

Pakistan's General Musharraf – a timeline



1999 – Oct: General **Pervez Musharraf** (right) topples Pakistan Prime Minister **Nawaz Sharif** (left) in bloodless military coup.

Sharif exiled to Saudi Arabia

2004 – Dec: Pro-Musharraf legislators pass amendment which retroactively legalizes 1999 coup

2007 – Mar: Move to remove Supreme Court's top judge, **Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry**, triggers pro-democracy campaign

Jul: Musharraf survives further assassination attempt

Aug: Supreme Court rules that exiled former premier Sharif can return to Pakistan

Oct: Former Prime Minister **Benazir Bhutto** (right) returns from exile in London

Dec: Bhutto assassinated at election rally in Rawalpindi

Musharraf's government blames killing on **Baitullah Mehsud**, Pakistani Taliban chief killed by U.S. drone strike in 2009

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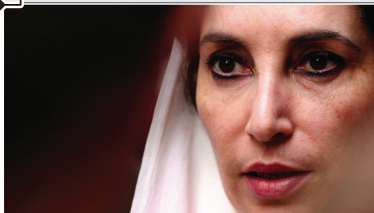
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2002 – Oct: Musharraf holds general election in attempt to legitimize his presidency

2003 – Dec: Musharraf narrowly survives two assassination attempts in 11 days. Attacks blamed on Al Qaeda



2008 – Aug: Under threat of impeachment, Musharraf steps down. Lives in self-imposed exile in Dubai and London

2013 – Mar: Musharraf returns to Pakistan. High Court bans him from participating in elections

Apr 19: Musharraf placed under house arrest

2013 – May: Nawaz Sharif wins third term as Prime Minister

Jun 25: Sharif's government announces that Musharraf will be tried for high treason

Aug 20, 2013: General Musharraf indicted on three charges over assassination of Benazir Bhutto. Case adjourned until August 27