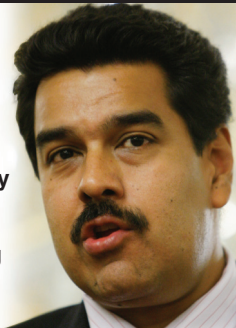


# Nicolas Maduro

Venezuela's vice president has assumed the presidency until new elections are held following the death of Hugo Chávez



■ **Born:** Nov 23, 1962, Caracas

■ **1970s and 80s:** Begins political career as trade union activist while working as bus driver in Caracas

■ **1994:** Plays key role in securing release of Chávez from prison following 1992 failed coup attempt. Maduro's lawyer wife, **Cilia Flores**, leads Chávez's legal team

■ **1998:** Chávez wins presidential election. Maduro enters National Assembly, becomes Speaker in 2005

■ **2006:** Appointed Foreign Minister. Promotes Chávez's left-wing agenda, wins praise for easygoing style

■ **2011:** Chávez diagnosed with cancer

■ **Oct 2012:** Chávez wins third term. Maduro named Vice President

■ **Dec:** Chávez's cancer recurs, he anoints Maduro as his successor

■ **Mar 5, 2013:** Chávez dies – Maduro to stand as government candidate in new presidential polls