

Pakistan's new president

Asif Ali Zardari will be sworn in as Pakistani president after becoming his country's first democratically-elected leader for a decade



▶ 53-year-old widower of former prime minister **Benazir Bhutto** succeeds **Pervez Musharraf**, who stepped down in August to avoid impeachment charges

▶ Leads ruling **Pakistan People's Party**, taking over after his wife's assassination in December 2007

▶ Has spent 11 years in prison on corruption and other charges, despite never being convicted

▶ Nicknamed "**Mr. 10 Percent**" for allegedly pocketing commissions on government contracts. Opponents doubt his ability to solve country's economic and security woes

▶ Considered a pro-Western liberal, he is expected to continue Pakistan's commitment to U.S. war on terror