



*Kenyan
opposition
leader*

Raila Odinga

Early years

Born Jan. 7, 1945 in Maseno, Kisumu district, Kenya; member of Luo ethnic group

Family Son of Kenya's former vice president Jaramogi Oginga Odinga; married, four children

Education 1965-1970, Technical University of Magdeburg (then East Germany); mechanical engineer

Career

1975-1982 Deputy director of the Kenya Bureau of Standards

1982 Under house arrest in connection to failed coup attempt against President Moi

1988-1990 Arrested several times for involvement in anti-government movements

1991 Flees country to Norway

1992 Returns to Kenya; elected member of parliament

1997 Finished third in presidential elections

2001-2002 Energy Minister in cabinet Moi

2007 Loses presidential election to incumbent Mwai Kibaki

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