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Ertugrul GÜNAY

Born 1948 in Ordu
Married, two children

- 1969 he graduated from the Faculty of Law of University of İstanbul. He has been interested in politics since he was student
- In 1970s he worked as a lawyer in Ordu. He won the first prize in the competition by his article “from State’s Party to People’s party”, which was organized by Republican People’s Party
- 1974-1977 he held the post of CHP¹ provincial chairman in Ordu
- 1977-1980 he represented Ordu as deputy in the Parliament
- 1986-1987 he was SHP² provincial chairman in Ankara
- 1990-1991 he was Deputy Secretary General
- 1992 – 1994 After the return of CHP to Turkish political life, he held the post of Secretary General
- Since 1994 there had been disagreements between him and Party administration.
- Aug. 1995 he was the pioneer of the intelligentsia who had come together and gone to Bosnia during the critical days of civil war in Yugoslavia

¹ CHP = Republikanische Volkspartei

² SHP = Sozialdemokratische Volkspartei

After 1999 general elections, CHP had won no seats in Parliament and he returned to active politics and ran for the leadership of the party. Due to the deep disagreement with party administration, he was dismissed from CHP.

He had lead many civil movements, such as “Initiative of Humanity for Bosnia”, “Eastern Conference”, “New Politics Initiative”. He is the author of two published books: “Bosnia Chronicles” and “Opposite Politics”. Moreover, his articles and interviews regarding law and politics had been published in various newspapers, periodicals and magazines.

He protests the decision of constitutional court on presidential elections and antidemocratic trends before 2007 elections, joined AK Party (Justice and Development Party), elected as a member of parliament from İstanbul.