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Raleb Majadele

Born 1953 in Baka el-Garbia
Married, four children

A businessman and public activist, he has been active in the areas of problem-solving within the Arab sector, as well as in the affairs of the residents in the Baka el-Garbia region - Arabs and Jews alike. He served as Secretary of the "Noar Haoved" youth movement and of the Regional Workers' Council, as well as head of the Education and Sport Department in the Histadrut.

He is a Member of Knesset since June 2004, he has served on a number of Knesset committees: Education, Culture, and Sports; Labor, Welfare, and Health; Science and Technology; Public Petitions; and Foreign Workers; and as chairman of the Internal Affairs and Environment Committee. He is also a member of the Social-Environmental Lobby.

In January 2007, he was appointed Minister without Portfolio, Israel's first Arab government minister. In March 2007 he was appointed Minister of Science, Culture and Sports.