

## Rasim Ljajic

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### **Curriculum Vitae**

He was born on January 28, 1964, in Novi Pazar, where he completed both elementary and grammar school. He graduated from the Medical Faculty in Sarajevo.

In the period from 1989 until 2000, he worked as a journalist for numerous dailies and periodicals in the territory of the former SFRY.

He has been engaged in politics since 1990, when he was elected Secretary General of the Party of Democratic Action of Sandzak.

He was Leader of the Sandzak Coalition until 2000, when the party was renamed into the Sandzak Democratic Party.

Upon the 5<sup>th</sup>. of October changes, he was elected Minister of National and Ethnic Communities in the Government of the FRY.

Upon breaking out of a crisis in South Serbia in December 2000, he was appointed Vice President of the Coordination Body for the Municipalities of Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja. In August 2001, he was appointed Vice President of the Coordination Center for Kosovo and Metohija.

On signing of the Belgrade Agreement in March 2003, he was elected Minister of Human and Minority Rights in the Council of Ministers of Serbia and Montenegro. In the period from 2003 to 2006, he performed the duty of Co-President of the Mixed Committee for Economic Cooperation with many Arab countries.

As of July 2004, he has been President of the National Council for Co-operation with the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) and as of July 2006, Coordinator for implementation of the Action Plan for Completing Co-operation with the ICTY.

The "Vreme" weekly proclaimed him publicly the person of the year 2004, while the European Movement in Serbia presented him with the "Best European in the Field of Politics in 2005" award. In 2006, according to the results of the "Pragma" agency's poll, he was elected the most communicative politician.

As of September 2005, he has been President of the Coordination Body for the Municipalities of Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja.

At a session of the Serbian parliament that was held on May 15, 2007, he was elected Minister of Labor and Social Policy in the Government of the Republic of Serbia.

He is married and has two children. He speaks English and Russian.

