

King Juan Carlos leaves Spain

The former king has gone into exile amid a cloud of scandal that has harmed the reputation of the monarchy

👑 1938: *Juan Carlos* born in Rome

👑 1962: Marries *Princess Sofía of Greece*. Two daughters, one son

👑 1975: *Juan Carlos I* takes throne on death of dictator *Francisco Franco* – he is credited with helping to implement democratic reforms

👑 1981: Helps defuse attempted coup

👑 2012: Public image of king suffers after he takes lavish elephant hunting trip amid financial crisis in Spain

👑 2014: Juan Carlos abdicates in favour of son *Felipe*, following tax fraud investigation involving daughter *Cristina* and her husband *Iñaki Urdangarin*

👑 Mar 2020: *King Felipe VI* renounces inheritance and strips father of palace allowance amid Swiss investigation into his financial affairs

👑 Jun: Supreme Court opens investigation into Juan Carlos's involvement with high-speed rail contract in Saudi Arabia, amid reports he received \$100 million in Saudi bribes and gave around \$65m to his former mistress

👑 Aug 3: Juan Carlos, 82, leaves Spain to allow Felipe to “exercise his responsibilities” as king with “tranquillity”



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