

# Lakhdar Brahimi

**Veteran Algerian diplomat Lakhdar Brahimi, 78, is to replace Kofi Annan as the UN-Arab joint special envoy for Syria**



■ **1934:** Born in Algeria

■ **1984-91:** Arab League envoy. Helps to negotiate end to Lebanese civil war

■ **1991-93:** Algeria's foreign minister

■ **1994:** UN special representative in South Africa. Helps oversee democratic elections that brought **Nelson Mandela** to power

■ **1997-99 / 2001:** Twice appointed as UN's top envoy for Afghanistan before and after end of Taliban rule

■ **2004:** UN special envoy in Iraq. Helps put together interim government after U.S.-led invasion

***Brahimi is one of "The Elders" – group of 11 world leaders working for global peace and human rights***