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Born : 5 June 1942

EQUATORIAL GUINEA

President



Training/education

1963: Joins Territorial Guard, then goes to General Military Academy in Saragossa (Spain).

Before 1963: Claretian missionary school in Bata.

Professional experience

July 2003: Does not deny suggestion by presenter of government radio station programme Bidze Nduan that he is "in permanent contact with God" and "can decide to kill without accounting to anyone and without going to hell."

May 2002: Tries 144 opposition and civil society figures for supposed conspiracy, incitement to rebellion and trying to overthrow him.

1996: Re-elected president with 97% of the vote, as only candidate though election is officially open to all.

1989: Elected president with 99.99% of the vote, as the only candidate.

1987: Founds only-permitted political party, the Equatorial Guinea Democratic Party.

October 1979: Has his uncle, the former president, murdered.

3 August 1979: Overthrows his uncle and seizes power with help of 600 mercenaries supplied by Moroccan King Hassan II.

1979: Becomes deputy minister of people's armed forces.

1969: Appointed commander of army and the capital's military region by his uncle, the president.

Hobbies/interests

Oil revenue and his own personality cult, with titles such as The Boss, The Great Maj. Gen. Alifanfarón, The Gentleman of the Great Island of Bioko, of Annobón and Río Muni.