

## Mesut Yilmaz New Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey

Mesut Yilmaz became Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey in June, 1991 after serving in a number of government positions, including more than three years as the country's foreign minister.

With his election as chairman of the Motherland Party on June 15, 1991, Mr. Yilmaz, who was born in 1947, became one of the youngest Prime Ministers in three decades.

Mr. Yilmaz, a founding member of the Motherland Party, served as Foreign Minister in the government of President Turgut Ozal from December 1987 to February 1990. He was a State Minister and government spokesman in President Ozal's first administration from 1983 until 1986, when he was named Culture and Tourism Minister.

In 1987, he was elected a deputy to the Grand National Assembly (Parliament) from Rize.

Born in Istanbul, Mr. Yilmaz graduated from Ankara University in 1971 and studied for a master's degree at Cologne University in Germany. He held a number of management positions in private industry before joining Mr. Ozal in forming the Motherland Party.

Mr. Yilmaz speaks German and English. He is married and the father of two children.



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### CABINET MEMBERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY (July 1991)

Prime Minister .....	Mesut Yilmaz
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State .....	Ekrem Pakdemirli
Minister of State .....	Fahrettin Kurt
Minister of State .....	Mustafa Tasar
Minister of State and Spokesperson for the Cabinet .....	Imren Aykut
Minister of State .....	Vehbi Dincerler
Minister of State .....	Kamran Inan
Minister of State .....	Ilhan Akuzum
Minister of State .....	Cengiz Tuncer
Minister of State .....	Sabahattin Aras
Minister of State .....	Ersin Kocak
Minister of State .....	Mehmet Cevik
Minister of State .....	Cenap Gulpinar
Minister of State .....	Birsel Sonmez
Minister of Justice .....	Ali Talip Ozdemir
Minister of National Defense .....	Barlas Dogu
Minister of Interior .....	Mustafa Kalemli
Minister of Foreign Affairs .....	Safa Giray
Minister of Finance & Customs .....	Adnan Kahveci
Minister of National Education .....	Avni Akyol
Minister of Public Works & Housing .....	Husamettin Oruc
Minister of Health .....	Yasar Eryilmaz
Minister of Transportation .....	Ibrahim Ozdemir
Minister of Agriculture, Forestry & Rural Affairs .....	Ilker Tuncay
Minister of Labor & Social Security .....	Metin Emiroglu
Minister of Industry & Trade .....	Rustu Kazim Yucelen
Minister of Energy & Natural Resources .....	Muzaffer Aricil
Minister of Culture .....	Gokhan Maras
Minister of Tourism .....	Bulent Akarcali

## U.S. Commerce Secretary Mosbacher Visits Turkey

United States Secretary of Commerce Robert A. Mosbacher, heading a Presidential delegation which included top U.S. corporate executives, paid an official visit to Turkey from June 5-8. A guest of former Turkish State Minister Gunes Taner, Secretary Mosbacher came to Turkey to pursue an increase in already substantial U.S.-Turkey bilateral trade. It was the first visit by a U.S. Commerce Secretary to Turkey.

Arriving in Ankara, Secretary Mosbacher and his team of business executives explored trade possibilities with several Ministers—including Gunes