

# Laurent Gbagbo on trial at ICC

Former Ivory Coast president Laurent Gbagbo becomes the first ex-head of state to stand trial at the world's only permanent war crimes court, five years after triggering political unrest that left 3,000 dead

■ **Nov 2010:** Presidential election run-off takes place between incumbent **Laurent Gbagbo** and old rival **Alassane Ouattara**

■ **Dec:** UN endorses Ouattara as winner – Gbagbo refuses to concede defeat. Dispute between two camps soon escalates into violence

■ **Apr 2011:** Gbagbo forced from power and arrested by troops loyal to Ouattara, backed by UN and French soldiers

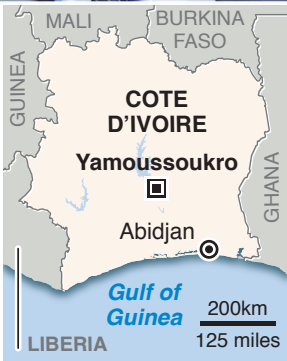
More than 3,000 people are massacred and 500,000 displaced during crisis

■ **May:** Ouattara inaugurated as president

■ **Nov:** Gbagbo handed over to International Criminal Court (ICC) at The Hague

■ **Jan 2013:** Gbagbo's former militia chief **Charles Ble Goude** captured – transferred to ICC

■ **Mar 2015:** Former first lady, **Simone Gbagbo**, sentenced in Abidjan to 20 years in prison for role in violence that followed presidential election in 2010



■ **Jan 28, 2016:** Gbagbo, 70, and Ble Goude, 43, face crimes against humanity charges at ICC for unrest triggered by Gbagbo's bid to cling on to power in 2010