

Profiles of new ministers

Prime Minister and Minister of Defence

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 a senator and chief commissioner of the Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority. He received the Independence Order of the First



Hani Mulki

Class and the Kawkab Order of the First Class, in addition to other international medals.

Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs and Minister of State for Investment Affairs

Born in 1943, Anani obtained his BA in economics from the American University in Cairo in 1960. He studied civil engineering at the California University 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. He served in Mulki's previous government as minister of industry, trade and supply.



Jawad Anani

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 science and economics from the University of Jordan (UJ), Thneibat was deputy prime minister and minister of education in Abdullah Ensour's governments and in Mulki's previous government. He previously served as minister of public sector development and parliamentary affairs in Marouf Bakhit's first government in 2006-2007. He served as minister of administrative development in Ali Abul Ragheb's Cabinet in 2000. In October 2001, he took on a second portfolio of culture minister in the second reshuffle of Abul Ragheb's government. Thneibat also served as secretary general of the Civil Service Bureau and worked as assistant professor at the UJ.



Mohammad Thneibat

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and Expatriate Affairs

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, DC. He has served at the Royal 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 was deputy premier and foreign minister in Ensour's government and Mulki's previous Cabinet.



Nasser Judeh

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 local administration and French culture from Sorbonne University in 1976. Hammad previously served as sub-district director at the Interior Ministry, district director in Aqaba, head of the nationality and foreigner affairs department, and a governor supervising Lower House elections. He served as interior minister from 1993 to 1996 and from 2015 to 2016 in Ensour's government. Hammad received the Independence Order of the Second Class and Al Kawkab Order of the Second Class. He retains his post from Mulki's previous government.



Saleme Hammad

Minister of Water and Irrigation

Born in 1962 in Fuheis, Hazem Nasser holds a 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 Ensour's governments. Nasser is recipient of Al Kawkab Order of the First Class and the Independence Order of the Second Class. He retains his post from Mulki's previous government.



Hazem Nasser

Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research

Born in 1953 in Mafrq, Tweisi holds a PhD in linguistics from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, an MA degree in linguistics from the University of Michigan, East Lansing, and a BA in English language and literature from UJ. He served as president of the UJ, Al Al Bayt University and founding president of Al Hussein Bin Talal University. Tweisi served as minister of culture between 2005 and 2007, and held the same portfolio in Mulki's previous government. He has received the Independence Order of the First Class.



Adel Tweisi

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 founders of the Jordanian Democratic Socialist Party and was elected as a member of the party's politburo 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. He retains his post from Mulki's previous Cabinet.



Musa Maaytah

Minister of Culture

Born in 1952, Shuqum holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the UJ, which he received in 1976. He served in the Foreign Ministry in Paris, and worked briefly at the Prime Ministry until he was appointed as the Royal Protocol Chief in 1989, a position he held until 1992. In 1993, he was appointed as an ambassador at the Foreign Ministry, and in 1994 was appointed as the Ministry's secretary general. He served as culture minister in Rifai's government.



Nabih Shuqum

Minister of Planning and International Cooperation

Fakhoury received a BSc in biomedical engineering and an MSc in engineering management from the Case Western Reserve University, an MA in public policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and an MBA from the Kellogg School at Northwestern University. 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 mega-projects. 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 Ensour's government. He retains his post from Mulki's previous Cabinet.



Imad Fakhoury

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 Development and Employment 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. He previously served as minister of municipal affairs in Rifai's government. He retains his post from Mulki's previous Cabinet.



Ali Ghezawi

Minister of Health

Born in 1956, Sheyyab has a BSc in medicine and a master's in paediatrics from the University of Jordan. He served as director general of the King Abdullah I University Hospital. A former vice president of the Jordan University of Science and Technology, Sheyyab served as minister of health in Rifai's Cabinet in 2010. He retains his post from Mulki's previous government.



Mahmoud Sheyyab

Minister of Social Development

Born in Irbid in 1955, Azaizeh obtained his bachelor's in civil engineering from the University of Aleppo in Syria in 1979. He served as member of the Hashemite Fund for the Construction of Al Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock's Board of Trustees, the restoration committee of Al Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock, and director of the Department of Palestinian Affairs. Azaizeh is a recipient of the Independence Medal of the First Order in 2007. He held the same portfolio in Ensour's government.



Wajih Azaizeh

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 environmental engineering 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 Fayeze Tarawneh. He retains his post from Mulki's previous government.



Yaseen Khayyat

Minister of Municipal Affairs

Born in 1959, Masri obtained his bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of 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 in Ensour's governments. He retains his post from Mulki's previous Cabinet.



Walid Masri

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 Organisation. 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 Ensour's governments. He retains his post from Mulki's previous Cabinet.



Ibrahim Saif

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 Jordan. He previously served as a consultant for the Prime Ministry under Awn Khasawneh and Fayeze Tarawneh's governments. He was minister of state for media affairs and communications and government spokesperson in Abdullah Ensour's Cabinet. He retains his post from Mulki's previous government.



Mohammad Momani

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 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 Ensour. He retains his post from Mulki's previous government.



Sami Halaseh

Minister of ICT and 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 and 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 served as ICT minister in Ensour's government and retains her post from Mulki's previous Cabinet.



Majd Shweikeh

Minister of Finance

Malhas, who obtained his high school diploma from the 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. He worked at the Housing Bank for Trade and Finance, and served as deputy general manager of Doha Bank in Qatar. He also worked as senior manager at Alliance Capital Management's Bahrain office. He rejoined the housing bank in 2002, becoming chief banking officer in 2009 and CEO in 2010. He served as finance minister in Ensour's government and retains his post from Mulki's previous Cabinet.



Omar Malhas

Minister of Youth

Born in 1969 in Amman, Wreikat holds an MA in law and a BSc in business administration. He served as secretary general of the Ministry of Political and Parliamentary Affairs. He also served as secretary general of the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, and as adviser at the Prime Ministry. He was special secretary for the prime minister and director of protocol at the Prime Ministry. Wreikat retains his post from Mulki's previous Cabinet.



Rami Wreikat

Minister of State for Prime Ministry Affairs

Irshaidat was born in Irbid in 1951 and holds a BA in law. He has previously served in the Ministry of Interior as governor of Karak, Balqa, Tafleh, Mafrq and Aqaba, in addition to holding several other posts in the ministry. He retains his post from Mulki's previous Cabinet.



Fawaz Irshaidat

Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs

Born in 1976 in Amman, Arabiyat holds PhD, MA and BA degrees from 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. He retains his portfolio from Mulki's previous Cabinet.



Wael Arabiyat

Minister of Tourism and Antiquities

A 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. She retains her portfolio from Mulki's previous Cabinet.



Lina Annab

Minister of Agriculture

Hneifat served as Tafleh mayor from 2007 to 2011. He served as project director at the 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 Tafleh. He served in Mulki's previous government as minister of state.



Khaled Hneifat

Minister of State for Economic Affairs

Born in 1957, Mansur has a BSc in engineering management and an MBA in international business from the United States International University, in addition to a PhD in economics from the University of Oklahoma. He served as CEO of Envision Consulting Group and was a consultant at the Jordan Competitiveness Programme and the UNDP during 2014. In the same year, he also served as secretary general of the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply and as deputy chief commissioner of the Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority. Before his appointment as minister Mansur was economic adviser to the premier.



Yusuf Mansur

Minister of State for Foreign 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, and a member of the Kingdom's official delegation during its presidency of the UN Security Council in April 2015, in addition to representing Jordan at several regional and international meetings. He also held several positions in the Foreign Ministry.



Bisher Khasawneh

Minister of Industry, Trade and Supply

Qudah served as vice chairman of the board of trustees of the King Abdullah II Fund for Development and as executive vice chairman and general manager of Petra Systems MENA. He was also the CEO of the Jordan Enterprise Development Corporation (JEDCO) 2006-2014. Prior to his work at JEDCO, Qudah founded the Jordan Upgrading and Modernisation Programme.



Yarub Qudah

Minister of Justice

Born in 1961, Mashagbeh obtained a BA in law from UJ, and an MA in the "code of criminal procedure" and a PhD in criminal law from the Lebanese University. He served as a part-time lecturer at the Judicial Institute of Jordan and the faculties of law at the UJ, Al Ahliyya Amman University and Isra University. He served as member of various committees to amend a number of laws. Before his appointment as minister, Mashagbeh was president of the Criminal Court.



Awad Mashagbeh

Minister of Transport

Haddad worked as director general of Jordan Express Tourist Transportation, and has founded the Tourism Transport Association in 2010, presiding over it as well. He received several honorary awards in the field of tourism and is an honorary president of the environment association's Ajloun branch. He also assumed various positions in the private sector and is the first Jordanian to receive the Driver Certificate of Professional Competence.



Malek Haddad