

# Profiles of new ministers

## Prime Minister and Minister of Defence

Born in 1968, Hassan holds a PhD and Master's degree in political science and international economics from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies at the University of Geneva. He also earned a master's degree in public administration from Harvard University, a master's in international relations from Boston University, and a bachelor's degree in international relations from the American University of Paris. Hassan has held various prominent diplomatic and government roles, beginning as attaché at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1991. He worked at the Royal Hashemite Court from 1993 to 1995 and served as director of the Department of International Affairs from 2006 to 2009. He held the position of director of His Majesty's Office during two separate terms, from 2014 to 2018 and again from 2021 to 2024. His diplo-

matic experience includes serving as a member of Jordan's Permanent Mission to the UN in Geneva from 1995 to 1999 and as deputy ambassador in Washington from 2001 to 2006. Hassan also served as minister of planning and international cooperation and represented Jordan at key international institutions such as the World Bank, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the Islamic Development Bank. In 2018, he was appointed deputy prime minister and minister of state for economic affairs. His most recent role was as director of His Majesty's Office, during which he was tasked with forming a new Cabinet.



Jafar Hassan

## Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates

Safadi holds an MA in International Journalism from Baylor University in Texas and a BA in English Literature from Yarmouk University. He has edited and written for several newspapers, including The Jordan Times and Al Ghad. Since September 2016, he served as a member of the Senate until his appointment as a minister in Hani Mulki's Cabinet. From 2008 to 2011, Safadi was an adviser to His Majesty King Abdullah and served as Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of State and government spokesperson. His roles at the Royal Court included Director of Communications and Press Secretary to HRH Prince Hassan. He also served as Director General of the Jordan Radio and Television Corporation. Safadi has held the post of Foreign Minister in the governments of Bisher Khasawneh and Omar Razzaz.



Ayman Safadi

## Minister of Water and Irrigation

Born in 1957, Abu Soud holds a BSc in Civil Engineering and Building Administration from Miami University, Florida. He previously served as Minister of Water and Irrigation in April 2005 and Minister of Public Works and Housing between October 2004 and April 2005.



Raed Abu Soud

## Minister of Public Works and Housing

Born in 1957, Abul Samen holds a Bachelor's degree in Architecture from the University of Bucharest and an honorary PhD in Management and External Relations from the Royal University of Ireland. He has held several key positions, including Minister of Municipal Affairs from 2011 to 2012, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Minister of Water and Irrigation from 2012 to 2013. Abul Samen also served as Mayor of the Greater Salt Municipality and Head of the Project Follow-up Section of the Office of Accountancy.



Ahmad Maher Abul Samen

## Minister of Local Administration

Born in 1959, Masri obtained his Bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Cairo. He previously served as mayor of Irbid, and as an assistant to Amman mayor. Additionally, he served as Minister of Public Works and Housing in 2013, Minister of Municipal Affairs from 2013 to 2018, and as both Minister of Municipal Affairs and Minister of Transport from 2018 to 2019.



Walid Masri

## Minister of Government Communication

Born in 1973, Momani holds a PhD in Political Science from the University of North Texas (1998-2003), a Master's Degree in Political Science from the University of Jordan (1994-1997), and a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science/Economics from the University of Jordan (1990-1994). Throughout his career, he has held several positions, including Minister of State for Media Affairs in 2018, and Minister of Political and Parliamentary Affairs, among others. He has also served as Dean of the Jordan Media Institute and as an adviser to Prime Ministers Awn Khasawneh and Fayez Tarawneh. Additionally, Momani has been an associate professor at Yarmouk University and a lecturer at Rice University in Houston.



Mohammad Momani

## Minister of Justice

Born in Amman in 1964, Talhouni holds a PhD from the University of Edinburgh, UK. With over 20 years of experience as a lawyer, he has served as a legal adviser to several international organisations. Talhouni also previously held the position of Minister of Justice in Omar Razzaz's government and has served as a senator.



Bassam Talhouni

## Minister of Tourism and Antiquities

Born in 1966, Annab graduated from Georgetown University. She has extensive experience in the private sector. Between 2016 and 2018, she served as Minister of Tourism and Antiquities. Annab has also been an extraordinary and plenipotentiary ambassador of Jordan to Japan since 2019.



Lina Annab

## Minister of Agriculture

Born in 1972, Hneifat holds a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Al Balqa Applied University. He served as mayor of Tafleeh from 2007 to 2011 and was a project manager at the Labour Ministry, where he focused on addressing poverty and unemployment in unprivileged areas. He first served as minister of agriculture between 2016 and 2018 and for another term in 2021.



Khaled Hneifat

## Minister of Industry, Trade, and Supply

Qudah served as minister of Industry, Trade, and Supply in 2018. He also held the position of director general of the Jordan Enterprise Development Corporation (JEDCO).



Yarub Qudah

## Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources

Kharabsheh holds a PhD in Engineering from the University of Florida (2003). Throughout his career, he has served in several positions, including Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources since 2021, Minister of Environment, Secretary General of the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, and Adviser at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). He is also a board member of both the National Centre for Human Resources Development and the Natural Resources Authority.



Saleh Kharabsheh

## Minister of State for Economic Affairs

Shehadeh holds a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science and a Master's Degree in Business Administration. He served as Minister of State for Investment from 2018 to 2019, and he has worked for 14 years in the financial and banking sector across Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt, and the West Bank. He has also held roles such as General Manager of the Military Credit Fund, and Economic Affairs Officer at the Royal Court.



Muhannad Shehadeh

## Minister of State

Born in 1962, Oweidi holds a PhD in Civil Law from Cairo University and a Master's Degree in Private Law from the University of Jordan. His professional experience includes serving as Minister of State for Legal Affairs in 2018.



Ahmad Oweidi

## Minister of Education and Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research

Born in 1953, Mahafzah holds a PhD in Medicine in 1977 from Damascus University, and a PhD in Microbiology and Immunity from the American University of Beirut in 1984. He has assumed several academic and administrative posts, including Dean of the Medicine Faculty at the University of Jordan and Deputy Dean. He was also Minister of Education and Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research during Bisher Khasawneh's government.



Azmi Mahafzah

## Minister of Investment

Born in 1980, Gharaibeh graduated from Yarmouk University in 2003 with a degree in Telecommunication Engineering. He served as minister of digital economy and entrepreneurship between 2018 and 2020. He is the head of Jordan's offices of Ericsson International and has headed several projects for digitisation and communication infrastructure. Gharaibeh is also 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 the "Jordan Progress" platform. Gharaibeh has completed several programmes at international universities, including Harvard and the Aspen Institute.



Mothanna Gharaibeh

## Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs

Born in Zarqa in 1967, Khalaleh holds a PhD in Islamic Fiqh (Islamic Jurisprudence) since 2009 from the World Islamic Sciences University. He served as the Kingdom's Grand Mufti from January 2017 until November 2019 and was the Secretary General of the Iftaa Department. He also served at the Iftaa Department of the Jordan Armed Forces-Arab Army for 21 years. Khalaleh serves as Awqaf minister since 2019.



Mohammad Khalaleh

## Minister of Interior

Born in Karak in 1969, Farraya holds a Master's degree in Strategic Studies from the US War College, a Master's degree in Military Science from Mubarak Al Abdullah College in Kuwait, and Bachelor's Degrees in Military Science and Public Administration from Mutah University. Throughout his career, Farraya has held various positions, including Head of the Operations Division at the Joint Military Operations Directorate (served twice), a participant in the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia, and representative of Jordan at the US Central Command.



Mazen Farraya

## Minister of Health

Hawari was appointed in the first Cabinet reshuffle of Bisher Khasawneh on March 29, 2021. Prior to this role, he served as the Head of the National Centre for Epidemics and Communicable Diseases.



Feras Hawari

## Minister of Social Development

Born in 1979, Bani Mustafa served as State Minister of Legal Affairs between 2021 and 2022. She is a former member of the Lower House. Holder of a Master's degree in law, she is a member of the Jordan Bar Association.



Wafaa Bani Mustafa

## Minister of Environment

Radaideh holds a PhD degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Brigham Young University, US. He also served as CEO of the Sustainable City in Dubai and is an international expert in administration, sustainable development, environmental preservation, and water resources.



Muawieh Radaideh

## Minister of State for Foreign Affairs

Namrouqa holds a PhD degree in Public Law from the Amman Arab University since 2016. She has also served as an adviser in the Legislation and Opinion Bureau and as an adviser in the Prime Ministry. She served as Minister of State for Legal Affairs in Bisher Khasawneh's government.



Nancy Namrouqa

## Minister of Planning and International Cooperation

Tboukan served as head of the Economic Department of the Royal Court in 2022. Between 2020 and 2021, she was Adviser for Economic Affairs at the Royal Hashemite Court. She also served as secretary general of the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation between 2017 and 2020. In 2008, she served as project manager at the EU Programme Management Office.



Zeina Toukan

## Minister of Transport

Tahtamouni holds a Master's degree in Civil Engineering from Jordan University of Science and Technology. She has served as minister of transport in Bisher Khasawneh's government in 2023. Prior to this role, she was the secretary general of the Ministry of Transport from 2019 until her appointment as minister in 2023.



Wesam Tahtamouni

## Minister of Political and Parliamentary Affairs

Born in 1973 in Irbid, Odat served as speaker of the Lower House during the extraordinary session of the 19th Parliament in 2020. Odat was member of the 17th, 18th, and 19th Parliaments.



Abdul Monem Odat

## Minister of State for Prime Ministry Affairs

Born in 1963 in Southern Shuneh, Odwan holds a higher diploma in business administration from the Arab University of Amman. His positions include secretary general of the Prime Ministry from 2014 to 2018 and secretary of the Cabinet between 2007 and 2013.



Abdullah Odwan

## Minister of State for Legal Affairs

Born in 1960 in Amman, Fayyad Alqudah holds a Bachelor's degree in law from the University of Jordan and a masters degree in law from the University of Edinburgh in the UK. His professional experience includes serving as an academic at the University of Jordan, as well as legal advisor at the Prime Ministry.



Fayyad Alqudah

## Minister of Labour

Born in 1968, Bakkar has a legislative experience, serving as member of the 15th and 18th Lower Houses, as well as member of the 28th and 29th Senates.



Khaled Bakkar

## Minister of Finance

Born in 1966 in Suhf, Shibli earned his PhD degree in economics, specialising in monetary policy, from Leeds University Business School in the UK. He began his career as an economist at the Central Bank of Jordan between 1991 and 2004. He also served as a part-time lecturer in the Economics Department at the University of Jordan in 2002. He also worked as an economist in the Early Warning Programme at the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation between 2004 and 2007.



Abdelhakim Shibli

## Minister of Culture

Born in 1963 in Karak, Rawashdeh holds a Bachelor's degree in History, a Bachelor's degree in law, and higher diplomas in education and history. His professional background includes serving as president of the Jordanian Teachers Association, teacher and school principal at the Ministry of Education, and member of the Jordan Integrity and Anti-Corruption Commission. Additionally, he has worked as practicing lawyer and served as member of the 17th Lower House and the 29th Senate.



Mustafa Rawashdeh

## Minister of State for Public Sector Development

Born in 1971, Abu Seileek holds a PhD degree in industrial engineering from the US. His professional background includes serving as member of the 17th, 18th, and 19th Lower Houses.



Kheirallah Abu Seileek

## Minister of Youth

Holding a Bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the Hashemite University, Shdeifat served as member of the 19th Lower House.



Yazan Shdeifat

## Minister of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship

Smeirat holds two Master's degrees in business administration and telecommunications engineering from New York Institute of Technology (NYIT). Since 2007, he has served as CEO of the Jordanian Data Services Company and executive director for the Corporate and Business Sector at Orange Jordan.



Sami Smeirat