# Honduras leader in new return bid

**Deposed President *Manuel Zelaya* has launched a second attempt to return home by staging a dramatic border crossing from Nicaragua, defying government threats to arrest him and warnings the move will prompt bloodshed**

MEXICO

GUATEMALA

BELIZE

HONDURAS

Tegucigalpa

Esteli

EL SALVADOR

Managua

NICARAGUA

PACIFIC OCEAN

CARIBBEAN SEA

San Jose

COSTA RICA

PANAMA

**Border shut by interim government to prevent Zelaya's return from town of Esteli**

Interim President *Roberto Micheletti* (above) rejected proposal that Zelaya returns as leader of unity government

150km
90 miles

## CRISIS TIMELINE

■ **Jun 28:** President Zelaya overthrown by army and forced into exile in Costa Rica after seeking referendum to allow re-election of sitting presidents. Congress speaker Micheletti appointed interim president

■ **Jun 29:** U.S. President Obama says coup is illegal

■ **Jul 4:** *Organization of American States* suspends Honduras after interim authorities ignore ultimatum to reinstate Zelaya

■ **Jul 5:** At least one pro-Zelaya protester killed in clashes at Tegucigalpa's airport as Honduran troops block attempt by Zelaya to return home in plane provided by Venezuelan President *Hugo Chavez*

■ **Jul 8:** U.S. government suspends $16.5m in military aid to Honduras

■ **Jul 9:** Micheletti and Zelaya travel to Costa Rica for talks mediated by President *Oscar Arias*

■ **Jul 21:** EU suspends more than $90m in aid to Honduras

■ **Jul 23:** Delegations fail to reach agreement after three rounds of talks

■ **July 25-26: Zelaya expected to attempt to return home after nearly one month in exile**