



**Mr. Fatmir Xhafaj** was born on 17 May 1959, in Vlora. He is married to Mrs. Mimoza Xhafaj (Berberi). They have two daughters.

He is a graduate of law from the Faculty of Law, University of Tirana in 1982.

During 1982-1984, Mr. Xhafaj was Legal Advisor and Judge at the District Court of Kruja. The following year, until 1985, he was Investigator at the Investigation Office, at the Prosecution Office of Kruja District.

He was the leader of the Youth Organization of the Tirana district between 1986 to 1990, and the leader of the Tirana Youth Federation during 1991-1992.

Mr. Xhafaj is a lawyer since 1992, a profession he has practiced during 1993-1997 and briefly during 1999-2000.

From 1997 to 1999, he was the General Secretary of the Council of Ministers.

Mr. Xhafaj was Minister of Territorial Adjustment and Tourism in 2002, and Minister of Justice in during 2004-2005.

During March-May 2017, Mr. Xhafaj was Minister of Internal Affairs.

Mr. Xhafaj is a Socialist Party elected Member of Parliament in five consecutive legislatures. In the 5<sup>th</sup> (2001-2005) and 6<sup>th</sup> legislature (2005-2009) as MP he represented the district of Pogradec, Korça Region, while in the 7<sup>th</sup> (2009-2013) and the 8<sup>th</sup> legislature (2013-2017) he represented Tirana.

In the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> legislatures, he served as deputy chair of the Parliamentary Law Committee, representing the opposition.

In the 2013-2017 legislature, Mr. Xhafaj was the chairman of the Parliamentary Committee of Legal Affairs, Human Rights and Public Administration. In the same period, he was also a member of the EU-Albania Joint Parliamentary Committee.

During his long parliamentary career, Mr. Xhafaj has been a member and/or head of several Special Parliamentary Investigative Commissions (2003, 2006, 2009) as well as a member and/or

head of some of the Special Parliamentary Committees for the Electoral Reform. (2003, 2007, 2008)

He is the initiator and the author of several constitutional and legal initiatives in the Albanian Parliament.

Mr. Xhafaj has led and coordinated the entire reforming process of the justice system in Albania, in the capacity of the chairman of the Special Parliamentary Commission for the Justice System Reform. (2014-2017).

Since 2003, Mr. Xhafaj is a member of the Presidency of Socialist Party of Albania. From 2007 to 2016, he was the Socialist Party Secretary for Coordination and Legal Affairs.

**Mr. Fatmir Xhafaj is the Minister of Interior, as of September 13, 2017**