

Hassan Rouhani profile



■ **Born:** November 12, 1948 in Sorkeh, Iran as ***Hassan Feridon***

■ **1960:** Religious student in Qom

■ **1969-72:** Obtains law degree at Tehran University. Activist against regime of ***Shah Reza Pahlavi***

■ **1977:** Forced to flee Iran by SAVAK secret police. Continues studies at Glasgow Polytechnic, Scotland before joining ***Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini*** in exile in Paris

■ **1980-2000:** Elected to parliament in first of five terms. Senior posts include head of ***Air Defence Forces***, deputy head of ***Armed Forces***

■ **1989-:** Serves as representative of Supreme Leader on ***Supreme National Security Council***

■ **1991-:** Appointed to ***Expediency Council*** with supervisory power over all branches of government

■ **2000-:** Elected to ***Assembly of Experts***, responsible for selecting or dismissing Supreme Leader

■ **2003-05:** Chief nuclear negotiator following fall of Iraq to U.S. forces

Languages: Farsi, Arabic, English, German, French, Russian