



BÜLENT ARINÇ

(Deputy Prime Minister and Spokesman of the Government)

Mr. ARINÇ was born in Bursa in 1948. He was graduated from Manisa High School and Faculty of Law of Ankara University. He worked as freelance lawyer for many years in Manisa. He was interested in politics since university years, assumed duties as Chairman of Youth Branch and Chairman of Province.

Bülent ARINÇ was elected as a Member of Parliament (MP) for Manisa from Welfare Party in the general elections on 24 December 1995 and was a Member of Central Decision and Administration Board of the Party. He was also Member of Justice Committee and Turkey-EU Joint Parliamentary Committee of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey (GNAT)

Bülent ARINÇ was elected as a MP for Manisa from Virtue Party in the General Elections on 18 April 1999. He was Group Deputy Chairman of the Virtue Party for two successive legislation terms. He was a Member of Foreign Affairs Committee of the GNAT. He joined the Justice and Development Party that was founded after the banning of Virtue Party by the decision of Constitutional Court. He was elected as the Group Chairman of Justice and Development Party.

Between 2002-2007 he served as the Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey.

After the elections of 22 July 2007, he was elected as the Head of Turkish Delegation to Parliamentary Assembly of Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC).

As of 1 May 2009 he served as the 60th Government Minister of State and Deputy Prime Minister.

He was elected as MP for Bursa, his place of birth, in 12 June 2011 elections and has been serving as Deputy Prime Minister and Spokesman of the 61st Government.

Bülent Arınç knows English at medium level, married and has two children.

Previous official assignments:

- * MP for Manisa and Bursa
- * Membership of Central Decision and Administration Board of Welfare Party
- * Membership of Justice Committee and Turkey-EU Joint Parliamentary Committee of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey (GNAT)
- * Group Deputy Chairman of Virtue Party in the GNAT
- * Membership of Foreign Affairs Committee of the GNAT
- * Group Chairman of Justice and Development Party (AK Party) in the GNAT
- * Membership of Constitutional Committee at the GNAT
- * Speaker of the GNAT
- * Head of Turkish Delegation to the PABSEC
- * Minister of State and Deputy Prime Minister