

Russian succession



Dmitry Medvedev, whose candidacy for president has the endorsement of *Vladimir Putin*, has called for Putin to become prime minister after the March 2 poll

- ▶ **1965:** Born in St Petersburg to family of academics
- ▶ **1987:** Graduates in law from St Petersburg University
- ▶ **1991-96:** Hired by Putin to work as expert for St Petersburg town hall's foreign relations committee
- ▶ **1999:** Moves to Moscow as government's deputy chief of staff
- ▶ **2000:** After serving as Putin's election campaign manager, becomes Kremlin deputy chief of staff and later chairman of state gas giant *Gazprom*
- ▶ **2005:** Named first deputy prime minister – in charge of “national projects” using Russia's profits from energy sales to rebuild infrastructure and social support system
- ▶ **Dec 17, 2007:** *United Russia* party to officially nominate Medvedev for March 2 presidential election