

Amin Mekki Medani
Advocate & Commissioner for Oaths

Professional Resume

Expert in International human rights, lawyer, policy analyst, organizational manager, development cooperation specialist, law professor, advocate and organizer. Thirty-five years of relevant experience at the academic, judicial, governmental, non-governmental, regional and international levels. Professional and managerial experience in the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, the World Bank, the Arab Fund for Economic Development in Africa. Former Cabinet Minister, Magistrate and lecturer in Law. Executive Board member of six non-governmental human rights organizations and professional legal association. 1991 recipient of the Human Rights Watch Award for Human Rights Monitoring. 1991 Recipient of the American Bar Association Human Rights Award, on behalf of the Sudan Bar Association, Expert member of International Evaluation Missions for the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (Cambodia), the Ford Foundation and the International Commission of Jurists. Strong managerial and organizational skills. Fluent in English and Arabic, with a working knowledge of French and Swahili.

Education

- Ph.D., University of Edinburgh, 1970 (Comparative Criminal Law)
- LL.M. (Distinction), University of London, 1965
- LL.B. (Honours), University of Khartoum, 1962
- Dipl. Civ.L. (Civil Law) University of Luxembourg, 1964

Skills

- Organizational Management, having served in managerial capacities in a number of governmental, non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations of varying size and mandates.
- Policy analysis, derived from professional service with academic institutions, human rights organizations and government posting.
- Language, including fluency in English and Arabic, and a working knowledge of French and Swahili.
- Development Cooperation, as an experienced manager of technical cooperation programmes in a variety of economic and social fields.
- International Legal Research, Writing, Analysis and Advocacy, as an international lawyer, legal advisor, law professor, and magistrate.

Employment

LAW FIRM OF ELKARIB AND MEDANI KHARTOUM

Senior Partner, Human Rights Lawyer

The Firm is specialized in corporate and commercial law, investments, tax, labour and arbitration including through the ICC, Paris.

1978 to date

OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS BEIRUT, LEBANON

Representative, Regional Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights for the Arab Region, Beirut

February 2002 –October 2004

UNITED NATIONS ASSISTANCE MISSION IN AFGHANISTAN AFGHANISTAN

Legal advisor to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Afghanistan (UNAMA) on Law Reform in Afghanistan, 2002.

Legal advisor to the Special Representative of the U.N Secretary-General in Iraq, August 2003 disrupted by the terrorist explosion.

OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ZAGHREB, CROATIA

Chief of Mission

March 2001- February 2002

OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS WEST BANK AND GAZA OFFICE

Chief Technical Advisor and Head of the Office

May 1997 to March 2001

ARAB FUND FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT KUWAIT

Legal Advisor

1995 to 1997

EGYPTIAN BAR ASSOCIATION CAIRO

Advocate

1991 to 1995

DEMOCRATIC TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT OF SUDAN KHARTOUM

Cabinet Minister

(portfolio for peace, reconciliation, and elections)

1985 – 1986

**ARAB BANK FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA
KHARTOUM**

General Counsel

1976 to 1978

**WORLD BANK
WASHINGTON D.C.**

Attorney

1975 to 1976

**UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES
GENEVA AND TANZANIA**

Legal advisor and Acting Representative in Tanzania

1971 to 1975

UNIVERSITY OF KHARTOUM , FACULTY OF LAW

Senior Scholar and Lecturer in Public Law

1965 to 1971

**JUDICIARY OF SUDAN
KHARTOUM**

Magistrate

1962 to 1963

Organizational Activities and Affiliations

- President of the Arab Organization For Human Rights, Board of Trustees Cairo 2004 to date.
- President, Sudan Human Rights Organization (in exile), London 1992 to May 1999 (founding member and active participant)
- Chairman, Sudan Human Rights Monitor, Khartoum, 2008 to date.
- Permanent Bureau, Arab Lawyers Union, Cairo, 1992 to 2003.
- Board of Directors, CIVICUS-World Civil Society Organization, Washington D.C., 1993-1995.
- President, African American Lawyers Association, Washington D.C., 1993 to 1995.
- Member Executive Council, Sudan Bar Association , 1988 to 1989 (banned in 1989) .

- Chairman, Sudanese Popular Organization for the Defence of Democracy and National Unity, Khartoum, 1986 to 1989 (banned in 1989) .
- Vice-President, Arab Centre for Independence of lawyers and Judges, Cairo, 1997 to date .
- Member, Board of Trustees, Regional Program for Human Rights Activities, Cairo 1998 to date .
- NGO Representative, World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, 1993
- NGO Representative, OAU Commission on Human and People's Rights (various sessions), Banjul.
- NGO Representative, UN Commission on Human Rights, Geneva, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995.
- Member, UN Centre for Human Rights Evaluation Mission to assess a human rights assistance project and OHCHR Office in Cambodia, 1996.
- Member, Ford Foundation Evaluation Team to review the work of the International Commission of Jurists.
- Member, International Commission of Enquiry, Israeli – Lebanese War, 2006.
- Author, International Commission of Jurists background Report on the situation of human rights in the Sudan in preparation for an ICJ mission
- Liaison, collaboration and support for various human rights missions and activities of Amnesty International, International Commission of Jurists. Human Rights Watch, Lawyers Committee for Human Rights, International Federation of Human Rights, Fund for Peace, National Endowment for Democracy, Article 19, Inter-Rights, and others.
- Chairman, Board of Trustees, Legal Studies Centre, Sudan.
- Mission Information and support to the Special Rapporteur of the UN Commission on Human Rights regarding the situation of human rights in the Sudan.
- Author of numerous articles on human rights and Humanitarian Law.
- Expert Report for the International Committee of the Red Cross on Humanitarian Law in the Sudan.
- Author of numerous articles on human rights and Humanitarian Law.
- Author's Report for OHCHR, Geneva, on the Human Rights Situation in Cairo, 2008

- Author of a book "Crimes in Violation of International Humanitarian Law in the Sudan 1989 -2001 " Cairo, 2001 (in Arabic and English).
- Member of the Faculty Research Board, Faculty Of Law, University Of Khartoum, 2005.

Personal Informations

- Born 2 February 1939
- Sudanese national
- Married with five children
- Excellent health

Articles Published in Arab Periodicals and Journals

- The State of Emergency in the Arab World.
Arab Review of Human Rights, Tunisia, 1993
- Principles of Independence of the Legal Profession:
Palestinian Bar Association Journal, 4th Issue, No. 5, 1998
- Personal Responsibility and the International Criminal Court:
" Our Rights" Journal of the Human Rights and Training Centre, Yemen, Issue No. 14, December 2002
- The Draft Arab Charter for Human Rights:
Arab Review of Human Rights, Tunis, Issue No. 6, 1999
- The Palestinian Question: Regional and International Challenges
Arab Review of Human Rights, Tunis, Issue No.9, 2002
- Problems Facing the Sudan Human Rights Movement:
Arab Centre for Human Rights Studies, Cairo, 1997
- Islam and Human Rights:
Proceedings of a Workshop – Arab Review of Human Rights Issue No.7, 200
- The Judiciary and Human Rights in the Sudan;
Journal of the Arab Institute for Human Rights Studies, Cairo, 1997
- Universal Jurisdiction – Responsibility of Violators of International Humanitarian Law in Palestine:
Published by the Arab Lawyers Union, Cairo, 2001

Materials in English

- Human Rights and the Transition in the Sudan.
- The Phoenix State, Published by Justice Africa, London, 2001 Contribution to a Conference on Universal Jurisdiction.

Books

- Sudanese Crimes in Violation of International Humanitarian Law, Cairo, 2001

Unpublished Material in Arabic

- Applicability of the Fourth Geneva Convention to the Occupied Palestinian Territories
- The International Criminal Court
- Universality of Human Rights
- The Role of Attorneys in the Promotion of Human Rights

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