



## Tariq Aziz

Iraq's former Deputy Premier, for many years the public face of Saddam Hussein's regime, has died in an Iraqi prison

- **1936:** Born into Christian family in village near Mosul. Studies English literature before career in journalism. Edits main ***Baath Party*** newspaper
- **1970s:** Named information minister
- **1977:** Joins ***Revolutionary Command Council*** – senior Baath committee ruling Iraq – becoming deputy prime minister in 1979
- **1980-88:** Helps win U.S. support for Iraq in its war with Iran
- **1990:** Recognisable figure in world media following invasion of Kuwait
- **1991:** Famously refuses to accept letter from then U.S. President ***George Bush*** to ***Saddam***, signalling inevitability of first Gulf War
- **2003:** Gives himself up to U.S. forces two weeks after fall of Saddam
- **Oct 2010:** Sentenced to death by Iraq's Supreme Court for persecution of religious parties under Saddam's rule
- **Jun 5, 2015:** Dies aged 79