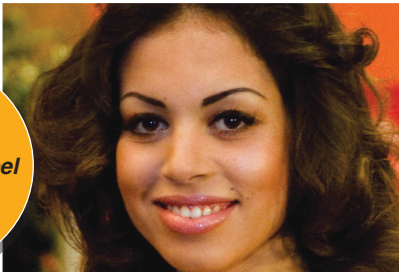


Berlusconi's trials and tribulations

Silvio Berlusconi has faced 32 court cases and claims to have spent more than €200 million on lawyers. He has either defeated the charges on appeal or the cases have timed out under Italy's statute of limitations



Nov 27
Senate due
to vote on
whether to expel
Berlusconi
from his
seat



■ **Mediaset case:** In August Italy's Supreme Court confirmed conviction and jail sentence against Berlusconi for massive tax fraud in which his media empire falsely inflated prices paid for U.S. film rights. **Four-year jail sentence** commuted to one year under amnesty, plus five-year ban from public office

■ **Ruby the Heartstealer case:** Berlusconi is appealing June conviction and **seven-year jail sentence** for abuse of office and paying 17-year-old Moroccan nightclub dancer **Karima El Mahroug** for sex during **bunga bunga** parties. El Mahroug has sworn under oath that she never had sex with Berlusconi and has not been charged with any offence. **Case now goes to second level of appeal**



■ **Mondadori case:** In September, Supreme Court ordered Berlusconi's family holding company to pay **€494 million in damages** over disputed purchase of Italy's leading publisher, **Mondadori**, in 1991

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■ **Wiretap case:** In March, Milan court sentenced Berlusconi to **one year in jail** over publication by his brother's newspaper **Il Giornale** of transcript of leaked wiretap connected to 2006 banking scandal. **Higher court could overturn ruling**