

# Timeline of Sri Lanka's political crisis

**Mar 2022:** Protests erupt, demanding resignation of **Rajapaksa** brothers – President **Gotabaya** (right) and Prime Minister **Mahinda** (left) – for driving country to economic ruin



■ **May 9:** Government supporters attack protesters in Colombo, triggering deadly clashes across country

■ Mahinda steps down but violence continues overnight, with several politicians' houses torched

■ **May 10:** Mahinda and family airlifted to safety after angry mob surrounds official residence. Troops ordered to shoot on sight

■ **May 12:** President appoints veteran opposition lawmaker **Ranil Wickremesinghe** as prime minister in bid to end crisis

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