

# Former dictator sentenced

Former Argentine dictator Jorge Videla has received a life sentence for the torture and murder of 31 prisoners shot after the military coup in which he seized power



■ **1925:** Born Aug 2, in Buenos Aires

■ **1975:** Appointed Commander-in-Chief of Armed Forces by **President Isabel Perón**

■ **1976:** Deposes Peron in coup. Becomes President in military “junta”

■ **1976-83: *Dirty War*** – between 13,000 and 30,000 political opponents killed or “disappeared”

■ **1981:** Stands down as president

■ **1983:** Democracy restored – Videla convicted of crimes against humanity

■ **1990:** President **Carlos Menem** grants pardon to former junta leaders

■ **2007:** Amnesty overturned by Supreme Court

■ **2010:** Stands trial with 20 other former officials