

Najib Abdul Razak profile



■ **1953:** Born in state of Pahang. Eldest son of Malaysia's second Prime Minister **Abdul Razak Hussein** and nephew of third, **Hussein Onn**

■ **1976:** Age 23, becomes youngest MP in Malaysian history

■ **1978-99:** Holds various deputy ministerial posts

■ **1986-99:** Minister in Sports, Education and Defence departments

■ **2004:** Becomes Deputy Prime Minister. Given defence minister post

■ **2007:** Denies opposition allegations connecting him to high-profile murder of Mongolian model

■ **Mar 2009:** Wins presidency of **UMNO** – dominant party of ruling coalition, in power since 1957

■ **Apr 3:** Becomes Prime Minister, succeeding **Abdullah Ahmad Badawi** who was under pressure to resign after UMNO's worst ever election result in March 2008