

KOSOVO

Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport

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Lutfi HAZIRI

Born on 8 november 1969 in Gjilan, Kosovo
Married, father of three daughters

He is the current Minister of Culture Youth and Sports (2010).

He is a central figure in Kosovo politics and currently holds the post of the Deputy President of Democratic League of Kosovo (LDK), a centre right oriented party and the second biggest party in Kosovo. He is a member of the Parliament of Kosovo.

2007-2010 he was head of the LDK Parliamentary Group, a member of the Committee for Foreign Affairs and member of the Supervision Committee of Kosovo Intelligence Agency of the Parliament of Kosovo.

In March 1990 he was elected as President of the Youth Forum of the Gjilan branch of the LDK and served as its president until 1997. In 1997 he was elected as Deputy President of the LDK branch in Gjilan as well as member of the General Council of LDK. He remained in both functions until 2000.

In Oct. 1998 he was arrested and imprisoned on charges of leadership of the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) structures in the Karadaku zone (Gjilan).

2000 He previously was Mayor of Gjilan.

He is the founder and the first chairman of the Association of Kosovo Municipalities. In this function, he was also chairman of the Kosovo Municipal Delegation to the Congress of Local and Regional Governance in Strasbourg (Council of Europe).

In 2004 he established the Ministry of Local Government
2006 he became Deputy Prime Minister of Kosovo
He was a central figure and headed the delegation of Kosovo, at the talks, lead by UN Special Envoy Martii Ahtisaari, on the political status of Kosovo with Serbia.

He is an honorary citizen of the Luterbah Municipality in Strasbourg, France and holds an award of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

He obtained a management diploma of the OSCE, certificates of Georgetown University, University of Colorado, a diploma from the United States Institute of Peace (USIP) as well as other recognitions from local and international organizations.