



Mr Shakiry's Short Biography

Mr Abdul Sahib Shakiry: the Iraqi manufacturer and Publisher:

- Born in Iraq and grown in holy city of Najaf, and was educated in the traditional religious schools. He moved with his family to Baghdad in his ten years of age.
- He founded, together with his brothers Jawwad and H'ousain, the company Dejlah Shoe MFG.co in 1949.
- Between 1950 and 1954 he participated in training courses to learn English language in the American Institute and in the National Local Institute in Baghdad.
- In 1955 he joined a private training course in the sciences of chemistry and rubber technology with the German company Bayer. He also visited several European countries in the same year to attend specialized exhibitions.
- During the period between the years 1956 and 1958 he participated in several training courses in Svit laboratories for the manufacture of Czechoslovakian shoes and rubber (formerly *Bata*) for two months. From there he continued to Germany, France and Italy.

- In 1959 he stayed in the German city Frankfurt for ten months, during which he participated in several courses, including production management, cost calculation of productivity hours, and IBM computer systems, specializing in productivity programming and its diverse operations. He also took part in a course to learn German and English languages at Berlet Institute in Frankfurt.

- In the year 1962 he joined the first ever course in Baghdad to study advanced management under the supervision of Dr Mohammad H'asan Salman, the president of the Industrial Development Division.

- Between the years 1963 and 1964 he bought and managed the German company *DAMA*, which is an American agency for the entire of Germany to market and service the coin-operated *Maytag* washing machines, housed in special places called laundrettes.

- In 1965 he participated in the International Labour Organization (ILO) Conference in Geneva, held annually for the representatives of the industrial chambers, work ministries, worker's unions. He was voted a member of a committee to study the insurance of workers' homes.

- Near the end of the year the participating brothers in the *Dejlah* Company were separated. At the start of 1966 he founded a new company under the name of **Rafid Shoes Mfg Co WLL** with several shoe shoppers. From 1966 to 1980 he founded three other companies:
 1. ***Abid Polymers Products Mfg. Co WLL***, whose name later on changed to ***al-Dhia Polymers Products Mfg Co WLL***, for adhesive and other shoe components.
 2. ***United Polymers Products Co WLL***, in addition to opening branches for selling shoes, with more than 600 workers.
 3. ***At-Timsah Straps & Belts Mfg Co .WLL***.
 4. 1980 More of 600 people working in the above companies.

- He was twice elected as a member of the Iraqi Industries Union.
- Participated in founding the Business Administration Society, in which he became member. His first attempt at writing was the article “The Bank of Industrial Ideas”, published in the magazine of the Iraqi Industries Union, in which he published another article, titled “Importing for manufacture and manufacturing for export”, in line with the Industries Union’s call to encourage industrialists to export and avoid the economic hardship resulting from the oil crisis.
- 1980 For high reasons in the second quarter of the year he resided in London.
- In the beginning of 1983 he founded two companies in London:
 - T.C.P.H. LTD. (Technical Consulting & Publishing House), for publishing the **alHidaa** Magazine, which deals with leather and shoes industries and other professions magazines.
 - Rafi Shoe Ltd, which later became Rafid shoe , for establishing an exemplary Factories to build advanced models and develop their specifications and prepare the necessary tools for their production in the factories that requests them. This was indeed completed with three branches for selling shoes in London.
- Due to these directions, he managed to register a patent in the method bespeaking shoe, made-to-measure shoes while you are waiting. The invention was registered in Britain and in the European Union, and so he entered the archive of inventors.
- On the light of publishing the Shoe magazine Al hidaa his role as a leader began to emerge in the fields of industrial, vocational, and professional media, and he was praised by many of the newspapers and economic and scientific foundations, like the administrations of the expositions, industrial unions or commerce and industry chambers, and other industrialists from the leather and leather industries sector.
- During this period he issued another magazine, modelled on the **alHidaa** magazine, and he named it **alRidaa**, which covers the industries of weaving, textile and clothing, and thus began the march of writing his published articles as

well as editing the kind of material to be published in the **alHidaa** and **alRidaa** magazines. The number of his articles published in the Arabic **alHidaa** magazine reached forty-eight (48) articles, translated into English, and 4 articles in the **alRidaa** magazine.

- During the later parts of 1986 he entered a partnership with a biscuit company in Morocco, of which by the beginning of the nineties he became the sole owner. During the nineties decade he published his first book *Al-Ibadat Al-Malia Fe Al-Islam* ('**Financial** Worship In Islam'), followed by his second book *Al-Jihad Al-Insani Fe Al-Islam* ('**The** Humanitarian Jihad In Islam'); both of which were valued and appreciated by a large number of prominent personalities.

- In 2001 he embarked on issuing a specialized magazine by the name of Islamic Tourism in five languages: Arabic, English, German, French and Spanish.

- In 2005 he founded *al-Shakiry Charity For Social Interdependence* in Iraq, which cares for more than **five hundred (500)** orphans.

- He also founded in the same year, with other elite charitable competencies, **The Iraqi Charities Forum**, which includes tens of registered charities in and outside Iraq.

- **The Iraqi Charities Forum aspires to:** -
 - Improve the implementation and practicality of the Iraqi charities and enhance the effectiveness of applying the resources of the distinguished charity.

 - Finding and strengthening direct communications between the members of the Iraqi charities.

- Establishing a shared system to store information about all the Iraqi charities through collecting information about the goals of these charities and through the exchange of information between the members who are united by the unity of the goals whether inside or outside Iraq.

- The Forum will represent all the members of the Iraqi charities for the purpose of achieving and developing their goals and ambitions; and to enhance the role of the Iraqi charities in attracting volunteers, donors and sponsors.

- The Forum will work towards establishing an international centre to safe-keep and ensure the wills of the Iraqis.

- Published a book in February 2007, titled *Afaq Al-Siyah'ah* ('Tourism Prospects'), containing all the articles he wrote in the Islamic Tourism Magazine (ITM) in both languages Arabic and English.
 - Participated in the International Covenant Conference For The Support Of Iraq, held in Kuwait in January 2007.
 - Effectively took part in the International Conference For Islamic Tourism, held in Tehran around the middle of March 2007, and he gave a lecture and participated in several discussions.
 - He is now preparing to publish a new book under the title of *Afaq As-S'inaa'h* ('Industry Horizons'), which will contain his services and creative activities in the footwear industry sector.
 - Preparing to issue a book by the title of Arabic Numerals And Their Origins, which is currently in the compiling stage.
 - Preparing to issue The Charity Magazine very shortly, which will care for the affairs of the Iraqi charities.
 - Contributed to the programme *Likoul Al-A'rab* ('For All The Arabs'), transmitted by the satellite channel *Alhiwar*, with a complete episode lasting for one hour, under the title of Arab & International Tourism Horizons on the 28th of June 2007.
 - Participated in the first meeting for the protection of sacred sites, organized by the *Kufaa* Academy in Marriott hotel in *Brussels* on the 14th of July 2007, in which he gave a speech.
- Participated in tens of expositions specializing in the manufacture of shoes and tourism industry in Germany, in various European countries, and in other parts of

the world. Took part in tens of seminars, conferences, and diverse activities in London, as well as he is one of the well-known Iraqi personalities in Iraq and in the Arab and European countries for his industrial and professional media activities.

Published Compilations:

1. *Al-Jihad Al-Insani Fe Al-Islam* ('The Humanitarian Jihad In Islam').
2. *Al-Ibadat Al-Malia Fe Al-Islam* ('Financial Worship In Islam').
3. *Afaq As-Siyah'ah* ('Tourism Prospects').
4. *alHidaa Magazine*(Deals with leather and shoes industries).
5. *alRidaa Magazine*(Covers the industries of weaving, textile and clothing).
6. The Islamic Tourism Magazine (ITM), totalling 31 issues

To Be Published:

1. *Afaq Al-S'inaa'h* ('Industry Horizons').
2. *Al-Arqam Al-A'arabiyyah* ('Arabic Numerals and their Origins').
3. *The Charity Magazine*.

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