

### **H.E. Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Jabr Al Thani**

#### **QATAR**

H.E. Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Jabr Al Thani was born in 1959. From 1982-1989 he was the Director of the Office of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Agriculture. In July 1989 he was appointed Minister of Municipal Affairs and Agriculture and in May 1990, he was appointed Deputy Minister of Electricity and Water for two years, along with his post as Minister of Municipal Affairs and Agriculture, where he supervised several successful projects and developed the agriculture sector.

His Excellency has, in addition, held the following posts, including Chairman of the Qatar Electricity and Water Company, President of the Central Municipal Council, Director of the Special Emiri Projects Office, Member of Qatar Petroleum Board of Directors, and Member of the Supreme Council for Planning.

On September 1, 1992 His Excellency was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs. On September 16, 2003, Sheikh Hamad was appointed First Deputy Prime Minister while retaining his position of Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Additionally, he has held several other key positions including member of the Supreme Defense Council, which was established in 1996; Head of Qatar's Permanent Committee for the Support of al Quds; which was formed in 1998; member of the Permanent Constitution Committee, formed in 1999; member of the Ruling Family Council, which was established in 2000; and member of the Supreme Council for the Investment of the Reserves of the State, which was established in 2000.

### **David Aaron** **UNITED STATES**

David Aaron is Director of the Center for Middle East Public Policy at the RAND Corporation. He served in government from 1961 to 1981 and 1993 to 2000, beginning in the Foreign Service where he worked with NATO and negotiated nuclear arms reductions. Aaron served as Task Force Director for the Senate Intelligence Committee on the staff of Senator Walter Mondale and was Deputy National Security Advisor to President Jimmy Carter. During the Carter Administration, Aaron set up negotiations for the 1978 Camp David accords between Israel and Egypt. He received a B.A. from Occidental College and an M.S. in public administration from Princeton University.

### **Ahmed Abdali** **UNITED KINGDOM/YEMEN**

Ahmed Abdali is a Producer with Felix Films Entertainment. He wrote and produced *Inside Out*, which won the People's Choice Award at the Malaysian Film Festival in 2004. Abdali has also produced *Shadow Senses*, *Wishing Well*, and Yemen's first ever feature film, *A New Day in the Old Sana'a*, which won Best Arab Film Award at the 29th International Cairo Film Festival in 2005. Abdali wrote the soundtrack to the award winning documentary *The English Sheikh and the Yemeni Gentleman*. He received a degree in sound and studio engineering from Bon Marche Academy for Sound Engineering in London.

### **Azamat Abdimomunov** **KAZAKHSTAN**

Azamat Abdimomunov is the Deputy Minister of Science and Education of Kazakhstan. He recently contributed to the renewal of the Bolashak program, of which he is an alumnus, that funds graduate work by Kazakh students in the United States. Among his other contributions include supporting long-term scientific development. He has worked in the Kazakh government as Chief Administrator for Automation and Geo-Information Systems. He also served on the General Staff of the Armed Forces.

### **Mohammed Abdul Aziz** **UNITED KINGDOM**

Mohammed Abdul Aziz is Director of Faithwise Ltd., an organization that provides consultancy services to government and statutory agencies on faith-community issues. He is the founding Chief Executive Officer of the Forum Against Islamophobia and Racism and the British Muslim Research Centre. Aziz is an advisor to the Muslim Council of Britain, a member of the UK's steering group on the Commission for Equality and Human Rights, a board member of the European Network against Racism (ENAR), and trustee of several organizations including the East London Mosque and London Muslim Centre. He earned his LLB and LLM at University College London.

### **Ahmed Abdul-Malik** **QATAR**

Ahmed Abdul-Malik is a member of the National Council of Culture, Arts, and Heritage. He is a former Editor-in-Chief of *Al-Sharq* and *Gulf Times*, and prior to that, the Head of the news department for Qatar Television. Abdul-Malik received a B.A. in Arabic Literature from Beirut Arab University, an M.A. in instructional communication from State University of New York, and a Ph.D. in journalism from the University of Wales.

### **Feisal Abdul Rauf** **UNITED STATES**

Feisal Abdul Rauf is the Imam of Masjid al-Farah in New York City, a mosque twelve blocks from Ground Zero. He is the founder of the American Sufi Muslim Association (ASMA) Society. Abdul Rauf is a member of the board of trustees of the Islamic Center of New York and Islamic advisor to the Interfaith Center of New York. He is the author of *Islam: A Search for Meaning*, and *Islam: A Sacred Law, What Every Muslim Should Know About the Shari'ah*. Abdul Rauf earned a B.A. in physics from Columbia University and a masters degree in plasma physics from Stevens Institute of Technology in New Jersey.

### **Abdullah Abdullah** **AFGHANISTAN**

Abdullah Abdullah is the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan. After serving at the Eye Institute in Kabul, he left Afghanistan in 1985 for Peshawar, Pakistan where he served as the Director of Healthcare for the Resistance Front and worked in the Ophthalmology Hospital for Afghan Refugees in Peshawar, Pakistan. Abdullah then served as Special Advisor and Chief Assistant to Resistance Front Commander Ahmad Shah Massoud from 1986 to 1992. He became Director General in the Ministry of Defense from 1993 to 1996. Abdullah then became the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and spokesman for the Islamic State of Afghanistan from 1996 to 1998, becoming Minister of Foreign Affairs in 1998. Following the Bonn talks in December 2001, Abdullah became the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Afghan Interim Administration of then Chairman Hamid Karzai. Abdullah was again confirmed as the Minister of Foreign Affairs in June 2002 following the national Loya Jirga. He has an M.D. from Kabul University's Department of Medicine where he studied ophthalmology.

### **Sevda Abdullayeva** **AZERBAIJAN**

Sevda Abdullayeva heads the Department of Bionanostructures at the Institute of Physics, the National Academy of Science of Azerbaijan. Her research is focused on studying biological systems at the nano-level. Previously, Abdullayeva served as Visiting Professor at the School of Medicine at Indiana University, and lectured for a decade at the State Medical University of Azerbaijan. She was a Department Head at the Baku-based Institute of Photoelectronics of Soviet Defense Ministry. Abdullayeva received a Ph.D. in physics from Azerbaijan State University.

### **Saleha M. Abedin** **SAUDI ARABIA**

Saleha M. Abedin is the Vice-Dean of Academic Affairs and a founding member of Dar Al-Hekma College, one of the first private colleges for women in Saudi Arabia. Abedin has taught in graduate and undergraduate programs at universities and colleges throughout the world. She has been very active among international women's NGOs, and led an international women's caucus at the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China. Abedin has served as consultant to the Islamic Development Bank for several years and has recently been appointed to an advisory panel of twelve experts to advise the Bank in mainstreaming gender NGO issues in the activities of the Bank. She is Editor of the *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs*. She received an M.A. in demography and a Ph.D. in sociology from University of Pennsylvania.

### **Abdalla Othman Aburrahim** **LIBYA**

Abdulla Othman Aburrahim is currently Director of the Green Book Center for Studies and Research. Prior to this, he was General Secretary for the student union of Libya. He has lectured at the University of Al-Fatal Hal and Sabha University. Aburrahim has an M.A. and Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Al-Fatah Hal.

### **Ziad Abu-Amr** **PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES**

Ziad Abu-Amr has been a Member of the Palestinian Legislative Council since 1996, representing Gaza City. He was re-elected during the January 2006 legislative elections. He is the former Chairman of the Political Committee of the Palestinian Legislative Council and former Minister of Culture in the Palestinian Authority. Abu-Amr is President of the Palestinian Council on Foreign Relations and a Professor of Political Science at Birzeit University. The author of numerous books and papers, Abu-Amr holds a Ph.D. from Georgetown University.

### **Muna Abusulayman** **SAUDI ARABIA**

Muna Abusulayman is the Executive Manager of Strategic Studies and Research Initiatives for Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Abdul Aziz Al Saud at the Kingdom Holdings Company in Saudi Arabia. Her work focuses on increasing understanding between Islam and the West through the establishment of academic centers and programs, both in the Middle East and in the United States. She is an English Literature lecturer at King Saud University and is completing her Ph.D. in Arab-American Literature.

### **Khurshid Ahmad** **PAKISTAN**

Khurshid Ahmad is Chairman of the Institute of Policy Studies in Islamabad and a Member of the Senate of Pakistan. He has authored numerous articles on Islamic and Pakistani issues. He also serves as Chairman of the Islamic Foundation (UK) and a Member on the Board of Trustees for International Islamic University in Pakistan. His former appointments include Federal Minister for the Government of Pakistan and Advisor to King Abdul Aziz University in Saudi Arabia. He has an LLB, a masters in economics and a masters in Islamic studies.

### **Akbar Ahmed** **PAKISTAN**

Akbar Ahmed is a Visiting Fellow at the Saban Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institution as part of *Islam in the Age of Globalization*, a new joint initiative, of the Saban Center's project on U.S. Policy Towards the Islamic World, American University's School of International Service in Washington DC and the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life. Ahmed is the Principal Investigator for the joint initiative. He also holds the Ibn Khaldun Chair of Islamic Studies at American University. A former High Commissioner of Pakistan to the United Kingdom, he has advised Prince Charles and has met with President George W. Bush to discuss Islamic issues. He is a prolific writer and broadcaster, with his work translated into numerous languages. He has been a Visiting Professor at Harvard University, Cambridge University, and the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton. Ahmed earned his Ph.D. at the University of London. The BBC has said of him "Professor Akbar Ahmed – the world's leading authority on contemporary Islam."

### **Parvez Ahmed** **UNITED STATES**

Parvez Ahmed is Chairman of the Board at the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR). He teaches finance at the Coggin College of Business, the University of North Florida. He has written numerous op-eds for newspapers about Islam and Muslims. In 2002, he won the Civil Liberties award from the South-Central Pennsylvania chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union. Ahmed has a B.S. from Aligarh Muslim University, an M.B.A. from Temple University and a Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Arlington.

### **Salman Ahmed** **PAKISTAN**

Salman Ahmed is the lead guitarist for Junoon, a popular Pakistan rock band whose eclectic music mixes Sufi poetry and modern sounds. The band's albums have sold over 25 million copies worldwide. Before founding Junoon, Ahmed was a member of Vital Signs. Ahmad has served as a U.N. Goodwill Ambassador for HIV/AIDS in Pakistan and was featured in two documentaries, "Islamabad: Rock City" and "The Rockstar and the Mullahs," which appeared on VH1 and PBS respectively. He received his medical degree from King Edward Medical College.

### **Mobashar Jawed Akbar** **INDIA**

Mobashar Jawed ("MJ") Akbar is founder and Editor-in-Chief of *The Asian Age*, India's first global newspaper. He has written and edited for important publications in India, including *Illustrated Weekly of India* and *The Telegraph*. Akbar has also written books on the Indian political landscape. In addition to his career in journalism, he has served in politics as a member of India's Parliament and as an advisor in the Ministry of Human Resources, helping policy planning in education and literacy programs. He has a B.A. in English.

### **Abdulhameed Al Ansari** **QATAR**

Abdulhameed Al-Ansari is Professor of Islamic Policies at the Faculty of Sharia and Law at the University of Qatar. Formerly a Dean of the College, he has recently focused on research in the field of democracy and human rights, particularly women's rights from an Islamic perspective. He received a Ph.D. in Islamic policies from Al-Azhar University in Cairo. Al Ansari is the author of many publications including *Role of Women in the Gulf States in National Development from an Islamic Perspective*, and *Towards an Arabic and Islamic Understanding of the Urban Society*.

### **Hasan M. Al Ansari** **QATAR**

Hasan M. Al-Ansari is currently the Director of the Gulf Strategic Studies Center in Doha, Qatar. He also teaches Modern History at the University of Qatar. Dr. Al-Ansari served in the Amiri Diwan of the State of Qatar for nearly 20 years, mostly in the research and political departments. He received his B.A. from Cairo University and his Ph.D. in history from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

### **Rokaya Al Ayat** **UNITED STATES**

Rokaya Al Ayat is the Associate Deputy Director for Science and Technology at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. She began her career as a Research Engineer and Assistant Professor at the University of California, Berkeley. She has also served as Associate Program Leader for the Department of Energy's Nuclear Safeguards Program. Al Ayat earned her Ph.D in applied mathematics and an M.S. in industrial engineering and operations research from the University of California, Berkeley.

### **Gamal Al Banna** **EGYPT**

Gamal Al Banna is an Islamic thinker and author of many books on a wide range of subjects, particularly on contemporary movements within Islam. He lectured at the Cairo Institute of Trades Union Studies from 1963 to 1993. Al-Banna founded and became President of the International Islamic Confederation of Labor in 1981, which includes a number of Trade Unions from the Islamic world. In 1991, with his sister, he established the *Fawziyya and Gamal Al-Banna Foundation for Islamic Culture and Information*, a foundation that possesses a library with extensive holdings in Islamic culture.

### **S.M. Hassan Al Banna** **BANGLADESH/UNITED KINGDOM**

S.M. Hassan Al Banna was born in Bangladesh and raised in the United Kingdom. He is the Co-Founder of *Awakening*, a British based Islamic society. His most recent book is the *Sirah of the Final Prophet*. He is the former President of the Islamic Society at the School of Oriental and African Studies and is currently pursuing a doctorate at al-Azhar University. He earned a B.A. in Arabic and law and from the University of London, and qualified as a lawyer. Al Banna was awarded the Royal Award (MBE) by the Queen of England for services to the community.

### **Jawad Al Boulani** **IRAQ**

Jawad Al Boulani is currently a member of the Iraqi Parliament.

### **Faisal Al Kasim** **QATAR**

Faisal Al Kasim is host of the popular *Al Jazeera* program, *The Opposite Direction*. Prior to joining *Al Jazeera*, Al Kasim worked with the BBC Arabic Service as a broadcast journalist, producer, and announcer for seven years. He then moved on to the BBC Arabic television station, where he worked as a news presenter and discussion moderator. Al Kasim received a Ph.D in English literature from Hull University.

### **Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al-Khalifa** **BAHRAIN**

Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed al-Khalifa is Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bahrain. Prior to his current position, Shaikh Khalid was Bahrain's ambassador to the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Sweden, and Ireland. From 1995 to 2000, he was chief liaison officer to the Foreign Minister. Shaikh Khalid joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1985. He holds a B.A. in history and political science from St. Edward's University in Texas.

### **Nasser Bin Hamad Bin Mubarak Al Khalifa**

#### **QATAR**

Nasser Bin Hamad Bin Mubarak Al Khalifa became Ambassador of Qatar to the United States and non-resident Ambassador of the State of Qatar to Mexico on Oct. 3 2005. He has a LLM in International Law from City University, UK, a MA in International Public Policy from John Hopkins University, and a BA in Political Science from Western Michigan University. He has also served as a Visiting Fellow at the Centre for Islamic Studies at Oxford and Princeton University, USA. He has served in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Qatar for almost 30 years, including as Ambassador to Korea, Italy, the UN, and most recently as Ambassador to the UK and non-resident Ambassador to Denmark, Sweden, Iceland, Ireland, the Netherlands, and Norway. He has represented Qatar at multiple international conferences and is a member of the Royal United Services Institute for Defense and Security Studies and the Arab Thought Forum.

### **Abdulla Al Kubaisi**

#### **QATAR**

Abdulla Al Kubaisi is Director of the Office of Her Highness, Consort of the Emir. He is also Chairman of Qatar Science and Technology Park and a member of the board of directors for the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science, and Community Development. Al Kubaisi has had a distinguished career in Qatar's science and education community, where he served in teaching and administrative positions at the University of Qatar, particularly as Dean of the College of Science in 1995. He has published more than 20 articles in the field of Inorganic Chemistry and has been awarded a Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst scholarship and the Medal for Active Leadership in the Science Field. Al Kubaisi received his B.Sc. from the University of Qatar, M.S. in chemistry from North Carolina's A&T State University and a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of London.

### **Al Sadig Al Mahdi**

#### **SUDAN**

Al Sadig Al Mahdi served as Prime Minister of Sudan during two separate terms and has been active in Sudanese politics for over 40 years. He is the Imam of Alansar Religious Group and President of the Umma Party. Al Mahdi has authored numerous articles on Islamic issues and serves as a member of the Arab Water Council, Club De Madrid, and the National Islamic Conference (Beirut). He received an M.A. in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics from Oxford University.

### **Salam Al Marayati**

#### **UNITED STATES**

Salam Al Marayati is Executive Director and Co-Founder of the Muslim Public Affairs Council, a non-profit, non-partisan organization that works to disseminate information about Islam and Muslims to elected officials and the media in the United States. He has also served as member of the Executive Committee of the California Democratic Party and Commissioner of the Human Relations Committee of the City of Los Angeles. Al Marayati has made numerous appearances in major U.S. media outlets and spoken at forums on Islam and Muslims at the State Department and on Capitol Hill. His writings have been published in a number of publications, including *The Wall Street Journal*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and the *Christian Science Monitor*.

### **Sheikha Abdulla Al Misnad**

#### **QATAR**

Sheikha Abdulla Al Misnad is President of Qatar University and a member of the Board of Directors of the Qatar Foundation. Prior to this, she worked in a number of teaching, administrative, and research positions at the university. She received her B.A. in education from Qatar University and a D.Phil. in education from the University of Durham in the United Kingdom.

### **Taki Al Mousawi**

#### **IRAQ**

Taki Al Mousawi is President of the Al Mustansirya University in Baghdad. He also is a Professor of Medical Physics. Al Mousawi received a M.Sc. and Ph.D. in medical biophysics from the University of Dundee in Scotland. In 1986, he won the prize of the Presidency of the Republic of Iraq, following a scientific book competition. He has published 36 papers on various medical subjects. He also serves as President of the Society of Reconstruction in Iraq.

### **Sheikha Lubna bint Khaled Al Qasimi** **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**

Sheikha Lubna bint Khaled Al Qasimi is the Minister of Planning and Economy for the United Arab Emirates. Sheikha Lubna is the first woman in her country to hold a cabinet position. Sheikha Lubna is also a board member of Tejari, a Dubai online marketplace. In 2001, Sheikha Lubna headed the Dubai e-government executive team responsible for instituting e-government initiatives throughout the public sector. Prior to managing Tejari, Sheikha Lubna was the Senior Manager of the Information Systems department at the Dubai Ports Authority (DPA), a position she held for more than seven years. Sheikha Lubna holds a Bachelor of Science degree from California State University of Chico, and an Executive M.B.A. from the American University of Sharjah.

### **Mohammed Abdullah Mutib Al Rumaihi** **QATAR**

Mohammed Abdullah Mutib Al Rumaihi is Assistant Foreign Minister for Follow Up Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar. He is a former Army officer, serving as commander of the Artillery from 1988-2001. He is a graduate of Saint Cyr Military Academy, the Higher School of Joint Staff, and the French Artillery School. In 2001, he was transferred from the Qatari armed forces on the directive of H.H. the Emir to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He has served as Ambassador of Qatar to France and as nonresident ambassador to Belgium, the Swiss Federation, Luxemburg Dukedom and the European Union. In 2003, he was appointed Assistant Foreign Minister for Follow-Up Affairs, representing Qatar on NATO and UN affairs and at international donors' conferences in Lebanon, Yemen, Afghanistan and Iraq. He also serves as Chairman of the Conference Organizing Committee in Doha.

### **Hussain Al Shahrstani** **IRAQ**

Hussain Al Shahrstani is a nuclear physicist, an advisor to the Iraqi government and a deputy speaker of the Iraqi parliament. In 1979, he was imprisoned by former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein for refusing to help develop the country's nuclear capability. He escaped captivity when U.S. bombs fell on the Abu Ghraib prison during the first Gulf War, fleeing to Iran via Kirkuk. Al Shahrstani earned a doctorate in nuclear chemistry from the University of Toronto in 1969 before he went back to Iraq, where he became chief of the Iraq Atomic Energy Commission. The story of Al Shahrstani's life has been chronicled in the documentary *Fire and Water*, directed by Canadian filmmaker Shelley Saywell.

### **Qaiser Alam** **PAKISTAN**

Qaiser Alam is the Principal Staff Officer to the Chief Minister of Pakistan's North West Frontier Province. Qaiser Alam holds the rank of Colonel in the Pakistani army and is Commandant of the Khyber Rifles.

### **Rabih Alameddine** **LEBANON**

Rabih Alameddine is a painter and the author of two novels, *Koolaid*s and *I, the Divine*, and a book of short stories, *The Perv*. His books have been translated into several languages while his writing has appeared in *Zoetrope*, *The Evening Standard*, and *Al-Hayat*. His paintings have been exhibited in solo shows in San Francisco, New York City, London, and Beirut. A graduate of U.C.L.A. and the University of San Francisco, he has taught at the American University of Beirut and San Francisco State University.

### **Yusuf bin Alawi bin Abdallah** **OMAN**

Yusuf bin Alawi bin Abdallah is the Minister Responsible for Foreign Affairs of the Sultanate of Oman

### Ahmed al-Akhras

#### UNITED STATES

Ahmed al-Akhras is currently the vice chairman of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR). He also serves as president of CAIR's Ohio chapter, a position that he has held since 1998. The American Civil Liberties Union recognized CAIR-Ohio with its Liberty Flame award for its contributions to the advancement and protection of civil liberties. Al-Akhras speaks across the country on issues of concern to Muslims. Al-Akhras holds a Ph.D. and a master's degree from the Ohio State University and a master's and bachelor's degree from the University of Jordan.

### Syed Hamid Albar

#### MALAYSIA

Syed Hamid Albar is Malaysia's Minister of Foreign Affairs. He has also held the positions of Minister of Defense and Minister of Law. Prior to his government service, Albar was a Magistrate in the Sessions Court. He was called to the Bar at Middle Temple in the United Kingdom, where he established the United Malay National Organization club during his student days.

### Jane Alexander

#### UNITED STATES

Jane Alexander is an internationally known actress who has won a Tony award and been both an Oscar and Emmy award nominee. She made her Broadway debut in 1969 in *The Great White Hope*, and subsequently appeared in *All the President's Men* and *Kramer vs. Kramer*. Alexander serves on the boards of the Wildlife Conservation Society, Project Greenhope, the National Stroke Association, and Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament. She is a recipient of the Israel Cultural Award and the Helen Caldicott Leadership Award. Alexander was named by President Bill Clinton in 1993 to head the National Endowment for the Arts.

### Yasser Ali

#### UNITED KINGDOM

Yasser Ali works with Ingram Events, a specialized large-scale event management company based in Dubai. Ingram Events works to facilitate the design planning and management of large scale conferences, forums and events.

### Muean Aljabiry

#### IRAQ

Muean Aljabiry is the President of Group Jefferson Family of Companies, a consulting and contracting firm with offices in Virginia and Baghdad. The company is currently representing the interests of the government of Iraq, as well as the interests of major US corporations on issues relevant to the reconstruction of the infrastructure. During the past two years, Aljabiry has advised the CPA, the President of Iraq, and senior Iraqi officials on business and political issues.

### Abdel Aziz Abu Hamad Aluwaisheg

#### SAUDI ARABIA

Abdel Aziz Abu Hamad Aluwaisheg is Director of the Economic Integration Department of the Gulf Cooperation Council. He previously served as a Staff Economist in the U.N. Department of Economic and Social Affairs and an Advisor to the Minister of Labor in Saudi Arabia. Aluwaisheg was also an Adjunct Professor of Econometrics, Development Economics, and International Trade at Columbia University and the New School University. He received a J.S.D. in international trade law from Columbia University and a Ph.D. in economics from New York University.

### Hady Amr

#### UNITED STATES

Hady Amr is Co-President of the Arab Western Summit of Skills and a Senior Advisor to the World Economic Forum for the C100 for Western-Islamic dialogue. Amr served in the Clinton Administration as an Appointee at the Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies at National Defense University. He was National Director for Ethnic American Outreach for Al Gore's 2000 presidential campaign. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, he conducted scores of discussion groups in eight Arab countries on the U.S. foreign policy making process. In 2004, Amr authored *The Need to Communicate: How to Improve U.S. Public Diplomacy with the Islamic World*. Amr has worked at the World Bank. He earned a B.A. in economics from Tufts University and an M.P.A. in economics from Princeton University.



### **M. Syafi'i Anwar** **INDONESIA**

M. Syafi'i Anwar is the Executive Director of the International Center for Islam and Pluralism. Previously, Anwar was Editor-in-Chief of *Ummat*, an Islamic magazine in Jakarta. He has also written a number of articles for Australian and Indonesian journals. He has a Bachelor of Law degree and an M.A. in political science from the University of Indonesia, Jakarta, and received a Ph.D. in history and political sociology from the University of Melbourne.

### **Muhammad Nurayn Ashafa** **NIGERIA**

Muhammad Nurayn Ashafa is Co-Director of the Interfaith Mediation Centre at the Muslim-Christian Dialogue Forum in Kaduna, Nigeria, and the Secretary-General of the National Council of Muslim Youth Organizations. He has worked with the state governments of the Kaduna and Plateau regions to mediate religion-related conflicts. His many efforts led to his receipt of the Search for the Common Ground's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2004 and the Tanenbaum Center for Interreligious Understanding's Peace Activist Award in 2000. He is co-author of *The Pastor and the Imam: Responding to Conflict*. Ashafa attended a traditional Islamic school in Kaduna and the International University of Africa in Khartoum.

### **George H. Atkinson** **UNITED STATES**

George H. Atkinson was named the State Department's Science and Technology Advisor in September 2003. In August 2001, he joined the State Department as one of the first American Institute of Physics Senior Fellows for Science, Technology, and Diplomacy. He was Professor of Chemistry at Syracuse University until 1983, when he joined the University of Arizona as Professor of Chemistry and Optical Sciences and Chairman of the Chemistry Department. Atkinson has more than 170 publications in scientific journals and books, as well as 66 patents. He founded Innovative Lasers Corporation in 1992. Atkinson received his Ph.D. in chemistry from Indiana University in Bloomington.

### **Sartaj Aziz** **PAKISTAN**

Sartaj Aziz, a development economist, is Vice-Chancellor to Beacon House National University. He became a member of the Senate of Pakistan in 1985 and served there until 1999. He began his career as a civil servant, most of which he spent in the National Planning Commission, where he was involved in the formulation and implementation of Pakistan's Second and Third "Five Year Plans." Aziz has also written several books and articles. He earned a degree in Commerce from Punjab University and an M.A. in development economics from Harvard University.

### **Hossam Badrawi** **EGYPT**

Hossam Badrawi is a Professor at the Medical School of Cairo University and a member of the Policy Committee in the National Democratic Party. He served as a member of the Egyptian Parliament and chaired the committee of Education and Scientific Research for five years. Badrawi is also a member of the newly developed Supreme Council for Human Rights. He is a leader in the private health care sector, supporting major reforms, as well as a member of a number of leading NGOs in Egypt.

### **Alan R. Batkin** **UNITED STATES**

Alan R. Batkin has been Vice Chairman of Kissinger Associates, a geopolitical consulting firm that advises multi-national companies, since 1990. Previously, Batkin was an investment banker at Lehman Brothers, Inc., where he was Managing Director of corporate finance. Currently, Batkin is a Director of four New York Stock Exchange-listed companies and is Chairman of the Board of the Merrill Lynch IQ Investment Advisors Fund Complex. He is also Co-Chairman of the Board and Treasurer of the International Rescue Committee, a trustee and member of the Executive Committee of the Brookings Institution, and Chairman of the Brookings Budget and Finance Committee. He is a member of The Trilateral Commission, the Council on Foreign Relations, the Inter-American Dialogue, and the Pacific Council on International Policy. Batkin received his B.S. from the University of Rochester and an M.B.A. from New York University.

### **Rand Beers**

#### **UNITED STATES**

Rand Beers is President of the Coalition for American Leadership, Chairman of the Board of the Valley Forge Initiative, and an Adjunct Lecturer at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. During the 2004 presidential campaign, Beers advised the Kerry-Edwards campaign on national security issues. Prior to this, he was the Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Combating Terrorism on the National Security Council staff. From 1998 to 2002, Beers served as Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs. He served much of his career in the State Department's Bureau of Politico-Military Affairs, including as Office Director and Deputy Assistant Secretary for regional affairs. Beers received a B.A. in history from Dartmouth College and an M.A. in history from the University of Michigan.

### **Benazir Bhutto**

#### **PAKISTAN**

Benazir Bhutto is Chairperson of the Pakistan People's Party and former Prime Minister of Pakistan. She was the first woman to lead a modern Islamic nation. Bhutto became Prime Minister in 1988 and held the post until her government was dismissed in August 1990. She returned to power in October 1993 after her party won a majority in elections. She received a B.A. from Harvard University and an M.A. from Oxford University.

### **Max Boot**

#### **UNITED STATES**

Max Boot is Senior Fellow with Council on Foreign Relations, a columnist with *The Los Angeles Times* and a Contributing Editor to *The Weekly Standard*. From 1997 to 2002, Boot served as Editorial Features Editor at *The Wall Street Journal*. Prior to this, he was a writer and editor for the *Journal* and *The Christian Science Monitor*. Boot is author of *Savage Wars of Peace*, which was awarded the 2003 Wallace M. Greene Award for best nonfiction book on the Marine Corps. In 2004, he was named by the World Affairs Councils of America as one of "the 500 most influential people in the United States in the field of foreign policy." Boot received a B.A. in history from the University of California at Berkeley and an M.A. in history from Yale University.

### **John P. Boright**

#### **UNITED STATES**

John P. Boright is the Executive Director of the Office of International Affairs of the U.S. National Academies. From 1994 to 1995, he served as deputy to the Associate Director for National Security and International Affairs at the Office of Science and Technology Policy in the Executive Office of the President. From 1989 to 1994 he served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Science and Technology Affairs at the Department of State, overseeing U.S. science and technology agreements with other countries and international space policy. He received a B.A. and a Ph.D. in physics from Cornell University.

### **Mahmoud Bouneb**

#### **TUNISIA**

Mahmoud Bouneb serves as the Executive General Manager of *Al Jazeera Children's Channel*. Bouneb is a veteran Tunisian journalist who has worked in Europe, North America, and the Middle East for 30 years.

### **Mahdi Bray**

#### **UNITED STATES**

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### David Brooks UNITED STATES

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### **Elin Suleymanov** **AZERBAIJAN**

Elin Suleymanov was recently appointed as Azerbaijan's first Consul General to Los Angeles, California. Prior to that, he served as Senior Counselor at the Foreign Relations Department, Office of the President in Baku, Azerbaijan and as Press Officer for the Embassy of Azerbaijan in Washington, D.C. Before joining diplomatic service, Suleymanov worked with UNHCR in Azerbaijan and with the Open Media Research Institute in Prague, Czech Republic. A graduate of the Political Geography department of the Moscow State University, Suleymanov also holds graduate degrees from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University and the University of Toledo, Ohio.

### **El Hassan bin Talal**

#### **JORDAN**

Prince El Hassan bin Talal is a leading figure in Jordanian and Middle Eastern politics, a key figure in the search for Middle East peace and a leader in inter-religious dialogue. He was Crown Prince of Jordan to his brother, the late King Hussein, from April 1965 to January 1999, serving as the late king's closest political advisor, confidant and deputy, and as acting as Regent in the king's absence from the country. In addition to his many other activities, he has been a keen sponsor of youth projects, founding the Forum Humanum in 1982 (renamed, in 1988, the Arab Youth Forum); the Crown Prince Award in 1984 (renamed the El Hassan Youth Award in 1999), and its affiliate programme, the Sabilat El Hassan in 1988. The author of seven books he is also a qualified helicopter pilot. He has a BA from Christ Church, Oxford in Oriental Studies.

### **Puneet Talwar**

#### **UNITED STATES**

Puneet Talwar currently serves as a Senior Staff Member on the United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Prior to his current position, he was a Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellow. He served on the Policy Planning Staff of the U.S. Department of State from 1999 to 2001.

### **Amy Tan**

#### **UNITED STATES**

Amy Tan is a Chinese-American writer best known for her novel, *The Joy Luck Club*, which later became a feature film. Her other notable books include *The Kitchen God's Wife*, *The Hundred Secret Senses* and *The Bonesetter's Daughter*. Tan has also written a collection of non-fiction essays entitled *The Opposite of Fate: A Book of Musings*.

### **Shibley Telhami**

#### **UNITED STATES**

Shibley Telhami is a Non-Resident Senior Fellow at the Saban Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institution, a co-convenor of the Brookings Project on U.S. Policy Towards the Islamic World and the Anwar Sadat Professor for Peace and Development at the University of Maryland, College Park. Previously, he was an Associate Professor at Cornell University, and has held professorships at a number of other institutions. As a Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellow, he served as advisor to the United States delegation to the United Nations during the Iraq-Kuwait crisis. Telhami authored a report on Persian Gulf security for the Council on Foreign Relations, and co-drafted another Council report on the Arab-Israeli peace process. His most recent book is *The Stakes: America and the Middle East*. Telhami received a B.A. from Queens College, City University of New York and a Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley.

### **Chase Untermeyer**

#### **UNITED STATES**

Chase Untermeyer is the U.S. Ambassador to Qatar. Prior to his appointment, Untermeyer was Vice President for Government Affairs and Professor of Public Policy at the University of Texas Health Science Center. In 1981, Untermeyer was appointed Executive Assistant to then-Vice President George H.W. Bush. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War as a Destroyer Officer in the Pacific and as an aide to the Commander of U.S. naval forces in the Philippines. Untermeyer began his career as a political reporter for the *Houston Chronicle* and as a member of the Texas House of Representatives, to which he was elected in 1976 from a district in Houston. He received a B.A. in Government from Harvard University.

### **Toni G. Verstandig**

#### **UNITED STATES**

Toni G. Verstandig is a Senior Policy Advisor at the Center for Middle East Peace and Economic Cooperation. She previously served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Near Eastern Affairs at the State Department. In this capacity, Verstandig directed and coordinated U.S. bilateral relations and overall policy developments concerning Israel, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and the Palestinian Authority, as well as U.S. economic and commercial policies in the Middle East. She served for 17 years as senior staff to the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs in the U.S. House of Representatives. Verstandig is a graduate of Boston University and Stephens College.

### **Amina Wadud** **UNITED STATES**

Amina Wadud is an Associate Professor of Islamic Studies at Virginia Commonwealth University and author of *Qur'an and Woman: Rereading the Sacred Text from a Woman's Perspective*, the forthcoming *Inside the Gender Jihad: Reform in Islam*. An internationally known scholar on the subject of Islam and women, Wadud is also an expert on the influences of Islam in America. Her former appointments include professorships at the School of Divinity at Harvard University, the International Islamic University in Malaysia and the University of Qar Younis in Libya. She received a B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania, and an M.A. in near eastern studies and a Ph.D. in Islamic studies and Arabic from the University of Michigan.

### **Margaret Warner** **UNITED STATES**

Margaret Warner is a Senior Correspondent and substitute anchor for the PBS nightly news program, *The Newshour with Jim Lehrer*. Additionally, she is one of four co-anchors of *America Abroad*, an hour-long radio program devoted to foreign affairs aired on 90 public radio stations through Public Radio International. Warner joined *The Newshour* in 1993 after an award-winning career in print journalism. She spent ten years at *Newsweek* magazine, beginning as a Political and Campaign Correspondent, then serving as a White House Reporter, and finally as Chief Diplomatic Correspondent. Previously, she was a reporter for *The Wall Street Journal*, *The San Diego Union*, and *The Concord (N.H.) Monitor*. Warner received a B.A. from Yale University.

### **Muna Wassef** **SYRIA**

Muna Wassef is a noted Syrian actress and a UN goodwill ambassador to Syria. Her career was launched in 1960 when she held the lead role in the Armed Forces Theater production of *Green Perfume*. She married film director Mohammad Chahin in 1963 and a year later joined the National Theater in such productions as Moliere's *Don Juan*. Wassef gained international recognition after Syrian-American director Mustafa Akkad cast her as the leading female role, Hind, in *The Message*.

### **Lucas Welch** **UNITED STATES**

Lucas Welch is the President of Soliya, a nonprofit organization that uses new media technology to connect students at universities in the United States, Europe and predominantly Muslim countries, providing young adults with the cross-cultural knowledge, communication skills and international connections to improve relations between the West and the Muslim world. Welch previously worked for several years at *ABC News* on multiple documentaries for Peter Jennings. He has taught new media production at Birzeit University in the Palestinian Territories and spent considerable time working for *ABC News* in the Middle East.

### **Anne Wexler** **UNITED STATES**

Anne Wexler is Chair of the Executive Committee for Wexler and Walker Public Policy Associates, which specializes in strategic development, lobbying, coalition development and management, communications and grassroots activities. She founded the firm's predecessor, Wexler, Reynolds, Fuller, Harrison, and Schule in 1981 when she left the Carter White House, where she was Assistant to the President for Public Liaison. Wexler is also a Director of the Dreyfus Family of Funds, Wilshire Mutual Funds and the Methanex Corporation. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and the Boards of the Washington Economic Club and WETA. In 1989, Wexler received the Bryce Harlow Award, presented annually to the government relations professional who represents the highest standards of integrity and excellence. She holds a B.A. in history from Skidmore College.

### **Tamara Cofman Wittes** **UNITED STATES**

Tamara Cofman Wittes is a Research Fellow at the Saban Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institution. Previously, she was Director of Programs at the Middle East Institute and Middle East Specialist at the U.S. Institute of Peace. Her work has addressed a wide range of topics, including Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations, humanitarian intervention, and ethnic conflict. Her current research concerns U.S. policy towards democratization in the Arab world and the challenge of regional economic and political reform. She is the editor and a contributor to *How Israelis and Palestinians Negotiate: A Cross Cultural Analysis of the Oslo Peace Process* (2005). Wittes received a B.A. from Oberlin College, and an M.A. and Ph.D. from Georgetown University.

### **Robin Wright** **UNITED STATES**

Robin Wright, *The Washington Post's* Diplomatic Correspondent, is a Visiting Fellow at the Saban Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institution. During her time at the Saban Center, Wright will work on a book on the transformation of the Middle East. A veteran journalist who has reported from more than 130 countries, Wright has written books on Iran and militant Islam and won the United Nations correspondents' Gold Medal in 2003, the Edward Weintal Prize for Diplomatic Reporting in 2001, the National Magazine Award in 1989 for reportage from Iran in *The New Yorker* and the Overseas Press Club Award for her coverage of African wars.

### **Daniel Yankelovich** **UNITED STATES**

Daniel Yankelovich is Founder and Chair of three organizations: Public Agenda, DYG Inc., and Viewpoint Learning. He is also Director of Loral Space and Communications Inc. and Director *Emeritus* of CBS, US West, the Meredith Corporation, Diversified Energies, and ARKLA. He has authored ten books, including *Coming to Public Judgment*, *New Rules*, and *The Magic of Dialogue*. Yankelovich was a founding President of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He was educated at Harvard College, the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Harvard College and the Sorbonne in Paris.

### **Sami Yusuf** **UNITED KINGDOM**

Sami Yusuf is an artist and composer whose music has been released by Awakening Records. His debut album, *Al-Mu'allim*, sold over 1 million copies world-wide, and BBC has described him as "the UK's best Islamic singer." Yusuf has performed to sold out crowds in the United Kingdom, United States, France, Germany, Sweden, Canada, Egypt, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates. He studied music at the Royal Academy of Music in London.

### **Ian Zaider** **UNITED STATES**

Ian Zaider is President of IZ Management, Inc., a New York-based artist management firm. His clients have included such musicians as Madonna, Rod Stewart, Blondie and Junior Senior and multi-platinum producer Thomas Troelsen. Before IZ Management he was Director of Finance and Operations at Paradise Music and Entertainment. A member of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, he began his career at Triage International, a radio and retail marketing company promoting international artists and record labels in the United States. He has a B.A. in economics from Columbia University.

### **Mohd Annuar Bin Zaini** **MALAYSIA**

Mohd Annuar Bin Zaini is Chairman of the Malaysian National News Agency (BERNAMA). He is also a Visiting Fellow at the Institute of Strategic and International Studies, Malaysia, Fellow of the Social Institute of Malaysia, and member of the Accreditation Privy Council Institute of Public Relations. He began his career in the government service as an Administrative and Diplomatic Officer in 1977, serving the Malaysian Government at various ministries and departments and was the Senior Private Secretary to the Minister of Home Affairs. He received a B.A. in economics from the National University of Malaysia and an M.A. in law and diplomacy from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.