

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**

