

Juma Inad

Summary

Juma Inad was appointed Iraqi defence minister on 7 May 2020 by PM Mustafa Al-Kadhimi. Inad, a member of the powerful Sunni Juburi tribe, has served in the Iraqi military throughout his career, climbing the ranks. He played an important role in the military operation to oust the Islamic State (IS) from Salahaddin province in 2016. He was born in a village in the province in 1956.

Education

Master's and bachelor's degrees in Military Science, as well as a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering

Attended military training in the former Soviet Union

Attended various air defence military training courses.

Media and affiliations

He is not known to have any particular political affiliations.

Family

Inad is a member of the largely Sunni Jubur (also Jabur) tribe, one of the largest tribes in Iraq. Many members of the tribe have been appointed to high-profile positions, particularly in the north of the country.

He has two sons, Abdul-Halim and Abdul-Rahman, who both work for the Salahaddin police force.

There have been claims that Inad's close family members are linked to the IS: Inad's brother Abdul-Razaq is allegedly the IS finance minister and two other brothers, Abdul-Rahman and Abdul-Ghani, are accused of assisting or belonging to the IS, according to Al-Hadath news website. On 3 June 2020, a video was released apparently showing Abdul-Razaq denying any affiliation to the IS. He said that he was a fighter for the Tribal Mobilisation Forces of Al-Ithah, Salahaddin, and that the allegations were part of a campaign to discredit his brother, the new defence minister.

When faced with allegations about his family members, Inad has commented that it is not unusual in Iraq for families to be split between those who support Islamist organizations and those who fight against them.

His brother Abdul-Rahman Al-Juburi was appointed chief of the Ninawa Popular Mobilization Forces (PMF) in Mosul on 30 June 2015.

Languages

Arabic

Alternative names and spellings

Juma Inad Saadun Khattab al-Juburi; Juma Inad al-Juburi

Timeline

2020, 2 June

According to documents that were said to be leaked from the intelligence services and dated December 2018, Inad was involved in extra-judicial violence, including the killing of four civilians. The allegation was reported by Al-Alam al-Jadid website. Inad has also been accused of assisting and protecting Islamic State (IS) members, including his brother Abdul-Razaq al-Juburi, in addition to other security breaches, according to Al-Hal website. He also caused controversy by saying that 80 per cent of IS members were from Iraq's largely Sunni western provinces. In a clarification the Defence Ministry said that the newly appointed minister meant that 80 per cent of IS members had fled to western provinces

2020, 7 May

He is [appointed defence minister](#) by newly appointed Iraqi PM Mustafa Al-Kadhimi

2019, 4 April

Former PM Adel Abdul-Mahdi promotes Inad to Ground Forces commander, succeeding retired Major-General Numan Al-Zubai

2016, 21 July

He is appointed as the head of the Al-Sharqat Liberation Operation against IS, Salahaddin province

2015, 6 May

Inad is promoted by PM Haidar Al-Abadi to the post of Salahaddin operations commander, replacing General Abdul-Wahab Al-Sadi. He is the first person from Salahaddin province to be appointed to the role, as part of Abadi's initiative to increase Sunni participation in the military

2014

He is appointed deputy commander of Salahaddin operations

2013, 28 November

Inad survives an assassination attempt in Tikrit as a car bomb targets his convoy

2013

He is appointed Salahaddin police chief

2004

He is appointed deputy commander of the Iraqi Border Forces

2001

Inad is appointed chief of staff of the Iraqi General Infantry Division

2000

He works for a year as a lecturer at the Iraqi Military Academy

1997

Serves as infantry brigade commander

1996

Serves as commander of a commando brigade

1956

He is born in the village of Al-Ithah, near Sharqat, Salahaddin province.