## **Challenger Capriles**

Henrique Capriles Radonski will face Hugo Chavez in Venezuela's presidential election in October



- 1972: Born July 11 in Caracas to Catholic father, Jewish mother
- 1994: Graduates as specialist in Commercial Law from *Universidad Católica Andrés Bello* in Caracas
- 1998: Elected as Venezuela's youngest-ever member of parliament
- 2000: Becomes mayor of Baruta district. Re-elected in 2004, defeating Chayista candidate, telenovella actor
- Simon Pestana

  2006: Jailed on charges of inciting violence outside Cuban Embassy but acquitted at trial
- 2008: Elected governor of Miranda state, defeating heavyweight Chavez loyalist *Diosdado Cabello*
- 2011: Wins opposition coalition primary to become official challenger

Leads **Primero Justicia** right wing party but aims to copy Brazilian "modern left" political model.
Has been deluged with marriage offers during campaign

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