

Osama Al-Nujayfi



Usama Abdu'l Aziz al-Nujayfi is the current Speaker of the Council of Representatives of Iraq and was appointed in 2010 from the Iraqi National List. He is member of the secular al-Iraqiya coalition led by former Prime Minister Iyad Allawi. His appointment was part of a power-sharing deal between the country's major political factions.

Mr. Al-Nujayfi was born in Mosul, 1956 to a family of politicians and has a degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Mosul. After obtaining his degree, Mr Al-Nujayfi worked for several years in the Ministry of Electricity, and was involved in the construction of power plants in Iraq.

In 2005, Mr. Al-Nujayfi briefly became Minister of Industry, where he was involved in the privatization of many state-owned industrial companies.

Mr. Al-Nujaiyfi, who is a Sunni-Arab, is known for his hard line position against Kurdish minorities in Iraq and has had many public disagreements with Kurdish MPs. In 2006, he survived an assassination attack in which one of his bodyguards got killed. During anti-government protests in February 2011, Mr. Al-Nujaiyfi called for provincial elections to be held quickly in the Province of Mosul, where his brother was targeted as Governor of the Province.