

Prof. Mashary Al Naim

Biography

Architect and Urban Planner, Professor of Architectural Criticism, Department of Architecture, Imam Abdulrahman bin Faisal University (formerly Dammam University), former Director General of the National Built Heritage Center, and currently Advisor to the President at the Saudi Commission for Tourism and National Heritage. He has also served as Vice Rector of Prince Mohammed Bin Fahd University from 2005 to 2008. He was the former head of department of architecture at King Faisal University (Imam Abdulrahman bin Faisal) (2000-2002).

He established the National Built Heritage Center at the Saudi Commission for Tourism and National Heritage (SCTH) along with His Royal Highness the President of SCTH, in which he served as its Director General during the period from 2011 to 2018. He planned to have this institution as an international model in the field of built heritage at both scientific, intellectual and professional level. He has also created a strategy for the priorities of built heritage development and launched a professional program called "Omran" which is a coordination program with the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs, which aims to raise up that capacities of municipalities at the regional built heritage management. Dr. Al-Naim worked through the Heritage Center to develop the historical Mosques program. He also worked on many rehabilitation and development projects for many built heritage sites in the Kingdom. He also has contributed in the articulation of the law of Antiquities, museums and urban heritage where the establishment of the National Built Heritage Center has greatly enhanced adding chapter about built heritage to the law. He participated in several key committees focusing heritage within the Kingdom (Prince Sultan's Chair, Prince Sultan Heritage Award, Higher Committee for Historical Jeddah, Council of the College of Tourism and Archeology at King Saud University and other committees), and in the international fields, he represented the Kingdom as Chairman of the Saudi National ICOMOS Committee, ICCROM, UNESCO World Heritage Committee and other committees). He worked with the World Bank on several studies concerned with the heritage economics and urban heritage development in the Kingdom. He also chaired the organizing and practical committee of the National Built Heritage Forum for five consecutive sessions and worked on revision and publishing the book of the scientific forum (research and heritage).

During the past two decades, he has worked as a consultant and practitioner for many major architectural and planning projects in the Kingdom. He has also examined several important projects both inside and outside the Kingdom (such as the Great Mosque of Algiers, the Sheikh Mohammed

Bin Abdulwahab Foundation and Prince Mohammed Bin Fahd University). He was at the Advisory Committee, which prepared the master plan for the Eastern Region in addition to his work in the legal and administrative committee that oversaw the building codes of Saudi Arabia. He managed several major construction projects, including Prince Mohammed Bin Fahd University (Al-Aziziyah-Khobar) campus, in addition to designing many architectural, urban and planning projects. He has also participated as a member of the arbitration committees of various architectural awards such as the Arab Towns Organization Award, the Sultan Qaboos Award for Architecture, the King Abdullah Award for Creativity, the Sustainable Architecture Award for American University students, and the "Architecture +" Award for Impacts of

Architecture Students. He participated with the Aga Khan Prize in reviewing projects in Pakistan, Algeria and Saudi Arabia. He also participated with the Aga Khan Foundation for Culture and a specialized team in the Islamic world in studying the reality of architectural education in the Islamic world. He has also participated in many studies with institutes and specialized centers in the world in the field of urban studies, including the Middle East Institute in Washington and the Institute of Stimson in the United States and (Habitat) of the United Nations in addition to many Arab centers. During the last decade, he has participated regularly in the Arab Studies Forum in London and has presented more than seven papers in the history of architecture during his yearly participation in the Forum. He is the regional representative of the Sustainable Architecture of the Gulf, founded by the Harvard Group of Architecture and supported by the Qatar Foundation for Education (represented in Doha Land).

Dr. Al Naim is a specialized writer in the field of architecture and urbanism. During the last two decades, he published hundreds of researches, studies and articles in the fields of architecture in Arabic and English. He has been working weekly column writer since 1997 in Riyadh newspaper. More than. He has also written many articles for Al-Yuam, Al-Hayat, Al-Majalla Magazine, Training and Technology Magazine, Al-Qafila Magazine, Darin Magazine and many publications inside and outside the Kingdom.

Al Naim's research focusing on architectural issues and other historical planning (the study of architecture in Islamic civilization) as a primary approach and source of knowledge but extends to contemporary architecture in the Arab world during the past two centuries. He also has several studies in the field of education and practice of architecture and other studies in the culture of housing in general and housing Saudi Arabia (traditional and contemporary).

Dr. Naim published in Arabic and English a number of books, including "The Possibilities of Traditional Housing" (in English), "From the Box to Solvents", "Architecture and Culture", "Political Transformation and Change of Ideas in the Arab City" (Two parts in English), "Ideas in Professional Culture", and finally the book "Travel of Omran" published by the Literary Club in the Eastern Region, "Ahadeeth Al-Hamra" in Arabic and "Al-Freej" in English.