

Amman Radio on Cabinet Reshuffle, Appointments
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[Text] A royal decree has been issued appointing His Excellency Staff Field Marshal Al-Sharif Zayd ibn Shakir as chief of the Royal Hashemite Court and adviser to his majesty the supreme commander for the affairs of the Arab Army—the Jordanian Armed Forces—as of 19 December 1988.

A royal decree has been issued appointing His Excellency 'Adnan Abu 'Awdah as political adviser to his majesty the king and canceling the post of the minister of the Royal Hashemite Court as of 19 December 1988.

A royal decree has been issued appointing 'Amir Kham-mash special adviser to his majesty the king as of 19 December 1988.

A royal decree has been issued accepting the resignation of His Excellency Dr Sami Jawdah, minister of state for parliamentary affairs; His Excellency Tahir al-Masri, minister of foreign affairs; and His Excellency Dr Zayd Hamzah, minister of health, as of 19 December 1988.

The following royal decree has also been issued effecting cabinet changes:

We, Husayn I, king of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Taking cognizance of Article 35 of the Constitution and in accordance with the prime minister's recommendation, decree the following:

1. His Excellency Marwan al-Qasim will be appointed deputy prime minister and foreign minister.
2. His Excellency Marwan al-Humud will be appointed minister of municipal and rural affairs and environment.
3. His Excellency Dr Zuhayr Malhas will be appointed minister of health.
4. His Excellency 'Abd al-Salam Kan'an will be appointed minister of state for cabinet affairs.
5. His Excellency Yusuf Hamdan [al-Jabr] will be appointed minister of agriculture.
6. His Excellency Zuhayr al-'Ajluni will be appointed minister of state for cabinet affairs.
7. His Excellency Dr Fayiz al-Tarawinah will be appointed minister of supply.
8. His Excellency Yanal Hikmat will be appointed minister of tourism.

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The new ministers were sworn in before His Majesty King Husayn in the presence of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hasan, the prime minister, the chief of the Royal Hashemite Court, his majesty's political adviser, and his majesty's special adviser.

CBS' Rather Interviews King on U.S., PLO

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[Interview with King Husayn on "the evening news show of the American television network CBS" by Dan Rather; date, place not given—recorded]

[Text] [Rather] Your Majesty, thank you for being with us. I know you've had a very long day and evening. The Israelis are angry. The Palestinians seem to be jubilant. What is your reaction to this turn of events?

[Husayn] I am extremely happy, sir, and extremely encouraged and hopeful that this is a turning point towards resolving the most volatile problem threatening regional peace in this area and certainly world peace.

[Rather] You said that you are encouraged. Why should anybody be genuinely encouraged about this?

[Husayn] Because I believe that for a very long period of time, there was a question as to what is the Palestinian position, what is the Arab position. Does the Arab position give total support to the Palestinians and their sole legitimate representative, the Palestinian Liberation Organization? And following the PNC resolutions, the Palestinian voice has been heard very very clearly answering all the requests and demands of the world community and the United States in Geneva.

[Rather] Your Majesty, you know our country and its people well. You know there are an awful lot people in this country who care about the Middle East but who do not follow it detail by minute detail. In your opinion, what is the single most important thing for Americans to understand about what has happened in the last 24 to 48 hours?

[Husayn] I believe that they should understand that the Palestinians and their representatives have opted for peace and showed their readiness to contribute their utmost for the attainment of a permanent, lasting peace in this area based on justice. And this in itself is a good, very good development that has been sought for a long period of time.

[Rather] You've just returned from meetings with Egypt's President Husni Mubarak. What did you talk about?

[Husayn] We spoke about these developments and our other concerns in terms of the area and our bilateral relations. And we both were of the view that this is a