

Personal Data

- Nationality: Maldives
- Date of birth: 1964

Current Positions

- United Nations Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief, since 2016
- Deputy Director, Human Rights Centre and Lecturer, School of Law, University of Essex, since 2014
- Human Rights, Big Data and Technology Project, University of Essex, since 2015

Education

- PhD International Relations, University of Queensland, Australia, 1995
- BScEcon (Hons) International Politics and Strategic Studies, University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, United Kingdom, 1989

Experience

- United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran 2011-2016
- Visiting Professor of Human Rights Practice, University of Essex, 2012-2014
- Visiting Lecturer of Political Science, City University of New York, Brooklyn College, 2012-2016
- Visiting Lecturer, Maldives National University, 2011
- Advisor to the President on de-radicalisation, Maldives 2011-2012
- Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Maldives, 2005-2007 & 2008-2010
- Member, Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group, 2009-2010
- Member, Constitutional Assembly, Maldives 2004-2007
- Director, Human Rights and Good Governance Project, Office of the President, Maldives, 2003-2007
- Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Maldives, 1999-2004
- Governor for the Maldives, Common Fund for Commodities 1999-2004
- Group of Eminent Persons, South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation, Kathmandu, 1997-1998
- Director/National Focal Point for South Asian Regional Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Maldives, 1995-1998

Other Affiliations

- Member, Advisory Committee on the role of religious leaders in countering incitement to violence, UN Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect since 2015
- Chair, Board of Trustees, Universal Rights Group, Geneva, since 2013
- Honorary Professor, AAB-Riinvest University, Pristina, Kosovo, since 2010
- Founding Chair, Open Society Association of Maldives & New Maldives Movement, 2005-2009
- Member, Maldivian Democratic Party, 2009-2016

Awards and Honours

- Leo Nevas Human Rights (Global Leadership) Award, UN Foundation, 2015
 - Presidential Medal of Gratitude, Albania, 2010
 - Muslim Democrat of the Year, Centre for the Study of Islam and Democracy, Washington DC, 2009
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