# **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



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 na- Rajai Muasher tional 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.

#### 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 Ayman Safadi minister in Hani Mulki's Cabinet. Be-



tween 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.

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

Born in 1953 in Mafraq, Tweisi holds a PhD in Linguistics from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, an MA Degree Linguistics Adel Tweisi



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. Tweisi served as minister of culture between 2005 and 2007. He also received the Independence Order of the First Class.

#### Minister of Social Development

1965 in Amman, Lattouf holds an MSc in Financial Management. Sheserved

previously Hala Lattouf minister of social development for three terms, from 2009 to

2011, and worked in Her Maj-

esty Queen Rania's Office.

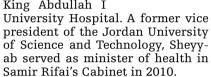
#### **Minister of Labour**

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 & Samir Murad Sons Company, a fam-

ily 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.

#### **Minister of Health**

Born in 1956, Sheyyab has a BSc in Medicine and a Master's Degree in Paediatrics fromUniversity the of Jordan. He served as director general of the Mahmoud Sheyyab King Abdullah I



#### **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 Yahya Kisbi

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.

Minister of **Environment** 

Fayez holds a Master's Degree in International Relations, and a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. He served as min- Nayef Fayez ister 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.

#### 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 Musa Maaytah founders of the Jordanian Demo-



cratic 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.

### **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 Majd Shweikeh

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

#### Minister of Tourism and **Antiquities**

graduate ofGeorgetown University, Annab has experience in the private sector. Before Lina Annab

private companies.

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

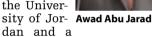
#### Minister of **Agriculture**

Hneifat served as Tafileh mayor from 2007 to 2011. He served project director at the Labour Min- Khaled Hneifat istry, work-

ing 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.

#### Minister of Justice

Born 1962, Abu Jarad holds Bachelor's Degree Law from the Univer-



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.

#### **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 Walid Masri Irbid and as an as-

sistant to the Amman mayor. He was minister of public works and housing and minister of municipal affairs in Abdullah Ensour's governments.

# Minister of Interior

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



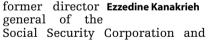
#### Minister of Awgaf and **Islamic Affairs**

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 Abdul Nasser Abul Bassal 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.

#### 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 general of the



former secretary general of the Finance Ministry, a post he held between 2008 and 2012, and in 2014.

#### **Minister of Water** and Irrigation

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



#### **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 Muhannad Shehadeh 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.

#### Minister of Youth

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



**Makram Qaisi** 

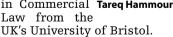
Minister of **State for Legal Affairs** 

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



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 Tareq Hammouri Law from the



# **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, Jumana Ghunaimat she made an exclu-



sive interview with His Majesty King Abdullah to Al Ghad daily, where she has been working as editor-in-chief.

#### Minister of **Education**

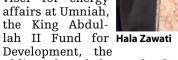
Mahafzah president of the University Jordan (UJ). He received a PhD in Medicine in 1977 from Damascus University, and a PhD Azmi Mahafzah



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.



Zawati worked as CEO of the Jordan Forum Strategy and served as adviser for energy affairs at Umniah, the King Abdul-



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.

#### **Minister of Planning** and International Cooperation

Kawar holds a Master's Degree of Science in Social Policy and Planning for Developing Countries, Public Adminsitration from the London School of



Labour Organisation between 2015 and

in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania

## Minister of Culture

Nsour has degree in law and has published six books of short sto-She ries.

been Basmah Nsour has writing in Arab media since 1990. Nsour is editor-in-chief of Taike magazine, which is special-

ised in women innovation.

# **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 communica- Muthana Gharaibeh tion 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.