

# Hugo Chávez Frías 1954-2013

■ **Jul 28, 1954:** *Hugo Rafael Chávez Frías* born in Sabaneta, Venezuela

■ **1971-75:** Studies at Venezuelan Academy of Military Sciences. Develops doctrine that military should act against corrupt politicians

■ **1982:** Founds *Revolutionary Bolivarian Movement-200* (MBR-200) – secretive cell within military, inspired by visionary *Simón Bolívar*

■ **1992:** Jailed after leading failed coup against President *Carlos Pérez*

■ **1994:** Pardoned by President *Rafael Caldera*

■ **1997:** Founds Fifth Republic Movement, pledging social and economic reform

■ **1998:** Wins presidential election with 56% of vote

■ **1999:** Launches *Plan Bolívar* – massive social welfare programme – adopts new constitution, changes country's name to *Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela*

■ **2000:** Re-elected president. Gradually places state institutions under his personal control. Signs oil-for-medics deal with Cuba

■ **2002:** Survives attempted coup

■ **2006:** Re-elected president with 63% of vote



■ **2009:** Referendum abolishes two-term limit, allowing Chávez to run for office indefinitely

■ **Jun-Jul 2011:** Undergoes cancer treatment in Cuba

■ **Oct 2012:** Wins fourth term as president with 55% of vote

■ **Dec:** Chávez returns to Cuba for cancer treatment, names Vice-President *Nicolas Maduro* as his heir apparent

■ **Feb 2013:** Returns to Venezuela

■ **Mar 5:** President Hugo Chávez dies aged 58, after losing his long battle with cancer

