

Jose Ramos-Horta



► **Dec 26, 1949:** Born in Dili, East Timor, then a Portuguese colony

► **1970-71:** Banned from territory for spreading subversive allegations against Portuguese rule

► **1975-99:** Exiled in U.S. and Australia following Indonesian invasion of East Timor

► **1996:** Awarded Nobel Peace Prize with Catholic Bishop *Carlos Belo*

► **2002:** East Timor becomes fully independent – Ramos-Horta named foreign minister under premiership of *Mari Alkatiri*

► **2006:** Takes over as prime minister after Alkatiri blamed for failing to control factional violence

► **2007:** Wins resounding victory in presidential election, replacing former resistance hero *Xanana Gusmao*

► **Feb 11, 2008:** Ramos-Horta in critical condition after being shot by renegade soldiers