

People living with Disabilities

Meet **Mr Hashim Khalil Ibrahim**. Born in 1962, has a bachelor degree in Aviation Science, victim of the Second Gulf War in 1991.

After he was diagnosed with disability in walking, he was referred to the Department of Public Combat, which takes care of severely war injured pilots and officers. His condition was traumatic to him because he had to stay in a wheel chair for two consecutive years.



Disability and Rehabilitation Centers in Iraq helped him overcome his trauma and integrate in the society.

“I am now resuming my life normally by handling several jobs, such as managing the surveillance system of three political operations within the National Democratic Institute (NDI) and USAID access to justice and the International Relief Development (IRD),” adding that, “I am in huge deal of appreciation towards the efforts done by the Iraqi Governments for giving me a chance to resume my life normally without making me feel as an outcast,” said Hashim.

Ms Amal Aziz, born in 1977 blind since childhood among four blind siblings. A graduate from a course taken to train disabled women on how to use the specialized blind speech-computers, Amal now works at the Iraqi Ministry of Communications and is an expert in using the specialized blind speech-computers. She is also an active member in the forum of women with disabilities and takes parts in advocacy campaigns for blind women to demand equal rights for women with disabilities, train them to engage in work with full integration into society.



Against all odds, Amal is happily married since six months and is now running her own home with perfection, aiming to be a successful mother.

Mr Sa’ed Hameed Thaher, born in 1967 with full disability in the lower parts of his body. A Scientific Military and English literature bachelor graduate, and a happily married man with five healthy children.



Although of being 100% disabled, Sa'ed never knew how to quit. On the contrary, he always pursued degrees, took courses and participated in various activities. As such, he got a certificate in professional competence, an educational certificate in electronic computers in 2002 and in 2004 from the Ministry of Labor and Foreign Affairs. He is also a member in the United Organization for the care of disabled people, a member in the IRD, a professional tennis player for the disabled people, one of the co-founders for establishing a gymnasium for people with disabilities, a member in the board of trustees in Al Zara Club for the disabled people, and last but not least, Sa'ed is an expertise in mechanical car-fixation.

Sa'ed is now retired with full satisfaction of what he has achieved.
