

## A Cavalier Dismounts

Bu-Safi, a man of the State and of philanthropy, as well as a member of the Board of Directors of PAMA. He is Mr. AbdulAziz AbdulRazzaq Al-Mutawa. This wonderful and serene man, with his firm determination in work, was born in 1932 in Freij al-Qana'at to a noble family with which I still hold close friendships with many of its men. Bu-Safi was formerly the Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Justice, as well as a member in the Board of Directors of Bayt Zakat. My business relationship with him began through the studies I used to present, whether related to my father's charity money or any consultations I was asked to give at that time.

I had already been assigned to prepare the five-year strategy for PAMA in 1995, but my journey with PAMA began since my father's death in 1965 and continues until today. Through my work in managing and developing my father's charity fund, my journey with PAMA has been filled with ups and downs; some times of affection, and others in the courts. Nonetheless, these bumps did not change the mutual and firm respect between us heirs and the Board of Directors. Any dispute we might have had with the board never crossed the lines of professionalism and Bu-Safi remained a trustworthy man whose opinion I cared about deeply. Some of his qualities I admire are his precision, carefully reading each and every thing he writes, and his fastidious preparation for meetings. Even as he grew older, none of his habits or qualities changed one bit. Even at our very last meeting a month ago, there was no change in his manner or style of negotiation. Truth be told, in preparing any memorandum to be presented to the Council, I would revise it while picturing Bu-Safi sitting right in front of me in order to guarantee, as much as possible, that I would have an answer for his precise and predictable questions.