

**Mr. Alain Juppé**  
**Prime Minister of the French Republic**

Alain Juppé was born in Mont-de-Marsan in the Landes in 1945. He graduated from the Institut d'études politiques de Paris with a fellowship in classical studies, and is an alumnus of the École normale supérieure and the École nationale d'administration. He worked in the Treasury before entering the office of Prime Minister Jacques Chirac in 1976. He worked in the office of the Minister of Co-operation between 1976 and 1978 and became a national delegate of the Rassemblement pour la République (RPR). He later joined Mr. Chirac's staff after the latter became Mayor of Paris.

Mr. Juppé was elected to the Paris city council in 1983, (second assistant responsible for the budget) and entered the European Parliament in 1984. In 1986, he was elected Member of the National Assembly for Paris and, under Edouard Balladur, became the minister responsible for the budget and the Government's spokesperson. He was re-elected to the National Assembly in 1988 and became a member of the RPR's general secretariat. He was confirmed as Secretary General at the RPR's party conference in March 1993, and was reelected as a member of the National Assembly on March 28.

Mr. Juppé was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs in March 1993 in the Cabinet of Édouard Balladur. He was appointed Prime Minister by President Chirac in May 1995. In June 1995, he was elected mayor of the city of Bordeaux.