

IRAQ: Leaders and Ministers

Presidential Cabinet

Jalal Talabani, President - PUK leader. Born in Keikan, Iraq but considers Kirkuk home; Joined KDP in 1947. Graduated law school in 1959; became Kurdish resistance leader against Iraqi government in 1961; split from KDP in 1975 over ideological differences and created the PUK.



Ghazi al-Yawr, Deputy President - Born 1958 in Mosul. Studied in Saudi and Georgetown, USA, nephew of Shammar Tribal leader; married to KDP/P Public Works Minister Banwar; related to Saudi royal family; former Saudi businessman; Ops Director Thuya phone company.



Adil 'Abd-al-Mahdi, Deputy President - Born 1942, Baghdad. Earned PhD's in Economics and Politics, France; Imprisoned in 1969 for political activism, fled to France. Editor of several magazines in Arabic and French; author of numerous publications. SCIRI since 1980.



Prime Ministerial Cabinet

Ibrahim Ja'fari, Prime Minister - Born circa 1950 in Karbal. Earned Medical degree but is politician by trade. Da'wa leader since 1979; Fled to Iran to avoid persecution under Saddam; reportedly involved in revolts against Saddam in 1980s; moved to England in 1979.



Rowsh Nuri Shaways, Deputy Prime Minister - Born in 1947. Engineering PhD, Germany; led the Kurdish Student Union. Joined the Kurdish rebellion in 1975; Prime Minister of Kurdistan Regional Government from 1986-99; President of Kurdish National Assembly. Senior KDP.



'Abd-al-Mu'taq al-Jaburi, Deputy Speaker - Born 1940, Kirkuk. Masters in Military Science, BS Law and Political Science. Rose to prominence during the Iran-Iraq war from 1980-1988, served as a Major General in Saddam's army.



Ahmad Chalabi, Deputy Prime Minister - Born 1945 in Baghdad. Left Iraq 1956, lived in US and UK, 1969 PhD in mathematics, Chicago U; 1977 founded Petra Bank, Jordan; accused of bank fraud. Organized Kurdish resistance in 1990's, fled country when effort crushed. British citizen.



To be determined, Turkoman.



TNA Leaders

Hajim al-Hasani, Speaker - Born 1954 in Kirkuk; PhD in Industrial Organization, University of Connecticut; US Investment and Training Company head; managed Internet Co; Opposed MNF Fallujah offensive and broke from Iraqi Islamic Party as a result; received 215 TNA votes



Husayn Shahristani, Deputy Speaker - Born 1942 in Karbala. PhD Nuclear Chemistry in 1969, Toronto. Imprisoned 1979, refused to work on nuclear weapons production, escaped 1980; lived in London, professor in Surrey. Confidant of Ayatollah Sistani; moderate, wants secular state.



'Arif Tayfur, Deputy Speaker - Low Graduate circa 1971, Baghdad. Longtime KDP member.



Key Ministries / Positions

Sa'dun al-Dulayni, Defense Minister - Born 1945 in Ramadi. PhD Social Psychology, Keele Univ, UK. Former LTC, headed Center for Socio-Psychological and Security Studies until 1980's. Actively opposed Saddam. Left Iraq, sentenced to death, assets seized. Fluent in English.



Ibrahim Bahr al-Ulum, Oil Minister - London resident 1992-2009; senior reservoir engineer with London arm of US energy company; western, pro-market orientation; eldest son of prominent cleric Bahr al-Ulum; regime executed dozens of family members.; Speaks English.



Hoshyar Mah'mud Zebari, Foreign Affairs Minister - Born 1953 in Aqrah, raised in Mosul. MS Sociology, Essex Univ, UK, 1979. KDP Foreign Relations head since 1992; Barzani's uncle. Well versed, pragmatic, articulate, proactive. Speaks English, Kurdish, Arabic.



Baqir Sulagh al-Zubaydi (AKA Bayan Jabr), Interior Minister - Born 1946 in Maysan. Senior SCIRI; chief editor of SCIRI-affiliated weekly newspaper Al-Ahwa'; ran SCIRI office in Damascus in 1990's, representative in Syria and Lebanon; Turkoman.



'Ali 'Abd-al-'Amir 'Abawi, Finance Minister - Born 1947. BS Civil Engineering, Miss, 1968; Masters in Business Admin, Harvard, 1971. Advocate of preserving Islamic culture, constitutional democracy federalism. Eastern studies, Anthony's, Oxford, UK. Speaks English.



'Abd-al-Karim al-Anzi, State Minister of National Security - Born 1954 in Baghdad. BA in Civil Engineering, Baghdad, 1976. Sentenced to death in 1979 by Saddam. Member of Da'wa Party politburo. Former member of IGC.



Shi'a Ministers

Muhsin Shahash, Electricity Minister - Earned BS in Electrical Engineering 1956 and PhD System Analysis and Control 1974, from Manchester, UK. Has 38 years international experience in electrical power. Union member. Founded and Leads Free Iraqi Society Party.



Talib 'Aziz Zinni, Sports and Youth Minister - Born 1944 in Karbala. BA Physical Education 1970. Member of Iraqi Olympic Committee.



'Abd-al-Mutalib Muhammad 'Ali, Health Minister - Born 1936 in Baghdad. BA Medicine 1974, Baghdad. Board Licensed Internal Medicine, 1994. Served as Major in first Gulf War. Later became Iraq's commercial attaché to Germany. Linked to Muqtada al-Sadr.



Jasim Muhammad Ja'far, Reconstruction and Housing Minister - Born in Tuzkhumbat, Iraq. Civil Engineer degree, Salah Ad Din. Turkman Islamic Union founder, leading political org. Sentenced to death for anti-Ba'ath Party activities 1981; fled to Kurdistan.



Salam al-Maliki, Transportation Minister - Former Basra Administrative Affairs deputy governor. Member of Muqtada al-Sadr's movement. Urged Shi'a in several southern cities to form autonomous region.



'Ali Husayn al-Bahadili, Agriculture Minister - Born 1943 in Baghdad. BA Agriculture 1965; Masters in Plant Diseases 1970, Baghdad; PhD Agriculture, Univ of California. Member of US Plant Disease Society.



'Abd-al-Falah Hassan, Education Minister - Born 1947 in Basra. BA Science 1970, Basra; PhD Bio-Chemistry 1981, Wales Univ. Political and defense editor of London-based Al-Alam magazine. Mashriq Research Center resident, London. Writer, strategic analyst.



'Abd-al-Husayn Shandal, Justice Minister - Born 1945 in Baghdad. BA Law 1971; graduate Judicial Institute 1978. Member of Punitive Judiciary Council and Chief Justice of the Al-Baya' Criminal court.



Sami al-Mudhafar, Higher Education Minister - Senior biochemist of Iraq. BS with honors 1960, Baghdad; PhD 1967, Virginia Tech. Former president of Baghdad Univ. Promotes biochemistry and molecular research. Published over 50 inventions and 250 scientific papers.



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Shi'a Ministers Continued

Safa' al-Din Muhammad al-Safi, National Assembly Affairs Minister - Born 1947 in Basra. BA in Law 1978, Kuwait; PhD in International Law 1981, Ayn Shams Univ, Cairo. Legal advisor for several Kuwaiti and Lebanese companies.



'Ala' Habib Kazim, Civil Society Affairs Minister of State - Born 1962 in Baghdad. BA in Electrical Engineering. Member of Iraqi Union of Engineers; founding member of the Iraqi Civil Democratic Dialogue Society. Former director of Al Rashid provincial council.

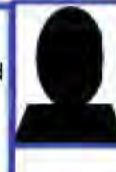


Kurd Ministers

Latif Rashid, Water Minister - Born 1944 in Sulaymaniyah. PhD Civil Engineering 1976, UK. Member PUK foreign relations committee. UN project manager in Yemen, Somalia. Experience in Saudi water projects; London resident 30-40 yrs; Speaks Kurdish, Arabic, English.



Usama 'Abd-al-'Aziz, Industry and Minerals Minister - Born 1956 in Mosul. BA in Electrical Engineering, 1978. Headed engineering teams to rebuild electrical projects. Sunni.



Nasrin Mustafa Barwari, Public Works Minister - Born in Irbil, 1967. MA in Public Admin, Harvard, 1999. Political prisoner at age 14, fled Iraq after 1991 Kurdish uprising. Worked for UN as Human Center Settlement head. KDP member; Sunni; married to MP Ghazi Yawar.



Idris Hadi, Labor and Social Affairs Minister - Born 1952 in Irbil. PhD Communications Engineering 1985, Leningrad. Kurdish Communications Minister 1992-1996. Kurdish Energy Minister 1996. President Salah Ad Din University 1999.



Namin Uthman, Environmental Minister - Born 1951. PhD English & German Philosophy. Active in Kurdistan serving in Peshmarga, as Education Minister, Justice Ministry and Social Affairs Ministry supervisor. "Save the Children" manager, Irbil. KDP, female, Sunni.



'Abd-al-Basit Karim Mawlood, Trade Minister - Born 1957 in Irbil. Law professor at Sulaymaniyah University. High ranking Peshmarga member. PUK member since 1983; Sunni.



Suhaybah 'Abd-al-J'far al-Kiniyani, Immigrant and Expatriates Minister - Born 1964 in Baghdad. BA Politics and Law 1987; Practiced law for 15 years. Human Rights and Democracy Organization member. Fluent in Kurdish, French, English and Arabic. Shi'a.



Juwan Fu'ad Ma'sum, Communications Minister - Born 1970. PhD Communications, King's College, London. Worked for Nortel and Alcatel in Canada and UK. Holds five patents. Active in Kurdistan's human rights community. PUK member, female, Sunni.



Barham Salih, Planning Minister - Born 1960 in Kurdistan. PUK-led regional Prime Minister 2001. Survived assassination attempt in Apr 2002. Sunni.



Sunni Ministers

Azhar 'Abd-al-Karim al-Shaykhali, Women's Affairs Minister - Born 1957 in Baghdad. PhD Constitutional Law. Lecturer of Political Science at Baghdad Univ. Founding member of College of Law, Univ of Salah Al Din; director of Al Mar'ah Al Qiyadiyah Women's Institute. Female.



Sa'd Nayif Hardan, Provincial Affairs Minister of State - Born 1957 in Ramadi. BA Military Science. Served as army officer from 1982-1990. Dulaym tribe representative. Arrested by MNF during sweep in July 2003. Released after 12 days.



Nuri Farhan al-Rawi, Cultural Minister - Born 1944. Joined Arab Nationalists Movement 1960. Several arrests for opposing Ba'ath Party. Police Academy graduate 1966. Independent politician.



Hashim Hashimi, Tourism and Archaeology Minister - Born 1960 in Baghdad. BA Electrical Technology 1979, Baghdad; BA Computer Science 2004, Baghdad. Former leader of moderate Shi'a Fadhila Party; Director Iraqi Institute for Social Development.



All Other Ministers

Basima Yusuf Butrus, Science and Technology Minister - Born 1963 in Irbil. Masters Biochemistry from Salah Ad Din Univ. Kurdistan Human Rights Organization member. Commended by UN and others. Female, Chaldo-Assyrian, Christian.



Vacant Position

Unknown, Human Rights Minister - Namin Uthman is Acting Human Rights Minister.

