

UN human rights chief visits Burma

The landmark visit of **Paulo Sergio Pinheiro** is the latest in a series of diplomatic efforts by the United Nations to achieve reconciliation between the ruling military and pro-democracy forces in Myanmar in recent years

► **1989:** Pro-democracy leader **Aung San Suu Kyi** detained after military's brutal suppression of uprising

► **1998:** Peruvian diplomat **Alvaro de Soto** named UN envoy to mediate between regime and opposition

Junta rejects offer of financial incentives for change

► **2002:** New UN envoy, Malaysian diplomat **Razali Ismail**, helps secure Suu Kyi's release from house arrest

► **2003:** Suu Kyi put in prison after clashes between her supporters and government-backed mob

► **2006, Jan:** Razali Ismail resigns as envoy, frustrated at being barred from entering country for nearly two years

► **May:** Nigerian diplomat **Ibrahim Gambari** becomes first foreigner to meet Suu Kyi in over two years amid renewed talk of "breakthrough"

► **2007, Aug-Sep:** Fuel price hikes spark wave of public dissent. Buddhist monks hold anti-government rallies. Military crushes demonstrations



► **Sep 29:** UN envoy Gambari meets Suu Kyi and junta leader **Gen. Than Shwe**. Regime later meets Suu Kyi

► **Oct:** UN Security Council says it "strongly deplores" situation in country

► **Nov 2:** Regime decides to expel top UN diplomat in country **Charles Petrie**

► **Nov 3:** Gambari returns to Burma. Military says it will allow Suu Kyi to meet her party's officials

► **Nov 11:** Pinheiro, banned from Burma since 2003, allowed to visit country where he hopes to determine scope of military crackdown