

Javed Jabbar

former Senator & Federal Minister

Bio-note

Javed Jabbar has diverse interests in mass media, international and national affairs, the environment, voluntary development work, social and cultural issues. He is Chairman and Chief Executive of J.J Media (Pvt.) Ltd. and Project One (Pvt.) Ltd. and has written and produced in 2008 a new cinema feature film titled “Ramchand Pakistani” directed by his daughter, Mehreen Jabbar, which has won 5 major global awards and has been invited to 27 international film festivals to-date.

As part of his voluntary work, he was recently re-elected for a 4-year term (2009-2012) as one of the four global Vice Presidents of IUCN – International Union for Conservation of Nature, the world’s largest environment organization.

He is founder of the Citizens' Media Commission of Pakistan, the South Asian Media Association and several research centres, think tanks and grass-roots development organizations including Baanhn Beli and SPO (Strengthening Participatory Organization) that work in over 2000 villages in all 4 provinces.

He is also a member of the longest-running (17 years) Pakistan-India Track-II Dialogue known as the Neemrana Initiative.

He has served as Minister in three Federal Cabinets of Pakistan and as a Senator for a 6-year term. The Ministries and portfolios he has headed include Information & Media Development, Petroleum & Natural Resources, Science & Technology, & National Affairs. He has drafted several progressive laws and policies including the PEMRA law for private electronic media.

Ten books comprising his writings on a range of subjects have been published to laudatory reviews.

The Human Rights Society of Pakistan presented him with a Gold Medal in 2008 for outstanding voluntary public service.

He is the husband of Shabnam Jabbar, an independent entrepreneur and father of the film-maker, Mehreen Jabbar and Barrister Kamal K.Jabbar.