

Malema's rallying call to South African miners

Ousted ANC youth leader *Julius Malema* is continuing to rally support among South African mineworkers, urging them to put down tools until wage demands are met. The call comes amid a deadly dispute at a platinum mine, and is sparking fears that protests could spread to more mines



► **Marikana platinum mine, Aug 16:** Police shoot dead 34 striking workers. Miners refusing to sign peace deal with mine management

► **Aurora gold mine, Aug 30:** Malema rallies striking workers, encouraging them to make country's mines "ungovernable"

► **Modder East gold mine, Sep 3:** Police use rubber bullets against group of about 200 sacked mineworkers, injuring four people



■ **Julius Malema, 31** – played key role in President **Jacob Zuma's** rise to power in 2009 election

■ Joined pioneer wing of **African National Congress** (ANC) at age 9. Received military training at age 14

■ Elected leader of ruling party's youth wing in 2008

■ Becomes one of country's most influential politicians. Focuses on rights of poor, calling for nationalization of mines and seizure of white-owned farms

■ Later falls out of favour with Zuma. Accused of causing division within ANC and expelled from party in February 2012