

Noriega timeline



■ **1967:** *Manuel Antonio Noriega* joins payroll of **CIA**, facilitating use of Panama as centre of U.S. intelligence gathering in Latin America

■ **1983:** Becomes Panama's military commander and country's ruler

■ **1988:** Falls out of favour with Washington as Florida court charges him with helping Colombian drug traffickers smuggle cocaine into U.S.

■ **1989:** Captured during U.S. military invasion of Panama which kills hundreds of civilians

■ **1992:** Sentenced in Florida to 40 years in prison on charges of drug trafficking and racketeering

■ **1999:** Sentenced in absentia to 10 years in jail by Paris court on charges of laundering drug money through French bank accounts

■ **Sep 9, 2007:** To be released from Miami prison after serving 17 years. **Noriega to be extradited to France to face further 10-year jail term**