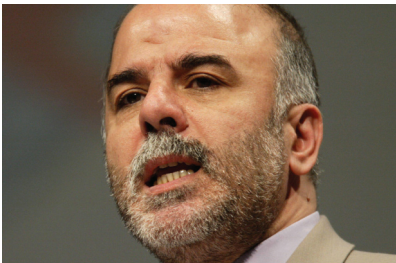


Who is Haider al-Abadi?

Iraq's Prime Minister-designate has been chosen as a unifying figure to replace the divisive Nouri al-Maliki



■ **1952:** Born in Baghdad. Father a leading doctor, hospital director, later inspector general at health ministry

■ **1967:** Joins **Islamic Dawa Party**, opponents of secular **Ba'ath Party** which seizes power in 1968 coup

■ **1975:** Studies Electrical Engineering at University of Baghdad

■ **1981:** Manchester University PhD. Engineering consultant in UK

■ **1982:** Two brothers executed, one jailed, by **Saddam Hussein** regime

■ **2003:** Returns to Iraq to serve as Minister of Communications in first elected, post-invasion government

■ **2006:** Elected as MP

■ **2013:** Appointed deputy speaker

■ **August 11, 2014:** Wins majority of votes in Shia **State of Law** coalition to be nominated as Prime Minister – denounced as unconstitutional by al-Maliki