

President Umaru Yar'Adua



■ **Aug 16, 1951:** *Umaru Yar'Adua* born in northern Nigerian city of Katsina. His father serves as minister in first post-independence cabinet

■ **1972-78:** Self-confessed Marxist, he gains degrees at Ahmadu Bello University in Education and Chemistry

■ **1979-99:** Serves on boards of numerous companies including directorship of Habib Nigeria Bank

■ **1999-2007:** Elected governor of Katsina state on platform of *People's Democratic Party (PDP)*

■ **Apr 2007:** Wins landslide victory as PDP candidate in presidential elections. Successfully tackles unrest in oil-rich Niger Delta, but failure to pursue other pledges earns him nickname "*Baba-go-slow*"

■ **2008-10:** Seeks medical treatment for kidney problems in Germany and Saudi Arabia

■ **May 5, 2010:** Yar'Adua dies at his presidential villa in Abuja