

SAFAA KHALAF

Investigative journalist

Crisis analysis researcher



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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Writer and journalist versed in Investigative journalistic, current affairs, reporting on themes in emerging news stories, professional editor, political analyst and sociologist, 20 years track record in print, radio, television, and digital media.

Experience in enhancing traditional and digital communications tools to generate viewership, engage target audiences and represent brands whilst following editorial guidelines.

Long-practised in field journalism, managing newsrooms, creating content, leading field teams, developing plans and codes of professional and ethical conduct for the media. Had worked as Editor-in-Chief, Executive Director, and Media Adviser and written several books on politics and culture. political analyses pieces have been translated into English, France, German, Spanish, Persian.

ACADEMIC HISTORY

BASRA UNIVERSITY - IRAQ

BA in History of Civilizations and Islamic History. 2002 - 2006.

THE IRAQI INSTITUTE FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES - BEIRUT

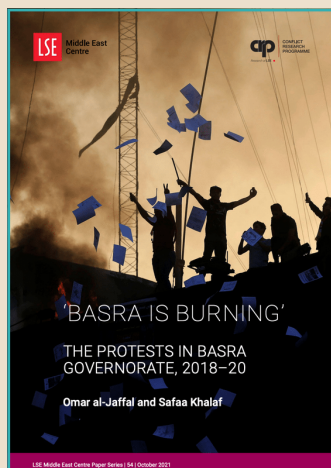
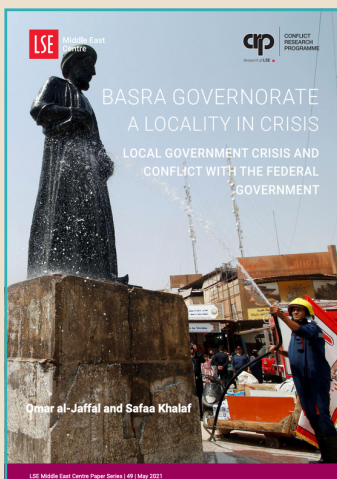
Studies specialized in social sciences. 2008.

RECENT RESEARCH EXPERIENCE: 2018 - 2022

THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR FOR A RESEARCH PROJECT ON IRAQ/ CONFLICT RESEARCH PROGRAMME - LSE (2018 - 2021).

1 BASRA GOVERNORATE: A LOCALITY IN CRISIS. LOCAL GOVERNMENT CRISIS AND CONFLICT WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



2 BASRA IS BURNING: THE PROTESTS IN BASRA GOVERNORATE, 2018-2020.

AWARDS

FRANCE MÉDIAS MONDE - CFI

Winner of (Naseej 2017) award for best investigative article on issues of cultural diversity and the persecution of minorities in the Middle East.

KURT SCHORK MEMORIAL FUND

Short Listed by the Reuters Foundation as a finalist for the 2018 Kurt Schork Memorial Awards in its local reporter category.

● ORGANIZER OF A WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF IRAQI PROTESTS SPONSORED BY THE MALCOLM CARE - CARNEGIE MIDDLE EAST CENTER - BEIRUT - JULY 2018.

● IRAQ'S WATER CRISIS: CLIMATE CHANGE LEADS TO MIGRATION AND CIVIL STRIFE

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INVESTIGATION WRITTEN WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE CANDID FOUNDATION - SUMMER 2021.



● IRAQ WATER CRISIS THE DYNAMICS OF REGIONAL CONFLICT AND THE DANGERS OF CIVIL STRIFE.

REWAQ CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY - IRAQ. SUMMER 2021.

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PLACE OF BIRTH: BASRA - IRAQ

1982/02/24

LANGUAGES:

ARABIC: FLUENT

ENGLISH: GOOD

NORSK: INTERMEDIATE



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STAVANGER 4012,
NORWAY

ACTIVITIES

★ MEMBER OF THE IRAQI WRITERS UNION

★ MEMBER OF THE IRAQI POETRY HOUSE

BBC 2007

Training course by BBC, funded by the British Office of Reconstruction of Iraq. (Jordan, Amman).

UN 2007

Associate Member of the conference (assessment of Iraqi media) sponsored by the United Nations. (Jordan, Amman).

WORLD JOURNALISM FORUM 2018

Participated in the First World Press Forum held in Tunis (November 2018) that is sponsored by the French Agency for Media Development (CFI), Reporters Without Borders, UNESCO and Thomson Reuters.

CFI 2014

Six-month training course funded by CFI in association with Samir Kassir Foundation on the development of electronic platforms and improving the content and marketing of Investigative Journalism. (Beirut, Lebanon).

FRANCE 24 2015

Participatory training course in France Media Monde, sponsored by the French Foreign Ministry in Paris.

FIRST AID 2018

A medical ambulance and evacuation course for journalists in conflict and war zones implemented by Samir Kassir Foundation and supported by the US Embassy, Beirut, Lebanon.

DIGITAL SECURITY 2019

A training course on digital security to protect journalists from the infiltration, prosecution and surveillance of authorities and employing entities. (US Embassy Beirut, Lebanon).

GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: 2014 - 2017

- THE NATIONAL COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA COMMISSION OF IRAQ, HEAD OF MEDIA MONITORING DEPARTMENT (BAGHDAD-IRAQ): 2014 - 2017.
- MEMBER OF THE HIGHER GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDIA OPERATIONS AGAINST ISIS: 2014 - 2015.
- DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR REGULATING THE AUDIOVISUAL SECTOR IN IRAQ: 2015

JOURNALISM ETHICS

- Writing a guide to professional ethics for the media in Iraq in cooperation with the Media and Communications Commission (CMC) and the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC).
- Writing a guide for managing religious speech in the Arab media, in cooperation with the League of Arab States and the Arab Broadcasting Union in Tunis (2016).

PUBLICATIONS Sample books

- A BLONDE NEGRO, A POETRY COLLECTION, BAGHDAD (2011).
- REED MASKS, A CRITICAL READING OF THE PSYCHOLOGY OF PROSE POEM, BAGHDAD - DAMASCUS (2012).
- IRAQ AFTERMATH OF ISIS: A CRISES OF OPTIMISM (2014 - 2018), BAGHDAD - BEIRUT (2019).

The book discusses the persistent political and social unrest in Iraq and the repercussions of this on the state and society. It also explores dominant themes in post-isis Iraq, including political deadlock as part of the 2018 parliamentary elections; the crisis of national identity; the rise of Iranian-backed Shiite militias. In addition, there is a discussion on the destruction of the city of Mosul; the Kurdistan region's secession crisis; the protest outbreak in the southern port city of Basra; the environmental crisis and the competition over trade routes in western Iraq between Iran and the United States.

- IN EXILE: NEW ARAB VOICES, SCREAMING BOOKS PUBLISHING, COPENHAGE, DENMARK (2019).
- THE SEAGULL TATTOOS; IRAQI DANISH NOVELIST HAMID AL-UQABI. BAGHDAD (2019).
- CENTRALIZED AND DECENTRALIZED CONFLICT IN BASRA. A COLLABORATION WITH THE INSTITUTE FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES, BEIRUT, LEBANON (2010).
- CLOSE TO A ROOFTOP DEEP IN THE SKY, POETIC MEMOIRS. SHAHRYAR PUBLISHING. BASRA, IRAQ (2022).



WRITING AND ANALYSIS EXPERIENCE

ANALYTICAL ARTICLES AND INVESTIGATION OF IRAQI AFFAIRS AND THE MIDDLE EAST REGION (Samples)

CURRENT AFFAIRS ANALYST

sky news عربية

CURRENT HISTORY A Journal of Contemporary World Affairs

Gulf House



البيت الخليجي

Washington Post

MEE MIDDLE EAST EYE



openDemocracy

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THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE



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