Profiles of new ministers

Prime Minister and Minister

Born in 1951, Mulki received his PhD in industrial and systems engineering from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York and an MSc in management engineering from the same institution. He previously served as minister of industry and trade, supply, energy, foreign affairs, and water and irrigation. He also served as president of the Royal Scientific Society and secretary general of the Higher Council for Science and Technology. Mulki was Jordan's ambassador to Egypt and the Arab League. He has also served as



Hani Mulki

a senator and chief commissioner of the Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority. He received the Independence Order of the First Class and the Kawkab Order of the First Class, in addition to other international medals.

Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs and Minister of Industry, **Trade and Supply**

Born in 1943, Anani obtained his BA in economy from the American University in Cairo in 1960. He studied civil engineering at the California University Jawad Anani in the US from 1962 to 1964.



He obtained his master's degree from Vanderbilt University and his PhD from Georgia University. Anani has served as minister of supply, labour industry, trade and tourism in the period from 1979 until 1985. From 1993 to 1998, Anani served as minister of state for prime ministry affairs and minister of media, in addition to serving as deputy prime minister for economic affairs and minister of foreign affairs. Anani also served as senator and Royal Court chief.

Deputy Prime Minister for Services and Minister of Education

Holder of a PhD in administration from the University of Southern California, a master's degrees in political science and administration, and a BA in political and economic science from the Uniwas deputy prime minister and



served as secretary general of the Civil Service Bureau



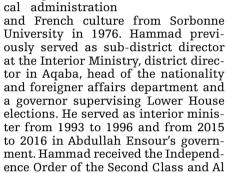
Born in Amman in 1961, Judeh received his elementary and secondary education in Jordan and the UK and obtained a BSc degree in foreign service at Georgetown University in Washington, Nasser Judeh DC. He has served at the Roy-



al Court, first in His Majesty King Hussein's press office and then as private secretary to HRH Prince Hassan. Judeh established and headed the Jordan Information Bureau in London. He has served as director general of the Jordan Radio and Television Corporation. Judeh was government spokesperson and minister of state for media affairs and communications in previous governments. He retains his post as deputy premier and foreign minister from Abdullah Ensour's government.

Minister of Interior

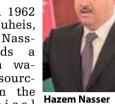
Hammad was born in 1944. He obtained his BA in law from Baghdad University in 1969 and a diploma in public administration from Paris in 1974, in addition to a diploma in lo- Salameh Hammad



Kawkab Order of the Second Class.

Minister of Irrigation

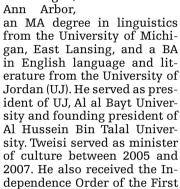
Born in 1962 Fuheis, Hazem Nasser holds PhD in water resources from the Technical University



Munich. He served as secretary general of the Water Ministry in 1997 and 1999. Nasser was minister of water and irrigation between 2001 and 2003, and minister of water and irrigation and minister of agriculture between 2003 and 2005. He also held the same portfolios in Abdullah Ensour's governments. Nasser is recipient of Al Kawkab Order of the First Class and the Independence Order of the Second Class.



Born 1953 in Mafraq, Tweisi holds PhD in linguistics fromthe University Adel Tweisi of Michigan,



Minister of Political and Parliamentary Affairs and Minister of State

and worked as assistant professor at UJ.

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 Fed- Musa Maaytah eration of Jordanian Stu-

dents 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.



versity, an MA in public policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and an MBA from the Kellogg Imad Fakhour School at Northwestern Univer-

sity. He was appointed senator and chairman of the King Abdullah II Fund for Development board of trustees in November 2014, after serving as King's Office Director from 2011 to 2014. Between 2009 and 2011, Fakhoury served as minister of public sector development and minister of state for megaprojects. He has also served as regional programme and policy manager at the bureau for Arab States of the UNDP; commissioner for investment and economic development at the Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority; and chief of staff to His Majesty King Abdullah for planning and programming. Fakhoury served as minister of planning and international cooperation under Abdullah Ensour's government.

Minister of Labour

Born in the Northern Jordan Valley in 1959, Ghezawi has a master's degree in economics from St Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, and a BA in political science and economics from the State University of New York. He served as the Ali Ghezawi Development and Em-



ployment Fund's director and was the secretary general of the Jordanian Society for Science and Culture. He also worked as president of the Royal Scientific Society's political economy unit and the economic chancellor of the minister of water. Ghezawi served as the public relations deputy at the Jordan Armed Forces-Arab Army liaison office from. He previously served as minister of municipal affairs in Samir Rifai's government.

Minister of Health

Born $_{
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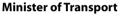
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Mahmoud Sheyyab served as director general of the King Abdullah I University Hospital. A former vice president of the Jordan University of Science and Technology, Shevyab served as minister of health in Samir Rifai's Cabi-

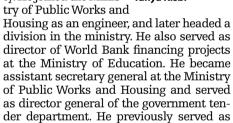
Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research

Born in 1947 in Ajloun, Owais has a BSc in biology from the American University of Beirut, an MSc in biochemistry from the University of Jordan and a PhD in molecular genetics from Washington Wajih Owais State University. He has

served several times as minister of higher education and minister of education, and he has worked as professor of genetics, a researcher, chairman of the King Abdullah I University Hospital and president of the Jordan University of Science and Technology and a senator. In 2015, Owais was appointed as chairman of a national committee for human resources development. He is also a member of the board of trustees of the Crown Prince Foundation.



Born in Wadi Seer in 1949, Kisbi has a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from University Ankara and a master's degree in construction management from George Washington University. He joined the Minis-Yahya Kisbi



minister of public works and housing in

one of Abdullah Ensour's governments.

Minister of **Environment**

Born in 1958, Khayyat has an academic background in oceanography, holding a BSc from High Point University in the US. He obtained his PhD in Yaseen Khayyat environmental en-



gineering from Cambridge University. He previously served as director general of the Jordan Standards and Metrology Organisation and director of the Industrial Chemistry Centre at the Royal Scientific Society, which he joined in 1983 as a researcher. Khayyat served as environment minister between 2011 and 2012 in the governments of Awn Khasawneh and Fayez Tarawneh.

Minister of Municipal **Affairs**

Born 1959. Masri obtained his bachelor's $_{
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University of Walid Masri Cairo. He previously served as mayor of Irbid and as an assistant to Amman mayor. He was minister of public works and housing and minister of municipal affairs

Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources

Saif holds an MSc and a PhD in economics from the University of London. He served as a consultant to the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the International Labour Organi- Ibrahim Saif sation. Saif is a former



director of the Centre for Strategic Studies at the University of Jordan and has served as secretary general of the Economic and Social Council. He previously served as minister of planning and as minister of energy in Abdullah Ensour's governments.

Minister of State for Media Affairs

Born in 1973, Momani holds a PhD in political science from the University of North Texas. He obtained his bachelor's and master's degrees in political science from the University of Jor- Mohammad Momani dan. He previously



served as a consultant for the Prime Ministry under Awn Khasawneh and Fayez Tarawneh's governments. He was minister of state for media affairs and communications and government spokesperson in Abdullah Ensour's Cabinet.

Minister of Public Works and Housing

Born in 1963, Halaseh is a civil engineer with an MSc in construction management from Oklahoma State University. He previously served as secretary general at the Public Works Ministry. A Sami Halaseh

recipient of the Independence Order of the Second Class in

2007, Halaseh has managed and supervised major projects led by the ministry and funded through international grants and loans. He was minister of public works and housing under Abdullah Ensour.

Minister of Justice

Born in 1964, Talhouni has a PhD in Law from the University of Edinburgh and a BA and an MA in law from the University of Jordan. A lawyer by profession who has been registered at the Jordan Bar Association since 1988, he has worked as assistant professor at the Bassam Talhouni University of Jordan's (UJ)



law faculty and assumed several administrative posts there. Talhouni was a member in the legislation and justice branch within the National Agenda Committee. He also served as the Ministry of Industry and Trade's companies' comptroller. Talhouni was minister of justice under Abdullah Ensour.

Minister of Information and Communications Technology

in Abdullah Ensour's govern-

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 Majd Shweikeh 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 Itisaluna and CEO of Orange Jordan. She served as ICT minister in Abdullah Ensour's government.

Minister of Finance

Malhas, who obtained his high school diploma from National Orthodox School in Amman, holds an MBA in international banking and finance from the University of Birmingham, and a BS in business administration from the University of Louisiana. Omar Malhas He worked at the Hous-



ing Bank for Trade and Finance and served as deputy general manager of Doha Bank in Oatar. He also worked as a senior manager at Alliance Capital Management's Bahrain office. Malhas rejoined the housing bank in 2002 as head of the treasury and investment department, becoming the chief banking officer in 2009 and CEO in 2010. He served as finance minister in Abdullah Ensour's government.

Minister of **Agriculture**

Khawal-Rida deh has a BSc in plant production and an MSc in the same major from the University of Jordan (UJ). He obtained his PhD from the Rida Khawaldeh University of Illi-



nois. Khawaldeh also obtained two post-doctoral certificates from the University of Illinois and Langston University. He has served as president of Mutah University and president of UJ's Aqaba branch. He has also worked as editor at the Jordan Journal for agricultural sciences at the Ministry of Higher Education.

Minister of Youth

Born in 1969 in Amman, Wreikat holds an MA degree in law and a BSc in business administration. He was had been serving as secretary



Parliamentary Affairs since 2013 before his appointment as minister. He also served as secretary general of the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs between 2010 and 2013, adviser at the Prime Ministry between 2006 and 2010, and as adviser head of the investor unit at the Prime Ministry between 2004 and 2006. He was special secretary for the prime minister between 2001 and 2003, and director of protocol at the prime ministry between 1998 and 2001.



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Minister of **Awqaf** and Islamic **Affairs**

Born in 1976 in Amman, Arabiyat holds PhD, MA and BA degrees



from the University of Jordan (UJ) in Islamic jurisprudence. He worked as a professor at UJ's Sharia faculty and has written a book and a number of research papers on Islamic banking and finance.

Minister of Public Sector Development

Ghosheh had been the executive director of the King Abdullah II Centre for Excellence since its establishment in 2006 until her appointment as minister. She was named by Royal Decree as the coordinator for The King Abdullah II Award for Excellence in Government Performance and Transparen-



cy from 2004 to 2006. She worked as deputy director at the economic and development division in the Royal Court. Ghosheh has two MA degrees from University of Jordan (UJ) and Birmingham University in commercial law, and a bachelor's degree in law from UJ. Ghosheh was awarded the Order of Al Hussein for Distinguished contribution (2nd class)

Minister of **Tourism and Antiquities**

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.

Minister of Social Development

Armouti was born in Amman and received her education at the Islamic Scientific College. She has a BA in social sci-

ences and has experience in voluntary work at social development centres in Hai Nazzal and Sweileh. Armouti participated in various activities at university and has contributed to initiatives targeting women in society.

Khawla Armouti

Minister of State

Hneifat served as Tafileh mayor from 2007 to 2011. He served as project di-



Labour Ministry, working in initiatives to mitigate poverty and unemployment in poverty pockets. Hneifat received the Order of Independence of the Third Class for implementing development projects in Tafileh.