

General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Syrian Communist Party Comrade Ammar Bagdash... Farewell, Your Party Remains

The Central Committee of the Syrian Communist Party mourns to our Syrian people and to the international communist and labour movement the passing of its militant leader, Ammar Bagdash, the General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Syrian Communist Party, who passed away on the evening of July 12, 2025, in the Greek capital, Athens.

Our Party has lost a great leader and an exceptional fighter who preserved the ideological, class, and organizational purity of Marxism-Leninism under the darkest and most complex circumstances, thus earning the unanimous support of comrades rallying around his principled, steadfast leadership.

Our people will remember with loyalty Comrade Ammar Bagdash's contributions to the national and class struggle and his scientific, methodical exposure of the liberal economic policies that exhausted the homeland and the people, paving the way for obscurantist forces to seize the country.

Moreover, Comrade Ammar's internationalist role remains an honest compass that never lost its way despite successive ordeals. He spared no effort in exposing revisionism and opportunism within the communist and labour movement, remaining an unyielding fighter against Zionism as a dangerous spearhead of imperialist forces targeting the communist movement and progressive forces everywhere.

O masses of our proud people!

As we bid farewell to our Party's leader today, we pledge to you to continue along the path of the school founded by the historic leader of the Syrian communists, Comrade Khaled Bagdash, whose motto was: "Defending the homeland and defending the people's livelihood."

While the funeral of the General Secretary will take place in Athens, we, the Central Committee of the Syrian Communist Party, announce to our people that the condolences and tribute to the great departed Comrade Ammar Bagdash will be held in Damascus in a manner befitting his esteemed position and exceptional militant qualities. He will be laid to rest at the foothills of Mount Qasioun, which he loved, once the dark clouds clear from the sky of the homeland and the sun of freedom and dignity shines.

Today, we pledge to our dear comrade Ammar Bagdash, the General Secretary of our Party's Central Committee, that the Syrian communists, their mass organizations, and their friends in every city and village will remain faithful—no matter the sacrifices—to the struggle for building a society of social justice, a socialist society, and that the banner of Marxism-Leninism will continue to fly high in the skies of Syria.

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Brief Biography of Comrade Ammar Bagdash

General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Syrian Communist Party

- Born in Damascus on August 6, 1954, into a communist family. His father, Khaled Bagdash, was a member of the Syrian Communist Party since 1930; his mother, Wissal Farha, was a member since 1945.
- Joined the Syrian Communist Party in 1969.
- Completed his secondary education in Damascus.
- Obtained a diploma in Economic Planning from Plekhanov Institute in Moscow in 1979.
- Earned a PhD in Economic Sciences from Moscow State University (Lomonosov) in 1984.
- Elected as a delegate to the Party's fifth congress (1980), sixth congress (1986), seventh congress (1991), eighth congress (1995), ninth congress (2000), tenth congress (2005), and eleventh congress (2010).
- Between 1987–1994, served as Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Democratic Youth Union in Syria (currently the Syrian Communist Youth Union – Khaled Bagdash Youth).
- Elected a member of the Central Committee in the Party's seventh congress (1991).
- Elected to the Political Bureau in 1992.
- Since 1992, responsible for the Party's theoretical journal *Al-Tali'a* (*The Vanguard*).
- Since 1994, member of the Central Committee's Secretariat.
- After the eighth congress (1995), appointed Head of External Relations of the Central Committee and Supervisor of the Communist Youth.
- After the ninth congress (2000), became Editor-in-Chief of *Nidal Al-Shaab* and later *Sawt Al-Shaab*, the organ of the Party's Central Committee, while retaining his other responsibilities.
- Since the eleventh congress (2010), General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Syrian Communist Party.
- Elected as a member of the People's Assembly for Damascus in the 8th legislative term (2003–2007) and 9th term (2007–2011), during which he was continuously elected Chairman of the Internal and Local Administration Committee.
- In 2012, re-elected to the People's Assembly for Damascus and elected Chairman of the Financial Laws Committee. He remained a member of the People's Assembly in successive legislative terms until 2024.
- Foreign languages known: Russian and French.
- Has one son, Khaled (born 1994).