

San Diego World Affairs Council

Invites you, your family and associates to an evening talk with

Dr. Farouk Al Nasser

Executive Director of Iraqi & Jordan Operations, SAIC

Iraq: an update from the inside

Thursday, December 9th, 2004
Registration 6:00 PM
Program 6:45 PM

San Diego World Trade Center
1250 Sixth Avenue
San Diego, CA



When conflicts arise and countries become politically unstable, those who wish to be educated as to the issues surrounding the conflicts garner information from their favorite news source whether it is television, radio or newsprint. Regrettably, many of these news sources are unable to provide first hand knowledge and are therefore, incapable of grasping the intimate issues that help to better understand the conflict as a whole. To truly find out what is going on, much like an onion, you need to peel away the outer layers to get to the core issues. With this in mind, the San Diego World Affairs Council is proud to present Dr. Al Nasser in the final of our three part series on Iraq.

On Thursday, December 9, 2004, the San Diego World Affairs Council is proud to host Dr. Farouk Al Nasser who will share his intimate and personal knowledge on Iraq. His unique position as both an Iraqi native and a high level executive who travels frequently to Iraq, has given him the opportunity to deal directly with the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA), US and foreign companies doing business in Iraq, decision makers at the Iraqi Ministries, business leaders in the private sector, University professors, intellectuals, members of his own family in Iraq and the average person in the street.

Dr. Al Nasser, the Executive Director of the Iraqi & Jordan Operations at Science Application International Corporation (SAIC), headquartered in La Jolla California, will be sharing his experience, analysis and assessment of the current situation and what he predicts to be the near and long term future of Iraq; gains and setbacks; challenges and opportunities; our understanding and misunderstanding of the culture and history of Iraq and to what our policy makers in Washington should pay attention in order to assure success. Since August of 2003, Dr. Al-Nasser spent more than six months in Iraq over five separate visits, with side trips to Jordan and Lebanon, exploring business opportunities for his employer and assessing the political and geopolitical environment in the country.

Born in Baquba, Iraq, Dr. Al Nasser is a graduate of Baghdad University with a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering. Dr. Al Nasser also earned his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Electrical Engineering from University of Colorado and University of Denver respectively.

In the 35 years following completion of his graduate studies, Dr Al Nasser has held technical, operational and senior executive management positions in the high technology sector at Fortune 500, mid size and start-up companies in California and Colorado and was founder and Chief Executive Officer of two successful companies in the Data Storage Industry. He currently resides in Poway.

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