverty and unemployment in poverty pockets. Hneifat has received the Order of Independence of the Third Class for implementing development projects in Tafileh.



Khaled Hneifat

Minister of Justice

Born in 1962, Abu Jarad holds a Bachelor's Degree in Law from the University of Jordan and a State PhD of Criminal Law in 2001 from the Lebanese University. He joined the Ministry of Justice in 1985 before gradually moving to higher posts until he was assigned as minister of justice since September 2016.



Awad Abu Jarad

Minister of Transport and Minister of Municipal Affairs

Born in 1959, Masri obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Engineering from the University of Cairo. He has previously served as mayor of Irbid and as an assistant to the Amman mayor. He was minister of public works and housing and minister of municipal affairs in Abdullah Ensour's governments.



Walid Masri

Minister of Interior

Mubaidin is former Amman governor and former secretary general of the Ministry of Interior.



Samir Mubaidin

Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs

Born in 1964, Abul Bassal holds a PhD in Jurisprudence and Islamic Politics from Zaytouna University in Tunisia. He worked as the dean of Sharia faculty at Yarmouk University and University of Sharjah. He is a member of several jurisprudential councils, boards, boards of trustees, boards of preaching and guidance. Abul Bassal was a former president of the World Islamic Sciences and Education University.



Abdul Nasser Abul Bassal

Minister of Finance

Kanakrieh holds a Bachelor's Degree in Economics since 1984 and an MA in Financial and Accounting Sciences in 1997. He is former director general of the Social Security Corporation and former secretary general of the Finance Ministry, a post he held between 2008 and 2012, and in 2014.



Ezzedine Kanakrieh

Minister of Water and Irrigation

Owais is former president of the board of directors of free zones and development zones.



Munir Owais

Minister of State for Investment Affairs

Holding an MSc in Business Management and Bachelor's Degree in Computer Sciences, Shehadeh worked for 14 years in the financial sectors in Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt and the West Bank. He was head of personal services at the HSBC Bank, chairman of the board of directors of the Military Credit Fund and worked at the economic department of the Royal Court. Shehadeh has held the post of minister of state for investment affairs before in Hani Mulki's government, as well as chairman of the Jordan Investment Commission.



Muhannad Shehadeh

Minister of Youth

Qaisi has served as Jordan's ambassador to France and the Kingdom's representative to UNESCO in Paris.



Makram Qaisi

Minister of State for Legal Affairs

Abu Yamin is a former deputy, who headed the Lower House's Economic Committee.



Mubarak Abu Yamin

Minister of Industry, Trade and Supply

Hammouri is the former dean of the Law Faculty at the University of Jordan. He holds a PhD in Commercial Law from the UK's University of Bristol.



Tareq Hammouri

Minister of State for Media Affairs

Ghunaimat started her career in 1999 at Al Rai daily's economic department. She worked as an economic analyst at several media outlets and TV channels. In August 2014, she made an exclusive interview with His Majesty King Abdullah to Al Ghad daily, where she has been working as editor-in-chief.



Jumana Ghunaimat

Minister of Education

Mahafzah is president of the University of Jordan (UJ). He received a PhD in Medicine in 1977 from Damascus University, and a PhD in Micro-Biology and Immunity from the American University in Beirut in 1984. He assumed several academic and administrative posts, including dean of the medicine faculty at the UJ and deputy dean.



Azmi Mahafzah

Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources

Zawati worked as CEO of the Jordan Strategy Forum and served as adviser for energy affairs at Umniah, the King Abdullah II Fund for Development, the Ahli Bank and the Bank of Jordan. She also offered the Lower House with many consultations related to the energy sector. Zawato holds a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering.



Hala Zawati

Minister of Planning and International Cooperation

Kawar holds a Master's Degree of Science in Social Policy and Planning for Developing Countries, Public Administration from the London School of Economics and Political Science in 1998 - 1999 and a PhD in Development Economics and International Development from the same school. She also served as country director at the International Labour Organisation between 2015 and in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania.



Mary Kawar

Minister of Culture

Nsour has a degree in law and has published six books of short stories. She has been writing in Arab media since 1990. Nsour is editor-in-chief of Taik magazine, which is specialised in women innovation.



Basma Nsour

Minister of ICT

Born in 1980, Gharaibeh graduated from Yarmouk University in 2003 with a degree in telecommunication engineering. He is head of Jordan's offices of Ericsson international company for communication systems and solutions, and has headed several projects for digitisations and communication infrastructure. Gharaibeh is a member of Jordan's Information and Communications Technology Association int@j board of directors, Adel Centre for Legal Aid board of directors, as well as the board of directors of "Jordan Progress" platform. Gharaibeh has completed several programmes in international universities, including Harvard and Aspen Institute.



Muthana Gharaibeh