



Press release

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CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT

In a session of the Council of State today at 11 a.m., at the Royal Palace in Oslo, Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland's third government handed in their resignation. Permission to resign was granted as of 12.30 p.m. today. At the same time, King Harald V appointed Thorbjørn Jagland's government, acting as of 12.30 p.m.

The new Government's distribution of ministries will be decided in an extraordinary session of the Council of State at 12.30 p.m. today.

The new Government has the following members:

Prime Minister:

Mr. Thorbjørn Jagland (46), Lier, Member of Parliament

Minister of Foreign Affairs:

Mr. Bjørn Tore Godal (51), Oslo, Minister of Foreign Affairs

Ministry of the Environment:

Mr. Thorbjørn Berntsen (61), Oslo, Minister

Ministry of Local Government and Labour:

Mr. Kjell Opseth (60), Førde, Minister

Ministry of Health and Social Affairs - health affairs:

Mr. Gudmund Hernes (55), Oslo, Minister

Ministry of Industry and Energy - energy affairs:

Ms. Grete Faremo (41), Oslo, Minister

Ministry of Transport and Communications:

Ms. Sissel Rønbeck (46), Oslo, deputy director general

Ministry of Industry and Energy - industrial affairs:

Ms. Grete Knudsen (56), Straumsgrend, Minister

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs - development cooperation:
Ms. Kari Nordheim-Larsen (48), Oslo, Minister

Ministry of Defence:
Mr. Jørgen Kosmo (48), Horten, Minister

Ministry of Finance:
Mr. Jens Stoltenberg (37), Oslo, Minister

Ministry of Health and Social Affairs - social affairs
Ms. Hill-Marta Solberg (45), Maurnes, Minister

Ministry of Education, Research and Church Affairs:
Mr. Reidar Sandal (47), Florø, Minister

Minister without portfolio, responsible for national planning:
Mr. Terje Rød-Larsen (48), Gaza, UN Special Coordinator

Ministry of Agriculture:
Mr. Dag Terje Andersen (39), Svarstad, party secretary

Ministry of Justice and the Police:
Ms. Anne Holt (37), Oslo, author

Ministry of Fisheries:
Mr. Karl Eirik Schjøtt-Pedersen (37), Vardø, Member of Parliament

Ministry of Cultural Affairs:
Ms. Turid Birkeland (34), Oslo, journalist

Ministry of Children and Family Affairs
and Ministry of Government Administration:
Ms. Sylvia Brustad (29), Engerdal, Member of Parliament.

Minister for Nordic Cooperation
Ms. Grete Kudsen