

Life and times of Benazir Bhutto

◆ **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 alleged
corruption charges

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

◆ **1999:** Army chief
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

◆ **Oct 2007:** Ms Bhutto returns to
Pakistan ahead of elections. President
Musharraf grants her immunity from
corruption charges

◆ **Oct 19:** Survives assassination
attack in southern city of Karachi when
suicide bomber kills nearly 150 people

◆ **Dec 27:** Benazir Bhutto is
assassinated in gun and suicide
bomb attack as she leaves election
rally in city of Rawalpindi. At least
15 others are killed in attack