

Life and times of Indonesia's Suharto

- ▶ **June 8, 1921:** Born in Java
- ▶ **1940:** Joins Dutch-controlled army, later becomes senior general under Indonesia's first president, **Sukarno**
- ▶ **1965:** Takes control of army after crushing coup by leftist army officers. Leads bloody anti-communist purges
- ▶ **1967:** Replaces Sukarno as president
- ▶ **70s-80s:** Modernisation programmes raise living standards, but political dissent is harshly suppressed
- ▶ **1975:** Indonesian troops invade East Timor
- ▶ **1990s:** Indonesian economy slumps in wake of Asian financial crisis
- ▶ **1998:** Spiralling prices and public protests force Suharto to resign
- ▶ **2000:** Accused of embezzling \$571m of government assets – but judges rule he is unfit to stand trial due to declining health
- ▶ **2007:** Faces \$1.5bn civil lawsuit instigated by attorney-general
- ▶ **Jan 27, 2008:** Suharto dies after suffering multiple organ failure. Laid to rest at state funeral

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