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1.4c, 3.5c

Arkezhan KAZHGELDIN
(Phonetic: KAHZgheldin)

KAZAKHSTAN

First Deputy Prime Minister
(since December 1993)

Addressed as: Mr. Minister

Arkezhan Kazhgeldin is responsible for foreign economic relations, including investments, loans, and coordination of foreign assistance. He supervises the Ministries of Economy and Finance and other state economic policy structures. President Nursultan Nazarbayev proudly cites Kazhgeldin as the first Kazakhstani businessman to hold a high government position. Kazhgeldin previously served as the head of the Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs, while simultaneously operating his own business and working as deputy chief of administration for the Semipalatinsk Oblast (once a closed area that was the main Soviet nuclear test site).

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1.4c, 1.4d Kazhgeldin, a onetime school teacher, is not a professional economist. However, he once studied business for seven months at Queens College in New York—in classes given in Russian for emigres. He also has taken business courses at the Moscow Institute for International Relations. Kazhgeldin has been general manager of a US-Kazakhstani joint venture, American-Kazakhstan Industries Ltd. (Am-Kaz), and he heads the "Semey" industrial group.

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Kazhgeldin, an ethnic Kazakh, was born on 27 March 1952. He is married and has children. He recently took his family to the United States for a vacation.

3.5c

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