

Bu-Fahad

Counselor Abdulrahman Al-Namash is current head of the Anti-Corruption Authority; but before that, he was an adviser in the Appellate court; and even before that he was the Assistant Undersecretary of PAMA, the position he held when I first met him. From the first encounter, I saw a man of morals whose hands are clean from dirty money. As for his skill in the field of business, words could not do him justice. You can go ahead and ask any employee or customer and you will get the same opinion: "What a decent man, Bu-Fahad is." Even after he quit PAMA and returned to the judiciary, my good relationship with him continued all these years until he accepted his last position with the Anti-Corruption Authority. I don't hide that my happiness for him is shaded with a sincere concern coming from a place of love and care, because establishing any department from scratch will always be a risky task. But he humbly tells me: "This is a national responsibility that I have to hold, and I am fully aware of all the difficulties I am going to face."

I met him a few days ago by chance in my first visit to Adel Al-Zawawi's Media Council, and among the audience was an exceptional group of intellectuals and politicians of the country. At first, the attendees were all talking about the Ministry of Health, but then once Bu-Fahad arrived, the subject changed to the talk of the town: The Anti-Corruption Authority. As a band new institution without staff or even an office, the Anti-Corruption Authority got off to a slow start as they tried to establish and develop the body. The public was becoming impatient with the progress and everyone at the media council started saying his piece. One of them asked, "Why haven't you caught anyone yet?" And another asked, "Shouldn't you all just resign?" And so on and so on. As for me, I kept silent because I don't care