

HRH Princess Haya Bint Al Hussein
Wife of HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum
Vice-President and Prime Minister of UAE, Ruler of Dubai



Born on May 3rd 1974, Her Royal Highness Princess Haya Bint Al Hussein is the daughter of HM Late King Hussein Bin Talal of Jordan (1935-1999) and HM Late Queen Alia Al Hussein (1948-1977). On April 10th 2004, HRH Princess Haya was married to HH Sheikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of UAE, Ruler of Dubai, and now resides with her husband in Dubai, traveling to her homeland Jordan often.

Among her various international and regional activities, Princess Haya's main concentration is focused on humanitarian aid, with a core interest in promoting health, education, youth and sports through working closely with various regional and global charities and social organizations.

In September 2007, the United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon named Princess Haya as a UN Messenger of Peace on the annual International Day of Peace. The United Nations Messenger of Peace is the highest honor bestowed by the United Nations Secretary-General on a global citizen to raise public awareness and support for issues such as the eradication of poverty and human rights.

This was followed, in October 2007, with an invitation by former UN Secretary General Kofi Annan to become a founder member of the Board of Directors of the Global Humanitarian Forum, which he heads in Geneva. Previously, Princess Haya was the first Arab and first woman to serve as Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations World Food Program from 2005-2007, and is also Chairperson of the International Humanitarian City (IHC) in Dubai.

As a long-time athlete in equestrian sports, Princess Haya is the first Arab woman to compete in equestrian at Olympic, world and continental championship level. In 2007, the International Olympic Committee elected Princess Haya as a Member of the IOC. On May 1st 2006, Her Royal Highness was elected as President of the International Equestrian Federation (FEI) and therefore became the first Arab to occupy this international position.

In February 2006, HM King Abdullah Bin Al Hussein II of Jordan bestowed the Bejeweled Grand Cordon of *Al Nahda* (Order of the Renaissance) on Princess Haya in recognition of her notable humanitarian efforts both in Jordan and internationally. The *Al Nahda* is the highest decoration in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

HRH Princess Haya graduated from St Hilda's College, Oxford University with an Honors Degree BA MA, in P.P.E. (Politics, Philosophy and Economics.)