

# Carlos the Jackal on trial in France

Carlos the Jackal, one of the most dreaded terror masterminds of the Cold War, is on trial again – this time over four deadly attacks in France nearly three decades ago

*Carlos the Jackal – real name Ilich Ramirez Sanchez – pictured in 1979 and 2000*



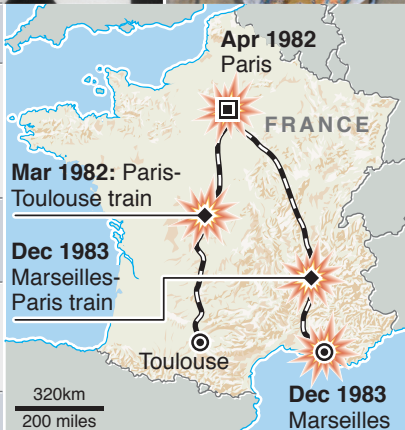
► **Born:** Oct 12, 1949 in Michelena, Venezuela. Son of rich Marxist lawyer

► **Early life:** Studied in Moscow before joining **Popular Front for Liberation of Palestine** in 1970. Given code name “Carlos” by PFLP. Converted to Islam in 1975

► **Dec 1975:** Achieved notoriety for raid on OPEC headquarters in Vienna, which killed three people

► **1970s and 80s:** Linked to attacks on several Western targets. Dubbed “The Jackal” by press after assassin in thriller novel **Day of the Jackal**

► **1994:** Arrested in Sudan and flown to Paris. Convicted in 1997 and sentenced to life in prison for murder of two French secret agents and alleged informer in 1975



**France bombings:** Carlos the Jackal charged with four attacks that killed 11 people and injured over 100