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New Book *From Displacement to Leadership* Inspires Readers to Transform Adversity into Extraordinary Leadership

Award-winning executive leader, international keynote speaker, and educator Abbas Alimorad shares a powerful true story of resilience, leadership, and hope.

LONDON, Ontario – June 2026 — Leadership is rarely born in comfort. More often, it is forged through adversity.

In his newly released book, **From Displacement to Leadership: How Adversity Shapes Extraordinary Leaders**, international keynote speaker, executive leader, and educator **Abbas Alimorad, MA, MPed, PMP**, shares an inspiring personal journey from being forcibly displaced from Iraq as a young child to becoming a respected executive leader, educator, author, and leadership expert in Canada.

More than a memoir, *From Displacement to Leadership* offers practical leadership lessons for anyone navigating change, uncertainty, setbacks, or personal and professional challenges. Through compelling storytelling and actionable leadership principles, Abbas demonstrates how resilience, purpose, service, and perseverance can transform life's greatest obstacles into opportunities for growth.

"Leadership isn't defined by where we begin. It's defined by how we respond to the challenges along the way."

— Abbas Alimorad

Drawing on more than two decades of leadership experience across government, healthcare, higher education, and the private sector, Abbas combines real-life experiences with practical leadership strategies that resonate with executives, project leaders, educators, students, entrepreneurs, and anyone seeking to become a stronger leader.

Throughout the book, readers will discover how to:

- Build resilience during uncertainty and change
- Develop leadership without relying on a title
- Transform setbacks into opportunities for growth
- Lead with purpose, courage, and authenticity
- Build trust and influence in both personal and professional life
- Create a lasting leadership legacy through service

Abbas currently serves as a Senior Project Management Consultant with Global Affairs Canada, teaches Project Management at Western University, and is President of the Project Management Institute (PMI) Southwestern Ontario Chapter. He has delivered keynote presentations across North America and Europe on leadership, organizational transformation, artificial intelligence, governance, and strategic project leadership.

His remarkable story—from refugee to executive leader—has inspired audiences across industries and demonstrates that extraordinary leadership can emerge from even the most difficult circumstances.

Book Information

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Abbas Alimorad is an international keynote speaker, executive leader, educator, executive coach, and author with more than 20 years of experience leading organizational transformation across government, healthcare, higher education, and the private sector. After arriving in Canada as a refugee, he built a distinguished career helping organizations navigate change, develop resilient leaders, and deliver strategic results.

He holds two master's degrees in Leadership and Educational Leadership, teaches at Western University, serves as President of the Project Management Institute Southwestern Ontario Chapter, and sits on the Board of the Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital Foundation. Through his speaking, coaching, consulting, and writing, Abbas inspires leaders around the world to transform adversity into opportunity and lead with resilience, courage, and purpose.

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