

# Zawahiri succeeds bin Laden

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



■ **Born:** Cairo, Egypt, June 19, 1951

■ **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

■ **1985:** Leaves Egypt for Pakistan, treats wounded mujahideen fighters during Soviet invasion of Afghanistan

■ **1991:** Becomes leader of Pakistan EIJ. Group merges with Al Qaeda in 1998 – Zawahiri second-in-command

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

**Current whereabouts:** Unknown