

**Public security directorate**  
**The Strategic Plan**  
**(2021-2023)**

## **Directives of His Majesty King Abdullah II Ben Al Hussein**

Through my constant communication with Jordanian people and touches their needs , my limitless concern to the best of my people's interest in addition to my deep certainty about the importance of merging all institutions when possible for the sake of mitigates the burden on the general budget and the quality of service provided to the public , I directed the government to proceed the immediate merger of the General Directorate of the Gendarmerie, and the Civil Defense Directorate into the Public Security Directorate and take all necessary administrative and legislative measures in the manner that ensures enhanced security coordination , improves the quality of services provided to the public and mitigates the burden on the general budget.

I take this opportunity to extend my deep pride in the personnel of the directorates, commending their service and sacrifice for the nation over the past decades, I am confident that after the merger is complete in one directorate, the personnel will continue working honorably to undertake their duties in upholding the rule of law, safeguarding security and providing the high quality service to the public.

*His Majesty's Letter to the Prime Minister on 16<sup>th</sup> of Dec 2019*

## **Speech by Public Security Director**

Public Security directorate is considered to be one of the vital effective institutions that plays a role in strengthening the security of the internal front and its stability, protection of the homeland and the citizens to face various dangers and threats to ensure the smooth running of life through the duties and procedures that the directorate performs to prevent any kind of incidents that may cause losses. This is reflected positively on the growth and prosperity of the national economy which is the corner stone of sustainable development to provide a decent life and well-being to citizens. Public security directorate adheres to its duties by implementing the institutional purposes and strategic plans, all that achieve the basic role of comprehensive national security at economic, social and security dimensions in addition to providing all requirements of field work and improving the performance that targets the best levels.

Merger of Gendarmerie Forces and the general directorate of civil defense to the public security directorate has been resulted as a response to the continuous public security method in adopting the strategic planning to achieve its purposes and the accelerated local, regional and international changes that impose challenges at all levels. Based on Royal Directives, merger of Gendarmerie forces and civil defense to Public Security Directorate came as a response to the reality of police work and its changeable environment and purposes of public security directorate in achieving the noble message and vision via adjusting the work of the directorate according to specialized police service fields recognizing police methodology to provide premium police, security and humanitarian services

and benefits from the man power at service and field departments in priority to mitigate the burden on the general budget according to annual work plans evaluated according to special performance indicators.

Jordan enjoys the stability in the extraordinary circumstances locally and regionally which is considered a source of pride as it enhanced the relationship between the Hashemite leadership and the Jordanian people and police agencies that work for the sake of citizens' and nation's protection to achieve the stability and security in accordance with the Royal Visions and Aspirations of His Majesty The Supreme Commander-may God Almighty protect him- to the prosperity of the home country.

*Major General Hussein AlHawatmeh*

*Public Security Director*

## Public security directorate

Public security history is considered to be an important part of the modern Jordan history, public security directorate have passed with various stages due to the changes in Jordan.

- His Royal Highness Prince Abdullah Bin Al Hussein, may God rest his soul, arrived to Ma'an on 11<sup>th</sup> of November 1920, His Highness arrived to Amman on 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 1921 and assigned the first Jordanian government headed by Rashid Dli'a'h. The first Director of public security was Ali Qalgi Bashah known as "the adviser of security and discipline". The security force at that time consisted of gendarmerie forces, gendarmerie battalion, regular battalion and equestrian battalion.
- On 10th of March 1922, adviser of security and discipline was replaced by public security director.
- In 1927 , the deputy chief of army was changed into assistant of army chief for public security.
- In 1930, a number of Bedouin men was recruited to form a force responsible for security in desert , the force was headed by Klob Basha , his assistant was surrogate Ahed Al-Sukun , the force was known as "Badyah Force" located in Mafraq, Azraq and Al-jafer.
- Public security was joined completely to the Army until 1956 as assistant to the commander of the joint chiefs of staff for public security.
- On 14th of July 1956, public security was disjointed from the army command in which the first public security director was designated, on the 11th of April 1958, public security was established as independent legal entity followed to the Ministry of Interior pursuant to the public security Law # (29) 1985.

- The Civil Defense Law # (12) 1959 was issued instead of the temporary Law # (35) 1956 , civil defense is still followed to the public security until the separation administratively in 1970.
- In 1965, Public Security Law No. (38) of (1965) replaced the previous law, which regulated the affairs of the power and its duties.
- In 1978 the Civil Defense Department was separated financially from the Public Security Directorate with its own budget. In response to the developments that the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan witnessed in the nineties of the twentieth century, including its development and prosperity, the Civil Defense Law No. (18) of 1999 was issued to replace the Civil Defense Law No (12) of 1959.
- In 2008, the Directives of His Majesty the Supreme Commander King Abdullah II - may God protect him – were issued to reform the gendarmerie after separating the Special Security Forces from the Public Security Directorate. A Royal Decree was issued to approve the Gendarmerie Law on 10/7/2008, so that the gendarmerie forces began to carry out their national duties side by side with the Public Security Agency.
- On 16/12/2019, the Royal Decree was issued to merge the Gendarmerie and the Civil Defense Directorate to the Public Security Directorate, and the Royal Decree was issued to approve the amending law to Public Security Law No. (14) 2020. Thus, the three security agencies would have united under the name of the Public Security Directorate and the gendarmerie and civil defense forces became formations under one command to the achieve unity of command, coordination of security work, duties in law enforcement, security support and civil protection.

Public security duties as stipulated in Art (4) of Amending Law to public security Law No (14) of 2020:

1. Preservation of order and security and the protection of lives, honor and properties.
2. Prevention of crimes and endeavor to discover and pursue them, to arrest and apprehend their perpetrators and deliver them to justice.
3. Administration of prisons and guarding of prisoners.
4. The implementation of laws and regulations, Judicial and legitimate orders, and assisting the Public Authorities in executing their functions according to the stipulations of laws.
5. Receiving unclaimed items and properties and dealing with them according to the stipulations of laws and regulations.
6. Supervising and organizing Traffic on roads.
7. Controlling the public meetings and processions on roads and in public places.
8. Guarding the diplomatic bodies and official institutions and facilities of special concern.
9. Dealing with Fire fighting, rescue and ambulance operations and qualifying the individuals for such operations in addition to providing equipments, vehicles and communications and preparing the studies of civil defense works.
10. Providing, organizing and supervising the alarm tools of air strikes and catastrophes.
11. Checking public shelters to be ready for use.
12. Detecting explosives, determining their areas of existence and marking them to close the area, contacting the competent authorities to neutralize and remove them.

13. Contributing to the detection of any chemical or radiological leakage, in cooperation with the competent authorities to treat and avoid their effects.
14. recommending to approve the establishment of fuel stations and Liquefied gas distribution and their warehouses in accordance with the approved terms of prevention and self-protection.
15. Determine the preventive measures and the means of self-protection for the purposes of granting licenses to manufacture, store and sell explosives, fireworks, chemical materials, dangerous materials and others.
16. Training volunteer teams from the public and private sectors on civil defense work around the Kingdom.
17. Representing the Kingdom in international, regional and local organizations and conferences on public security.
18. Studying the plans of buildings and industrial, tourist and commercial facilities that the Greater Amman Municipality and other municipalities must refer to PSD to ensure the prevention requirements and all other means of self-protection from fire hazards are secured in accordance with the specifications under the legislation in force and control them after issuing the necessary approvals.
19. Making sure the availability of prevention requirements, means of self-protection, means of alarm and extinguishing for commercial shops and industrial professions.
20. Recommending to approve the licensing of professions related to the manufacture, import, sale, installation, maintenance or the control of protective and self-protection materials and equipment, in accordance with instructions issued by the director for this purpose.
21. Any other duties issued in the stipulations of legislations.

- **Vision**

Efficient modern security institution supporting the comprehensive security at local, regional and international level.

- **Message**

To play a major and effective role in the delivery of civil services and the implementation of operational and humanitarian internal security duties excellently in accordance with the highest professional standards and in line with human rights and achieving the best international practices in this field.

- **Core values:**

1. Human rights and the rule of law
2. Loyalty and belonging.
3. Participatory and integrative security.
4. Professionalism and training
5. Institutionalism at work
6. Sacrifice and bravery
7. Humanity and civil protection
8. Excellence and creativity.

### **The Strategic Map of public Security Directorate**

- The national purpose

Protecting Jordan and promoting it to be safe and suitable place to live and work for the next future generations.

- **The Strategic purposes**

1. Preserving public security and supporting the rule of law.
2. Protecting of lives, honor and personal properties
3. Maintaining the national achievements and capabilities
4. Preserving of public safety and providing the civil protection.

- **Institutional purposes of Public Security Directorate**

1. Operational efforts integration and coordination of security performance.
2. Sustainable development of the security efforts
3. Protecting of human rights
4. Security awareness development and community peace.
5. Improving security services within the framework of effectiveness, efficiency and productivity.
6. Solving security crises and major events.
7. Effective response to emergencies and disasters.
8. Strengthening the prevention and self-protection systems.
9. Active security support and distinguished tactical work.
10. Law enforcement and the best security practices