

Top Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh killed



■ **1962:** Born to poor refugee family at Shati refugee camp, Gaza

■ **1983:** Attends Islamic University of Gaza, becomes activist in ***Islamic Student Bloc***, precursor to ***Hamas***

■ **1988:** Imprisoned for six months for participation in first Palestinian uprising

■ **1989:** Arrested again, remaining in prison for three years

■ **1992:** Exiled to no-man's-land between Israel and Lebanon, along with number of Hamas leaders – returns to Gaza after one year following ***Oslo Accords***

■ **1997:** Appointed head of office of Hamas' spiritual leader, ***Sheikh Ahmed Yassin***

■ **2006:** Appointed Palestinian prime minister by President ***Mahmoud Abbas*** after Hamas wins most seats in national elections – but dismissed one year later after group ousts Abbas' Fatah party from Gaza Strip in week of deadly violence

■ **2017:** Elected head of Hamas' political bureau

■ **2018:** U.S. Department of State designates Haniyeh as terrorist

■ **2019:** Haniyeh begins to live in Turkey and Qatar, becoming face of Palestinian group's international diplomacy

■ **Oct 7, 2023:** War begins following Hamas' attack on southern Israel which kills 1,200 people. Israel promises to destroy Hamas

■ **Apr, 2024:** Israel kills three of Haniyeh's children in airstrike in Gaza

■ **May:** Prosecutor for International Criminal Court says he would seek arrest warrant for Haniyeh over alleged war crimes in relation to October attack on Israel

■ **Jul 31:** Ismail Haniyeh, 62, assassinated in Tehran hours after attending inauguration ceremony of new Iranian President ***Masoud Pezeshkian***. Hamas blames Israel for his death