

President accused

Police in Israel have recommended charging Israeli President Moshe Katsav with rape, sexual assault and wire-tapping of opponents



M O S H E K A T S A V

- ▶ **Born:** *Dec 5, 1945*, in Yazd, Iran
- ▶ **1951:** Family emigrates to Israel
- ▶ **1969:** Elected Mayor of Kiryat Malachi while still a student
- ▶ **1977:** Elected as ***Likud*** member of Knesset, later serves as Minister under Prime Ministers ***Begin***, ***Shamir*** and ***Netanyahu***
- ▶ **2000:** Defeats odds-on favourite ***Shimon Peres*** to become first president from Likud, and first to be born in an Islamic country
- ▶ *President elected by Knesset for seven-year term – tenure ends in 2007. Role is largely symbolic but is expected to set moral tone*