

Pakistan's Benazir Bhutto seeks third term

◆ **Jun 21, 1953:**
Benazir Bhutto born
in Karachi, Pakistan

◆ **1969:** Gains degree
from Harvard in U.S.

◆ **1973:** Her father,
Zulfikar Ali Bhutto,
founder of **Pakistan
People's Party
(PPP)**, becomes
prime minister

◆ **1977:** Awarded
second degree at
Oxford University,
England. Days after
returning to Pakistan
General **Zia-ul-Haq**
ousts her father and seizes power

◆ **1979:** Zulfikar Ali Bhutto executed
by Zia military government

◆ **1979-84:** Arrested several times for
anti-Zia protests, placed under house
arrest for three years

◆ **1984:** Allowed to return to London,
she becomes leader in exile of PPP.
Campaigns against Zia dictatorship

◆ **1985:** Martial law lifted in Pakistan

◆ **1986:** Bhutto greeted by thousands
when she returns to Pakistan, elected
co-chairwoman, with her mother, of
PPP – Pakistan's largest political party



◆ **1988:** Becomes
first woman elected
as prime minister of
an Islamic country

◆ **1990:** Dismissed
from office for alleged
corruption

◆ **1993:** Re-elected
as PM but faces
fierce opposition
from Islamic groups.
Her husband, **Asif
Ali Zardari**, charged
with corruption

◆ **1996:** Dismissed
from office on
corruption charges

◆ **1997:** Husband imprisoned. Bhutto
returns to UK in self-imposed exile

◆ **1999:** General **Pervez Musharraf**
takes power in bloodless coup

◆ **2001:** Pakistani court sentences
Bhutto to three years in jail for failing
to appear to face corruption charges

◆ **2004:** Swiss court gives Bhutto and
her husband six-month suspended jail
terms for money-laundering

◆ **2007:** Bhutto announces her return
to Pakistan ahead of elections. Seeks
immunity from corruption charges and
lifting of ban on PM seeking third term