

Chain of command:

- The Iranian Supreme Leader Office.
- The Iranian Supreme Leader's Office in Najaf. The head of Al-Mustafa International University-Iraq is also deputy head of the Iranian Supreme Leader's Office in Najaf (see below).
- IRGC-QF.
- The head of al-Mustafa International University-Iraq is Sheikh Dr. Mohammad Ali Mohsen-zadeh. He is an Iranian national who is also the deputy head of the Iranian Supreme Leader's Office in Najaf. He leads Education and Research Office. Additionally, Mohsen-zadeh heads Nour al-Basaer Organization for Islamic and Human Sciences in Najaf. According to its website the organization "works in various cultural and religious cognitive fields... throughout Iraq and aims to increase insight in various segments of society, especially among thinkers and intellectuals. This foundation was established under the auspices of the Office of the Representative of Imam Khamenei in Iraq in... Najaf al-Ashraf". Prior to his deployment to Iraq, Mohammad Ali Mohsen-zadeh led the [Imam Ali Islamic Center \(https://www.bou.ac.ir/portal/home/?news/297215/297650/304353/%D8%AD%D8%AC%D8%AA-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A7%D8%B3%D9%84%D8%A7%D9%85-%D9%85%D8%AD%D8%B3%D9%86%E2%80%8C%D8%B2%D8%A7%D8%AF%D9%87-%D9%85%D8%AF%DB%8C%D8%B1%D8%B3%D8%A7%D8%A8%D9%82-%DA%AF%D8%B1%D9%88%D9%87-%D8%B9%D8%B1%D8%A8%DB%8C-%D8%AF%D8%A7%D9%86%D8%B4%DA%AF%D8%A7%D9%87-%D8%A8%D8%A7%D9%82%D8%B1%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B9%D9%84%D9%88%D9%85\(%D8%B9\)-%D8%A8%D9%87%E2%80%8C%D8%B9%D9%86%D9%88%D8%A7%D9%86-%D8%B1%D8%A6%DB%8C%D8%B3-%D8%AC%D8%AF%DB%8C%D8%AF-%D9%85%D8%B1%DA%A9%D8%B2-%D8%A7%D8%B3%D9%84%D8%A7%D9%85%DB%8C-%D8%A7%D9%85%D8%A7%D9%85-%D8%B9%D9%84%DB%8C\(%D8%B9\)-%D9%88%DB%8C%D9%86-%D9%85%D9%86%D8%B5%D9%88%D8%A8-%D8%B4%D8%AF-.\)](https://www.bou.ac.ir/portal/home/?news/297215/297650/304353/%D8%AD%D8%AC%D8%AA-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A7%D8%B3%D9%84%D8%A7%D9%85-%D9%85%D8%AD%D8%B3%D9%86%E2%80%8C%D8%B2%D8%A7%D8%AF%D9%87-%D9%85%D8%AF%DB%8C%D8%B1%D8%B3%D8%A7%D8%A8%D9%82-%DA%AF%D8%B1%D9%88%D9%87-%D8%B9%D8%B1%D8%A8%DB%8C-%D8%AF%D8%A7%D9%86%D8%B4%DA%AF%D8%A7%D9%87-%D8%A8%D8%A7%D9%82%D8%B1%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B9%D9%84%D9%88%D9%85(%D8%B9)-%D8%A8%D9%87%E2%80%8C%D8%B9%D9%86%D9%88%D8%A7%D9%86-%D8%B1%D8%A6%DB%8C%D8%B3-%D8%AC%D8%AF%DB%8C%D8%AF-%D9%85%D8%B1%DA%A9%D8%B2-%D8%A7%D8%B3%D9%84%D8%A7%D9%85%DB%8C-%D8%A7%D9%85%D8%A7%D9%85-%D8%B9%D9%84%DB%8C(%D8%B9)-%D9%88%DB%8C%D9%86-%D9%85%D9%86%D8%B5%D9%88%D8%A8-%D8%B4%D8%AF-.)) in Vienna/Austria which is run by the International Relations department in the Iranian Supreme Leader's Office.
- Two of the main officials in al-Mustafa International University-Iraq are high-ranking members of [Kataib Hezbollah \(https://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/profile-kataib-hezbollah\)](https://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/profile-kataib-hezbollah) (KH):
 - Sayyed Dr. Jassim al-Jazaeri, a high-ranking member of KH's political bureau.
 - Sheikh Dr. Maytham al-Aboudi, the head of KH's social services department.



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Figure 1: KH's Jassim al-Jazaeri, teaching at the Sayyeda Narjis hawza, October 30, 2023.

Affiliate elements:

- Based on the senior involvement of KH members Jassim al-Jazaeri and Maytham al-Aboudi, Kataib Hezbollah is closely affiliated with al-Mustafa International University-Iraq and vice versa.
- Al-Mustafa International University-Iraq runs a few seminaries (*hawza*) in Iraq. These include:
 - The Sayyeda Narjis seminary (*hawza*) for women in Baghdad, supervised by KH's Jassim al-Jazaeri (Figure 1)
 - The Baqiyatullah *hawza* in Baghdad, supervised by KH's Jassim al-Jazaeri.
 - Imam Jawad *hawza* in Baghdad.
 - Imam Ali *hawza* in Baghdad.
 - Imam Hassan al-Asskari *hawza* in Karbala.
 - Omulbanin *hawza* for women in Karbala.
 - Al-Sadeqian *hawza* in Basra.
 - Al-Rasoul al-Adham *hawza* in Basra.
 - Al-Mustafa *hawza* in Missan.
 - Sayyed al-Awsiya *hawza* in Diwaniyah.
- Publication House of al-Mustafa International University-Iraq.
- Alumni Association of al-Mustafa International University-Iraq.

Subordinate elements:

- Al-Mustafa International University-Iraq website, Facebook page and a Telegram channel.



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