

# Trials of Silvio Berlusconi

## MEDIASET TRIAL

**October 2012:** Convicted of tax fraud over deals his **Mediaset** media empire made to purchase TV rights to U.S. films

**May 2013:** Jail sentence and ban from office upheld by appeals court

**Aug 1:** Court of Cassation – country's supreme court – upholds conviction

*76-year-old billionaire expected to serve house arrest or carry out community service*



## "RUBYGATE" TRIAL

**June 2013:** Seven-year jail sentence for abuse of office and paying for sex with Moroccan-born nightclub dancer **Karima El Mahroug**, alias "Ruby the Heartstealer", when she was underage



**Remains free pending outcome of appeals process**

## WIRETAP TRIAL

**March 2013:** One-year sentence for arranging leak of police wiretap on political rival and publication in newspaper run by Berlusconi's brother **Paolo** – who was sentenced to two years and three months in jail

**Both brothers free, pending appeal**

**Two other corruption cases involving tax evasion and bribing of British lawyer have expired under statute of limitations**