

Attacks linked to Asian terror network

Hambali – the nom de guerre of **Riduan Isamuddin** – is an Indonesian cleric believed to be **al-Qaeda's** mastermind in the region. The 36-year-old Operations Chief of **Jemaah Islamiyah** is also accused of plotting and funding last year's Bali nightclub bombings which killed 202 people



1966: **Hambali** born in Sukamanah, western Java

1980s: Joins **Jemaah Islamiyah**

1985: Travels to Afghanistan to fight against Soviet invasion – becomes involved with al-Qaeda

1990s: Recruits volunteers in Malaysia – sends them to al-Qaeda training camps in Afghanistan

Mid 1990s: Al-Qaeda and Jemaah Islamiyah effectively merge. Hambali builds four cells known as **mantiqis**. These cover Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, southern Thailand, southern Philippines and Australia. Training camp established at Poso