

Musharraf manoeuvres



1999: Prime Minister **Nawaz Sharif** orders dismissal of Army Chief of Staff **Pervez Musharraf** after ill-fated **Kargil Conflict**. Military arrest Sharif

2000: Judges required to swear allegiance to military – many resign

2001: Musharraf sworn in as President but retains army post. Aligns Pakistan with U.S. in “War on Terror”

2002: Controversial referendum extends presidency to 2007

2007, Mar: Chief Justice **Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry** suspended after rulings against governmental corruption – he is reinstated in July

Sep: Sharif deported on return from exile. Musharraf agrees to stand down as army chief if re-elected president

Oct: Former Prime Minister **Benazir Bhutto** returns after corruption charges dropped. Musharraf wins presidential election

Nov: Supreme Court reconvenes to rule on legality of election – Musharraf imposes emergency rule