



Tariq Aziz

Iraq's former Deputy Premier, for many years the public face of *Saddam Hussein's* regime, is now on trial in Baghdad

■ **1936:** Born into Christian family in village near Mosul. Studies English literature before career in journalism. Edits main *Baath Party* newspaper

■ **1970s:** Named information minister

■ **1977:** Joins *Revolutionary Command Council* – senior Baath committee ruling Iraq – becoming deputy prime minister in 1979

■ **1980-88:** Helps win U.S. support for Iraq in its war with Iran

■ **1990:** Recognisable figure in world media following invasion of Kuwait

■ **1991:** Famously refuses to accept letter from then U.S. President *George Bush* to *Saddam Hussein*, signalling inevitability of first Gulf War

■ **2003:** Gives himself up to U.S. forces two weeks after fall of Saddam

■ **April 2008:** Aziz goes on trial for 1992 executions of dozens of food merchants accused of profiteering