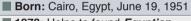
## Zawahiri succeeds bin Laden Al-Qaeda has named Ayman al-Zawahiri as leader following the death of Osama bin

Laden



■ 1973: Helps to found *Egyptian Islamic Jihad* (EIJ) militant group

■ 1974: Graduates from Cairo University, serves as surgeon in Egyptian army for three years

■ 1981: Arrested after assassination of Egyptian president *Anwar Sadat*, imprisoned for three years

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1985: Leaves Egypt for Pakistan.

treats wounded mujahideen fighters during Soviet invasion of Afghanistan

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■ 2001: Believed to be "operational brains" behind 9/11 attacks. U.S. offers \$25m reward for his capture.

Current whereabouts: Unknown

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