

Ehud Barak

Former Prime Minister of Israel 1999-2001 Most Decorated Soldier in Israel's History

During his tenure, Israel's 10th Prime Minister Ehud Barak lead the country out of prolonged recession and into an economic boom, with 8.9% annual growth, record foreign investments, near zero inflation, a halved deficit and significantly decreased external debt. However, the core of the Barak government's effort was devoted to the peace process: in May 2000 Prime Minister Barak ordered the withdrawal of the Israeli Defense Forces from South Lebanon, to end 18 tragic and bloody years of Israeli presence there.

Barak led far- reaching efforts to negotiate peace agreements, first with Syria and later with the Palestinian authority, with the active participation of President Bill Clinton. Regrettably, these negotiations did not result in the breakthroughs necessary to conclude final agreements.

Before being elected Prime Minister, Barak completed an illustrious 36-year career ending at the top as Chief of the General Staff of the IDF. Mr. Barak received his B.Sc in Mathematics and Physics from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and his M.Sc in Economic Engineering Systems at Stanford University in California.

Barak is considered a true renaissance man of many interests. He plays the piano, is a science aficionado, an avid reader and lately, he published in English his autobiography "My Country My Life".

Barak is involved with about 10 Israeli young companies – in Public Safety, Cyber, Medical Devices, Tele-medicine and life sciences.