

Profiles of new ministers

Minister of Water and Irrigation

Born in Jordan in 1957, Abul Saud previously served as minister of water and irrigation in April 2005, after being a public works and housing minister between October 2004 and April 2005. Abul Saud holds a BSc in civil engineering and building administration from the Miami University, Florida.



Raed Abul Saud



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New Cabinet members were sworn-in during a ceremony attended by His Majesty King Abdullah on Thursday

Minister of Justice

Born in Amman in 1964, Talhouni, currently a senator, holds a PhD from the University of Edinburgh, UK. He has worked as a lawyer for more than 20 years and served as a legal adviser for several international organisations.



Bassam Talhouni

Minister of Education and Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research

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 medicine faculty at the University of Jordan and deputy dean. He was education minister before the reshuffle.



Azmi Mahafzah

Minister of Public Works and Housing

Omoush is currently chief commissioner of Petra Development and Tourism Region Authority, and served previously as Zarqa mayor.



Falah Omoush

Minister of Social Development

Ishaqat served as president of the National Aid Fund.



Basma Ishaqat

Minister of Health

Born in Zarqa in 1951, Zaben holds a PhD degree in medicine and surgery since 1976. He served as head of cosmetic surgery at the Royal Medical Services and as head of the 14th Lower House's health and environment committee for three sessions.



Ghazi Zaben

Minister of State for Institutional Performance 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 School of Business and the IESE Business School at the University of Navarra. Shweikeh, 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 public sector development minister before the reshuffle.



Majd Shweikeh

Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Environment

Shahahdeh holds a master's degree in strategic studies from the Royal National Defence College and served as Lower House member in 2012, representing Tafileh.



Ibrahim Shahahdeh

Minister of Culture and Minister of Youth

Abu Rumman holds a PhD degree in political science from the Cairo University since 2009. He is also a researcher at the University of Jordan's Strategic Studies Centre and a columnist at Al Ghad Arabic daily.



Mohammad Abu Rumman