

Profiles of new ministers

Minister of Social Development

Born in 1979, Bani Mustafa served as Sate 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 Industry, Trade, and Supply, and Minister of Labour

Shamali served as Minister of Labour in 2021, and in the previous Cabinet. He holds a bachelor's degree in finance and banking from Yarmouk University. He also served as Secretary General at the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply between 2015 and 2021.



Yousef Shamali

Minister of Public Works and Housing, and Minister of Transport

Born in the city of Salt in 1957, 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 held several positions, including Minister of Municipal Affairs from 2011-2012, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Minister of Water and Irrigation from 2012-2013. He also served as Mayor of the Greater Salt Municipality, Head of the Project Follow-up Section of the Office of Accountancy, among others.



Ahmad Maher Abul Samen

Minister of Government Communications

Faisal Shboul holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from Lebanese University. He was Minister of State for Media Affairs and the government spokesperson in 2021. He was director general of the Jordan News Agency, Petra, between 1999 and 2006 and served again for a second term between 2012 and 2018. He also served as director general of the Jordan Radio and Television Corporation between 2006 and 2008. Shboul was also the Secretary General of the Media Ministry between 2002 and 2003.



Faisal Shboul

Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs and Minister of State for Public Sector Modernisation

Born in Irbid in 1967, Nasser Shraideh was the Minister of Planning and International Cooperation between 2020 and 2022. He obtained his degree in economics from Yarmouk University. He also served as Minister of Environment from 2010 to 2011. Shraideh likewise held the position of Secretary General at the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation in 2006, promoted from the post of International Cooperation Department director. In 2016, he was appointed the chief commissioner of the Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority.



Nasser Shraideh

Minister of Political and Parliamentary Affairs

Wajih Azaizeh was born in Irbid in 1955, and served as Minister of Transport in 2021, and Minister of Social Development in 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2017. He obtained his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Aleppo in Syria in 1979. He served as a member of the Hashemite Fund for the Construction of Al Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock's Board of Trustees as well as the restoration committee of Al Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock. He also served as director of the Department of Palestinian Affairs. Azaizeh received the Independence Medal of the First Order in 2007.



Wajih Azaizeh

Minister of Investment

Kholoud Saqqaf has served as CEO of the Social Security Investment Fund since 2018 and was Vice President of the Investment Council. She also was the first Arab woman that held the position of deputy governor of the Central Bank. In 2012, she served as the CEO deputy and director of the Jordan-Palestine Region of the Arab Bank group. She has more than 25 years of experience in the banking and financial control



Kholoud Saqqaf

fields, and holds a master's degree in economics.

Minister of Planning and International Cooperation

Zeina Toukan 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 Court. She also was Secretary General of the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation between 2017 and 2020, as well as Director of International Cooperation at the Ministry of Planning in 2007. In 2008, she served as Project



Zeina Toukan

Manager at the EU Programme Management Office.

Minister of Education and Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research

Azmi Mahafzah received a PhD in Medicine in 1977 from Damascus University, and a PhD in Microbiology and Immunity from the American University in Beirut in 1984. He assumed several academic and administrative posts, including dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Jordan. In 2018, he was appointed as Minis-



Azmi Mahafzah

ter of Education, and later the same year as Minister of Education and Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research.

Minister of State for Legal Affairs

Nancy Namrouqa was granted a PhD in Public Law from Amman Arab University in 2016. She has also served as an adviser in the Legislation and Opinion Bureau and as an adviser in the Prime Ministry.



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