

New ministers

Mamdouh Abbadi

Minister of State for Prime Ministry Affairs

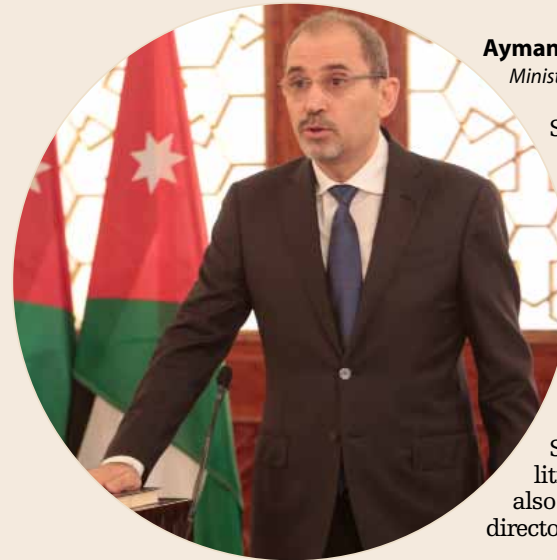
Born in 1943, Abbadi holds a BSc in ophthalmology. He served as president of the Jordan Medical Association between 1987 and 1991. He also served as health minister between 1991 and 1993 in Taher Masri's government, before serving as Amman mayor between 1993 and 1998. He was also a member of the 14th, 15th and 16th Lower Houses.



Ayman Safadi

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. 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.



Ghaleb Zu'bi

Minister of Interior

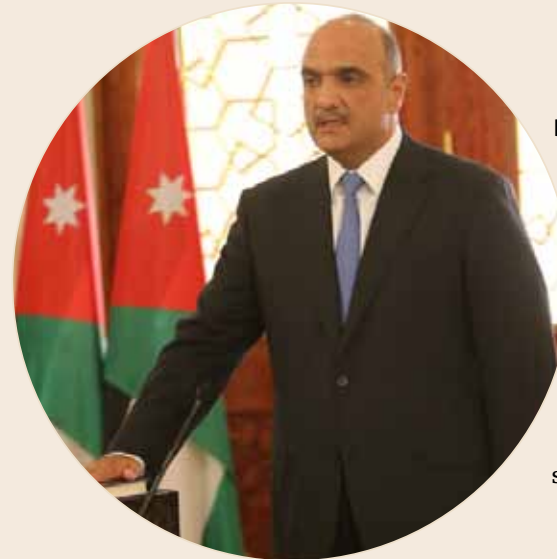
Born in Salt in 1943, Zu'bi graduated from Salt Secondary School in 1962. He obtained a bachelor's degree in law from Damascus University and a master's in law from Egypt. A member of the Jordan Bar Association, Zu'bi served as minister of state for parliamentary affairs in 2009 and as minister of interior in 2012. He also served as minister of justice between 2012 and 2013. Other previous positions include director of the Anti-Narcotics Department and the Amman police precinct, and assistant director of the Public Security Department. He was an MP for two terms and served as head of the Lower House Legal Committee for eight years.



Bisher Khasawneh

Minister of State for Legal Affairs

Born in 1969, Khasawneh holds a PhD from London School of Economics and Political Science. He served as Jordan's ambassador to Egypt, Kenya and Ethiopia, as well as the Kingdom's representative to the Arab League. He was a member of Jordan's official delegations to several Arab summits, in addition to representing Jordan at several regional and international meetings. He also held several positions in the Foreign Ministry and served as adviser at the Prime Ministry. Prior to his appointment, he was minister of state for foreign affairs in Hani Mulki's government.



Omar Razzaz

Minister of Education

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 the 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 the Director General of the Social Security Corporation (2006-2010). He has served as country manager of the World Bank's Lebanon country office (2002-2006).



Hadithah Khreisha

Minister of Youth

Khreisha has worked as an engineer at the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. He has also served as mayor of Sahab and director of the joint service council for Muwaqqar. Khreisha, who was a member of the 17th Lower House, has also served as director of municipal affairs for Amman.

