Henrique Capriles Venezuela's

opposition
leader likely
to challenge
Hugo Chávez's
successor
Nicolas
Maduro in new
presidential polls



- 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 Chavista candidate **Simon Pestana**
- Chavista candidate *Simon Pestana*2006: Jailed on charges of inciting violence outside Cuban Embassy but acquitted at trial
- 2008: Elected governor of Miranda state, defeating heavyweight Chávez loyalist *Diosdado Cabello*
- Oct 2012: Loses presidential election to Chávez with 44% of vote
- **Dec:** Retains post by beating Chávez's vice president *Elias Jaua*
- Mar 5, 2013: Chávez dies Capriles expected to stand for presidency against Maduro