



Tariq Aziz

Iraq's former Deputy Premier, for many years the public face of Saddam Hussein's Iraq, has been sentenced to death by Iraq's Supreme Court

- **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
- **Oct 2010:** Sentenced to hang for persecuting Shiite political parties during Saddam Hussein's regime