

Abu Bakar Bashir



■ **Aug 17, 1938:** Born in Indonesia's East Java province to parents of Yemeni descent

■ **1963:** Graduates from Al-Irsyad University in Java

■ **1970s:** Accused of Islamist activism by Suharto regime. After imprisonment without trial, Bashir flees to Malaysia

■ **1972:** Returns to Java. Bashir and **Abdullah Sungkar** establish Al-Mukmin Islamic school

■ **1985:** Linked to bombing of 9th-century Buddhist temple in central Java. Flees back to Malaysia – recruits **mujahideen** volunteers to fight Soviet Union in Afghanistan

■ **1990s:** Bashir and Sungkar found **Jemaah Islamiyah (JI)**. Students sent to training camps in Afghanistan

■ **1999:** Bashir returns to Indonesia after fall of Suharto regime

■ **Oct 2002: Bombings of Bali nightclubs kill 202 people.** Bashir is arrested for planning attacks but prosecution case fails



■ **Aug 2003:** JI bombs Marriott Hotel in Jakarta, killing 12 people

■ **2004:** Bashir is charged with involvement in Marriott bombing. Court frees him

■ **Sep 2004: Suicide car bomb outside Australian embassy in Jakarta kills nine**



■ **Mar 2005:** Trial finds Bashir guilty of conspiracy in 2002 Bali bombings. Sentenced to 30 months in prison but released after three months

■ **Oct 2005: Suicide bombers attack Bali again killing 23 people**

■ **2008:** During sermon, Bashir calls Western tourists “worms, snakes and maggots.” Establishes **Jemaah Ansharut Tauhid (JAT)** group

■ **Jul 2009:** JI again attacks Marriott and Ritz Carlton hotels in Jakarta, killing eight people

■ **Jun 2011:** Bashir is sentenced to 15 years in prison for supporting JAT training camp in Aceh province

■ **Jul 2014:** Calls on JAT members to join **Islamic State's** fight in Syria

■ **Jan 8, 2021:** Abu Bakar Bashir released from prison following reduction in sentence