

Omar Suleiman

General and veteran spymaster who is Egypt's new vice-president



■ **1935:** Born in Qena, Upper Egypt

■ **1954:** Joins army. Gains master's degrees in military science from ***Frunze Academy*** in Moscow and political science at ***Cairo University***

■ **1962-72:** Fights in Yemen war as well as 1967 and '72 Arab-Israeli wars

■ **1991:** Becomes director of military intelligence

■ **1993:** Director of ***Egyptian General Intelligence Services***, playing prominent role as mediator between Israel and Palestinians and between rival Palestinian factions

■ **1995:** Earns confidence of President ***Hosni Mubarak*** after persuading him to take armoured Mercedes to Ethiopia, where he escapes assassination attempt

■ **Jan 29, 2011:** Appointed vice-president by Mubarak in bid to restore order