

Nursultan Nazarbayev

Ak Orda presidential palace, Almaty

Born : 6 July 1940

KAZAKHSTAN

President



Training/education

1960: Graduates from Dniprodzerzhinsk (Ukraine) Technical Institute. Becomes metallurgical engineer.

Professional experience

Late December 2005: Punishes two opposition newspapers for criticising official results of presidential election.

4 December 2005: Re-elected president with 91.15% of the vote after silencing independent press and opposition candidates.

November 2005: Orders physical elimination of an opponent and former government minister.

Since 2002: Orders routine blocking of opposition websites by CNS secret police. Systematic hounding of opposition journalists, with thugs attacking premises and raids by officials.

20 November 2001: Orders interior ministry police to occupy offices of independent TV station KTK to censor news about the war in Afghanistan.

1998: Decrees two-year extension of his presidential term.

1995: Wins 95.46% approval in referendum to extend his term by five years.

December 1991: Elected president of independent Kazakhstan.

April 1990: Elected president of Soviet Kazakhstan.

1989: Becomes first secretary of Kazakh Communist Party central committee.

1970s: Appointed to party central committee.

Hobbies/interests

Early-morning gymnastics, negotiating oil deals, personal wealth (classed 15th richest person in world).
