

**Speaker of the House of Representatives Mahmoud al-Mashhadani
Tawafuq (National Dialogue Front)**



- Full name is Mahmoud Dawoud Salman Musa Zurayr al-Mashhadani
- Born in Al-Kazimiyah
- Completed primary, elementary, and secondary education in Al-Kazimiyah
- Admitted to the Faculty of Medicine at Baghdad University
- Graduated in 1972 with the rank of first lieutenant as a resident physician
- Climbed the ladder of military ranks until he became a major
- He was the commander of the seventh field medical unit and then the commander of the sixth field medical unit
- Three months after the outbreak of the Iraqi-Iranian war, he was arrested with a group of his companions, who were then activists in the Islamic current, for opposing the Iran-Iraq War
- Sentenced to two years of imprisonment on charges of promoting ideas against the public trend as well as against the [Ba'ath] Party and the Revolutionary Command Council [RCC]
- He was released from jail after a year and a half for good conduct. However, he was dismissed from the army and had all assets confiscated. Furthermore, he was banned from traveling
- After the travel ban against him was lifted at a later time, he traveled to Kurdistan, where he says he "met with the Islamic movement figures, led by Sheikh Ali Abd-al-Aziz"
- He was sentenced to death in 2000 following acts of disturbance, but the sentence was commuted to 15 years of imprisonment because the head of the Revolutionary Court could not find hard evidence that he committed a crime punishable by the death penalty. He spent two years in prison only because he was released in "the year of amnesty"
- A co-founder of the Higher Council for Call and Guidance and head of its political bureau A co-founder of the Iraqi National Dialogue Council [NDC], which contributed to the establishment of the Iraqi Front for National Dialogue.
- Elected to Council of Representatives in December 2005.
- Elected Speaker in April 2006.