

Biography

AHMAD AL KRAYEM



1. Full Name and Title: Ahmad Abdul Jabbar Ali al-Krayem.
  2. Education: Bachelor Degree of Commerce and Banking. Graduation date: 2003.
  3. Place and Date of Birth: Province of Salahuddin - Iraq. 7/23/1976.
  4. Marital Status: Married with three children.
  5. Residential address: Salahuddin
  6. Religion: Muslim
  7. Social Status: I come from al-Krayem family, who are members of the tribal Albu Issa clan in the province of Salahuddin / Samarra. It is one of the largest Iraqi tribal family clans. My family has extensive relations with Iraqis all over Iraq, reaching other tribal family clans, educated Iraqis and politicians in the northern, southern and central areas of Iraq. My family enjoyed great relations with all Iraqi governments, starting with the Iraqi monarchy and subsequent governments. We enjoy great relations in the province of Salahuddin, starting with reconstruction work in various areas with the local government and the US army.
  8. Career: I entered the political scene in 2009, when I was nominated to the Provincial Council of Salahuddin, and won a seat as member of the Provincial Council of Salahuddin. I was then nominated to the post of first deputy of the governor of Salahuddin. I was elected by the Provincial Council of Salahuddin and won the majority vote of the 28-member provincial council. I worked as deputy governor of Salahuddin for almost two years. In 2013, I entered the provincial council election race and won second place, so I was nominated as head of the provincial council of Salahuddin, and received the majority vote of members of the provincial council of Salahuddin. I continue to hold the post of head of the provincial council of Salahuddin. I participated in the fight against terrorism, to combat Daesh (ISIS) in the province of Salahuddin, and liberate the region of Salahuddin from the terrorist group. I also accompanied security forces across the province.
- My work includes efforts to return the displaced to liberated areas such as Tikrit, its surrounding areas, al-Alam, al-Dour, the outskirts of Samarra, Mikshayfa, Dhulu'ya, and al-Ishaki, through coordination with security forces and the Popular Mobilization Forces. In addition, I worked with international community organizations and local organizations to provide assistance to displaced families.
- I am also a member of the Reconstruction Fund, recently formed in Iraq to reconstruct provincial towns and villages devastated by acts of terrorism. Moreover, I work in coordination with the diplomatic corps to provide reconstruction assistance.

**Salahaddin Province – visit to Washington DC 4-9 February 2019**

**Key Points**

Salahaddin is the transport hub for northern Iraq, and the business center for the center and north.

It is also the last major link in the land bridge that Iran is building from the Mediterranean to Iran. The land bridge currently goes through Lebanon and Syria, into southern Ninewa province, into Salahaddin – where it is blocked – and then into Diyala and across the border into Iran.

US and Iraq share a common purpose – countering Iran.

The Shia militias in Salahaddin are stabilizing their long term presence, and this is a threat to Iraq and to the whole region. We are concerned that the militias are not just cementing their presence as mafias, but are evolving into something like the Iranian Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC): In other words, a parallel revolutionary state designed to support Iranian aims in Iraq.

We would like to help you counter Iran. We are currently on the ground, fighting a difficult battle against Iran.

We feel that the U.S. Government does not understand how strong Iraqi support for a continuing American presence, and how strongly opposed Iraqis are towards the Iranian presence. This is true in the south of Iraq also. Even in Basra, during the riots in July last year, the people rose up against Iranian-affiliated militia leaders and political parties. They did not attack American or Western interests.

**Requirements**

We need American help in three main ways:

1. American support (as part of the Coalition if that is preferable), to train our local police.
2. A more energetic diplomatic presence, to reassure Iraqis that America is strong and a reliable partner.
3. American investment – we are prepared to help in any way required to encourage U.S. companies to come to Salahaddin.