

# Berlusconi's fall from grace

■ **Apr 2008:** Berlusconi wins third term as premier after two years in opposition

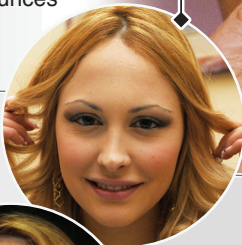
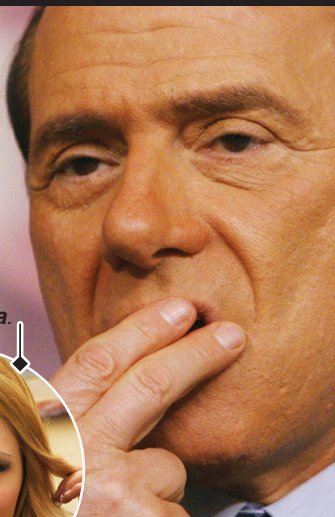
■ **Feb 2009:** British lawyer **David Mills** is found guilty of accepting bribe, allegedly to withhold details of Berlusconi's business dealings. Case against Berlusconi suspended courtesy of his own 2008 law giving him immunity from prosecution as prime minister

■ **Apr:** Berlusconi photographed at 18th-birthday party of aspiring model **Noemi Letizia**. His wife **Veronica Lario** announces she is divorcing him, saying she cannot remain with a man "who consorts with minors"

■ **Jan 2010:** Berlusconi and 11 co-defendants face charges of tax fraud and false accounting involving Berlusconi's **Mediaset** – Italy's largest private broadcaster

■ **May-Jul:** Four cabinet ministers resign over charges of alleged corruption and influence peddling. All deny wrongdoing

■ **Jul:** Hostess **Patrizia D'Addario** claims she slept with Berlusconi after a party and has tapes to prove it



■ **Oct:** 17-year-old Moroccan belly dancer alleges she witnessed sex sessions at Berlusconi's villa. Berlusconi denies allegations. It is later revealed Berlusconi called police to ask for her release after she was arrested for theft

■ **Nov 2010:** Speaker of parliament **Gianfranco Fini** ends long-term alliance with Berlusconi after series of angry disputes, pulling his four ministers out of government and triggering Dec 14 confidence vote