



## Nazem al-Koudsi | Class of 1929

Nazem al-Koudsi was a statesman and visionary who left an indelible mark on Syrian history. He dedicated his life to fighting for his ideals in establishing a constitutional parliamentary democracy in Syria. His initial battle centred on ending the French mandate in Syria. Founding the People's Party, he was elected as the Constitution Committee President which established the 1950 Syrian Constitution. After the last free parliamentary election in 1961, he became the last democratically elected Syrian President on 14 December 1961. He envisioned a powerful and united Arab republic and worked towards the unification of Iraq and Syria. His journey exemplifies a relentless pursuit of noble causes, leaving an inspiring legacy of resilience, democratic values, and the pursuit of regional unity.



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First Ambassador of Syria to the United States, al-Koudsi was part of the delegation that signed the United Nations Charter in San Francisco in 1945.



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He had the project to form a Federal Arab Union. In his capacity as Prime Minister, he travelled to Jerusalem in 1951 to rally support from his counterparts from the Arab League.



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Nazem al-Koudsi was elected to the Syrian Parliament with the People's Party, which he founded, and became Speaker of the Parliament in 1951.

