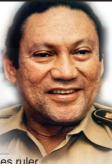
Manuel Noriega

■ 1967: Joins CIA payroll, facilitating use of Panama as centre of U.S. intelligence gathering in Latin America



- 1983: Becomes ruler and military commander of Panama
- 1988: Falls out of favour with Washington after he is charged with helping Colombian drug traffickers smuggle cocaine into United States
- 1989: Surrenders to invading U.S. troops and flown to Florida for trial
- 1992: Sentenced to 40 years in prison on charges of drug trafficking and racketeering
- 1999: Convicted in absentia in Paris court of laundering drug money through French bank accounts
- Apr 27, 2010: Extradited to France after 20 years in U.S. custody
- Jul 7: Noriega, 76, given seven years in jail for laundering some □2.3 million (\$2.8m) from Medellin drug cartel to French banks in 1980s