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Chief Executive Officer, iQ Networks

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Twenty-four years designing, building and running the networks that connect countries, in Pakistan, Iraq, Zimbabwe and Madagascar, from microwave network planning to chief executive. Today he leads iQ Networks, the company behind the Silk Route Transit: 3,500 km of fibre across Iraq carrying traffic between the Gulf and Europe. He brings strategy and P&L ownership, carrier and wholesale growth, large-scale network transformation and teams built across cultures. Board, non-executive and advisory conversations welcome.

24
years in telecoms

4
countries, 2 continents

$180M+
transformation led

5,000 km
fibre built, Mobilink

200+
largest team led

1 Tbps
Silk Route capacity, 2025

CAREER

2024 to now
Chief Executive Officer iQ Networks, Iraq
Leads the company that runs the 3,500 km Silk Route Transit. Iraq's first dark fibre framework agreement (GBI, 2025), transit capacity past 1 Tbps, dark fibre deal with Ooredoo's OFN (2026). Revenue up 10%.

2021 to 2024
Chief Technology and Information, Carrier and Wholesale Officer iQ Networks, Iraq
Technology, IT and the carrier and wholesale business; worked on the Silk Route Transit, launched October 2022.

2020 to 2021
Director, Engineering and Business Development AWAL Telecom, Pakistan
Sales up 30%; 5G in the infrastructure plan; international business.

2014 to 2020
Head of Transport Network Development and Performance Asiacell, Iraq
Led 60+ people through $100M+ of network transformation; 30% cost savings; repeated Outstanding awards.

2012 to 2014
Director, Engineering Network Development and Operations Telecel Zimbabwe
Led 200+ people; 2G coverage to 95%, 3G to 62%; DWDM backbone and fibre to the site.

2008 to 2012
Head of Transport Network Development Mobilink (now Jazz), Pakistan
$80M+ modernisation; 5,000 km of fibre; IP/MPLS backbone; 75% lower operating cost; Outstanding and BRAVO.

2007 to 2008
Head of Transmission Network Development Zain Iraq
Integrated the networks of two major mobile operators.

2002 to 2007
Transmission network planning Celtel Madagascar, PTCL, Huawei Pakistan, MYSON
Madagascar's nationwide microwave grid; PTCL transmission redesign; network design for PTCL and Mobilink.

EXPERTISE

Strategy and P&L, carrier and wholesale, 2G to 5G, DWDM and IP/MPLS, data centres, TowerCo, cyber security, solar

EDUCATION

BE Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan. PEC member. ITIL 4.

LANGUAGES

English, Urdu, Arabic (conversational)

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