

Dr. Souad Naji Al-Azzawi, director of the doctorate program in environmental engineering. Souad Al-Azzawi studied geological and environmental engineering in the USA. She received her Ph. D. for research on underground water contamination in Colorado due to nuclear power generation. Immediately after graduating in January 1991, she ended nine years of life in the United States and returned home to Baghdad in the midst of the Gulf War.

In 1996, together with six researchers, she was able to do a survey on the radiation in the soil, air and water in southern Iraq. Dr Azzawi met in Baghdad on a regular base with delegates coming from all over the world to present them with her knowledge about the nuclear contamination in Iraq. This is the only way she also was able to receive information and books on this topic from the outside world. In a very patient way she explains that the people in Iraq suffer through DU even more: the sanctions cause a weak immune system which leads to people becoming more quickly affected by radiation. Further, they cannot get medical help in the hospitals, so they die.