

Pervez Musharraf – embattled president

◆ **Aug 11, 1943:**
Pervez Musharraf
born in Delhi, India

◆ **1947:** Following
independence from
Great Britain, family
moves to Pakistan

◆ **1949-56:** Family
lives in Turkey

◆ **1961:** Musharraf
joins Pakistan
Military Academy

◆ **1965:** Sees action
in **Indo-Pakistani
War** over Kashmir –
wins gallantry medal

◆ **1971:** Commando leader in Indo-
Pakistani War during Bangladeshi
struggle for independence

◆ **1977:** General **Zia-ul-Haq** ousts
Prime Minister **Zulfikar Ali Bhutto**
in bloodless coup

◆ **1980-85:** Career advances under
military rule with commands at
brigade, division, and corps levels.
Attends Royal College of Defence
Studies in United Kingdom

◆ **1998:** Musharraf becomes chief of
army staff with rank of general

◆ **1999:** Topples Prime Minister
Nawaz Sharif in bloodless coup



◆ **2001:** Following
9/11 attacks Bush
administration
bankrolls Musharraf's
government to end
support for **Taliban**
harbouring Al Qaeda
leader **Osama bin
Laden**

◆ **2002:** Holds
referendum to extend
his presidency by
five years

◆ **2003:** Al Qaeda
number two, **Ayman
al-Zawahiri**, urges
Pakistani militant

groups to overthrow Musharraf.
President narrowly survives two
assassination attempts in 11 days

◆ **2004:** Pro-Musharraf legislators
pass amendment which retroactively
legalizes 1999 coup

◆ **Mar 2007:** Sacks Supreme Court's
top judge, triggering pro-democracy
demonstrations. Judge later reinstated

◆ **Jul:** Assassination attempt fails

◆ **Sep:** Exiled former prime ministers
Sharif and **Benazir Bhutto** announce
they will return to Pakistan ahead of
election in which Musharraf will seek
new five-year term as president