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Professor Rawaf is a globally recognised for his international work and contribution to global public health, health systems development and primary care in research and service delivery. His work is well documented in supporting countries to strengthen their health systems, service development and medical education.

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