

# Abdul Latif Jamal Rashid

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Iraqi Presidency  
Al- Jadriya, Baghdad, Iraq

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Date & Place of Birth: 10th August 1944 / Sulaimaniya, Iraq  
Nationality: Iraqi  
Marital Status: Married to Shanaz Ibrahim Ahmed  
Son: Azos, born in 1982  
Daughter: Sara, born in 1987  
Son: Zagros, born in 1988

Languages: English, Arabic and Kurdish



## POLITICAL BIOGRAPHY

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Dr. Abdul Latif Jamal Rashid began his political career in the 1960s, when he joined Kurdistan Democratic Party and became an active member and then a leader in the Kurdish Students Union in Europe. He participated in meetings on the formation of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK), which emerged from the Democratic Party.

After his competence, management experience and understanding of politics he was to be a representative of the PUK in U.K and other European countries.

He attended Iraqi opposition meetings and conferences that toppled the regime in Iraq in 2003 by U.S-led forces. Dr. Abdul Latif Rashid attended many conferences both as an activist and as an elected representative with many of the Iraqi opposition leaders at that time. He was a leader in the Kurdistan Alliance in Europe, to be elected after the formation of the Iraqi National Congress Party, (INC) as a member of the Executive Council, and then was elected to the leadership of the party in 1992 until the fall of Saddam Hussein.

Dr. Latif Rashid was also on the leadership council of INDICT, (1998-2003) alongside high ranking international government officials, an international anti War Crimes council recognized by the British Parliament and US Congress. INDICT was critical in the trial against the former Ba'ath Party holding them accountable for war crimes and violations of Human Rights Law.

Through his roles he has wide connections and relations with various Iraqi parties and is one of the figures with an active political presence after 2003. Dr. Latif has a strong friendship with the Iraqi former opposition leaders. After his return to Iraq, he carried all the experience and expertise, and was nominated to be the Minister of Water Resources from 2003 until the end of 2010. He presented many vital projects that have revived the water situation, including rehabilitating the marshes in southern Iraq, investing and developing water resources. He also worked on applying modern technologies, geographic information systems (GIS) and other strategic projects, such as the construction of a number of dams in Kurdistan and in the western region.

After completing his duties as Minister of Water Resources, he was nominated by the Iraqi Government to serve as Secretary General of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

In 2010 Dr. Abdul Latif Rashid was appointed as the Senior Advisor to the President of Iraq and he is still in office.

## WORK HISTORY

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### DEC. 2010 - PRESENT **SENIOR ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENT OF IRAQ**

Appointed as the Senior Advisor to the President of Iraq as part of his responsibility; Dr. Rashid has taken a dynamic part as a Senior Advisor to the President, on day to day government activities and events on various levels.

Since this new appointment Dr. Rashid has been attending numerous technical, economical and development conferences and meetings. On many occasions representing the Presidency and the President of Iraq.

Has widely contributed to the government's development programme, especially in the fields of water resources, agriculture and energy.

He has often headed and attended major meetings and engagements with a variety of Delegations and State Leaders.

He is an active member of the Presidential team attending meetings and engagements alongside The President of Iraq.

### SEP. 2003 – DEC. 2010 **MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (MOWR) IN IRAQ**

The activities and responsibilities of (MoWR) are many and briefly introduced as:

The Ministry of Water Resources (MoWR) provides Integrated Water Resources Management to the citizens of Iraq. As the steward of these vital resources, the Ministry strives to balance the competing demands of irrigation, municipal and Industrial water supply, hydro-power, flood control and environmental requirements including marsh restoration. The goal of the Ministry has been to transform and modernize the MoWR into a dynamic and efficient organization that meets current requirements and optimizes future utilization of the water resources of the Nation. Focus areas of improvement include improved operation and maintenance of water control structures and pump stations, efficient management of water through conservation and optimization, and a comprehensive approach to project approval that considers environmental impacts, competing demands and public involvement.

The (MoWR) formerly the Ministry of Irrigation is the supplier of raw or untreated water to the nation. The Ministry's nine large dams, 18 major barrages, hundreds of pump stations and 140 land reclamation projects comprise one of the most complex water distribution systems in the world. Over 90 percent of the nation's water is used to irrigate 3.25 million hectares of land throughout Iraq. Mechanical equipment, such as pump stations and backup generators, were 20 to 30 years old and not well maintained. Maintenance is carried out over 80, 000 km of irrigation and drainage channels.

The water resources infrastructure in Iraq suffered damage after the war due to looting and vandalism, however, the overall functionality of the system itself was not significantly affected. Severe damage and looting was, however, inflicted at several remote project sites and virtually every office. Most of the Ministry's Commissions and the Headquarters lost - data, files, computers, furniture, vehicles and heavy equipment. What was not taken was vandalized or burned. Application of technology in the (MoWR) lags the rest of the world by several decades. The former regime's indifference to science and engineering, combined with 12 years of sanctions, deprived gifted engineers and scientists of opportunities to collaborate and apply emerging technologies. Many major projects decisions were political rather than technically driven solutions developed to solve a problem or benefit the population. Criteria such as the consideration of the environment, public involvement and economic analysis in decision-making were ignored.

**JULY 1986 – 2003**

### **SELF-EMPLOYED AS INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT**

Self-Employed as independent consultant to carry out a range of activities in the field of Evaluation and Economic Returns of Irrigation and Drainage Projects, Water Control Projects, Agricultural Development Projects and Management.

The services and assignments have been at different stages of project implementations; planning, supervision, management, operation and maintenance of completed irrigation drainage and flood control works for both major projects and small-scale schemes. Organizations and companies requested services and consultancy.

- Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations.
- Kingsmere Consulting Limited (London, U.K.).
- Al-Sager Consulting Engineers (U.A.E.).
- Washington Investment Ltd. (London, U.K.).
- Sir William Halcrow and Partners (U.K.).
- Irrigation and Drainage Engineering Associates (U.K.).
- The World Bank- IDA (Washington, U.S.A.) Employed as a consultant with the World Bank-IDA to carry out supervision and produce reports on the engineering components on the following projects:
  - New Land Development Project – Egypt
  - West Baheira Settlement Project – Egypt
  - Southern Regional Agricultural Development Project- Yemen Arab Republic.

**FEB.1983 – JULY.1986**    **PROJECT MANAGER**  
Project Manager (FAO), UTFN/SAU/013 “Wadie Jizan Development Project – Saudi Arabia”.  
The duties were to manage a large agricultural development project and to supervise many specialized FAO experts.

**NOV.1982 – FEB.1983**    **RESIDENT ENGINEER**  
Resident Engineer (FAO), UTFN/SAU/013 for Wadi Jizan Dam and Irrigation Network – Saudi Arabia.

**JUN.1981 – NOV.1982**    **PROJECT MANAGER**  
FAO Project Manager of the IDA / World Bank/ Kuwait Fund supported Wadi Tuban Agricultural Development Project in the People`s Democratic Republic of South Yemen.

**MAY 1979 – JUN.1981**    In Somalia to work on the Northern Rangeland development project to survey and evaluate the project.

**FEB.1976 – MAY.1979**    **RESEARCH AND SITE WORKS**  
Research and Site works on the study, design and supervision of Development and Irrigation Project in Saudi Arabia.

**JAN.1975 – FEB.1976**    Employed by Sir William Halcrow and Partners, Consulting Engineers (London) in the Department of Water Affairs.

**JAN.1969 – JAN.1971**    Employed by the University of Sulaimaniya to teach technical subjects.

## **EDUCATION**

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**JUNE.1968**                    **LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY (U.K)**  
**B.SC**  
▪ Civil Engineering

1972 **MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY (U.K)**  
**M.SC**

- A Research in Hydraulics

1976 **MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY (U.K)**  
**P.HD**

- A Research in Hydraulics

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

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B.Eng., C.Eng. M.Sc., Ph.D., F.I.C.E., M.I.C.I.D

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

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- Chartered Engineer, Fellow of the Institution of Civill Engineers (F.I.C.E.)
- Member of International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (I.C.I.D.)
- President of (I.C.I.D.) Iraq

## **SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED**

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Iraqi Government Scholarship to obtain B.Eng. Degree, Gulbenkian Foundation Scholarship to obtain M.Sc. Degree, Dr. Robert Angus Smith Award to obtain (Ph.D).

## **PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL EVENTS AND CONFERENCES FROM 2004 TO DATE**

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- Participated in the 84th anniversary celebration of the foundation of Iraqi Communist Party and give a speech in March 2018.
- Participated in the second scientific conference of the Ministry of Water Resources in Maysan on 26-27 July 2017.
- Participated in the ceremony held on April 25, 2017 at the Speaker of the House of Commons office to view and sign the new book of Mrs. Anne Clwyd, Labor MP in the British House of Commons entitled "Rebel with a Cause".
- Participated in the World Forum against Genocide, held in Yerevan from 23 to 24 April 2016.
- Participated in the workshop of Chatham House at the Royal Institute of International Affairs (9-10 June 2014) in London.
- Participated in Beirut Economic Conference (30-31 March 2015).

- Taking part in a workshop of the Chatham House at the Royal Institute of International Affairs (16-17 September 2013) in London on the assessment of vital resource links and lessons learned in the fields of energy, water and food prices.
- Participated in the conference held by ACWUA (Arab Countries Water Utilities Association in Berlin - April 2013).
- Attending the World Water Summit in Rome (30 April to 1 May 2012).
- Invited by the Institute of Civil Engineers ICE to attend the conference entitled "Engineering a Better World" and to give a speech in London - 13/3/2010.
- Invited by the Arab League General Secretariat to take part in the "1st Meeting of the Executive Office of the Arab Water Ministers Council" Cairo, January 25-30, 2010.
- Invited by Hitachi and Caterpillar companies to visit their locations and meet with JICA regarding the Japanese loan. Japan, November 8-14, 2009.
- Invited by the Iranian Minister of Energy to discuss joint water-related issues and agree on the establishment of Iraqi-Iranian Technical Committee. Iran, October 23-26, 2009.
- Attend the joint meeting regarding the implementation of the strategic political declaration between Iraq and Turkey. Istanbul, September 17-19, 2009.
- Attend the trilateral meeting between the countries (Iraq, Syria and Turkey) to discuss the joint water issues and current water situation. Ankara, September 2-6, 2009.
- Accompany H.E. the Prime Minister to Syria, Syria, August 18-22, 2009.
- Invited by the Arab League General Secretariat to take part in the "1st Meeting of the Arab Ministerial Council on Water" Algeria, June 27- July 2, 2009.
- Meeting with companies regarding the Mosul Dam foundation problem. Amman, May 13-16, 2009.
- Accompany H.E. the President of the Republic of Iraq to attend the "5th World Water Forum". Turkey, March 15-23, 2009.
- Attend the WB meetings on the occasion of "Water Week" and visit some American dam sites. USA ,February 17-20, 2009.
- Invited by Bauer Company to visit its location and factories. Germany November 18-21, 2008.
- Attend the World Bank (WB) meetings to follow up the proceeding of the projects financed by the (WB). Beirut, October 22-25, 2008.

- Attend the "Environment and Water Resources Conference". Saudi Arabia, November 16-17, 2008.
- Invited by Liebherr Company and INGRA Company, Germany, France, Austria and Croatia, September 17-28, 2008.
- Accompany H.E. the Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq to discuss the current water situation in Iraq. Iran, June 7-9, 2008.
- Visit Normrock Company to get acquainted with its dredgers. Visit the universities and meet with officials in Canada. Canada, June 29- July 15, 2008.
- Take part in the 3rd International Fair under "Construction and Investment in Iraq" Turkey and Syria, May 21-30, 2008.
- Accompany H.E. the President of the Republic of Iraq to discuss the joint cooperation relations in water resources field and exchange experiences. Turkey, March 7-8, 2008.
- Invited by the World Bank to attend the meetings of the Middle East Water Council to discuss loans and donations to finance the irrigation projects. Washington DC. February 20-26, 2008.
- Discuss the issue of the Mosul Dam Foundation Problem with the IPE Istanbul, February 6-11, 2008.
- Attend the Trilateral meeting between the countries (Iraq, Syria and Turkey) to discuss the shared water resources management, Syria, January 9-12, 2008.
- Attend the 3rd Meeting of the Arab Water Council, Dubai, and December 8-10, 2007.
- Attend the FAO 34th General Conference, Rome, November 15-26, 2007.
- Attend the Conference of ICE and Liverpool University and give a lecture on "the Challenges and Opportunities of the New Iraq Water Resources as an Example" London, November 11-14, 2007.
- Meet with the representatives of Bauer, Trevi and Tetra Tech companies to discuss the permanent solution of the Mosul Dam Foundation Problem, Turkey, and September 5-10, 2007
- Meet with the Iranian Minister of Energy to develop the relations between the two countries in water resources field, Iran, September 12-14, 2006.
- Attend the annual meeting of ICOLD, Russia, June 24-29, 2007.
- Attend the IPE meetings organized by the UNDP, Amman, May 12-18, 2007.

- Take part in the annual meeting of Donor Countries. Attend the River Basin Management Conference Turkey, March 16-26, 2007.
- Accompany H.E the President of the Republic of Iraq, Syria January 14-20, 2007.
- Attend the General Assembly Meeting of the Arab Water Council, Cairo, December 5-11, 2006.
- Attend the second IPE meeting regarding the Mosul Dam foundation problem, Amman September 30- October 4, 2006.
- Attend the 3rd International Fair and the Conference of "Rebuild Iraq" Amman, May 8-11, 2006 .
- Attend the IPE meeting regarding the Mosul Dam foundation problem, Amman, March 29-30, 2006.
- Attend the 4th World Water Forum Mexico, March 16-22, 2006.
- Attend the Economic Symposium on Dams Financing and meet the representatives of ITSC Company, Belgrade, Lausanne, March 2, 2006.
- Invited by the MWH Company to attend the International Panel of Experts (IPE) meeting, Amman, February 21, 2006.
- Invited by the UNEP to attend the Donor Countries meeting on the "Iraqi Marshlands" Paris November 6-8, 2005.
- Meet with JBIC to discuss the water resources projects included within the Japanese Loan. Attend the "Rebuild Iraq 5th Conference". Amman and USA December 1-8, 2005.
- Attend the technical meetings with Concorde Company representatives, Amman, September 30- October 1, 2005.
- Attend the Iraq Development Programme (I.D.P.) Amman, June 28-30, 2005.-Accompany H.E. The President of the Republic of Iraq, China January 17-25, 2005.
- Attend the International Symposium on Water for Development Istanbul, September 7-11, 2005.
- Attend the World Water Week in Stockholm, Stockholm, and August 21-27, 2005.
- Attend the "Iraqi-German Works Conference" Germany, July 17-23, 2005.
- Discuss the joint cooperation between the two countries (Iran and Iraq) Iran, July 13-17, 2005.



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- Attend the meetings of the Iraqi-US Committee, Amman, July 9-13, 2005.
- Attend a meeting to improve the relations between the two countries (Syria and Iraq) regarding the transboundary water issues. Syria June 10-11, 2005.
- Attend a Conference on "The Iraqi Marshlands" Italy, October 20-25, 2004.
- Attend a Conference in Ankara.
- Attend the 4th Water Meeting in Stockholm.
- Invited by the Prime Minister of Czech Republic Prague, Stockholm and Ankara, August 9-23, 2004.
- Take part in the Technical Discussions on Water Management and Marshlands Restoration Development USA June 22- July 11, 2004.
- Attend the "Water Demand Management" Conference Amman, May 30- June 3, 2004.
- Attend the meetings of the Arab Water Council in Cairo. Take part in the New York Conference and London Conference, Cairo, London and New York April 12- May 3, 2004.
- Accompany H.E. the President of the Governing Council, Japan and China, March 22-27, 2004
- Invited by Dutch Company- Netherlands, December 22-23, 2004.
- Attend the UNEP Meeting Amman, December 18-19, 2004.
- 2009 to date Dr. Rashid has attended numerous conferences and activities inside and outside of Iraq on various topics related to development, water resources, agriculture and energy.