



**Professor Abdul-khalik Zaki Benyan  
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*What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others remains immortal.*  
*Albert Pike*

Dr. Abdul-khalik Zaki Benyan, Professor of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery, graduated from Medical College, University of Mosul in 1970. He was born in Mesan, Iraq in 1946 and passed away in 2019.

He got his Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons, UK in 1982. After returning back to Iraq, he worked in many hospitals in Basrah Health Directorate as a specialist in cardiovascular and thoracic surgery. In 1985, he also worked in Basrah Medical College, where he proved himself as an outstanding active person with participation in teaching and examining both undergraduate students in the Department of Surgery as well as postgraduate Iraqi board of cardiovascular and thoracic surgery for several years. He published large number of articles in different local and international journals for which he got professorship. He also worked as head of Department of Anatomy at Basrah College of Medicine till his retirement.

The departure of Professor Abdul-Khalik, hopefully to heavens, was a real loss of an academic person who was keen, loveable, hard working, and caring for thousands of patients over his long career. Certainly his students and colleagues shall never forget him. He is alive by his wife, sons and daughters. God bless his soul.

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