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**Repeated Names of inhabited centers in Jordan**

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## **Introduction:**

Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan is located south west Asia between the latitudes of 29 11 - 33 22 North equator, and longitudes of 34 59 - 39 19 east Greenish line, its area is 89287km<sup>2</sup> (34474miles<sup>2</sup>).

Naturally, Jordan is divided into three characterized types expands from North to South which are: Trench (Aghwār), Heights, and desert (Jordanian Bādyā):

- 1- **Jordan Trench (Al Aghwār)** : expands from northern west side of Jordan to extreme southern west side ('Aqaba Gulf) and it is divided into three sections:
  - a. Jordan River Ghawr: it is surrounded by Jordan River west and heights east, it is used for agriculture and completely inhabited.
  - b. Dead Sea: It is the lowest spot all over the world (416m below the sea level), there are many tourist establishments on its northern east side in addition to some centers in the eastern and southern side.
  - c. Wādī 'Araba: it's length about 170km and it has some inhabited gatherings.
- 2- **Heights**: Expands from north Jordan to South, and it is considered the most important areas in Jordan where most of Jordan population live. It is provided with the suitable natural circumstances of climate and soil, also it includes the main economic activity. It's height about 400-1000m from sea level then it became more towards south to reach 1854m in 'Um Ad Dāmī then Jabal Ram (1754m). The largest width is (50m). The buildings concentration and economic activity decrease in south areas.
- 3- **Jordanian Bādyā**: It forms most Jordan's area (75%) and due to its natural circumstances, it almost doesn't have buildings or inhabitants. Who watch topographic maps of Jordan or the geographical names index immediately notice the concentration of names in heights, then in ukhdūd and Aghwār and rarely in Jordanian Bādyā.

## **Administrative Divisions in Jordan ( 2000 ) :**

Jordan is divided into (12) Governorates (Muhāfadha), each one includes many districts and sub-districts, (48) districts (Liwā') and (38) sub-districts (Qadā').

## **Definition of inhabited gathering:**

The name of any permanent inhabited gathering regardless of size and the life style.

## **Definition of Repeated Name:**

Repetition in this field means to mention the same name more than once within a geographic unit (administrative division, state, continent, world... ext.).

In this paper we mean the repeated name more than once in the names of inhabited gatherings in Jordan (either repetition was mentioned in the full name or in syllable of compound name). In this field, compound names started with; Umm, Abū, ‘Ayn, Bayt, Dayr, Khirbat were not mentioned.

## **Division of Repeated names :**

Repeated names can be divided according to the following:

- a. Syllables of the Name: one syllable, two syllables or more.
- b. Repetition Nature : Partial repetition, full repetition
- c. Geographic Area or Administrative division: Continent, State, district, Sub-district ..... ext.

## **Reasons of repeating inhabited gatherings names in Jordan:-**

Reasons of repeated Name of syllable of it in Jordan are many such as:

- 1- To name a new inhabited gathering or changing inappropriate name after a certain person.
- 2- Expanding of already existed inhabited gathering in areas that are not directly connected with the old one, so the new one takes the original name (the old one) adding an adjective such as: new (jadīda), eastern (sharqiyya), upper (‘ulyā), middle (Wust a’)...ext.
- 3- Family bond of close gatherings inhabitants which opens the way in front of repeated and compound name in these gatherings.

- 4- Disappearance or destruction of inhabited gathering completely or partially (for natural or human reasons ... ext.) and the devotion of its inhabitants and their different connections make them construct a new one in the same place or near it and rarely far away.
- 5- Struggle of tribes on the name with expansion in inhabited area so to give the inhabited gathering a compound name keeping the first name and changing one or all the syllables of the name.

### **Disadvantages of repeated names for inhabited gatherings:-**

Repeating names specially within a small administrative division creates many problems in different dealings related with individual or the state.

### **Repeated Names of inhabited centers In Jordan**

Repeated names of inhabited gatherings according to accredited official administrative divisions are (62) names were repeated in (165) names of inhabited gatherings. See table (1)

### **Recommendations:**

- 1- To reduce –as possible- the repeated names.
- 2- To change the repeated names (of one word) of inhabited centers.
- 3- To avoid naming inhabited centers after names of tribes.

Table ( 1 )

كشف بالأسماء المكررة في المملكة الأردنية الهاشمية  
Repeated Names of inhabited centers in Jordan

عدد مرات التكرار على مستوى الأردن No. of Repeated Name	الاسم المكرر Repeated names
2	Abū Az Zīghān أبو الزيجان
2	Abū As Sūs أبو السوس
2	Irhāb ارحاب
3	Irīnba ارينبه
2	Al Azraq الأزرق
2	Al Ashrafiyya الأشرفية
2	Umm Njāsa أم نجاصة
4	Umm Rummāna أم رمانة
2	Umm Shujayra أم شجيرة
2	Umm Al ‘Amad أم العمد
2	Umm Qaṣīr أم قصير
2	Umm An Na‘ ām أم النعام
2	Umm Al Yanābī ‘ أم الينابيع
2	Ī dūn إيدون
2	Al Bāslīyya الباسلية
2	Al Baq‘ a البقعة
2	Al Baqī ‘ البقيع
3	Buwīda بويضة
3	Bayūda بيوضة
2	Al Jadīda الجديدة
2	Al Jarbā’ الجرباء
2	Al Hāmdīyya الحامدية
2	Hītiyya حطية
2	Hīwwāra حوارة
2	Hufā حوفا
4	Al Khāldīyya الخالدية
2	Al Khashshāfiyya الخشافية
2	Dūqara دوقرة
2	Dayr Aṣ Smādiyya دير الصمادية
4	Al Rāshdiyya الراشدية
2	Ar Rāma الرامة
2	Rujm Ash Shāmī رجم الشامي
2	Rahma رحمة
2	Ar Rashādiyya الرشادية
13	Ar Rawda الروضة
2	Az Za‘ tara الزعترة
2	Az Za‘ tarī الزعتري

4	Az Zāhrā'	الزهراء
3	Az Zaytūna	الزيتونة
2	As Sākhina	الساخنة
2	Samā	سما
2	Ash Shūna	الثونة
3	As Sālihiyya	الصالحية
2	At Tiwāl	الطوال
3	At Tayyba	الطيبة
6	Ālya	عالية
3	Al' Āmiriyya	العامرية
2	Al 'Abdaliyya	العبدلية
2	Al 'Adasiyya	العدسية
8	Al Faysaliyya	الفيصلية
2	Gharandal	غرندل
2	Al Qāsimiyya	القاسمية
2	Al Karāma	الكرامة
3	Al Manāra	المنارة
2	Al M'amūniyya	المأمونية
3	Al Mabrūka	المبروكة
2	Al Muḥammadiyya	المحمدية
2	Al Margha	المرغة
2	Al Mazār	المزار
2	Al Masarra	المسرة
3	Al Mushrifa	المشرفة
4	Al Mshīrfa	المشيرة