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Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, first President of the new system, announced his new cabinet on July 9, 2018. StratejiCo. introduces the members of the first cabinet after the transition to the executive presidential system.

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Vice President: Fuat Oktay

After graduating from Cukurova University in 1985 with a degree from the Business Department, Oktay worked as a research assistant at the same university. He has completed his master's degree in manufacturing engineering and management at Wayne State University in Detroit, USA in 1990. He has provided consultancy services for both public and private companies. He served as the Undersecretariat of Prime Ministry since 19 June 2016.



Minister of Justice: Abdülhamit Gül

Abdülhamit Gül completed his higher education at the Ankara University Faculty of Law. He is a member of the Legal Research Association (HUDER) and worked as a self-employed lawyer in Ankara. Gül got elected as the Gaziantep Deputy in 25th and 26th terms. He was elected as AK Party General Secretary in September 2015. In January 2017 he was appointed to the Ministry of Justice.



Minister of Foreign Affairs: Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu

After graduating from Ankara University with a degree in International Relations, Çavuşoğlu studied at Long Island University, USA where he received his master's degree in economics. He continued to his Ph.D. studies at London School of Economics with the Jean Monnet Scholarship. He is a founding member of AK Party. He previously served as the Minister of Foreign Affairs. He speaks English, German and Japanese.



Minister of Internal Affairs: Süleyman Soylu

Süleyman Soylu graduated from Istanbul University Faculty of Business Administration. He has organized series of seminars under the title of "Democracy Meetings" to inform citizens about the "yes" vote in 12 September 2010 referendum. He has previously worked as Minister of Labour and Social Security and Minister of Internal Affairs. He is a member of AK Party Central Decision and Board of Directors. He has a family business operating in the insurance sector since 1994.



Minister of Defence: Hulusi Akar

Hulusi Akar graduated from the Armed Forces Academy in 1985 and the US Army Forces College in 1987. He was appointed to the Chief of General Staff in 2015. He was on the side of the government against the coup attempt in July 15, and successfully commanded the Turkish Armed forces in the fight against terror and cross-border operations. He holds a number of medals for his.



Minister of Education: Ziya Selçuk

Prof. Dr. Ziya Selçuk received his undergraduate degree from the Faculty of Education Sciences of Ankara University and had his master's degree in developmental psychology. He completed his doctorate in psychological counselling and guidance at Hacettepe University. He established many educational institutions, including TED University. He is a member of the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) Group Executive Committee. He served as the Board of Education between 2003-2006 and carried out the curriculum reform.



Minister of Health: Fahrettin Koca

Dr. Fahrettin Koca received his medical doctor title from the Istanbul University Faculty of Medicine in 1988. He obtained his pediatric residency and became a Child Health and Disease Specialist in 1995. He was appointed as a board of trustee member to the Istanbul Medipol University. Besides, he is the Vice-Chairman of the Foreign Economic Relations Board (DEIK) Education Committee's Business Council and President of the Turkey Exporters Assembly (TIM) Service Exporters Association Health Services Committee.



Minister of Energy and Natural Resources: Fatih Dönmez

Fatih Dönmez has graduated from Yıldız Technical University, Department of Electronics Engineering in 1987 and completed his e-MBA certificate program in 2005. He has worked at various energy and telecommunication companies. He was amongst the founders of the Electricity Industry Association of Turkey (TESAB). Dönmez was appointed as a board member to Energy Market Regulatory Authority (EPDK) in 2008 and Undersecretary of Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources in 2015.



Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure: Mehmet Cahit Turan

Cahit Turan graduated from Civil Engineering Department of Karadeniz Technical University and done his masters at the same university. Under the scope of Istanbul 17th regional directorate he worked as the chief engineer and regional manager. He served as the Principal Consultant to the Presidency and Member of the Council of State. Later he was appointed as a CEO for the consortium that undertook the construction of North Marmara Highway.



Minister of Environment and Urbanization: Murat Kurum

Murat Kurum has graduated from Selçuk University, Department of Civil Engineering in 1999. Between the dates of 2005-2006, he worked as a Specialist in TOKI Ankara Department of Implementation. Between 2006-2009, he worked in TOKI Istanbul European Side Implementation Branch Office. He also worked as a Specialist in Housing Development Administration of Turkey. Since 2009 he is the General Manager of the Emlak Konut Real Estate Investment Company which is participation of Prime Ministry Housing Development Administration.



Minister of Agriculture and Forestry: Bekir Pakdemirli

Bekir Pakdemirli graduated from Bilkent University, Faculty of Business Administration. He also has a master's degree in Business Administration from Başkent University and a Ph.D. degree from Celal Bayar University in Economics. Previously, he has been a freelance entrepreneur in the fields of food, agriculture, animal husbandry, technology and automotive and he also played an active role in the founding processes and executive boards of the various companies. He is the member of the boards of directors in Turkcell, BIM, and Albaraka Bank.



Minister of Culture and Tourism: Mehmet Ersoy

Mehmet Ersoy graduated from Istanbul University, Department of Business Administration. He has a history of more than 25 years in the tourism sector, and also Ersoy owns a tour company and various hotels. Mehmet Ersoy first established ETS Tour at the end of 1999, he started to making hotel management with his twin brother and became effective in the sector with Max Royal and Voyage Tourism. In 2012, he became the first cruise business manager by investing in the cruise sector. In 2017, he realized the odamax.com which is the online reservation platform and started to provide reservation service globally for nearly 200 thousand facilities.



Minister of Youth and Sports: Mehmet Kasapoğlu

Mehmet Kasapoğlu graduated from Marmara University, Department of Business Administration. He has a master's degree from the same university in the field of local administrations and decentralization. He worked as a specialist, project coordinator, and researcher at Florida State University in the field of management organization. He completed Business Administration Master Program at Palm Beach Atlantic University and also had a Ph.D. degree from Istanbul University regarding local employment. He worked in the field of international commerce in the private sector. In 2009, he assigned to Presidency Consultancy and played an active role in various ministries such as Ministry of National Education, Ministry of Youth and Sports, and Ministry of Employment and Social Security. He also worked as General Manager in the Spor Toto Organization.



Minister of Labor, Social Services and Family: Zehra Zümrüt Selçuk

Zehra Zümrüt Selçuk graduated from Bilkent University, Department of Economics. She started her Ph.D. degree at Michigan University and she also had her Master degree in accounting and informatics management at Texas University while she was continuing her Business Administration Ph.D. degree at the same university. In 2007, she started to work as the senior researcher in the SESRIC and she is still working in the SESRIC as Statistics and Informatics Director. She worked in diverse fields such as gender, demography, labor, education and innovation, banking and finance, and development.



Minister of Treasury and Finance: Berat Albayrak

Berat Albayrak graduated from Istanbul University, Department of Business Administration. He completed his master degree at New York Pace University Luben School of Business. He also has a Ph.D. degree from the Banking and Finance Department regarding financing the renewable energy sources. He worked in the fields of energy, finance, and economics in the private sector. He also worked as a banking and finance instructor at Marmara University. He got elected as the deputy in the 25th, 26th, and 27th terms and worked as the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources during the 64th and 65th governments.



Minister of Commerce: Ruhsar Pekcan

Ruhsar Pekcan graduated from Istanbul Technical University, Faculty of Electrical Engineering and she had her master degree at the same faculty. She started her career at Turkish Industrial Development Bank and worked as general manager and member of the board of managers in the private sector. She joined the Karon Engineering Company as the founding partner and she still worked as the executive director in the company.



Minister of Industry and Technology: Mustafa Varank

Mustafa Varank graduated from ODTÜ, Department of Political Science and Public Administration. He completed his master degree at Indiana University, in computer sciences. He worked at Florida University as a specialist and at Pervasive Technology Institute as a researcher and system manager. He started his duty in Prime Ministry in 2005 and became the chief advisor of Prime Minister in 2011. In 2014, he assigned as the chief advisor of President and assumed the title of ambassador in 2016.