

# Zimbabwe first post-Mugabe election

Zimbabwe holds presidential and parliamentary elections in which the top two contenders promise to revive an economy ruined under Robert Mugabe's 37-year rule



**Emmerson Mnangagwa, 75**

*Zimbabwe African National Union-Patriotic Front (ZANU-PF)*

- **1942:** Born in Zvishavane, mining town in then British colony of Southern Rhodesia
- **1960s:** Joins fight against white minority rule. Nicknamed "the crocodile" due to political shrewdness and ruthlessness
- **1965:** Tortured by Rhodesian forces for blowing up train. Jailed for 10 years with other nationalists including **Robert Mugabe**
- **1980s:** Spymaster during civil conflict that kills thousands of civilians. Denies any role in massacres
- **2008:** Accused of masterminding attacks on opposition supporters during presidential election
- **Nov 2017:** Takes over as president after Mugabe is forced from office



**Nelson Chamisa, 40**

*Movement For Democratic Change (MDC)*

- **1978:** Born in town of Masvingo two years before Zimbabwe gains independence. Studies law, international relations and political science
- **1999:** Founder member of MDC, becoming party's youth leader
- **2003:** Elected to parliament at age 25
- **2007:** Suffers fractured skull when beaten up in crackdown on opposition
- **2008:** Information and technology minister in troubled power-sharing government
- **2016:** Graduates as pastor following theology degree
- **Feb 2018:** Becomes party leader after messy succession battle following death of long-time leader **Morgan Tsvangirai**