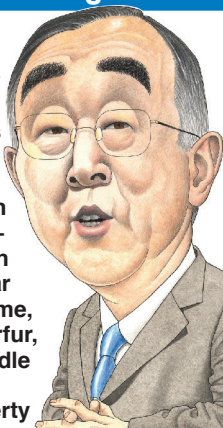


UN secretaries-general

South Korean **Ban Ki-Moon** has taken over as the eighth United Nations secretary-general. Ban, 62, faces tough global issues – including North Korea's nuclear arms programme, violence in Darfur, escalating Middle East tensions, AIDS and poverty



1946-52	Trygve Lie	Norway
1953-61	Dag Hammarskjold	Sweden
1961-71	U Thant	Myanmar (Burma)
1972-81	Kurt Waldheim	Austria
1982-91	Javier Perez de Cuellar	Peru
1992-96	Boutros-Ghali	Egypt
1997-06	Kofi Annan	Ghana
2007...	Ban Ki-Moon	S. Korea