

MOHAMMAD JASSEM AL-SAGER

Date of Birth : 9 June 1951
Social Status : Married
Qualifications : BA Economics
Whittier College, California, USA (1975)

Present Activities

2020 : President of Kuwait Chamber of Commerce & Industry
2018 : Chairman of the board of trustees of LOYAC
LOYAC is a leader in the Arab World of a nonprofit organization working towards the overall development of the youth
2009 : Chairman of Council For Arab And International Relations
2014 : President of the Egyptian – Kuwaiti Cooperation Council
2011 : Board Member of Atheer Telecom Iraq
2011 : Chairman of Honeywell in Kuwait
2008 : Founder of Al Mustaqbal Investment Co. in Kuwait
2008 : Founder, Chairman and Managing Director of Dhow Capital Holding in Kuwait
2007 : Kuwaiti publisher and Founder of Al Jarida, a daily Kuwaiti Newspaper
2007 : Founder of Al Azminah Holding Company, a Kuwaiti private holding Company
1981 : Founder and Managing Partner of Dana Real Estate Company, (established 1981). Dana Real Estate is a Kuwaiti Company established with limited liability, active in Real Estate and Trading of listed and unlisted securities in most of the sectors of the economy in Kuwait and abroad.

Prior experience and positions

2018 : Board member and vice chairman of Kuwait Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Dec 2005 - Apr 2009 : **Speaker of the first Arab Parliament.**
(Elected in December 27th 2005 as the first Speaker of the first Arab Parliament, and re-elected on September 2008. He resigned on April 26th 2009 as he decided not to run for the renewal of his election in the Kuwait National Assembly 2009.

1999 – 2009 : **Member of Kuwait Parliament,** *(Elected on July 3rd 1999)*

And from Feb 2012
until June 2012

Well known for his support of issues related to promoting the development of democracy, the economy of Kuwait and calling for greater freedoms.

- Assumed the following posts during his membership in the Kuwait National Assembly :

1999 - 2009 : *Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs*

02/2012-06/2012 : *Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs*

1999 - 2001 : *Member of the Committee on Finance & Economic Affairs*

1999 - 2001 : *Member of the Committee on the Protection of Public Funds*

2000 -2006 : *Elected by majority as Vice President of Inter-Parliamentary Group*

2001- 2003 : *Member of the Committee on the Affairs of Education, Culture and Guidance.*

2005 – 2006 : *Member of the Committee on Women Affairs.*

Note : *Acting Speaker during September 2000 – January 2004 and August 2005.*

- Presided and participated in many delegation representing Kuwait in Arab and international conferences as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and vice president of Kuwait's IPU national group.
- Organized and participated in a number of seminars and conferences dealing with the economic, political, and sporting situation in the region.

2000 – 2004 : Member of the Executive Committee of the IPU. (He is the first member of Kuwait parliament representing the Arab group in the IPU. (Elected October 20th, 2000 in Jakarta)

2001 – 2012 : Member of the board of trustees of the Institute for Palestine Studies.

1992 – 2012 : Member of US / Middle East Project in New York, part of the board of trustees of Council on Foreign Relations in New York .
(considered one of the largest research centers in the world)

2001 : Member of the Union of International Parliamentarians defending the Palestinian cause.

- 1999 – 2006** : Member of the board of trustees for “Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashed Al-Maktoom Prize” for Arab Journalism based in Dubai.
- 2006 – 2009** : Vice President of the board for “Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashed Al-Maktoom Prize” for Arab Journalism based in Dubai.
- 1983 – 1999** : Chief Editor of Al-Qabas Newspaper
(One of the leading newspaper in the Arab World)
- 1985 – 1990** : Chief Editor of Al-Qabas International Newspaper
(Edition issued in London and Paris)

In 21 October 1992 in New York, Awarded the Free Press Award by the Committee Defending of International Journalists for his firm position and defense of press and democracy in Kuwait.

Selected the personality of the year by the Higher Committee of Sheikh Mubarak Al-Hamad Award for Journalistic Excellence in its 10th session for the year 2018 in Kuwait.

Selected the personality of the year in the Arab Journalism Award at its 18th session organized by the Dubai Press Club in the United Arab Emirates.

- 1971 – 1972** : Member of Kuwait Students Union in Beirut.
- 1975 – 1980** : Worked in Industrial Bank of Kuwait
(Became Corporate Finance Manager in 1979).
- 1989 – 1991** : Board member of Kuwait Journalist Society.
- 1977 – 1989** : Board member of Kuwait Sporting Club.
- 1994 – 2000** : Chairman of Kuwait Sporting Club.
- 1980 – 1991** : Board member of Kuwait Airways Corporation.
- 1995 – 1998** : Vice Chairman of First National Bank of Lebanon.
- 1980 – 1997** : Chairman & Managing Director
Coast Investment & Development Co., KSC
(established in 1980)
- 1997 – 2007** : Founder, Chairman and Managing Director of Al-Mal Investment Company, (established in 1997).
- 2007** : Board Member : “Al Khaliji Commercial Bank” , a Qatari Commercial Bank capitalized at 7.2 billion Qatari Riyal.
- 2016 - 2018** : Chairman of Gulf Bridge International GBI - Qatar.

2011 - 2019 : Board Member of Al Qabas newspaper.

Has held many interviews, while chief editor of Al Qabas newspaper, with presidents, premiers and leaders of many countries:

- **Interviews have included :-**

- ❖ President Ronald Reagan (USA)
- ❖ President George Bush (USA)
- ❖ President Bill Clinton (USA)
- ❖ Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher UK)
- ❖ President Francois Mitterand (France)
- ❖ President Nicolay Sawshisko (Romania)
- ❖ President Kurt Waldheim (Austria)
- ❖ President Yang Shang Kon (China)
- ❖ President Carlos Menem (Argentina)
- ❖ President Daniel Ortiga (Panama)
- ❖ President Hosni Mubarak (Egypt)
- ❖ King Fahad Ben Abdul Aziz (Saudi Arabia)
- ❖ President Hafez Al Assad (Syria)
- ❖ King Hussein Ben Talal (Jordan)
- ❖ King Al Hassan Al-Thani (Morocco)
- ❖ Colonel Muammar Qaddafi (Libya)
- ❖ Prime Minister Al Sadek Al Mahdi (Sudan)
- ❖ President Ahmad Weld Al Taye (Moritania)
- ❖ President Saddam Hussein (Iraq)
- ❖ President Elias Al Hrawi (Lebanon)
- ❖ President Ameen Al Gemayel (Lebanon)

Family Background

The Al-Sager family is a merchant and political family in the Gulf. The family is a major shareholder in the National Bank of Kuwait, one of the top three banks in the Arab world, and it owns 20% of Al-Qabas newspaper and 100% of Al Jarida Newspaper, as well as having major shareholdings in the banking, investment, telecom (major shareholders in Zain Iraq) and industrial sectors of Kuwait and the Gulf. The family is the commercial agent for Pepsi-Cola, Chevron, Samsung, Hundai, Peugeot, Mazda, Areva, Honeywell and Microsoft, as well as several other well-known products and principals.

Mohammed Al-Sager's Grandfather was the first speaker of Al Shura Parliament in 1921, his uncle, Abdulaziz Al-Sager, was the founder of the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce in 1958 and was its Chairman from 1958 to 1998. He was also the first Speaker of the Kuwaiti Parliament in 1962 and the first Minister of Health.

Mohammed Al-Sager's father, Jassem Al-Sager, was a Member of Parliament and the Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Kuwaiti Parliament from 1971 to 1996.