

The Bios of the visiting delegation to Netherlands



Dr. MAHDI MOHSIN ISMAEL (Dr. Mahdi Allaq)

The Cabinet Secretary General of Iraqi Federal Council of Ministers

His Excellency Dr. Mahdi Allaq is the chief person in charge in the Iraqi council of ministers, and develops the government vision, mission and long term goals. He is also chairing the regular meeting in the council of ministers attended by all director generals. His presence in the CSTF will bring support for the implementation of INAP 1325. Currently, he is co-chairing the national Cross Sector Task Force at the federal level for the implementation of INAP 1325. He has provided all support and showed his commitment to the leadership of the task force.



ABDULKARIM SULTAN ABDULLAH (Mr. Kareem Sinjari)

KRG Minister of Interior

His Excellency Mr. Sinjari has served as Interior Minister in the Kurdistan Region since 2001. Born in Sinjar in 1950, he graduated with a degree in law from Baghdad University in 1971. He practiced as a lawyer in Baghdad to 1973 and joined the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP). He then joined the Peshmerga forces and was appointed to the KDP's provisional leadership (1976-1980). Mr Sinjari lived in Sweden for eight years (1980-1988) and speaks Swedish, English, Arabic and Persian. He has been deeply involved in the Cross Sector Task Force since the beginning of the process when the initiative started to develop INAP 1325. During the development of the INAP, he played a very supportive and positive role and presently, he is co-chairing the Cross Sector Task Force at the Kurdistan region level. His role has been very decisive in the progress made at KRG.



BAKSHAN ABDULLA HUSSAIN (Ms. Pakhshan Zangana)

The Secretary-General of High Council of Women Affairs (HCWA)- KRG

Pakhshan Zangana is a Kurdish politician who currently serves as the President of the High Council of Women's Affairs in the Kurdistan Regional Government—Iraq. Previously, she was the Chairwoman of the Women's Committee in Kurdistan Parliament and a member of the Women's League's Secretariat. In 2005, she played an important role with the Kurdish List delegation in support of writing Iraq's Constitution. Ms. Zangana was born in Sulaymaniyah, Kurdistan Region of Iraq. She joined the Peshmerga rebellion in 1980s against the former regime of Saddam Hussein. She has a degree in Physics and a Masters degree in Social Science. She has been playing a key role in the development and implementation of INAP 1325 and jointly co-chairs CSTF with His Excellency Mr. Kareem Sinjari for Kurdistan Region-Iraq.



TARIQ SADIQ RASHEED
Iraqi MP and the chair of Legal committee of CSTF

He was one of the first supporters of INAP 1325 and joined the CSTF very early since 2012 when the CSOs and women NGOs were fighting for the development of a national action plan. He is the holder of PhD in Criminal Law and was the director general in the ministry of interior during 1999-2014, but he continued to support INAP and this time for the implementation of INAP as a member of Iraqi Parliament. He has also worked as an academic in the faculties of law in KRG and played the role of CSO activist. He is also a member of criminal law research center. He is now working in the legal committee of CSTF.



AMEER TAHER HUSSEIN

The Legal Advisor of the President of Iraq and Member of CSTF

He was the former member of Iraqi parliament (2010 – 2014) and a known figure in Baghdad province. Due to his rich experience in law, he became the legal advisor for the president. His legal advice and support for the implementation of INAP 1325 are highly appreciated. He is now working in the legal committee of CSTF.



KASIM ABDULA JASIM

The Chair of Iraqi Operation for 1325 and Member of CSTF

He was born in 1970 and led many governmental initiatives in favor of women at the levels of Iraqi federal government. Among the positions that he held so far are:

- Legal Adviser to the Minister of State for Women's Affairs.
- Chief operating room Security Council resolution 1325.
- A member of the national team to discuss the CEDAW report.
- Member of the Central Committee of human trafficking.
- A member of the national team to write a report (upr).
- Member of the Central Committee of the follow-up and coordination of the National Plan for Human Rights.
- Chairman of the Committee of legal experts to prepare a draft law on protection against domestic violence



AMEL JALAL MOHAMMED

**Director General at
High Council of Women Affairs (HCWA) – KRG**

Date & Place of Birth: Hilla 1966

Education: BSc in Political Sciences 2007, Diploma in Education 1986

Positions & Experience:

☐ Director General in Council of Ministers 2011.

☐ Head of KCN organization since 1994.

☐ Member in Patriotic Union of Kurdistan 1982 till present.

☐ Trainer in Election with NDI in 2009, with UK SCF in

Evaluation & Monitoring in 2005-2007, with IREX in Media in 2012, with Massala & IKNN in Networking in 2008, with UNWomen in GRB in 2012.

☐ Member of the KRG CEDAW committee.



**Ali Abbas Khalaf
The Executive Director of National Reconciliation
Committee and Member of CSTF**

Specialization: Master in Public Law

Previous post:

- Inspector General of Endowment
- Legal adviser for national reconciliation committee

Current job:

The Executive Director of National Reconciliation Committee and Member of CSTF

- Supervising the implementation of the INAP for Security Council resolution 1325
- Chairman of the Executive Committee in charge of the Security Council resolution 1325
- The administrative supervisor of the national reconciliation offices.



RIYADH SEDDEQ FRYAD

Director General at

KRG Ministry of Interior

He is born in 1971 and stood out in the ministry of interior as an advocate for women rights and then selected by his minister to work on UNSCR 1325. He is now a member of CSTF for the implementation of INAP 1325 as well as an experienced human rights trainer. He is also a member of the council of ministers committee which deals with the reports of the international organizations. This committee has been established since 2012. He has worked for 7 years in the registration office registering NGOs, CSOs and political parties. He has also contributed to the KRG committee working on UPR and participated in many trainings related with human and women rights inside as well as outside the country.



Boriana Jönsson

The executive director of Euromed Feminist Initiative

Boriana Jönsson is the executive director of Euromed Feminist Initiative, a policy network that provides expertise in the field of gender equality and women's rights as constitutive part of peace-and democracy building. She has long experience in the field of women's empowerment in war areas, development and solidarity cooperation. Boriana Jonsson has recently facilitated the development of the Iraqi National Action Plan of UNSCR1325 and provides consultancy on its implementation.



SUSAN MOHAMMED ARIF (Susan Aref)

**Director at
Women Empowerment Organization (WEO), Erbil, Iraq**

She is a founder and director of Women Empowerment Organization (WEO) which was founded in 2004 and currently the coordinator of CSTF for INAP 1325 implementation. Her involvement with WPS agenda and UNSCR 1325 dates back to 2012 when she led a network of women NGOs for the development of Iraqi NAP 1325 called Iraq NAP 1325 Initiative. This advocacy work continued for 2 years until INAP 1325 was fully developed and endorsed by both Iraqi and KRG governments in 2014. Later, she contributed to the development of INAP Emergency plan and INAP priorities for 2016 within a more expanded network called Iraqi Alliance for 1325. Now, she is putting pressure along with the Alliance members to get INAP 1325 implemented across Iraq through direct work with the government ministries at both federal and KRG levels. She has now been identified as the CSTF Coordinator to spearhead the government meetings for more pressure on the implementation. Up to now, advocacy work has resulted in the development of sector-specific ministry action plans which have been combined into a master plan.



AMER BADR SALIM
Member of Iraqi Operation for 1325 and Member of CSTF

He is working now in Iraqi council of ministers at the operation room for 1325 and has played different roles throughout his career. He has worked as the coordinator for among different ministries for women issues and represented the dissolved ministry of state for women issues for many issues related to women/girls IDPs.



INITISAR OLEIWI HASAN
Iraqi Women League and Member of 1325 Alliance

Volunteer to work in the civil and human rights 2003 , a writer and a freelance journalist in newspapers, magazines and websites, Member of the Iraqi Women's League and in the National Plan initiative to activate the resolution 1325. student at the Institute of Fine Arts in Baghdad - Department of Fine Arts, painting, participating in a number of local and international courses inside and outside Iraq and was awarded the certificates of participation in various fields, worked numerous articles and writings on the rights of women and the Constitution.

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Rebwar Radha Abdurrahman

Program Manager at

Women Empowerment Organization (WEO), Erbil, Iraq

He is managing all WEO programs including the grant of UK Embassy which is on the implementation of Iraqi National Action plan for UNSCR 1325. He is the holder of M.A Degree in Human Sciences/ Languages and Linguistics and has worked for WEO since 2007. He is responsible for the following tasks within WEO programs:

- Developing project proposals and maintaining communications with international organizations.
- Developing regular project reports.
- Supervising the program staff and managing the activities
- Maintaining the correspondence between WEO and the funding agencies.



AREE DILSHAD SABER

Administrator at

Women Empowerment Organization (WEO), Erbil, Iraq

He is the administrator in WEO and runs admin & logistics affairs at WEO. He is in charge of the logistical arrangements of the grant from UK Embassy and responsible for all the documentation and paper work. He works as a contact point for all logistical affairs and arranges coordination with the logistical company.