‘Caliph Ibrahim’ – Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi
Real name: Ibrahim Awwad Ali al-Badri al-Samarrai


Deputy, Iraq – Abu Muslim al-Turkmani
Real name: Fadl Ahmad Abdullah al-Hiyali

A former Lieutenant Colonel in the Iraqi Army and a former officer in the Iraqi Special Forces. From Tel Afar, Ninawa.


Deputy, Syria – Abu Ali al-Anbari
Real name: Unknown

A former Major General in the Iraqi Military from Anbar.

War Minister – Abu Suleiman
Real name: Nasser al-Din Allah Abu Suleiman


Chief of Syria military operations – Umar al-Shishani
Real name: Tarkhan Tayumurazovich Batirashvili

An ethnic Chechen Georgian national. Former Sergeant in Georgian military intelligence unit. Led Jaish al-Muhajireen wal Ansar in Syria before joining ISIS.

Image source: Official IS media content.
**Senior military commander – Abu Wahib**
Real name: Shaker Wahib al-Fahdawi


*Image source: Official IS media content.*

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**Chief Spokesman – Abu Mohammed al-Adnani**
Real name: Taha Sobhi Falaha

A Syrian national from Idlib who pledged allegiance to Abu Musab al-Zarqawi in 2002-2003. Has been a military instructor, Emir of Haditha and imprisoned by American forces in mid-2000s.

*Image Source: Official IS media content.*

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**Minister of General Management – Abu Abd al-Kadir**
Real name: Shawkat Hazm al-Farhat


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**Minister of Prisoners – Abu Mohammed**
Real name: Bashar Ismail al-Hamdani


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**Minister of General Security – Abu Louay / Abu Ali**
Real name: Abd al-Wahid Khadir Ahmad

**Minister of Finance – Abu Salah**
Real name: Muafaq Mustafa Mohammed al-Karmoush


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**Minister of General Coordination – Abu Hajjar al-Assafi**
Real name: Mohammed Hamid al-Dulaimi

Responsible for coordinating communications and the distribution of resources within the Islamic State.


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**Minister of Foreign Fighters & Suicide Bombers – Abu Kassem**
Real name: Abdullah Ahmad al-Mashadani


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**Minister for Social Services – Abu Saji**
Real name: Aouf Abd al-Rahman al-Arfi

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**Minister for Weapons – Abu Sima**
Real name: Faris Riyadh al-Nuaimi
Minister for Explosives – Abu Kifah
Real name: Khairy Abd al-Hamoud al-Ta'i

Governor of Baghdad – Abu Maysara
Real name: Ahmed Abd al-Kader al-Jazza

Governor of Anbar – Abu Abd al-Salem / Abu Mohammed al-Sweidawi
Real name: Adnan Latif Hamid al-Sweidawi

Governor of Salah ad Din – Abu Nabil
Real name: Wissam Abdu Zaid al-Zubaidi

Governor of Kirkuk – Abu Fatima
Real name: Naima Abd al-Naif al-Jouburi

Governor of South & Central Euphrates – Abu Fatima
Real name: Ahmed Mohsen Khalal al-Juhayshi


Governor of “Border Provinces” – Abu Jurnas
Real name: Rathwan Talib Hussein Ismail al-Hamdani


Governor of Ninawa – Unknown
Real name: Unknown

Governor of Raqqa – Abu Luqman
Real name: Ali Moussa al-Hawikh

A Syrian national released from prison during President Assad’s amnesties in the summer of 2011.

Governor of Aleppo – Abu Atheer al-Absi
Real name: Unknown

Younger brother of Firas al-Abasi (also known as Sheikh Abu Mohammed al-Abasi), who was assassinated by Kataib al-Farouq in Syria in August 2012. Some reports claim Abu Atheer may have been redeployed elsewhere, possibly to Homs.
Governor of Deir ez Zour – Haji Abd al-Nasser
Real name: Unknown

Governor of Damascus – Unknown
Real name: Unknown

Governor of Homs – Abu Shuayb al-Masri
Real name: Unknown

Governor of Al-Barakah (Hasakah) – Abu Usama al-Iraqi
Real name: Unknown

Senior facilitator & financier – Abu Umar
Real name: Tariq Bin al-Tahar Bin al-Falih al-Awni al-Harzi

A Tunisian senior facilitator responsible for recruitment of foreign fighters and collection of finance, based in Syria.
Chief of Media Operations
Real name: Ahmad Abousamra

A Syrian-American national credited with managing ISIS’ media operations, allegedly from Aleppo.

Image source: FBI, Most Wanted Terrorists.

Senior military official – Abu Ahmed al-Alwani
Real name: Walid Jassim al-Alwani

A former Iraqi Army officer.

Sharia official – Abu Hummam al-Athari
Real name: Turki al-Binali


Image source: Official IS media content.

Coordinator of Prisoners & Women’s Affairs – Abu Suja
Real name: Abd al-Rahman al-Afari

Image source: “Revealed: the Islamic State ‘cabinet’”, The Telegraph, 9 July 2014

Senior commander – Abu Abdullah al-Kosofi
Real name: Lavdrim Muhaxheri

A Kosovar Albanian ISIS commander, operational in both Syria and Iraq.

Image source: Official IS media content.
Senior commander – Abu Khattab al-Kurdi
Real name: Unknown

An Iraqi Kurd thought to have led the offensive on Kobane, Syria in September and October 2014.

Image source: Official IS media content.

Senior commander – Abu Jandal al-Masri
Real name: Unknown

A senior Egyptian commander who led the siege and capture of Minnagh Airbase in Aleppo in August 2013.

Image source: Official IS media content.

Senior commander – Abu Huzaifa al-Yemeni
Real name: Unknown

A prominent Yemeni commander with operational history in both Anbar, Iraq and Raqqa, Syria.

Image source: Official IS media content.

Explosives expert – Abu Omar al-Qirdash
Real name: Unknown

An ethnic Turkmen and former Iraqi Army officer with militant command experience in Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon.

Senior official – Abu Omar “the boxer”
Real name: Unknown

An Iraqi national who escaped prison in Tikrit in September 2012 and has since led operations in Idlib & Aleppo.
Senior official – Abu Nasser al-Amni
Real name: Mahmoud al-Khadir
A senior official in Raqqa. Extremely secretive, known for not uncovering his face & wearing gloves to cover skin tone.

Senior official – Abu Musab al-Hallous
Real name: Khalaf al-Thiyabi Hallous
A Syrian national credited with managing ISIS’ takeover of Raqqa in 2013.

Prominent member
Real name: Salim Benghalem

End note:
This appendix has been compiled using information gleaned from open sources and the author’s personal research, which was concluded on October 20, 2014. The Islamic State is ordinarily very transparent regarding the death of members, including senior commanders, and it is therefore assumed these named individuals are still alive. However, since the initiation of international strikes in Iraq and Syria, the death of such individuals cannot be discounted. Moreover, the replacement of individuals is also distinctly possible.

Additional sources:
