

Barham Salih

Barham Salih is the ninth president of the Republic of Iraq, a position he has held since he was confirmed by Parliament in October 2018. Prior to that, Salih assumed several high-ranking positions in the Iraqi federal government. From 2005 to 2009, he served as the deputy prime minister for economic affairs and the head of the economic committee. In 2005, Salih served as the minister of planning in the Iraqi transitional government, and in 2004 as deputy prime minister in Iraq's interim government. He also served as the prime minister of the Iraqi Kurdish region from 2009 to 2011. Between 2001 and 2004, Salih was also the prime minister of the Kurdish Regional Government in Sulaymaniyah. He is the founder of the American University of Iraq, Sulaimani. Salih earned his bachelor's degree in civil engineering and construction from the University of Cardiff and his doctorate of engineering in statistics and computer applications from the University of Liverpool. He is fluent in Arabic, Kurdish, and English languages.