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# Islam and Terrorism

**Abdul Karim M. Pharaon**

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Abdul Karim M. Pharaon received his Supreme Court appointment in May 2005. Pharaon has represented Jordan in conferences and seminars all over the world, presenting legal and judicial topics relating to Jordanian laws and Islamic Sharia. During his legal career, Pharaon served on the Court of Cassation and at the Court of Appeals in Amman, Jordan. Prior to that he was in private practice (1982–2000), where he represented many international and national firms, corporations, and individuals in civil, commercial, and business matters. He managed the legal affairs at Bendix Field Engineering, a contractor to the U.S. Corps of Engineers (later merged with Allied Signal) in Saudi Arabia and Yemen (1975–82). Pharaon is a faculty member and a member of the Advisory Board at the ABA/CEELI Institute in Prague, Czech Republic and has participated in teaching programs for judges from both Iraq and Afghanistan. He is also on the Advisory Board of the International Association for Court Administration. Born in Bethany (Al Aizarieh), a suburb of Jerusalem, he received an LLB from Damascus University in Syria (1972). Pharaon and his wife are the parents of five children: two boys (both lawyers) and three girls, who are all married, and they have eight grandchildren.